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WEATHER

Tonight:



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Humane Society fundraising sale is under way

The Big Spring Humane Society is having a garage sale today, Saturday and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the auction barn on Business 20.

The money raised will benefit the shelter in any way it is needed.

You will be able to buy anything from clothes to computers. All garage sale items have been donated by people in the community.

If you need more information about the garage sale, call the shelter at 267-7832.

Tutors needed to teach adults how to read

The Howard County Literacy Program is seeking tutors to teach adults how to read.

The program requires a commitment of one to three hours each week, with long-term involvement with each student recommended.

Material and training are provided each tutor, as well as support. Scheduling flexibility is available.

To volunteer, call Loraine Redman, Howard County librarian, at 264-2260.

WEEKEND TICKET

TODAY

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

SATURDAY

Free car wash, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., 2100 Gregg St., behind H-E-B, to benefit the class of 2001 graduation dance. For more information, call Patsy Rodriguez at 267-8307 or Norma Hilario at 267-9421.

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

The Pottin House, 200 Gregg, a restored historic home, is open from 1 to 5 p.m. A one-time admission fee of \$2 for adults and \$1 for children and senior citizens are encouraged.

Big Spring Shriners, 6:30 p.m. meal, meeting to follow.

Dance, 8:30 p.m., Eagles Lodge, 704 West Third. Members and guests welcome.

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Lack of sponsor has future looking bleak for Martin County Fair

By GINA GARZA

Staff Writer

Because of a lack of interest, the Martin County Fair is currently inactive.

"The fair has been sponsored by the Stanton Evening Lions Club for many years but because they disbanded, there is no one to fill their shoes," said Martin County Clerk Susie Hall. "They helped to get the fair going and now we

just want some group to take this over so we can continue the tradition."

There was only minor response to a meeting held this week at the Martin County Senior Citizens Center to recruit an organization, group or business interested in helping to keep the fair going.

"Only about six people showed up," Hall said. "The ones who attended the meeting don't want to see the fair inactive, but we can't do it without an organization or business to sponsor it, main-

ly because of the liability insurance."

Hall said several businesses have been approached and some have already declined, but some have not gotten back on the issue.

"The fair really is a good money making project," she added. "I just think people have their plates full and just can't take on another project."

The fair is traditionally held the third weekend in August.

"If someone takes over the sponsorship

of the fair, they certainly have the right to make it when ever they want it," said Hall.

"Stanton has been without a fair in the past. I think the fair, like anything, has its ups and downs."

Hall added there are some funds available to anyone who wants to get the fair going again.

"Hopefully, someone in the community will miss it and want to help get it started again," she added.



Teal Carpets & Floor Coverings hosted Business After Hours Thursday and reported a good turnout. Among those attending the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce-sponsored event were, from left, Pam Welch, Joel Michaelis and Richard Steel.

Census 'Be Counted Day' is Saturday

By GINA GARZA

Staff Writer

"Let's Be Counted Day" will be held Saturday at the Big Spring Mall.

The event is being held to give anyone a chance who has not filled out a census form one final opportunity to do so.

"We hope if you have not filled out your census form, or if you for some reason did not receive one, you'll stop by the

Big Spring Mall on Saturday and do so," said Gary Fuqua, local census committee chairman.

"This count is very important to Big Spring and Howard County," he added.

The event is the final opportunity to fill out a questionnaire.

"As Census 2000 nears completion of the non-response followup phase, field operation supervisors (FOS) are now preparing themselves for another phase called the 'Coverage Improvement Followup (CIFU),' said census partnership specialist Charlene Romero Wurtz. "This is where the LCO offices start reviewing the information that the enu-

merators have turned in on the non-response followup."

She said they will recheck all the voids, deletes or vacant households, making sure those are accurate and then all the data will be reviewed for accuracy.

"All of the 20 counties that the Lubbock LCO has have completed the non-response followup, but the local FOS are wanting to go an extra mile," she added.

According to Wurtz, many calls were received at the Lubbock LCO from individuals who either did not receive a questionnaire or had a visit

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Howard College receives \$17,000 for Zula Rhodes Scholarship

By GINA GARZA

Staff Writer

Howard College received a \$17,000 donation from the Howard County Family & Community Education Club to establish the Zula Rhodes 4-H & Ag Scholarship, an annual award for local 4-H students.

"Howard College is honored to continue the tradition of presenting a scholarship to 4-H boys and girls in Howard County, while honoring the home demonstration clubs and Zula Rhodes for her efforts to establish this opportunity for students," said Howard College President Dr. Cheri Sparks.

"Nearly 30 years have passed since Zula Rhodes, a former member of the Howard County

Home Demonstration Club, began seeking advice for establishing a scholarship fund for 4-H students within the county," said Dana Tarter, Howard County extension agent - family and consumer science.

In the 1970s, Rhodes, along with members of eight Home Demonstration Clubs - Elbow, City, Centerpoint, Lomax, Fairview, Spring City Gals, Creative Homemakers and Coahoma - began collecting cans.

"Their goal was to raise \$10,000 that would be used to purchase a certificate of deposit. The interest earned on the certificate would then be used to fund the annual scholarship," said Tarter.

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Dana Tarter, left, Jowill Etchison and Frances Zant presented Dr. Cheri Sparks with a check for \$17,000 from the Howard County Family & Community Education Club to help start the Zula Rhodes 4-H & Ag Scholarship at Howard College.

Courtesy photo

Meeting scheduled to explain new stock show validation process

By ALLISON THOMAS

Staff Writer

Anyone involved in the junior livestock shows should mark their calendar for Monday at 7 p.m., when there will be a meeting held to discuss issues such as stock show ethics and the new validation process.

The meeting will begin at 7 p.m. and end at 9 p.m. It will be held in Stanton at the Martin County Community Center, 301 N. St. Theresa.

"We'll go through each species and the new validation process for each," said Lee Howard, CEA-AG of Martin

County. "We're doing this to get away from any problems we've had in the past."

Validation is a process by which stock show judges determine that the animal being tagged is the same animal entered into the show.

"They take a blood sample, which is basically like a fingerprint," said Howard. "It keeps people from wanting to change animals."

The requirements for validation are decided by a county committee in charge of getting members of the Future Farmers of America (FFA) and 4-H to tag properly when attending major stock shows.

The committee has enacted a few changes and improvements to the process this year. One notable change is that this will be the first year for goats to be validated.

"These are not major changes, but they're always looking for ways to make the validation process better," said Howard.

A panel of experts from around the state has been invited to the meeting to educate the public about the changes and to answer questions.

This panel will include Kyle Smith, who is the state steer validation chairman, Dr. Frank Craddock, the state sheep and goat validation chairman, Don

Richardson, the state steer information chairman and members of the State Annual Industry Committee.

In addition to the validation discussion, the panel will cover technical processes such as how to take a blood sample and nose print.

The meeting will also include a 30 to 40-minute ethics training session about raising 4-H and FFA livestock. The ethics discussion will be conducted by Smith.

"This is character education about feeding livestock," said Howard. "We'll be discussing the rights and wrongs."

A question and answer ses-

sion with the panel of experts will be conducted during the meeting.

"Teachers and students come to us with questions, and some we can answer and some we can't," said Howard. "This meeting is an opportunity to have those questions answered. Any question is a good question."

The meeting is open to the public, and there is no attendance fee.

All interested people are invited, including feeders, stock show committees, parents, students, volunteers, agriculture teachers, fair boards and county agents.

Weevils

Permian Basin farmers urged to comply with eradication zone rules

By ALLISON THOMAS

Staff Writer

It's time for cotton producers in the Permian Basin Boll Weevil Eradication Zone to begin thinking about assessments for the 2000 growing season.

This will be the second year for Permian Basin cotton growers to grow crops in the zone. In an eradication zone, cotton growers must comply with the measures of the Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation to prevent spread of the problem.

"It is a law that anyone who plants cotton in an eradication zone must be involved in the program," said David Murray, zone manager. "This was voted on and accepted by growers."

The Permian Basin zone encompasses Dawson, Borden, Martin, Howard, Ector and Midland counties. The cost should be the same for each county in the zone.

The assessment for the 2000 growing season is \$6 per acre for dryland cotton and \$12 per acre for irrigated cotton. A notice of this assessment will be mailed to growers by Aug. 15.

The due date for paying the assessment is Sept. 14. There is an advantage to paying the assessment early, however. All

growers who pay in full by Aug. 30 will receive a 2 percent discount. This discount can be taken off the original price or can be returned to the farmer at the end of the year.

The continuing drought and general unpredictability of the weather means some growers may be unable to produce a crop, Murray noted. If this should happen after the boll weevil assessment has been paid, growers will receive a full refund from the foundation.

In order to receive the refund, the grower must destroy all material in his field that could host a boll weevil. This includes any part of the cotton plant. The crop must be certified as failed with the Farm Service Agency by July 15.

Destruction of any material in the failed crop that could host a boll weevil is necessary to prevent weevil populations from expanding.

Fortunately, the boll weevil population has been greatly reduced since last year.

"The weevil numbers are definitely down," said Murray. "In the Big Spring office alone we have an average of less than one boll weevil per trap."

To prevent a boll weevil problem, the foundation is setting up traps in every 10th mile of a cotton field. These traps are inspected every seven days. If an average of more than two boll weevils appear in each trap, the field will be sprayed with the pesticide Malathion.

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OBITUARIES

Blanch M. Holmes

Funeral service for Blanch M. Holmes, 98, Belton, formerly of Big Spring, will be at 1 p.m. Saturday, June 24, 2000, at the Mother Holmes Memorial Baptist Church in Sheffield with burial in Sheffield Cemetery.

Mrs. Holmes died on Wednesday, June 21.

She was born Dec. 31, 1901, in Big Spring, and was a member of the First Baptist Church in Belton.

Survivors include: two daughters, Ione Scovel of Irving and Bennie Thorn of Midland; two sons, Wayne Holmes of Arlington and Denzel Holmes of Belton; one sister, Gwendolyn Shaw of Rankin; and one brother, Paul Patterson of Crane.

Arrangements are with Freddy Funeral Home, Ozona.

Roxie Fay Shockley

Funeral service for Roxie Fay Shockley, 75, Sundown, formerly of Knott, will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, June 24, 2000, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with Larry Marshall, minister of Knott Church of Christ, and Phillip Burcham, retired Church of Christ minister, officiating. Burial will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

Mrs. Shockley died on Wednesday, June 21, in a Lubbock hospital.

She was born on Dec. 6, 1924, in Knott, and married William T. "Bill" Shockley on Sept. 1, 1945, in Ackerly. She was a lifelong resident of Knott, until moving to Big Spring in December of 1989. She then moved to Sundown in December of 1992. She had kept books for Paymaster Gin and Planters Gin for a number of years. She was a longtime member of the Knott Church of Christ.

Survivors include: her husband, W.T. "Bill" Shockley of Sundown; three daughters, Judith Elaine Burnett of Sundown, Roxie Faye Kennedy of Morton and Ethel May Jackson of Levelland; one son, Lee Jackson of Knott; one brother, J.E. Peugh of Stanton; four grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials be made to Knott Church of Christ, P.O. Box 87, Knott, 79743.

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

CENSUS

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from one of the enumerators. "Several FOS started to send out enumerators to those calling," she explained. "But many felt that they were still missing individuals in their areas."

FOS wanted to come up with a plan that would encourage people to fill out a form.

"So, that started the ball rolling and that's where we came up with Let's Be Counted Day," added Wurtz.

Anyone who has not filled out a questionnaire is urged to go

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NALLEY-PICKLE
& WELCH
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Trinity Memorial Park and Crematory
906 Gregg St.
(915) 267-6331

Roxie Fay Shockley, 75, died Wednesday. Services will be 2:00 PM Saturday at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

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by the Big Spring Mall between 9 a.m. and 7 p.m. in the center court. The enumerators will ask questions from a short form only.

WEEVILS

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"Traps are very important to the operation of the program," said Murray. "They are our data collectors in the fields. The data we collect from them determines if we spray or not."

Trap destruction has been a problem in the past due to wind, accidents with farming equipment and vandalism.

"Destruction of the traps has a huge negative impact on the program," said Murray. "We have 120,000 traps out there, so we understand that there will be a high mortality rate among them. With time and understanding, the mortality rate will go down."

SCHOLARSHIP

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"I always kept a plastic bag in my purse and when I found a can, I'd crush the can and put it in my purse," said Jowili Etchison, president of the City FEC Club. "The other club members and myself worked real hard."

Tarter added that club members sold concession items at livestock shows and solicited friends and families to collect cans in their efforts to raise the original \$10,000. Memorial gifts were also used in the fundraising efforts.

"Collection bins were even set up at local businesses, which also helped a great deal," she explained.

Etchison added that she had a pickup and was able to carry the cans around.

"People began to just bring me the cans so I could just put them in the truck right away," she said.

The club's name changed in 1979 to the Extension Homemakers Club, and to the Family & Community Education Club in 1993, but the group's efforts to raise the funds continued.

In 1989, the first scholarship from the Extension Homemakers Club was presented to Vance Christie, who is now an agricultural instructor and livestock judging coach at Howard College.

Other recipients have been Tonya Rock, Carrie Bruton, Tasha Rock, Colin Woodall, Dane Driver, Kirstie Moates, Kim Middleton, Ryan Wright, Katie Gaskins, Lindsay Moates and D.D. Wright.

Club members have continued to promote education for families and support youth programs. Club members established a selection process and criteria for scholarship recipients. Former Howard County extension agents Janet Rogers and Naomi Hunt, as well as Tarter, have presented the scholarships and continued fundraising efforts.

With the gift of the scholarship fund money bestowed upon Howard College, the first Zula Rhodes 4-H & Ag Scholarship will be presented to a student in the fall of 2001.

Small town
celebrates
first public
restroom

GRANITE FALLS, Wash. (AP) — Talk about feeling flush: Granite Falls is celebrating the opening of its first public restroom in a big way.

The two-day Toilet Festival, part of the fourth annual Art in the Parks Festival July 15-16, includes:

— A ceremonial tearing of toilet paper instead of a ribbon-cutting.

— An art display including

photographs of outhouses from around the country and art-works framed with toilet seats.

— A drawing for the honor of christening the commode. "The lucky winner will go in the throne room, and that will be the first flush," organizer Bonnie Cosentino said.

Heady stuff for this woody community of 2,000 people about 35 miles from Seattle.

"I can remember seeing those little countries that didn't have a flag and thinking they weren't real countries if they didn't have a flag," Cosentino said. "It's the same for Granite Falls. It's like we're coming of age with a whole new restroom."

Gonorrhea
rates climb
after years
of decline

ATLANTA (AP) — Gonorrhea climbed 9 percent in the United States in 1998 after 12 straight years of decline, the government reported Thursday.

Debra Masure, an epidemiologist with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, speculated that the safe-sex practices that were adopted because of AIDS are being abandoned because of the introduction of more effective drugs against the virus.

"There does seem to be some real increases in the overall number of gonorrhea cases due to unsafe sexual behavior," she said.

Some states said improved testing was partly responsible for the increase in reported cases.

A 50-state CDC survey found a 9 percent increase in the rate of gonorrhea — from 121.8 cases per 100,000 people in 1997 to 132.9 per 100,000 in 1998. The rate had fallen 64.2 percent from 1985 to 1997.

Many states saw increases in gonorrhea among gay and bisexual men.

The sexually transmitted disease can cause pelvic inflammation and infertility in women, and can also foster the transmission of the AIDS virus.

The Midwest had the highest increase of any region — 18.4 percent. The Northeast was the only region to show a decrease — 0.8 percent. The South showed an increase of 8.7 percent and the West an increase of 6.5 percent.

The highest gonorrhea rate was in Mississippi, with 391.5 cases per 100,000 people. The lowest was in Maine, with 5.4 cases per 100,000.

The CDC said preliminary data from 1999 may show gonorrhea rates declining again.

Civil War
general's skull
stolen from
the grave

ROCHESTER, N.Y. (AP) — The skull of a Civil War general known as an "evil genius" was stolen from his grave in a crime authorities believe may be part of a satanic ritual.

The remains of Gen. Elisha G. Marshall were dug up between 8 p.m. Tuesday and 11:30 a.m. Wednesday at the city's Mt. Hope Cemetery, police said. Some bones were found near the grave site along with satanic symbols.

The grave-robbing occurred during the summer solstice — the day with the longest period of sunshine. Police said they typically find evidence of satanic activities on that day.

"We try to do (details at the cemetery) two or three times a year, depending on the satanic calendar," said Sgt. Dan Magill. "I've been there the last five years during the summer solstice. Unfortunately, we were doing something else that night."

Marshall was born in Rochester in 1829 and graduated from the U.S. Military Academy at West Point.

BIG SPRING
AROUND THE TOWN

SUPPORT GROUPS

FRIDAY

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

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

•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.

