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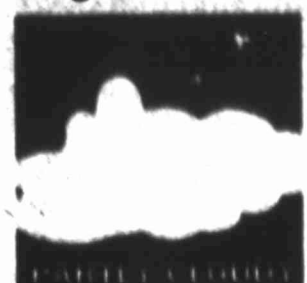
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June 27, 2001

WEATHER

Tonight:



TONIGHT TOMORROW
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Coahoma Lions seek participants for July 4 parade

Coahoma Lions Club is inviting individuals and groups to participate in the "Freedom Parade" to be held in downtown Coahoma on July 4.

Patriotic floats, marching groups, civic clubs, vintage auto or motorcycle clubs, church groups, youth organizations and horse owner groups are welcome.

The parade will begin at 10 a.m. Those participating will need to assemble at the Coahoma High School football field parking lot at 9 a.m. for line up and instructions.

If you desire to participate or need any further information, call Lion Parade Chairman Jim LeMarr at 394-4424.

WHAT'S UP...

TODAY

□ Fraternal Order of Eagles Aerie Ladies Auxiliary, 7 p.m., Eagles Lodge, 704 West Third.

THURSDAY

□ Gideons International, Big Spring Camp No. U42060, Herman's Restaurant, 7 a.m.

□ The Senior Citizens Center will host an Arts and Crafts session each Thursday from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.

□ The Coffee Club will meet at Gale's Sweet Shoppe at 10 a.m.

□ Kiwanis Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room.

□ Masonic Lodge 598 meets at 7:30 p.m., 219 Main.

FRIDAY

□ The Greater Big Spring Rotary Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room.

□ AMBUCS meets at noon at La Posada.

□ Spring City Senior Citizens country/western dance, 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. All seniors invited.

SATURDAY

□ The Heritage Museum, 510 Scurry, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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Junior rodeo begins Thursday

LINDY BARR
Staff Writer

More than 300 young cowboys and cowgirls are expected to compete this weekend at the 56th annual Howard County 4-H Junior Rodeo at the Big



NIGHT

Spring Rodeo Bowl.

Thursday, the junior rodeo will kick off at 7 p.m. Then rodeo performances will continue through Saturday.

Friday's performance will get under way at 7 p.m., while the action begins at 6:30 p.m. on Saturday.

Tickets will be available at the gate. Prices are \$4 for adults and \$4 for students. Children age 6 and under will be admitted to the junior rodeo free.

"This year, there is expected to be around 325 to 350 kids entered in all of the different events," said David Kight, Howard County Agriculture Extension Agent.

Events at the rodeo will include bull riding, barrel racing, saddle bronc riding, steer wrestling, bareback riding, calf roping, chute dogging, team roping, breakaway roping, ribbon

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Moore Development sets funds aside to lure workers

By LYNDEL MOODY
Staff Writer

The Moore Development For Big Spring board members on Tuesday agreed to set aside \$30,000 to help families that have found employment in Big Spring to relocate to Howard County.

"The impact of this will be to fill local employment

positions, bring families into Big Spring that will put more students in our schools and help bring money into the local economy," said Bonnie Smith, special projects manager for Moore Development For Big Spring.

Currently, the area has a 3.5 percent unemployment

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City

Council OKs buy back policy to retain and attract city employees

By BILL MCCLELLAN
News Editor

In an effort to attract and retain employees, Big Spring City Council on Tuesday approved an ordinance allowing employees who have terminated their membership in the Texas Municipal Retirement System to "buy back" their eligibility.

The somewhat complicated program gives some 34 city employees the opportunity to get back into the Texas Municipal Retirement System (TMRS) by redepositing funds they were paid, plus annual withdrawal charges. The system would allow employees from another community that offered TMRS to be hired by the city of Big Spring with virtually no loss in retirement benefits.

"I think it is a terrific tool to attract and retain employees," said councilman Oscar Garcia.

The measure prompted some concern, however. Along with the "buy back" comes a liability to the city. Simply put, a portion of the employee's income goes into the retirement system.

As an incentive to the employee, the city also pays into the system. Upon retirement, the employee receives all the money in his retirement account.

However, if the employee takes his money out early, he receives only the money he has put in. The hitch comes when the employee decides after several years to buy back into the plan. The city, then, is also forced to put money back into the system. And that amount could be as much as \$60,000 to \$70,000 per year, under the city of Big Spring's current situation.

"After 10 years, that's \$600,000," pointed out Mayor Russ McEwen.



GARCIA

Council not content with animal board lack of action

By BILL MCCLELLAN
News Editor

Big Spring City Council found something to bark about Tuesday night. It's that animal ordinance again.

What had council members yelping was the May 17 minutes of the Animal Control Board.

Specifically, the board had voted to leave the existing ordinance as written but enforce it more stringently. That dog won't bark, council members said.

"We specifically asked them to recommend a number of animals (that a person or family could have within a specific area)," said councilwoman Stephanie Horton. "That's not what they did."

Other board members agreed.

"That was my understanding, too," said councilman

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TMRS representative David Rodriguez told the council that very few employees enact the buy back clause.

"There is no guarantee, of course, but historically it has been a low number," he told the council.

Councilman Tommy Tune agreed that the benefits of the buy back clause were more likely to outweigh the liability, and spoke in favor of the ordinance.

In all, Garcia, Tune and

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Big Spring ISD maintenance worker Able Cruz works on part of a sprinkler system that is being installed at the high school. The mulberry trees lining the front of the school are being uprooted in order to place the sprinkler system in the ground.

Mulberry trees give way to water sprinkler system

By LYNDEL MOODY
Staff Writer

Timber! Well, sort of. Big Spring Independent School District maintenance workers are uprooting the mulberry trees that line the front of the high school in order to make way for a water sprinkler system.

"We cannot put the water system in there without cutting the roots," said superintendent Murray Murphy.

Several mulberry trees lining the front of the high school building are being uprooted and taken to the Big Spring Regional Compost Facility by BSISD maintenance workers.

At the same time, workers are installing a sprinkler system in the front and side areas of the school. According to Mike Murphy, BSISD director of maintenance, the project should be completed in about two weeks.

Because of the extensive root system of the trees at the high school, the workers had to take them out in order to install the new water sprinkler system. The roots have also caused damage to the front sidewalk by pushing up on the concrete from underneath. And, the constant shade under the branches has limited the growth of the Bermuda grass on the campus lawn, Mike Murphy said.

"The mulberry trees have ruined the concrete on the sidewalk," he said. The tree were planted a little too close together and their height obstructs a



view of the building, Murray Murphy said.

After workers install the sprinkler system, plans to lay and seed the soil over the bare spot left by the trees.

The district plans to replant with decorative trees that have a less restrictive root system sometime in the fall, Murray Murphy said.

Not all of the mulberry trees will be heading out to the recycling center. The three trees near the gym will continue to add shade to the school.

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Howard College trustees authorize administrative changes

By MARSHA STURDIVANT
Herald Correspondent

Howard College board of trustees Monday authorized an administrative restructuring of the college district that redefines two of the three vice president's responsibilities and those of the president's assistant.

"We are perpetuating the memory of the institution with the personnel we have now who have knowledge of the college district. We

believe this restructuring will enhance the education we deliver to our students," said Dr. Cheryl T. Sparks, president of Howard College.

As part of the restructuring, Dr. Amy Burchett was named vice president for instruction and student services. Burchett's primary responsibility will be administration of all credit courses as well as continuing responsibilities for the student services functions, Sparks said.

Her responsibilities will also include the library, distance learning, Title V projects, guidance and counseling and the registrar's office.

Dr. Joel Michaelis has

been named associate vice president for workforce development. He will continue to have administrative responsibilities for the existing workforce training initiatives which include business and industry settings. He will assume responsibility for the oversight of the six prison sites. In addition Michaelis will facilitate outreach training and education to the entire 13-county service area, Sparks said.

"He will continue to work closely with Moore Development for Big Spring as well as administer all non-credit courses Howard College offers, which includes Adult Basic Education and the correc-

tional centers," Sparks said, adding this area generates a significant portion of the college's contact hours.

Steve A. Smith has assumed the role of president's assistant. Smith's responsibilities will include oversight of communications, institutional advancement and research, all within the scope of the president's area. He will continue to be the internal auditor for the college district and grant oversight director, also serving as board of trustees secretary and records management officer for the district.

"All of these people work within administration to promote the college, and this will determine ways we

are effective plus allow us to target further expansion within our service area," Sparks said.

Javier Flores will be named dean of student services. He will assume some of the student services administrative duties, such as enrollment management, Howard Cottage, food service liaison and financial aid.

Stacy DeArmond, director of the Workforce Training and Risk Management Academy, has been named the director of continuing education, assuming additional administrative duties along with her existing responsibilities.

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OBITUARIES

Venice Cawthron

Funeral service for Venice Cawthron, 68, of Big Spring, will be 2 p.m., Friday, June 29, 2001, at Myers & Smith Chapel, with the Rev. Walter McCall, chaplain of Community Care Hospice, officiating. Burial will be at Trinity Memorial Park.

Mrs. Cawthron died Tuesday, June 26, at her residence following a long illness.

She was born on Nov. 19, 1932, in Big Spring, and had been a lifetime resident. She was a member of Central Baptist Church and married Elmer (E. Roy) Cawthron on Dec. 8, 1967, in Big Spring. He preceded her in death on March 3, 1993. She had worked at Hemphill Wells for a number of years and later at 11th Place Laundry. She was a caregiver for family and friends the last years of her life.

Survivors include two daughters, Debra Wasson and Cheryl Shults, both of Big Spring; three sons, Mike Tolson of Houston and Larry and Joe Tolson, both of McKinney; one sister, Lucy Holt of Aledo; 10 grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

The family will be at 5104 Wasson Road.

Arrangements are under the direction of Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Margie Krause

Graveside service for Margie Krause, 94, of Marble Falls, formerly of Big Spring, will be 10 a.m., Thursday, June 28, 2001, at Lakeland Hills Memorial Park with Bro. Max Copeland officiating.

Mrs. Krause died Monday, June 25.

She was born Jan. 21, 1907, in Ada, Okla., and grew up in Rochelle and Doole. She had also lived in Brady and was a homemaker. She was preceded in death by her husband Reinhart in 1986.

Survivors include four sons, R.J. Krause of Mt. Pleasant, Johnny Krause of Midland, Wayne Krause of Carbon and Dennis Krause of Marble Falls; two daughters, Cleo Scott Newsom of Carbon and Joanna McFadden of Kingsland; two brothers, Glenn Foster of Iowa and Hollis Foster of Louisiana; 24 grandchildren; and numerous great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren.

Arrangements are under the direction of Clements-Wilcox Funeral Home in Marble Falls.

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Linda Conway will assist during this transition as administrative consultant, combined with her faculty responsibilities for Howard College.

"One of the benefits of this restructuring is that the transition period will be shorter. Our people already have knowledge of Howard College policies and procedures and this will help tremendously as we make these changes," Conway said.

Conway made the decision to leave administration to concentrate on teaching. Her 20-year career at Howard College has spanned duties from community relations to dean to vice president. She will become a full-time faculty member in the fall semester.

"We conducted a nationwide search for a vice president of instruction. As we interviewed candidates, we came to believe that we have the talent, the experience and the knowledge within Howard College district personnel. We are capitalizing on the strengths of several key people, and utilizing the human resources Howard College has been blessed with," Sparks said.

During the executive search for a vice president, several applicants remarked on the diversity and complexity of Howard College, Conway said.

"Many community colleges have one building, and their administrator has one area they serve. Howard College is diversified within our 13-county area, and we have several areas that overlap responsibilities. Our ultimate goal is a quality education for our students," Conway said.

Sparks said added the changes are immediate and the necessary office moves will take place this summer, so that everyone will be relocated before the fall semester begins Aug. 27.

ANIMALS

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cilman Tommy Tune. "They may have their reasons for not setting a number. But I think they should make a presentation as to what they think we ought to do and why they do or do not recommend a specific number."

The animal control ordinance has been the issue of some controversy, primarily fueled from neighbors of multiple pet owners who complain that the barking and odor are intolerable. One or two have cited the city as being at fault, saying the ordinance doesn't go far enough in limiting the number of animals an owner can have.

Agreeing that the present ordinance lacks enough bite, the council is again asking the Animal Control Board to consider setting a limit as to the number of animals an owner can possess on a certain piece of property.

