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Parents will be able to receive a free photo identification and fingerprint card for their children Saturday at HEB Grocery.

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The fingerprint/photo ID program will take place from 12 noon to 3:30 p.m., or until the last child in line is helped.

WHAT'S UP...

TODAY

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

THURSDAY

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

□ Big Spring Senior Citizens Center Art Classes, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. for 55 and older.

□ Kiwanis Club, noon, Howard College Cactus Room.

□ Genealogical Society of Big Spring, 7:15 p.m., Howard County Library.

□ Masonic Lodge No. 1340, 7:30 p.m., 2101 Lancaster.

FRIDAY

□ The Greater Big Spring Rotary Club, noon, Howard College Cactus Room.

□ AMBUCS, noon, La Posada.

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

SATURDAY

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

□ The Pottin House, 200 Gregg, a restored historic home, is open from 1 to 5 p.m.

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Audition call goes out for September dinner theater production

By ALLISON THOMAS
Staff Writer

Aspiring actors and actresses of Big Spring will soon have a chance at the spotlight. Big Spring Area Chamber of



YORK

Commerce will be holding auditions on Monday for participants in a dinner theater production.

The dinner theater is planned to the Dora Roberts Community Center Sept. 1 and 2, so the cast will have the remainder of the summer to rehearse. No prior acting experience is needed to audition.

"This is open to anybody, whether they've been in a

production before, or this is their first time on stage," said Andi Andrews York, who is coordinating the event for the chamber.

The call is not for thespians only. Stage hands and lighting and sound technicians are needed as well. These positions also require no prior experience.

"We need stage hands who would be willing to build the sets, and people to do

the sound and the light board," said York.

The production will be done entirely on a voluntary basis.

The only payoff will be the reward of playing to an appreciative audience.

"This is a chance to perform before a hopefully full house in the Ballroom of the Dora Roberts Community Center," said York.

Director Clay Grizzle will

be in charge of the production. Auditions will be from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the chamber offices, 215 W. Third.

Tickets for the dinner theater are not yet on sale, but they will soon be available at the chamber offices. They will be \$25 per couple, the cost covering both dinner and the production.

Anyone having questions should contact York at 263-7631.

Colgate Avenue folks celebrate together

By JOHN A. MOSELEY
Managing Editor

For the most part it seems that Fourth of July parties are pretty much the same — family and friends gathering for hot dogs, hamburgers, watermelon, homemade ice cream and lots of fellowship.

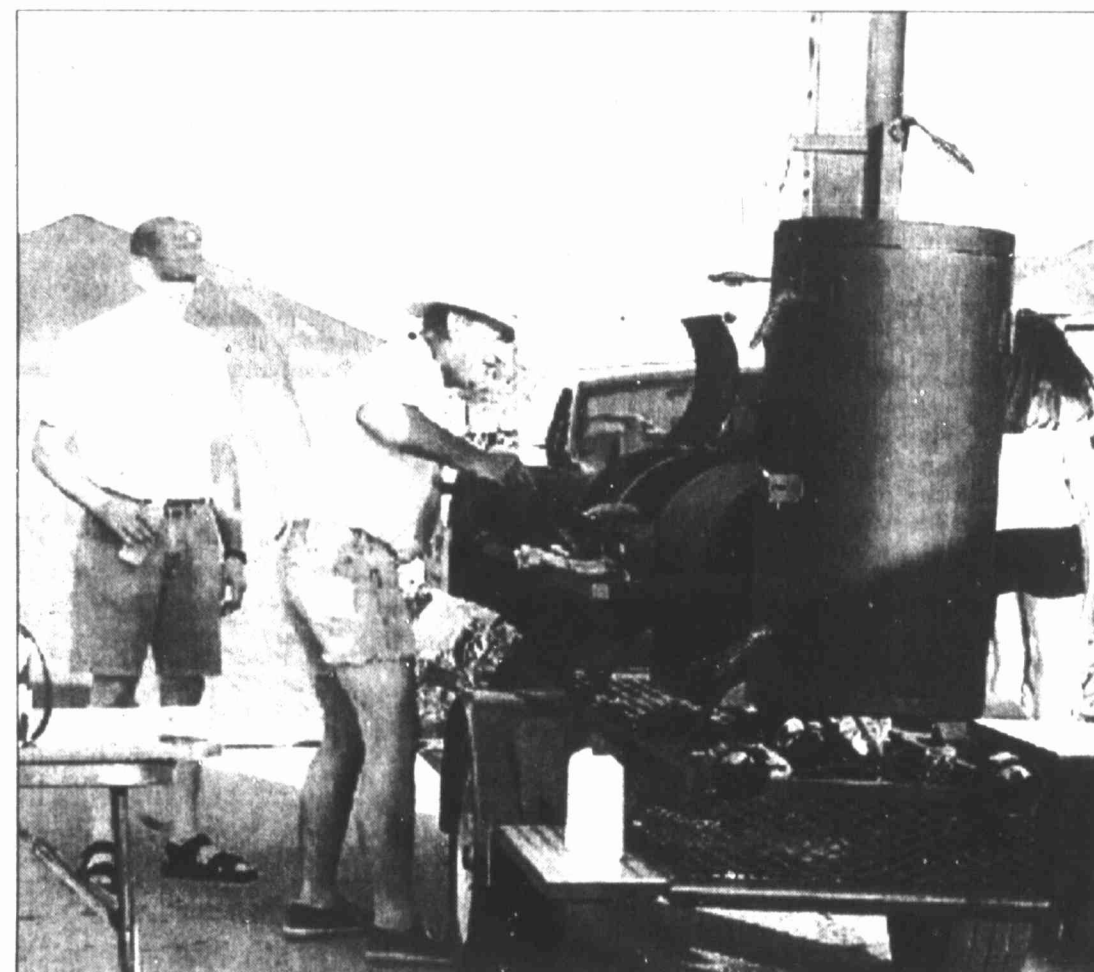
The residents along Colgate Avenue did just that Tuesday evening, but with a little bit of a twist.

With a little bit of help from the city of Big Spring and the participation of 17 of the 25 families that live along the street, the block party drew more than 75 people, many of whom left wondering why they hadn't done that before.

"Everyone was talking about what a big job this was, but it really wasn't that difficult to get it done," explained Jeanie Knocke, who took the lead in organizing the neighborhood party.

"The city helped a great deal," she added. "When I contacted Gary Fuqua about the party, he made sure we were able to block off the street and even brought in a trash dumpster to help us make cleaning up a lot easier."

"It's really the people who live in this neighborhood that made this work, though," said Knocke. "We've got some wonderful families on this street; everyone brought their food and made an evening of it."



Richard Knocke handles the duty at the barbecue pit, while other neighborhood residents visit with one another and watch their children play during Tuesday evening's Fourth of July block party for residents on Colgate Avenue. More than 75 people attended the party and vowed they'd be holding more neighborhood gatherings in the future.

John H. Walker, one of the neighborhood's residents who took part in the celebration, it was a sign that the newspaper's efforts to sponsor a similar observance next month should have the desired effect of helping residents of the

community's various neighborhoods become better acquainted.

"The attendance at the block party on Colgate was very encouraging in light of the Herald's plans to sponsor a similar observance next month should have the desired effect of helping residents of the

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Kids, even dogs go patriotic for annual Highland South July 4 Parade in Big Spring

By DEBBIE L. JENSEN
Features Editor

As Lexi Churchwell got ready for her ride down Highland Drive Tuesday morning, she toyed with the tiny flags, colored tissue paper and streamers decorating her wagon, anxious for the step-off.

It was the 1-year-old's first chance to join the annual Highland South July 4 Parade, and she did it in a red wagon decorated

in patriotic style, complete with a giant red and white umbrella to shield the baby from the sun.

Cradling a bottle, with a pacifier, extra diapers and even a water mister nearby, Lexi appeared to be decked out for the event.

"I spent hours working on it," said her mom, Lana, checking her handiwork just before the parade began. "But it's going to be worth it. She is ready to

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HERALD photos/Debbie L. Jensen

Christian and Matthew Sloan ride in a decorated double stroller during the 32nd annual Highland South July 4 Parade Tuesday morning. At right, Lexi Churchwell, who rode in a decorated wagon, fell asleep about halfway through the trek down Highland to Goliad.



Big Spring police kept busy responding to fireworks calls

By CARL GRAHAM
Staff Writer

The Big Spring Police Department answered 38 calls of fireworks being set off inside the city limits during a



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24-hour reporting period of the Fourth of July holiday.

Some citations were given and in some cases the fireworks were confiscated. Use of fireworks in the city limits is a Class C misdemeanor and can be punishable with a fine up to \$500.

According to Sgt. Tom Everett, training coordinator for the police department, the 38 reported calls

was down from previous years.

"Actually I can recall some years of about 100 calls in one day for fireworks violations," said Everett. "We can get the word out through the media and other sources but we will still have this problem."

Parents will buy the fireworks for them and they have no other place to go so

they let them off in the city."

Everett said his concern is for the safety of the kids and the chance of starting a fire.

"What concerns me the most is the unsupervised use of the fireworks and the possibility of a fire starting from their use," said Everett. "Luckily we had no reports of fires from the use of fireworks but there could

just as easily been."

Everett said that for every report of illegal fireworks being set off there were probably that many that went unreported.

"I would imagine there were at least 40 or 50 unreported use of fireworks," said Everett. "Either the neighbors were just tolerant or not at home but I am sure a lot of it went on."

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Stars

Attraction returning to state park on Saturday

By GINA GARZA
Staff Writer

Big Spring residents can discover the wonders of the night sky at the Big Spring State Park on Saturday.

The stargazing event had originally been scheduled for June 10, but because of the weather, it had to be rescheduled.