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

•"So I Forget," Attention Deficit Disorder support group for individuals and couples, first Saturday of the month from 9 to 10:30 a.m., Samaritan Counseling Center of West Texas, Inc., Midland. Call the center at (915) 563-4144 or 1-800-329-4144. Cost is \$15.

•West Texans Living with Chronic Fatigue/Fibromyalgia Syndrome, 1 p.m., on the second Saturday of each month, HealthSouth facility at Hwy. 191 and Loop 250, Midland. Contact Linda Hagler at (915) 520-3500.

•NA 10 p.m. candlelight meeting, St. Mary's Church, 1001 Goliad. Call 268-4189 (pager no.).

•Open birthday night meets the last Saturday of the month with a covered dish at 7 p.m. and birthday meeting at 8 p.m., 615 Settles. This is to celebrate AA sobriety yearly birthdays.

IF YOU HAVE A SUPPORT GROUP LISTING, PLEASE SUBMIT IT IN WRITING.

BRIEFS

THE EAGLES LODGE WILL have a fish fry Saturday, June 24, serving from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Plates will include fish, hush puppies, french fries, coleslaw and beans.

Cost is \$5 per plate, dine in or carry out at 703 W. Third. Proceeds will benefit the lodge.

COAHOMA FIRE AND EMS and The Regional Advisory Council on Trauma are co-sponsoring "Project Rescue Me" immediately after the local "Coahoma Fourth of July Parade" on Saturday July 1. This program registers individuals and their medical history with the regional trauma service.

Each individual will be given a key chain to carry that has an 800 number for emergency services to call. Sign-up will be at the fire station after the parade, and it is free to the public.

FREE CAR WASH SATURDAY, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., 2100 Gregg St., behind H-E-B, to benefit the class of 2001 graduation dance. For more information, call Patsy Rodriguez at 267-8307 or Norma Hilario at 267-9421.

THE COAHOMA LIONS CLUB would like to invite everyone to our July 1st

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SHERIFF

Freedom Parade. It will begin at 10 a.m. at the high school football stadium parking lot, go South on 1st to the North Service road, East to Sixth, North to the high school and then West back to our starting place.

If you would like to be a part of the parade, meet at the high school football field between 9 a.m. and 9:40 a.m. For more information, call Pete, 267-1950, or Irene, 394-4424.

THE BIG SPRING HERALD is trying to organize a National Night Out organization in Big Spring.

The group would sponsor an annual event — slated for Aug. 1 this year — billed as a "night out against drugs and crime." It brings together neighbors to meet, share information and organize efforts to prevent crime where they live.

The effort would depend on the work of block captains who will organize gatherings in their neighborhoods. Anyone who is interested in serving as a block captain or volunteering in some way for this effort can call the Herald, 263-7331, ext. 236.

HIGHLAND SOUTH ORGANIZERS ARE preparing for their 32nd annual July 4 parade. Anyone is welcome to join the event with an entry in one of the categories that include strollers, walkers, vehicles, horses and pets.

Those who want to enter should arrive between 9 a.m. and 9:30 a.m. at the corner of Stonehaven and Highland Drive. Ribbons are awarded in each category.

For more information, call Kellie Wash at 263-0987, or Julie Wolf at 264-5602.

MARKETS

July cotton 55.40, up 39 points; August crude 32.40, up 21 points; cash hogs steady at 51 even; slaughter steers steady at 68 even; July lean hog futures 72.10, up 92 points; June live cattle futures 68.35, down 7 points.

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Still claiming his innocence, an angry Gary Graham is put to death

HUNTSVILLE (AP) — Gary Graham promised to "fight like hell" his execution.

He did. Angry and defiant, Graham was executed Thursday evening for killing an Arizona man during a Houston robbery 19 years ago, a crime he insisted to the end he did not commit.

"This is what happens to a black man — genocide in America," Graham said, almost spitting out and shouting his words while strapped and handcuffed to the death chamber gurney.

"This is nothing more simple than murder, state-sanctioned murder in America," he barked. "They know I'm innocent. They won't acknowledge it."

His lethal injection, the 23rd in Texas this year and the 135th while presumed GOP presidential nominee George W. Bush has been governor, created an uproar among death penalty opponents who agreed with Graham that he was innocent and unfairly convicted.

Bush's presidential aspirations and a renewed national attention to the death penalty also fueled the Graham debate.

After a flurry of last-minute court activity that delayed his punishment for almost three hours, and with hundreds of demonstrators ranging from socialists to the Ku Klux Klan waiting

outside behind barricades guarded by officers wearing riot gear, Graham was put to death.

Five death chamber officers forcibly strapped him to a gurney where he resisted coming out of his cell.

"True to his word," Texas Department of Criminal Justice spokesman Larry Fitzgerald, who watched the procedure, said.

Graham was ruffled, his head restrained, his wrists cuffed as he angrily proclaimed his innocence and called for a moratorium on the death penalty in Texas, the nation's most active capital punishment state.

"Keep marching black people, black power," he repeated. "They are killing me tonight. They are murdering me tonight."

Graham was pronounced dead at 8:49 p.m., eight minutes after the lethal drugs began flowing into his arms.

"They are using him as a political sacrifice," the Rev. Jesse Jackson, asked by Graham to be a witness to his death, said after the execution.

Graham was a teen-age street thug who pleaded guilty to 10 aggravated robberies during a weeklong May 1981 crime rampage in Houston but said he did not kill Bobby Lambert, 53, of Tucson, Ariz., during a robbery out-

side a Houston supermarket.

He was convicted primarily on the testimony of a single eyewitness, Bernadine Skillern, who was in her car and watched as Lambert was confronted and shot. She identified Graham as the gunman and never wavered in her testimony over 19 years.

"I don't feel joy and I don't feel sadness," Skillern said. "I only feel relief. I hope to get back my privacy."

As the 6 p.m. scheduled execution time approached, eight anti-death penalty demonstrators broke through barricades and headed toward the front door of the prison. They quickly were subdued by officers, arrested and taken away. A ninth person was arrested for throwing a plastic bottle at a prison administrator, who was not hurt.

Graham had initiated much of the attention, demanding in interviews that thousands of his supporters show up outside the death house and contending he was the victim of a racist system intent on what he called a "legal lynching."

He didn't get thousands, but he clearly attracted the most vocal outpouring since pickax murderer Karla Faye Tucker two years ago became the first woman executed in Texas since the Civil War era.

Preceding the 11th-hour legal maneuvers, the Texas Board of Pardons and Paroles rejected by a 17-3 vote Graham's request for a 120-day reprieve. The 18-member panel, with one member absent from the vote, also voted 12-5 against a commuted sentence and 17-0 against a pardon.

Bush, who appoints members of the board, could not stop the punishment because Graham earlier received a one-time 30-day gubernatorial reprieve from his predecessor, Ann Richards.

"I support the board's decision," Bush said. "Mr. Graham has had full and fair access to state and federal courts. After considering all the facts, I'm confident justice is being done."

"In addition to loss of human life, I'm extraordinarily disappointed the system did not work in this case," Jack Zimmermann, one of Graham's attorneys, said.

But Roe Wilson, an assistant prosecutor in Harris County who has shepherded Graham's multitude of appeals through the courts since his 1981 conviction, said the execution was the right decision. "It was time for this to be carried out," she said.

Graham had argued that his lawyer at trial, Ron Mock, was ineffective, but courts have rejected that claim. As for

witnesses he wants heard, they initially told police they couldn't identify the killer, and prosecutors said they were not actual eyewitnesses.

Among other things, Mock — who repeatedly has been reprimanded or put on probation or suspension by the bar — rested his case during the guilt-or-innocence phase of the trial without calling any witnesses. But that strategy is not unheard of, and appeals courts have held that it is not necessarily grounds for a new trial.

Mock has said Graham gave him no names of alibi witnesses before the trial. The lawyer said Graham told him only that he had spent the evening with a girlfriend whose name, description and address he could not remember.

"I'm delighted it's all over," said Lisa Blackburn, a Graham rape victim. "I can't tell you how happy."

Blackburn was a 57-year-old taxi driver in May 1981 when she was abducted by Graham while putting gas in her car. He beat and repeatedly raped her and took her to her house, where he fell asleep, naked. It's where he was arrested after she summoned police.

"I think we can all go on with our lives and it will be a pleasure," she said.

Texas justices' opinion on abortion law vary greatly

AUSTIN (AP) — State legislators should amend a new law requiring minor girls to tell a parent about an abortion if they think the courts are too easily allowing minors to bypass the rule, the Texas Supreme Court wrote Thursday.

In a strongly worded opinion delivered by Justice Harriet O'Neill, six of the nine justices explained why they thought the high court was correct in allowing a teen-age girl to have an abortion without telling a parent.

The concurring and dissenting opinions were unusually lengthy and peppered with rare personal punches among the justices.

"In reaching the decision to grant Jane Doe's application, we have put aside our personal viewpoints and endeavored to do our job as judges — that is, to interpret and apply the Legislature's will as it has been expressed in the statute," the court wrote.

The opinion had been long-awaited because the ruling was issued March 10 without comment. The court rarely issues

rulings without accompanying opinions, but did so in this case because speed was in the best interest of the girl, who was 14 weeks pregnant at the time of her appeal, the court wrote.

Several lawmakers who supported the parental notification law have said the Supreme Court has made it too easy to allow minors seeking an abortion to bypass their parents.

Nine state senators and 47 representatives filed briefs with the court explaining their intent in passing the law last year. They said they had envisioned bypasses being rare.

"Explanations produced, after the fact, by individual legislators are not statutory history, and can provide little guidance as to what the Legislature collectively intended," the court wrote. "If the Legislature, as a body, agrees with (those that filed the brief) that we misunderstood their intent, it is the Legislature's prerogative to amend the statute to give us direction."

Justice O'Neill said she will push amending the law

only if a majority of lawmakers want to revisit the issue next session.

Shapiro said she had hoped the courts would set a "higher threshold" to determine whether minors seeking to bypass the law were mature and informed enough to do so. But Shapiro added she thought the law was successful despite the disagreements.

"Paramount in all of this is the fact that a minor child now has some actual investigation into whether they are mature or sufficiently well informed. Prior to that, that was not the case and every one agrees with that," Shapiro said. "The big picture to me is that the system is working."

Under the law, which went into effect Jan. 1, an unmarried girl 17 or younger must notify a parent if she intends to have an abortion, regardless of whether the parent approves, or seek a court order allowing her to bypass the law.

The Supreme Court made its first ruling under the law March 10, overturning a lower court ruling that prohibited

"Jane Doe 1" from having an abortion without telling a parent because she did not fully understand the alternatives to the procedure.

In his dissent, Justice Nathan Hecht criticized the majority opinion, saying he believed the girl did not fully understand her options and that the court acted too swiftly and ignored the valid opinions of legislators.

"The court's disregard for the legislative history cited by 56 legislators in support of their view of the Parental Notification Act is an insult to those legislators personally, to the office they hold, and to the separation of powers between the two branches of the government," he wrote.

"The court refuses to listen to all reason, and the only plausible explanation is that the justices who comprise the majority ... have resolved to impair the Legislature's purposes in passing the Parental Notification Act, which were to reduce teenage abortions and increase parental involvement in their children's decision," Hecht wrote.

Family of man dragged to death sues his killers

JASPER (AP) — The children of a black man dragged to death behind a pickup truck two years ago have filed a wrongful-death lawsuit against the three men convicted of his racially motivated murder.

The lawsuit filed by the children of James Byrd Jr. also names three Ku Klux Klan groups and three unidentified individuals as defendants. It was filed in the state district court in Jasper, about 115 miles northeast of Houston.

The plaintiffs are Byrd's two daughters, Renee Byrd Mullins and Jamie Alexandria Byrd, and his son, Ross Payne Byrd.

The Byrd family charged that Shawn Allen Berry, 24, John William King, 25, and Lawrence Russell Brewer, 32, committed "the most heinous acts imaginable against an African-American for no reason other than he was an African-American."

On June 7, 1998, the 49-year-

old Byrd was beaten, hooked to Berry's pickup truck with a 21-foot logging chain, and dragged by his ankles over three miles of country road near Jasper. His remains were found the next day, his headless torso left between a black church and black cemetery.

"This was a crime against the people of Texas and a crime against the African-American community," said Gary Bledsoe, president of the Texas chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People and one of the attorneys who filed the lawsuit.

The lawsuit seeks unspecified damages against all three men, who were convicted of capital murder. All three have declared they were indigent and are using court-appointed lawyers for their appeals.

King and Brewer were sentenced to death. Berry was sentenced to life in prison.

Davidian trial to focus on cause of fire

WACO (AP) — Agents with the Federal Bureau of Investigation shot canisters of tear gas to try and force Branch Davidian leader David Koresh and his followers from their rickety wooden complex April 19, 1993.

But plaintiffs in the \$675 million wrongful death lawsuit against the government allege flames consumed the structure minutes after the last canisters landed in the kitchen area.

The entire building ultimately burned to the ground, ending the 51-day standoff.

Survivors and family members of the some 80 people who died in the siege say tank-riding agents fired off the potentially incendiary canisters and possibly knocked over kerosene lanterns when they were demolishing the building.

But the government maintains suicidal sect members set the three fires that engulfed the complex and are responsible for their own demise.

The debate over who sparked the fire was expected to intensify today with planned testimony from Tom Rowan, an FBI agent who helped launch tear gas canisters into the wooden structure.

Other FBI agents, including Joseph Servel and Michael Sackett, have said a fire erupted in the kitchen less than 30 seconds after they saw a tank insert tear gas into the room.

Testimony Thursday from Servel, a tank commander, showed other FBI agents also noticed smoke coming from the structure. "We saw smoke within seconds. We saw flames and then the smoke started getting really thick," Servel said.

Under cross-examination by government attorneys, Servel said he also observed what appeared to be muzzle flashes from gunfire in several windows before the fire started.

Earlier Thursday, several former high-ranking FBI officials said agents went beyond a government-approved plan for launching a tear gas operation against the Davidians when they used a tank to ram through walls and rip gaping holes in the sect's complex.

Retired deputy assistant FBI director Danny Coulson said in videotaped testimony that he was surprised when he saw a tank deeply penetrating the sect's building because the actions strayed from the tear-gassing plan approved by

Attorney General Janet Reno.

"I don't recall that the plan contemplated this activity," Coulson said, referring to the tanks' movement on that day. "It would appear to be inconsistent."

Coulson said he watched the events of April 19 unfold on television in Washington and remembered saying, "I hope that's a bad camera angle."

A videotaped deposition of former FBI Director William Sessions also called into question the destruction rendered by tanks as the tear-gassing operation went forward.

On the tape, plaintiffs' lead counsel Michael Caddell asked Sessions if the destruction of a part of the building known as the gymnasium was approved. "That was not the plan, the plan was for the insertion of the gas," Sessions said.

Plaintiffs' attorneys have said the FBI's on-scene commanders ordered the dismantling of the Davidians' complex with tanks less than five hours into the tear-gassing operation, even though the Reno-approved plan called for the complex's systematic destruction 48 hours after it was determined that the tear-gassing plan had failed.

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OUR VIEWS

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Each week, the *Herald* salutes individuals and groups from our community and area who have been recognized for special achievements or accomplishments.

We recognize these special people for working to help make our region a better place to live, work and play.

This week we salute:

• **THE MORE THAN 100 GRADUATES OF KIDS COLLEGE**, their instructors and organizers at Howard College.

• **RETIRED SENIOR VOLUNTEER PROGRAM**, which has made its office available for Alzheimer's disease information and support services.

• **MARANATHA BAPTIST ACADEMY**, which was recently recognized by its corporate offices for exemplary achievement by its students.

• **ORGANIZERS AND ATTENDEES OF THE FFA AREA II LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE**, where more than 200 young people learned leadership skills.

• **HOWARD COLLEGE**, which has been chosen as the site for the Class 4A regional basketball tournaments in 2000-2001.

• **THE HANGAR 25 AIR MUSEUM CREW**, that had a high-flying success in its recent Air Fair event.

Is there an individual or organization in our community that you feel should be saluted? If so, please send us their name and why you think they should be recognized. We must have your name and telephone number and you must provide it in writing.

OTHER VIEWS

In the debate over privatizing Social Security, recently renewed by Gov. George W. Bush, the reformers like to emphasize one half of the equation. Think of how rich you might be, they say, if you could withdraw your payroll taxes from Social Security and invest them in a private account. They seldom emphasize the other half of the equation: How does Social Security solve an already big solvency problem if enrollees are allowed to withdraw almost \$1 trillion from the system?

This isn't a knock against Bush in particular. Most of the privatizers, Democrats and Republicans, leave this arithmetic unfinished.