"My motion is to approve the board's minutes but to ask them to come back to us with a definite number," said Horton.

Her motion was approved 5 to 1, with Mayor Russ McEwen voting against it.

"My opinion was that we had sent it to them (the Animal Control Board) twice and this was their recommendation. I didn't see any sense in sending it back to them again at this point," McEwen said later.

The minutes as approved by the board and city council do call for vaccinations and licenses to be required of all cats. The license fee for spayed and neutered cats would be \$4 while the

fee for unaltered felines would be \$15.

COUNCIL

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councilmen Greg Biddison, Stephanie Horton and Joann Smoot voted to approve the ordinance. McEwen voted against. Councilman Chuck Cawthron was absent.

In other business, the council unanimously approved the purchase of self-contained portable sanitation compactors for use at three of the Cornell Corrections units. The city would then lease the containers, estimated to cost about \$36,000, to Cornell, with interest.

"Cornell has been a good partner to us," said City Manager Gary Fuqua, in recommending the proposal.

Monies to purchase the containers will be taken from the \$2.6 million correctional fund.

Big Spring Police Department will get funds to purchase videos for patrol cars and computers for officers after the council approved a Juvenile Accountability Incentive Block Grant in the amount of \$42,569.

The grant is actually in the amount of \$38,312 from the state and the Council of Governments. The city would participate with matching funds in the amount of \$4,257.

A proposal to close Main Street from Third to the Railroad Plaza on Saturday for the Heart of the City Festival was approved. The street will be closed from 9 a.m. until 7 p.m.

On second reading, the council approved transfer of Powell Lake land to the Colorado River Municipal Water District, funds for telephone system equipment and service and city investment policies.

TREES

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"We plan to keep those nice, beautiful trees," Murray Murphy said. "We can go around them (when installing the sprinkler system)."

The district plans to add water sprinkler systems to all the campuses in the next two years as part of an effort to beautify school grounds, Murray Murphy said.

Workers have finished installing the system at Bauer Magnet School and will now turn to Washington and Goliad elementary.

RODEO

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roping, pole bending, and goat tying.

Cowboys and cowgirls that are entered in the rodeo will compete in several different age groups: 8 and under-divisions, 9-12, 13-15 and the 16 and up.

Each year trophies are presented to the all-around cowboy and cowgirl.

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rate, and area employers are having trouble finding skilled workers to fill all their open positions, said Lydia Perez, assistant manager at the Texas Workforce

BIG SPRING
AROUND THE TOWN

Center.

The board agreed to set aside the monies for as much as \$500 for each family in relocation expenses if the family has verification of employment in the community, Perez said.

The monies will be distributed through the Texas Workforce Center, Smith said.

Kent Sharp, Moore Development for Big Spring executive director, and Perez, along with representatives from StarTek, will be in Eagle Pass on Thursday and Del Rio on Friday recruiting workers for local businesses.

The unemployment rate in those areas is about 27 percent, Perez said, and a garment factory in Eagle Pass expects to announce about 400 layoffs by Friday.

Next month, the group plans to attend a job fair in Killeen, a city located near the U.S. Army base Fort Hood. Fort Hood retires close to 700 people a month.

SUPPORT GROUPS

TODAY

•Gamblers Anonymous, 7 p.m., St. Stephen's Catholic Church, room 1, 4601 Neeley, Midland. Call 263-8920.

•Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, 8 p.m. 12 and 12 study.

THURSDAY

•Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon open meeting.

•Al-Anon support group, 8 p.m., 615 Settles.

FRIDAY

•Turning Point A.A., 8-9:30 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 10th and Goliad. Open to all substance abusers.

•AA, 615 Settles, noon open meeting and 8 p.m. Big Book Study.

•NA 8 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 1001 Goliad. Call 268-4189 (pager no.).

•Al-Anon support group, noon, 615 Settles.

SATURDAY

•Family Support group for current and former patients and their families, 1 p.m. weekly, Reflections Unit of Scenic Mountain Medical Center. Call Beverly Grant, 263-0074.

BRIEFS

55 ALIVE/MATURE DRIVING PROGRAM class will be held July 13 at 4:30 p.m. and July 14 at 9 a.m. at the VA Medical Center, Room 212. You must attend both days to receive a certificate which will be accepted by most insurance companies for a reduction in the premiums for a three year period. The cost is \$10 per person. Please call 915-267-1729, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., to preregister for the class. This class is not a defensive driving class and cannot "forgive" traffic violations.

THE COAHOMA LIONS CLUB is inviting individuals and groups to join us at our "Freedom Parade" to be held in downtown Coahoma on July 4. Patriotic floats, marching groups, civic clubs, vintage auto or motorcyclists, church groups, youth organizations and horse owner groups are just who we are looking for! If you desire to participate or need any further information please call Lion

TEXAS LOTTERY

Parade Chairman Jim LeMarr at 394-4424.

A FUND FOR FRANCES FLECKENSTEIN, whose home was destroyed following Monday's explosion, has been set up at the First Bank of West Texas. For more information on how to make a donation call the bank at 267-1113.

JUNE IS PROSTATE CANCER Awareness month. Interested groups or organizations can contact Bill Birrell at 263-0659 for information on programs or an 18 minute tape narrated by Sydney Poitier.

ATTENTION BIG SPRING HIGH SCHOOL Class of 1981. I am looking for classmates from the class of 1981. Please e-mail or call with your mailing address. Dee Earhart Thani Atheni@aol.com or 214-340-0645.

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

CORRECTION

In Tuesday's edition of the Big Spring Herald police report Julie Redding was incorrectly listed as being arrested on a charge of driving while intoxicated. Redding was arrested on a charge of driving while license invalid.

MARKETS

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SBC Comms	39.23 -21
Sears Roebuck	40.75 +2
Texaco Inc	69.19 -1.11
Texas Instrument	30.5 -41
TXU	48.35 +21
Total Fina	72.22 -97
Unocal Corp	34.25 -54
Wal-Mart	49.2 +1
Wal-Mart/Mexico	25.85 -26.85
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POLICE

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity from 8 a.m. Tuesday to 8 a.m. today:

•DARRELL SHANNON BEDFORD, 21, of the 7505 N. south service road, was arrested on a charge of possession of marijuana, less than 2 ounces and for Howard County warrants.

•JAMES LEE GREEN HILL, 43, of 119 Hossier road, was arrested on a charge of driving while license suspended and no insurance.

•JOHN ANTHONY GALAN, 21, of 607 W. 6th, was arrested on a charge of evading arrest.

•STEVEN VALENCIA GAMBOA, 20, of 4000 W. Highway 80, was arrested on a charge of evading arrest.

•RENE MEDINA, 34, of 1110 E. 13th, was arrested for a Midland County warrants.

•DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE, was reported in the 1400 block of Park, the 1600 block of Lark and the 1900 block of Gregg.

•DISTURBANCE/FIGHT, was reported in the 4200 block of Oak and the 500 block of Aylesford.

•INTOXICATED SUBJECT/DRIVER, was reported in the 2500 of S. Gregg.

SHERIFF

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

•PAIGE SANDELL, 21, of 2911 W. Highway 80, was arrested on a charge of theft.

FIRE/EMS

The following is a summary of the Big Spring Fire Department and EMS:

6:00 a.m. — 200 block of Seventh, trauma call, service refused.

11:39 p.m. — 600 block of West 17th, trauma call, one patient transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

RECORDS

Tuesday's high 97
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Record high 115 in 1994
Record low 54 in 1985
Average high 95
Average low 70
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Ozone

SAN ANGELO Ronald Koerth drove the bank to Tuesday only thing he wanted was his blessings.

It was the first old Ozone man damped by a met 2 inches in diameter. "You do have a things for granted thing like this but size nothing's for Koerth, who was Shannon Medical Angelo on Monday. The accident c

Girl missing release

TYLER (AP) — old girl attacked bull was recover teeth marks and her head Wednesday the dog clasped his jaws and refi go.

Jazzmine Brubaker, 19, was arrested Tuesday. She was on a charge of evading arrest. She was arrested on a charge of evading arrest. She was arrested on a charge of evading arrest.

Dewhurst

AUSTIN (AP) Commissioner Dewhurst testified that a former lawyer never told the state could collecting up to \$1 million in additional royalties.

If the attorney Scott, had told his statement would have been "all sorts of whistles," Dewhurst said his pledge was to money for the station system.

Dewhurst came in a white lawsuit filed against General Land Office.

Family sue course over hit by light

HOUSTON (AP) family of a boy who was hit by lightning while playing golf is suing the golf course alleging the injury not have happened if the course installed detection equipment. Windrose Golf Spring opened years ago and she had the equipment installed since Houston is prone to severe storms, said Tavormina, the lawyer.

Christopher Brethman, 15, suffered a severe brain injury he was hit by lightning while playing golf. A detection system have alerted golfers that a lightning was approaching course needed to be hit.

Hud Hinton, pro Troon Golf, which Windrose said, badly for Christopher's family.

But a Windrose Hinton said, "Brehm and his playing partner course because weather. The two the 10th hole and play on.

"He was warned was a dangerous situation," Hinton said. "As suggested to him should leave."

Brehm was hit swinging at the 11th Hinton said. "As risks that golfers swinging a metal can attract lightning."

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Ozona man impaled by pipe now recovering at home

SAN ANGELO (AP) — As Ronald Koerth drove his pickup to the bank Tuesday morning, the only thing he was counting were his blessings.

It was the first time the 42-year-old Ozona man drove since being impaled by a metal pipe more than 2 inches in diameter.

"You do have a tendency to take things for granted and when something like this happens, you realize nothing's for granted," said Koerth, who was released from Shannon Medical Center in San Angelo on Monday.

The accident occurred June 13

as Koerth was leaving an oil well he had just checked, part of his job as a field operator for Andarko Petroleum.

Traveling about 25 mph in his company truck, Koerth approached a cattle crossing on a ranch road, intending to go through what he believed was an open metal gate — the same one he had driven through minutes earlier.

But the gate, known as a single pipe gate, wasn't completely open. The pipe pierced the pickup's headlamp, the dashboard, Koerth's torso just to the right of his navel

and the seat before it was stopped by a metal box in the truck bed.

"It still seems unreal. It's so bizarre it just doesn't seem possible. But I went through it so I know it's possible. It happened," he said.

Koerth, who said he didn't immediately realize he had been impaled, then used his cell phone to call for help.

A few minutes later, another company worker, David Vargas, happened to drive by and stopped to help.

"He opened my door, said, 'Oh, God!' and shut my door," Koerth

said. "That's when I started getting nervous."

Rescuers arrived soon thereafter and cut the end of the pipe off in the back of his truck.

Conscious throughout the hour-long rescue, Koerth watched as the pipe was cut six inches in front of his stomach. An inch one way or the other and Koerth's aorta would have been torn or his spinal cord severed, Koerth said.

He has flown by helicopter to the San Angelo hospital with a short section of pipe still imbedded in his body.

It took surgeons about six hours

to reattach his small intestine to his colon. They had to remove his appendix and a part of one of his ribs.

Koerth credits paramedics and medical personnel with saving his life, and said he felt that God was watching over him.

"I just feel like He has something else for me to do and it wasn't my time yet," Koerth said. "I'm going to become a better Christian and try to live my life the way God would want me to. It's kinda like having a whole new outlook. I do have an opportunity now to be a better person."

Girl mauled by dog released from hospital

TYLER (AP) — An 8-year-old girl attacked by a pit bull was recovering from teeth marks and gashes in her head Wednesday after the dog clamped her skull in its jaws and refused to let go.

Jazzmine Bircher was subdued and spoke little about the experience Tuesday. She sat on the floor while her mother worked to style Jazzmine's hair away from the numerous teeth marks on the young girl's head.

Shamrock, a 3-year-old pit

bull, attacked Jazzmine shortly before 2 p.m. Monday, according to police records.

Jazzmine spent much of Monday night at East Texas Medical Center being treated for dog bites on her head, face, arm and side.

Police Officer James Meredith came to Jazzmine's aid despite the danger of having the dog possibly attack him.

"He saved her life," Sheila Bircher, Jazzmine's mother, told the Tyler Morning Telegraph.

Cloud of dust may be headed for North Texas

McALLEN (AP) — A huge dust cloud that has traveled from Africa to the Rio Grande Valley may soon be headed to North Texas, forecasters said.