"The stargazing event will begin around 9 p.m. and last until about 11 or so at the upper picnic pavilion/playground," said Ron Alton, superintendent of the park. "We will have Jim Brown of the West Texas Amateur Club and Bruce McCowen of the San Angelo Amateur Club here giving a presentation."

Alton added that they will be bringing telescopes, some very technologically advanced ones as well, and the experts will be available for questions.

"These people have a passion for astronomy and love telling everyone about it," he explained. "Those in attendance will have a chance to see constellations, planets and nebulas through high powered telescopes."

General park admission will be charged and Alton encourages everyone to car pool because of limited parking. Admission is \$2 for adults, \$1 for senior citizens and free for children 12 and under.

"The most we will charge will be \$4 for a carload and hope people will ride with others to prevent parking problems," he said. "We also encourage people to bring their flashlights so they can find their way back to their cars and to also bring refreshments because none will be available."

That night, the moon will be first quarter, heading toward a full moon on July 16. When the moon is first quarter or less, it is actually easier to see the details on its surface than when it is full, Brown said.

"When it is full, the moon is so bright, you have very little contrast. When it is a



ALTON

BIG SPRING AROUND THE TOWN

Audit: Pentagon, VA could save millions by combining drug purchases

WASHINGTON (AP) — Placing rivalry ahead of savings, the departments of Defense and Veterans Affairs are costing taxpayers as much as \$300 million a year because they haven't merged their massive prescription drug purchasing programs, congressional auditors report.

The two agencies spent a combined \$2.4 billion in 1999 to fill 140 million prescriptions, figures that would give them enormous combined buying power to negotiate deep discounts with drug companies, the General Accounting Office found.

On the few occasions the agencies have combined their buying powers, savings were enormous, the auditors noted.

They were able to buy the blood pressure medicine Capoten at \$1.17 for 100 tablets, compared to the average wholesale price of \$90.84. And 500 tablets of the ulcer-fighting Ranitidine cost just \$13.57, compared to \$740 at wholesale.

The departments only bought 2 percent of their pharmaceuticals together. The audit concluded the agencies' "differing missions and cultures have created rivalries that make it

difficult for them to act together."

"The driving expectation is that, as the two agencies buy more of a particular drug, their leverage ... will permit them to exact discounts from drug manufacturers," the report said.

VA and Defense officials said the audit doesn't take into account some negative consequences, including the likelihood that a joint contract with a single drug maker might force many patients to change medications.

John Ogden, director of pharmacy services for the VA, said it would be "penny

wise and pound foolish" to change patients' drugs "just because we wanted a joint contract. What if an adverse event occurred?"

Ogden also disputed the estimates of savings, saying the VA already gets significant discounts. "I disagree with the assessment that there's hundreds of millions of dollars on the table" to be saved, he said.

And military officials said it would be difficult to merge the VA system, which limits patients' choices of drugs, with a Pentagon system that gives beneficiaries far more alternatives.

In addition, VA pharmacies

won't fill prescriptions written by providers outside their system, but DOD programs do.

"Patient expectations among DOD beneficiaries are different from the expectations of VA beneficiaries," said Navy Capt. Charles Hostettler, former director of the Pentagon's pharmacy programs.

"Patient choice is one of the basic tenets" of the military system and therefore "constrains DOD's ability" for joint contracting, he said.

The audit by Stephen P. Backhus, director of the GAO's veterans affairs and

military health care, was done at the behest of the House Veterans Affairs investigations subcommittee.

Subcommittee Chairman Terry Everett, R-Ala., said that if the two agencies "can combine their pharmaceutical purchases to save the taxpayer \$1.5 billion over five years, then I want to know why it is not being done right now."

"This is substantial money that could be reinvested to improve health care for our active duty service members and their families, military retirees and veterans."

Non-profit hospitals find way around mandate

AUSTIN (AP) — Non-profit hospitals in Texas have found a way around a 1993 legislative mandate to spend more money on the care of poor patients, according to a recent report by the State Department of Health.

Following the lead of then-Attorney General Jim Mattox, the Legislature passed a bill requiring non-profit hospitals to spend at least 4 percent of net patient revenue on charity care.

The report says 14 hospitals and hospital systems aren't doing that, at least not according to the original accounting methods set forth by the bill, the Texas Journal of the Wall Street Journal reported Wednesday.

None of the 82 non-profit hospitals in Texas that fall under the bill has broken the law. It's just that in 1995 it became legal for them to begin using generally accepted accounting principles, otherwise known as GAAP, to tally their charity care.

Before, they were required to follow a more narrow federal standard, which calculates charity care as a strict portion of their revenue. GAAP allows them to include other costs, notably write-offs for bad debt.

The decision about which standard to use is important. In fiscal 1998, the hospitals provided \$307 million in charity care, using GAAP rules.

Under the original law, they would have provided only \$228 million, a difference of \$79 million.

Consumer advocates are pushing lawmakers not only to increase the 4 percent standard, but to require hospitals to revert to the pre-1995 basis for calculating charity care.

That earlier method, says Lisa McGiffert, senior policy analyst for Consumers Union's office in Austin, "provides a more true reflection of cost of patient care than the current base."

The Texas Hospital Association, an Austin lobby group, counters that including bad debt is entirely fair because it reflects the growing number of Texans without health insurance—currently a quarter of the state's population.

Statewide, the amount of bad debt at hospitals rose 16 percent between 1994 and 1998 to \$1.9 billion from \$1.6 billion, according to the trade group.

"That's care that's being provided for free, so why doesn't that count?" asks Marsha Jones, the association's vice president of government affairs.

The debate has caught the attention of the attorney general's office, which favors a stricter definition of what nonprofit hospitals can count as charity care.

Retaining federal nonprofit status is crucial to these hospitals, because it exempts them from paying local property taxes.

Texas prison guards rally for more pay, safer jobs

AUSTIN (AP) — Jeanette Bledsoe considers herself the perfect example for why the state should hire more prison guards and pay them more.

Had there been more guards with her on death row in February, she said, she might not have been overpowered by two desperate inmates and taken hostage for 13 hours.

"We need more guards to run our unit," said Bledsoe, 57, a four-year veteran prison guard. "But it doesn't pay enough to keep people on the job."

Bledsoe joined about 100 other prison guards and members of their families in a Fourth of July march

through downtown Austin to demand higher wages, better job training and safer working conditions. The guards have called on Republican Gov. George W. Bush to call a special session of Legislature to meet their demands.

The protesters said a pay raise Bush approved in May up to \$1,656 per year for some corrections officers — was too little to make a difference or attract skilled workers to the job.

Prison guards at the highest pay scale saw their annual salary jump to \$28,380 but the interim raise expires Aug. 31, 2001 if lawmakers don't extend it. Other prison staff also were

eligible for raises.

"It was a slap in the face," said Cynthia Ross, who works as a prison guard in Huntsville's Ellis unit. She said the raise amounted to about \$135 a month extra for her, although about \$100 of it is eaten up by rising insurance costs.

Guards have been calling on Bush and the Legislature to boost pay since late last year, when guard Danny Nagle was stabbed to death in a prison at Beeville. The issue is likely to spill over into the regular legislative session of 2001, which begins in January.

The protesters marched past the Governor's Mansion, challenging Bush

to wear their uniform and work as a prison guard for a day.

Texas has about 28,000 guards watching over some 151,000 inmates. Earlier this year, state officials estimated guards levels were about 1,700 short of what has been approved by the Legislature.

Staffing levels are critical for safety inside the prison walls, said Beeville guard Mike Horrell.

"Any day I'm able to walk in to work and walk out alive, that is a good day," said Horrell, who worked with Nagle.

"He was like a brother to my wife and me," Horrell said.

Man thinks he married mother, ends up with daughter

AKRON, Ohio (AP) — Joseph Pileggi thought he knew the woman he was marrying.

But the woman he wed three years ago apparently wasn't 83-year-old Ducale Palermo. It was her 61-year-old daughter, Carli Buchanan.

Pileggi, 69, says he was shocked when he came across the marriage license that had Buchanan signed as the bride and Palermo as a witness. He says he thought he married Palermo, with whom he'd lived since 1992.

"He truly is in a state of disbelief," said Russell Pry, Pileggi's attorney. "This is something he can't understand, particularly at this stage of his life. He still has a hard time believing what happened. He wants this over with yesterday."

But the daughter claims Pileggi knew he was marrying her and that they consummated the wedding the same day.

The matter is now in court.

Pileggi is suing for an annulment from Buchanan and has filed a civil lawsuit against Palermo, claiming she committed fraud when she duped him at the altar. The daughter has counter-sued for divorce, seeking temporary spousal support and a portion of his assets.

Palermo, meanwhile, has filed a lawsuit against Pileggi, seeking \$40,000 in cash because she claims he disposed of jewelry, clothing and cash belonging to her after he forced her from their home in May 1999 when the wedding mix-up came to light.

She is seeking half of

Pileggi's home, claiming it was her reward from their "platonic relationship," according to court documents.

Pry said much of the confusion may be traced to

Palermo's tendency to use her daughter's name. The case file also contains signed checks in which Palermo wrote that she is also known as Carli Buchanan.

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Happy to see success story in our town

Those of us who feel that we here in Big Spring live in a community that has virtually the best West Texas has to offer had those beliefs strengthened a little last week by a somewhat unlikely corner — the annual Texas Restaurant Association (TRA) convention in Houston.

It was during the TRA convention that Chuck Bagwell of Al's and Son Bar-B-Q was recognized by his peers as Permian Basin Restaurateur of the Year.

Bagwell being honored for the award came as no surprise to the many loyal customers who seem to flock to his restaurant at 1810 Gregg on a daily basis.

And for those of us here at the *Herald*, it's always encouraging to see a Big Spring native who's taken the chance to return home and take over the family business succeed.

When that success draws attention on a regional or statewide basis, it's just that more gratifying.

As a result, we not only congratulate Bagwell and his wife Sue as owners of Al's and Son Bar-B-Q, but their entire staff for making the business an award winner.

