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WEATHER

Tonight:



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Police, Herald will co-sponsor Night Out event

The Big Spring Police Department and the Big Spring Herald are teaming up to sponsor National Night Out in Big Spring on Tuesday, Aug. 1.

This event, aimed at neighborhood cooperation, is billed nationwide 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 depends on the work of block captains who will organize gatherings in their neighborhoods. Anyone who is interested in serving as a block captain for their area can call the Herald, 263-7331, ext. 236, or Sgt. Lee Everett at the police department, 264-2564.

WHAT'S UP...

TODAY

Howard County Democratic Party monthly meeting, 6:30 p.m., Howard County Court House, third floor District Court Room, any questions call Woody Jumper, 268-9814.

Masonic Lodge No. 598, 7:30 p.m., 219 Main.

FRIDAY

Signal Mountain Quilting Guild, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church, call 267-1037 or 267-7281. Bring a lunch.

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

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.

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RSVP makes Alzheimer's information available in Big Spring

By GINA GARZA
Staff Writer

Big Spring residents now have a local place to get information about Alzheimer's disease and the Alzheimer's Association.

"Big Spring didn't have anyone local to provide information on Alzheimer's; they had to call Midland," said Nancy Jones, Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) director.



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"We now have literature available here at our office."

Some of the information available includes pamphlets on topics such as how to recognize the warning signs of Alzheimer's, information for the caregiver, as well as lists of support groups.

The Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders Association Inc. is a national voluntary health agency dedicated to research for the prevention, cure and treatment of Alzheimer's Disease and related disorders, and provides support and assistance to patients and their families.

Symptoms of Alzheimer's can include

gradual memory loss, decline in the ability to perform routine tasks, disorientation, difficulty in learning, loss of language skills, impairment of judgment and personality changes.

The rate of progression varies from person to person.

"The caregivers are under a lot of stress and need to keep themselves healthy," said Jones. "We have a quarterly caregiver series. Our next one will be Aug. 8 at the Carriage Inn."

Jones also said there is an Alzheimer's support group which meets the first Monday of each month at Canterbury South, 1700 Lancaster.

"Mary Lou Abendschan, RSVP coordinator, and myself had attended some training sessions," she said.

"We welcome any question anyone has about Alzheimer's and if we can't answer it, we will find someone who can," she said.

The causes of Alzheimer's are not known and are currently receiving intensive research. Suspected causes include a disease gene or genetic predisposition, abnormal protein build-up in the brain and environmental toxins.

For more information, anyone can stop by the RSVP office at 501 Runnels or call Jones at 264-2397.



Jason Lawson receives his diploma from Howard College President Dr. Cheri Sparks. Lawson was one of more than 100 children ages 6 to 12 who graduated from Kids College this morning. The children have participated in various activities. The theme for this year was on science/Mother Nature. The children studied birds and learned how to make bird houses out of recyclable household items. They were also taught about weather safety and made a rain forest and its animals out of paper-mache. The Kids College program was a two-week event.

HERALD photo/Gina Garza

EMS

Officials plan toward continued local control of ambulance service

By BILL MCCLELLAN
News Editor

Rural/Metro, one of three companies that bid on providing ambulance service for Big Spring, has withdrawn its proposal. That's not likely to mean much, however, as two of the three bids, including Rural/Metro's, came in higher than city officials expected.

"It doesn't change anything. We're still rating the other two bids. We'll make our recommendations to the city council on Tuesday," said Gary Fuqua, city manager.

It's no secret that the city is leaning toward keeping the ambulance service under the direction of Big Spring Fire Department. That was clear after city council members decided earlier this month a public hearing on bid proposals won't be necessary. It's also the direction Fuqua is taking.

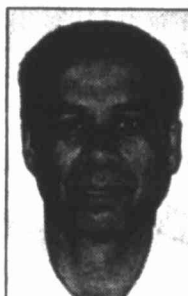
"My recommendation is going to be that we keep it in-house and fund the increased subsidy," he said this week.

Currently, the city subsidizes the ambulance service some \$125,000 a year. The county provides an additional \$65,000. Even with the assistance, the service is losing about \$100,000 annually. Because of that, the council voted in May to solicit bids for operation of the ambulance service, which has been operated for the past five years by the fire department. The present contract ends this year.

However, of the three bids



FUQUA



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received, two were higher than the subsidy local government entities are already providing. American Medical Response, the largest ambulance service provider in the nation, wanted a \$375,000 subsidy. Rural/Metro, another large provider, wanted \$350,000.

A small firm out of Stephenville, Life Tech, wanted just \$60,000. Officials are skeptical of Life Tech's extremely low bid, however. They question its experience in the field of ambulance service, the fact that the company does not provide its employees health insurance and other benefits, and that it currently averages about three runs a day. The local ambulance averages about seven runs a day.

There's also the fact that most residents seem to think the current service is good. And, the firefighters who operate it now don't want to give it up.

"We would like to keep it. It's what we've been working for for five years," said Brian Jensen, who was recently

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Garage sale to benefit four-legged friends

By GINA GARZA
Staff Writer

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

"We had scheduled this garage sale in May, but when the storms rolled through and tore up the shelter, we had to put it off to another time," said

Debra Ruth, Humane Society veterinarian technician. "We try to have a garage sale every year to help us out."

According to Ruth, the money raised from the garage sale will benefit the shelter.

"The money won't be used for a specific thing but rather go into a general fund to be used for anything needed at the shelter," she said. "There will be anything from clothes to computers for sale."

Ruth also added how generous

the public has been in support of the shelter.

"When the public finds out we are going to have a garage sale, they generously donate unwanted items to us," she said.

"We really appreciate their support."

Anyone who needs more information about the garage sale should call the shelter at 267-7832.

"We hope everyone will come out and help support the shelter," said Ruth.

Howard County grand jury delivers 14 indictments Wednesday

By CARL GRAHAM
Staff Writer

A Howard County grand jury handed down 14 indictments on 13 individuals Wednesday in cases presented by District Attorney Hardy Wilkerson.

A breakdown of the indictments show that there were three for possession of marijuana,

three for driving while intoxicated, three for burglary of a habitation, and one each for forgery, possession of a controlled substance and fraudulent use of identifying information.

Among those indicted were:

• Scotty Bryant, 23, of 1105 Mulberry, for possession of marijuana. (more than four

ounces but less than five pounds)

• Andrea Epperson, 25, of 908 S. Lancaster, for possession of marijuana. (more than four ounces but less than five pounds)

• Joseph Murley, 21, of 1105 Mulberry, for possession of marijuana. (more than four ounces but less than five

pounds)

• Anthony Arista, 40, of 306 N.E. 10th, for driving while intoxicated.

• Michael Don Gressett, 42, of Forsan, for two counts of driving while intoxicated. (Jan. 13, 2000 and Jan. 30, 2000)

• Thomas Underhill, 35, of El Paso, for driving while intoxicated.

• Christopher Jackson, 19, of 2911 W. Highway 80, #218, for burglary of a habitation.

• Jerome Mitchell, 18, of 2602 Dow, for burglary of a habitation.

• Eulegio Viamontes, 19, of Fort Worth, for burglary of a habitation.

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Attention deficit, hyperactivity will be addressed at workshop

By ALLISON THOMAS
Staff Writer

On Wednesday, a workshop will be held to teach parents and teachers practical techniques for managing children and adolescents suffering from attention deficit and hyperactivity disorders (ADHD).

The workshop, hosted by West Texas Centers for Mental Health Mental Retardation and the Howard College Continuing Education Department, will feature Dr. William Jensen as a guest speaker.

Dr. Jensen is a professor and chair of the educational psychology department at the University of Utah, and has written several books about the disorder. He is noted for his humorous and dynamic presentations.

"We needed a really good ADHD presenter, and Dr. Jensen is exactly what we were looking for," said

Janet Payne, director of children's health services for the center.

This will be the second year for West Texas Centers for MHMR to host a community wide workshop. Last year, the subject was school shootings, which drew wide attendance.

This year, the center decided to have the workshop cover ADHD because of the timeliness of the subject. More than 300 people have already registered to attend.

"Our main purpose is to inform and educate the public, teachers and parents about ADHD," said Richard Hickam, a child and adolescent counselor for the center. "Dr. Jensen focuses on specific techniques."

ADHD is the most common diagnosis in children's mental disorders. Although many physicians pre-

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Tim Brower, from left, Monika Kennemur and Richard Hickam, service coordinators and counselors for West Texas Centers for Mental Health Mental Retardation, are coordinating a workshop on attention deficit and hyperactivity disorders. The workshop will be held at the Big Spring Municipal Auditorium on Wednesday.

OBITUARIES

Martha Lenora
Palmer Peacock

Martha Lenora Palmer Peacock, 53, of Big Spring, died on Tuesday, June 20, 2000, in an Odessa hospital. Memorial service will be at 11 a.m. Friday, June 23, 2000, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with Dr. Claude Craven, retired Baptist minister, officiating.