So a quartet of eminent economists, in a paper recently published by the Century Foundation, did the arithmetic for them. They found that privatization schemes don't generate any more money than the current system, once they've addressed Social Security's existing solvency problem, and that the promised benefits of privatization are illusory.

Bush deserves credit for putting Social Security reform back on the public agenda in an election year. But he and the other privatizers need to address the whole range of questions, not just the attractive ones.

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That Clinton is still standing is his 'legacy'

As his presidency winds down, Bill Clinton is rushing around trying to establish his "legacy." He would like to conclude some sort of Middle East "peace"

with one of those hand-shaking ceremonies on the White House lawn — a nice photo op.

But Syrian president Hafez al-Assad just dropped dead, and the Barak government in Israel looks too shaky to do anything spectacular. The polls indicate that a majority thinks Clinton is doing a "good job" but also that if the 1992 presidential election took place today, the elder George Bush would win this time. Al Gore keeps talking about the Clinton-Gore administration, but the latest Zogby poll puts Gore 8 points behind that other Bush.

Clinton was the second president to be impeached, but like Andrew Johnson he beat the rap. He might be the first president to be disbarred while still in office. (Nixon was disbarred after resigning.) And he undoubtedly is the only president who made you send the children out of the room when the evening news came on, with all that talk of stained dresses, DNA evidence, cigars, oral sex and so on. James Carville keeps appearing on television talking about "consensual sex" and "privacy." Clinton might as well have done it in Yankee Stadium during the seventh-inning stretch.

If Spielberg makes a movie about the Clinton presidency it will have to be X-rated.

And now there is some more ugliness. Michael Isikoff of *Newsweek* magazine was one of the most busy reporters covering the Monica Lewinsky matter and subsequently wrote a book about it called "Uncovering Clinton." Now it has come out in paperback. To convey the full flavor of this, I beg your patience for quotation at length:

"In the fall of 1999 ... (a) House committee obtained copies of hundreds of pages of previously secret FBI debriefings of John Huang. ... In these talks, Huang for the first time laid out the origins of the so-called Asian connection to the White House — a story that actually began four years before the widely publicized abuses of the 1996 election. In August 1992, during a campaign trip to California, Clinton had taken a limousine ride with Huang's employer, James Riady, the billionaire chief of the Lippo Group. ... Riady offered to pump \$1 million into Clinton's presidential campaign."

"Over the next several weeks Riady made good on his pledge. Massive wire transfers began. As ultimately documented by federal investigators, hundreds of thousands of dollars from Lippo's bank accounts in Asia flowed to Lippo employees and Lippo-owned corporations in the United States. These employees and companies in turn wrote contribution checks recommended by Clinton's campaign operatives in Little Rock. The contributions were in most cases doubly illegal. Not only did they come from a foreign source, but they were also funneled

through 'conduits' to disguise the true identity of the giver. Meanwhile, Riady and his wife also wrote large 'soft money' checks under their own names — but they were distributed to state parties around the country where the national press never noticed them. By the time Election Day came around, James Riady's Lippo Group — a foreign corporation whose existence was virtually unknown in official Washington, much less to the American public — had become the largest single financier of Clinton's campaign against President George Bush, dwarfing the donations of trial lawyers, labor unions and other traditional Democratic Party 'soft money givers.'"

This illegality, this open sewer, was right there in the summer of 1992, was right there in the fall's unfolding of the primaries, at the same time as Clinton was almost engulfed by the Gennifer Flowers scandal. Clinton managed to escape from that crisis by lying about it, backed up by his wife, during a friendly broadcast of the CBS TV show "60 Minutes." Incidentally, the producer of that show later said that if the interview had been edited differently Clinton never would have been elected president.

But Clinton managed to survive the Flowers crisis even though she had taped a phone call from him instructing her to lie about their relationship. And he has managed to extricate himself from credible allegations by Kathleen Willey, Paula Jones, Juanita Broadrick — and the list goes on. No one seriously doubts that he groped Willey in the Oval Office, or that he raped Broadrick, bit her and advised her to put some ice on her face, as Broadrick alleged.

When sober historians begin to assess the Clinton "legacy," they will certainly understand that he stained not only that blue dress but the presidency itself, and that he probably belongs to the annals of mental aberration and enjoys living in an atmosphere of high risk and evident criminality. In his peculiar career he has gotten away with so much that he has come to believe that he can get away with anything, even though the escapes seem to become more perilous each time.

Thus, Clinton was saved from being expelled from office only by the fact that it takes two-thirds of the Senate to do so. A majority of the House voted him unfit. If it required only a majority of the Senate, he would be gone. And, stripped of his office he would have been vulnerable to criminal indictment on any number of fronts.

Given this mentality, it is not surprising that to him the Monica matter was not a big deal, that he thought he could lie under oath and obstruct justice, that he could speak to the nation on television and, wagging his finger, deny that he has had sexual relations with "that woman," that he could lie to members of Congress and to his own Cabinet officers, that he could be caught by his DNA on the stained dress, that he is a classic example of the ethically indifferent criminal mind. And yet, like Muhamad Ali in his famous rope-a-dope defense, Clinton is still standing there — this probably constitutes his historical "legacy."

Why should anyone be surprised that an entire year of e-mail covering the period of Al Gore's suspect 1996 fund raising has "disappeared"?

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Happy to be bitten by mosquitoes

A mosquito bit me the other evening. Actually two or three of them got me, judging by the lumps on my arms.

It happened while I was mowing the grass. Well, truthfully, I was cutting more weeds than grass, but that's not the point. The point is that there is actually something to mow. The grass is a product of the rain of course, and so are the mosquitoes.

I made a big deal out of it. I told my wife, "Look, I got bit by mosquitoes!" She asked if I wanted some lotion to put on the bites. No, I told her. Heck I was kinda' proud of them. It's probably been four years since a mosquito bit me, and surely that had to have been on a visit to the in-laws in East

Texas. There just haven't been any around here, you know.

I'll just leave these bites untreated, and admire them every once in a while, until they go away. Shoot, they don't even itch all that bad.

It's amazing when you don't see something for a long time how wondrous it is when you run into them again. Like mosquitoes, for instance. Nobody likes mosquitoes except people who sell mosquito repellent. And I suspect even they have a secret hatred for the blood-sucking pests. Who, but another mosquito, could love a mosquito?

But there I was, still marveling over having the opportunity to cut grass — a chore I abhorred as a kid — and suddenly I was bitten by a mosquito.

Of course, my excitement isn't over mosquitoes or mowing grass. It's the rain. Oh, we've had rain from time to time over the past few years. But the enjoyment was pretty short term. A slight greening up, a fleeting hope for the cotton farmer. Why, when was the

last time you paid one whit of attention to a forecast that called for a 20 percent chance of rain? Lately, we've had to sit up and take notice, though. A 20 percent chance has meant, by golly, we might actually get some!

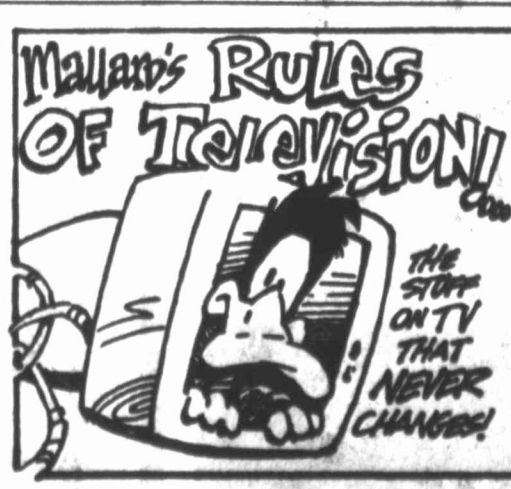
I don't think it had anything to do with the rain, but I'll tell you something else I saw the other day, in my back yard. I saw a horned lizard. A horny toad. At one time, they were as plentiful as tadpoles. Now there's something else I haven't seen in a while, either — tadpoles. And how about hearing frogs at night? There's a welcome sound.

Lots of things I used to take for granted — ones I didn't care for, such as mosquitoes and grass that begged to be mowed — and some that I did, like tadpoles and horny toads — have returned, at least for a little while. It's kinda' nice, isn't it?

Call me crazy, but I'm looking for fireflies now.

Bill McClellan is news editor of the *Herald*.

Mallard Fillmore
by
BRUCE TINSLEY



Impasse broken on money for Colombia, Kosovo and disaster victims

WASHINGTON (AP) — Long-stalled funds may soon be flowing to support U.S. peacekeepers in Kosovo, to fortify Colombia's war on drugs and to help victims of nearly a year's worth of natural disasters.

Top congressional leaders broke a four-month impasse on Thursday and agreed to rough outlines of a \$12-billion spending package. They now hope to bring it to the House and Senate for final passage next week.

Details were still being worked out behind closed doors at week's end and many of the spending items inside the package remained vague, said aides to both House Speaker Dennis Hastert, R-Ill., and Senate

Majority Leader Trent Lott, R-Miss.

But the leaders agreed on several major components — including a \$1.3 billion anti-narcotics package for Colombia and about \$1.5 billion to reimburse the Pentagon for the costs of keeping troops in Kosovo.

The compromise also includes millions of dollars in assistance to help communities and individuals recover from a series of natural disasters, from last September's Hurricane Floyd to the recent fires that roared through Los Alamos, New Mexico.

Congressional sources, speaking on the condition of anonymity, said the Los Alamos

money could be as high as \$500 million. Some if it would be used to rebuild damaged parts of the government's nuclear weapons facilities.

A catalyst was the Senate's approval of a foreign aid bill containing President Clinton's Colombia aid package.

Sen. Paul Coverdell, R-Ga., a prime sponsor of the Colombia proposal, called the final 95-4 vote "a major victory toward stopping the spread of illegal narcotics into the United States."

But it was rising pressure from the Pentagon, as much as anything, that appears to have contributed to the spending breakthrough.

The Pentagon, which has been drawing down other accounts to pay for keeping its troops in Kosovo, has said it will have to start curtailing activities early next month unless it receives the Kosovo funds.

Republicans do not want such cutbacks blamed on them, particularly in an election year.

House and Senate leaders planned to attach the entire \$12 billion spending package a popular military construction spending bill now before a House-Senate conference panel.

At the White House, Clinton earlier expressed pleasure that the Colombia package had been endorsed.

"This is a huge issue.

And again, I'm grateful to the Senate, and I'm grateful it was done on such a bipartisan basis. And we just need to get it done as quickly as possible," Clinton told reporters.

Hastert hopes the big spending package can be approved by the House next week, said Hastert spokesman John Feehery. John Czwartacki, a spokesman for Lott, said a Senate final vote was also possible next week.

The Clinton administration for months has been pressing Congress to finish work on what it considered its emergency spending package.

It started out as \$5.2 billion that Clinton requested in

January for the Colombia package, for U.S. troops in Kosovo and for victims of Hurricane Floyd.

The House approved a \$13.2 billion version — called a supplemental appropriations bill — on March 30, pumping it up by adding even more money for the Pentagon and domestic natural disasters and other projects.

But in the Senate, Lott balked at the \$13 billion price tag. The bill was split into three pieces and attached to other spending bills, with the Colombia money going into the foreign aid measure.

Thursday's \$12 billion agreement puts the pieces back together again.

Pentagon defends national missile defense system

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Pentagon is defending its high-stakes efforts to develop a national missile shield, rejecting assertions by some observers that it has rigged the testing of the proposed \$36 billion system.

The Air Force general in charge of the system, Lt. Gen. Ronald Kadish, told Congress there is no deception in the up-and-down testing of the system.

Kadish said he'd tell his own children the interceptor defense is worth developing because the country is now defenseless against long-range nuclear missile attack from hostile nations or terrorists.

Critics say the Pentagon has

n't proved its proposed system of interceptor missiles will work. One test succeeded but a mock warhead slipped through in the latest one, and another test is scheduled July 7 over the Pacific.

Kadish, after briefing House members in a classified hearing Wednesday, said in an open session Thursday that allegations of fraudulent testing have been made since 1996 and have been taken seriously with no evidence of deception.

Kadish said the system, to be deployed in 2005, is "high-risk" and stressed that it would not protect against any massive attack.

"We will not be perfect

against every conceivable countermeasure, but neither will our adversaries be perfect against our capabilities," he said.

In the toughest political challenge yet, more than 50 House Democrats urged the FBI on Thursday to investigate allegations by scientists of "fraud and cover-up" in testing of the system designed to defend the United States against limited accidental or intentional nuclear attack.

Physicist Robert L. Park, Washington director of the American Physical Society, said the limited testing conducted by the Pentagon is inadequate to ensure a viable system.

Park said his organization of

scientists strongly supports an FBI inquiry into whether any tests have been rigged or whether data has been withheld.

He appeared at a news conference on the Capitol lawn with Rep. Dennis Kucinich, D-Ohio, and other Democrats, who called for an inquiry into allegations by Massachusetts Institute of Technology professor Theodore Postol of Pentagon and subcontractor deception in the testing.

"If we're relying on this technology to protect the United States and the technology is being advanced with false information, the people have a right to know," said Kucinich.

Officials announce program for nonviolent drug addicts

NEW YORK (AP) — A reform package introduced by the state's top court officials aims to reduce drug addiction and drug-related crimes, saving taxpayers hundreds of millions of dollars.

State courts will start using their "coercive" powers immediately to get nonviolent drug offenders into treatment programs, said Chief Judge Judith Kaye, adding that 75 percent of people arrested test positive for drugs.

While accepting treatment is ultimately voluntary, the courts would offer it to every nonviolent drug offender identified, said Jonathan Lippman, the state's chief administrative judge.

Defendants who opt for treatment would plead guilty and be sentenced for their crimes, then have their sentences deferred pending successful completion of a treatment program. They would then be eli-

gible for a lighter sentence on the original offense.

"For dropouts and failures, there will be immediate incarceration," Lippman said.

The decision comes in response to a 400 percent increase in drug cases over the past 20 years, and is among the recommendations by the state Commission on Drugs and the Courts.

"Drug addicts clog the courts' dockets," the 126-page report said, "and they are often recidivists. An addict who ends up criminally charged is likely to be responsible for multiple drug and drug-related crimes."

The report shows 12 percent of offenders who graduate from drug treatment programs commit more crimes, compared to 35 percent of offenders who test positive for drugs and simply go to jail or are paroled without being treated for substance abuse.

High gasoline prices fuel dashes at the pump

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

Last summer, each of Bill Douglass' nine convenience stores lost an average of \$50 a month after motorists drove away without paying. This summer, the Sherman, Texas, businessman expects losses to be at least 10 times as high.

"Overall we're averaging \$500, but in our largest store it's up to \$1,000 per month," Douglass says of losses that roughly translate to between 350 and 700 gallons. "We're taking all kinds of measures, installing video cameras, photographing license plates. This is a very serious problem."

He's not alone. Convenience and service station operators across the country say an increasing number of motorists are gassing up their cars and then dashing without paying.

Many vendors are convinced that escalating gas prices, well over \$2 per gallon in the Midwest and at record levels in other parts of the country, are to blame.

The average price of a gallon of self-service regular gas nation-

wide already has reached \$1.68 this summer, nearly 44 percent higher than last summer's average of \$1.17, according to government statistics.

"Drive-offs cost retailers roughly \$2,600 per store last year, based on a gas price of \$1.13 per gallon. We expect that will significantly increase this year," says Jeff Lenard, a spokesman for the National Association of Convenience Stores, an industry group in Alexandria, Va. He said the drive-offs appear to be spread across the country, rather than being concentrated in any one region.

"It's the price of gas and misdirected consumer anger. They may not blame the gas store owner or retailer, but they take it out on them because they can't take it out on OPEC or others who have been brought into the conversation about high prices," he added.

Contrary to popular perception, the high prices don't translate into higher profits, gas retailers say.

"In a market where prices are rising, retailers are reluctant to

give a consumer any reason to leave them, so they resist raising prices. That means smaller profits," Douglass says. "I'm not asking for sympathy. But we're having a terrible year ... because of this."

The thefts are especially high at stations along interstates or in big cities, where anonymity may make people more confident of not getting caught, according to Lenard. The thieves tend to be young men, although reports of women stealing gasoline are on the rise.

Legal options, though, are

Most states that allow self-service at the gas pump, including Texas, make a drive-off a misdemeanor, and authorities often don't have the time or resources to pursue such offenses.

A handful of states are starting to take the crime more seriously.

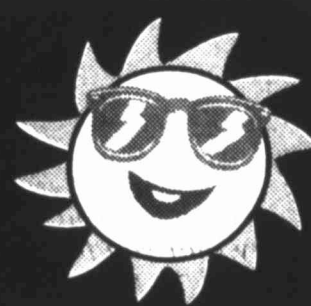
Starting July 1, Kansas motorists who repeatedly gas and dash could lose their driver's licenses.