OTHER VIEWS

Because of the recent meetings between two leaders, there is a bit of hope that lasting peace can return to Korea. Leaders from the isolated, desperately poor, communist north and democratic, not-so-poor and capitalistic south met earlier this month in North Korea to discuss reunification and other issues to end the war which began 50 years ago today.

One bright prospect that peace in Korea might bring is the return of many of the approximately 37,000 U.S. troops now assigned to protect against another invasion from the north.

The invasion 50 years ago found South Korean and U.S. troops unprepared for the onslaught of 138,000 well-trained North Korean troops, who almost captured the peninsula.

To help the South Koreans, the United States rushed from Japan ground troops that

became known as Task Force Smith. These soldiers were occupation troops who were far from top combat readiness. Some of their old, World War II weapons did not stop modern, Russian-made tanks. Radios that worked well in the South Pacific didn't work in the mountains of Korea.

But they have become the constant reminder — the rallying cry — among military preparedness advocates who demand that never again will the nation put unprepared, under-strength, poorly equipped troops into combat. Many people with military expertise say, however, that because of many defense cuts during the Clinton years, we have reached that point again. Reading about the Korean War should make this nations say, "God forbid" that history be repeated. ...

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Fox's victory could be victory for Mexico

Vicente Fox, Mexico's newly elected president, has his work cut

out for him, ending seven decades of political corruption and undemocratic rule by the PRI, Mexico's governing party since 1929. But Fox's task may be made easier by some surprising allies: Mexicans living in the United States.

More than 7.3 million Mexicans now live on the U.S. side of the border — about 4.8 million of whom are legal residents — and they played an important role in Fox's election.

Although only those Mexican citizens actually living in Mexico were eligible to vote in Sunday's election, Fox actively campaigned among his compatriots north of the border. As the election results proved, it wasn't a wasted effort. For many reasons, including their proximity to their homeland and changing U.S. attitudes toward assimilation, Mexicans in the United States have retained closer cultural ties to Mexico than previous waves of immigrants maintained with their native countries.

Not only do Mexicans

send home an estimated \$4 billion per year to their families and former communities, but thanks to advances in communications and travel, they are far more likely than previous immigrants to speak frequently to family members and friends and to visit their former hometowns and villages. Fox campaigned in California and elsewhere, hoping Mexicans in the United States would encourage their relatives and friends back home to vote for his more free market-oriented National Action Party (PAN).

Traditionally, Mexican emigrants have been shunned by their government and often by the compatriots they left behind. But that has changed dramatically in the last few decades, especially as emigration from Mexico has increased.

In 1990, the Mexican government launched a "Program for Mexican Communities Abroad" to assist its countrymen in the United States. In a just-released study for my Center for Equal Opportunity, "The Melting Border: Mexico and Mexican Communities in the United States," author Robert S. Leiken documents the relationship between the Mexican government and the extensive network of Mexican-immigrant organizations in the United States. Leiken spent a year interviewing Mexican officials in Mexico and the United States, as

well as Mexican immigrants living here.

Like Jews, Italians, Germans, Swedes, and others before them, Mexican immigrants usually settle in American cities or towns where relatives, friends or others who come from their hometowns in Mexico already reside.

This phenomenon allows new arrivals to adjust more quickly to their new environment by providing housing, job tips, and other support networks to the newcomers.

In the past, immigrants from the same town or region often formed "mutual aid societies" to help pay for medical care or provide financial help to an immigrant's family when the breadwinner was injured or had died. The advent of private insurance and the welfare state made such groups' original function less necessary, but the tradition of "hometown associations" continued and flourished among Mexicans.

Today, these groups focus not only on helping U.S. residents, but they have become the major source of philanthropy for small towns and villages in Mexico. They help build roads, schools, churches and sanitation facilities in the desperately poor, rural areas back home.

Lately, these groups appear to have had an important influence on Mexican politics as well. As Leiken describes it in his study, the Mexican hometown movement in the

United States has become an inconspicuous and uncelebrated channel of American influence in Mexico. These groups have helped foster greater transparency and accountability in government — a rare phenomenon in Mexico — as well as encouraging voluntary organization and political competition.

The assimilation process for Mexican immigrants living in the United States — which most analysts agree is slower than for many other immigrant groups — has nonetheless had an important influence on their lives. Mexican immigrants are absorbing American political values, a sense of their own power to influence policy, and the know-how to form organizations to achieve their aims. Ironically, many are using what they've learned in the United States to help transform the country they left behind.

Vicente Fox and his reformist National Action Party may be the direct winners from this new alliance. But they — indeed, Mexico itself — will not be the only ones to benefit from the democratic and economic reforms this election portends. A transition to greater democracy and a market economy is the best hope for reducing illegal immigration to the United States.

And fewer illegal immigrants will make it that much easier for legal immigrants from Mexico to adjust to their new lives in America.

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An old ice house becomes a mansion

Borger's old ice house is now a residence. Glenda and Tommy Brownlee bought the building in December of 1991 and virtually gutted it. Then they chalked out on the floor the spaces for rooms.

It is a big place: four bedrooms, three baths, spacious dining and living areas, a huge upstairs storage area which Glenda calls her attic, an exercise room, a party room, a garage big enough to hold a dozen vehicles, two grass yards, a graveled enclosure she calls a man's yard and a park across the street which they built,

complete with a replica of Noah's ark and playground equipment. The old loading dock has been transformed into a front porch.

The centerpiece of the house is the sexiest swimming pool in Texas. It is in a wood-paneled room that reminds me of a cathedral. At one end, water cascades over giant rocks. Ceiling lights provide a warm, cozy atmosphere. Stereo speakers produce soothing music. In the pool, lights change colors under water.

"This was built for romance," says Glenda. "We probably spent as much on the pool as we did on the rest of the house."

The pool was built mostly by hand, since they couldn't get a backhoe inside the room. They used jack hammers, picks and shovels to dig through the layers of concrete, sand and cork. They hauled out the debris

in wheel barrows.

They moved in December of 1992 after their offices and bedrooms were completed. They finished the work in their spare time. They did most of the work themselves.

"We're painting a mural on our party room," says Glenda. "It will represent the things you find along Route 66." The party room has a pool table, juke box and all the other things you expect to find in a party room.

"People are always knocking on the front door, wanting to tour the house, and I always let them in. I love to show it. We've had some big gatherings here like family reunions and Sunday school parties. One time we had over a hundred people. They had plenty of room. Nobody felt crowded. We've got 7,000 feet here."

Glenda's favorite music is Southern Gospel.

"Whenever a group is traveling through the area, they stop at my house for a visit and a meal."

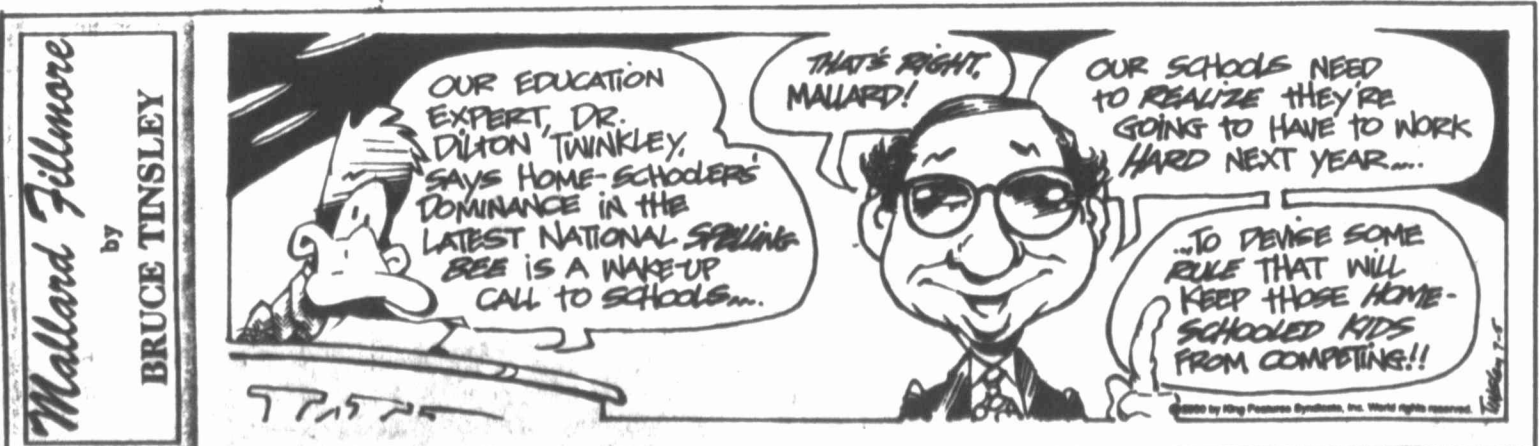
Both Tommy and Glenda had their businesses in the building. Tommy had an electrical contracting business which he sold in 1996 and Glenda has an accounting service.

The ice house was built in 1927 during Borger's oil boom days and opened as the El Reno Ice Company. Pictures on the wall show the place as it was 73 years ago. Some depict horse drawn wagons hauling ice. Brick was added to the outside of the ice house in 1940.

Tommy passed away last year. Glenda, vivacious, bright eyed, smiling and enthusiastic, carries on.

"We wanted to travel, so I'm traveling now. But it's hard to find a place as neat as my house."

"It's always good to come home."



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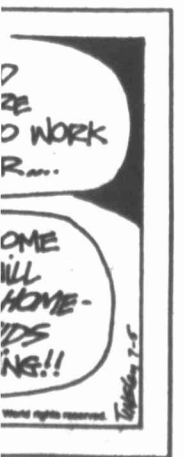
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Alyssa Garcia, a fourth grader at Bauer Magnet Elementary School, won first place in the statewide Texas School Bus Safety Week Poster Contest. Alyssa won the award in the Division 4 category. Her poster, which depicted school bus safety practices, will be entered in a national competition in Buffalo, N.Y., as well. Alyssa earned a trophy, certificate and \$100 savings bond for her work. Another local student, Melissa Colwell, finished third in her division at the state contest. Also a Bauer student, she is a second grader.