She was born on February 19, 1947, in Big Spring.

Martha graduated from Big Spring High School in 1965 and also graduated from the Academy Hair Design. She worked for several local restaurants, most recently Golden Corral. She will be remembered as a loving and caring mother, grandmother, daughter and sister. She will be greatly missed and remain in our hearts forever.

Martha was a Baptist.

Survivors include: her parents, Ernest and Helen Palmer of Big Spring; a sister and brother-in-law, Mary and Gene Wilson of Abilene; a daughter, Cindy Kelly of Big Spring; two sons and daughters-in-law, Jerry and Candace Peacock of Iowa and Donny and Keri Peacock of Duncanville; six grandchildren, Eric Kelly, Lyndsey Kelly and Joshua Kelly, all of Big Spring, Justyn Peacock of Iowa and Nicholas Peacock and Heather Peacock, both of Duncanville; and several cousins, nieces and nephews.

The family suggests memorials be made to the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, 6931 Arlington Road, Bethesda, Maryland 20814 or the American Lung Association, P.O. Box 26460, Austin, 78755-0460.

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

Paid obituary

Roxie Shockley

Service for Roxie Shockley, 75, Sundown, formerly of Knott, is pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home. She died on Wednesday, June 21, 2000, in a Lubbock hospital.

ADHD

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scribe medication to treat the disorder, the workshop will explore active approaches to change behavior such as inattention, noncompliance, impulsivity and difficulty in school.

"We'll be discussing positive alternatives to medication," said Tim Brower, a children's service coordinator for the center.

"Many people think that you give the child a pill and it will fix them," said Lisa Brooks,

director of community relations for the center. "Now there is research on ways to manage behavior that used to just be considered rambunctious."

Children having ADHD may

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Martha Lenora Palmer Peacock, 53, died Tuesday. Memorial services will be 11:00 AM Friday at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel.

Roxie Shockley, 754, died Wednesday. Services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

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suffer from low grades, have extreme difficulty concentrating on a single task, or continually act in a hyperactive manner.

"It's the hyperactivity that gets people's attention," said Brooks. "Children with ADD are just daydreamers. They're usually very creative and very bright."

"Some of these children might have IQs of 120, but their grades are C's," added Monika Kennemur, a children's service coordinator for the center.

The workshop is for anyone who wants to learn more about the disorder and the ways of dealing with children who suffer from it.

"This is for anyone who works with children," said Kennemur. "So many people don't understand their behavior."

The workshop will be held at the Big Spring Municipal Auditorium. Registration will begin at 8 a.m., and Dr. Jensen will begin his presentation at 9 a.m. The workshop should end at 4 p.m.

Attendance is free to the public. For those who need continuing education units, there will be a \$1 fee payable to Howard College. To register early, contact Howard College Continuing Education Dept. at 264-5120.

GRAND JURY

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• Teresa Roberts, 40, of 212 N. Johnson, for forgery.

• Catarino Guerrero, 51, of Odessa, for possession of a controlled substance. (more than one gram but less than four grams)

• Teresa Rivero, 38, of Austin, for fraudulent use of identifying information.

EMS

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appointed fire chief and will also oversee the ambulance service. The combining of those two positions, officials say, will help save money.

"The reason we had two positions is when we began operating the ambulance service, we didn't have a supervisor trained in EMS. We're not at that point," said Jensen. "And we can use that cost savings somewhere else."

Big Spring has 65 firefighters, 45 of whom are trained in EMS. All new fire department hires for the past five years have been required to take EMS training. Individuals who were with the fire department prior to that were not required to be EMS certified, but many did anyway, Jensen said.

"A good portion of the firemen went out and did it on their own. If not for those people and their dedication, we would not have what we have today," Jensen said.

He oversees the department, but said it is deputy chiefs Steve Hedges, Alex Calvio and Larry Ringner who manage the day-to-day operation.

"They deal with this every day. They are responsible for it 24 hours a day. They have all the medics and the firefighters to supervise," said Jensen. "Then there is the billing office, which has kept our collections up to an exceptional standard."

"It takes everybody working together to do this. And having the question resolved of the fire department's future role in the EMS service will be one less burden that everyone has to worry about," he said.

"(EMS) has brought a breath of life back to the department and it is something the firefighters enjoy providing."

"It seems apparent that we're doing it at less expense than a private company could, and we have to commend our people on that," said Fuqua. "We already knew we had good service, of course, but what we didn't know was how the cost compared. Now we do."

BIG SPRING MOVIE
HOTLINE
For showtimes call
263-2479Water line
work planned
on Scurry St.

Businesses and houses along Scurry Street from Fourth to Ninth may have to go without water for some time Friday while repairs are completed.

The city's Utilities Division of the Distribution and Collection Department plans to complete a valve replacement on water lines in the area with work starting at 9 a.m.

Because of the work, customers "will experience no water pressure or low water pressure," according to city information. To find out more, water customers can call 264-2594.

Sewage spill
contaminates,
closes several
Miami beaches

MIAMI BEACH, Fla. (AP) — The Atlantic Ocean looked crystal clear Wednesday and everyone agreed it should have been a perfect day to plunge in: sunny and around 90 degrees.

But the beach was lined with red "Danger" flags and swimming was banned along a 25-mile stretch because a broken pipe spewed more than 25 million gallons of raw sewage into Biscayne Bay.

The spill left fish markets near Miami Beach empty. Some tourists simply sat on the shore, watching the flat ocean, while many locals headed farther north to avoid contaminated waters.

"Today was the day we picked to spend on South Beach," grumbled Norma Pryor of Grand Ledge, Mich., who was visiting her daughter in Miami. "It's pretty disappointing that we can't go in the water."

"It really stinks," said Nick Demick, her 15-year-old grandson.

A marine contractor drove a concrete piling through a 54-inch underwater sewage main Tuesday afternoon. By noon Wednesday, the sewage was partially rerouted from the broken main to another line.

Workers hoped to seal the broken main and contain the leak by Friday, said Barbara Sanchez, a spokeswoman for Miami-Dade County Water and Sewer.

Even if the leak is stopped, contaminated water could linger for some time.

"It's too early to say when the beaches can be opened," said Samir Elmri, administrator of Miami-Dade County Environmental Health.

Miami Beach lifeguards are expecting a challenging few days. They patrolled the beach with whistles and bullhorns in hopes of keeping people on dry land.

"It's not easy to keep people out of the water," Patrick Maher said. "It's quite an added responsibility for us."

Lifeguard Donald Hornby spent the morning turning away anyone hoping to take a dip on what he acknowledged was a perfect day for swimming.

Drinking water was not affected by the spill, but residents of Miami Beach and nearby Bal Harbour were asked to conserve water to reduce the flow into the sewer system.

Business was down at De Armas Fish Market, even though owner Gilberto De Armas said he gets his fish from the waters surrounding the Florida Keys, south of the affected area.

The spill "has nothing to do with us, but people think it does," De Armas said. "There is no fish to catch in the bay anyway."

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BIG SPRING
AROUND THE TOWNPlaintiffs shift
focus to siege
in Waco trial

WACO (AP) — Plaintiffs in the Branch Davidian wrongful death trial have wrapped up their testimony on the bloody 1993 raid and were expected to focus Thursday on the FBI's actions on the final day of the siege.

Michael Caddell, lead counsel for the plaintiffs, said he will begin presenting testimony on the three remaining issues of the case:

— Whether government agents contributed or helped cause fires that destroyed the compound at Mount Carmel.

— Whether the government was negligent by withholding firefighting equipment.

— And whether using tanks to push into the compound deviated from the operations plan approved by Attorney General Janet Reno.

Reno's videotaped deposition could be presented.

"You will see the testimony of the FBI leadership on the demolition issue. You will see the FBI leadership say it was not consistent with the plan to start demolishing the building," Caddell said.

On Wednesday, an audiotaped drama of the government raid recounted the panic and terror of the first moments of the gunfight.

The government contends that the Branch Davidians shot first during the raid and started the deadly fire.

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.

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.

COAHOMA FIRE AND EMS and the Muscular Dystrophy Association are co-sponsoring "Fill the Boot" during the local Coahoma Fourth of July parade on Saturday, July 1 at 10 a.m. We encourage everyone to bring your change and your wallets to help us fill the boot. Look for members of our fire department in the parade.

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

SUPPORT GROUPS

THURSDAY
• Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon open meeting.
• A.D.A.P.T. non-profit support and learning organization

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about attention deficit disorder, learning disorders and dyslexia. Meets second Thursday of September, October, November, January, February, March, April and May, Cerebral Palsy building, 802 Ventura, Midland.

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

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

FRIDAY

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

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

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

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

MARKETS

July cotton 55.25, down 32 points; August crude 31.80, up 43 points; cash gold \$1,011, steady at 51 even; slaughter steers steady at 68 even; July lean hog futures 71.02, up 35 points; June live cattle futures 68.52, up 2 points.

