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HAM RADIO FIELD DAY



HERALD photo/Jonathan Garrett
Irene Lemarr of Coahoma was one of about 15 ham radio operators who participated in a field day this weekend atop scenic

Moore agrees with city on assessment of rail spur

By CARLTON JOHNSON
Staff Writer

The Board of Directors For Moore Development For Big Spring recently discussed the railroad spur that runs through McMahon-Wrinkle Airpark and decided that Assistant City Manager Emma Bogard was correct in her assessment that work needs to be done to the 1.33 miles or 7,045 feet of track.

According to Moore Executive Director Danette Toone, Moore has also visited with several of the industries along the spur to discuss the situation.

"Over time, some of the rail ties have gone bad causing spikes not to work," Toone said. "The track is in need of maintenance and we're doing what we can," Bogard said. "The line



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Eddie Cole
vice president
Moore Development

is good if we can just get it updated. If the spur goes down, so will some of the businesses along it."

According to Bogard, the tracks that run through the airpark have not had a major overhaul in more than 20 years.

"It is imperative that we have this work done because it's important to our rail service," Moore Development Board Vice President Eddie Cole said.

approximately \$500,000, replacing 700 ties and doing some ballast work at a cost of \$70,000 or replace 1,500 ties at a cost of \$112,000, which is what we were asking Moore Development to consider," Bogard said.

"We (the airpark) maintain the spur financially and our budget allows to fix what breaks, but we're trying to get ahead of things," Airpark Manager Nelda Reagan said. "Everytime something breaks with the spur, we're looking at a \$4,000 repair."

The ultimate decision will rest with Moore, but a committee of representatives from Moore, the city and the airpark will meet to discuss the issue further and decide what action to take concerning the needed repairs.

TRASH PICKUP

Free city-wide trash pick-up continues through July 12 after June rains and a heavy workload got crews behind.

So far, city crews have picked up nearly 100 tons of trash in an effort to make the community more attractive.

To make arrangements for trash pickup, call code enforcement at 264-2505.

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City kills water line, EMS set to apply for grant

By CARLTON JOHNSON
Staff Writer

A recent change in plans by Signal Homes prompted the Big Spring City Council to take a previous expenditure item off the table and kill it during last week's council meeting.

The council had been considering a resolution authorizing the use of funds from the Capital Revolving Fund for the installation of a 12-inch water line for Signal Homes.

According to City Finance Director Tom Ferguson, Signal decided that they didn't need the water line at this point and time.

The proposed expenditure was for \$65,000 and would have been repaid to the Capital Revolving

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Brian Jensen

Fund at an interest rate of 5 percent over a five-year period, with monthly payments to the fund of \$1,226.63.

Two items that were recently approved by the council include the submission of an application to the Texas Department of Health for grant from the Local Projects Grant Program and a resolution authorizing the mayor to execute an agreement with price Construction for the city's paving project.

With the Local Projects Grant application approved, Big

Spring's Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Department can apply for a \$7,845 grant under the 1997 Texas Department of Health Local Projects Grant Program.

"This grant is a straight, non-matching grant that we will use for training aids and certification for our EMS personnel," EMS Director Brian Jensen said.

If the grant application is approved by the EMS department, \$1,845 would be used for a manikin or Difficult Airway Management Trainer, an IV arm to help train personnel how to administer IVs and an arrhythmia trainer for Advanced Cardiac Life Support training; and \$6,000 would be used to cover the cost of tuition and books for certification of

five Emergency Medical Technicians or EMTs (basic), five EMTs-intermediate and 10 EMT-paramedics.

The council's approval of the city's paving project is simply a change order that drops the Price Construction's base bid amount from \$852,184.75 to \$771,820.50.

The change order encompasses the deletion of valley gutter improvements on Settles Street and a change in responsibility for laboratory testing, saving the city a total of \$80,364.25.

In other financial matters, the council approved the preliminary 1998 budget of the Howard County Appraisal District.

The proposed budget is for \$450,085, which represents a 0.8 percent decrease compared to the current budget of \$453,689.

Tax appraisals

Property owners with queries about new property appraisals have until Thursday to appeal

By CARLTON JOHNSON
Staff Writer

Lines of residents with complaints about their property tax appraisals are not as long as they were earlier this month, but the Howard County Appraisal District (HCAD) is still as busy as it has ever been, according to Chief Appraiser Keith Toomire.

Thursday is the deadline for residents to contact the HCAD if they intend to dispute their most recent property appraisals.

A few weeks ago, the HCAD sent out more than 12,000 letters to area residents informing them that the appraised value of their property had either increased or decreased.

Approximately 58 percent or 7,300 of the 12,617 notices informed residents that their property had been reappraised at a higher value.

The other 42 percent or 5,300 of the notices show residents a decrease in the appraised value of their property from the previous year.

According to Toomire, since appraisals were sent out, his office has conducted informal hearings on some 1,600 parcels.

The term parcel is used because it refers to the home and the land and not the individual because some individuals may own more than one parcel.

Of the hundreds of informal hearings, only about 20 have gone to the Appraisal Review Board so far, meaning the issue or issues in question could not be settled between Toomire and the landowner.

"It's been a pretty busy time

around here," Toomire said. "A lot of people have made appointments and those are what we're trying to handle right now."

By law each home is required to be reappraised every three years and the district is also required to send a notice to every one having any kind of change, up or down, in the appraised value of their home.

When property is appraised, what the district does is go out to look at a home and it is then put in a class and percent category ranging from a low of two to a high of 14. Some residences don't fit into this range and go into what is called a "special house category."

According Toomire, there are approximately 25,000 parcels (properties) in Howard County that have to be reappraised every three years.

"We try to do things on a one-third basis each year, but it doesn't always work out that way," Toomire said. "We do the Forsan School District, the Coahoma School District, everything north of the railroad tracks in Big Spring proper and then everything south of the railroad tracks in Big Spring proper."

The area south of the tracks is the area in which residents received notices informing them that the appraised value of their property had either increased or decreased.

For people who can't set up an informal hearing before Thursday, Toomire said they can write a letter or call the HCAD office at 263-8301 to make an appointment for a later date.

First group of disabled parking placards expire today

By CARLTON JOHNSON
Staff Writer

The first group of permanently disabled person placards issued in 1992 expire today, and the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) is reminding citizens with placards that they must obtain new ones in order to remain in compliance with state and federal laws.

According to Howard County Tax Assessor-Collector Kathy Sayles, permanently disabled person placards are hung from a vehicle's rearview mirror and

entitle the holder to certain parking privileges.

Permanent placards are usually blue and temporary placards are red and good for six months.

Placards may also be displayed in any vehicle used by or for the transportation of a disabled person.

According to TxDOT's Vehicle Titles and Registration Division (VTRD), state law requires that permanently disabled person placards be renewed after five years.

Just as there were no renewal notices sent out for this group of placards, no other notices will be sent out either, meaning

people will have to pay close attention to the expiration date on their placard, according to the VTRD.

Renewals are process through local tax assessor-collector offices.

Citizens must bring their expired placard to the tax office and complete a form and pay a \$5 statutory fee per placard.

According to the VTRD, permanently disabled Texans may obtain up to two placards and also have the option of getting one placard and one set of disabled person license plates.

Approximately 800,000 of these placards have been issued

statewide since 1992. First-time applicants for permanently disabled person placards or license plates have to meet certain eligibility requirement and their application must also bear the signature of a licensed physician or optometrist.

Placards are issued locally to individuals and not vehicles.

Because there is no centralized data base, information as to the bearer of a placard is available only through county tax offices.

Questions about placards should be directed to Sayles' office at 264-2232 or TxDOT at (512) 465-7611.

Time remains to sign up to participate in 4th Fest

HERALD Staff Report

There's still time for persons to sign up to participate in the city's first-ever 4th Fest, according to event coordinator Tara Kersh.

Kersh said a number of activities, including sporting events, arts and crafts booths and a variety of musical events are planned from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m. Friday in Comanche Trail Park.

Among the activities scheduled are a softball tournament, fishing contest for kids, beach volleyball, swimming and kite flying.

Also, Kersh said vendor booths are still available for arts and crafts, including antiques and flea market-type merchandise.

Activities will get under way in Big Spring at 10 a.m. with the annual Highland South Kids' Parade.

WATERING FLOWERS



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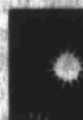
Odil Hernandez waters the flowers at Nalley-Pickles & Welch Funeral Home.