In Georgia, which has similar penalties, stations post stickers

on gas pumps urging motorists to "think before you pump, or you could be walking." Alabama, Mississippi, South Carolina, West Virginia and Tennessee have comparable programs and penalties.

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CHURCH NEWS

First Church of God

First Church of God, 2009 Main St., with Pastor Darrell Hendrickson has Sunday School at 9:30 a.m. with morning worship service at 10:45. A Sunday nursery attendant will be on duty at 10:30 a.m. Evening worship service begins at 6:30. There is a Tuesday morning prayer service beginning at 8 a.m. and Wednesday evening Bible study is at 7 p.m.

Can't quite grasp the desire of your heart? Maybe you've been looking in all the wrong places. Get ready, because we have the answer, the secret to eternal success. Everyone is welcome. God bless you!

College Baptist Church

A total of 27 youth and sponsors from College Baptist are attending the Youth Evangelism Conference in San Antonio Friday and Saturday, June 23-24.

Vacation Bible School 2000, "Fantastic Good News Odyssey," had an enrollment of 317, of which 216 were students and 101 were staff members.

Pebble Evans spoke on "Liberty in Christ" when Serendipity met Monday, June 18. A total of 39 women attended the meeting.

Promise Keepers Conference will be held July 7-8 in Dallas. For more information about the conference, contact Greg Biddison, 267-6009.

First Assembly of God

"What is the value of the Soul?" is Pastor Havener's message this Sunday in the 10:40 a.m. service. This sermon taken from Matthew 16:24-26, will examine this subject from the Scriptures. A Swedish doctor several years ago claimed that he could tell the weight of a Soul. Can the value of a Soul really be measured?

The congregation of First Assembly invite you to hear Pastor Havener's special sermon this Sunday morning at First Assembly Fourth and Lancaster.

Pastor Eddie Johnston will be speaking in the evening service at 6. There will be inspirational worship and special music in both services.

First Christian Church

Dr. Jimmy Watson, pastor of First Christian Church, will preach the sermon, "Talk the Walk, and Walk the Talk." The youth (grades 3-12) will meet at the church at 6:30 and go to First Baptist Church for their annual God and Country Patriotic Concert.

On Monday from 12:15 to 1 p.m., Dr. Watson will continue his class on the history of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) biblical interpretation. This Monday we will continue our discussion of Alexander Campbell. The public is invited to attend this "Brown Bag Disciple's Roundtable" which will be held in the Fellowship Hall.

First Presbyterian

The Rev. Diane Brown will speak on the topic, "Storm Story" on Sunday. The scripture for this Sunday is Mark 4:35-41. Worship service begins at 11 a.m. Sunday School begins at 9:45 a.m. with a family-oriented class.

Take Ten refreshment time is at 10:30 a.m. in the parlor. A nursery is provided.

Alzheimer's Association benefits from memberships

By DEBBIE L. JENSEN
Features Editor

The Alzheimer's Association Greater West Texas Chapter is conducting its twice-yearly membership drive in the local area.

Letters have been mailed to supporters of the agency, based in Midland, asking for a tax-deductible contribution.

"We receive no state or federal funding," said Kathy B. Taylor, executive director for the association. "We are supported by many other things ... of which membership is a part."

Members, who pay an annual fee ranging from \$15-100, receive a quarterly newsletter that gives information on

research and treatment needs of people with Alzheimer's disease. In addition, the agency provides regular support groups, a 24-hour helpline for family members and caregivers, referrals for services and workshops.

"The whole spectrum of services we offer is supported by our members," Taylor said.

An individual can join the association for \$15 per year; a family is \$25. A contributing membership is \$50, and corporate/professional memberships are \$100.

The non-profit, charitable organization sets as its goal the funding of research and support for families with the disease. In the last several years, the agency has increased its

YOU CAN HELP

Memberships to the Alzheimer's Association Greater West Texas Chapter are available at several levels:

- Individual, \$15
- Family, \$25
- Contributing, \$50
- Corporate/Professional, \$100.

The benefits of membership include a quarterly newsletter with tips and resources for those coping with the disease.

presence in Big Spring, including forming a local advisory council and setting up an information center in Big Spring.

ALZHEIMER'S ASSOCIATION

Taylor said members are the backbone of the group's support network, nationwide and locally.

"This is a disease that is beginning to take its toll on the population as it ages," Taylor said. "It used to be that the vast majority of people didn't live long enough to get it."

As an example, Taylor pointed out that, years ago, when someone died at age 65, they were considered to have lived a long life. Today, as people live into their 80s, that is considered an early death.

"By age 85, 47 percent of people will have Alzheimer's Disease," she said. "As you can see, this is becoming more and more of a problem."

The "cure" for Alzheimer's Disease, Taylor said, will be prevention. And the association is dedicated to that goal.

For information about memberships, call the association at (915)570-9191, or mail a membership fee to: Alzheimer's Association Greater West Texas Chapter, P.O. Box 3389, Midland 79702, with your name and address enclosed.

Jesus in the news

ABC anchor Jennings conducts 'Search' looking for historical facts to back Bible

NEW YORK (AP) — Verily, verily, on TV news, coverage of religion remains mired in the Dark Ages compared with print media, even while entertainment shows exploit those angels and miracles.

ABC News anchor Peter Jennings wants to change things. In 1994 he hired Peggy Wehmeyer as network news' first full-time religion correspondent. Since then, non-commercial PBS has launched a "Religion & Ethics Newsweekly," but CBS and NBC still don't compete. Why? "There's a lot of discomfort in the newsrooms about this sort of thing," Jennings remarks.

Jennings, an occasional Episcopal churchgoer, displays his continuing interest Monday (June 26) by personally reporting on "The Search for Jesus" (9-11 p.m. Eastern). He developed the ambitious two-hour documentary off and on over two years.

The "Search" in question is for what scholars call the "historical Jesus." Putting matters baldly: Do we have reliable material about Jesus in the four New Testament Gospels, or do they mix fact and fiction? If the latter circumstance, how do we tell one from the other?

Typically, network news is late on this vital religion story. Liberal scholars have been questioning biblical history for two centuries and major print media have given considerable coverage over the past decade or two.

Television's hesitation is understandable, however, since the topic has complexities within complexities that are ill-suited for

video treatment. Sure enough, ABC's camera and sound work is clever and the script skips along, but the substance is quite problematic.

One pitfall is that "Search" indiscriminately mingles folkways (did Mary really sit on this rock?) with essentials (did Jesus have a Last Supper and what did it mean?).

More importantly, ABC's implicit plot line pits the touching faith in the Gospels among common folk in Bethlehem, Nazareth or Alexandria, La., against the experts, who supposedly know better. That's a hugely distorted picture.

As the old saying goes, a reporter is only as good as his sources. In Jennings' lopsided lineup, the key talking heads consist of five American liberals, a middle-roader in Israel and a lone traditionalist from England.

Jennings seems to have discovered none of the estimable moderate and conservative scholars in America. And even on the liberal side, the show doesn't visit the blue-blood campuses where biblical history is being undermined, nor does it hear from some prime figures in the debate.

Though viewers aren't told this, four of the five Americans on-screen come from the "Jesus Seminar." As fundamentalists scowled and scholars smirked, this group organized to take votes on whether each passage in the Gospels is true or false. Given the group's methods, skeptical presuppositions and special ideologies, falsity was bound to win most of the ballots.

In just the same way, ABC's conclusions

are predictable, given its sources:

"It is pretty much agreed" that the Gospel writers "were not eyewitnesses" and that the texts "were probably written 40 to 100 years after Jesus' death." (Actually, the question is not whether the writers were eyewitnesses but whether they drew upon eyewitness material. Only radicals push the writings more than 70 years after Jesus.)

"The only things we can say with some certainty" about Jesus' birth are that he was Jewish and there was political tension at the time.

"Most scholars we talked to" think that Jesus' nature miracles "were invented by the Gospel writers as advertisements for Christianity."

"Jesus was executed, not for blasphemy as the Gospels indicate, but as a political revolutionary."

Jennings reports that "some eminent scholars" believe Jesus rose from the grave. And though the show doesn't make the best use of its conservative, Canon Theologian N.T. Wright of Westminster Abbey, he gets in one zinger: If Jesus didn't rise from the dead, Wright asks, how do we explain the explosive growth of early Christianity?

Wright's presence makes ABC's program more balanced than "From Jesus to Christ," a PBS effort two years ago that excluded conservative thinkers.

The Jennings program is being praised

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RELIGION NEWS IN BRIEF

NEW YORK (AP) — A leading Islamic advocacy group joined

Christian conservatives in objecting to this week's U.S. Supreme Court ruling that student-led prayers at football games are unconstitutional. "As demonstrated by the increase in violence, sexual promiscuity and drug use at schools throughout the country, there is clearly a need for more student-sponsored spiritual guidance, not less," said a statement by the Council on American-Islamic Relations.

The Fellowship of Christian Athletes called the decision a "bizarre and ironic intrusion in the religious life and expression of American student athletes."

The National Council of Churches said, "The court wisely recognized that participation in these prayers might not be voluntary for all students."

The American Jewish Congress called the decision "an important victory because it firmly dispels any notion that schools can evade the constitutional mandate of religious

neutrality in the schools."

NEW YORK (AP) — The trend toward incorporating religion and spirituality into health care is ethically and scientifically questionable, according to an article in this week's New England Journal of Medicine by a group of Christian, Jewish, Buddhist, and Muslim biomedical researchers and chaplains.

Combining the two "leads to weak science (and) watered-down religion," said the article whose lead author was Richard P. Sloan, director of behavioral medicine at Columbia-Presbyterian Medical Center. "We are troubled by the uncritical embrace of this trend by the general public, individual physicians and American medical schools," the article said.

The authors stated that "limited, narrowly focused and methodologically flawed studies" are leading to false conclusions that religious activity promotes healing, that patients should be encouraged to participate in such activities, and

that patients want a spiritual component to their medical care.

"Attempts to link religion to health oversimplifies both," the authors concluded.

NEW YORK (AP) — The Jehovah's Witnesses will continue to reject members who defy the group's prohibition of most blood transfusions, an official of the denomination said.

Spokesman James Pellechia dismissed as misleading news reports that the longstanding policy had been reversed.

The group acknowledges that it has ended its practice of "disfellowshipping" — or excommunicating — members who receive blood transfusions. Pellechia said that a Jehovah's Witness who has a transfusion automatically "revokes his membership."

"It has the same effect," said Pellechia.

Why the semantic change? Pellechia said the group is simply stating more accurately that a person who rejects its tenets chooses to leave.

But Raymond Franz, a former Jehovah's Witness who once served on the group's Governing Body, believes the Jehovah's Witness leadership hopes that publicly ending the practice of disfellowshipping will lessen negative perceptions of the group in Europe.

Pellechia notes that for two decades some Jehovah's Witnesses have believed that the transfusion of fractions derived from major blood components is allowable.

HEMPSTEAD, N.Y. (AP) — The Reformed Church in America has sidestepped calls from nine regional units to break ecumenical fellowship with the United Church of Christ because it supports homosexual activity.

In a second ecumenical action, the synod voted to apply for membership in the National Association of Evangelicals. If the bid is accepted, the Reformed Church would be the first denomination to belong to both that conservative association and the more liberal National Council of Churches.

CLUB NEWS

Big Spring Art Association

Kathy Lusk was the speaker at the Big Spring Art Association June 20, meeting at the county library. Lusk teaches fall and spring short-term photography classes at Howard College.

Bonita Lyght presided and welcomed new members Penny Gilliam and Neil Clark and guests Mary Crummitt and Jennifer Peterson.

Jean Money was hostess and also winner of the Tipping of the Brush contest. Her painting will be displayed at Citizens Credit Union. Other paintings will be: Lyght's at Big Spring Banking Center, Elnora Hart's at courthouse annex, Judy Gibbs' at chamber of commerce, Estelle Howard's at Dell's Cafe and Kay Smith's at Santa Fe Sandwich.

Gibbs reported that the Caboose Watercolor Society art show will continue at the Heritage Museum until July 1st.

Big Spring Rotary Club

New officers for the Rotary year beginning July 1 were installed Tuesday at La Posada Restaurant. President is Ben Bancroft; president-elect is Jan Foresyth. Vice president is Frances Wheat and secretary/treasurer is Shirley Lee. Directors are Scott Nelson, Gladys King, Steve Stanley and Kathy Lusk.

Tommy Churchwell is membership chairman, Julie Shirey is music director and JoAnne Hyer is sergeant at arms.

Outgoing president Hayes Stripling was given a past-president's plaque and pin. During his tenure this past year, the club saw a 30 percent increase in membership.

Mighty Oaks

East Fourth St. Baptist Church Mighty Oaks June meeting was held at the Spanish Inn.

President, Pat Wyrick presided. Opening prayer was said by Idabelle Bankston. Cards were passed for everyone to sign and will be mailed to members who have a birthday coming up.

Cards of appreciation received from members were read by Pat Wyrick.

Several members expressed their "Thank you" for cards received and for food delivered

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YOUTH NEWS

The Achievement Day Girls of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints completed a service project for the Big Spring Humane Society recently. The young girls' group collected items such as food and donated everything to the shelter.

"We really love animals and wanted to help make them comfortable and happy," the girls wrote in a note to the Humane Society. "We hope these donations will help take good care of the animals."

Pictured are Achievement Day Girls Tiffany Richards, Tiera Mohn, Melissa Colwell, Valerie Colwell with their leader Anita Colwell. Not pictured is group member KaySea Spiller.



FOR YOUR INFORMATION

FREE CAR WASH SATURDAY, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., 2100 Gregg St., behind H-E-B, to benefit the class of 2001 graduation dance. For more information, call Patsy Rodriguez at 267-8307 or Norma Hilario at 267-9421.

THE EAGLES LODGE will have a fish fry Saturday, June 24, serving from 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. Plates will include fish, hush puppies, french fries, coleslaw and beans. Cost is \$5 per plate, dine in or carry out at 703 W. Third. Proceeds will benefit the lodge.

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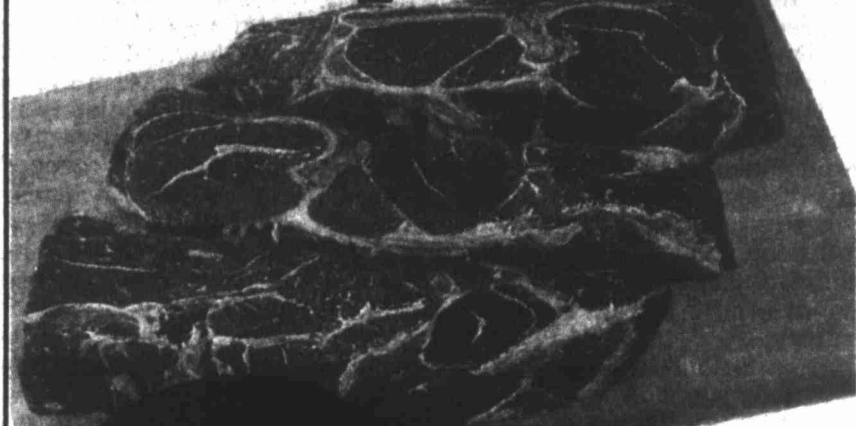
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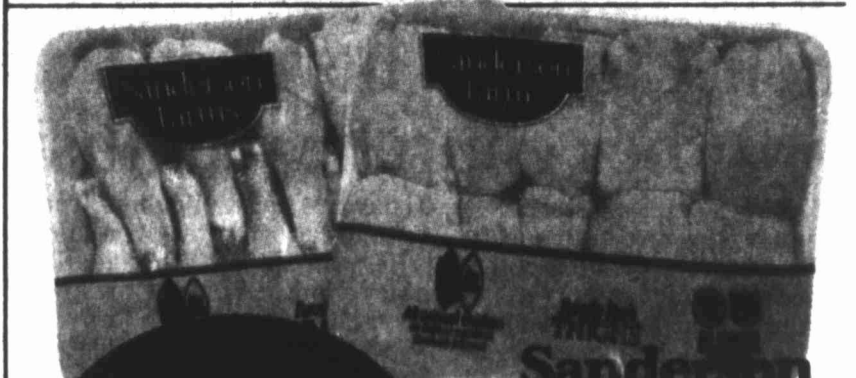


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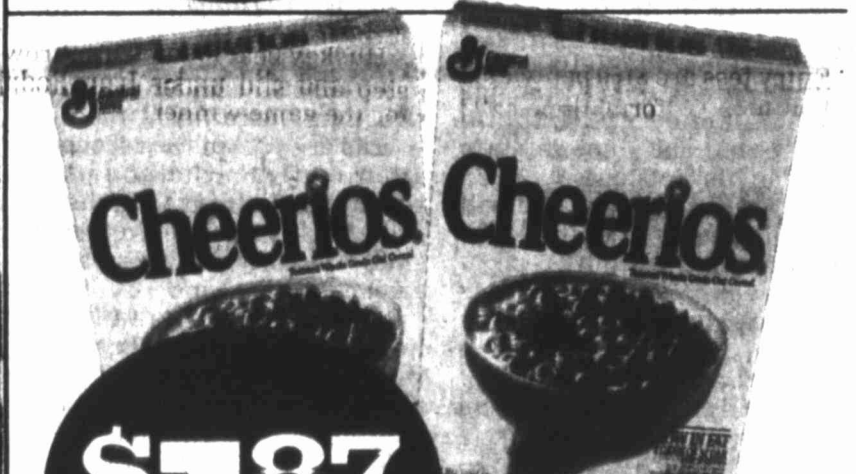


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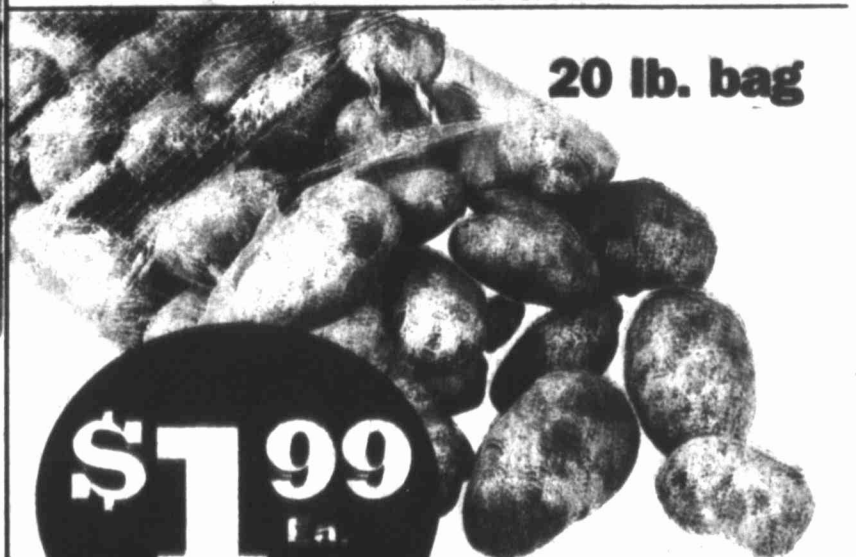


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IN BRIEF

Patsy Sharpnack among
PBWGA playday winners

Patsy Sharpnack of Big Spring was among the winners during Wednesday's Permian Basin Women's Golf Association playday at Mission Dorado in Midland.