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AT&T	34% - 1/2
Archer-Daniels	9% - 1/2
Atmos Energy	20 nc
BP Amoco	58% + 1 1/2
Chevron	90% - 1/2
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Dell	49% - 1/2
DuPont	46% + 1/2
Exxon Mobil	82% - 1 1/2
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IFCO SYSTEMS	24% + 1/2
IBM	11% - 1/2
Intel Corp	136% + 1/2
NUV	25% + 1/2
Patterson Energy	25% + 1/2
PepsiCo Inc	41% - 1/2
Phillips Petro	55% + 1/2
SBC Comms	48% + 1/2
Sears Roebuck	31% - 1/2
Texaco Inc	57% - 1/2
Texas Instrument	82 nc
Texas Utilities	32% - 1/2
Total Fina SA	78% + 1/2
Unocal Corp	35% - 1/2
Wal-Mart	52% - 1 1/2
Wal-Mart De Mexico	20% - 20%
Ampac	20.11-21.34
Europacific	42.13-44.70
Prime Rate	9.50 %
Gold	284.70-286.50
Silver	4.91-4.98

POLICE

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activities between 8 a.m. Wednesday and 8 a.m. today:

• EMANUEL MINGUELA, 47, was arrested on a charge of possession of marijuana.

• DELFINA ZARRAGA, 20, was arrested on a charge of driving while license suspended.

• ANTHONY EVANS, 20, was arrested on a Garden City warrant.

• RICHARD WESTERMAN, 44, was arrested on a parole violation.

• MARY MARTINEZ, 46, was arrested on a charge of driving while license suspended.

• FREDDIE SOSA, 17, was arrested on a charge of minor in consumption.

• DOLORES CARDOVA, 27, was arrested on a charge of driving while intoxicated.

• CRIMINAL MISCHIEF TO A VEHICLE was reported in the 1300 block of Sycamore.

• CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported in the 1600 block

of Bluebird.

• BURGLARY OF A BUILDING was reported in the 500 block of W. Third.

• THEFT was reported in the 1101 block of N. Lamesa, in the 2600 block of Hunter, in the 300 block of Owens, in the 200 block of W. Marcy and in the 400 block of E. Fourth.

SHERIFF

The Howard County Sheriff's Office reported the following activities between 8 a.m. Tuesday through 8 a.m. today:

• AMALIA C. MARTINEZ, 31, of 603 13th, was arrested on a charge of issue of bad check. (HCSO)

• ROBERT PUENTE, 56, of P.O. Box 841, was arrested on a charge of issue of bad check. (HCSO)

• JOSE ESTEVAN YANEZ, 17, of 820 W. 9th, was arrested on a charge of murder. (BSPD)

• NORA ANN FLORES, 28, of 905 Wasson, was arrested on a charge of driving while license suspended. (BSPD)

• GARY DEAN DANIELS, 42, of 111 Merreck Road, was arrested on a charge of driving while intoxicated. (third or more) (HCSO)

• ROXANNE FLORES, 18, of 1110 Johnson, was arrested on a charge of unlawful carry of weapon. (BSPD)

FIRE/EMS

Following is a summary of Big Spring Fire Department /EMS reports:

WEDNESDAY

1:05 a.m. — 2300 block Wasson, medical call, patient transported to SMMC.

8:27 a.m. — 3200 block Parkway, medical call, patient transported to Midland.

10:23 a.m. — SMMC, medical call, patient transported to Lubbock.

11:10 a.m. — 1000 block Birdwell, medical call, patient transported to SMMC.

12:13 p.m. — 1200 block Pennsylvania, medical call, patient transported to SMMC.

12:15 p.m. — 2300 block Roberts, medical call, patient transported to SMMC.

12:47 p.m. — 1900 block Simler, medical call, patient transported to SMMC.

1:39 p.m. — 800 block Pine, medical call, patient transported to SMMC.

2:12 p.m. — 5300 block Opal, medical call, patient transported to the Veterans' Administration Medical Center.

5:13 p.m. — 4100 block Wasson Rd., medical call, patient transported to SMMC.

7:49 p.m. — 3200 block Parkway, medical call, patient transported to SMMC.

8:41 p.m. — 200 block Brown, medical call, patient transported to SMMC.

RECORDS

Wednesday's high 92
Wednesday's low 74
Average high 94
Average low 69
Record high 109 in 1960
Record low 60 in 1945
Precip. Wednesday 0.00
Month to date 5.72
Month's normal 5.84
Year to date 10.92
Normal for the year 8.86
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Nation's spotlight on Graham execution, scheduled for this evening

HUNTSVILLE (AP) — There's no question Gary Graham was a Houston street punk who went wild during a weeklong 22-incident crime spree 19 years ago.

His execution, scheduled for Thursday evening, had drawn exceptional scrutiny, largely because of Republican Gov. George W. Bush's presidential bid, the national re-examination of capital punishment, and questions about the strength of the case against Graham.

Graham faces lethal injection today for killing Bobby Lambert, of Tucson, the night of May 13, 1981.

The fate of Graham, his court appeals exhausted, rested with the 18-member Texas Board of Pardons and Paroles, which could recommend Bush issue a reprieve, a commutation or a pardon. A decision was expect-

ed by about noon.

"I'm going to withhold judgment based on what the board does," Bush told the National Association of Hispanic Journalists in Houston Wednesday night. "I'll treat this case no differently than any other case that has come across my desk."

"I'll ask two questions: Innocence or guilt, and whether this person has had full access to the courts of law."

But without a majority nod from the panel, whose members he appoints, the governor by law could not step in to halt the execution, the 23rd of the year in Texas and the 22nd since the state resumed capital punishment in 1982.

Although a Texas governor may grant a one-time 30-day reprieve in death penalty cases,

Graham cannot get one from Bush. The condemned killer won his gubernatorial reprieve in 1993 from Democrat Ann Richards, ousted by Bush.

"I was not involved," Graham said of the Lambert killing.

In the loudest protests since convicted pickax killer Karla Faye Tucker in February 1998 became the first woman executed in Texas since the Civil War era, Graham's case inflamed death penalty opponents who adopted his claims of innocence and his contention that he unfairly was convicted, primarily because of testimony from a single eyewitness.

"The Gary Graham case is significant because if he is executed ... he will be the case that will be the most frail, the weakest evidence to justify any execution in the past 27 years,"

said Lawrence Marshall, legal director of the Center on Wrongful Convictions at Northwestern University.

Opponents also used the Graham execution to focus on capital punishment in Texas, which by far outpaces all other states in executions, and their opposition to Bush, the presumptive Republican presidential nominee.

"I'm going to uphold the laws of the land," Bush said. "If it costs me politically, it costs me politically."

Death penalty supporters said Graham was an example of how the judicial system could be manipulated.

"Both state and federal courts have been involved in hearing and reviewing his case," Attorney General John Cornyn said. "Gary Graham has had at

least 20 appeals and his claims have been heard and rejected by at least 33 different judges."

Graham also helped raise the publicity level of his case by promising to "fight like hell" the trip to the death chamber. And he urged 10,000 of his supporters to converge on Huntsville to protest what he called his assassination.

Graham pleaded guilty to 10 aggravated robberies committed that bloody week in 1981, using everything from .22-caliber pistols to shotguns.

But Graham, 36, who in prison adopted the name Shaka Sankofa to reflect his African heritage, said an eyewitness at his 1981 trial was mistaken when she identified him as the gunman who struggled with Lambert over change from a \$100 bill the Arizona man used

at the Safeway store to buy some groceries.

The key witness, Bernadine Skillern, never has wavered in her identification.

According to a former Harris County sheriff's deputy, Larry Pollinger, one of the officers escorting Graham after he received the death sentence from a Houston jury, the convicted killer said: "Next time, I'm not leaving any witnesses."

Graham was arrested at the home of a 57-year-old woman he abducted at gunpoint from a Houston gas station. She was beaten and raped repeatedly.

"That was an act of God and the only reason I'm here today," Lisa Blackburn said this week. "One thing he kept saying to me was: 'I've killed three people and I'm going to kill you.' I believed him."

House curbs federal pact with firearms manufacturer

WASHINGTON (AP) — In a blow to the landmark agreement between the nation's largest gun maker and the Clinton administration, the House voted Wednesday to bar the federal government from helping to attract more municipalities to the pact.

By a 218-207 vote, the House voted to prevent the government from spending any money for the Communities for Safer Guns Coalition. In return for Smith & Wesson's promise to use gun-safety devices and sales practices, the 411 localities that have so far joined the coalition have agreed to make the company's firearms the preferred gun for their law enforcement agencies.

Minutes later, the House muddled its message by voting 219-206 to reject a second provision that would have forbidden the federal government outright from enforcing the March 17 agreement between Smith & Wesson and the federal and local governments.

The two votes underlined the pressure lawmakers are under on the hot button issue of guns, especially in an election year.

Since the successful amend-

ment was added to a massive spending bill that the administration has already threatened to veto, its fate is shaky.

"The gun language is just one more problem on what is already a very bad bill," said Linda Ricci, spokeswoman for the White House budget office.