WEATHER

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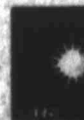
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Tonight, a slight chance of evening thunderstorms rolling plains, otherwise fair. Lows 70-75. Tuesday, sunny and breezy. Highs around 100. Tuesday night, fair. Lows around 70. Extended forecast. Wednesday through Friday, sunny days and fair nights. Lows around 70. Highs around 100.

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OBITUARIES

Carter E. Patillo, Jr.

Service for Carter E. Patillo, Jr., 71, Big Spring, will be 2 p.m. Wednesday, July 2, 1997, at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with Dr. Kenneth Patrick, pastor of First Baptist Church, officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

Mr. Patillo died Sunday, June 29, in a local hospital.

He was born on Jan. 7, 1926, in Bloomburg. He was a veteran of the United States Marine Corp. He owned and operated a restaurant in Atlanta, Ga. for a number of years and moved to Big Spring in 1995 from Atlanta. He was a Baptist.

Survivors include: three sons, Tracey Patillo, Florida, Kevin Patillo, Atlanta, Ga., and Tommy Patillo, Maryland; his mother, Jean Culpepper, Big Spring; one sister, Billie Edmiston, Big Spring; several grandchildren, great-grandchildren and nieces and nephews.

Arrangements under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

Troy Drinkard

Service for Troy Drinkard, 81, Big Spring, is pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

He died Sunday, June 29, 1997, in a Midland hospital.

Clara

McMurray Black

Service for Clara McMurray Black, 90, Big Spring, is pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

She died Saturday, June 28, 1997, in a Big Spring nursing home.

W.A. (Woody)

Mann

Graveside service for W.A. (Woody) Mann, 64, Big Spring, will be 2 p.m. Tuesday, July 1, 1997, at Trinity Memorial Park.

Mr. Mann died Sunday, June 29, at his residence.

He was born on Feb. 15, 1933, near Plainview, and married Patricia Ann Whiddon. She preceded him in death on Dec. 23, 1994. He graduated from Plainview High School and earned a Bachelor's Degree from Hardin-Simmons University and a Master's Degree in Psychology from Texas Tech University. He

worked as a Psychologist at the Big Spring State Hospital for nearly 30 years. He had served in the United States Navy.

Survivors include: a daughter, Priscilla Mann-Lewis; and one grandson, Jackson Brenner Lewis, both of The Colony, Texas.

Arrangements under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

Georgie K. Johnson

Georgie K. Johnson, 44, Big Spring, died Saturday, June 28, 1997. Graveside service will be 5 p.m. Tuesday, July 1 at Trinity Memorial Park with Rick Cunningham, minister of 14th & Main Church of Christ, officiating.

Arrangements under the direction of Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

She was born Sept. 9, 1952, in Monahans. She was a lifetime resident of Big Spring. Ms. Johnson had been employed by the Big Spring State Hospital for 10 years, retiring due to ill health in 1995.

Survivors include: two sons, Josh Edwards, Big Spring, and Colby Edwards, Camp Pendleton, Calif.; her parents, Lerla and Sarah Johnson, Big Spring; two sisters, Judy Bingham and her husband Loyd, Forsan, and Leah Johnson, Big Spring; three brothers, Elmer Johnson and his wife Linda, Wichita Falls, Sam Johnson, Brady, and Chris Johnson and his wife Linda, Pearl Harbor, Hawaii; one grandson, Eric Edwards, Big Spring; and several nieces and nephews.

The family will be at 5106 Longshore.

The family suggests memorials to the Muscular Dystrophy Assoc.; 8212 Ithaca Ave.; Lubbock, Texas; 79423.

Paid obituary

BRIEFS

BOOTHS ARE AVAILABLE FOR Big Spring's 4th Fest at Comanche Trail Park. Arts and crafts, flea market, antiques and other vendors can get free booth space for Friday's event by calling Tara Kersh at 264-

DOWNTOWN LIONS CLUB IS selling historic throws depicting a variety of Howard County scenes.

Cost is \$40 for each throw. Call Archie Kountz at 267-3821 or ask any member of the club for more information.

THE MS CACTUS AND Crude bike tour is set for July 19-20.

Sponsored by 7-Eleven and Fina, the 150-mile ride through West Texas, raises money for the West Texas Chapter of the Multiple Sclerosis Society.

Participants must pay a \$15 registration fee and raise a minimum of \$150 in pledges to ride in the tour. The West Texas Chapter provides all meals, entertainment, medical and mechanical support for riders.

For information, call bike tour director Kathryn Miller at (915) 570-8248.

A VACCINATION CLINIC AND tick dip will be sponsored by Dr. Joe Neff Saturday, July 12 at the drive-through of Norwest Bank from 1-5 p.m. Cost is \$5 for a rabies shot and \$5 for a dip.

JULY JUBILEE DANCE IS planned at Canterbury, 1700 Lancaster, Thursday, July 10, from 7-10 p.m. with C.W. and Company providing the music. There is no cover charge but donations are accepted.

STANTON CARE CENTER WILL conduct an open house as part of Martin County Old Settlers Reunion July 12 from 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m. They will be selling chili dogs and Frito pies to raise money for a new popcorn machine at the center.

2402. Other activities planned for the day include sports tournaments, a kite flying competition, swimming and a beach volleyball game. Hours for the festival are 10 a.m.-6 p.m.

SPRINGBOARD

IF YOU HAVE ANY CHANGES IN A SPRINGBOARD ITEM OR FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT GINA GARZA, 263-7331 ext. 238, BETWEEN 8:30 A.M. AND 2 P.M. All Springboard items must be submitted in writing. Mail to: Springboard, Big Spring Herald, P.O. Box 1431, Big Spring, Texas 79720; bring it by the office at 710 Scurry; or fax it to 264-7205.

TODAY
•Big Spring Evening Lion's Club, 6:30 p.m., 1607 E. Third. Call Jan Noyes, 267-5811.
•Project Freedom, Christian support group, 7 p.m. Call 263-5140 or 263-2241.

•TOPS Clubs (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) 5 to 5:45 p.m. weigh in and 6 p.m. meeting. Carriage Inn, 501 W. 17th. Call 263-1340 or 263-8633.

•Daytime prenatal classes, Texas Department of Health, 1 to 2:30 p.m. Call 263-9775 to register. All expectant parents welcome. Class instructor will be Laurie Burks, BSN.

•Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. open meeting and 8 to 9 p.m. at the VA Medical Center on fourth floor.

TUESDAY
•Most Excellent Way, a chemical dependency support group, 7 p.m., Living Water Church, 1008 Birdwell Lane. Call 267-1424 after 5 p.m. or 263-3168 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m.

•Good Shepherd Fellowship Church, 610 Abrams, 7 p.m.; Spanish services.

•Al-Anon, 8 to 9 p.m., 615 Settles.

•Narcotics Anonymous, 6:30 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church.

•Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. open meeting and 8 to 9 p.m. closed meeting at the VA Medical Center on fourth floor.

•VFW Post No. 2013, 7 p.m., VFW Hall.

•Cancer support group, 7 to 8 p.m., VA Medical Center room 213. Call Beverly Rice, 268-5077.

WEDNESDAY
•Downtown Lions Club, noon, Howard College Cactus Room. Call Archie Kountz, 267-3821.

•Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. open meeting and 8 to 9 p.m. 12&12 Study.

THURSDAY
•Good Shepherd Fellowship Church, 610 Abrams, has services 7 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend.

•Spring Tabernacle Church, 1209 Wright, has free food for area needy, 10 a.m. to noon.

•Big Spring Senior Citizens Center art classed, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m., 55 and older.

•Al-Anon, 8 to 9 p.m., Scenic Mountain Medical Center small cafeteria.

•Alcoholics Anonymous, noon to 1 p.m. open meeting, 615 Settles. 8 to 9 p.m. closed meeting at Scenic Mountain Medical Center cafeteria.

•Genealogical Society of Big Spring, 7:15 p.m., Howard County Library. Call Bernice Cason at 267-8542 or 267-7236.

•Masonic Lodge No. 1340, 7:30 p.m., 2101 Lancaster. Call Preston Harris at 263-7136.

FRIDAY
•Spring City Senior Citizens

BUCKLE WINNER



HERALD photo/Jonathan Garrett
Chuck Potts, left, of Fiesta Dodge presents the sweepstakes belt buckle to Big Spring resident Chris Copeland. Copeland won the buckle from a drawing during the Big Spring Cowboy Reunion and Rodeo. He will be registered for a nationwide drawing to win a Dodge Dakota pickup during the National Finals Rodeo in Las Vegas, Nev. in December.