The dusty veil stretched from Cuba and the eastern coast of Mexico to South Texas, impairing visibility Tuesday afternoon. The cloud is expected to arrive in North Texas Thursday, forecasters said.

The roving cloud from the Sahara Desert may affect air quality but is not likely to pose serious health concerns over the two or three days it lingers over the Dallas area.

The phenomenon has been identified through improved satellite technology.

"We used to get a haze off the Gulf, and people would call it the Gulf Haze. Nobody was sure where it was coming from," said Ron Wells, a Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission meteorologist.

"Now we know what one of the causes is."

Air currents can carry volcanic ash, smoke from forest fires and other matter long distances.

In 1998, smoke from fires burning in southern Mexico streamed into

Texas, reducing visibility and increasing the number of soot particles in the air.

Clouds form when strong storms in Africa stir up dust and sand in the Sahara Desert off the country's west coast, said Skip Ely, a National Weather Service meteorologist. As dust rises into the air, wind carries it away.

Heavier materials may fall out of the current, but smaller ones stay aloft and flow with the current, Ely said. The clouds can travel halfway around the world, usually at an altitude of about 10,000 to 12,000 feet.

The cloud also carried

allergens such as mold, said Karen Goelkel, a TRNCC spokeswoman.

Particulate matter, which has been linked to heart and lung problems, measured twice the normal level in Brownsville on Monday, but still fell below the federal standard of 150 micrograms of particles per cubic meter of air.

Levels on Tuesday came close to the national standard for unhealthy air throughout the day.

At one point the federal threshold was surpassed, reaching 156 particles per cubic meter, Goelkel commented.

Dewhurst defends himself against allegations in whistleblower lawsuit

AUSTIN (AP) — Land Commissioner David Dewhurst testified Tuesday that a former land office attorney never told him that the state could have been collecting up to \$100 million in additional oil and gas royalties.

If the attorney, David Scott, had told him that, the statement would have triggered "all sorts of bells and whistles," because Dewhurst said his campaign pledge was to get more money for the state's education system.

Dewhurst's testimony came in a whistleblower lawsuit filed against the General Land Office by

Scott, who contends he was fired from the office in 1999 after warning Dewhurst that the agency was violating state law by not collecting the maximum amount of royalties from oil and gas companies that drilled on state land.

The money collected from the royalties goes to the state's \$20 billion school trust fund.

The undercollection allegations began when former Land Commissioner Garry Mauro was in office and allegedly were revealed to Dewhurst and his team around his January 1999 inauguration.

Dewhurst said he fired

Scott Jan. 4, 1999, the same day that he fired 102 other employees as part of a reorganization effort to make the office more efficient.

He said that after meeting personally with Scott to tell him he was being laid off, Dewhurst forgot to give Scott his termination letter.

Scott, however, told reporters outside the courtroom that Dewhurst fired him on Jan. 5, after Scott told Dewhurst and other land office officials that between \$60 million and \$100 million was not being collected on oil and gas company royalties.

Scott said he told Dewhurst about the under-

collections in two previous meetings as well.

"I never heard Mr. Scott say at any time he didn't collect enough royalties," Dewhurst testified on Tuesday.

Dewhurst said that because he felt that Scott wanted to say more when he was terminated on Jan. 4, he told Scott he could schedule a meeting on Jan. 5 to explain the work he had done at the land office.

A calendar from Dewhurst's office from Jan. 5 showed that during the meeting, Dewhurst and other officials were to talk to Scott about energy audits. A listing on the calendar of

another official who attended the meeting also listed energy audits as the topic of the meeting.

A brief meeting between Scott and Dewhurst in the hallway of the courthouse got a little heated when Dewhurst asked how Scott was doing.

"I'm doing good," Scott said. "I'd be doing a little better if you told the truth though."

Scott's attorney said not all the middle managers were forced out of the land office during the reorganization.

Scott and other attorneys who were in charge of "aggressive" audits of oil

and gas companies were fired and not rehired, Scott's attorney, Jim Harrington said.

Dewhurst is leaving his job as land commissioner and running for lieutenant governor.

Dewhurst, a millionaire who founded a diversified energy and investments company, refused to answer Harrington's questions about his net worth.

"I've really lived the American dream," Dewhurst testified.

When Harrington asked if Dewhurst was worth \$300 million, Dewhurst said no.

Closing arguments were expected to begin today.

Family sues golf course over boy hit by lightning

HOUSTON (AP) — The family of a boy struck by lightning while playing golf is suing the golf course, alleging the injury would not have happened had the course installed lightning detection equipment.

Windrose Golf Club in Spring opened about three years ago and should have had the equipment, especially since Houston is prone to severe lightning storms, said John Tavormina, the family's lawyer.

Christopher Brehm, then 15, suffered a severe, permanent brain injury when he was hit by lightning while playing golf on Aug. 8, 2000, Tavormina said.

A detection system would have alerted golf club workers that a lightning storm was approaching and the course needed to be cleared, he said.

Hud Hinton, president of Troon Golf, which manages Windrose, said, "We feel badly for Christopher and his family."

But a Windrose employee, Hinton said, suggested Brehm and his teen-age playing partner leave the course because of the weather. The two were at the 10th hole and decided to play on.

"He was warned that it was a dangerous situation," Hinton said. "And it was suggested to him that he should leave."

Brehm was hit as he swung at the 13th hole, Hinton said. One of the risks that golfers assume is swinging a metal club that can attract lightning, he said.

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OUR VIEWS

Glad to see festival back downtown

It's been several years since downtown Big Spring has been the site of any event that's provided cause for people to flock into that area. That figures to change this weekend when the first Heart of the City Festival begins Saturday morning.

An opportunity for the community to hold its first event in Heart of the City Park since its dedication in October, the festival begins at 10 a.m. Saturday. The first day's activities will wrap up at 6 p.m., but the celebration will resume on Sunday for a noon to 5 p.m. run.

Admission to the festival is free and those who make the trip downtown will find numerous food vendors, as well as a plethora of artisans from throughout the southwestern United States displaying and selling their works.

That means festival-goers will have an opportunity to gorge themselves on turkey legs, barbecue, sausage on a stick and the like, while browsing for bargains in marble art, clothing, jewelry, ceramics, pottery, woodwork, floral arrangements and more.

Simply put, the festival will feature the same opportunities for shopping that Howard County residents have come to expect twice each year at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum, but will be staged outdoors on what promises to be a beautiful, sunny summer weekend.

Join us this weekend at Heart of the City Park for two days of fun, food and shopping that showcases one of our community's newest beautification projects.

We're certain you'll find it an enjoyable experience.

OTHER VIEWS

The U.S. Supreme Court ruled recently that the government cannot use technology to circumvent its citizens' constitutional rights.

The court ruled specifically that police cannot use thermal imaging technology to examine private homes and determine what is going on within those homes without a warrant.

The ruling written by Justice Antonin Scalia for the court's majority is a marvelous defense of constitutional rights in the face of developing technology.

Scalia pointed out that if the government uses technology to gain information it previously could have gained only by entering a home, it is conducting a search and must have a warrant.

Government lawyers had contended that the use of the imager did not amount to a search because it merely measured the heat coming from the outside of the house.

But Scalia correctly argued that as technology improves, police would be able to perform more and more intrusive examinations of private homes.

The Fourth Amendment's guarantee of privacy within our own homes is one of our most sacred freedoms. The court's decision upholds the quality of that protection into the future and prevents it from being eroded by ever-improving technology. It will be a critically beneficial ruling for future generations.

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Bilingual education: Congress won't listen

If you've ever wondered why Americans are so skeptical of Congress' ability to solve problems, the strange history of bilingual education provides a perfect case history.

In 1968, Congress approved \$7.5 million for the first federal bilingual education program to help Mexican-American children in the Southwest learn English. The program was supposed to be temporary, and it was designed to teach English to children in the program within three years.

Thirty-three years later, Congress has bumped up the spending authorization on the program nearly 100-fold to \$750 million next year. And the Senate version of pending legislation would increase spending authorization to \$2.8 billion by 2008. Meanwhile, the program itself has failed to teach English to the children enrolled, so that they now languish in special bilingual classes for five,

seven, even eight years or longer.

But parents and taxpayers have begun to revolt. In California and Arizona, voters vetoed bilingual education in favor of English immersion programs with statewide ballot initiatives in 1998 and 2000. And now Colorado voters may have the same opportunity in 2002, thanks largely to the generosity and organizational skills of Silicon Valley entrepreneur Ron Unz, who funded the California and Arizona efforts as well.

Unz and a group of Colorado parents recently announced the formation of "English for the Children," a campaign to gather enough signatures to put an anti-bilingual initiative on the ballot next year. A similar effort by many of the same parents and Hispanic activists last year, in which I was involved, was derailed by the Colorado Supreme Court. Although supporters of the initiative had already gathered two-thirds of the signatures needed, the Court dismissed as prejudicial ballot language that said English should be taught "as rapidly and effectively as possible." Unz may well run into the same problem this year,

but with better funding and a longer lead time to rewrite his initiative if it fails to pass court muster, his chances of success are considerably better.

No doubt opponents of the initiative will claim it is anti-Hispanic, a charge they made in California and Arizona as well. But the real damage to Hispanics has come from bilingual education itself. Just ask Rita Montero, a former member of the Denver school board who is helping lead the effort to replace bilingual education with English immersion. Montero, a one-time bilingual supporter, became disillusioned with the program when her son was placed in a bilingual classroom in first grade. The school put him in the program because Montero answered a survey required of all Hispanic parents, which asked whether a language other than English is ever used in the home.

Although Montero and her son are both fully fluent in English, the family occasionally spoke Spanish as well, so the school placed her son in the bilingual program.

At first, she thought the bilingual program might give her son the opportunity to learn both languages.

Instead, she found that the program taught neither language well, and she worried her son would fall behind in school. But when she requested that he be removed from the bilingual classroom, the school refused. She had to remove him from the school altogether in order to have him placed in a regular classroom.

Stories like Montero's occur by the thousands, which is why the Unz initiatives have proved so popular with Hispanic parents themselves. In every state where the initiative has made it on the ballot, the effort has been led by local Hispanic parents, teachers and community activists.

So why hasn't Congress gotten the message? Instead of listening to parents whose children are actually subjected to bilingual programs that deny them the opportunity to learn English, Congress does the bidding of the bilingual education lobby. It's a typical story: When a program fails to achieve what it promises, increase the money.

The worse the failure, the more money Congress pours into it. And unfortunately, the pattern hasn't changed with Republicans in control.



Just who can sing the Blues?

I get all sorts of email from high school buddies, relatives and friends. I usually discard them immediately, since most of them are just pap. Cuz Bill sent me one the other day I think I'll share with you, in case you somehow have been out of the country and missed it. It's about the Blues.

Blues cars: Chevys, Fords, Cadillacs and broken-down trucks. Blues don't travel in Volvos, BMWs or Sport Utility Vehicles. Most Blues transportation is a Greyhound bus or a south-bound train. Jet aircraft ain't even in the running. Walkin' plays a major part in the Blues lifestyle. So does fixin' to die.

Teenagers can't sing the Blues. They ain't fixin' to die yet. Adults sing the Blues. In Blues, adulthood means being old enough to get the electric chair if you

shoot a man in Memphis.

Blues can take place in New York City, but not in Hawaii or any place in Canada. Hard times in Minneapolis or Seattle is probably just clinical depression. Chicago, St. Louis and Kansas City are still the best places to have the Blues. You cannot have the Blues in any place that don't get rain.

A man with male pattern baldness ain't the Blues. A woman with male pattern baldness is. Breaking you leg cause you skiing is not the Blues.

Breaking, you leg 'cause a alligator be chompin' on it is. You can't have no Blues in a office or shopping mall. The lighting is wrong. Go outside to the parking lot or sit by the dumpster.

Good places for the Blues: highway, jailhouse, empty bed, bottom of a whiskey glass.

Bad places: Dillard's, gallery openings, Ivy League Institutions.

No one will believe it's the Blues if you wear a suit 'less you happen to be an old ethnic person and you sleep in it.

Blues beverages are cheap wine, whiskey or bourbon, muddy water, nasty black coffee. These are NOT Blues beverages: Perrier, Chardonnay, Snapple and Slim Fast.