Nonetheless, the first vote was a clear defeat for the White House and a slap at Andrew Cuomo, the secretary of the Department of Housing and Urban Development who has been a leader in forging the gun agreement.

"Today's callous action by the House of Representatives strikes at the heart of HUD's ability to work with local communities to reduce the awful toll of gun violence," he said in a written statement.

He added later, "The House has now proven that it is firmly in the hip holster of gun lobby extremists."

Rep. John Hostettler, R-Ind., who sponsored both amendments, said in an interview afterward that the two votes were "overall a win" because they sent a message that lawmakers don't want the Clinton administration pushing communities to purchase Smith & Wesson weapons.

Administration backs stricter limits on jobs teens can work

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Clinton administration says it will lend its support to legislation that would more strictly limit when American teen-agers can work in agricultural and peddling jobs.

Labor Secretary Alexis Herman sent an endorsement letter to the bill's sponsor, Sen. Tom Harkin, D-Iowa, late Wednesday.

Harkin's legislation is aimed at improving safety among

young workers at a time when the United States is pressing other countries to ratify an international treaty to eliminate the worst forms of child labor, such as slavery and prostitution.

The bill would change existing U.S. laws to:

—Increase the minimum age for farm work to 14. Currently 12- and 13-year-olds can hold some agricultural jobs. It would not change rules allowing

younger children to work on their own families' farms.

—Allow the labor secretary to set limits on the hours teen-agers can work in agricultural jobs.

—Make it illegal for children under the age of 16 to work as commercial street peddlers or in door-to-door sales.

Currently some such businesses are exempt from child labor laws and have been accused of using children under

age 10.

The peddling prohibition would not affect volunteer fundraising activities for schools, community and church groups.

—Increase fines for egregious violations of child labor laws, involving fatalities or serious injury.

The National Consumers League released a report that said 200,000 workers under age 18 are injured on the job and 70 are killed each year.

Federal Consumer Protection has confirmed that the fuel saving claims of this advertisement are 100% accurate.

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BOSTON - National Fuelsaver Corp. of Boston has developed a low cost automotive accessory called the Platinum Gas Saver which is guaranteed to increase gas mileage while meeting all emission standards.

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But when the Gasaver adds platinum to engine combustion, 22% more of each gallon burns inside the engine so that, in theory, 22% fewer gallons are required to drive the same distance.

After studying this process for five years, the government concluded: "Independent testing shows greater fuel savings with

the Platinum Gas Saver than that claimed by the developer."

In addition to this study, the Gas Saver has received patents for cleaning out carbon and raising octane, making premium fuel unnecessary for most vehicles.

Joel Robinson, the developer, commented: "We have sold over 400,000 Gas Savers. To our surprise, as many people buy the Gas Saver because it extends engine life (by cleaning out the abrasive carbon deposits) as buy it to increase gas mileage or raise octane."

For further information call: 1-800-LESS-GAS 1-800-537-7427

Government Produced Test Data

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2	11.3	16.6	46.9%
3	14.1	20.7	46.8%
4	13.0	18.8	44.6%
5	12.2	17.1	40.2%
6	9.6	13.3	38.5%
7	13.3	17.9	34.6%
8	9.8	13.1	33.7%
9	14.3	18.4	28.7%
10	10.8	13.9	28.7%
11	14.1	17.6	24.8%
12	15.8	17.5	10.8%
13	14.4	15.9	10.4%
14	13.1	14.0	6.9%
15	12.9	11.8	-12.4%
Average	12.7	16.3	28.3%

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OUR VIEWS

Let's make Pops event the best ever

One of Big Spring's highlights of summer is fast approaching as organizers make final preparations for the "Pops in the Park" celebration July 3 at the Comanche Trail Amphitheatre.

The event, which is a free concert performance by the Big Spring Symphony and Chorale, a patriotic fireworks display and a talent show featuring Crossroads Area residents, is presented by the *Herald*, the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce, the symphony, the city of Big Spring and KBST.

Scheduled as an evening-long affair, gates to the amphitheatre will be opened at 4 p.m. A number of food and novelty booths will open at 4:30 p.m. and the talent show's curtain will rise at 6 p.m.

The symphony and chorale's performance will begin at 8:45 with the "Parade of Flags" grand entry and lead up to the fireworks display that begins at 9:30.

While no admission will be charged to those who attend the show, it should be noted that the celebration's price tag will be close to \$30,000. And as of this week, less than \$22,000 in donations from area businesses, groups and individuals have been received by the organizing committee.

Although committee members say they're confident they'll raise the money needed to pay for the event, they admit any contributions from the public would be appreciated.

"We don't just need donations of \$50 or \$100 from businesses," committee member Charles Beil noted during a Wednesday planning session. "Anything individuals in the community can do to help would be appreciated ... even if it's even a dollar or two."

Anyone wishing to make a donation can mail it to: Pops in the Park, P.O. Box 24, Big Spring, Texas 79720.

With time winding down for the committee, we here at the *Herald* want to take this opportunity to encourage those who've pledged to make donations to do so in the next few days and encourage individual contributions.

Let's all help make this our community's best ever Fourth of July holiday celebration.

OTHER VIEWS

Fifty eight illegal immigrants from Asia were found asphyxiated in a truck in Dover, Great Britain. This tragedy calls into question Europe's immigration policies; unable to propose more lenient immigration policies, Europe has undoubtedly played a key role leading to this death trap. Europe is here criticized for devoting too much of its energies to moral issues regarding racism and protecting minorities than developing efficient ways to combat illegal immigration, choosing to ignore it instead. During the

European Commission summit in Portugal, the Commission from Brussels announced that European countries must work together to find common policies on immigration and granting asylum. It is suggested that Europe should not only develop tougher punitive measures that will deter immigrants from finding loopholes in the system, but also aid countries that are in desperate need of developing their own resources and providing for their own populations.

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Gore needs to focus on national security

What presidential candidate Al Gore lacks in

charisma, he hoped to make up

for in experience. And as a

vice president

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against a gov-

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was banking

on having a

clear edge

over George

W. Bush on

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But the cam-

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turning out

quite as Gore

hoped. He

now trails

Bush by 10 points in the most

recent Los Angeles Times poll

— and national security may

prove Gore's Achilles heel

come November.

The latest fiasco at Los

Alamos National Laboratories

is only the most recent in a

series of appalling breaches in

national security to plague this

administration. Officials

revealed last week that two

computer hard drives were

missing from the most sensi-

tive vaults at the Los Alamos

facility for three weeks before

being reported to the Energy

Department, which oversees

the labs.

The FBI is now investigating

the disappearance and even

more mysterious reappearance

of the disk drives, which contain information critical to disarming U.S., Chinese, Russian and French bombs in case of nuclear accident or terrorist attack.

No one in authority knows

for sure what happened to

these hard disks in the period

between April 7, when they

were last inventoried in their

proper place inside laptops in

the supposedly secure X-

Division vault, and May 7,

when two Los Alamos employ-

ees discovered them missing.

As yet, there is no explanation

as to why it took Los Alamos

officials some three weeks

more to report the incident to

Washington.

Nor does anyone seem to

know how the two devices

found their way behind a copy

machine, where they were dis-

covered last Friday in a room

that had previously been

searched.

So far, the administration's

response has been muted at

best. Of course, Energy

Department Secretary Bill

Richardson, an off-talked about

vice presidential candidate for

the Gore ticket, has "accepted

full responsibility." In this

administration that translates

to: "Hey man, it happens."

Secretary of State Madeleine

Albright took similar "responsi-

bility" for the disappearance of

a laptop computer containing

highly classified data in

January, for the discovery last

December of listening devices

planted by Russian spies with-

in the State Department build-

ing itself, and for the disap-

pearance two years ago of a

sheaf of top-secret documents

from the Secretary's own office

suite.

Then, there was the embar-

assing case of former Clinton-

Gore administration CIA direc-

tor John Deutch, who just hap-

pened to take top-secret data

with him when he left his post

in December 1996. The material

was stored without proper con-

trols on two home computers,

including a laptop.

CIA officials discovered the

existence of the improper mate-

rial on Deutch's computers in

1997, but failed to report it to

the FBI, as required by law.

A handful of CIA officials

received reprimands, and

Deutch lost his security clear-

ance, small penalty for the

severity of the security breach

involved, which compromised

the most highly secret CIA

information on "sources and

methods."

And remember the earlier

spy case at Los Alamos, which

broke barely one year ago?

Scientist Wen Ho Lee now

awaits trial on 59 counts of

misleading classified informa-

tion, charges that were the best

the government could come up

with since the Justice

Department bungled the espionage case against Lee. Los

Alamos officials first suspected

Lee of passing on nuclear

secrets to China in 1995, and

began monitoring his activi-

ties. But in 1997, the Clinton-

Gore Justice Department

rejected an FBI request for

court approval of wiretaps on

Lee's phones and covert moni-

toring of his computer use.