BIG SPRING
AROUND THE TOWN

country/western dance, 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. Music by CW & Co. Area seniors invited.

•Good Shepherd Fellowship Church, 610 Abrams, 7 p.m. Bible study.

•Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. open meeting and 8 to 9 p.m. Big Book Study.

SATURDAY
•Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, open meetings at noon, 8 p.m. and 10 p.m.

MARKETS

July cotton 73.60 cents a pound, down 15 points; Aug. crude oil 19.60, up 14 points; Cash hogs steady at 50 cents higher at 60.50; slaughter steers steady at \$1 lower at 62; July lean hog futures 84.40, up 157 points; Aug. live cattle futures 64.92, up 47 points.

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Exxon	60% - 1/2
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POLICE

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity between 1 p.m. Saturday and 7:30 a.m. Monday:

•**AUGUSTINE FIERRO JR.**, 30, of 106 E. 24th, was arrested for possession of marijuana under two ounces.

•**JAMES M. BUTTS**, 38, of 110 E. 16th, was arrested for possession of drug paraphernalia.

•**LARRY DALE PAYNE**, 34, of 110 E. 16th, was arrested for possession of drug paraphernalia.

•**BENJAMIN G. GRECO**, 31, of 5608 E. Midway Rd., was arrested on local warrants.

•**ANTONIO PARADEZ FLORES**, 35, of 304 N.E. 8th, was arrested for public intoxication.

•**JUAN GONZALEZ RENTERIA**, 48, no known address, was arrested for public intoxication and on local warrants.

•**LORENZO YANEZ**, 23, of 502 State, was arrested on local warrants.

•**ROBERT SANCHEZ**, 33, of 1605 Kentucky Way, was arrested for public intoxication.

•**NOE MOLLINADO RAMIREZ**, 40, of 703 Willia,

was arrested for driving while intoxicated and driving with an invalid license.

•**JOSEPH LOPEZ VILLAREAL**, 45, of Odessa, was arrested for assault/family violence.

•**DONALD RAY VANDERBILT**, 21, no known address, was arrested on local warrants.

•**UNAUTHORIZED USE OF A VEHICLE** in the 700 block of E. 14th.

•**ASSAULT** in the 900 block of S. Bell; and the 1600 block of Martin Luther King Blvd.

•**THEFT** at Birdwell and E. Marcy; 1800 block of Gregg; 1700 block of E. Marcy; 11th and Settles; 400 block of Birdwell; 1200 block of E. 11th Place; and the 1100 block of N. Lamesa.

•**CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** in the 200 block of W. Marcy; and 1400 block of Mount Vernon.

•**DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE** in the 2902 Parkway; 1300 block of Mesquite; 700 block of E. 16th; 800 block of Anna; 1300 block of College; and the 300 block of N.E. 8th.

•**BURGLARY OF A HABITATION** in the 1200 block of Mulberry; and the 3800 block of Connally.

CALLING ALL HOME MAKERS
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IDEAS ON CARING FOR YOUR FURNITURE

The proper care of furniture can keep it looking fresh and new, even after years of use. So to help you, we thought it would be a good idea this week to present a few tips to remember in caring for your furniture:



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Be sure to pre-test polishes and cleaning materials on an inconspicuous part of the furniture before applying to more exposed surfaces. If liquid spills on furniture, remove it by a blotting - rather than a wiping action.

When dusting, waxing or making minor repairs, always work with the grain of the wood. Dust with a lint-free absorbent cloth.

Don't use nail polish remover on furniture. It can soften the finish. Dust leather, don't wax it, because waxing can seal the surface and make it hard.

Plastics should not be cleaned with a solvent. Use warm water and mild detergent. Rinse and wipe dry.

In caring for upholstered furniture, brush it weekly; and another good idea is to reverse cushions to equalize wear.

And don't forget that for all of your furniture and decorating needs, it can pay you to visit us, so stop in.

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Carter E. Patillo, Jr., 71, died Sunday. Services will be at 2:00 PM Wednesday at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

Troy B. Drinkard, 81, died Sunday. Services will be at 12 noon Wednesday at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

W.A. Mann, 64, died Sunday. Graveside Services will be 2 PM Tuesday at Trinity Memorial Park.

Clara McMurray Black, 90, died Saturday. Services will be 10 AM Wednesday at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

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FUNERAL HOME & CHAPEL

24th & Johnson 267-8288

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Note deadline changes this week

Due to the July 4 holiday, the deadlines for all Sunday life section items this week, including birth announcements, engagements, weddings, anniversaries, military, etc. will be Tuesday at noon.

The deadline for club and church news this week will also be Tuesday at noon.

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Last trappings of British Empire hauled down in Hong Kong

HONG KONG (AP) — After 11/2 centuries of colonial rule, Britain hauled down the last trappings of empire today, ready to return Hong Kong and its people to the control of mainland China.

Beyond all the fireworks, carnivals and ceremonies accompanying the handover, for most Hong Kong people the historic event boiled down to one question: Would Communist China keep its promise to preserve Hong Kong's freedoms and its capitalist economy?

"Thirteen years ago we thought it was very far away. Now it's suddenly here," said Elsie Li, a clerk, referring to the 1984 agreement that Britain would hand back the colony at midnight. "I still can't believe it's true."

Jiang Zemin, the first Communist Chinese president ever to visit Hong Kong, arrived hours before the handover ceremonies, greeted at the airport by lines of schoolchildren waving red-starred Chinese flags.

Before leaving Beijing, Jiang had renewed pledges to preserve Hong Kong's freedoms.

As Jiang flew in, wreathed in smiles, Chris Patten, the last British governor, moved out of his official home to the strains of Chinese bagpipers playing "Auld Lang Syne."

In a poignant, rain-splattered ceremony, the silver-haired Englishman accepted the Union Jack after it was lowered for a final time at stately Government House.

Patten bit his upper lip and swallowed hard while a band played "God Save the Queen."

For Hong Kong's colonial government, last hurrahs were the order of the day. At police stations and government offices all over the territory, the Hong Kong-British coat of arms, featuring a crowned British lion and a dragon, was being taken down.

With dozens of top foreign officials in town for handover ceremonies, a flurry of diplomatic activity was taking place, talks between U.S. Secretary of State Madeleine Albright and British Foreign Secretary Robin Cook. Albright afterward expressed

hopes for a post-handover Hong Kong "that is free, a Hong Kong in which personal freedoms exist and will not be squeezed out."

One early test of those freedoms was the handling of protests. Police allowed small groups of demonstrators to assemble several hundred yards from the convention center where the handover ceremony was being held.

A park alongside the legislative building was filled with dozens of booths set up by pro-democracy and pro-union groups displaying banners calling for democracy and handing out leaflets.

A potential confrontation brewed at the legislative building, where democratic lawmakers want to give a speech from the building's balcony protesting their replacement by a legislature China set up. Democratic Party leader Martin Lee said he'd bring a ladder and clamber up it to the balcony if necessary.

Despite political changes, including the dismantling of the elected legislature, polls have indicated Hong Kong people are for the most part calmly accepting the handover.

A new poll by the University of Hong Kong said about 60 percent of those surveyed were neutral about the transition, while 30 percent were happy or excited, and 10 percent were either negative or ambivalent.

"I hope there will be no change, that everything will be peaceful," said a Hong Kong man, Thomas Kuk, as he waited for a bus.

He was on his way to a temple to pray for a calm transition, Kuk said.

China sees the return of its territory as a glorious event, and Beijing staged massive celebrations.

Chinese streamed by the tens of thousands into Beijing's Tiananmen Square to watch a countdown clock ticking away the seconds until midnight.

The crowds were the largest in Tiananmen Square since 1989, when more than 1 million people rallied for democracy there, only to flee when the military crushed their uprising

with deadly force.

China will be swift in asserting its sovereignty in Hong Kong. Six hours after the handover, 4,000 Chinese troops were to arrive in Hong Kong by ships, helicopters and armored vehicles.

Britain and the United States say China has the right to move in troops, but questioned whether such a show of force, especially armored vehicles, was necessary.

In the border city of Shenzhen, a top Chinese military official reviewed People's Liberation Army troops who will move across the frontier in the first hours after the handover.

Children presented bouquets to the soldiers, and a military band played the army anthem.