If death occurs in a cheap motel or a shotgun shack, it's a Blues death. Stabbed in the back by a jealous lover is another Blues way to die. So is substance abuse and dying lonely on a broken down cot. You can't have a Blues death if you die during a tennis match or getting liposuction.

Some Blues names: Sadie, Big Mama, Bessie, Fat River Dimppling, Joe, Willie, Little Willie, Big Willie. Persons with names like Michelle, Amber, Debbie and Heather can't sing the Blues.

Make your own Blues name starter kit: a. Name a physical infirmity (blind, cripple, lame, etc.) b. The second name should be a fruit (lemon, lime, kiwi) 3. The Third name should be the name of a dead president (Jefferson, Johnson, Fillmore.) For instance, Braces Banana Jackson.

If you own a computer you cannot sing the Blues.

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WASHINGTON President Bush's drive for a Mexico with limit Mexican access to U.S. lawmakers' restrictions before becoming a member of the Teamsters business inside of the 100th Congress. The vote was 285-141.

The Department of Safety permitted Mexican trucks to travel throughout the States.

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Critics in administration saying that the cuts would be in state of Texas

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WASHINGTON Charities that social service with government will have to be left out of aspects of the GOP negotiations allowing stall to move forward

That was one of new protection church a House Republican Bush administration to Tuesday a differences over allowing religious to compete for money in 10 programs.

President Bush lined his vision on legislation on the House, though tradition had been precisely how should be written his advisers to support the bill into the House did not include guards to win Democrats or pass muster in Those con

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House hands Bush setback on Mexico trade

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush suffered an embarrassing setback in his drive for freer trade with Mexico with a House vote to limit Mexican truckers' access to U.S. roads. But lawmakers predicted the restrictions will be eased before becoming law.

In a move that surprised the Teamsters union and business interests on either side of the issue, the House voted 285-143 on Tuesday to bar the Transportation Department from issuing safety permits that would let Mexican trucks operate throughout the United States.

The Senate has yet to vote on the issue.

As part of the 8-year-old North American Free Trade Agreement, Bush had announced plans to let Mexican trucks begin making deliveries throughout this country starting next January. They currently are restricted to a narrow commercial zone just north of the Mexican border.

The vote was a blow to a president who as former

Texas governor has long pushed for closer commercial ties to Mexico and who is a staunch advocate of freer trade.

And it came on the very day that Mexican President Vicente Fox told executives and directors of The Associated Press that the slumping U.S. economy was hurting Mexico's hopes for prosperity.

He also spoke of the close, cooperative relationship he has with Bush.

"We're going to work with Congress to ensure the final bill is consistent with our obligations under NAFTA and to ensure all U.S. safety standards are met," said White House spokeswoman Claire Buchanan. She called Tuesday's vote "the first step in the process."

Making Bush's defeat even more stinging was that 82 Republicans joined 201 Democrats and two independents in voting to restrict the Mexican trucks.

The amendment was proposed by Rep. Martin Sabo, D-Minn., after the House voted 219-205 against his

offer of a milder provision that would have required Mexican trucking companies and their vehicles to be inspected before the trucks enter the United States.

Bush has proposed permitting Mexican companies that say they comply with U.S. safety standards to operate here for 18 months while their claims are verified.

"This was a strong message to the administration that the public and Congress feel very strong about the safety issues involved," Sabo said.

Even so, he predicted the provision "will be modified" before Congress completes it, perhaps requiring the inspections he initially favored.

House Majority Leader Dick Armey, R-Texas, agreed, saying of the vote: "I don't think that that's a big deal."

He attributed the vote — in which 38 percent of Republicans supported Sabo — to pressure from labor. "A lot of people were probably feeling they could be

friendly to the Teamsters," he said.

The union, which endorsed Democratic presidential candidate Al Gore last year, has 1.4 million members, including 120,000 in the freight industry.

The issue pitted the Teamsters and some traffic safety groups against the American Trucking Association, representing trucking companies, and the businesses that ship goods with them.

Under NAFTA, Mexican trucks were to have full access to U.S. roads by January 2000. Citing safety concerns and feeling pressure from organized labor, the Clinton administration blocked that from happening.

But a NAFTA arbitration panel ruled in February that the United States was violating the treaty. Bush had pledged to honor the free-trade agreement.

The truck-safety fight came as the House approved a \$59.1 billion transportation bill for the 2002 budget year, which begins Oct. 1.

Wild rat is downfall for hungry alligator

BUFFALO, N.Y. (AP) — Note to New York City: Alligators grow bigger in Buffalo.

A 4-foot American alligator, weighing about 80 pounds, was in custody Wednesday after being snared by a city animal control officer.

It wasn't a chicken-baited trap that led to the critter's capture, but a wild rat that swam too close to its jaws.

Animal control officer Chuck Loubert Jr. spotted the gator late Tuesday in Scajaquada Creek, in an area where the stream runs under bridges.

"I seen the two eyes glowing in the water," Loubert said. "There was a rat practically 2 feet from me. (The gator) was just treading water until he seen

that rat."

With the gator distracted by the rat, Loubert looped a dog snare around the reptile's neck.

The animal was believed to have been set free by someone who had it for a pet.

Earlier Tuesday, animal control officers had to suspend their hunt because of spectators and amateur gator trappers.

"Everybody was using motorboats, and people on the bridge were throwing rocks and spitting at my men," said Frank Poincelot, the city's head pest control and wildlife officer. "We had guys setting traps with chicken up and down the creek. Shame on everybody for doing this."

Rumsfeld to propose cutting B-1 bomber force

WASHINGTON (AP) — In a break with its Cold War past, the Pentagon is proposing cuts in the Air Force's fleet of B-1B Lancers, the sleek bomber originally built to penetrate Soviet air defenses in the event of nuclear war.

Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld included the cost-saving step in the administration's amended 2002 defense budget, which is to be submitted to Congress on Wednesday.

Two senior defense officials discussed the B-1B decision Tuesday on condition of anonymity after word leaked to members of Congress whose states and districts would be affected by the cuts.

The defense officials portrayed Rumsfeld's decision as an effort to seek greater efficiencies in a military that is still struggling to make the transition from Cold War roles and missions.

Critics in Congress accused the administration of playing politics, noting that the only two B-1B bases left would be in President Bush's home state of Texas and South Dakota, the

home state of Senate Majority Leader Tom Daschle.

The Air Force says the B-1Bs cost more than \$200 million apiece. There originally were 104; 93 remain. The last one was built in 1988.

Rumsfeld is asking Congress for authority to eliminate about 30 of the B-1Bs and consolidate the remaining fleet at just two bases — Dyess Air Force Base in Texas and Ellsworth Air Force Base in South Dakota.

The change would end the B-1B mission for the 116th Bomb Wing at Robins Air Force Base near Macon, Ga., and the Kansas Air National Guard's 184th Bomb Wing at McConnell Air Force Base in Wichita.

The consolidation would also affect a smaller number of bombers assigned to Mountain Home Air Force Base in Idaho.

The administration's amended 2002 budget request calls for defense spending of \$329 billion, which is \$18.4 billion more than Bush had requested earlier this year.

Savings from reducing the B-1B fleet

would be part of \$1 billion in total savings in the 2002 budget amendment, officials said.

The B-1B decision would appear to indicate that Rumsfeld intends to keep the Air Force's fleet of B-52 bombers. The irony of that is that the B-1B originally was proposed as a replacement for the B-52, which has been flying since the Vietnam War and is expected to last another 30 years.

Members of Congress from affected states were not happy.

"This is wrong. It stinks," said Sen. Zell Miller, D-Ga. He said it could mean the elimination of 800 to 900 jobs in Georgia. The Air Force has not yet completed a \$90 million complex at Robins to house the B-1s, which moved there five years ago.

Sen. Pat Roberts, R-Kan., a member of the Senate Armed Services Committee, accused the Air Force of playing politics.

"South Dakota is the home of the majority leader of the Senate. Texas is the home of the president. I have a little feeling about this," Roberts said.

GOP negotiators reach accord on religious charities legislation

WASHINGTON (AP) — Charities that want to run social service programs with government money will have to let participants opt out of any religious aspects of their programs, GOP negotiators agreed, allowing stalled legislation to move forward in the House.

That was one of a handful of new protections separating church and state that House Republicans and the Bush administration agreed to Tuesday as they settled differences over legislation allowing religious charities to compete for government money in 10 social service programs.

President Bush has outlined his vision for the legislation on several occasions, though his administration had never detailed precisely how the law should be written. Some of his advisers were loathe to support the bill introduced into the House, fearing it did not include enough safeguards to win support of Democrats or, possibly, to pass muster in the courts.

Those concerns were

shared by Judiciary Committee Chairman James Sensenbrenner, R-Wis., who refused to move the legislation until they were addressed.

Sensenbrenner's concerns were "driving everyone kind of crazy," said Rep. Mark Souder, R-Ind., a long-time supporter of giving government money to religious charities. But they were important, he said.

"It's better to err on the side of caution than to plunge ahead and not be able to get a bill passed or get sued on our weak link," said Souder.

The Judiciary Committee is expected to consider the revised bill on Thursday.

At issue were protections both for participants in religious social-service programs and for churches that might offer programs using government money.

Under the agreement, participants in social-service programs will be allowed to sit out any religious aspects, a concession by conservatives, according to officials on Capitol Hill and in the Bush administration

who spoke on condition of anonymity.

In addition, House Republicans have agreed to make it clear that if group takes money directly from the government, it must keep its religious programming or proselytizing separate from its secular, government-funded programming, an official said.

Churches will be encouraged to set up separate, non-profit organizations to run their government programs in order to keep tax dollars separate from private church money. If they set up separate organizations, their church accounts will be protected from financial audits or lawsuits that arise from the government programs, the officials said.

These separate organizations may still be religious in nature — they will just be distinct from the church or synagogue.

Finally, religious charities that get government money will be allowed to consider religion when they hire staff. But they won't be allowed to consider someone's religious practices.



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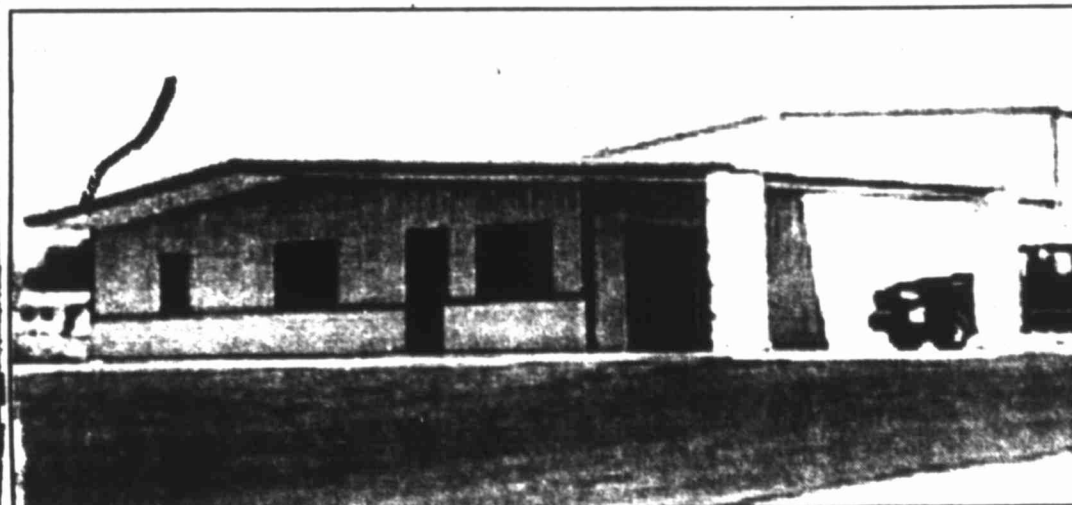
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Children can discover endless possibilities through reading

Between the covers of a book, a child can discover endless possibilities. Jasmine Ng, an associate with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service's Partner for Parenting program, suggests it's never too soon to begin reading to a child.



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Through reading, parents and caregivers not only provide loving interaction for children, they can also expand the child's world of learning.

"Experts have suggested that reading to children should start when they are very young, as young as a few months of age," says Ng. "Babies a few months old can even point at pictures in a book."

There are several benefits of reading to children. Reading, says Ng, provides opportunities for parents to bond with their children through conversation and physical proximity because most young children like to sit on laps when reading. It also helps children to develop listening skills and build their vocabulary bank.