This, despite suspicions that

Lee may have passed on design

information about the W-88,

America's most sophisticated

nuclear warhead.

The pattern here is clear.

Those highest up in the

Clinton-Gore administration

don't give a hoot about national

security.

It's a cultural thing, really. A

lot of these folks came out of

the Vietnam War protest era

when many of their cohorts

considered it perfectly accept-

able to steal classified material,

to hail the publication of the

"Pentagon Papers" as a 'civic

duty,' and to burn draft docu-

ments. Now, they're in charge

of the very institutions they

used to loathe. Are we sur-

prised they don't treat the

information in their care with

quite the deference and respect

it deserves?

If Al Gore wanted to salvage

his reputation as someone who

can be trusted to protect our

national security, he'd be lead-

ing the drumbeat for adminis-

tration heads to roll. Instead,

he hopes to change the subject

this week from national secu-

ity to social security. Perhaps

he'd better drop the word secu-

rity from his vocabulary alto-

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The denying of justice to Cynthia Herdrich

The case of Cynthia Herdrich vs. Carle Clinic, an HMO, was heard by the U.S.

Supreme Court. Ms. Herdrich's

physician found an inflamed

mass in her groin, but decided

that rather

than doing an

ultrasound

that day in a

local hospital

to diagnose

the problem,

she would

have

Herdrich go

to another

clinic run by

the HMO in

eight days.

Herdrich's

appendix rup-

tured before the day of the

appointment, which caused

peritonitis.

Herdrich sued both the Carle

Clinic and Lori Pegram, her

doctor, for malpractice. The

HMO and the doctor responded

that the Employee Retirement

Income Security Act of 1974

(ERISA) pre-empted two of the

counts. The only question

remaining was whether the

treatment decisions made by

an HMO are fiduciary acts.

On June 12, 2000, the U.S.

Supreme Court unanimously

ruled that they are not, thus

denying access to federal

courts for other malpractice

suits. Plaintiffs may sue for

malpractice in state courts.

On Capitol Hill, Democrats

saw the ruling as a call-to-arms

in the campaign for more

patients' rights. Senator

Edward Kennedy, D-Mass.,

stated that the ruling "demon-

strates the need for effective

action by Congress to protect

patients."

Republicans, however, saw

the ruling as confirmation that

HMO cost-cutting is a good

thing.

The bottom line is that the

Court ruled that plaintiffs can

no longer sue HMOs using the

ERISA.

By any standard, this is a set-

back for patients' rights and is

a continuation of the effort to

solve our nation's problem

with litigation. Everyone seems

to agree that our society has

become too litigious, attorneys

have become too aggressive,

and laws have become too

incomprehensible.

The question is how best do

we solve these problems. And

the answer is not to deny

access to justice. Rather, the

answer lies in the response to

the larger picture of tort

reform, a phrase that is anathe-

ma to most trial lawyers.

Tort reform should come in a

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Latest in Harry Potter series to make debut July 8

NEW YORK (AP) — Bookstores are hoping Harry Potter will create some cash-register magic with next month's publication of the fourth story in the best-selling series about the young wizard.

Many stores will be open just after midnight on July 8 to offer the as-yet-untitled book the moment it is released. Some are organizing Harry Potter theme parties with magic shows and live owls. And Amazon.com is countering by promising free overnight FedEx delivery for the first 250,000 people who order the book online.

"People are extremely anxious for it," said Becky Whidden, a manager at The Children's Book Shop in the Boston suburb of Brookline.

Since the first Harry Potter book was released in Britain in

Local fans have several options

Local readers of the Harry Potter series will have several options for reading the latest in this runaway series, "The Doomsday Tournament."

While Wal-Mart and On Cue are both expecting to receive shipments of the new books, the Howard County Library is also planning to have one copy available. While it has been ordered since March, children's librarian Karen McIntyre said it may arrive on July 8, or a day or more late.

She said the popular series is

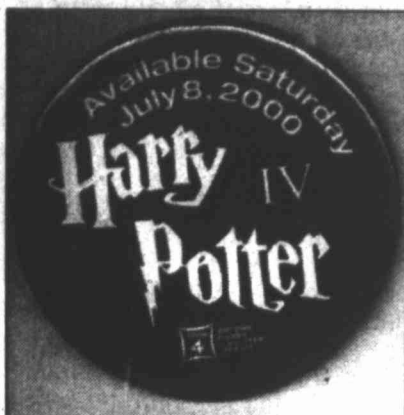
read by children and adults.

"They are just pleasant books and Harry always wins in the end," she said. The series is controversial, however, and has been threatened with banning in some areas.

But its popularity is undeniable, worldwide and locally. To celebrate the publication of the fourth book, stores are handing out buttons and displaying posters letting customers know when it will arrive.

A lot of people are asking about it," McIntyre said.

have a first printing of 3.8 million copies, which many in the publishing business say is a record. It will be launched simultaneously in the United



Buttons such as this one are being used locally to advertise the July 8 publishing date of the new Harry Potter book.

States and Britain.

Its U.S. publisher, Scholastic, has set up a help desk for book-sellers to ask about orders.

The craze for Harry Potter, the orphan who hones his mag-

ical skills at Hogwarts School for Witchcraft and Wizardry, has managed to turn many children on to reading.

"I think they're going to be classics, like right up there with 'Old Yeller' and 'A Wrinkle in Time,'" said 12-year-old Leah Williams, who plans to be at Square Books in Oxford, Miss., the morning the new book goes on sale. "I like stuff that's not real because it takes me into a different world."

Donna Anderson, a Lake Tahoe resident shopping in San Francisco, said she bought her 8-year-old grandson his first Harry Potter book, and as soon as he finished it, he asked, "Nana, when is the next one coming out?"

"It's great to see kids excited about a book coming out," Anderson said.

Too-busy fathers must change their priorities

QUESTION: What has been your greatest challenge as a father? What did you learn from it?

DR. DOBSON: Raising healthy, well-educated, self-disciplined children who love God and their fellow human beings

is, I believe, the most challenging responsibility in living. Not even rocket science can approach it for complexity and unpredictability. And, of course, the job is even more difficult today when the culture undermines and contradicts everything parents are trying to accomplish at home.

Fortunately, we are not asked to do everything perfectly as moms and dads. Our kids usually manage to survive our mistakes and failures and turn out better than we have any right to boast about.

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As I look back on that era

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T-shirt store doubles as lost-reptile refuge

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after all, says that he simply runs a T-shirt store. But he takes his chances, and he does it for love.

"Reptiles are the most misunderstood pets in the pet industry," Shapiro said recently while feeding frozen mice to a blind monitor lizard.

Shapiro deals with them all: Burmese pythons, Mexican black snakes, iguanas and, maybe four or five times a year, an alligator.

Alligators are illegal as pets in New York City, as are pythons, any poisonous snake, Gila monsters, iguanas, crocodiles and Komodo dragons.

When they are found, the reptiles sometimes tumble around in a bureaucratic spin cycle before ending up at Shapiro's shop.

In other cases, police simply bring the

creatures to Shapiro. Last week, an alligator found in a Staten Island pond arrived that way.

But, technically, he can't keep them, either. So he relies on a network of snake enthusiasts, sanctuaries and zoos willing to take in the reptiles.

Often snakes and lizards are brought to Shapiro's shop by people who can no longer take care of them. That was the case with Dolara Correale, who arrived with her two iguanas, Spike and Bigger.

"I wanted to give them to someone who would treat them right and find them good homes," she explained tearfully. "These are my babies. This gives me real peace of mind."

Just after Shapiro dealt with Correale, his assistant Sean Casey showed up with a soft-shelled turtle rescued from a store in Chinatown where it was being sold to make soup.

"I took this one because he still seemed alive. The rest of the ones in the bucket looked like goners," Casey said.

Bill Cavanaugh jumped off a motorcycle and pulled a 7-foot Burmese python out of his backpack. "I don't want to do this, but I just can't keep him anymore," Cavanaugh said.

College for couch potatoes

Digital systems mean no need to leave the dorm

CHICAGO (AP) — College couch potatoes, take heart: Schools across the country are considering high-quality online video networks for dormitories, meaning lectures could be only a mouse click away.

Northwestern University is in the middle of a \$2 million network upgrade that will deliver digital video to all of its dorms, allowing students to watch lectures or other instructional videos without ever leaving their homes away from home. Other colleges are following suit.

University computing chiefs said Tuesday that the technology is one step toward linking hundreds of institutions through a new type of Internet.

"What the Internet did with its present capability, it made it possible for anyone to become a publisher," said Mort Rahimi, Northwestern's vice president of information technology. "The environment we are creating at Northwestern is going to allow each one of our students at Northwestern and our faculty members ... to become producers."

Digital video conveys crisp images into a computer through extremely high-speed connections, eliminating jumpy images and long download times associated with typical Internet video.

Northwestern plans to finish its upgrade within a month, allowing all 6,000 students in its dorms to send and receive digital video, Rahimi said.