HERALD photo/Debbie L. Jensen



ODDS-N-ENDS

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. (AP) — Florida Lottery players seem to be appealing to a higher authority — but it may be backfiring.

Lottery officials have noticed that many players use numbers that form a cross on their Fantasy 5 number-selection slips. In fact, so many players are using the technique that recent pay-outs aren't as high.

The trend was particularly evident during a Fantasy 5 drawing on June 16, when 125 people got all five numbers correct. On average, Fantasy 5 pays 34 first-prize winners each drawing.

Puzzled by the payout, one Lottery employee colored in the winning numbers on a play slip.

"And lo and behold, a cross appears," Lottery spokesman Leo DiBenigno said Monday. The numbers were 3-11-13-15-23.

The payout, \$1,513 per winner, was the lowest of any Fantasy 5 since the game began in 1989. Average jackpots for the seven-day-a-week game are \$20,000.

"The irony is there are people trying to invoke a higher authority to win — finally get those lucky numbers — and it's \$1,500 per winning ticket," DiBenigno said.

MORTON, Ill. (AP) — This story about seven dwarfs features a cast renamed to fit a new plot line: There's Stolen, Pilfered, Snatched, Mooched, Burgled, Looted and Plundered.

Despite the circumstances, police in this bedroom community about 14 miles east of Peoria hope for a happy ending to the story of these garden gnomes.

Police have been holding the abandoned gnomes since early May.

Three gnomes have since been spoken for after a story on their plight ran in the Journal Star of Peoria over the weekend.

"I've still got some more gnomes I can't find a home for," Police Chief Nick

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Jeff Probst: A happy camper hosts 'Survivor'

NEW YORK (AP) — Jeff Probst knew he would be held accountable for his actions. (By an audience of millions.)

He knew he was treading in dangerous territory. (Obligated to say hammy things like "At tribal council you are held accountable for your actions" and "You tread in dangerous territory every time you come here" without looking like someone being force-fed a rodent.)

Could he survive the rigors of "Survivor"?

Well, five episodes into CBS' 13-week summer hit (airing Wednesdays at 7 p.m. Central), Probst is not just surviving, he's thriving on remote Pulau Tiga. As a back-to-nature game show host, he's a natural.

It might have been otherwise. With those dimples and pearly whites, he seems better suited to be just another pretty boy on "The Young and the Restless." But on "Survivor," Probst quickly proved to be more than an emcee with a Banana Republic expense account. Advising, cajoling and sometimes manipulating, he shines as this fantasy island's Mr. Roarke.

His charges are the "Survivor" castaways, each of whom (as everyone from here to Pulau Tiga surely knows) is vying to be the show's sole survivor, the one spared by luck and cunning from exile by the others. For these contestants, now down to 12 from the original 16, the obvious motivation is the \$1 million prize.

Yet here was Probst at the series' first tribal council, ascribing to them incentives besides money. "I'm sensing there could be personal reasons, different journeys you might be on."

And here he was last week, suggesting that, to vote a member off the island, "you're sort of forced to hold a mirror up to yourself."

His manner is earnest, friendly and like any group facilitator — comfortably detached.

"It's a really fine line you

walk between being neutral and objective, and being distant and aloof," Probst explained to a reporter last week. Back since April from the 39-day "Survivor" shoot (and, of course, mum on who will be revealed as the millionaire-survivor), he was talking by cell phone as he steered through Hollywood en route to an appointment.

This was quite a different setting from an island in the China Sea, but, even slashing through the jungle of lunchtime traffic, he could readily summon the "Survivor" experience.

Everyone roughed it, he said. But while the castaways were trying to build a hut or make a fire to grill the day's catch of rats, much of Probst's time was spent watching video footage that recorded such activities.

"I wanted to be constantly aware of what relationships were forming, who was aligning with who, and to keep track of what each of them didn't know that I did know."

"Other times, I would visit the tribes to see what was going on, or to plant a seed about something for them to think about. I used all this information during tribal councils."

"We're still early in the series," Probst noted. "But the tribal councils got much more" — a split-second pause to find the right adjective — "interesting by weeks five, six, seven."

"And as the politics got deeper and deeper, and the deception and the duplicity started to play out, my role became more of trying to dig it up and not let all that stuff just sit there. It was really interesting group therapy at times."

What does this former game-show host Probst know about playing a shrink?

"My wife's a psychotherapist," he said with a laugh. "I learned from the way she deals with me, how she maneuvers me to where she wants me to get, without it ever feeling like it's her idea."

Marriage experts say current approach for preventing divorce fails

DENVER (AP) — Saying they have taken the wrong approach to marriage counseling for three decades, more than 100 scholars, religious and civic leaders pledged to turn the tide on divorce.

The pact to take a new tack in fostering strong marriages was signed Thursday at a conference addressing the breakdown of the family and growing divorce rates.

"For the past 30 years, marriage counselors have been operating with faulty information, and the divorce rate has soared," said Diane Sollee, director of the Coalition for Marriage, Family and Couples Education. "It's not because we were bad or stupid, we just had the wrong information."

Counseling policies are now based on the acceptance of family breakdown and focus on dealing with the aftermath instead of prevention, leading to a 50 percent divorce rate nationwide, she said.

Those policies stemmed from studies of failed marriages that cited frequent disagreements as the cause of failure. When researchers went back to study successful marriages, they found those couples also disagreed over some of the same issues such as money, sex and children.

Those whose marriage ended in divorce concluded they picked the wrong per-

'For the past 30 years, marriage counselors have been operating with faulty information, and the divorce rate has soared.'

Diane Sollee,
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son because of frequent fights, Sollee said.

"We need to get out the message now, and tell people before they get married that it's OK to fight," she said. "Right now, we're sending couples out onto the football field and not telling them the rules."

Counselors should teach couples communication skills and how to handle their disagreements.

Leo Godzich of the National Association of Marriage Enhancement said churches bear part of the blame.

His group released a survey of 532 churches from 17 denominations that showed the divorce rate among churchgoers is equal to or greater than the general population.

"When one considers that more than three-quarters of marriage ceremonies are performed in a church, it seems that those conducting weddings perceive marriages to be better than they are," Godzich said.

A woman's 'honor' comes at high price in some countries

CAIRO, Egypt (AP) — Nora Ahmed was on her honeymoon when her father cut off her head and paraded it down a dusty Cairo street because she had married a man of whom he did not approve.

Begum Gadhaki was sleeping next to her 3-month-old son when her husband grabbed a gun and shot her dead. A neighbor had spotted a man who was not a family member near the field where she was working in Pakistan's Sindh province.

Ahmed Ali used a cane to beat his wife across the stomach until she died after she returned home to their tiny village in Yemen from a two-day absence she refused to explain.

Hundreds of women like Ahmed, Gadhaki and Ali perish every year because their male relatives believe their actions have soiled the family name.

They die so family honor may survive.

Honor killings are based on a "suspicion of immorality on the part of the victim," the Human Rights Commission of Pakistan says.

But women have no way to know what behavior

could be their death sentence. They have been killed for being too friendly to a brother-in-law. Having "arrogant" body language. Sitting next to a man on a bus.

Honor killing exists mostly in Muslim countries, such as those in the Middle East and central Asia, even though Islam does not sanction the practice.

The United Nations says such killings have also occurred in Britain, Norway, Italy, Brazil, Peru and Venezuela. At least one case has been reported in the United States.

It is an ancient practice sanctioned by culture rather than religion, rooted in a complex code that allows a man to kill a female relative for suspected or actual sexual activity.

"It's 100 percent tradition," according to Madiha El-Safty, a sociology professor at the American University in Cairo. "It's associated with the value of sexual chastity of the woman."

The law is usually on the man's side, often letting him go unpunished or with only a light sentence. The

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FAMILY FOCUS

The Texas Agricultural Extension Service is involved in a wide variety of outreach educational programs in our community with programs in agriculture, family and consumer topics and 4-H youth programs.



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Beginning in the fall, the extension program in Howard County will be participating in a new two-year program called Texans Building Character.

The Extension Service is starting this program in response to a need expressed by people across the state.

In the Texas Community Futures Forums held in 1999 across the state, 209 counties identified the need to address youth issues in their communities. Problems with lying, cheating, school violence, teen pregnancy, substance abuse and other negative behaviors require preventative action and one response is character education.

Texans Building Character is an educational program for children, teens and for parents and other adults who are their role models. For this program, we are using a curriculum entitled "Character Counts!"

This curriculum was developed by the Josephson Institute of Ethics to teach a consistent set of ethical values. It is focused on six pillars of character: trustworthiness, responsibility, caring, respect, fairness and citizenship.

County Extension Agents from Howard County Extension office have been trained in the "Character Counts!" curriculum and character education was the focus of the 4-H Leadership Lab held at Howard College last week.

4-H members representing Howard County included: Nathan Sellers, Trevor Bibb, Morgan Knight, Shameka Houston and Vianca Houston.

A big thank-you goes to the Downtown Lions Club and the Kiwanis club who sponsored their participation in the Leadership Lab.

These young people attended two days of intensive training and developed a plan for implementing character education programs in Howard County.

We will start our character educational program in Howard County by incorporating lessons from this curriculum in the 4-H youth program and related activities.

In addition, our Extension faculty is available to train and assist with the implementation of character education in your school, youth club or other youth programs. Contact the Texas Agricultural Extension Service at 264-2236 if you would like to find out more about Texans Building Character in Howard County.

SLICE of life!