A member of the Comanche Trail Ladies Golf Association, Sharpnack posted a round of 98 to finish second in the third flight's gross scoring competition, finishing behind the 96 turned in by Julie Green of Midland.

Sands basketball camp
set to begin on Monday

Sands High School head basketball coach Harold Scott has scheduled the "Camp for Champs" basketball camp which starts Monday and continues through Friday, June 30.

Camp sessions will be from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. each day for youngsters in grades 1-4, while those in grades 5-8 will attend sessions from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Fees will be \$25 for those attending the morning sessions, while afternoon sessions will be \$30.

For more information, call Scott at 353-4800.

Best of the Rest touney
scheduled for weekend

The "Best of the Rest" two-man partnership tournament has been scheduled for Saturday and Sunday at the Comanche Trail Golf Course.

The field will be flighted by handicap, but players must declare for the championship flight.

Those in the championship flight will play a low ball partnership format, while other flights will be play a two-man scramble.

Entry fees are \$160 per team. For more information, call 264-2366.

Ragball tournament
slated in Coahoma

A ragball tournament benefiting the Coahoma United Girls Softball Association has been scheduled for June 30-July 1 at the Coahoma Softball Complex.

Entry fees are \$10 per person. Each team will be guaranteed 10 games. Registration begins at 5 p.m. Friday, June 30.

For more information, call Rocky New at 394-4041 or Laura Martin at 267-8660.

Big Spring Bass Club
schedules June touney

Lake Brownwood will be the site for the Big Spring Bass Club's monthly tournament set for Saturday.

Fishing times for the tournament will be 6 a.m. to 4 p.m. Weigh-in will be at the dam.

Club members are also taking part in open fishing each Thursday at Lake Colorado City. Entry fees are \$10 per angler.

BSHS Volleyball Camp
scheduled for July 20-25

Rose Magers-Powell will again conduct the Big Spring High School Volleyball Camp, slated for July 20-25.

Camp sessions for girls in grades 6-8 will be from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. July 20-22, while those in grades 9-12 will attend sessions from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. on July 24-25.

Those in grades 9-12 will attend sessions from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. July 20-22 and again July 24-25.

Fees are \$60 for grades 3-5, \$85 for grades 6-8 and \$95 for grades 9-12.

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

ON THE AIR

Television

WNBA

8 p.m. — Seattle Reign at Portland Fire, LIFE, Ch. 40.

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

6:35 p.m. — Milwaukee Brewers at Atlanta Braves, TBS, Ch. 11.

7:30 p.m. — Tampa Bay Devil Rays at Texas Rangers, FXS, Ch. 29.

Lady Steers coach pleased with camp, announces award winners

By JOHN A. MOSELEY
Managing Editor

Having almost doubled the number of youngsters participating, Big Spring High School girls' basketball coach Kathy Loter says her second Lady Steers Basketball Camp this week was an unqualified success.

"It just went extremely well," Loter said following the camp's close Thursday morning. "We saw the number of girls go up from 32 last year to 57 this year and that made a lot of difference. I'd like to have seen a few more younger girls, but we still had enough kids in each of the age groups to really get in some good scrimmage time after our skills sessions."

The camp's participants ranged in age

between 6 and 13 and were divided into grade groupings. Girls in the second and third grades worked together, while those in the fourth and fifth grades comprised another group. The third group involved youngsters in the sixth through eighth grades.

In addition to Loter's direction, the youngsters received instruction from Debbie Churchwell, Jimmy Avery, Traci Pierce and Mike Wallace.

Thursday morning, campers assembled for an awards ceremony as the coaches presented awards based on the youngsters' skills, as well as their attitude, dedication and willingness to work with teammates.

Winners of the best camper awards, voted upon by the campers, were Kylie Gee of Coahoma, Paige Jackson of

Coahoma and Raegan Ritchey of Big Spring.

It would not be the last of the awards. Gee and Ritchey would take home.

Free throw award winners in the second- and third-grade division were Gee, Jordan Martin of Coahoma, Emily Hicks of Big Spring and Hayli McCullough of Coahoma.

In the fourth- and fifth-grade division, Lauren Bryant of Big Spring, Tara Kuykendall of Forsan and Ariel Johnson received free throw awards, while the winners in the older girls' division were Ritchey and two other Big Spring campers, Becky Murphree and Brennan Bailey.

Awards for ball handling skills went to three Coahoma attendees — Martin, Kalea Neff, Gee and Megan Parris — in

the younger division.

Johnson, Kuykendall and Berkley Iden of Coahoma were the top ball handlers in the fourth- and fifth-grade grouping, while Ritchey, Alex Watkins of Big Spring and Shayla Walisa of Coahoma took the awards in the sixth through eighth-grade division.

Gee also won the hot shot contest in the younger division, while Emily Hicks and Kate Brumley, both of Big Spring, finished second and third.

In the fourth and fifth grades, Bryant led the way with 85 shots, while Kuykendall hit 64 and Johnson had 59. Watkins topped the tight competition in the sixth through eighth group with 77 shots, while Courtney Rodriguez of Big Spring was one back with 76 and Kendal Adams of Big Spring was third with 74.

Rangers drop surprise pitching duel

Rodriguez hits
23rd home run
in 3-2 setback

ARLINGTON (AP) — Butch Huskey waited for just the right moment, then headed home in an all-out sprint.

Huskey scored from second as teammate Denny Hocking was caught in a rundown in the ninth inning, lifting the Minnesota Twins over the Texas Rangers 3-2 Thursday night.

Huskey doubled off Tim Lincecum (1-4) leading off the ninth before Hocking, who pinch-hit for Jason Maxwell, walked. Chad Moeller grounded to second base and Hocking avoided the tag of Frank Catalanotto, who threw to first to retire Moeller. Hocking was caught in a rundown between Rangers first baseman Rafael Palmeiro and shortstop Royce Clayton.

After Palmeiro chased Hocking toward second, Palmeiro threw to Clayton. Huskey hit third just as Clayton received the throw, and once Huskey saw Clayton relay back to Palmeiro, he alertly took off for home.

Huskey beat Palmeiro's throw home by a step and slid under Ivan Rodriguez's tag for the game-winning.

"You work on that in spring training," Huskey said. "I just had to make sure Royce gave the ball up. Once he released the ball, I knew it was going to be bang-bang, so I had to slide outside the tag."

LaTroy Hawkins (2-2) retired the last batter in the eighth, and Eddie Guardado got one out in the ninth. Bob Wells got the last two outs with runners on the corners for his fourth save in six opportunities.

"I was shaking hands in the dugout and I said, 'Man, there's a lot of sweaty palms in here,'" Twins manager Tom Kelly said. "Dennis did a good job of avoiding the tag at second base and Butch did a good job of sliding."

The Twins avoided a three-game sweep by the Rangers, who won two straight after a dismal 1-8 road trip.

The game turned into a surprise pitching duel when two emergency starters took a 2-2 game into the eighth.

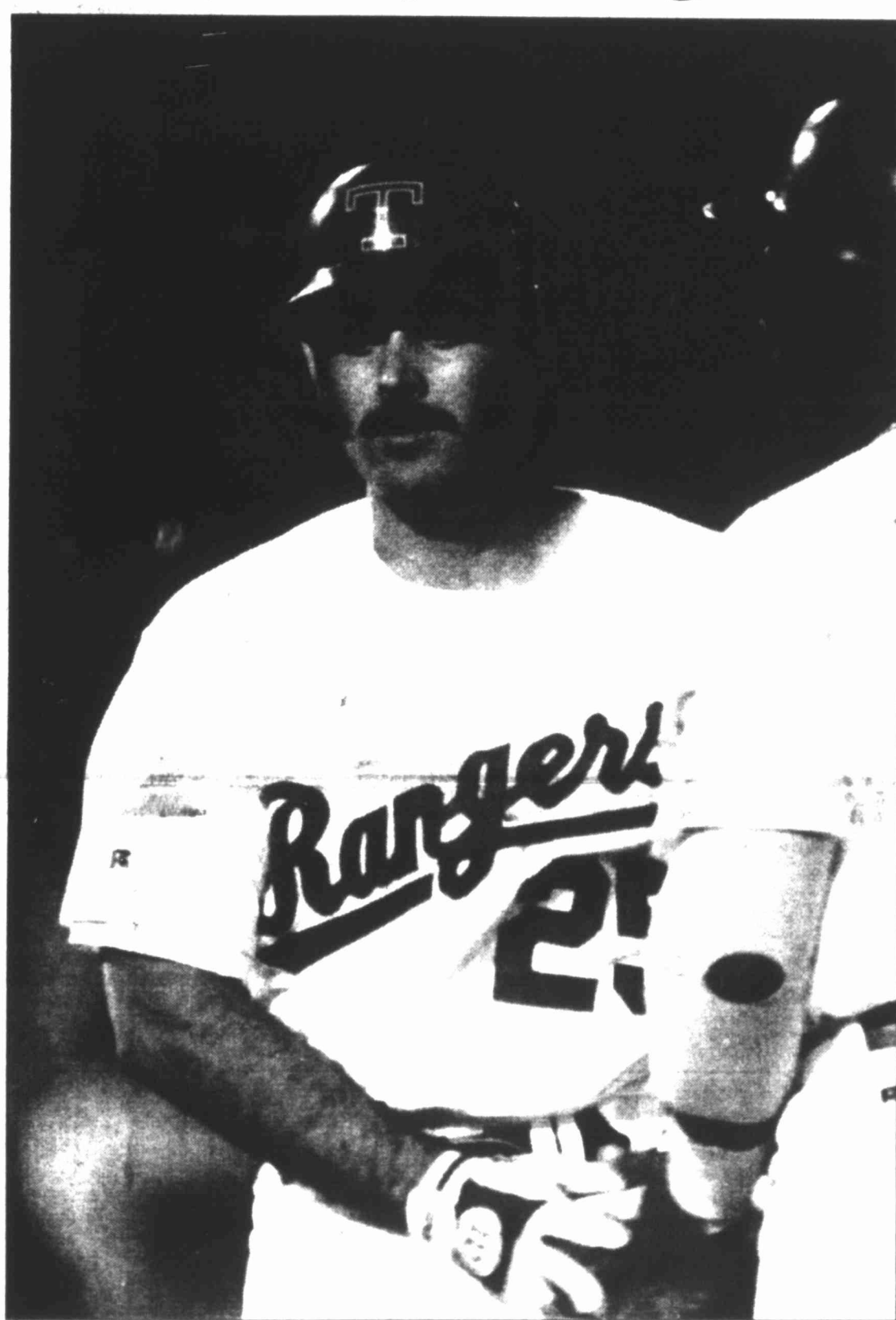
Texas starter Matt Perisho and Minnesota's Joe Mays were forced into duty because of injuries to both scheduled starters.

Perisho, who gave up five hits and two runs in seven innings, replaced scheduled starter Darren Oliver, who was placed on the 15-day disabled list Wednesday because of weakness in his left shoulder. Perisho walked two and struck out four.

"I felt like I did my job," Perisho said. "We made them earn their runs."

Mays held the Rangers to two runs on eight hits before he was replaced by Travis Miller at the start of the eighth. Mays was pushed up in the rotation when scheduled starter Eric Milton was hit in the left hand — his pitching hand — Tuesday while standing in the outfield during batting practice. Mays walked two and struck out four.

The Rangers took a 2-1 lead on



Rafael Palmeiro, pictured here being congratulated by a teammate after a 1993 home run, provided Texas' first run in a 3-2 loss to the Minnesota Twins on Thursday. The loss snapped a two-game Rangers win streak. The Rangers will try to get back on track tonight when they play host to the Tampa Bay Devil Rays.

Rodriguez's 23rd home run, an opposite-field, 391-foot shot in the fifth inning. Rodriguez, the 1999 AL MVP, is second in the league in homers. He trails Toronto's Carlos Delgado, who has 25.

The Twins answered in the sixth when Corey Koskie's bunt single scored Matt Lawton from third. Lawton singled to start the inning and moved to third on two infield groundouts.

Ron Coomer's second-inning home run to left, his ninth of the year, gave the Twins a 1-0 lead. The right-handed first baseman is 7-for-10 with three RBIs in his career against Perisho.

The Rangers tied it 1-1 in the third when Palmeiro singled home Catalanotto, who singled, stole second and reached third on a throwing error by Twins rookie catcher Moeller.

Notes: Rangers rookie 3B Mike Lamb was 2-for-4, his 13th multihit game. He has a six-game hitting streak, which includes four multihit games. Moeller recorded his first major league hit with a single in the third inning. He made his major league debut Wednesday after being called up from Triple-A Salt Lake City. Despite the loss, the Rangers have won four of six after a 1-8 road trip.

Bird rejects
Pacers' offer
to keep job

INDIANAPOLIS (AP)

Larry Bird, who coached the Indiana Pacers for three years and turned down an offer to take a front-office job with the team, plans to spend at least a year away from basketball.

"With Larry, once he tells you something, that's it," Indiana Pacers president Donnie Walsh said Thursday after announcing Bird's decision to leave.

"It was something that was well-stated and understood by the team," Jalen Rose said. "So it wasn't something we always came up to him about. We just wanted to go out and win a championship for him."

The Pacers came close this year, losing to the Los Angeles Lakers in six games in the NBA Finals.

Bird, given an option of succeeding Walsh as team president after Walsh retired, said in February he was "90 percent" certain he would retire altogether. He later backed off that, but after the loss to the Lakers, he said he was leaning toward returning to his home in Naples, Fla., where he and his wife already have enrolled their children in school for the fall.

"I want to take some time off to rest, spend time with my wife and kids, then decide what to do," Bird said. "The last three years have been a great experience. While our goal was to win a championship, I'm still very proud of what the players accomplished."

The three coaching candidates Walsh already has talked to are Pacers assistant Rick Carlisle, Sacramento assistant Byron Scott, a former Pacers player, and Hall of Famer Isiah Thomas, who played at Indiana University.

"I know the three candidates are all people who could do a good job, given the opportunity," Rose said. "So it just basically boils down to who Donnie thinks can do the best job for the future of the franchise."

"The fact is, we want somebody that's going to come in and help us win, and somebody that's going to bring an exciting style of play that the fans can come and enjoy," he said. "We want to win the championship, and we want to win a lot of games."

Walsh said there are no frontrunners for the job.

"I'm not putting any deadlines on it. I've talked to three candidates who know what the team is, know who the players are," he said.