The university already has developed instructional videos in Spanish, French and German, and has hooked up a new lecture

hall with digital capabilities. Students will be able to watch lectures in real time or hook up to the video later.

The video capability was made possible through Northwestern's participation in Internet2, an experimental computer network with speeds 45,000 times faster than the best telephone modems used to surf the Web. The network is limited to the academic world.

Other schools participating in the Internet2 project include the University of Pennsylvania, which expects to have its dorms wired and ready by 2002.

Rahimi said digital video is fully interactive and combines several forms of communication. For example, film students could watch a movie in a box on their computer screen, pause it and then connect to text files explaining the lighting or dialogue.

Among the challenges is reaching students who don't live in dorms — a majority of this country's college population, said Janet Poley, president of the American Distance Education Consortium in Lincoln, Neb.

"Our students live everywhere," Poley said.

Participating schools also must develop high-quality video classes and tools that universities can share.

"The really hard thing is to take the kind of education that we do in classrooms and turn it into the kind of education that we do for someone sitting in front of a screen," said Gregory Jackson, chief information officer at the University of Chicago.

Perfect attendance

College scholarships, honors awarded to four in Dallas

DALLAS (AP) — College scholarships and academic honors received by three Texas high school graduates with perfect attendance came with a price. That's because school always came first.

"My parents won tickets to see Ricky Martin in Dallas last fall and I couldn't go because it was on a weeknight and it would have meant missing school," said Ronni Valdez, a 2000 graduate of Lubbock's Monterey High School. "They went, though!"

Valdez, Craig Lester and Anjoli Avionn graduated this spring without missing a single day of school in 13 years. State education officials believe not many of the Class of 2000 graduates in 1,100 school districts answered, "Here!" daily since their kindergarten years in 1987.

"You're talking a handful," Joey Lozano, a Texas Education Agency spokesman, told The Dallas Morning News in Tuesday's editions.

Luck also played a part in the perfect attendance records, since all had to avoid illness or injury.

Then there's the temptation to skip classes.

"It's tempting not to go to school sometimes," said Lester, valedictorian of his class at Carter High School in Dallas.

TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH has announced new summer hours for immunizations. Shots will be given on Tuesdays only from 8:30 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. until 4 p.m. Please bring your child's shot record or a letter from the school.

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

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YOUTH NEWS

Thanks to the Lions Clubs of Texas, children with physical disabilities and diabetes can attend summer camp at Kerrville. This summer, Big Spring resident Stetson Franco Elliot was able to attend the camp, sponsored by Bob Noyes of the Big Spring Evening Lions Club. The camp offers sessions to children age 7-16 who have visual, hearing or physical disabilities. They can experience a wide range of activities including arts and crafts, sports, riding horses, swimming, theater and camping out overnight. All activities are adapted to fit the needs of the child.

For information about sending a child to Lions Camp, call (830) 896-8500, or check on the World Wide Web at www.lionscamp.com.

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OUR VIEWS

Let's make
Pops event
the best ever

One of Big Spring's highlights of summer is fast approaching as organizers make final preparations for the "Pops in the Park" celebration July 3 at the Comanche Trail Amphitheatre.

The event, which is a free concert performance by the Big Spring Symphony and Chorale, a patriotic fireworks display and a talent show featuring Crossroads Area residents, is presented by the Herald, the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce, the symphony, the city of Big Spring and KBST.

Scheduled as an evening-long affair, gates to the amphitheatre will be opened at 4 p.m. A number of food and novelty booths will open at 4:30 p.m. and the talent show's curtain will rise at 6 p.m.

The symphony and chorale's performance will begin at 8:45 with the "Parade of Flags" grand entry and lead up to the fireworks display that begins at 9:30.

While no admission will be charged to those who attend the show, it should be noted that the celebration's price tag will be close to \$30,000. And as of this week, less than \$22,000 in donations from area businesses, groups and individuals have been received by the organizing committee.

Although committee members say they're confident they'll raise the money needed to pay for the event, they admit any contributions from the public would be appreciated.

"We don't just need donations of \$50 or \$100 from businesses," committee member Charles Beil noted during a Wednesday planning session. "Anything individuals in the community can do to help would be appreciated... even if it's even a dollar or two."

Anyone wishing to make a donation can mail it to: Pops in the Park, P.O. Box 24, Big Spring, Texas 79720.

With time winding down for the committee, we here at the Herald want to take this opportunity to encourage those who've pledged to make donations to do so in the next few days and encourage individual contributions.

Let's all help make this our community's best ever Fourth of July holiday celebration.

OTHER VIEWS

Fifty eight illegal immigrants from Asia were found asphyxiated in a truck in Dover, Great Britain. This tragedy calls into question Europe's immigration policies; unable to propose more lenient immigration policies, Europe has undoubtedly played a key role leading to this death trap. Europe is here criticized for devoting too much of its energies to moral issues regarding racism and protecting minorities than developing efficient ways to combat illegal immigration, choosing to ignore it instead. During the

European Commission summit in Portugal, the Commission from Brussels announced that European countries must work together to find common policies on immigration and granting asylum. It is suggested that Europe should not only develop tougher punitive measures that will deter immigrants from finding loopholes in the system, but also aid countries that are in desperate need of developing their own resources and providing for their own populations.

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Gore needs to focus on national security

What presidential candidate Al Gore lacks in warmth and charisma, he hoped to make up for in experience. And as a vice president running against a governor, Gore was banking on having a clear edge over George W. Bush on national security issues.

But the campaign isn't turning out quite as Gore hoped. He now trails Bush by 10 points in the most recent Los Angeles Times poll — and national security may prove Gore's Achilles heel come November.

The latest fiasco at Los Alamos National Laboratories is only the most recent in a series of appalling breaches in national security to plague this administration. Officials revealed last week that two computer hard drives were missing from the most sensitive vaults at the Los Alamos facility for three weeks before being reported to the Energy Department, which oversees the labs.

The FBI is now investigating the disappearance and even more mysterious reappearance

of the disk drives, which contain information critical to arming U.S., Chinese, Russian and French bombs in case of nuclear accident or terrorist attack.

No one in authority knows for sure what happened to these hard disks in the period between April 7, when they were last inventoried in their proper place inside laptops in the supposedly secure X-Division vault, and May 7, when two Los Alamos employees discovered them missing. As yet, there is no explanation as to why it took Los Alamos officials some three weeks more to report the incident to Washington.

Nor does anyone seem to know how the two devices found their way behind a copy machine, where they were discovered last Friday in a room that had previously been searched.

So far, the administration's response has been muted at best. Of course, Energy Department Secretary Bill Richardson, an oft-talked about vice presidential candidate for the Gore ticket, has "accepted full responsibility." In this administration that translates to: "Hey man, it happens."

Secretary of State Madeleine Albright took similar "responsibility" for the disappearance of a laptop computer containing highly classified data in January, for the discovery last December of listening devices

planted by Russian spies within the State Department building itself, and for the disappearance two years ago of a sheaf of top-secret documents from the Secretary's own office suite.

Then, there was the embarrassing case of former Clinton-Gore administration CIA director John Deutch, who just happened to take top-secret data with him when he left his post in December 1996. The material was stored without proper controls on two home computers, including a laptop.

CIA officials discovered the existence of the improper material on Deutch's computers in 1997, but failed to report it to the FBI, as required by law.

A handful of CIA officials received reprimands, and Deutch lost his security clearance, small penalty for the severity of the security breach involved, which compromised the most highly secret CIA information on "sources and methods."

And remember the earlier spy case at Los Alamos, which broke barely one year ago? Scientist Wen Ho Lee now awaits trial on 59 counts of mishandling classified information, charges that were the best the government could come up with since the Justice Department bungled the espionage case against Lee. Los Alamos officials first suspected Lee of passing on nuclear secrets to China in 1995, and

began monitoring his activities. But in 1997, the Clinton-Gore Justice Department rejected an FBI request for court approval of wiretaps on Lee's phones and covert monitoring of his computer use. This, despite suspicions that Lee may have passed on design information about the W-88, America's most sophisticated nuclear warhead.

The pattern here is clear. Those highest up in the Clinton-Gore administration don't give a hoot about national security.

It's a cultural thing, really. A lot of these folks came out of the Vietnam War protest era when many of their cohorts considered it perfectly acceptable to steal classified material, to hail the publication of the "Pentagon Papers" as a 'civic duty,' and to burn draft documents. Now, they're in charge of the very institutions they used to loathe. Are we surprised they don't treat the information in their care with quite the deference and respect it deserves?

If Al Gore wanted to salvage his reputation as someone who can be trusted to protect our national security, he'd be leading the drumbeat for administration heads to roll. Instead, he hopes to change the subject this week from national security to social security. Perhaps he'd better drop the word security from his vocabulary altogether.



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The denying of justice to Cynthia Herdrich

The case of Cynthia Herdrich vs. Carle Clinic, an HMO, was heard by the U.S.

Supreme Court. Ms. Herdrich's physician found an inflamed mass in her groin, but decided that rather than doing an ultrasound that day in a local hospital to diagnose the problem, she would have Herdrich go to another clinic run by the HMO in eight days.