ROMANCE IN THE NEWS

WASHINGTON (AP) — When England's Queen Elizabeth I was awaiting news of the Spanish Armada and a possible invasion, she got a letter from her best boy friend that scholars think may include a secret symbol of intimacy.

The Folger Shakespeare Library, which bought the letter at a London auction three years ago, is putting it on exhibit Wednesday.

Elizabeth's suitor was Robert Dudley, Earl of Leicester. The "Virgin Queen," 52, had often been sought in marriage, always eventually backing out.

She called Dudley "Sweet Robin" in her own letters and had a private nickname for him — he was her "Eyes." In his note of July 20 or 27, 1588 he twice spells the word "most" with the letter "o" doubled, a small space between the two letters, and a pair of small "eyebrows" over the pair of "eyes."

Once he refers to "you moost swete majestie" and again to "my moost dere Lady." He also thanks her for "your great comfort I receive ever from your own swete self." Elsewhere in the letter he uses only a single "o" in the word "most."

What may be another version of the private symbol appears just before his signature, "R. Leycester."

Leicester was 56, commander of the queen's forces concentrated at Tilbury between London and the ports where invaders might land. He had had two wives, one of whom died under suspicious circumstances, but he had long wanted to marry the queen and had been a close friend since she was 8.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

THE BIG SPRING EVENING Lions Club will have free eyeglasses for all adults Saturday from 9 a.m. to noon at the Big Spring Evening Lions Club bingo building, 1607 East Third.

All adults needing eyeglasses who don't have the income to purchase the exam or glasses are welcome. The recycled eyeglasses are donated by the community as a service project of the Lions.

The Lions group offers the eyeglasses the second Saturday of each month. For more information call Donna Groenke at 393-5298.

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community commonly treats the murderer as a hero and considers the killing a duty, not a crime.

Cultures where the practice exists hold that a woman is a man's possession and a reflection of his honor. It's the man's honor that gets tarnished if a woman is not virtuous.

"A woman in Arab societies is an object for sex and reproduction. As long as she is an object, she is owned by a father, a husband, a brother," said Salwa Bakr, an Egyptian feminist and writer. "The way she uses her body is not her business but the business of those who own her."

Ahmed Abbad Sherif, a prominent, conservative tribal leader in Yemen, insists "it's because women are weaker than men."

"If she's immoral, it's the man's duty to kill her," Sherif said matter-of-factly. "Otherwise, he will be despised by the rest of the tribe."

Feminists, activists and human rights defenders

have quietly begun work to end honor killings.

"Men worry about their honor and dignity as if women had none," said Azza Suleiman, an activist at the Center for Egyptian Women's Legal Assistance. "They have stripped us of our honor and appointed themselves its protector."

Honor killing, although not as widespread as decades ago, still thrives in rural areas, where women remain financially dependent on men and justice is administered by village elders.

From early childhood, girls are taught about "eib," shame, and "sharaf," honor. They dress modestly, lower their eyes when walking in public and are segregated from boys if they're lucky enough to be sent to school.

And everywhere girls go are reminders that their most important mission in life is to remain virgins until they marry.

A recent UNICEF survey found that in 1997, honor killings claimed the lives of

as many as 400 women in Yemen, 52 in Egypt and an estimated 300 in just one province of Pakistan. Jordan reports an average of 25 such killings each year.

In 90 percent of the cases the United Nations investigated, the victims were killed by or on orders from their families, said Asma Jehangir, a human rights lawyer who also consults for the United Nations.

In Yemen a decade ago, a father learned his daughter had eloped with a man from another clan, breaking a taboo against marriage outside the tribe.

Gathering sons, brothers, uncles and cousins, he headed north in a convoy of about 20 cars, said Yemeni sociologist Abdo Ali Othman. The men stormed the bride's new home and threw her into one of the cars.

When the convoy reached the edge of her village, her father hurled her to the asphalt and had every car drive over her.

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Graff said Tuesday.

Graff suspects the gnomes were kidnapped by roving teen-agers who grabbed them as a prank, and then dumped them either in a panic or simply because they got bored.

The gnomes are about a 4 feet tall but astonishingly heavy for their size, not surprising since most are solid concrete.

"It is among the more humorous things I've seen," Graff said. "Nothing really surprises me anymore after being in law enforcement for 25 years."

EAST GREENBUSH, N.Y. (AP) — Don MacIntyre finally has his lost high school ring back — after 53 years.

Within a month of getting his ring in 1947, MacIntyre misplaced it. Two years ago, it was found behind a locker when the former

Columbia High school was converted into an elementary school.

The ring was inscribed "MAC," but the owner couldn't be identified — no student in the Class of '47 had those initials.

So the ring sat in Principal Barbara Layne's office.

Then, Alice Sage-Pulver's fifth-grade class decided to create an Internet page on the history of the school, 10 miles east of Albany. A student rechecked the '47 yearbook, and although there was no M.A.C., there was a student nicknamed "Mac."

Enter MacIntyre, 71, now a local dentist. On Monday, he got his ring back and gave it to his wife, Nancy. She said she just might wear it on a chain around her neck like a school girl.

"It was said as a joke," she said. "But I just might do it."

BOULDER, Colo. (AP) — A cat that apparently decided to run away from home by hopping into a car, definitely picked the wrong vehicle — it was going to Canada.

Jennifer Hill and her cat Lapis were reunited in San Francisco on Saturday, more than two months after Lapis went missing from Boulder on April 19.

Lapis had made it into a car belonging to Edward Chambers, who stopped in Boulder before driving home to Champagne, a town about 40 miles west of Whitehorse in Canada's Yukon Territory. That means the tabby was about 2,000 miles from home.

"She was traumatized," Hill said. "But she's eating and drinking now."

Hill had posted flyers in Boulder, at veterinary clinics and the Humane Society and offered \$100 reward for Lapis' safe return.

Lucky few snag 'Harry Potter' early

RICHMOND, Va. (AP) — A lucky few people have their hands on the eagerly awaited fourth Harry Potter book after two stores prematurely sold copies.

"Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire," the latest installment in J.K. Rowling's hugely popular children's series about a young wizard, is to be unveiled Saturday.

Bookstores have been forced to keep nearly 4 million copies under wraps until then, and many are planning special midnight launch parties.

A Virginia Wal-Mart and another store broke the embargo, giving a handful of kids a scoop on Harry's adventures, which fill more than 700 pages.

In Chesterfield County

south of Richmond, 10-year-old Caitlin Streett has been reading the book and filling in her friends on the details.

Caitlin and her dad, Gene Streett, found the book at a local Wal-Mart while they shopped for glue.

"We were doing papier mache crafts. And we walk in and it was like, 'Whoa! Harry Potter!' There was a big display with some other books," said Streett, a high school teacher.

He paid \$12.97 for the book, which lists for \$25.95.

A Wal-Mart spokesman said the store mistakenly put the books on the store shelves and removed them as soon as they realized they weren't supposed to be there. About 20 books were sold.

"This is purely an isolated

incident based on a mistake that we made," said Rob Phillips, a spokesman for Bentonville, Ark.-based Wal-Mart Stores Inc.

While Streett immediately realized the significance of his find, 8-year-old Laura Cantwell had to explain it to her dad, Tim Cantwell.

He found the book in a second northern Virginia store when he was tipped off by a friend.

When he gave the book to his daughter, "she said, 'Dad, do you realize how huge this is? ... I said to my wife that night that I could probably sell this book for a lot of money. She said, 'Under no circumstances do you sell that book.'"

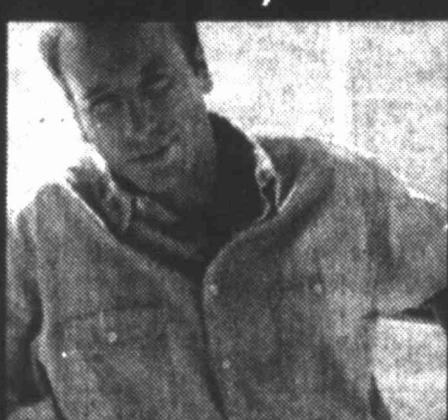
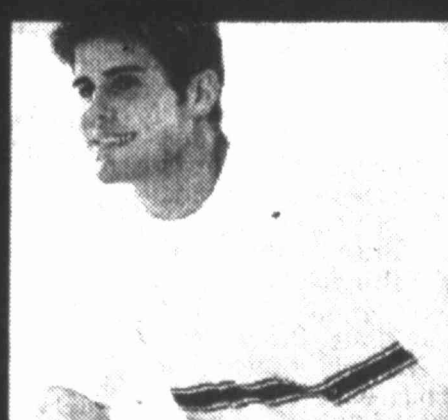
He wouldn't say which store it was to avoid getting someone in trouble.

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McMahons, Graham and Newman win 5K

Wade Graham, Cavan McMahon, Donna McMahon and Brandon Newman won the four divisions of the YMCA 5K fun run and walk event, which took place Tuesday. Graham won first place in the Men 35 and Under Division, Cavan McMahon was first in the Men 36 and Older Division, Donna McMahon won the Women 36 and Under Division and Newman was first in the Kids Run.

Chris Wigert was second in the Men 36 and Over Division while Ed Williamson was third. Farrah Schooler was the runner-up in the Women 36 and Under Division while Brooklyn Kennedy was second and Brittini Newman third in the Kids Run.

BSHS Volleyball Camp slated 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 3-5 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 \$125 for grades 9-12.

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

Texas Tech alumni plan Cowboys event

Members of the local Texas Tech Ex-Students Association are currently seeking persons interested in attending Texas Tech Alumni Night at Texas Stadium on July 30.

The Dallas Cowboys will be playing the Pittsburgh Steelers in a preseason game at 7 p.m.

Tickets are \$37 per person for lower-level end zone seating and include a pass to the Cowboys Corral and coupons for a free soft drink and hot dog.

Plans are also being made for other Big 12 alumni to attend, as well.