Gen. Liu Huaqing, vice chairman of the Central Military Commission, told the solemn-faced soldiers: "We hope you will respect Hong Kong's political system and its lifestyle ... and act according to the law."

In Taiwan, which China claims as a breakaway province, the government welcomed Hong Kong's return to the Chinese people — but questioned China's commitment to Hong Kong's freedoms.

"We hope that (Beijing) will fully respect the spirit of the institutions that has allowed Hong Kong to develop and carry out its promise to let Hong Kong be ruled by the people of Hong Kong," government spokesman David Lee said.

China wants to use the Hong Kong model for peaceful reunification with Taiwan.

Although Hong Kong's colonization had bitter roots, there was little sign of animosity toward Britain as an era drew to a close 156 years after it began.

Hong Kong used to resent British "racial supremacy," said the Standard, an English-language daily paper published by Hong Kong Chinese.

Now it said, "Hong Kong has become so wealthy that there is something for everyone."

"There need be no recrimination nor regret," it added.

SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT PROMOTIONS



Howard County Sheriff's Department deputies Cliff McCartney (left) and Bennie Green receive their new badges from Chief Deputy Kerry Fritz after being promoted to sergeant.

Oldtimers describe events now known as 'Roswell Incident'

ROSWELL, N.M. (AP) — In an old West ranching town, an 80-year-old man with bushy eyebrows sits in his tidy brick house and talks about the time he saw the aliens.

Frank Kaufmann doesn't seem crazy. He smiles often and is warmly polite, if a bit grumpy about the recent influx of UFO buffs.

"You've got these guys coming out of the woodwork," Kaufmann says. "There's people who said they've been abducted, there's women claiming they've given birth to alien babies. That's just a bunch of crap, see."

Kaufmann has his own story to tell.

This is a town where respectable folk — merchants, military veterans and city officials — speak candidly about the day in 1947 they heard about or were involved somehow in helping recover the remains of a flying saucer and the bodies of aliens killed in the crash.

Their stories are part of a legend, commonly referred to as "The Roswell Incident," that locals will cash in on this week with an anniversary bash they anticipate will lift the local economy.

Party plans remain on track despite last week's commotion over an Air Force report that said the wreckage came from a weather balloon and the alien bodies were test dummies. The Air Force acknowledged it didn't use dummies in survival experiments until the mid-1950s and explained the apparent time discrepancy by suggesting locals had mixed up their dates.

Fifty years ago, Kaufmann says, he and several soldiers and other civilians working at the Roswell Army Air Field were dispatched to check on reports of a tumbling fireball that had crashed northwest of town.

They found the site easily — even in the afternoon sun, he says, the glow was visible from the shoulder of Highway 285.

"We were 200-300 yards from the impact area and it didn't look like a plane, it wasn't anything like a missile," he says. "It was kind of a strange looking craft, kind of a horseshoe, almost a Stealth bomber-type shape," referring to the Air Force's bat-winged, radar-evading B-2.

"When we saw what it was, this strange craft and the bod-

ies, we were just shocked," he says. "We radioed in to have body bags sent out, and they were carted off to the base hospital. The craft itself was loaded on a flatbed with a tarp on it and driven right down Main Street to the base."

He describes five dead aliens. "One was thrown out, it was up against the arroyo; one was half-in, half-out, and the other three were inside," he says.

They had neither big eyes nor long, stringy fingers, he says, but were "trim, good-looking people."

"They were hairless and had kind of ash-colored skin. They were maybe 5-foot-3 or 5-foot-4," he says.

Kaufmann says he and his colleagues "for security reasons took a monkey oath" the evening after visiting the site: "We saw nothing, we heard nothing, we will say nothing."

For 47 years, Kaufmann kept the vow. Three years ago, as alleged witnesses began speaking up, Kaufmann told his story to authors Kevin Randle and Don Schmitt. He insisted, at first, that his name not be revealed, and in their book, "The Truth About the UFO Crash at Roswell," Kaufmann is named Steve MacKenzie.

These days, after repeating his tale a number of times, Kaufmann is more candid.

"I'm not going to be around much longer," he says. "Folks might as well know."

The first UFO stories out of Roswell came in early July 1947 after the military reported it had recovered a flying disc. Higher authorities refuted the press release the following day, saying the "disc" was a weather balloon. But word was out, transmitted on news wires and printed in papers around the world.

Forty-five miles to the east and within a week of Kaufmann's find, rancher Mac

Brazel told reporters he'd found a crumpled mass of strange metal while checking livestock after a particularly stormy night.

It wouldn't tear. It wouldn't ignite. Brazel put it in boxes and took it to the sheriff.

Chaves County Sheriff George Wilcox thought the debris might be from one of the air field's planes and contacted the post.

According to period news accounts, officers who went to the site recovered several large pieces of the unusual metal — along with four or five alien corpses.

Theories abound to explain how wreckage and aliens could have been seen and recovered in different places. One contends two flying saucers collided, showering debris on a ranch and leaving two demolished aircraft and seven alien bodies at two other sites. The General Accounting Office, the investigative arm of Congress, determined in 1995 that records concerning the Roswell base had been destroyed.

Lt. Walter Haut was the Army Air Corps public information officer who issued the "flying disc" press release. Now 74, Haut says he has never seen a UFO.

Yet he remains a believer.

"There must have been something in the skies at that time," he says. "There's just too much evidence."

Glenn Dennis, 72, is a retired mortician. After lunch one day in the first week of July 1947, he says, he got a call from a man at the military base, asking for several hermetically sealed baby coffins.

"He also wanted to know about procedures for picking up bodies that had been left in the elements for several days, possibly mutilated by predators," Dennis says.

"I asked if I could help. He declined."

Legislators complain that Gov. Bush's veto of new courts bill harmful to kids

FORT WORTH (AP) — Sexual assault and child abuse cases will be harder to prosecute because of Gov. George W. Bush's veto of a bill creating 15 new courts, judges and legislators say.

Bush vetoed the bill because it denied him the power to appoint them.

"He is going to be delaying a lot of justice in a lot of courts across this land," said state Rep. Senfronia Thompson, D-Houston, chairwoman of the House Judicial Affairs Committee.

Thirteen of the 15 judges would have been elected, which Bush said circumvented his powers in the Texas Constitution.

He added that if the courts were really needed legislators would not have waited until January 1999 to open them, instead of letting him appoint them in September.

"He felt this was a deliberate attempt by the Legislature to circumvent the Constitution," said Karen Hughes, a Bush spokeswoman. "The way they did it was to circumvent his appointment authority."

The veto means Bexar County lost four courts, Fort Bend County lost two and Tarrant, Cameron, Galveston, Harris, Nueces, Tom Green, Travis, Smith and Webb counties lost one each.

The judge in the Tarrant County and one of two new judges for Fort Bend County would have been appointed. The other judges would have been elected in November 1998 and taken office in January 1999.

Tarrant, which has hoped to begin prosecuting aggravated sexual assault and child abuse cases in a new court by Sept. 1, will continue using auxiliary courts and visiting judges to help handle the growing number of cases, said state district Judge Bob Gill, who is the administrative judge for the county.

Gill said he did not know how many cases will be affected by not having the new courts.

Lawmakers and judges argue that the construction of the bill was not unusual.

It is common for the Legislature to create a court and delay its opening, to allow

time to find courtroom space or funds, said lawmakers.

There also were concerns that the Justice Department would not have time to clear creation of the courts, according to Thompson and Rep. Robert Puente, D-San Antonio.

Delaying the courts will postpone cases and force plea bargains to be made, Thompson said.

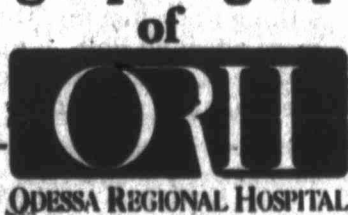
"The counties are going to have to spend more money on visiting judges and baby sitting a file because they can't go to court for a long time," Puente said. "And you know the old saying, justice delayed is justice denied."

Sen. Bill Ratliff, R-Mount Pleasant, the original sponsor of the Omnibus Courts Bill, said House members knew Bush would veto the bill, but refused to compromise.

"I don't deny there is some justice being delayed. But I'm not going to lay it at the governor's feet," Ratliff said. "We needed to work out the differences."

"They played a game of chicken with the governor and lost."