"Even though they might not know how to write or spell yet, they can recognize the syllables and learn the meanings of the words. Along the same line, when parents are reading with their children, they can connect the two parts of the complex process of comprehension — listening and reading — together."

"If parents can direct their children's attention to the words while they are reading to them, they might be able to pick up the connection faster," notes Ng.

Reading also introduces new concepts to children. Besides basic concepts like letters, numbers and color, they can learn about shapes and shadows, animals of different kinds and different cultures.

Ng considers it very important that reading can

Bowie portrait sells at auction for \$321,875

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — The only known portrait of Alamo hero James Bowie has been sold to an unidentified Texan who paid \$321,875 for it at an auction in California.

A spokesman for Butterfields Auctioneers in San Francisco said the Texan phoned in his winning bid Tuesday. The entire Bowie collection sold for nearly \$475,000.

Bowie's French eaglehead officer's sword went for \$40,625 and an ornate silver-mounted flintlock rifle owned by Bowie's brother Rezin sold for \$68,875.

The three items were the most coveted from the estate of Muriel Vernet Moore, a descendant of Rezin Bowie's.

Moore, who lived in New Orleans, died in 1991.

The 35-by-28-inch oil painting had hung in Moore's house since the 19th century. She fiercely guarded the painting, turning down a number of requests for it, including one in 1985 from then-Gov. Mark White. He had recommended that she donate it to the Alamo.

meet the emotional needs of children. "They can enjoy humor and laughter when engaged in books and can also learn from characters in books who deal with common childhood fears."

To enjoy all the benefits of reading, parents need to choose the right kinds of books for children, recommends Ng. "Consider the child's cognitive level."

Especially for the first two years, children's books should be very stimulating.

Books that allow them to feel different textures and show sharp contrast in colors are wonderful for this age group.

Ng adds that parent's should use the number of sentences per page as a guide to determine whether the book is appropriate for a certain age.

"A simple rule to follow is one to two sentences per page for 2 to 3 year-olds, three to four sentences per page for the 4 to 5 year-olds

and five or more sentences per page for the 6 to 7 year-old."

Additionally, parents can consider books that introduce children to different social circumstances, either negative and positive, Ng says.

Parents can also widen a child's learning capacity through books. "It is advised to choose books of different types," adds Ng.

Above all, a parent who loves to read is the best

role model for his or her child to develop a love of reading, says Ng.

"By reading to them and showing them pictures in story books, parents can cultivate the love of reading in their young children or even babies."

The following are examples of the types of books:

Picture story books: "Where the Wild Things Are" by Maurice Sendak.

Poetry: "Something Big Has Been There" by Jack

Prelutsky.

Participation books: "The Toy Box" by Mary H. Heyward.

Finger plays: "Games For the Very Young" by Elizabeth Matternson. ABC's and counting books: "Bicycle Race" by Donald Crews.

Concept and informational books: "Shadows and Reflection" by Tana Hoban.

Folklore: "Jack and the Beanstalk" by Joseph Jacobs.

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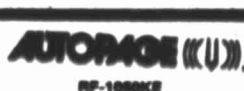
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In our 6/24 insert we advertised men's and misses' patriotic tees. Due to quality issues, these items are no longer available. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause our customers.

IN B

Rose Magee volleyball

The Rose Magee Volleyball Club held July 14-15.

The camp is to second grade high school students. Fees for second graders is \$50 for sixth graders and school athletes. Sessions for will be 9 a.m. p.m., while grades 2-5 from 2 p.m. to school campers from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Game strategy as fundamental volleyball stressed.

Registration mailed to Tr 2711 Rebecca 79720.

For more call Pierce at 264-3662.

Black Gold set for July

The Big Spring Gold Tennis has been scheduled July 13-15 at the Tennis Center. Comanche Trail Play will be in boys and girls doubles and singles in five age groups. Fees will be event, \$20 for for three. Entries received no July 6. For more call Wendy Ju 5485.

YMCA swim weeks comp

The Big Spring Swim Team is competing in meets. Practice sessions held Monday, Thursday morning. To be eligible, youngsters must be able to complete the YMCA pool. For more call the YMCA.

Annual Coahuila ragball tournament

There will be a tournament Saturday, July 14, at Coahoma Little League park. For more contact Rocky 4041.

Senior Class ragball tournament

There will be a tournament Saturday, July 14, at the Big Spring School senior center. Friday and Saturday, July 13-14.

The entry fee is \$10. For more contact Britta 267-1011.

ACS still of Texas Golf

The American Cancer Society is again the Texas Golf Association. The state's 289 courses are the state. The passes and proceed program by Cancer Society education program patient service. Both the Country Course are in the program forms are at the two courses. For more call 1-800-ACS.

ON THE

Television BASEBALL 6 p.m. — Los Dodgers at San Giants, ESPN.

IN BRIEF

Rose Magers-Powell volleyball camp set

The Rose Magers-Powell Volleyball Camp will be held July 16-18 at Steer Gym.

The camp which is open to second graders through high school seniors.

Fees for second to fifth graders is \$55, it will be \$70 for sixth to eighth graders and \$95 for high school athletes.

Sessions for grades 6-8 will be 9 a.m. until 12:30 p.m., while those in grades 2-5 will attend from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. High school campers will work from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m.

Game strategy, as well as fundamentals of playing volleyball will be stressed.

Registration fees may be mailed to Traci Pierce at 2711 Rebecca, Big Spring 79720.

For more information, call Pierce at 267-4047 or 264-3662.

Black Gold tourney set for July 13-15

The Big Spring Black Gold Tennis Tournament has been scheduled for July 13-15 at the Figure 7 Tennis Center in Comanche Trail Park.

Play will be conducted in boys and girls singles, doubles and mixed doubles in five age divisions.

Fees will be \$15 for one event, \$20 for two and \$25 for three.

Entries must be received no later than July 6.

For more information, call Wendy Justiss at f398-5485.

YMCA swim team seeks competitors

The Big Spring YMCA Swim Team is currently competing in long course meets.

Practice sessions are held Monday through Thursday mornings.

To be eligible to compete, youngsters must be able to complete a lap of the YMCA pool.

For more information, call the YMCA at 267-8234.

Annual Coahoma ragball tournament

There will be a ragball tournament Friday and Saturday, July 27, at the Coahoma Little League park.

For more information contact Rocky New at 394-4041.

Senior Class to hold ragball tournament

There will be a ragball tournament sponsored by the Big Spring High School senior class on Friday and Saturday, July 13-14.

The entry fee is \$100 per team.

For more information contact Brittany Bryant at 267-1011.

ACS still offering Texas Golf Pass

The American Cancer Society is again offering the Texas Golf Pass that entitles holders to more than 680 rounds of golf at 289 courses throughout the state.

The passes are \$35 each and proceeds from the program benefit the Cancer Society's research, education programs and patient services efforts.

Both the Big Spring Country Club and Comanche Trail Golf Course are participating in the program and order forms are available at the two courses.

For more information, call 1-800-ACS-2345.

ON THE AIR

Television

6 p.m. — Los Angeles Dodgers at San Francisco Giants, ESPN, Ch. 30.

Volleyball question at Coahoma to be solved Thursday night

By DOUG LAW
Sports Editor

Coahoma High School will learn if they can adopt volleyball after the Board of Trustees of the Coahoma Independent School District hold their Thursday night meeting.

"We have a lot of student support for the program," Coahoma Superintendent Bill Kingston said. "We've held surveys among our students at the junior high school and high school (which have been posi-

tive). The survey responses were very positive among the students, he said, but their were dissenting views from the public.

"Some people are very for the volleyball program and some are strongly against it," he said. "Some question whether a school our size needs another sport since there are lots of activities here now. They feel it will be the same athletes involved in another sport. Others want to be involved in volleyball."

Most of the controversy over adding volleyball at Coahoma seems to be center around the question, whether the students need another sport.

"This is not a money issue," superintendent Kingston said. "I don't know which way the decision will go."

At present, Coahoma High School offers basketball, cross country, track, softball and power lifting for the girls while the boys have football, cross country, track, basket-

ball, baseball and power lifting.

Kingston said there was plenty of support for volleyball in 3A and A-level schools but only three 2A schools in the area which compete in volleyball and they are Colorado City, Plains and Tahoka.

Coahoma is a 2A-level school and if they adopt volleyball they would have few 2A competitors in the nearby area although there are plenty of A-level schools.

"It's going to be interesting," Kingston said.

Agassi, Rafter after shot at Sampras

WIMBLEDON, England (AP) — It's the same old Wimbledon story for Andre Agassi and Pat Rafter as they aim for another semifinal showdown. They just hope the ending changes.

If it does, Pete Sampras' amazing mastery of the All England Club's grass courts — seven titles in the last eight years — will have taken an odd bounce.

If it doesn't, Agassi and Rafter might not get another shot at the championship at their advanced tennis ages.

"There's a good chance it will be my last year" on the tour, Rafter, 28, said Tuesday. "I'm sort of pretty excited to have a bit of a life and see if I like it or not."

Agassi has no such plans, but he is 31.

"I don't know how my career's going to end or, really, when it's going to end," he said. "I can say that I hope it ends at the time when I just can't really do it anymore, can't win anymore."

He and Rafter, seeded second and third, still can win Wimbledon this year, but are in the same half of the draw and can't meet in the final. Their only chance to play top-seeded Sampras would be in the final, and he's won the last four Wimbledons.

"He's very tough to beat here," Agassi said, smiling at his huge understatement.

In Tuesday's first round, Agassi beat Peter Wessels of the Netherlands, 7-6 (1), 6-4, 6-4, and Rafter topped Daniel Vacek of the Czech Republic, 6-2, 7-6 (7), 6-3. Sampras, 29, already is in to the second round by winning Monday.

The Wimbledon lives of Sampras, Agassi and Rafter have been intertwined in a strange coincidence that brings them together when the tournament approaches its climax.

In 1999, Agassi beat Rafter in the semifinals only to lose to Sampras in the final. Last year, it was Rafter's turn to beat Agassi in the semis, but Sampras knocked off the Australian for the championship.

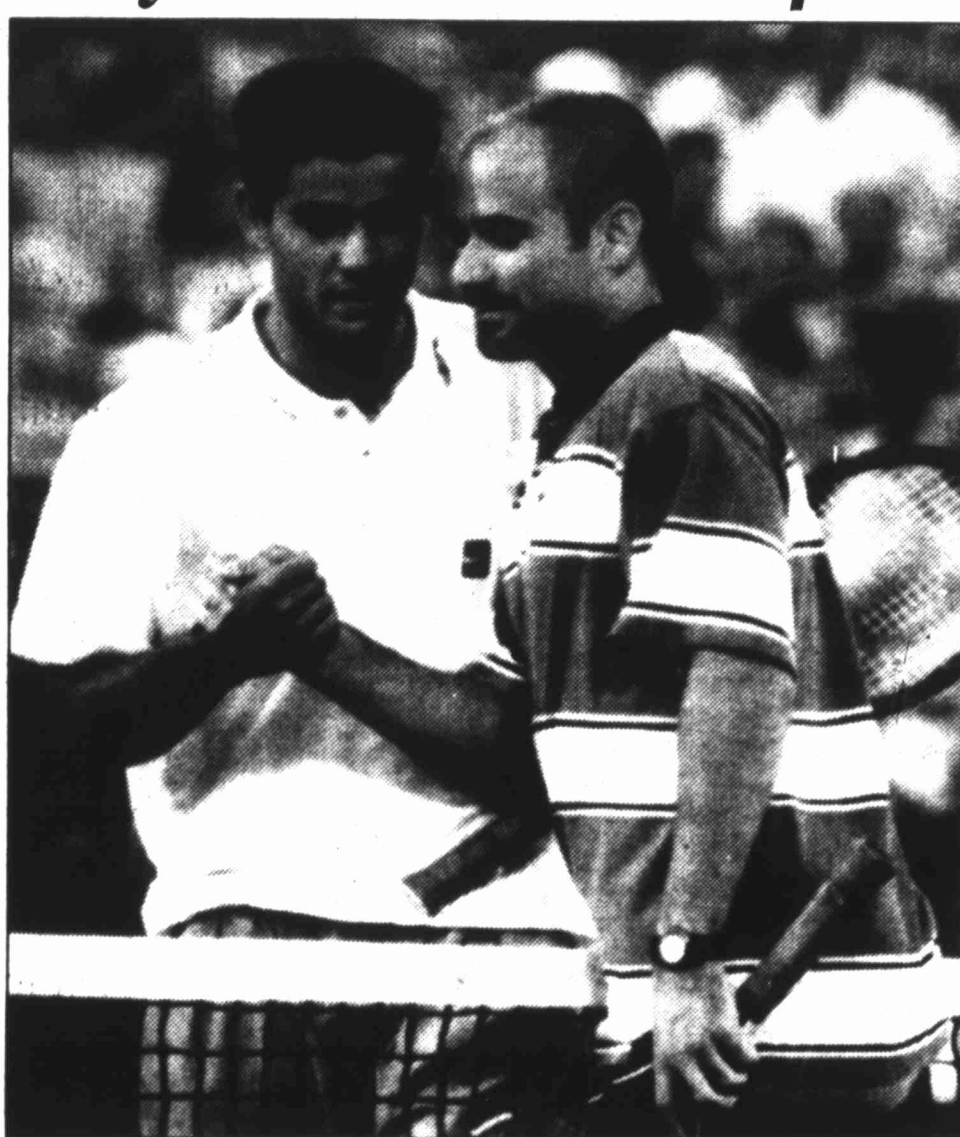
"I was nervous. I choked," Rafter said. "I think I now know that I have a good chance of winning. Last year gave me that little bit extra confidence."