For more information, call Roxie McDaniel at 263-9668 or 267-5846.

Reunion organizers seeking team pictures

Organizers planning the Aug. 5 all-class reunion at Forsan High School are currently seeking team pictures of the 1966 and 1967 Queens basketball teams that reached the state tournament in Austin.

Anyone having a picture of one or both of those teams is asked to call Boyce Hale at 267-6957.

Williams sisters win to set up semi-final

Venus and Serena Williams won Fourth of July matches Tuesday to set up an historic all-sister semifinal at Wimbledon.

Eighth-seeded Serena led off with a 6-2, 6-0 victory over Lisa Raymond in only 41 minutes on Court 1 to keep up her end of the semi-final bargain.

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5:45 p.m. — Little League Baseball Playoff, KBST (AM 1490).

Television

6 p.m. — Regional coverage, Cincinnati Reds at St. Louis Cardinals or Baltimore Orioles at N.Y. Yankees, ESPN, Ch. 30.

7:30 p.m. — Oakland Athletics at Texas Rangers, FSN, Ch. 29.

Ranger catcher Rodriguez receives most All-Star votes

NEW YORK (AP) — The starting lineups for the All-Star game have new faces in Jeff Kent and Jermaine Dye and a new top vote-getter in Ivan Rodriguez.

Kent overcame a 138,000-vote deficit in the final week to overtake Craig Biggio and Edgardo Alfonzo and win the NL's starting spot at second base in next week's All-Star game.

Kent, who leads the National League with 80 RBIs for the San Francisco Giants, led NL second basemen with 1,018,430 votes in totals released Tuesday. Houston's Biggio was second at 964,316, followed by New York's Alfonzo at 865,853.

"It's probably a more special honor to be elected by the fans who you are entertaining," Kent said. "That's why you play the game in a sense, outside of trying to win a championship, to entertain the fans."

In voting through last week, Biggio was first at 452,863, Alfonzo second at 387,893 and Kent third at 314,907.

"I was pleasantly surprised," Giants manager Dusty Baker said. "This is a

prime example of a person getting what he deserves. He worked for it and earned it. Nobody gave him anything."

Dye finished second in the voting among AL outfielders and became the first Kansas City starter since Bo Jackson 11 years ago. Starting the July 11 game at Atlanta's Turner Field is especially meaningful because the Braves traded Dye to the Royals.

"I'm very blessed and excited," he said. "I left there on a good note, I think. I had a good year there. I think the fans were sad that I left."

Rodriguez, one of the few players on Texas who hasn't slumped, received the most votes (2,808,456), ending the streak of Ken Griffey Jr., the top vote-getter the previous four years and five times overall before his off-season trade from Seattle to Cincinnati.

"Maybe I opened the door for the catchers," Rodriguez said. "This will be more special for me because I got the most votes. I never expected it to be like that. It's a dream come true. I didn't realize I had so many fans."

Rodriguez, the first AL

catcher to top voting, will be appearing in his ninth consecutive All-Star game, his eighth straight as a starter.

Mets catcher Mike Piazza, elected for his seventh straight start, received the most votes among NL players, 2,780,452, marking the first time the top vote-getters in both leagues were catchers.

Piazza, who had the largest margin of victory, finishing 2,034,838 ahead of Pittsburgh's Jason Kendall, also led NL voting in 1996 and 1997 while playing for the Los Angeles Dodgers.

"It's a tremendous honor. I'm flattered at the support of the fans in New York and the rest of the country," Piazza said. "I'm flattered considering the players you're up against."

The rest of the NL lineup has Mark McGwire of St. Louis (2,347,317) at first, Barry Larkin of Cincinnati (1,593,944) at shortstop, Chipper Jones of Atlanta (1,553,944) at third, and Griffey (2,188,169), San Francisco's Barry Bonds (2,015,590) and Chicago's Sammy Sosa (1,800,444) in the outfield.

"It took me a lot of time to make the All-Star team,"

Sosa said. "I remember a few years ago I had a lot of good numbers to go to All-Star game and they never took me. Now, the last couple of years I've been up there and I can appreciate it more now because I've been working so hard for that."

Griffey was elected to his 11th All-Star game, his first in the NL. McGwire was picked for the 12th time, his eighth as a starter. Larkin was selected for the 11th time.

McGwire was angry teammate Jim Edmonds finished only fifth in the outfield voting.

"I would almost think of not going if he's not on it," McGwire said.

Also elected to the AL lineup were Oakland's Jason Giambi (1,229,295) at first, Cleveland's Roberto Alomar (2,615,501) at second and Seattle's Alex Rodriguez (1,654,852) at shortstop. The Yankees' Derek Jeter (1,516,492) was second at shortstop, followed by Boston's Nomar Garciaparra (1,341,550).

"Every year getting to go to the All-Star game is like a dream come true, whether it's your first one or not," Alomar said.

Baltimore third baseman Cal Ripken (2,169,993) was picked for the All-Star game for the 18th time, the 16th as a starter, but he is on the disabled list with a bad back. Cleveland's Travis Fryman (824,402) was second, followed by Anaheim's Troy Glaus (812,538).

Elected to the AL outfield were the Yankees' Bernie Williams (1,568,209), Dye (1,486,448) and Cleveland's Manny Ramirez (1,232,335).

"It's great to see Griffey go to the other league and have Bernie lead," said Joe Torre of the Yankees, the AL manager.

In the closest voting for a starting spot, Boston's Carl Everett was fourth at 1,202,637, just 29,698 behind Ramirez, who is on the DL with a strained hamstring.

Dye and Giambi were the only elected starters who have never before been on an All-Star team.

Ripken gets a \$100,000 bonus for his election, while Alomar, Dye, Giambi, Griffey, Kent, McGwire, Piazza, Ramirez and Alex and Ivan Rodriguez get \$50,000 each.

Pitchers and reserves for the 30-man rosters will be announced today.

Rangers defeat Athletics again, 10-7

ARLINGTON (AP) — The Texas Rangers struggled through the first half of the season, free-falling from first place to the basement of the AL West. They certainly have the Oakland Athletics' number, however.

Texas won its fourth straight over Oakland on Tuesday night, beating them 10-7 on Rafael Palmeiro's tiebreaking two-run homer in the sixth inning.

"We've been fortunate against them," Rangers manager Johnny Oates said. "When we give up seven, we score 10."

Besides Palmeiro's big hit, the Rangers got a strong relief performance from rookie Doug Davis. He could have been distracted by thoughts of his 5-week-old son, who underwent emergency stomach surgery 24 hours earlier.

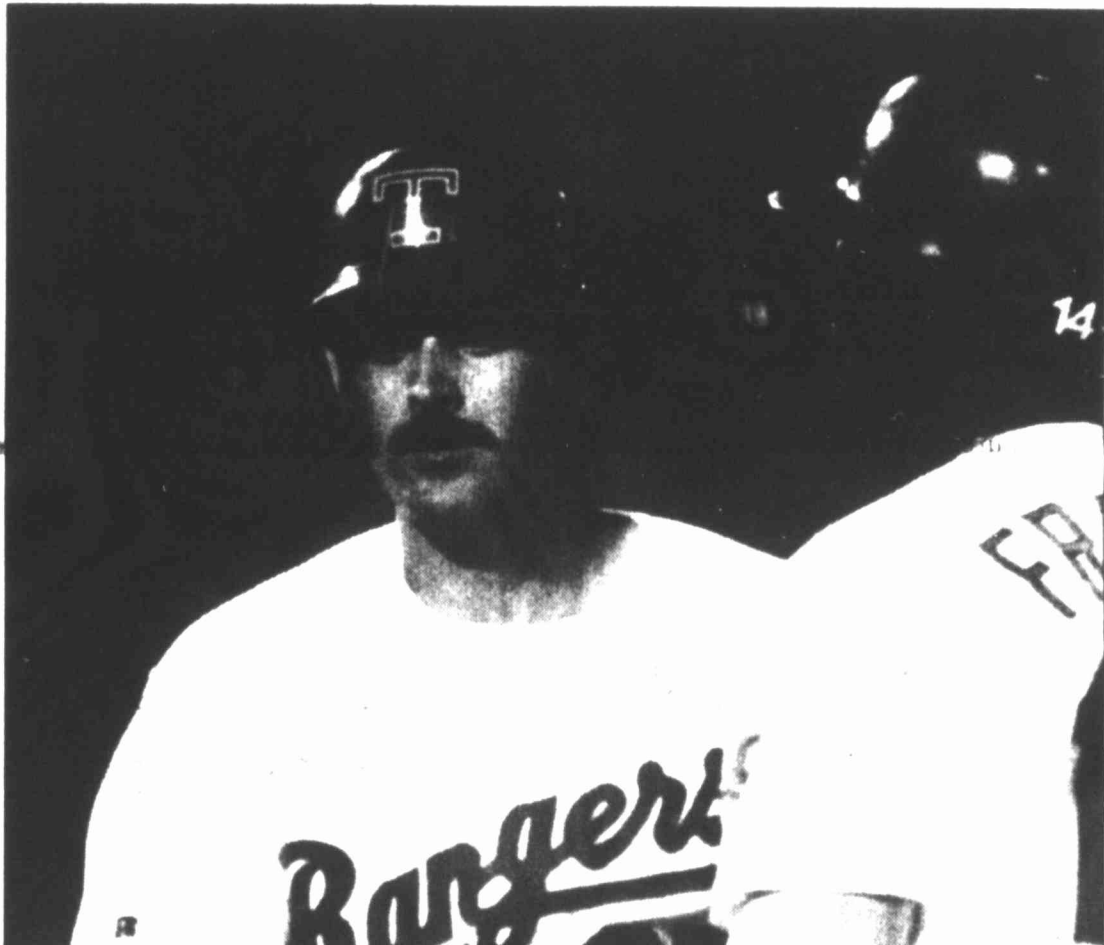
But Davis gave the Rangers two scoreless innings and improved his record to 2-1.