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OUR VIEWS

Courthouse Square improvements great; Now fix parking

One can't help but look with pride at the changes on the Courthouse Square in downtown Big Spring.

Look at the new lawn being put in at the Courthouse itself.

Consider the trees and brick work on the sidewalks around the square.

It's obvious that when the city and county each seek to do something and work together in their efforts, the results can be gratifying for us all.

The new lawn on the Courthouse grounds and the new trees and brick work on the sidewalks all come together to make for a better looking downtown.

Howard County Commissioners, City of Big Spring Master Plan Coordinator Tara Kersh and attorney Ben Bancroft have all worked on these two projects for the benefit of our entire community and are to be saluted for their efforts.

As we make our Courthouse Square and Courthouse grounds more attractive for visitors, we also need to make parking for the facility itself more accessible.

If you've recently attempted to conduct business in the Courthouse, you know how hard it is to find a parking space.

There are, of course, a number of spaces dedicated to certain elected officials and law enforcement vehicles. Seldom is the time, however, when a majority of the remaining spaces aren't taken by county employees — either in the Courthouse proper or the Annex.

As they consider other ways to improve the Courthouse area, we'd suggest commissioners consider what we've been told former County Judge John Richard Coffee did during his tenure when he mandated county employees park across the street from the Courthouse in the empty parking lot located just to the north of the property.

That way, employees have a designated parking place and taxpayers, who foot the bills, could have access to the facility without having to park in front of the Record Shop.

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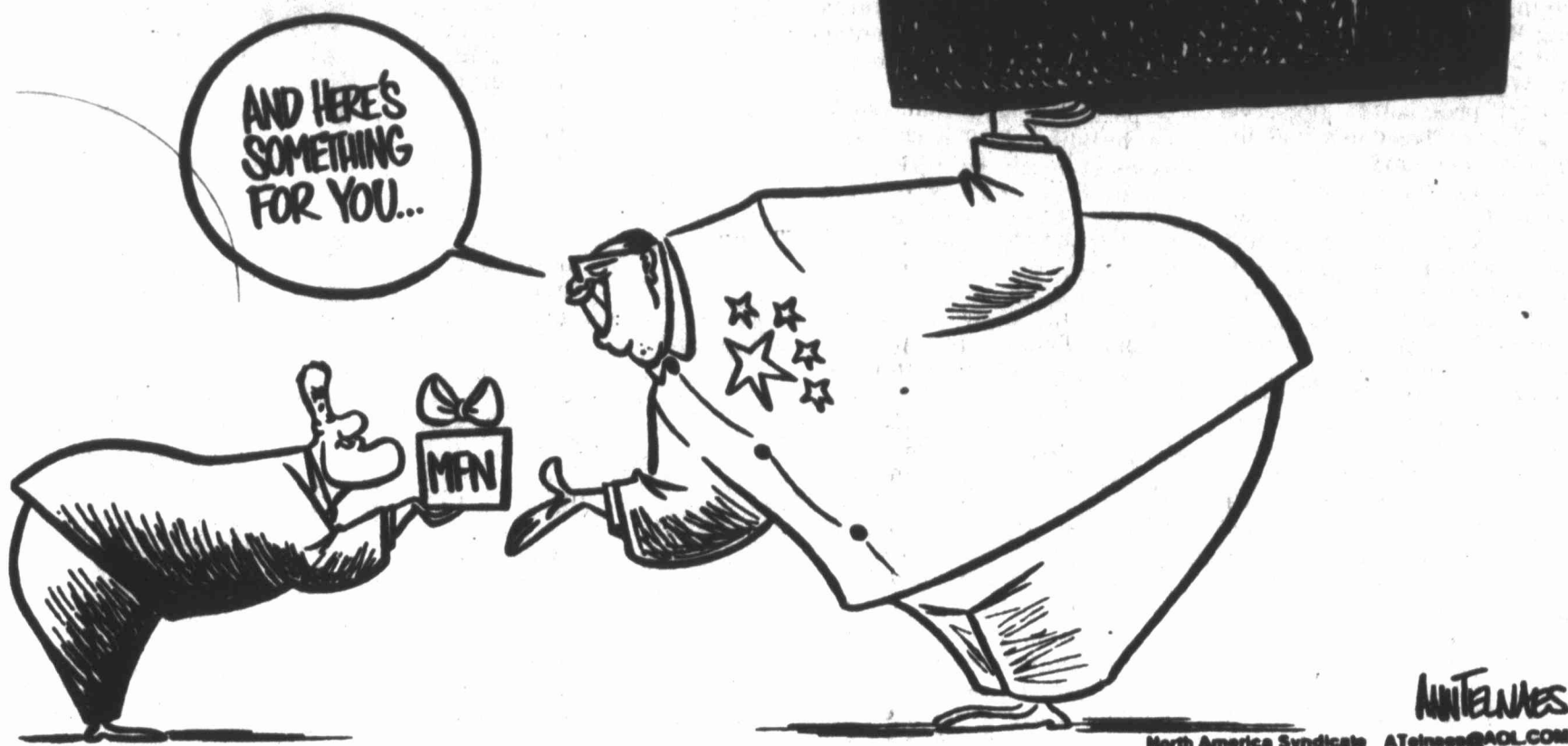
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Nothing like French flair for the dramatic

Last year at this time I was in the French town of Beaumont, calling on a florist.

I wanted \$5 worth of fresh flowers for a rental house.

After much pointing and grunting, I selected the stems and the florist went to work. She put the blooms together, held them at arm's length, shook her head rather violently — "Non! Non!" — then started all over again.

My \$5 bouquet took 10 minutes to perfect. Finally, with great flourish, the pretty woman tied the final ribbon, whipped the flowers in my direction and said, "Voilà!"

It was all so perfect, I wanted to cry.

I thought about that French

florist this morning. I've always loved dramatic people, those who can take a simple act and make it interesting. My grandfather was like that. And he was from the South of Georgia, not the South of France.

Sometimes seasons are that way, too. This summer came in like a bride — slowly, regally, following the long processional of a cool, cool spring. I don't remember ever seeing such a grand entrance.

Many nights during our prolonged spring I sat at the utility pool in my backyard wearing a jacket and thinking: So this is how they do it in cooler climates, in Idaho, or Maine. The pansies don't wilt, and the woods look wet.

Now, summer. A season the Deep South knows how to produce. It's officially here. On a quick visit home, my father loaded me down with tomatoes and blueberries. And last night at the pool, I slapped at mosquitoes. Already the car feels like an oven when you get inside, and the pink Oriental

poppies look tired of standing by midday.

Yet I have a child's love for summers. Good things happen in them. Used to be I spent the lion's share of every summer with my grandparents. When I awoke in the early morning, my grandfather already was cutting the breakfast watermelon. His gum boots glistened with garden dew, and he made a delicious ordeal of splitting that melon. Pop could have beat out Justin Wilson in a knife-brandishing contest.

With Pop, everything was a dramatic ceremony, a tableau. Every ride into town began with his pretending to leave us behind. He would gun the motor and inch toward the road, grandchildren would scamper from all corners of the farm to catch the car.

He didn't plan to go without us, we knew he didn't plan to go without us, yet everyone ran and pushed and shoved as if his black Chevrolet were the Titanic's last lifeboat.

Once we were on our way, but only after we passed Harry

Jones' place, the singing would begin. "In the sweet -- Gimme some meat -- By and by -- Gimme some pie. We will meet on that bu-tee-ful shore -- Gimme some more."

Pop's baritone would cover our caterwauling like moss blankets clay, and our fine song would spill from the open windows into the Colquitt square. He would park the car next to the raised sidewalk and slowly climb the steps. Then, as if he had just remembered, he would reach deep into his pockets and fish for quarters. Voilà! Two for each of us, 50 cents, every time.

"Don't spend that all in the same place," he would say. A grand joke, that, since the E-Z Shoppe was the only place in town for a child to shop.

When we got back home, nobody jumped out of the car until Pop delivered the benediction: "Got back the same day we left," he would say.

Olivier as Hamlet was no better.

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Hong Kong: What is too much freedom?

We are on the eve of an historic event — Great Britain's return of Hong Kong to China.

And I am bemused and sometimes irritated by all the predictions of the death of a thousand freedoms once this British colony becomes subject to the whims of the Communists in Beijing.