Rocker riding the No. 7 into lion's den just a little shortsighted

The Bible doesn't go into much detail about how Daniel arrived in the lion's den, but you can be sure it wasn't on the No. 7 train.

John Rocker's desire to come to New York next week and face his demons is understandable.

Almost admirable, in fact. But it's also shortsighted, ill-timed, unnecessarily expensive and unlikely to do anyone any good — least of all Rocker.

The last time a tourist arrived in Gotham this unprepared, it was Jack Lemmon in the 1970 comedy called "The Out-of-Towners." He played a guy who goes to New York for a job interview and ends up on a hellish train ride, gets flanked by hustlers and chased by cops. The difference

in real life is that all this could happen to Rocker, too, and he might still have to pitch his way out of a bases-loaded jam in snarling, seething Shea Stadium.

Those who insist Rocker will have to get this over with sooner or later are right. And not just for the macho value of being able to say he wasn't run out of town. He has to know that no organization will waste a roster spot on a player who can't accompany the team to New York. But if I'm Rocker's travel agent, the recommendation is a nice three-night package in late September instead. Maybe the last week of the season, when the Atlanta Braves make their only other appearance at Shea. The timing has to be better.

Relief pitching is a high-wire act. It requires not just a lot of sound body parts working in unison, but nerves of steel and more than a fair share of good luck. Rocker is having trouble with all three right now. Struggling is something he did very little of in his almost-

unbroken run from preps to pros, but Rocker is making up for lost time.

At home against the Cubs on Wednesday, he gave up five earned runs in only one-third of an inning. He only yielded one hit, but walked four batters and hit another. His wildness reminded Chicago's Mark Grace of another reliever whose wackiness cost him a job before his time.

"He's Mitch Williams — with 10 mph more," Grace said, shaking his head. "I don't know what they're going to do, but they have to do something."

But the Braves don't have a plan, either. They can't give him away and, right now, they can't get much for him. After his disastrous stint the other night, Rocker sat in the dugout next to pitching coach Leo Mazzone. That would be the same guy who said this when the famous Sports Illustrated story came out last December:

"Baseball's a very humbling game. The first thing I think about after I

hear about this, he's going to go out and blow himself out. One of his teammates might punch him out.

Something's going to go wrong now with his career. And you watch, it'll end up going straight down the tubes."

Rocker's grip is tenuous enough and a trip to New York could push him over the edge. When he was sent down to the minors recently, the Braves said he had to work on his control. He threw 30 pitches against the Cubs and only nine for strikes. He is averaging a hit per inning worked. His earned-run average is 5.85, and his walk-to-strikeout ratio is 1-to-1. It's clear he has no control.

Normally, Rocker could take comfort in not being the only member of his fraternity who is struggling. Billy Wagner of the Astros was one of the game's best closers last season, converting 39 saves in 42 opportunities with a 1.49 ERA.

This season, he's blown nine of 15

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SPORTS EXTRA

TRANSACTIONS

AUTO RACING
TEXAS MOTOR SPEEDWAY—Named Mark Stafford director of sales and Larry Rodgers general manager of the Speedway Club.

BASEBALL
BALTIMORE ORIOLES—Placed RHP Calvin Maduro on the 15-day disabled list. Recalled RHP Gabe Molina from Rochester of International League.

BOSTON RED SOX—Recalled RHP John Wadsworth from Pawtucket of the International League.

CLEVELAND INDIANS—Named Rene Gajay director of international scouting.

KANSAS CITY ROYALS—Recalled RHP Chad Durbin from Omaha of the PCL. Optioned RHP Dan Murray to Omaha.

NEW YORK YANKEES—Called up RHP Ben Ford from Columbus of the International League. Sent RHP Jake Westbrook to Columbus.

TORONTO BLUE JAYS—Activated C Todd Greene from the 15-day disabled list. Sent C Josh Phelps to Knoxville of the Southern League.

NATIONAL LEAGUE
ATLANTA BRAVES—Signed 3B Scott Thorman, SS Aaron Herr, SS Keon De Renne, RHP Trey Hodges, 1B David Laffache and RHP Chris Clark.

CINCINNATI REDS—Moved OF Deon Sanders from the disabled list to the restricted list.

HOUSTON ASTROS—Placed RHP Jay Powell on the 15-day disabled list. Activated RHP Mike Madson from the 15-day disabled list. Signed SS Eric Brunetti, 1B Mark Hamilton, RHP Ryan Hamilton, 3B Nathan Nelson, 3B T.J. Soto, SS Tommy Whiteman and OF Henri Stanley.

LOS ANGELES DODGERS—Agreed to terms with RHP Joel Hanrahan, C Ryno Hill and RHP Heath Totten.

MILWAUKEE BREWERS—Signed RHP Hunter Gomez.

MONTREAL EXPOS—Released C Charlie O'Brien. Activated C Lenny Webster from the 15-day disabled list. Optioned C Brian Schneider to Ottawa of the International League.

BASKETBALL
NATIONAL BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION
BOSTON CELTICS—Picked up the contract option of G Adrian Griffin.

FOOTBALL
NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE
NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS—Released DE Jon Harris.

TAMPA BAY BUCCANERS—Signed S Jeff Pritchett to a one-year contract.

SEATTLE SEAHAWKS—Signed WR James Williams and DT Tim Watson.

HOCKEY
NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE
EDMONTON AVALANCHE—Promoted assistant coach Craig MacTavish to coach.

TAMPA BAY LIGHTNING—Signed G Evgeny Konstantinov to a three-year contract.

COLLEGE
CUNY ATHLETIC CONFERENCE—Named Bruce Filosa president and Robert J. Coleman vice president for the 2000-01 and 2001-02 academic years.

MID-CONTINENT CONFERENCE—Elected Gerald Bekko chairman of the presidents council, effective July 1.

SUNSHINE STATE CONFERENCE—Named Dr. Thomas Reuschling president for the 2000-01 school year.

CAMPBELL—Named Patrick Ferguson women's soccer coach.

CINCINNATI—Reinstated sophomore RB DeMarco McKeskey to the football team.

LOUISIANA TECH—Named Randy Bates defensive backs coach. Todd Howard linebackers coach. Todd Monken running back coach and recruiting coordinator. Pete Perot offensive line coach and Rob Spence quarter backs coach and defensive coordinator.

NORTH CAROLINA WILMINGTON—Named Ann Hancock women's basketball coach.

TEXAS DALLAS—Named Terry Butterfield men's basketball coach.

WNBA
Thursday's Games
Phoenix 90, Charlotte 57
Orlando 77, Cleveland 64
Minnesota 88, Utah 64

Today's Games
Sacramento at Washington, 6 p.m.
Los Angeles at Miami, 6 p.m.
New York at Indiana, 7 p.m.
Houston at Utah, 8 p.m.
Seattle at Portland, 8 p.m.

MAJOR LEAGUE STANDINGS

AMERICAN LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Boston	37	31	.544	
New York	36	31	.537	1/2
Toronto	39	34	.534	1/2
Baltimore	30	40	.429	8
Tampa Bay	28	42	.400	10

Central Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Chicago	46	26	.639	
Cleveland	37	32	.536	7 1/2
Kansas City	34	36	.486	11
Minnesota	31	42	.425	15 1/2
Detroit	27	40	.403	16 1/2

West Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Oakland	42	29	.592	
Seattle	40	30	.571	1 1/2
Anaheim	37	34	.521	5
Texas	33	37	.471	8 1/2

Thursday's Games

Toronto 7, Detroit 4	
Boston 4, N.Y. Yankees 2	
Chicago White Sox 6, Cleveland 0	
Minnesota 3, Texas 1	
Seattle 11, Baltimore 4	
Anaheim 4, Kansas City 3	

Today's Games

Detroit (Blair 3-1) at Cleveland	
(Navarro 0-0), 6:05 p.m.	
Boston (Wadsworth 0-2) at Toronto	
(Castillo 3-5), 6:05 p.m.	
N.Y. Yankees (Ford 0-0) at Chicago	
White Sox (Parque 7-2), 7:05 p.m.	
Tampa Bay (Lide 0-2) at Texas	
(Helling 7-6), 7:35 p.m.	
Baltimore (Ericksen 3-4) at Seattle	
(Meche 3-4), 9:05 p.m.	
Kansas City (Durbin 1-2) at	

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Atlanta	44	28	.611	
New York	38	31	.551	4 1/2
Montreal	36	33	.522	6 1/2
Florida	35	38	.479	9 1/2
Philadelphia	29	41	.414	14

Central Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
St. Louis	41	30	.577	
Cincinnati	36	36	.500	6 1/2
Pittsburgh	31	40	.437	10
Chicago	30	41	.422	11
Houston	30	41	.417	11 1/2
San Diego	26	45	.366	15

West Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Arizona	41	30	.577	
Colorado	38	29	.567	1
Los Angeles	38	32	.543	2 1/2
San Francisco	34	30	.530	5 1/2
San Diego	31	39	.443	9 1/2

Thursday's Games

Atlanta 6, Chicago Cubs 4	
Montreal 6, Pittsburgh 5	
Milwaukee 6, Florida 1	
N.Y. Mets 5, Philadelphia 4	
Cincinnati 5, Colorado 3	
Houston 6, Los Angeles 3	
St. Louis 11, San Francisco 10	

Today's Games

Philadelphia (Coggins 0-0) at Montreal	
(Vazquez 6-3), 6:05 p.m.	
Chicago Cubs (Lieber 5-4) at Florida	
(Perry 3-6), 6:05 p.m.	
Pittsburgh (Arroyo 0-0) at N.Y. Mets	
(B.J. Jones 1-3), 6:10 p.m.	
San Diego (Eaton 1-0) at Cincinnati	
(Bell 4-6), 6:35 p.m.	
Milwaukee (Bere 4-6) at Atlanta	
(Burkett 5-3), 6:40 p.m.	
San Francisco (Hernandez 5-6) at Houston	
(Lima 1-10), 7:05 p.m.	

AL LEADERS

BATTING—Garciparra, Boston, .396; E Martinez, Seattle, .374; Rodriguez, Texas, .368; Erstad, Anaheim, .367; Delgado, Toronto, .357; M Sweeney, Kansas City, .354; Arduiz, Seattle, .352.	
RUNS—Arduiz, Seattle, 73; Delgado, Toronto, 61; Mondesi, Toronto, 58; Durham, Chicago, 56; JaGiambi, Oakland, 55; Damon, Kansas City, 54; Glaus, Anaheim, 53.	
DOUBLES—E Martinez, Seattle, 77; M Sweeney, Kansas City, 70; JaGiambi, Oakland, 70; BeWilliams, New York, 67; Arduiz, Seattle, 66.	

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TEXAS LEAGUE

Thursday's Games	
Wichita 4, Arkansas 0	
El Paso 11, San Antonio 3	
Midland 7, Round Rock 4, 11 innings	
Today's Games	
Tulsa 5, Shreveport 0	
Arkansas at Wichita	
El Paso at San Antonio	
Midland at Round Rock	
Shreveport at Tulsa	

TEX-LA LEAGUE

Thursday's Games	
Lafayette 8, Alexandria 7, 11 innings	
Amario 4, Ozark 3	
Greenville 8, San Angelo 6	
Jackson 3, Rio Grande 2, 11 innings	
Today's Games	
Alexandria at Lafayette	
Amario at Ozark	
Greenville at San Angelo	
Rio Grande at Jackson	

Dunston's RBIs, McGwire's 548th lift Cardinals to win over Giants

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

Barry Bonds couldn't do anything but laugh.

"My dad told me if you play long enough in your career, something's going to happen," he said. "I used to watch this on TV. Well, now I get to be on the bloopers reel."

Shawon Dunston hit a three-run homer in the eighth that bounced out of Bonds' glove and over the wall, and tied a career high with six RBIs as St. Louis rallied from a seven-run deficit to beat San Francisco 11-10 Thursday night.

"Barry helped us, so that's OK," said Dunston, whose second homer of the game gave St. Louis a 10-9 lead. "If he can't catch it, no one can. He's the best left fielder in the game."

Jeff Kent, who had four RBIs, tied it with a ninth-inning single off Dave Veres (1-2), but Craig Paquette's RBI single off the glove of reliever Mark Gardner (4-3) in the bottom half won it.

In other National League games, it was Montreal 6, Pittsburgh 5; Milwaukee 6, Florida 1; New York 5, Philadelphia 4; Houston 6, Los Angeles 3; Cincinnati 5, Colorado 3; and Atlanta 6, Chicago 4.

At St. Louis, Mark McGwire tied Mike Schmidt for seventh place on the career home run list, hitting No. 548 in the fourth inning.

McGwire reached 548 homers in 5,832 at-bats, while it took

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Schmidt 8,352 at-bats. Earlier this season, McGwire passed Jimmie Foxx (534) and Mickey Mantle (536). Reggie Jackson is sixth on the career list with 563.

Expos 6, Pirates 5

Jose Vidro went 3-for-4 at Olympic Stadium with a go-ahead homer in the second off Todd Ritchie (4-4) and three RBIs, raising his average to .368.

Dustin Hermanson (6-4) retired 14 of 15 batters after Bruce Aven's two-out RBI double gave the Pirates a 3-0 lead in the first.

Brewers 6, Marlins 1
John Snyder (3-2) won his third straight start for Milwaukee, allowing two hits in six shutout innings.

Charlie Hayes hit a two-run homer in the game at Florida, and Luis Lopez had a solo shot. Jesus Sanchez (4-6), who has five losses and three no-decisions in his last eight starts, gave up three runs and six hits in 6 1-3 innings.

Mets 5, Phillies 4
Jay Payton hit a go-ahead, two-run homer in the sixth off Cliff Politte (1-2) at Shea Stadium as New York avoided a three-game sweep. The drive appeared to skim the top of right fielder Bobby Abreu's glove and go over the wall.

Derek Bell and Melvin Mora also homered, and Glendon

Rusch (5-5) allowed two runs and seven hits in seven innings. Dennis Cook got the last out for his first save.

Astros 6, Dodgers 3

Scott Elarton (5-3) stayed unbeaten in four decisions at home, allowing one run and four hits in eight innings. Marc Valdes got three outs for his first save, and Lance Berkman went 3-for-3 with a three-run homer.

Gary Sheffield hit his fourth homer in three days against the Astros, raising his season total to 24. There have been 116 home runs in 34 games at Enron Field, just two short of last season's total in the Astrodome.

Darren Dreifort (4-6) lost his third straight decision, allowing five runs — three earned — and five hits in seven innings.

Reds 5, Rockies 3

Ken Griffey Jr. hit his 21st homer and Steve Parris (3-10) allowed three runs and five hits in 7 1-3 innings as Cincinnati won for the third time in 15 games.

Kevin Jarvis (2-2), making his first start against his former team, gave up four runs and seven hits in five innings for visiting Colorado, which fell a game behind idle Arizona in the NL West.

Braves 6, Cubs 4
Terry Mulholland (7-6) scattered 13 hits at Turner Field to win for the fourth time in six starts.

Quilvio Veras and Reggie Sanders two RBIs each.

Ogilvie shares first-round lead in Memphis

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (AP) — Joe Ogilvie's move to a more conventional putting stance has already paid off.

The 26-year-old Duke graduate tried to make his old stance work on the greens, but the results weren't there. His best finish this year was a tie for 20th in the Pebble Beach National Pro-Am. He didn't break 70 in his last 10 rounds.

He finally surrendered last week, moving into a more conventional position with his eyes over the ball and his hands below his shoulders.

That, combined with some good iron play, helped Ogilvie shoot a 6-under-par 65 Thursday and grab a share of the first-round lead at the St. Jude Classic with David Peoples and

David Toms.

"I was probably the worst putter on tour," Ogilvie said. "It looked ugly for a while. It looks like things are going to change."

Ogilvie needed only 26 putts Thursday at the TPC at Southwind course in the tournament sponsored by FedEx. If he can continue, he should make a prophet of his caddy Bradley Whittle who was very happy to hear Ogilvie was changing his putting stance.

"He said to his wife, 'The guy's finally going to make some money,'" Ogilvie said.

He started his day by running in an 8-footer for birdie on No. 10. For a guy who used to worry when faced with any putt longer than 2 feet, it was the

perfect way to start the day.

"It was center cut. It was a while that I've had the ball on line the entire time, hit the ball exactly where I wanted to. That was a big confidence booster straight off the bat," said Ogilvie.

He got four of his six birdies on the back nine where he started. While Peoples and Toms each had seven birdies and one bogey, Ogilvie just missed a 12-footer for eagle on the easiest hole on the course, the par-5, 527-yard 5th.

Chris DiMarco, Notah Begay, Scott Hoch and Bob May were a stroke back with 66s. Local favorite Loren Roberts, Russ Cochran, Joe Durant, Steve Pate and Carl Paulson all had 67s.