He and Agassi joined an impressive list of Sampras' victims at Centre Court with the championship on the line: Boris Becker, Jim Courier, Goran Ivanisevic and Cedric Pioline.

In fact, starting with his 1993 trip to the title, Sampras is 54-1 at Wimbledon. His only loss came in the 1996 quarterfinals to Richard Krajicek, who went on to hoist the championship trophy.

The last champion before Sampras began his domination was Agassi, the 1992 winner over Ivanisevic. Even then, Sampras was on his way; he made it to the semifinals against Ivanisevic.

He's 60-5 at Wimbledon and was impressive in his opening match Monday.



Andre Agassi, shown here congratulating Pete Sampras on a U.S. Open win, will be gunning for the defending champion again at Wimbledon. But he figures to have to beat Patrick Rafter to get that opportunity.

"Pete seemed just to do everything that he needed to do," Agassi said. "What a shocker, huh?"

Tuesday's crowd of 41,320, the largest in Wimbledon's 115-year history, saw no surprises among the top players, certainly none like Monday's loss by top-seeded Martina Hingis.

Defending champion Venus Williams, 1999 winner Lindsay Davenport and fifth-seeded Lleyton Hewitt all won in straight sets.

Williams won for the first time since mid-May at the Hamburg Open as she played her first match since May 28, when she lost in the first round of the French Open.

"I don't think I'll ever get over it," she said. "I don't think I worked hard enough. I deserve to be in this position, but it's OK. I'm not doing that bad."

She's excited to be standing on some of tennis' most hallowed ground.

"Any time you come to Wimbledon, in my opinion, you just have to feel motivated, especially when you walk out on Centre Court," she said. "There's really no better feeling."

Davenport showed she's a legitimate contender after missing three months with a knee injury, then winning her Wimbledon tuneup at Eastbourne last Saturday.

"I was so nervous before I played (Tuesday) because I just want to do so well here," she said. "It's always been tough for me the first round or two in Grand Slams."

Davenport beat Martina Sucha of Slovakia 6-3, 6-3, while Williams eliminated Shinobu Asagoe of Japan 6-2, 6-3. Neither winner has had an outstanding year.

"Things normally turn around," Davenport said.

For the men angling to knock off Sampras, that better happen soon.

"I'm experienced enough not to get ahead of myself," said Agassi, who played his 200th Grand Slam match Tuesday. "At the same time, I'm still trying to make sure I step up with the same intensity. Every year, it does get harder."

Rafter could get another shot at the champ after winning his first match on Centre Court since losing the final there a year ago.

"It's been a few times now I've been on that court. I felt more and more comfortable every time I walk on it," Rafter said.

Even when he lost the last three sets after winning the first against Sampras in the 2000 final?

"I had my opportunity," he said, "and I slipped."

Martinez walks off in pain, Rocker stop Yankees

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

John Rocker ran in from the bullpen at Yankee Stadium and shut down New York. Pedro Martinez walked off the mound at Fenway Park and may be shut down.

Martinez was pulled in the fifth inning with pain in his right shoulder Tuesday night in Boston's 7-6 win over Tampa Bay. The three-time Cy Young winner is likely headed to the disabled list.

"We haven't done it yet officially, but there's a pretty good chance," Red Sox manager Jimmy Williams said.

Martinez was to undergo tests Wednesday. Earlier this month, he missed a start because of shoulder soreness.

"We did everything in our power to keep this from happening again," pitching coach Joe Kerrigan said.

Rocker closed out Cleveland's 5-3 victory over New York. He sprinted in for the ninth inning — to loud boos — and struck out Chuck Knoblauch and Derek Jeter before getting Bernie Williams on a fly

ball.

Rocker did not have much to say after earning his second save with the Indians.

"Sorry guys, I've got important stuff to do," said the reliever, who muttered a curse toward the media as he walked away from his locker.

In other American League games, Seattle beat Oakland 7-3, Minnesota rallied past Chicago 7-6, Toronto topped Baltimore 3-1, Texas defeated Anaheim 8-1 and Kansas City downed Detroit 12-5.

In National League games, it was: Pittsburgh 7, Milwaukee 6 in 12 innings; Atlanta 4, Philadelphia 1 in 11 innings; Chicago 4, New York 2; Florida 3, Montreal 0; Cincinnati 10, St. Louis 9; San Diego 11, Colorado 3; Houston 10, Arizona 7; and Los Angeles 14, San Francisco 8.

The Red Sox beat Tampa Bay for the 11th straight time despite Martinez's early exit.

Martinez gave up four runs in 4 2/3 innings. Rolando Arrojo relieved and promptly served up a grand slam to Greg Vaughn.

Trot Nixon hit a grand slam for

Boston in the seventh. The Red Sox rallied for two runs in the eighth on Brian Daubach's RBI triple and Scott Hatteberg's bases-loaded walk.

Indians 5, Yankees 3

Einar Diaz and Roberto Alomar hit two-run homers and Kenny Lofton added a solo shot to lift Cleveland.

Charles Nagy beat the Yankees for the second time this season.

Mariners 7, Athletics 3

Mike Cameron hit a three-run homer and Seattle beat Oakland at Safeco Field.

The Mariners are 8-3 against the defending AL West champion A's. Seattle holds a season-high 21-game lead over Oakland.

Twins 7, White Sox 6

Pinch-hitter Denny Hocking lined a two-out, two-run triple to cap a four-run comeback in the bottom of the ninth inning at the Metrodome.

Minnesota rallied against Chicago relief ace Keith Foulke, and improved to 7-0 against the White Sox this season.

Jose Canseco hit his first homer with the White Sox and the 447th of his career. He has hit safely in all five games since joining Chicago.

Blue Jays 3, Orioles 1

Jose Cruz Jr. hit a two-run homer in the seventh inning and Toronto beat Baltimore at SkyDome.

Brad Fuller also connected for the Blue Jays, who have won five of their last six.

Jay Gibbons, picked off Toronto's roster last December, homered in his fifth straight game against his former team. Tony Batista, claimed off waivers from the Blue Jays the previous day, went 0-for-3.

Royals 12, Tigers 5

Brent Mayne, playing his first game since being traded back to

See ROUNDUP, Page 3B

SPORTS EXTRA

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL

AMERICAN LEAGUE
BOSTON RED SOX—Placed RHP Rich Garces on the 15-day disabled list. Recalled RHP Sun Woo Kim from Pawtucket of the International League.

CLEVELAND INDIANS—Activated 1B-OF Wm Cordero from the 15-day disabled list. Optioned RHP David Riske to Buffalo of the International League.

KANSAS CITY ROYALS—Called up RHP Jeff Austin from Omaha of the PCL. Optioned C Hector Ortiz to Omaha.

OAKLAND ATHLETICS—Recalled C Greg Myers from Sacramento of the PCL. Placed 1B-OF Mario Valdez on the 60-day disabled list.

TEXAS RANGERS—Sold the contract of RHP Brian Skovski to Chiba Lotte of the Japanese Pacific League.

TORONTO BLUE JAYS—Placed 2B Homer Bush on the 15-day disabled list. Purchased the contract of RHP Brian Bowles from Syracuse of the International League.

NATIONAL LEAGUE
CHICAGO CUBS—Recalled OF Roosevelt Brown from Iowa of the PCL. Optioned INF Julio Zuleta to Iowa.

HOUSTON ASTROS—Agreed to terms with OF Charrton Jernison and LHP Russel Rohlke.

MILWAUKEE BREWERS—Activated RHP Paul Rodon from the 15-day disabled list. Optioned OF Alex Sanchez to Indianapolis of the International League.

MONTREAL EXPOS—Activated RHP Mike Thurman from the 15-day disabled list.

NEW YORK METS—Activated OF Jay Payton from the 15-day disabled list. Assigned OF Alex Escobar to Norfolk of the International League.

BASKETBALL
National Basketball Association
BOSTON CELTICS—Exercised their 2001-02 option on C Mark Blount.

PHILADELPHIA 76ERS—Acquired a second-round pick in the 2001 NBA draft, 37th overall, from the Los Angeles Clippers for cash.

FOOTBALL
National Football League
CHICAGO BEARS—Signed S Michael Dumas. Waived S Shawn Woodson.

CINCINNATI BENGALS—Waived OL Anthony Byrd.

NEW ENGLAND SAINTS—Agreed to terms with G Chris Naeole on a two-year contract.

NEW YORK JETS—Signed RB Maurice Clark.

AL LEADERS
BATTING—Suzuki, Seattle, .352; Ramirez, Boston, .351; J.G. Ramirez, Cleveland, .345; J.G. Ramirez, Cleveland, .342; McGuff, Tampa Bay, .339; Conine, Baltimore, .332.

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RBI—BBone, Seattle, 78.

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Boston	42	30	.583	—
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New York	42	33	.560	3
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Toronto	37	39	.487	8 1/2
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Baltimore	35	41	.461	10 1/2
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Tampa Bay	22	54	.289	23 1/2
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Central Division

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Cleveland	45	29	.608	—
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Minnesota	45	30	.600	1/2
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Chicago	36	37	.493	8 1/2
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Detroit	32	41	.438	12 1/2
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Kansas City	29	46	.387	16 1/2
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West Division

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Seattle	56	19	.747	—
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Anaheim	37	38	.493	19
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Oakland	35	40	.467	21
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Texas	29	46	.387	27
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Tuesday's Games

Toronto 3, Baltimore 1

Boston 7, Tampa Bay 6

Cleveland 5, N.Y. Yankees 3

Kansas City 12, Detroit 5

Minnesota 7, Chicago 6

Texas 8, Anaheim 1, 11 innings

Seattle 7, Oakland 3

Today's Games

Cleveland (Sabathia 7-2) at N.Y. Yankees (Mussina 7-7), 12:05 p.m.

Tampa Bay (Lopez 3-10) at Boston (Nomo 6-4), 6:05 p.m.

Baltimore (Mercedes 3-8) at Toronto (Loaiza 5-7), 6:05 p.m.

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East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
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Philadelphia	42	33	.560	—
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Atlanta	42	34	.553	1/2
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Florida	40	36	.526	2 1/2
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New York	33	45	.423	10 1/2
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Montreal	31	47	.397	12 1/2
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Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
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Chicago	45	30	.600	—
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Houston	40	35	.533	5
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St. Louis	40	36	.526	5 1/2
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Milwaukee	38	36	.513	6 1/2
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Cincinnati	29	46	.387	16
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Pittsburgh	27	47	.365	17 1/2
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West Division

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Arizona	46	31	.597	—
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San Francisco	36	41	.466	5
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Los Angeles	39	37	.513	6 1/2
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Colorado	37	40	.481	9
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San Diego	37	40	.481	9
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Tuesday's Games

Chicago Cubs 4, N.Y. Mets 2

Florida 3, Montreal 0

Pittsburgh 7, Milwaukee 6

Atlanta 4, Philadelphia 1

Cincinnati 10, St. Louis 9

San Diego 11, Colorado 3

Houston 10, Arizona 7

Los Angeles 14, San Francisco 8

Pittsburgh (Schmidt 3-3), 6:05 p.m.