I have a special affection for Hong Kong, having first gone there at age 29 with my wife and three young children after spending seven grueling months in South and Southeast Asia at the request of John Foster Dulles, lecturing on "The Role of the Newspaper in Social Change." We had arrived directly from South Vietnam where an adherence to the legacies of French colonialism would draw the United States into a tragic war. Remembering that, I can resist joining in the current doom-day expectations of tyrannies to come because Britain has voluntarily returned territories it took during some of the most

inglorious moments of its empire.

I confess that when we arrived in Hong Kong in January 1955 I had no great moral thoughts about the fact that Britain ruled that majestic island — the most beautiful place I had ever seen — because it had taken it after a war in which it asserted its right to get China's tea in exchange for opium that was destroying many of the Chinese.

While treating my family to the Coca-Colas, hamburgers, hot dogs and other little delicacies they had been unable to get for months, I merely made journalistic note of the facts that "in the 1840s, after the opium war, China ceded to Britain the hilly, desolate pirate haunt known as Hong Kong Island. After losing another skirmish to the British in 1860, the Chinese yielded three square miles on Kowloon peninsula just across the harbor from Hong Kong Island. After losing another battle in 1898, China gave Britain a 99-year lease on 355 miles of 'new territories' adjacent to Kowloon."

Somewhere in between shopping sprees where I bought a tailored cashmere sport coat for \$23 and "went broke saving money" on things for my family, I recorded what Hong Kong

was, aside from its enchanting first-look beauty:

"... one of the world's ugliest places — ugly with the jumble of wooden huts perched among boulders on a hillside ... now but a festering, arid-brown eyesore — ugly with the squalor of a million refugees from communism, squatting in the lean-to shanties on the hillside, sleeping in holes dug among the boulders, retching with hunger, delirious with pneumonia, coughing up the agony of rampaging tuberculosis ..."

I also noted that of the 2,500,000 people crammed into the 46 square miles of developed area, 98 percent were Chinese, and Britain did not allow them to vote, a point those now worried about "democracy" might remember.

Over 42 years and some 16 subsequent visits, I watched the remarkable development of what Britain and China called an "international financial center" when in 1984 they agreed that on July 1, 1997, all of the once-seized area would be returned to Chinese sovereignty.

How much of the financial, trade, political and journalistic freedom of Hong Kong will soon be crushed by Beijing, whose leaders specifically agreed that Hong Kong would continue under a separate political and economic system?

How much freedom can survive for how long? It is impossible to say what any society will say is "too much freedom."

I'm mindful of the fact that as I write this, scores of members of Congress and hundreds of U.S. religious leaders are assailing the U.S. Supreme Court for striking down a law intended to protect religious practices from governmental interference. And at the same time, millions of other Americans are complaining that the same court, in the name of freedom, has struck down a law passed by Congress to keep obscene and indecent materials off the Internet.

It is a stark reminder that when we Americans are in such conflict over what is too much freedom here, we cannot tell the Chinese with certainty what is too much or too little in Hong Kong.

Time brought the British to the wisdom of giving the vote to the Chinese in Hong Kong; wisdom may lead Beijing to conclude that Hong Kong is a place to let wider freedoms prevail.

Hong Kong just might have more effect on Beijing than the Chinese capital will have on the magnificent island.

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Tyson's biting episode gives boxing's rep another hit

LAS VEGAS (AP) — For once, even Don King was silent. Mike Tyson's postfight excuses had long since rung hollow, and not even the usually long-winded promoter in charge of Tyson's career was up to the task of resurrecting them. The outrage that followed Tyson's disqualification for biting Evander Holyfield's ears showed no signs of abating, though, even in the conspicuous absence Sunday of the former heavyweight champion and his handlers. "It's certainly a sad day for boxing," said Marc Ratner, director of the Nevada State Athletic Commission. Holyfield nursed a pair of tender ears Sunday, a day after Tyson was disqualified after the third round of his rematch with Holyfield in boxing's richest fight ever. Holyfield is \$35 million richer and still holds the WBA heavy-weight title, but it was a hollow win in a fight that fell well short of its potential of being one of the best heavyweight rematches in recent history. Tyson, meanwhile, celebrated his 31st birthday today in the face of public scorn. A Nevada boxing commission is scheduled to meet Tuesday to consider fining him up to \$3 million and suspending him from boxing for biting part of one of Holyfield's ears off and trying to do the same with another. "It's over. I know it's over," an angry Tyson kept repeating in his dressing room after the fight. "My career is over." Tyson had just fought his way through an enraged crowd that was screaming and making obscene gestures at him. A bottle of water thrown from the stands just missed his head, and he had to be stopped from going into the seats to beat up his tormentors. The fight, which started with Holyfield smiling and singing to himself in his corner and Tyson grim-faced across the ring, ended in bedlam, with Tyson seemingly out of control and trying to hit anyone around him. His actions might cost him far more than a fine and suspension. Now the target of the scorn of the boxing world, Tyson will have a tough time reaping the huge paydays that have been his since leaving prison two years ago after serving a term for rape. "We don't know what's in store for Mike Tyson," said Jay Larkin, the man behind boxing for Showtime-SET, which still has a 1-year contract with Tyson. "We're waiting for a lot of answers." Even in the topsy-turvy world of boxing, where things can change quickly, there seems little chance Tyson will get another shot at Holyfield. "We don't believe Mike Tyson deserves the privilege of being in the ring with someone like Evander Holyfield," said Jim Thomas, Holyfield's attorney. The bizarre end to the fight came just as Tyson was starting to rally after losing the first two rounds. With a minute left in the third round, he suddenly snapped and bit off a piece of Holyfield's right ear as the two fighters went into yet another clinch. A stunned Holyfield jumped in the air, blood streaming from his ear, then turned to go back to his corner, and Tyson ran up from behind and pushed him. "He just bit a chunk out of his right ear and spit it on the canvas," said judge Duane Ford, who was within a few feet of the fighters when Tyson first bit. It was one of the most bizarre scenes in a sport where bizarre is sometimes commonplace. But it wasn't over yet, and neither was the fight. For four minutes, referee Mills Lane tried to restore order, deducting a point from Tyson for the bite and another for the push. As Holyfield stood bleeding in his corner, ring doctor Flip Homansky looked at the gash taken out of his ear and said the fight could continue. Meantime, assistant trainer Tommy Brooks was arguing for Holyfield to demand a disqualification. But the champion was angry, and wanted to continue. "Put the mouthpiece in," he told Brooks. "I'm going to knock this guy out." Thirty-three seconds were left in the third round, and Holyfield resumed the action with a vicious left hook. The two clinched again, and then the unthinkable happened. Tyson spit his mouthpiece out and took a bite of Holyfield's other ear. Once again, Holyfield jumped in the air in anger. This time, though, Lane didn't appear to see it and let the two fight the final seconds of the round before going to Tyson's corner and disqualifying him. "Bull..." Tyson yelled, jumping off his stool. Enraged, he tried to storm across the ring toward Holyfield. Tyson took a swing at a police officer trying to intervene, and had to be restrained. Ratner said Sunday that Lane did the proper thing in disqualifying Tyson, and no one seemed to want to argue the issue. What is next for Tyson might well depend on the athletic commission, which will meet Tuesday to launch a formal complaint against Tyson.