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saves and perhaps the tendon in his throwing arm as well. One difference between him and Rocker is that Wagner has plenty of friends in the clubhouse and more than a few supporters in the Houston front office.

The only reason Rocker's even on a big-league roster is because of yet another problem with oft-injured Rudy Seanez. Like everybody else in baseball, even the Braves are desperate for pitching.

Keeping Rocker home would seem to benefit almost everyone, but general manager John Schuerholz sounded indifferent when asked about Rocker's plan to ride the No. 7 train to next week's series.

"It's a nonissue for me," he said. "Guys travel to the ballpark however they like."

It will be an issue, though, for New York, which will have to pay for hundreds of extra cops to be on hand to ensure Rocker is safe riding past Woody Allen's film studio and through neighborhoods packed with Asians and Hispanics.

It's small comfort, but Rocker can count on one thing. If he makes it to the end of the line, the No. 7 will drop him off closer to Shea than his pitches have been around the plate lately.

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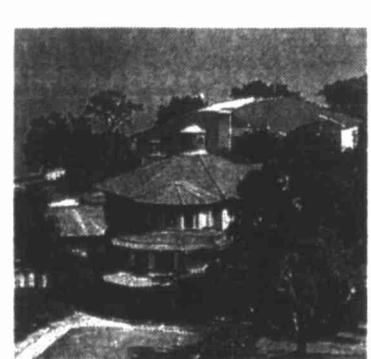
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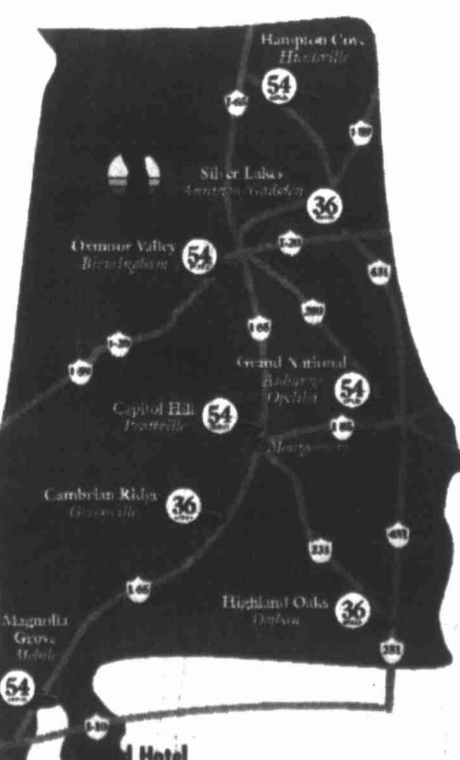


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Formula One getting ready for U.S. again

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Formula One has prospered without burning rubber on American asphalt for nine years. The globe-trotting circuit hopes for even more success by returning to the United States.

And when the racers compete in the U.S. Grand Prix on Sept. 24 at Indianapolis Motor Speedway, Formula One can be considered a true world championship once again.

"Any championship which includes America is a better world championship," said Ron Dennis, managing director of the topflight McLaren team.

The fertile ground of American business beckons Formula One teams that have annual budgets of \$100 million or more. Some good NASCAR teams are racing for \$10 million.

The open-wheel series, which races on five continents and is considered the most sophisticated racing in the world, was a regular visitor to the United States from 1959 through 1991, but never found a home. It raced with varied success in Detroit; Las Vegas; Dallas; Phoenix; Sebring, Fla.; Riverside, Calif.; Watkins Glen, N.Y.; and Long Beach, Calif.

F1 never really caught on with the American public, and became too expensive for U.S. promoters.

At that point, F1 had no American teams or drivers — the last was Michael Andretti in 1993 — and virtually no American involvement other than a few multinational companies as sponsors.

Interest in NASCAR was starting to take off and CART, then the top open-wheel series in America, was solidly entrenched here.

So, Formula One gave up on America after a disastrous experience in its three years in Phoenix.

Only 15,000 showed up for final race on a downtown street circuit, and American TV ratings were minuscule.

Now F1's back, hoping that tradition-busting Tony George, president of the Indianapolis Speedway and creator of CART's rival, the Indy Racing League, can put it in the fast lane with American fans.

George has spent an estimated \$45 million to upgrade the speedway and build a Formula One road course and garages. Although the new track is too far from some grandstands to use all the speedway's 200,000 permanent seats, more than 200,000 tickets have been sold.

"Clearly, the dissension between CART and the Indianapolis organization has given us the opportunity to go back to America," Dennis said. "I am sure there will be the usual level of American razzmatazz around it."

"But it will be three to five years before we know whether we have put F1 back on the map in the USA."

In fact, Formula One people understand this is probably the last good chance they will have for a while to make a go of it in this country.

"If we don't crack this one we can probably wave goodbye to America," said Eddie Jordan of Ireland, owner of the Jordan F1 team. "This is a golden nugget and we must do the best job we can."

Although the first race is already assured of being a financial success, there are nagging concerns about the future of the new event.

"America is full of national sport," Dennis said. "That might make it difficult for Formula One to get a solid foothold."

Craig Pollock, owner of the British American Racing team, thinks the speedway should make the race a success.

"If we get it wrong, it's our own fault," he said.

Unlike highly competitive NASCAR, CART and the IRL, Formula One has only a handful of winners, is extremely technical and usually has little passing.

"It's much more like a chess game in Formula One," explained Jaguar Racing driver Eddie Irvine of Northern Ireland.

He hopes for a great race in September.

"What we don't want is to ... bore everyone to tears," Irvine said. "In F1 you never know. It could be the best race of the year, or it could be junk."

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- Sat. Super sale Silver Hills. Last house on Callahan Beanie babies, toys, dishes, 47 Harley Davidson motorcycle, name brand childrens clothes & shoes.
- Saturday, 6-24, 8-12pm. 632 Settles. Microwave, wood craft, golf balls, clothes & misc. items.
- Saturday, 8:00 til Treadmill, twin set, chairs, dryer, misc. 113 E. Robinson Rd.
- 3 Family Garage Sale: 510 Douglas. Fri. 1-7 Sat. 8-4pm. Furn., aluminum boat, clothes, lot's of misc.
- 3 Family Garage Sale: Sat. 8-7 101 Jefferson. Baby items, toddler thru adult clothing, many misc and household items.
- 3 Family Garage Sale. Solid oak bookcase, retired premier jewelry, TV, Yamaha PortaSound Keyboard, clothes, lots of misc. 501 N. 5th, Coahoma.
- 5805 Gall Hwy, Fri. 12-9pm. Sat. 8-2pm. Picket frame pictures, furn., clothes, misc., ref. 8x16 storage bldg. NO Early sales
- 6403 N. Service I-20 (Sand Springs) Sat. only 7-7 Household items, children clothing, bike, misc.
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- Coahoma 704 Frank Davis N. Serv Rd. by dome house. Appliances, furn., kitchenware, clothes, Sat. 8-7
- Craft Sale: Sat. 8-1, 2006 S. Monticello. Woods, wreaths, yard signs & more, all new & hand made items.
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- Garage Sale, Friday 8-noon. 2603 Lynn. Complete white bedroom suite, some furniture, clothes, misc.
- Garage Sale: Saturday, 6-24-00. 707 Craigmont. (Coronado) 7:00am - noon. No Checks.
- Garage Sale, Saturday only, 8-7 2503 Langley Dr. Clothes, electronics, misc.
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- Huge Yard Sale: 2701 N. Hwy 87(1 mile N. of Rip Griffins) Fri. & Sat. A little bit of everything.
- Moving Sale: Sat. only 9-2. Girls bedr. suite, recliner, lawn-mower, gas grill, toys, household items, children's clothing size 6+, adult clothing. 900 Dallas NO Early Birds.
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Specifications and bid documents may be secured from the school district's Business Office, 708 Eleventh Place, Big Spring, Texas 79720-4610, phone number (915) 264-3640. Bids will be publicly open and read immediately following the deadline for receiving the bids in the Business Office of the Big Spring Independent School District. Bidders are invited to be present at the bid opening. Bids received after the opening date and time will be returned unopened. Bids will be presented for consideration to the Board of Trustees on August 10, 2000, at 5:15 p.m. at their regularly scheduled board meeting. The Big Spring Independent School District reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids. 2791 June 23 & 30, 2000

LEGAL AUTHORITY: Chapter 27 of the Texas Water Code, as amended, title 3 of the Texas Natural Resources Code, as amended, and the Statewide Rules of the Oil and Gas Division of the Railroad Commission of Texas. Requests for a public hearing from persons who can show they are adversely affected, or requests for further information concerning any aspect of the application should be submitted in writing, within fifteen days of publication, to the Environmental Services Section, Oil and Gas Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 12967, Capitol Station, Austin, Texas 78711 (Telephone: 512/463-6792). 2795 June 23, 2000

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ARIES (March 21-April 19)

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TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

*** Aim for what you want. You're most empowered in the morning. Make calls; reach out for friends. Later on, take off with a friend or family member. Enjoy an outdoor sport; make the most of the season. Relax. Don't bring any worries along. Tonight: Chill out.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

**** Touch base with an older relative; try to understand what he needs. Go that extra mile. Lady Luck touches you this morning. Friends want your time; join them. Indulge in a favorite pastime as well. Let go and enjoy those who make a difference in your life. Tonight: Where the gang is.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

**** Check in with someone at a distance this morning. Adapt plans if necessary. Listen to another's wishes. Bring friends together. No one knows how to make others comfortable like you do. Don't let pressure get to you. Tonight: Center stage.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

**** Understand what you are asking of another. Even though someone is happy to accommodate you, there might be long-range implications. Are you ready to deal with this? Be an explorer; take off for the day, or longer. Don't let anything bother you. Release cares. Tonight: Opt for something different.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

**** Only you can cause a problem by making judgments. Others seek you this morning. Popularity soars. Introduce a close associate to your friends. Make him feel comfortable. Don't worry about who wants what right now. Tonight: Your efforts pay off.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

**** Clear a project and

errands as soon as possible. The afternoon presents social opportunities that you might not want to turn down. Get together with others. Visit and let your hair down. Though you love to socialize, you don't always relax. Now is your chance! Tonight: Say yes.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

**** You wake up ready for fun and games. Worry less about schedules and commitments. It's time to play! Screen calls and enjoy your immediate family. Postpone your errands until you're in the mood. In the afternoon, get into a favorite pastime. Tonight: Relax.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

**** Make this a day to embrace your zest for living. Enjoy the moment. Spend time with family or a new friend. Relish the weekend and your free time. Invite others to join you in a round of tennis or to go hiking. Tonight: Put on your dancing shoes.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

**** Make calls and run errands in the morning. Invite friends over for an afternoon barbecue. Make it easy for you and congenial for others. You could be pressured by family expectations. Feel comfortable with your efforts. Tonight: Let the party happen.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

**** Deal with finances. Take charge of your budget. Don't leave anything to chance. Catch up on a friend's news this afternoon. Socialize and enjoy the moment. You don't have to go far to enjoy yourself. Be spontaneous and let it all happen. Tonight: Out and about.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

**** Beam in what you want, but be conscious of the costs. Sometimes you go overboard with spending. Turn away from risks. Have a good time without making your budget look like the national deficit. A child or loved one tries to manipulate a decision. Tonight: Ultimately, you are in control.

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Dear Neighbor:

Keeping our neighbors informed of activities at the Midkiff/Benedum facilities is of great importance to us at Western Gas Resources, Inc. (WGR). As part of that effort, this notification is designed to provide the information you need to recognize and respond to a pipeline emergency.

Pipeline right-of-ways are located in urban, suburban and rural communities. These right-of-ways exist to allow pipelines and equipment to be operated safely and maintained properly. Most pipelines are buried below ground in a right-of-way, which are generally 30 to 50 feet wide.

All of our pipeline right-of-ways are marked, maintained and inspected quarterly. As part of our ongoing maintenance program, we monitor our pipelines and patrol our pipeline systems to look for signs that could affect safe operations.

Most people are not exposed to natural gas pipeline leaks, but if you should be, it is important to know what to do. As a concerned neighbor, we present the following information to assist you in recognizing a gas pipeline emergency, steps to report an emergency to the proper authorities, and suggested methods of prevention to avoid a pipeline incident. Please read the following carefully and call our Midkiff facility at (915) 535-2485 or our Benedum facility at (915) 693-2302 to notify us of any abnormal activity near our pipeline facilities.

How Do I Know Where a Pipeline is Located?

Pipeline routes are clearly marked with pipeline markers. The markers stick out of the ground at every road crossing and fence line and list the product transported, the name of the pipeline company and a telephone number where Company representatives can be reached.

What Are the Signs of a Pipeline Leak?

Most leaks can be detected by sight, sound or smell clues. Some signs of a leaking pipeline include:

- A strange or unusual odor in the

New stepfather gets an eyeful from daughter home on school break

DEAR ABBY: I have a beautiful 20-year-old daughter. She's currently home from college for a break. She spends a great deal of time in our back yard sunning by the pool and swimming. This is fine, but my concern is that she's doing it in the nude.

Now I am far from a prude, Abby, and do most of my own sunning and swimming in the nude as well. My concern is that I am recently remarried, and my daughter doesn't bother to cover up when my new husband is home. She seems just as comfortable nude in front of him as she is in front of me. This seems odd, because this is only the third or fourth time my daughter has met him.

I am further conflicted because my husband obviously enjoys looking at my daughter while she's naked. She has a great body. My husband has been constantly aroused, and this has been leading to some of the best sex I have ever had. When I thought we were falling into a rut, all of a sudden we're making love twice a day. I love it!

My daughter is home for one more week. I'm not sure whether to say anything to her or not. I'm certainly enjoying the side benefit of her exhibitionism. Should I just enjoy this week knowing that she'll be back at summer school soon? — **CONFUSED BUT ENJOYING**

DEAR CONFUSED: Speak up now. By allowing this to continue, you are playing with dynamite. While your daughter has probably learned the habit of swimming and sunbathing in the nude from you, the fact that she is doing this in front of

your new husband — whom she has only recently met — is extremely inappropriate.

Consider the future. What if your daughter decides to spend other vacations with you? You won't be able to let your husband out of your sight. And if he surprises you, and turns out to be capable of making love three times a day, it could mean the end of your marriage.

DEAR ABBY: My husband and I brought his mom to live with us two years ago. She's almost 88 and could no longer take care of herself. This has totally changed our life. She had been living in another state where her other son is. He comes up to see her every month or so — that's all he does for her.

She went to stay at his home last summer for one week so we could get away. We want to go away again this summer and would like for him to take her. He and his wife are giving us excuse after excuse why they can't. We are upset and feel this is unfair.

Abby, they should work it out. We do everything for Mom and brought her back to better health. What do you suggest we do? — **UPSET IN PENNSYLVANIA**

DEAR UPSET: I agree that taking Mom for one week in the summer so that you and your husband can have a week of respite should not be too much to ask. However, since your brother-in-law and his wife have made it plain that they are not prepared to do so, your only other option is to find someone who's willing to come in and be a companion for Mom while you're away.

Consider contacting the National Federation of Volunteer Caregivers. Founded in 1987, through a grant from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, NFVC helps organize human compassion into caring acts of service for anyone who is chronically ill, frail or alone.

The address is: 1 W. Armour

Blvd., Suite 202, Kansas City, MO 64111. The phone number is: (816) 931-5442, and the Web site is: www.nfvc.org.

DEAR ABBY: Being a teenager myself, I can tell you that commercials for "fast" cars do not encourage me to drive fast. They are meant only to show the maneuverability of the vehicles. Some people actually drive off-road for a living and appreciate a car that can perform sharp turns.

I do not believe that these commercials send subliminal messages to make young drivers drive faster or recklessly. Anyone of any age can drive fast and irresponsibly. — **TIFFANY IN WICHITA FALLS, TEXAS**

DEAR TIFFANY: I agree that anyone of any age can have a lead foot and drive recklessly. Unfortunately, too many people do. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: I see many SUV and car commercials portraying vehicles driving off-road, driving through streams and nature. This is an irresponsible message to send to people. Off-road driving is extremely destructive to our environment. Why can't car companies promote good citizenship while they market their cars? — **SICK OF SUVs IN SAN FRANCISCO**

DEAR SICK: Good point; good question. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: I have also become angry while watching those ads. Driving is portrayed as a competitive blood sport. To even suggest that there is something "glamorous" about ignoring traffic regulations and common civility borders on the criminal.

What can we do to get auto manufacturers and their ad agencies to stop contributing to the anarchy and carnage on the roads? Would a letter-writing campaign to car companies and their ad agencies be of any use? How about a boycott of the most irresponsible manufacturers? — **MAD IN ATLANTA**

DEAR MAD: I can think of no more effective way to communicate that message than by

opening one's pen and closing one's checkbook.