Davis flew home to Oklahoma City to be with his son, Jordan, who had surgery on Monday night. The operation was successful, and when Davis was sure Jordan was out of danger and got the OK from his wife, Stacy, he rejoined the Rangers on Tuesday afternoon.

"All I could think about was my son, but maybe that helped," said Davis, who had three strikeouts and two walks. "My wife was understanding. I was pretty petrified when I found out he needed the surgery."

"It was hard to concentrate on the game. I just wanted to be a robot. I'm just glad I could help the team win."

Davis, recalled from



Rafael Palmeiro of the Texas Rangers is shown being congratulated after hitting a home run during the 1993 season. He hit a two-run shot Tuesday night to send the Rangers past Oakland, 10-7.

Texas' Triple-A farm team in Oklahoma on Sunday, started the night with a major league ERA of 8.68 this season, but he had one of the best outings of his big league career.

"I told him I appreciated him being here," Oates said. "To do what he did under those circumstances, I applaud him. I don't know if I could have done what he did."

The A's have lost six of seven overall and 10 of their last 12 to the Rangers.

"We have got to find a way to shut their offense off," A's manager Art Howe said. "We started off good,

battled back and never quit. I thought we would come back, but we didn't."

With the score 7-7, Rusty Greer drew a walk from Scott Service (1-1), and Palmeiro followed with his 22nd homer.

It was the 383rd home run of Palmeiro's career, moving him ahead of Jim Rice and Frank Howard into 38th place on the career list.

Dave Martinez singled home a run in the Texas eighth, and John Wetteland pitched the ninth for his 21st save.

Ben Grieve gave the A's a 2-0 lead in the first with his 16th homer. The son of

Rangers TV analyst Tom Grieve tied his father with 65 career homers.

After Grieve's homer, Texas came back with a five-run third against Gil Heredia. Oakland helped the Rangers by making two of its four errors.

Howe partly blamed bad patches in the turf at The Ballpark in Arlington for his team's shoddy fielding.

"This field isn't the greatest field, and there are a lot of bad areas, but we just aren't making good plays," Howe said.

Scott Sheldon led off the third with his first home run.

Johnson outpitches Lima, 10-4

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

A year ago, this was a marquee matchup. This season, it was a predictable mismatch.

Randy Johnson kept winning and Jose Lima kept losing Tuesday night, with the Arizona Diamondbacks beating the Houston Astros 10-4 at Enron Field.

In other National League games, St. Louis routed Cincinnati 14-3, Atlanta beat Montreal 7-3, Florida held off New York 9-8, San Diego stopped Los Angeles 7-2, Pittsburgh defeated Chicago 10-4, Philadelphia beat Milwaukee 7-4 and San Francisco swept a double-header from Colorado, 4-1 and 3-0.

In other American League games, Baltimore beat New York 7-6, Cleveland beat Toronto 9-4, Detroit routed Tampa Bay 11-0, Kansas City stopped the Chicago White Sox 10-7 and Anaheim edged Seattle 7-6.

Johnson (13-2), who tops the NL in victories, gave up four hits in six innings.

Lima (1-13), who leads the majors in losses, dropped his 13th straight decision. At least the reigning NL Cy Young winner wound up with another victory. Lima, a 21-game winner last season, also had a tough time in the dugout — he shouted at left fielder Moises Alou, maybe thinking he was playing too deep.

Johnson, who struck out 13 in beating the Astros in his last start Thursday, did not give up a hit until Jeff Bagwell homered in the fourth.

Alou hit a three-run homer off Johnson.

This real live nephew of Uncle Sam's worked on the 4th

So, did you enjoy your Fourth of July? I spent part of mine here at the Herald helping put out Tuesday's edition of the publication. Except for the earlier hours, it really wasn't that bad.

It's not the first time either. My first job fresh out of college was at Brownfield. Like most weeklies and semi-weeklies, the Brownfield News doesn't have the luxury of Associated Press.

Yes, I mean luxury, especially during the summer months. For those at weeklies and semi-weeklies, there's this scramble to find things to write about.

In Brownfield, there was this event called the Firecracker Road Race. It started bright and early at 7 a.m., but the beautiful, wonderful thing about it was that it was copy! Another neat thing was the fact it was all over by 10 a.m. and I had the rest of the day to do whatever.

One year really stands out among the four years that I covered that race. There was this guy named Carlos Ybarra who was in the same dormitory in junior college with me, so I'd known him for a while even at that time.

Well, the race is run on residential streets and the runners disappear into them and return on the final stretch (at least at that time). Carlos, who was and probably still is a great long distance runner, appears for the final stretch carrying a kitten!

It seemed he'd found the little creature, which had been abandoned, while running and gathered it up and continued to race. He

and the kitten still won going away.

Afterwards, during the interview, I asked him about the kitten. He said he would probably name it "Firecracker."

When I left Brownfield, I didn't have to work on July 4 again until a few years later at another stop. The publisher put in the paper that the office would be open during the morning of Independence Day. The day before, he came by my desk and said:

"I just found out we didn't have to come in tomorrow, but since I've already put in the paper that we're going to be open, do you mind coming in tomorrow?" Of course, I really wasn't being asked.

That didn't turn out to be so bad, either. There was exactly one telephone call. It was from a lady wanting to place a classified ad.

Since it was a small office, everybody supposedly knew how to do everything, so I took the informa-

tion and she came in and paid for it. She was the only person besides me to enter the office that day.

The rest of the time was far from a waste. I had interviewed this lady and her daughter about a week or so before. The daughter and her husband had recently adopted a Chinese baby for a future.

A good feature, in my opinion, takes time to write, so I spent the rest of the time writing that story and it just about took me to noon. Apparently, somebody liked it. The grandmother brought me a cake she'd made and later sent me a card telling me how the baby was doing. I guess that kid would be about five now.

All totaled, I think I've worked about five Fourth of July's in my time — before yesterday.

I hope you had an awesome Independence Day. I planned to have one just as soon as I finish this column, which is *right now!*



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

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
**** Pitch in and finish leftover projects. Clean up around your home and office. Discussions with family revolve around working at home more. Ask others to pitch in with chores as well. Finances benefit from your hard-hitting approach. Tonight: Off to the gym.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
**** Your imagination proves to be a gold mine. Use your ingenuity, and find answers to a recent snafu. Brainstorm with others and listen to well-meaning advice. The more open you are, the better your answers are. Use your charm, and another cannot say anything but yes. Tonight: In weekend mode.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
*** Emphasize family and security. What seems like a wonderful money-making opportunity needs to be

checked. Check out real estate with an important family member. Your instincts help you read another, especially if he is one who conceals his feelings. Tonight: A quiet night at home.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
**** You speak and others listen. Take your place as a leader. Your charisma and gentle demeanor allow others to feel unthreatened. A friend might rain on your parade. He is really trying to play devil's advocate, so offer your thanks. Tonight: At a favorite spot.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
*** Take a timeout if you're feeling overwhelmed. Sort through your inner dialogue and express what you feel is worthwhile. Your intuition nails a financial issue. Follow your personal guidelines about a gift, even if another pressures you. Avoid a difficult associate. Tonight: Give yourself some quiet time.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
**** You focus on what you want. A female friend cannot do enough for you. Recognize her efforts, and mobilize others' energy. You get more done if you work as a team. Someone at a distance feels left out. A call or perhaps even a card will cheer him up. Tonight: Whatever makes you smile.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
** You might not be able to express your thoughts if you want to accomplish a goal. Consider that you might be overreacting to a loved one. Ask questions. Find out where he is coming from. You might be making more out of a com-

ment than was intended. Tonight: Take time with a partner.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
**** Zoom in and get what you want. Another isn't intentionally withholding information. Perhaps you haven't asked the right question yet. Walk in another's shoes. An associate contributes another take on a situation. Tonight: Where the crowds are.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
**** Pressure to perform stimulates your adrenaline flow, increasing your productivity. An associate pushes you, being somewhat critical. Don't get into an argument. Internalize what is valid in the message. Don't feel overwhelmed by responsibilities. Tonight: A must show.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
**** Others seek out your impressions and feedback. They don't mean to push. Another admires you and will do whatever it takes to gain your attention. Creativity flows. You head in a new direction. Consolidate gains rather than spending them. Tonight: Take a drive.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
**** One-on-one relating

helps another feel important. Be nurturing with a co-worker who expresses need or confusion. Open up to the many options and different ways of getting the job done. Limit money talks to those you trust. Take nothing for granted. Tonight: Put your feet up.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
**** Let others make the first move. You have strong feelings about another. When you are ready, discuss what you feel. Communication could be stilted at first, but once you get started, the words flow. Don't judge yourself - no one else is! Tonight: Pick up on another's suggestion.

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Ringling declaration sets bride's confusion straight

DEAR ABBY: "Too Many Rings in Arizona" wrote you that her fiancé had given her his grandmother's ring as an engagement ring, but that she preferred to wear her deceased mother's rings, which her father had been keeping for her marriage. She asked whether it would be wrong for her to ask her fiancé to allow her to wear her mother's rings rather than his grandmother's.



ABIGAIL VAN BUREN

You said to go ahead and ask him, and to offer to wear the grandmother's ring on her right hand - or, if that bothered him, to have her mother's rings made smaller and wear them as a pinky ring on her left hand.

I disagree! When you marry, you promise to forsake all others, keeping thyself only unto him as long as you both shall live. With that in mind, which ring is more significant to the union, his choice or her father's?

If "Too Many Rings" values her father's pledge to her mother more than her fiancé's commitment to her as his chosen member of his family, then she can wear her mother's rings rather than his heirloom.

TWICE A WIFE, TWICE WIDOWED IN EDISON, GA.