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Florida at Philadelphia, 4:05 p.m.

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BATTING—L.Gonzalez, Arizona, .360; Berkman, Houston, .352; Alou, Houston, .352; Pujols, St. Louis, .349; L.Walker, Colorado, .347; Aulila, San Francisco, .342; Floyd, Florida, .338.

RUNS—Hilton, Colorado, 74; L.Gonzalez, Arizona, 69; L.Walker, Colorado, 67; Floyd, Florida, 64; Bonds, San Francisco, 62; Klesko, San Diego, 59; S.Sosa, Chicago, 58.

RBI—Hilton, Colorado, 81; L.Walker, Colorado, 76; L.Gonzalez, Arizona, 75; S.Sosa, Chicago, 71; Bonds, San Francisco, 70; Berkman, Houston, 65; Pujols, St. Louis, 64; Klesko, San Diego, 64.

HITS—L.Gonzalez, Arizona, 104; Aulila, San Francisco, 97; Pujols, St. Louis, 95; Berkman, Houston, 93; Bigles, Pittsburgh, 92; L.Walker, Colorado, 92; N.Perez, Colorado, 91; Floyd, Florida, 91.

DOUBLES—Hilton, Colorado, 26; Bigles, Pittsburgh, 25; V.Guerre, Montreal, 23; Abreu, Philadelphia, 23; Berkman, Houston, 22; Aulila, San Francisco, 22; Lowell, Florida, 21; Rolan, Philadelphia, 21; Kent, San Francisco, 21.

TRIPLES—Rollins, Philadelphia, 8; N.Perez, Colorado, 7; L.Castillo, Colorado, 6; Vina, St. Louis, 6; Cabrera, Montreal, 5; Ochoa, Cincinnati, 4; Womack, Arizona, 4.

HOME RUNS—Bonds, San Francisco, 39; L.Gonzalez, Arizona, 32; Hilton, Colorado, 25; L.Walker, Colorado, 24; S.Sosa, Chicago, 23; Drew, St. Louis, 21; Pujols, St. Louis, 20; Floyd, Florida, 20; Clones, Atlanta, 20.

STOLEN BASES—Rollins, Philadelphia, 24; L.Castillo, Florida, 24; Pierre, Colorado, 19; Fung, Atlanta, 18; Abreu, Philadelphia, 18; Gooden, Los Angeles, 18; Womack, Arizona, 18.

PITCHING (10 Decisions)—Schilling, Arizona, 11-2, .846, 2.84; Daal, Philadelphia, 8-2, .800, 4.66; Wilmer, Houston, 9-3, .750, 3.90; Hampton, Colorado, 8-3, .750, 3.60; Eaton, San Diego, 8-3, .727, 4.29; M.Morris, St. Louis, 10-4, 7.14, 2.74; Reed, New York, 7-3, .700, 2.96.

STRIKEOUTS—RD Johnson, Arizona, 179; Schilling, Arizona, 131; Wood, Chicago, 126; Park, Los Angeles, 122; Vazquez, Montreal, 101; Astacio, Colorado, 98; Maddux, Atlanta, 97.

SAVES—Nen, San Francisco, 22; Rocker, Atlanta, 19; Shaw, Los Angeles, 19; Mesa, Philadelphia, 18; Atencio, Florida, 16; Hoffman, San Diego, 16; BWagner, Houston, 15; McWilliams, Pittsburgh, 15.

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ROUNDUP

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Kansas City, tied a career high with four RBIs in a win over visiting Detroit.

Mayne, the Royals' first-round draft pick in 1999, was acquired Sunday from Colorado for pitcher Mac Suzuki and catcher Sal Fasano. Mayne hit a three-run double and a pair of singles.

Braves 4, Phillies 1

Rico Brogna hit a go-ahead sacrifice fly in the 11th and surging Atlanta won its fifth straight.

Visiting Atlanta pulled within a half-game of the

NL East-leading Phillies. The Braves are 15-8 in June and have gained 7 games on the slumping Phillies during the span.

The Braves have not lost since trading closer John Rocker last Friday.

Mike Remlinger (3-1) pitched a scoreless 10th for the win, and Jose Cabrera worked the 11th for his first save. Wayne Gomes (4-3) took the loss.

Cubs 4, Mets 2

Jon Lieber allowed two runs, and Gary Matthews Jr. sparked a seventh-inning rally with a two-run double as Chicago beat New

York.

Robin Ventura hit a solo homer and Timo Perez had an RBI double, but it wasn't enough as the visiting Mets lost their sixth in a row and dropped to 12 games below .500, their worst mark since 1996.

Lieber (9-4) won his third straight start, and Tom Gordon struck out the side in the ninth for his 13th save.

Kevin Appier (4-8) lost his third straight start.

Marlins 3, Expos 0

Brad Penny pitched one-hit ball for eight innings, striking out a team-record 13 as Florida beat Montreal. Penny (7-1) retired the

first 10 batters and held the visiting Expos hitless until Geoff Blum led off the sixth inning with a soft single to left. Penny broke the Marlins' regular-season record of 12 strikeouts set by Bobby Witt in 1995.

Antonio Alfonseca pitched a perfect ninth for his 17th save.

Mike Thurman (3-5) took the loss for the Expos in his first start since May 23.

Reds 10, Cardinals 9

Alex Ochoa led off the game with a homer, then scored the go-ahead run on a ninth-inning throwing error by reliever Gene Stechschulte (0-4) as Cincinnati won at St. Louis.

Ken Griffey Jr., who homered earlier, added an RBI single off Steve Kline in the ninth. Fernando Vina, who tied his career high with five RBIs for St. Louis, singled home a run in the ninth.

Scott Sullivan (2-1) got the victory.

Padres 11, Rockies 3

D'Angelo Jimenez, Mark Kotsay and Ryan Klesko each drove in two runs and visiting San Diego defeated Mike Hampton and Colorado for its fifth straight victory.

Phil Nevin hit his 19th homer, helping support Bobby Jones (4-10). Hampton (9-4) lost his sec-

ond straight outing for Colorado, which has lost eight of its last nine.

Astros 10, Diamondbacks 7

Moises Alou hit the first of Houston's five homers and robbed Mark Grace of a grand slam with a spectacular catch as the visiting Astros won their fourth in a row.

Octavio Dotel (5-4) was credited with the victory after striking out five in two relief innings, and Billy Wagner pitched the ninth for his 16th save in 17 tries.

Diamondbacks rookie Nick Bierbrodt (2-1) tied Brian Anderson's team record by allowing four home runs.

RANGERS

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pitch to left field for the go-ahead run.

"That was a big hit for me, and also for the team — especially in that situation," he said. "That's a hit that I hope will get me going. We'll see what happens."

Ricky Ledee followed with an RBI single, Mike Young drove in two with a ground-rule double. Frank Catalanotto hit a two-run single that chased Lukasiewicz, and Alex Rodriguez capped the rally with a sacrifice fly for another run.

"I don't think anybody likes to have an outing like that," Lukasiewicz said. "I made some good pitches, but I couldn't get any breaks. Everything they hit found a hole."

Jeff Zimmerman (3-4) pitched a perfect 10th to earn the victory, and Mike Venafro finished up.

Helling scattered eight

hits, struck out three and walked two in nine innings. But the right-hander still hasn't pitched a complete game in 59 starts — since Aug. 27, 1999, at Toronto.

With the score tied 1-1 in the sixth, Anaheim's Garret Anderson was tagged out by catcher Ivan Rodriguez in a rundown following a busted squeeze play with Orlando Palmeiro taking a pitch high and away.

Everyone in both clubhouses thought it was a pitchout, except for Helling.

"It wasn't a pitchout," he said. "Pudge called for a breaking ball first, and I shook him off for a fastball. Then when I came up to get set, he was set up way off the plate and I just assumed that meant he wanted me to miss off the plate, if I missed anywhere."

"Then I think he saw Garret creeping down the line, because he popped up right away. And as soon as I saw him pop up, I just tried to throw it to his glove."

NCAA

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tournament that does not take into account victories and the establishment of a watchdog group to monitor the largest of college sports programs.

The commission considered, but did not propose, a prohibition against basket-

ball players dropping out of college to join the NBA.

The commission instead recommended that the NBA and NFL set up minor leagues.

The plan was released one day before the NBA draft. Several of the top prospects are high school graduates who opted to skip college.

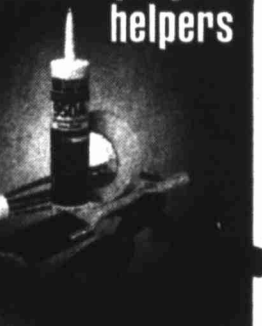


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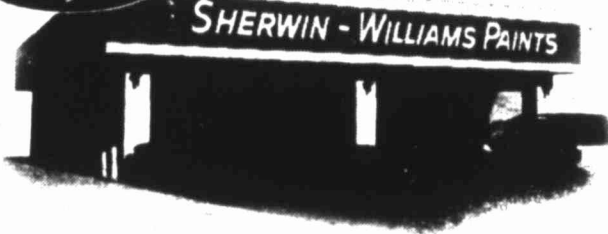


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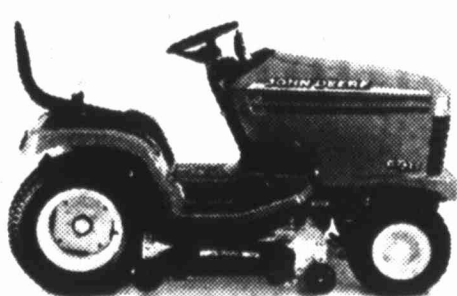
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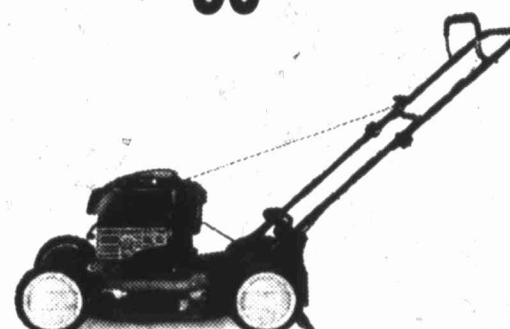
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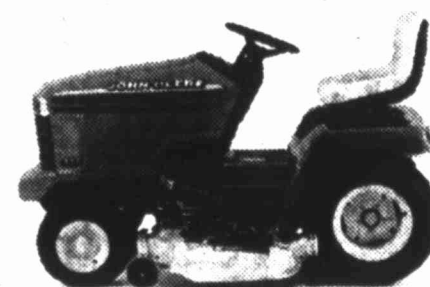
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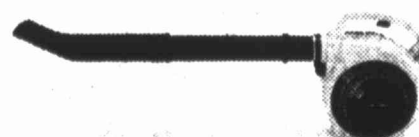


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The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
*** Confusion surrounds communication. Dreams could be significant. Start keeping a dream notebook. Others do a great job of listening: They take your words seriously. Brainstorm before you leap on to the next step. Research and sort through options. Tonight: Say yes.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
*** Honor a financial yel-

low alert. Mistakes are made easily. Check your work of recent weeks and make sure everything is accurate. An associate appreciates your efficiency and desire to nail down a problem. Don't forget to schedule an important appointment. Tonight: Clear errands.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
*** Creativity soars when confronting an unexpected problem. Others reverse their opinions once you present what you know. Allow another to think that this was his idea, and you'll gain as a result. Your status grows as your popularity builds. Tonight: Playtime.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
*** You might be edgy from a bad dream or a difficult night's sleep. Chill out and take the day off if you can. Otherwise, revamp your plans so that they work for you. You could be down, but that will pass soon enough if you don't pressure yourself. Tonight: Nap first, then decide.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
*** Straighten out your finances if need be, but at least double-check your figures. What seemed impossible might not be if you take a hard look at the path and not the objective.