Marsh, 50, wins first major title; Norman finishes first at St. Jude

OLYMPIA FIELDS, Ill. (AP) — Though he has been one of the world's best golfers for a quarter-century, Graham Marsh believed his career was incomplete. Sure, he has won more than 50 tournaments in Europe, Japan, the United States and his native Australia, "but I didn't win a major, one of my big regrets." Then, in 1994, he turned 50. He was eligible for the Senior PGA Tour. He had another chance. Marsh finally attained one of his lifelong goals Sunday, finishing strong to become the only golfer to break even in the U.S. Senior Open and edging good friend John Bland by a stroke. Marsh won despite seven bogeys and a 4-over-par 74 for the final day. "I had a very expressed purpose in coming to the United States and playing senior golf — to win a major," he said. "A mini-major or senior major ... you guys call it whatever you like. It's a very big title for us. It's just a wonderful feeling to have won." Marsh won at Olympia Fields Country Club by making a clutch birdie on No. 17, matching Bland's score on the hole, and then breaking the tie with a perfect par on 18 — 295-yard drive down the middle, 8-iron approach to within 18 feet, nice lag putt, tap-in. Bland, who has finished second in three of the last six weeks, bogeyed 18 after hitting his second shot into a bunker. "We both wanted to win, but he is a good friend and he's a wonderful champion," said Bland, a South African who has faced Marsh for years and who teamed with the Aussie to win this year's Legends of Golf event. "We both played pretty well and somebody has to win. I would have loved to have won, but we're going to be (at the Senior Open) next year, and we'll fight another battle next week." Anyway, Bland added, "I'm trying to beat the golf course. I'm not trying to beat Graham." In the end, nobody really beat Olympia Fields' challenging North Course, with its fast greens and tricky pin placements. PGA MEMPHIS, Tenn. (AP) — Greg Norman, famous for letting opportunities slip by, didn't let it happen again. With a pack of golfers hanging around the lead Sunday in the final holes of the \$1.5 million St. Jude Classic, Norman made his move. He responded by sinking three of his six final-round birdies on the final three holes, edging Dudley Hart by one stroke with a 30-foot putt on No. 18. "It was just a matter of hanging in there and waiting and waiting and waiting," Norman said. "You know the old adage: When you are gambling or you are playing, birdie 9 and the 18th, you always win the bets. So today, I birdied 18 to win." The Australian star won his fifth Australian Open title in November and also took the Andersen Consulting World Championship of Golf in January, but he was winless on the PGA Tour since March 1996. Sunday's victory should be a nice confidence boost for the Australian star as he prepares for the British Open next month. Since blowing a 6-stroke lead in the final round of last year's Masters, Norman had missed six cuts, including this year's Masters and U.S. Open. "Winning is a great tonic. I have said this many times before. If you win, it is just the medicine you need," Norman said. "So hopefully, that will just turn the heat up a little bit more, and I will be off and running again." Norman's finish Sunday provided some last-minute excitement for a tournament, sponsored by FedEx, plagued by rain delays. The entire field was forced to finish the third round Sunday morning, including Norman, who played 15 holes for a 69. With an hour's rest, he turned in six birdies and a bogey for a 5-under 66 in the final round. He finished at 16-under 268, a stroke ahead of Hart, who shot 66-269. Craig Parry (66) and third-round leader Robert Damron (70) finished two strokes back. Norman said being in good condition helped him survive walking the soggy, 7,001-yard TPC at Southwind course. "Some guys might get tired out there, but I kept telling myself 'I am not tired,'" he said. Norman nearly missed his chance thanks to his putter. He missed several birdie chances early in the round and had nine straight pars. With Damron falling back into a pack of six others at 13-under and Hart in the locker room, Norman finally started his charge on the par-4 16th. He chipped from a greenside bunker within inches of the hole for a tap-in birdie. He then hit a 4-iron 4 feet from the flag at the par-4 16th and made the putt to tie Hart. On No. 18, Norman used a 6-iron from 190 feet on his second shot and landed the ball 30 feet right of the pin. Hart left the locker room when Norman hit his second shot on No. 17 and was warming up on the driving range when he heard the roar from No. 18.

Wetteland blows another save; Rangers drop 7-5 decision to A's

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) — Whether he felt good or not, things almost always worked out last year for World Series MVP John Wetteland. Wetteland, now the Texas Rangers' closer, said he "felt good" when he came into Sunday's game against the Oakland Athletics in the eighth inning, but things turned out badly. "I threw strikes and my breaking pitches were quality. I'm not happy with the results," said Wetteland, who blew yet another save in Sunday night's 7-5 loss to the Oakland Athletics. Wetteland blew a save for the third time in four tries, allowing run-scoring hits to pinch-hitters Dave Magadan and Mark Bellhorn in the eighth inning as Oakland scored five times to overcome a three-run deficit. "A ground ball finds a hole, and another guy hits a flare," Wetteland lamented. "Good pitches are going to get out the greatest percentage of the time." Wetteland, who relieved Xavier Hernandez in the eighth, now has four blown saves in his last eight tries. He has recorded one save since June 15, and has allowed eight runs — six earned — in his last five games. "Wetteland threw some good pitches," Texas manager Johnny Oates said. "We just dug the hole too deep and couldn't get out of it." Carlos Reyes (3-0) relieved Steve Karsay in the top of the sixth and allowed one run and three hits for the win. Buddy Groom got the final out for his second save. Texas starter Ken Hill took a 5-2 lead into the eighth, but was replaced after Matt Stairs led off with his 12th home run. Hernandez replaced Hill and struck out Mark McGwire, who earlier hit his 29th home run to tie for the major league lead. But Hernandez (0-2) then gave up a double to Jose Canseco and an RBI single to Jason Giambi. After Scott Spiezo walked, Wetteland entered the game. Magadan, hitless in his last 13 appearances as a pinch-hitter, singled to score pinch-runner Damon Mashore with the tying run. Bellhorn followed with a bloop single to score Spiezo with the winner. Astros CHICAGO (AP) — Making his first start in 13 seasons, Tommy Greene needed all the support he could get. His Houston Astros teammates complied, handing him a 7-6 lead en route to a 10-8 victory over the Chicago Cubs on Sunday. "It was exciting. I'm just glad to be back and get the opportunity to pitch again," said Greene, who missed all of last season because of back and shoulder injuries. He started for the first time since Sept. 16, 1995, when he pitched against the New York Mets. "I ended up throwing a lot of pitches," Greene said. "That's what happens when you get a lot of strikeouts. I worked the count full a lot and they fouled a lot of pitches off before I got to strike three. I'd rather get all groundouts or line-drive outs right away rather than working deep counts every hitter." Greene, who hit an RBI double, struck out seven in 4 1-3 innings, allowing four runs, six hits and two walks. "I wanted him to go five innings and get the win," Astros manager Larry Dierker said of Greene, who hasn't won a game since May 22, 1994, while pitching for Philadelphia. "But I know how quickly leads can evaporate in this park, so I had to pull him. Maybe he could have gotten through the inning in a cooler place or in another park." The Astros held on against the Cubs as Derek Bell and Brad Ausmus drove in three runs each. "We got key hits today with guys in scoring position. That was a big difference," said Bell, who, along with his teammates, were held to two hits Saturday in a 5-2 loss to Chicago. Bell hit a solo homer and a two-run single and Ausmus hit a three-run double for Houston, first in the NL Central at the midway point of the season despite a 40-41 record. Blas Minor (1-0) pitched 1 1-3 innings of one-hit relief, helping hand the Cubs their 16th loss in 23 games. Billy Wagner got four outs for his 14th save. Terry Mulholland (5-9) lost his fifth consecutive start, allowing seven runs and seven hits in 4 2-3 innings. He has allowed 23 earned runs in 28 2-3 innings during his skid, a 7.22 ERA. "It was just a case of me losing my head after giving up a hit to Tommy Greene," Mulholland said of Greene's double in the fifth. "I didn't do the team any good today. I was just angry and upset at myself. It's not fair to the other eight guys when you take a selfish attitude." Greene enjoyed making contact, especially since he hadn't picked up a bat in about a month. "Hitting is the same as pitching to me. I concentrate the same amount on both," Greene said. "Actually, sometimes pitching seems to be more difficult than hitting." Bell's fifth homer put Houston ahead in the fourth, and the Astros took a 7-0 lead in the fifth. Greene hit an RBI double, James Mouton a two-run double and Ausmus cleared the bases. Rey Sanchez homered with one out in the fifth, his first since April 1, 1996, against San Diego's Andy Ashby.

SPORTS BRIEFS

From staff and wire reports

Big Spring Football Camp scheduled

The first Big Spring Football Camp has been scheduled for July 8-10 at Big Spring High School. The three-day camp, according to BSHS coach Dan Arista, will be structured to provide basic football skills and fundamentals to youngsters between the ages of 11 and 13. Camp sessions will begin at 8 a.m. each day and conclude at 5 p.m. Participants may either bring a lunch with them, or a meal will be provided at a reasonable cost, Arista added. Youngsters are being asked to pre-register by contacting Arista at 267-6884 or in person at the new athletic facility on the BSHS campus. Athletic offices at the high school will be open today and Thursday, as well as Monday through Thursday of next week. In addition, youngsters of other ages wanting to take part should contact Arista to obtain special permission prior to the start of camp. The registration fee will be \$40, and each youngster participating in the camp will need to bring the following: a T-shirt and shorts (not denim shorts), a good pair of running shoes, a swimsuit and a towel.

Westbrook ragball tournament

Westbrook High School's senior class will sponsor a ragball tournament July 18-19 at the Westbrook baseball field. Entry fees are set at \$100 per team. For more information, call Doug Koch at 644-5031 or Chris Majors at 644-3111.