DEAR ABBY: This morning with only a few minutes to go before we needed to leave for work, I asked my husband if the outfit I was wearing looked OK. His answer was, "I don't like those pants." I was really ticked off. And then he got mad at me for asking him what he thought and getting mad at his answer.

I can understand this logically; however, I can't imagine giving anyone the same answer he did to that question. It was a rude and unhelpful thing to say and it hurt my feelings. It was too late for me to change — and why should I change just because he doesn't like the pants? It's not like I have an unlimited wardrobe.

Now every time I wear those pants, I'll know that he doesn't like them. I guess the bottom line is, I was looking for an affirmation about how I looked, and he didn't give me one. Am I being too sensitive, or is he speaking his mind too much? — **MICHELLE IN SEATTLE**

DEAR MICHELLE: Your husband thought he was being asked to give an honest opinion. I can't fault him for doing it. The next time you ask him a question about your appearance, carefully consider how you phrase it.

P.S. Look at it this way: Your husband must have an eye for quality — he picked you, didn't he?

DEAR ABBY: I kissed a married man. Actually, it went beyond just kissing. I have just turned 19, and he's 30 and has a baby on the way.

Abby, I didn't sleep with him — but we went pretty far. We both wanted it to happen, but I still feel guilty.

I have liked this guy for four years. I was, and probably still am, too young for him. What should I be doing about this situation now? I don't see him often, but when I do, we fool around. What do you think this guy is thinking? — **"BUNNY" IN INDIANA**

DEAR "BUNNY": This guy is thinking, "Here's an 'easy' girl I can get some action from without any commitment." That means no love, no respect — zero on your balance sheet. He gets a quick thrill while you get a few moments of pleasure — and plenty of risks.

You feel guilty because you know he is married to another woman who can't compete with you right now. Listen to your conscience and stop playing around with him. You're risking an emotional involvement with a man who has proved he cannot be faithful, a pregnancy with more responsibility than you can handle, and a social disease from someone who's probably playing around with more "other women" than you.

DEAR ABBY: This is in response to the letter from Sharon Lewandowski, whose godson committed suicide. I absolutely support her message to encourage those in need to seek help. Yet I am moved to make another important point:

People nowadays are so busy that they don't always keep in touch with family and loved ones as they should. We should reach out and let people know we're thinking of them from time to time, regardless of whether they are in need or not.

All it takes is a card or phone call to say, "Hi! I'm thinking of you — just wanted to know how you're doing." This contact from others can encourage those in need to reach out, and it can help us all feel more loved and less alone.

Please, remind your readers to take the time to keep in touch. It can make a huge difference in someone's life. — **BARBARA A. HART, POWDER SPRINGS, GA.**

DEAR BARBARA: That valuable message is one we cannot be reminded of too often, especially since it's not always known to us that someone is experiencing what feels like insurmountable problems. Consistent, casual contact can provide comfort that may be

desperately needed. And you're right, Barbara — we all benefit from staying in touch!

DEAR ABBY: My son, "Ray," is an only child with exceptional talents. He is a 22-year-old college senior, an accounting major, and has already been offered a job upon graduation.

Ray recently completed a motorcycle safety course and would like to purchase one. My husband feels Ray is old enough to make his own decisions. Although I know he is a very responsible person and could handle it, I am absolutely against it. I even told him that if he bought a motorcycle, he would have to move out.

I love my son and don't want to deprive him of anything, but I'd worry about him every time he left the house.

Is there a magical age when a parent no longer should influence her child, or do you just never stop being a parent? — **WORRIED MOM**

DEAR WORRIED: Parenthood lasts as long as the parent lasts, and sometimes it seems like an eternity! You and your husband will always be Ray's parents, and you will always be concerned about his safety and welfare.

Withdraw the ultimatum, because he will probably be moving out on his own after he starts earning his own money anyway.

Ray has taken motorcycle safety classes, and I'm sure you've shared your wisdom and common sense with him since he was a boy. The time has come to trust that you've done a good job. Cross everything that you have two of, and pray that your son will be one of the thousands of motorcycle enthusiasts who ride safely.

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Estimado vecino.

Mantener a nuestros vecinos informados de actividades en las facilidades de Midkiff/Benedum es de gran importancia para nosotros en Western Gas Resources, Inc. (WGR). Como parte de este esfuerzo, esta notificación esta diseñada para proveer la información necesaria para reconocer y responder a una emergencia en una línea de gas.

Los derechos de paso de las líneas están localizados en comunidades urbanas, suburbios y rurales. Estos derechos existen para permitir que las líneas y el equipo sean utilizados con seguridad y mantenidos propiamente. La mayoría de las líneas están soterradas en un derecho de paso que es generalmente de 30 a 50 pies de ancho.

A todas nuestras líneas las, cuales están marcadas, se les da mantenimiento y se inspeccionan cada tres meses. Como parte de nuestro continuo programa de mantenimiento, vigilamos nuestras líneas y patrullamos nuestros sistemas de líneas buscando señales que puedan afectar la seguridad de las operaciones.

La mayoría de las personas no están expuestas a un escape de una línea de gas natural, pero si estuvieras, es importante que sepas que hacer. Como vecino preocupado presentamos la siguiente información para asistirle a reconocer una emergencia en una línea de gas, pasos para reportar una emergencia a las autoridades pertinentes y sugerencias en métodos de prevención para evitar un accidente en la línea. Por favor, lea esto con cuidado y llame nuestra facilidad de Midkiff al (915) 535-2485 o nuestra facilidad de Benedum al (915) 693-2302 para notificarnos de cualquier actividad fuera de lo normal cerca de nuestras facilidades de líneas.

Cómo yo se donde estan localizadas las líneas?

Las rutas de las líneas estan claramente marcadas con marcadores de líneas. Los marcadores salen del terreno en cada cruce de carretera y línea de cercado y tienen una lista de los productos transportados, el nombre de la compañía de línea y un número de teléfono donde puedes conseguir a representantes de la compañía.

Cuáles son las señales de un escape en la línea?

La mayoría de los escapes pueden ser detectados a través de la vista, sonido o indicio del olfato. Algunas de las señales de escape en la línea incluyen:

- Un olor extraño o poco usual en el área.
- Un sonido de silbidos o bramidos.
- Vegetación muerta o decolorida.
- Estarcha o hielo en el derecho de paso de la línea o estación compresora.

Qué debo hacer si sospecho un escape en la línea?

En el evento de un escape en la línea, su respuesta rápida puede reducir la seriedad de la situación y potencialmente salvar vidas y propiedades. Si sospecha un escape:

- Abandone equipo.
- Deje el área rapidamente y advierta a otros de no entrar.
- Evite cualquier flama ardiente o otras fuentes de ignición. Estos incluyen vehiculos de motor o equipo eléctrico.
- Busque la ayuda de las autoridades locales para aislar el área.
- Notifique a WGR inmediatamente al (915) 535-2485 para conectarse con la facilidad Midkiff o al (915) 693-2302 para conectarse con la facilidad Benedum para que el escape pueda ser verificado y los pasos necesarios de emergencia puedan ser tomados.

Si es necesario, llame a los departamentos locales de bomberos y policía para asistencia. NO intente operar válvulas o extinguir fuegos. Su seguridad es una de nuestra mayor preocupación. Por favor no tome riesgos innecesarios.

Cómo se puede prevenir el daño a las líneas?

WGR es miembro del sistema "Texas One Call." Cualquier persona que planea actividades de construir o excavar cerca de una línea debe llamar primero al 1-800-344-8377 de dos a diez días antes de la excavación. El servicio es gratis y la línea es contestada 24 horas al día, todos los días del año. Hacer una llamada puede asegurar que contratistas, excavadores, constructores — hasta dueños de casa — encuentren donde están las líneas de servicio público y líneas de gas natural antes de empezar cualquier tipo de excavación. Llamando primero puedes reducir la posibilidad de un accidente serio. Como miembro del sistema "Texas One Call," WGR va a ser notificada de cualquier trabajo de excavación cerca de nuestras líneas para que marquemos la localización y tipo de líneas cerca del sitio de excavación y coordinar las actividades de excavación para mantener con seguridad la operación de líneas.

Si usted le hace daño a la línea o descubre daños, por favor reportelos a nosotros inmediatamente. Daños menores tienen el potencial de crear problemas en el futuro si no son remediados prontamente. Nosotros contestaremos con mucho gusto cualquier pregunta adicional que usted tenga en respecto al gas natural o seguridad de líneas. Llámenos al (915) 535-2485 para conectarse con la facilidad Midkiff o al (915) 693-2302 para conectarse con la facilidad Benedum.

Para reportar una emergencia 24 horas al día, llame al: (915) 535-2485 Midkiff • (915) 693-2302 Benedum



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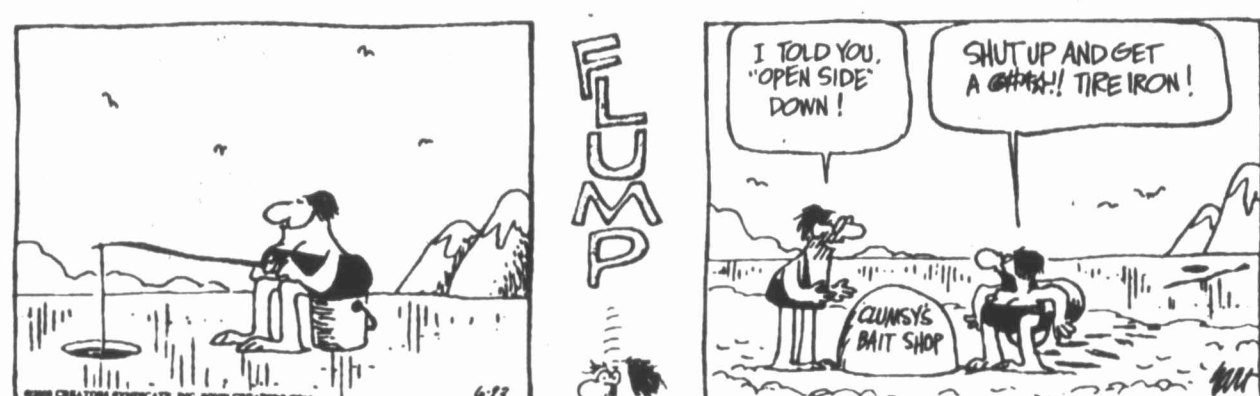
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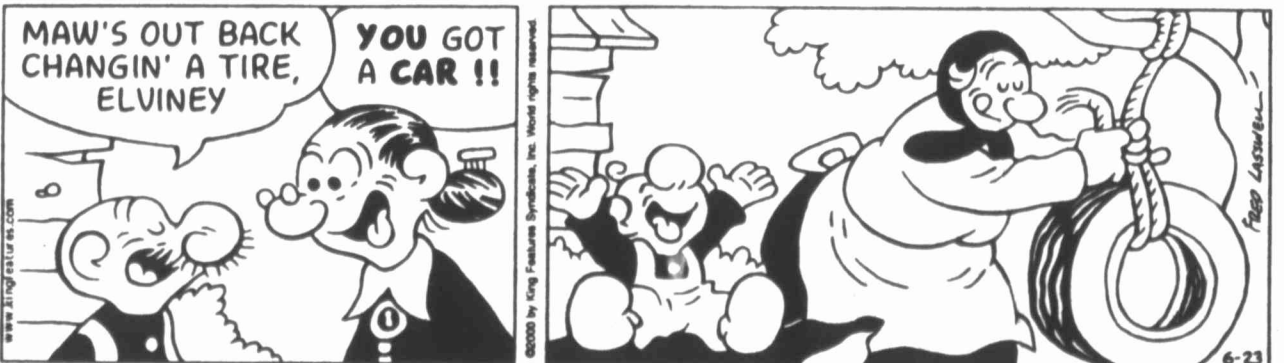
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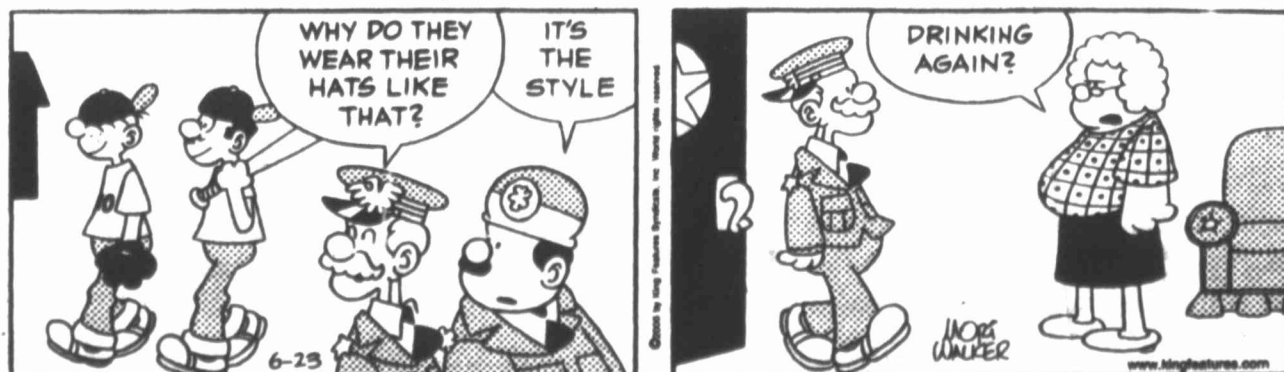
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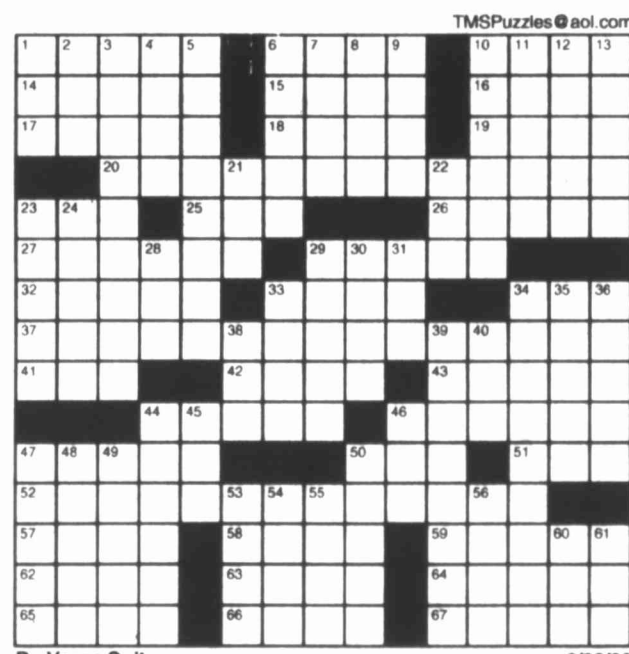
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invention he called a "Type-Writer."

In 1888, abolitionist Frederick Douglass received one vote from the Kentucky delegation at the Republican convention in Chicago, effectively making him the first black candidate nominated for U.S. president. (The nomination went to Benjamin Harrison.)

In 1938, the Civil Aeronautics Authority was established.

In 1947, the Senate joined the House in overriding President Truman's veto of the Taft-Hartley Act.

In 1956, Gamal Abdel Nasser was elected president of Egypt.

In 1967, President Johnson and Soviet Premier Alexei Kosygin held the first of two meetings in Glassboro, N.J.

In 1969, Warren E. Burger was sworn in as chief U.S. justice by his predecessor, Earl Warren.

In 1972, President Nixon and White House chief of staff H.R. Haldeman discussed a plan to use the CIA to obstruct the FBI's Watergate investigation. (Revelation of the tape recording of this conversation sparked Nixon's resignation in 1974.)

In 1985, all 329 people aboard an Air-India Boeing 747 died when the plane crashed into the Atlantic Ocean near Ireland, apparently because of a bomb.

In 1989, the Supreme Court refused to shut down the "dial-a-porn" industry, ruling Congress had gone too far in passing a law banning all sexually oriented phone message services.

Ten years ago: African National Congress leader Nelson Mandela, on a U.S. tour, received a tumultuous welcome in Boston.

Five years ago: Dr. Jonas Salk, the medical pioneer who developed the first vaccine against polio, died in La Jolla, Calif., at age 80.

One year ago: A divided Supreme Court dramatically enhanced states' rights in three decisions that eroded Congress' power. U.S. Marines in Kosovo killed one person and wounded two others after coming under fire; no Marines were injured.

Today's Birthdays: Jazz musician Milt Hinton is 90. Former Secretary of State William P. Rogers is 87. Actress Irene Worth is 84. Singer June Carter Cash is 71. Singer Diana Trask is 60. Musical conductor James Levine is 57. R&B singer Rosetta Hightower (The Orions) is 56. Actor Ted Shackelford is 54. Actor Bryan Brown is 53. Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas is 52. Actor Jim Metzler is 45. Actress Frances McDormand is 43. Actress Karin Gustafson is 41.