Emphasize creativity and a special friendship. Make that important call. Tonight: Speak your mind.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
*** Spending a little might seem harmless, but trust that you still don't have all the facts. Information might be confusing. Listen to someone about an investment or change that could affect your home life. Curb any unusual impulsiveness. Ultimately, you'll be happier. Tonight: Do some summer shopping.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
*** Though others might waffle with insecurity, you stand ready to assume the lead and head off in a new direction. Your imagination helps you see what others cannot. Make calls and reach out for others. Enlist help if need be. Use that Libra charm. Tonight: Just ask.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
*** Just realize what is impossible and what is a possibility. You might be distorting facts to yourself, causing yourself damage in an important relationship. Continue to use financial caution, and you will ultimately gain. Remember that there is a tomorrow. Tonight: Answer e-mail.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
*** Keep your focus, especially while those around you might be especially uneven. See? You do know what you want. Relationships have the potential to sway, whether professional or personal. Use your strong intuition and pitch in to help others. Someone might not know how to express appreciation. Tonight: Join a friend for a fast game.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

**** Others look to you for explanations. It might be difficult to understand what is happening professionally. Someone you counted on is indecisive. Express your disappointment in this unfair turn of events. Act on your instincts with a boss or higher-up. You will gain ultimately. Tonight: In the limelight.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
**** Your thoughts finally impact someone as you had wished. Discussions please all parties. A friend helps you focus on a long-term desire. Let someone be your coach and encourage you if you falter. Good news surrounds a phone call or letter. Tonight: Consider your weekend plans.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
**** Deal with a trusted partner. You are right about what you think this person wants. Follow through on an important objective and go after a financial negotiation, even if it means acting as if you're not interested. Take action rather than sitting back. Tonight: Dinner for two.

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The residence of the Executor is in Howard County, Texas, and the address is 1803 Nolan Big Spring, Texas 79720.

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DOROTHY MCKENZIE, Executor
3237 June 27, 2001

Refusal to baby-proof home threatens friendship

Dear Ann Landers: I have a 13-month-old daughter who loves to explore and is into everything she can get her hands on. My husband and I have some friends who have a child a few months younger than "Ally." We enjoy this couple, and Ally likes her little playmate. The problem is, they refuse to baby-proof their home. I have asked them to put fragile items where Ally cannot reach them, cover their electrical outlets and lock those cabinets where there are medicines or household cleaners. They refuse. They say children should be disciplined and punished for getting into things, and it is the only way they will learn not to touch them. I am appalled by this attitude. Children are natural explorers. They should not be punished every time they touch something off-limits.



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When I visit my friends' home, I have to chase after Ally to make sure she doesn't destroy something precious or swallow something poisonous. I can never relax and be comfortable. This is so frustrating that I told them I will no longer visit until they baby-proof their home. Now they are angry, and say I am a lousy mother who has no control over my child.

Am I wrong to ask them to put things out of Ally's reach for a few hours so we can have a calm visit? How can I handle this without destroying what is otherwise a lovely friendship? -- Beside Myself in New York

Dear N.Y.: It is not safe for children to wander around a house where they can stick wet fingers into electrical sockets and open the cleanser in the cabinet under the sink. Your friends may discover the wisdom of baby-proofing their home once their child is crawling more.

While I agree that parents should be careful at all times, it can make for an unpleasant and nerve-racking visit if the

house isn't "child-friendly." If you want to maintain this friendship, invite them to your home, meet in a neutral location or hire a baby-sitter to watch your kids when you visit.

Dear Ann Landers: My boyfriend, "Todd," and I have been dating for two years. We have a wonderful relationship, except when it comes to money.

Todd and I are both full-time college students. His parents pay his tuition, but I work three jobs to pay for mine. Todd works part-time and saves all his money. I like to spend mine now and then, and Todd disapproves. He says I spend too much on clothes and food. I think he should mind his own business.

I am only 19 years old and am not planning to get married any time soon. I am not a frivolous spender. I always pay my bills on time, and often have money left over at the end of the month. Since we are not married or living together, I don't feel he has the right to tell me how to spend my money. Todd thinks that we should settle this issue now, before our relationship becomes more serious.

Is he out of line, or should I be saving more of my income? Please advise me. -- Anonymous in the Midwest

Dear Anon: Are you asking me if Todd has the right to tell you how to spend your money? The answer is no. It's your money, and you can do what you like with it. Todd has no say whatsoever.

However, you might want to listen to Todd. He sounds like a solid citizen. You should save part of your paycheck every week, because you never know what the future will bring. One day that little nest egg may look like a pot of gold.

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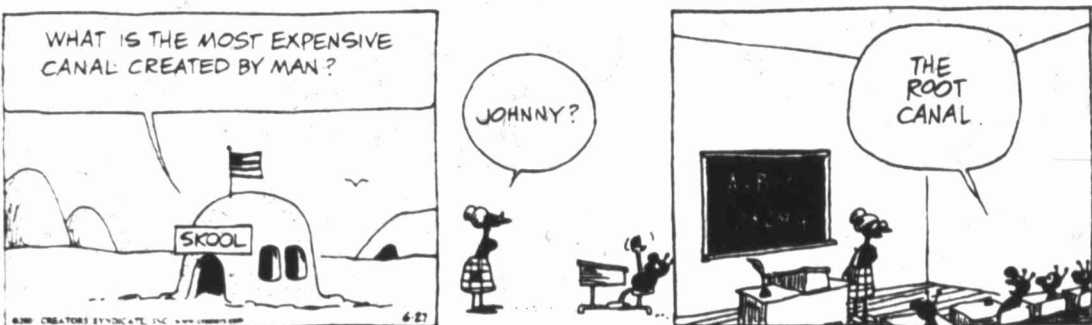
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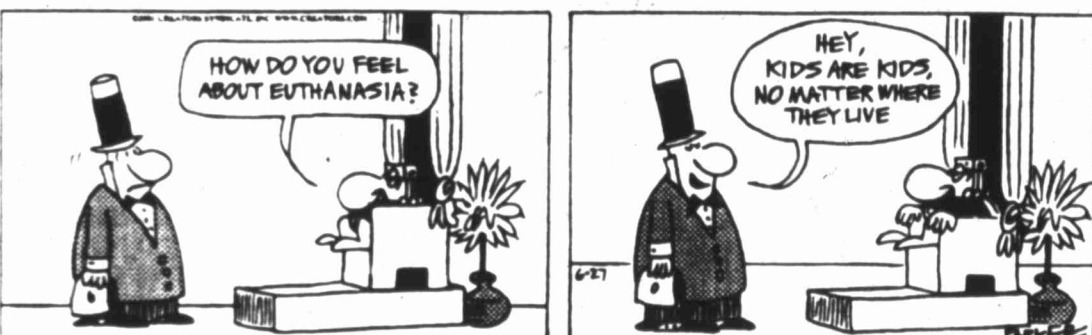
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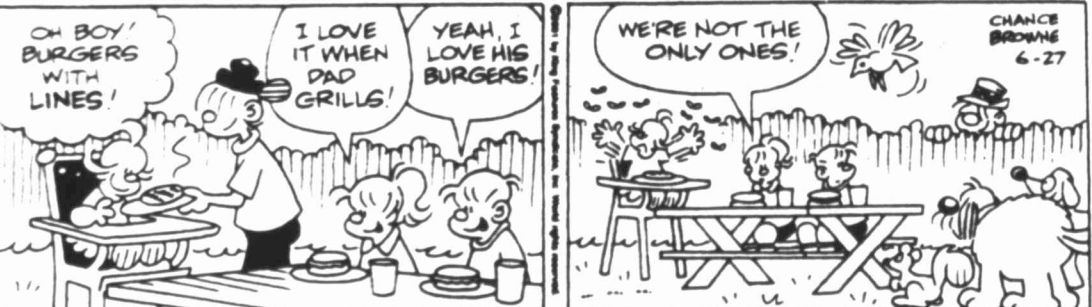
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Today's Highlight in History:

On June 27, 1950, President Truman ordered the Air Force and Navy into the Korean conflict following a call from the U.N. Security Council for member nations to help South Korea repel an invasion from the North.

On this date: In 1844, Mormon leader Joseph Smith and his brother, Hyrum, were killed by a mob in Carthage, Ill.

In 1847, New York and Boston were linked by telegraph wires.

In 1893, the New York stock market crashed.

In 1942, the FBI announced the capture of

eight Nazi saboteurs who had been put ashore from a submarine on New York's Long Island.

In 1957, more than 500 people were killed when Hurricane "Audrey" slammed through coastal Louisiana and Texas.

In 1969, patrons at the Stonewall Inn, a gay bar in New York's Greenwich Village, clashed with police in an incident considered the birth of the gay rights movement.

In 1973, former White House counsel John W. Dean told the Senate Watergate Committee about an "enemies list" kept by the Nixon White House.

In 1980, President Carter signed legislation reviving draft registration.

In 1985, the legendary Route 66, which originally stretched from Chicago to Santa Monica, Calif., passed into history as officials decertified the road.

In 1990, NASA announced that a flaw in the orbiting Hubble Space Telescope was preventing the instru-

ment from achieving optimum focus.

Today's Birthdays: Captain Kangaroo, Bob Keeshan, is 74. Business executive Ross Perot is 71. Opera singer Anna Moffo is 67. The former chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Gen. John Shalikashvili, is 65. Former Interior Secretary Bruce Babbitt is 63. Singer-musician Bruce Johnston (The Beach Boys) is 59. Actress Julia Duffy is 50. Actress Isabelle Adjani is 46. Country singer Lorrie Morgan is 42. Actor Brian Drilling is 41. Actor Tobey Maguire is 26.

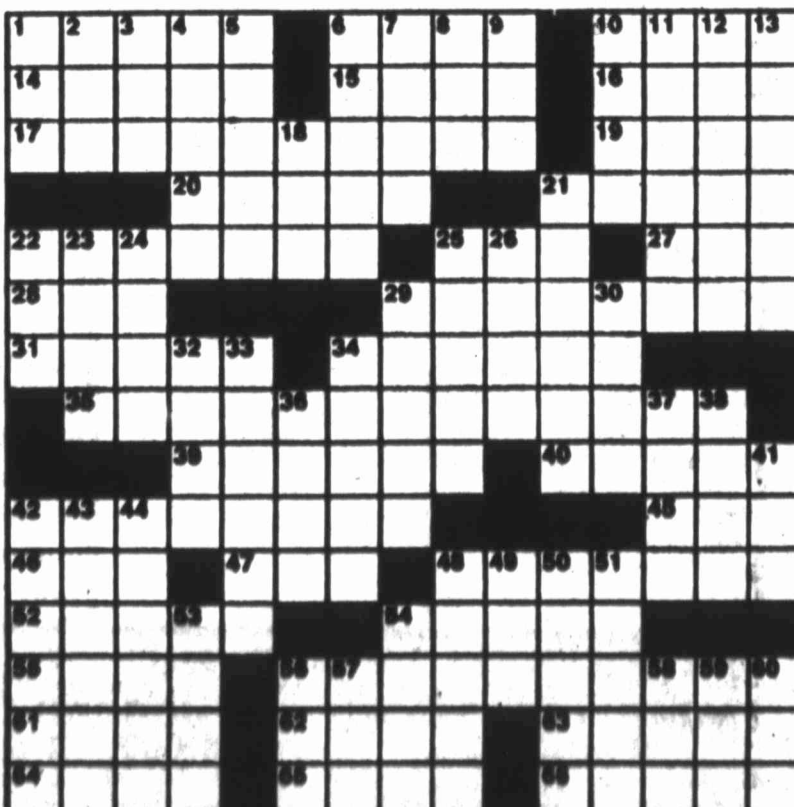
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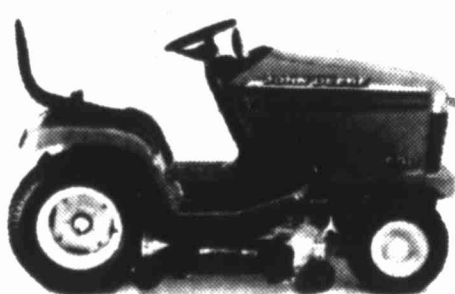
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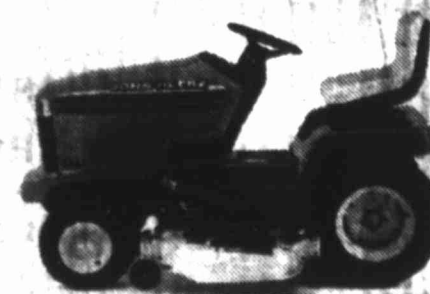
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