Herdrich's appendix ruptured before the day of the appointment, which caused peritonitis.

Herdrich sued both the Carle Clinic and Lori Pegram, her doctor, for malpractice. The HMO and the doctor responded

that the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) pre-empted two of the counts. The only question remaining was whether the treatment decisions made by an HMO are fiduciary acts.

On June 12, 2000, the U.S. Supreme Court unanimously ruled that they are not, thus denying access to federal courts for other malpractice suits. Plaintiffs may sue for malpractice in state courts.

On Capitol Hill, Democrats saw the ruling as a call-to-arms in the campaign for more patients' rights. Senator Edward Kennedy, D-Mass., stated that the ruling "demonstrates the need for effective action by Congress to protect patients."

Republicans, however, saw the ruling as confirmation that HMO cost-cutting is a good thing.

The bottom line is that the Court ruled that plaintiffs can no longer sue HMOs using the

ERISA.

By any standard, this is a setback for patients' rights and is a continuation of the effort to solve our nation's problem with litigation. Everyone seems to agree that our society has become too litigious, attorneys have become too aggressive, and laws have become too incomprehensible.

The question is how best do we solve these problems. And the answer is not to deny access to justice. Rather, the answer lies in the response to the larger picture of tort reform, a phrase that is anathema to most trial lawyers.

Tort reform should come in a variety of forms.

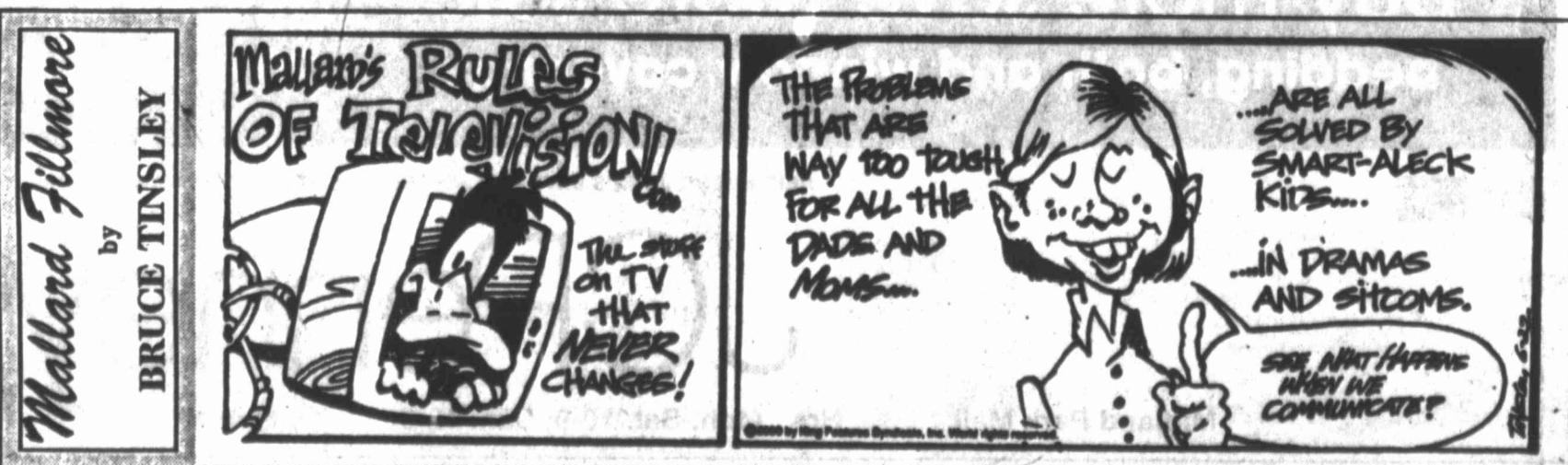
First, all laws need to come with sunset provisions of, say, 20 years. In this way, arcane and obsolete laws will not clutter and confuse the situation. Or as Thomas Jefferson explained, one generation should not impose its will on a future generation.

Second, class-action lawsuits should restrict legal fees to a maximum percentage of the resulting judgment if the case was taken on a contingency basis. Such percentages could be in the range of 40 percent for the first \$100,000 down to 2 percent for amounts in excess of \$10 million.

Third, small-claims limits should be increased to \$75,000. Small-claims cases are heard without lawyers or extensive and expensive pretrial discovery activities.

Fourth, liabilities need to have limitations to prevent exorbitant judgments. These should be established in a set of guidelines. The problem here is that such guidelines would effectively set values on human life and limbs.

These points merely begin the process toward reform, but at least they address the true problems brought to light by the denial of justice to Cynthia Herdrich.



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Latest in Harry Potter series to make debut July 8

NEW YORK (AP) — Bookstores are hoping Harry Potter will create some cash-register magic with next month's publication of the fourth story in the best-selling series about the young wizard.

Many stores will be open just after midnight on July 8 to offer the as-yet-untitled book the moment it is released. Some are organizing Harry Potter theme parties with magic shows and live owls. And Amazon.com is countering by promising free overnight FedEx delivery for the first 250,000 people who order the book online.

"People are extremely anxious for it," said Becky Whidden, a manager at The Children's Book Shop in the Boston suburb of Brookline.

Since the first Harry Potter book was released in Britain in

Local fans have several options

Local readers of the Harry Potter series will have several options for reading the latest in this runaway series, "The Doodley Tournament."

While Wal-Mart and On Cue are both expected to receive shipments of the new books, the Howard County Library is also planning to have one copy available. While it has been ordered since March, children's librarian Karen McIntyre said it may arrive on July 8, or a day or more late.

She said the popular series is

read by children and adults.

"They are just pleasant books and Harry always wins in the end," she said. The series is controversial, however, and has been threatened with banning in some areas.

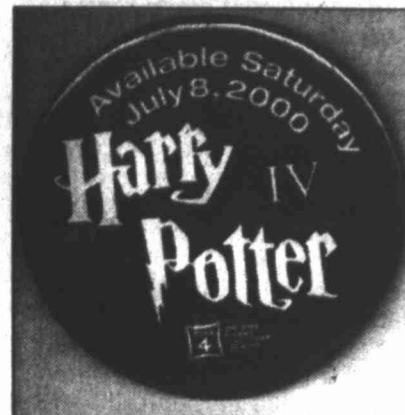
But its popularity is undeniable, worldwide and locally. To celebrate the publication of the fourth book, stores are handing out buttons and displaying posters letting customers know when it will arrive.

"A lot of people are asking about it," McIntyre said.

1997, the series by J.K. Rowling has been a runaway sensation, remaining a constant on best-seller lists.

The 752-page fourth book will

have a first printing of 3.8 million copies, which many in the publishing business say is a record. It will be launched simultaneously in the United



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States and Britain.

Its U.S. publisher, Scholastic, has set up a help desk for book-sellers to ask about orders.

The craze for Harry Potter, the orphan who hones his mag-

ical skills at Hogwarts School for Witchcraft and Wizardry, has managed to turn many children on to reading.

"I think they're going to be classics, like right up there with 'Old Yeller' and 'A Wrinkle in Time,'" said 12-year-old Leah Williams, who plans to be at Square Books in Oxford, Miss., the morning the new book goes on sale. "I like stuff that's not real because it takes me into a different world."

Donna Anderson, a Lake Tahoe resident shopping in San Francisco, said she bought her 8-year-old grandson his first Harry Potter book, and as soon as he finished it, he asked, "Nana, when is the next one coming out?"

"It's great to see kids excited about a book coming out," Anderson said.

Too-busy fathers must change their priorities

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Cages for the reptiles fill the shop and a back room. A monitor lizard is under one desk, an 18-foot python beneath another.

after all, says that he simply runs a T-shirt store. But he takes his chances, and he does it for love.

"Reptiles are the most misunderstood pets in the pet industry," Shapiro said recently while feeding frozen mice to a blind monitor lizard.

Shapiro deals with them all: Burmese pythons, Mexican black snakes, iguanas and, maybe four or five times a year, an alligator.

Alligators are illegal as pets in New York City, as are pythons, any poisonous snake, Gila monsters, iguanas, crocodiles and Komodo dragons.

When they are found, the reptiles sometimes tumble around in a bureaucratic spin cycle before ending up at Shapiro's shop.

In other cases, police simply bring the

creatures to Shapiro. Last week, an alligator found in a Staten Island pond arrived that way.

But, technically, he can't keep them, either. So he relies on a network of snake enthusiasts, sanctuaries and zoos willing to take in the reptiles.

Often snakes and lizards are brought to Shapiro's shop by people who can no longer take care of them. That was the case with Dolora Correale, who arrived with her two iguanas, Spike and Bigger.

"I wanted to give them to someone who would treat them right and find them good homes," she explained tearfully. "These are my babies. This gives me real peace of mind."

Just after Shapiro dealt with Correale, his assistant Sean Casey showed up with a soft-shelled turtle rescued from a store in Chinatown where it was being sold to make soup.