DEAR TWICE: More than a few - but not all - of those who responded to that letter agreed with you. To me, the most important thing was that the young woman and her fiancé be able to communicate frankly with each other - and possibly reach a compromise - about something that is obviously important to both of them. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: Here's another idea for "Too Many Rings in Arizona." Before my wife and I became engaged last year, she expressed her desire for a ring with a three-diamond setting. She also inherited both of her grandmothers' engagement rings. My college roommate is a jeweler and was able to use the two diamonds and add a third in making my wife's dream ring. The ring has additional sentimental value because two of the diamonds had belonged to her grandmothers, and it was made by my college roommate. — NEWLYWED IN LEXINGTON, S.C.

DEAR ABBY: A bride-to-be does NOT wear rings inherited from her parents on the hand she "gives" to

her husband. She wears HIS rings - the rings HE gives her - as a traditional and deeply meaningful symbol of their union. She may certainly wear any other jewelry her taste allows, including inherited rings, on her right hand (although one would hope not at the wedding).

With the engagement and marriage, she ceases to be Mommy and Daddy's little girl, and that's an important part of the ring symbolism. She wouldn't want to send her betrothed, her parents and the rest of the world the wrong message, now, would she? JOHN IN POWDER SPRINGS, GA.

DEAR ABBY: A possible solution might be to take all of the rings in question, melt them down, and have a jewelry designer design something to the couple's specifications. That way material from all of the rings would be incorporated into their rings, and there would be added sentimental value.

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7	PM Movie: Con Air (CC)	Opposite Sex (CC)	Great Streets (CC)	Movie: "Cloned"	Survivor (CC)	Movie: "Con Air" (CC)	Dateline (CC)	Ripley's Believe It or Not!	Rosalinda	Weird (CC)	Dead Man's Gun (CC)	Movie: "Nightmare"	Movie: "Night"	Patriot: 1st Lk.	Light of the Southwest	Biography (CC)	Building Hoover Dam	Movie: "Dolores"	Extreme Machines
8	PM " "	Time of Your Life (CC)	Walk Down 42nd St. (CC)	Big Brother (CC)	West Wing (CC)	Law & Order (CC)	West Wing (CC)	News (CC) Thunder	Tips Mujeres	Don't Cry... They Get	18 Wheels of Justice (CC)	Movie: "Night"	Soul Food	Sex and City: Afters (CC)	American Justice (CC)	Investigative Reports (CC)	Narrow Escapes	Clashbone	Junyard Wars
9	PM "Whose Line?"	Mad Abt. You Nanny (CC)	Walk Up Broadway	Early Edition	48 Hours (CC)	Whose Line?	Law & Order (CC)	Ripley's Believe It or Not!	P. Impacto Noticias Univ.	Freddie Friday (CC)	Cagney & Lacey	Eyes 3	Movie: "The Company of Wolves" (CC)	Sopranos (CC)	Richard Roberts	Investigative Reports (CC)	Wrestling the Mississippi	Movie: "Diana: A Tribute to"	Extreme Machines
10	PM News (CC) Nightline	Jerry Springer (CC)	News-Lahrer	700 Club (CC)	News (CC) Late	News (CC) Late	News (CC) Late	News (CC) Late	Viviana e la Medianoche	Zorp (CC)	Basemasters Bill Dance	(15) Freddy's	Wolves (CC)	Movie: "Goodbye"	Duane Sheriff Church	Biography (CC)	Narrow Escapes	the People's Princess	Junyard Wars
11	PM "Politically Inc. (36) Maury"	Newsradio Unhappily	(15) Nature (CC)	Who's Boss? (37) Late Late	Show (CC) Que Onda?	Ent. Tonight Politically Inc.	Ent. Tonight Politically Inc.	Ent. Tonight Politically Inc.	El Gordo y la Flaca	Movie: "The Happiest"	Outdoor World	Final Nightmare	(12:15) Movie: "Hour"	Lover (CC)	Ask Joe Good Sam Solayn	American Justice (CC)	Wrestling the Mississippi	Movie: "Dolores"	Junyard Wars: Flying
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Today is Wednesday, July 5, the 187th day of 2000. There are 179 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On July 5, 1950, Private Kenneth Shadrack of Skin Fork, W. Va., became the first U.S. serviceman to die in the Korean War.

On this date: In 1801, American naval hero David G. Farragut was born in Knoxville, Tenn.

In 1811, Venezuela became the first South American country to

declare independence from Spain.

In 1830, the French occupied the North African city of Algiers.

In 1865, William Booth founded the Salvation Army in London.

In 1940, during World War II, Britain and the Vichy government in France broke diplomatic relations.

In 1946, the bikini made its debut during an outdoor fashion show at the Molitor Pool in Paris.

In 1947, Larry Doby signed a contract with the Cleveland Indians, becoming the first black player in the American League.

In 1948, Britain's National Health Service Act went

into effect, providing government-financed medical and dental care.

In 1975, Arthur Ashe defeated fellow American Jimmy Connors to become the first black man to win a Wimbledon singles title.

In 1975, the Cape Verde Islands officially became independent after 500 years of Portuguese rule.

Ten years ago: NATO leaders opened a two-day meeting in London to revise the alliance's strategy in light of easing East-West tensions in Europe and the unraveling of the Warsaw Pact.

Five years ago: More than 100 Grateful Dead fans were injured when a deck on which they gathered collapsed at a campground near Wentzville, Mo.

One year ago: President Clinton began a four-day cross-country tour to promote a plan for drawing jobs and investment to areas that had not shared in the prosperity of the 1990s.

Today's Birthdays: Actress Katherine Helmond is 66. Actress Shirley Knight is 64. Singer-musician Robbie Robertson is 56. Julie Nixon Eisenhower is 52. Rock star Huey Lewis is 50. Baseball pitcher Rich "Goose" Gossage is 49. Country musician Charles Ventre (River Road) is 48. Singer-songwriter Marc Cohn is 41. R&B singer Joe is 27. Rock musician Bengt Lagerberg (The Cardigans) is 27. Actor Dale Gribble ("Shasta McNasty") is 25.

Thought for Today: "The truly fashionable are beyond fashion." —Cecil Beaton, English fashion photographer and costume designer (1904-1980).

PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

PARIS (AP) — Quincy Jones celebrated the 4th of July by thanking France for the happy years he spent there.

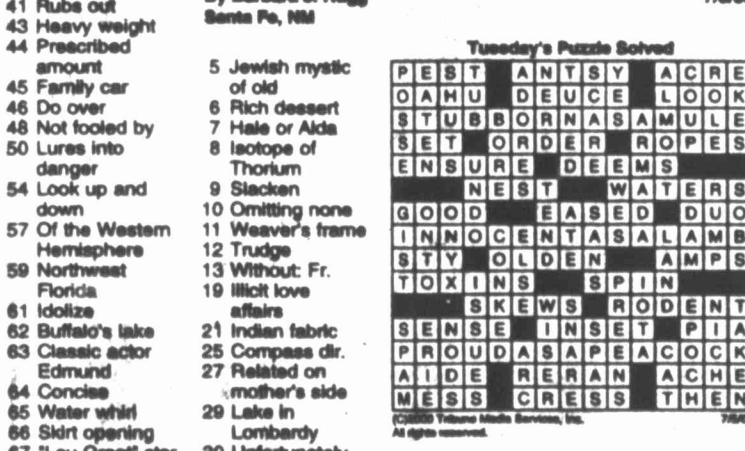
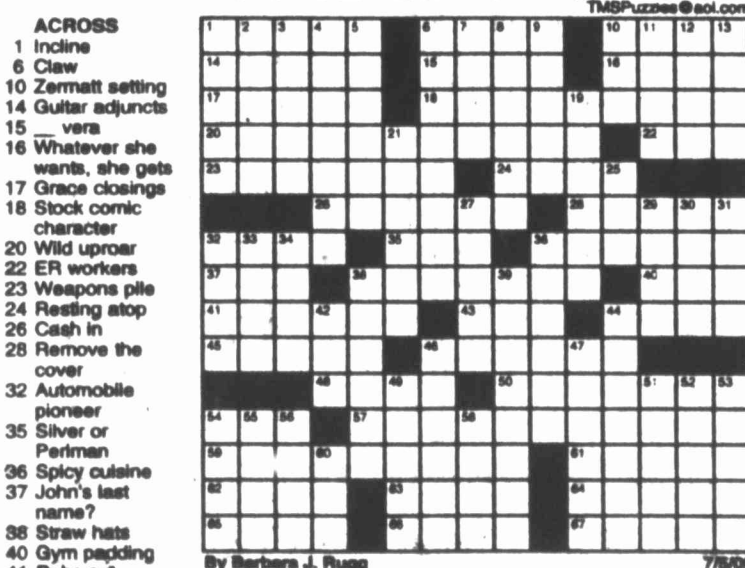
Jones conducted the Orchestre Nationale de France in a star-studded jazz concert Tuesday to thank the French for welcoming so many African-American artists over the years.

"When I think of home, I think of a place where there's love overflowing," said Jones, quoting the lyrics of "Home," a top tune from his Broadway musical hit "The Wiz."

"I've gotten more recognition from France than I ever did from my own country. I never got the Legion of Honor or Arts and Letters medals from the United States," the musician said in an interview Tuesday following a rehearsal at the Theatre des Champs-Elysees. The two awards are France's top honors for excellence in the arts.

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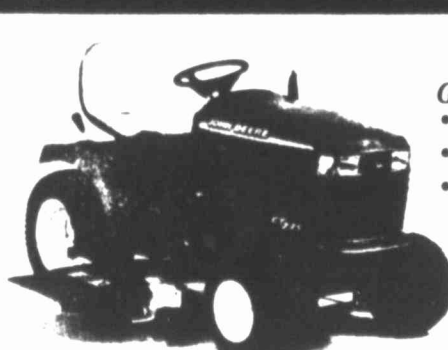
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