Raucous Wimbledon crowd cheers Henman to victory

WIMBLEDON, England (AP) — If Tim Henman had his way, every day at Wimbledon would be "People's Sunday." It's easy to understand why. In foot-stomping, flag-waving, name-chanting scenes never seen before at the All England Club, "Henmania" reached new heights Sunday as Britain's top player pulled out a marathon victory to reach the fourth round. Henman's five-set, four-hour win over Paul Haarhuis made Centre Court feel like Wembley Stadium during an England-Germany soccer match. "I've never played at Wembley," Henman said. "But I can say that's as good as it gets in tennis." For only the second time in history, Wimbledon opened its gates on the middle Sunday to help make up the huge backlog of matches after a waterlogged first week. Like the first People's Sunday in 1991, Centre Court was filled with thousands of fans who queued up through the night to get seats that usually go only to the privileged. Even when Henman and Haarhuis were warming up, the 14,000 fans — many draped with Union Jack flags — made so much noise the players couldn't hear the ball hitting the racket. During changeovers, they chanted "Hen-man! Hen-man!" They even cheered Haarhuis' double faults. "From the word go, it was something I'd never experienced before," Henman said. "The noise was just a totally different level. It gives you an amazing sort of buzz. Virtually every time I won a point, it felt like the roof was going to come off." Haarhuis held at match point at 5-4 in the fifth set, but double-faulted twice, each time the crowd breaking with etiquette and cheering those mistakes. The two stayed on serve until the 26th game of the set, when Henman broke at love to complete a 6-7 (9-7), 6-3, 6-2, 4-6, 14-12 triumph. Henman, the 14th seed, became a national hero last year when he reached the quarterfinals. This year, the expectations are even greater as Henman and Greg Rusedski — also through to the fourth round — seek to become the first Briton to win the men's title since Fred Perry in 1936. "Come back again as soon as possible," was Henman's message to Sunday's crowd. "I would love exactly the same crowd to be out there again. Unfortunately I don't think a lot of them will be there for my next match." That match will be against another Dutchman, defending champion Richard Krajicek. He's playing as well as he did last year. "Maybe he's the favorite," Henman said. "He's the defending champion, he's ranked higher than I am. But that's not the way I'll approach it. I definitely think I can win."

While Henman got today off, top-seeded Pete Sampras was scheduled for a third-round match on Centre Court against Byron Black. Another three-time champion, Boris Becker, was paired against another Brit — Mark Fitchey — on Court 1. On the women's side, No. 2 Monica Seles was up against Sandrine Testud, while No. 3 Jana Novotna was due to face Gala Leon Garcia. With top-seeded Martina Hingis already into the fourth round, the women's field was shaken up Sunday by the elimination of six seeds — No. 5 Lindsay Davenport, No. 6 Amanda Coetzer, No. 7 Anke Huber, No. 10 Conchita Martinez, No. 14 Brenda Schultz-McCarthy and No. 16 Barbara Paulus. Anna Kournikova, the 16-year-old Russian star who has been at the center of tabloid attention here, pulled off one of the biggest wins of her career when she beat Huber 3-6, 6-4, 6-4.

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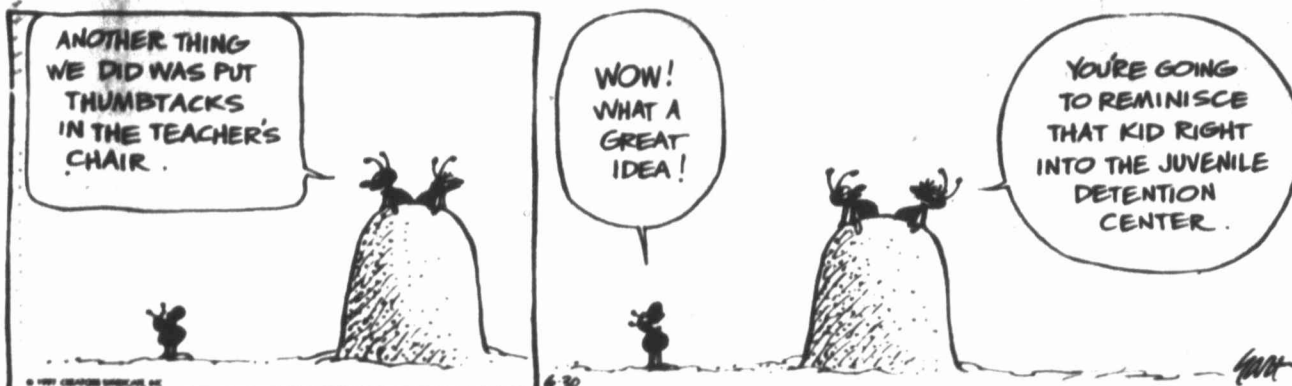
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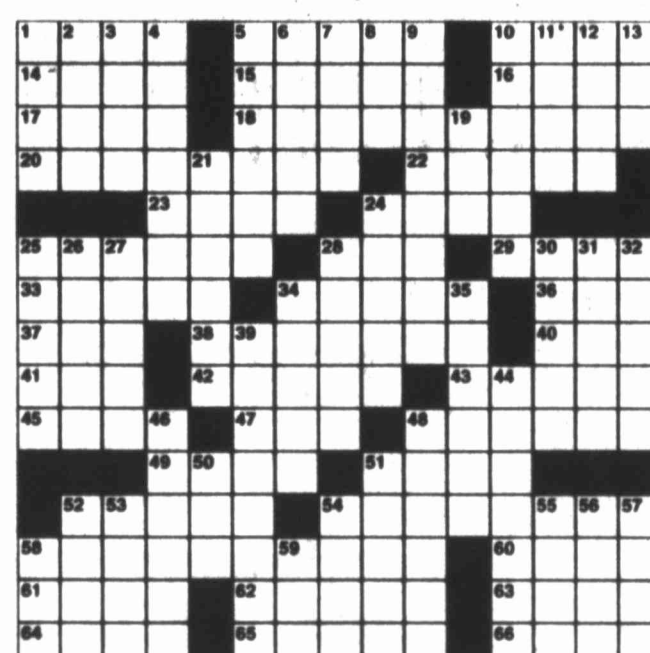
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On this date:

In 1859, French acrobat Blondin (born Jean Francois Gravelet) crossed Niagara Falls on a tightrope as 5,000 spectators watched.

In 1870, Ada H. Kepley of Effingham, Ill., became America's first female law school graduate.

In 1921, President Harding appointed former President Taft chief justice of the United States.

In 1934, Adolf Hitler began his "blood purge" of political and military leaders in Germany. Among those killed was one-time Hitler ally Ernst Roehm, leader of the Nazi stormtroopers.

In 1936, the novel "Gone with the Wind" by Margaret Mitchell was published in New York.

In 1952, "The Guiding Light," a popular radio program, made its debut as a television soap opera on CBS.

In 1963, Pope Paul VI was crowned the 262nd head of the Roman Catholic Church.

In 1971, a Soviet space mission ended in tragedy when three cosmonauts aboard Soyuz 11 were found dead inside their spacecraft after it returned to Earth.

In 1985, 39 American hostages from a hijacked TWA jetliner were freed in Beirut after being held for 17 days.

In 1986, in a 5-4 decision, the Supreme Court ruled that states could outlaw homosexual acts between consenting adults.

Ten years ago: The prosecutor at the trial of Klaus Barbie in Lyon, France, denounced the crimes of the former Nazi Gestapo official and demanded the maximum sentence of life in prison. Barbie died in 1991 at age 77.

Five years ago: Planes loaded with food and medicine arrived at the airport in Sarajevo, Bosnia-Herzegovina, as part of an international relief effort. Fidel Ramos was sworn in as the new president of the Philippines.

One year ago: President Clinton paid tribute to the 19 killed and hundreds wounded in the truck bomb attack in Saudi Arabia as he attended memorial services at Eglin Air Force Base and Patrick Air Force Base in Florida. Bosnian Serb leader Radovan Karadzic responded to international pressure to step aside by handing his powers to an equally national-ist deputy.

Today's Birthdays: Singer Lena Horne is 80. Actor Tony Musante is 61. Singer Glenn Shorrock (Little River Band) is 53. Jazz musician Stanley Clarke is 46. Rock musician Hal Lindes (Dire Straits) is 44. Actor Vincent D'Onofrio is 38. Rock musician Tom Drummond (Better Than Ezra) is 38.

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