"I took this one because he still seemed alive. The rest of the ones in the bucket looked like goners," Casey said.

Bill Cavanaugh jumped off a motorcycle and pulled a 7-foot Burmese python out of his backpack. "I don't want to do this, but I just can't keep him any more," Cavanaugh said.

College for couch potatoes

Digital systems mean no need to leave the dorm

CHICAGO (AP) — College couch potatoes, take heart: Schools across the country are considering high-quality online video networks for dormitories, meaning lectures could be only a mouse click away.

Northwestern University is in the middle of a \$2 million network upgrade that will deliver digital video to all of its dorms, allowing students to watch lectures or other instructional videos without ever leaving their homes away from home. Other colleges are following suit.

University computing chiefs said Tuesday that the technology is one step toward linking hundreds of institutions through a new type of Internet.

"What the Internet did with its present capability, it made it possible for anyone to become a publisher," said Mort Rahimi, Northwestern's vice president of information technology. "The environment we are creating at Northwestern is going to allow each one of our students at Northwestern and our faculty members ... to become producers."

Digital video conveys crisp images into a computer through extremely high-speed connections, eliminating jumpy images and long download times associated with typical Internet video.

Northwestern plans to finish its upgrade within a month, allowing all 6,000 students in its dorms to send and receive digital video, Rahimi said.

The university already has developed instructional videos in Spanish, French and German, and has hooked up a new lecture

hall with digital capabilities. Students will be able to watch lectures in real time or hook up to the video later.

The video capability was made possible through Northwestern's participation in Internet2, an experimental computer network with speeds 45,000 times faster than the best telephone modems used to surf the Web. The network is limited to the academic world.

Other schools participating in the Internet2 project include the University of Pennsylvania, which expects to have its dorms wired and ready by 2002.

Rahimi said digital video is fully interactive and combines several forms of communication. For example, film students could watch a movie in a box on their computer screen, pause it and then connect to text files explaining the lighting or dialogue.

Among the challenges is reaching students who don't live in dorms — a majority of this country's college population, said Janet Poley, president of the American Distance Education Consortium in Lincoln, Neb.

"Our students live everywhere," Poley said.

Participating schools also must develop high-quality video classes and tools that universities can share.

"The really hard thing is to take the kind of education that we do in classrooms and turn it into the kind of education that we do for someone sitting in front of a screen," said Gregory Jackson, chief information officer at the University of Chicago.

Perfect attendance

College scholarships, honors awarded to four in Dallas

DALLAS (AP) — College scholarships and academic honors received by three Texas high school graduates with perfect attendance came with a price. That's because school always came first.

"My parents won tickets to see Ricky Martin in Dallas last fall and I couldn't go because it was on a weeknight and it would have meant missing school," said Ronni Valdez, a 2000 graduate of Lubbock's Monterey High School. "They went, though!"

Valdez, Craig Lester and Anjali Avionni graduated this spring without missing a single day of school in 13 years. State education officials believe not many of the Class of 2000 graduates in 1,100 school districts answered, "Here!" daily since their kindergarten years in 1987.

"You're talking a handful," Joey Lozano, a Texas Education Agency spokesman, told The Dallas Morning News in Tuesday's editions.

Luck also played a part in the perfect attendance records, since all had to avoid illness or injury. Then there's the temptation to skip classes.

"It's tempting not to go to school sometimes," said Lester, valedictorian of his class at Carter High School in Dallas.

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YOUTH NEWS

Thanks to the Lions Clubs of Texas, children with physical disabilities and diabetes can attend summer camp at Kernville. This summer, Big Spring resident Stetson Franco Elliot was able to attend the camp, sponsored by Bob Noyes of the Big Spring Evening Lions Club. The camp offers sessions to children age 7-16 who have visual, hearing or physical disabilities. They can experience a wide range of activities including arts and crafts, sports, riding horses, swimming, theater and camping out overnight. All activities are adapted to fit the needs of the child.

For information about sending a child to Lions Camp, call (830) 896-8500, or check on the World Wide Web at www.lionscamp.com.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH has announced new summer hours for immunizations. Shots will be given on Tuesdays only from 8:30 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. until 4 p.m. Please bring your child's shot record or a letter from the school.

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

'Chicken Run'

Clay animation tale will have you rooting for fowl

By MALCOLM RITTER
Associated Press Writer

Imagine a tale of danger, courage, resourcefulness, faith, redemption and thrilling escape from certain death.

Now imagine it's about chickens.

That's the scoop with "Chicken Run," a delightful story told with ingenious clay animation by the makers of the popular Wallace & Gromit shorts.

The movie makes plenty of fun of the contrast between its dramatic themes and the largely hapless hens that act them out. Before long, you begin to know and like these chickens. You start rooting for them to succeed.

The story is set in England at Tweedy's Egg Farm, which looks like a World War II-style POW camp for fowl. The chick-

ens line up for roll call each morning, and any hen whose egg production is failing is plucked up and decapitated by the evil Mrs. Tweedy (voiced by Miranda Richardson).

It gets even grimmer when Mrs. Tweedy, tired of the farm's tiny profits, decides to go into another business. She buys a huge machine that swallows chickens and spits out pies. Now even good egg-laying won't save a hen from death.

The hens have a ringleader, Ginger (voiced by Julia Sawalha, best known as Saffron in the BBC series "Absolutely Fabulous.") Her escape plans fail time after time. But she finds hope when an American rooster named Rocky (voiced by Mel Gibson) quite literally lands in the farmyard one day. Teach us to fly out of here, she begs.

He's a cocky "lone free ranger" who enjoys the attention of all these hens. He agrees to Ginger's request, without admitting that he flies only when shot out of a cannon in a circus act.

His flight training program is doomed, of course, though it's plenty of fun to watch. In the end, it is Ginger who conceives of her grandest, most preposterous escape plan yet. It works, but with plenty of tension to the very end. Her final confrontation with Mrs. Tweedy is riveting.

"Chicken Run," from DreamWorks Pictures, is rated G. It includes cartoonish violence, and Mrs. Tweedy quite clearly kills one hen offscreen. The 90-minute film is produced by Peter Lord, David Sproxton and Nick Park, and directed by Lord and Park.

Teen mom now regrets not listening to parents

DEAR ABBY: I just finished reading Roseann Hermann's letter about the importance of parents teaching their teenagers everything they need to know about birth control so they can make informed choices.

I am the 17-year-old mother of a 4-month-old daughter. I did not listen to my mother and father. They are wonderful parents. They stressed to me the importance of finishing high school, going to college, saving money, getting married and having children. They would tell me this every day. I would give anything to go back and listen to my parents.



ABIGAIL VAN BUREN

But now that my daughter is here, she is the most beautiful thing in my life. I never knew I could love something so tiny so much. I'm getting my GED, working, and taking care of her. I raise her — my parents don't. Things are on hold, but I will go to college.

Why does everyone blame parents, Abby? Mine talked to me, but I disobeyed. My point is: Parents talk; teens don't listen. — KIMBERLY IN RIVERVIEW, FLA.

DEAR KIMBERLY: I'm printing your letter with the hope that other teens will read it and heed what you, a contemporary, have to say. I commend you for juggling your GED studies, working, and facing all of the challenges of young motherhood.

The fact that you credit your parents with trying their best to communicate their hopes for your future — even though you admit you refused to listen — tells me how much maturity and insight you have gained. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: I am responding to the recent letters in

your column about the importance of teaching sex education to children before they become teen-agers.

I am 13 years old. My parents told me everything I need to know about sex. If I want birth control, I can go to them.

Abby, I think you would be one terrible, awful parent not to talk to your children and assure them that you will be there for them no matter what. Children who are not taught by their parents — whom they trust the most — are more likely to get a sexually transmitted disease or become pregnant at an earlier age, if only to get back at their overprotective parents.

Trust me, I know because I have talked to my friends — and we do talk about this sort of thing. — CONCERNED IN RENO

DEAR CONCERNED: It's heartwarming to read how much credit you give your parents for providing all of the important information necessary to prepare you for future sexual relationships. Although you are a mature young lady at 13, I hope that you are years away from having a physical relationship.

Now that you have the information you need, I trust you will take your parents up on their offer to go to them with any questions or concerns that may arise. Knowing you can talk freely with your mom and dad will give you a definite advantage in making sound choices.

DEAR ABBY: My father died recently. Am I still a "Jr." or am I required to drop it? — WONDERING IN WICHITA

DEAR WONDERING: Please accept my condolences for the loss of your father.

Amy Vanderbilt says that upon the death of the "senior," the "junior" usually drops the "Jr." — unless both he and his late father were well-known and to drop it would cause confusion. However, if you so desire, there is nothing illegal or improper about retaining the "Jr."

Vaccine study suggests chickenpox preventable

LOS ANGELES (AP) — A five-year study of a chickenpox vaccine found that inoculations can reduce cases by 80 percent, suggesting the itchy rite of childhood can be prevented just like the mumps and measles.

The ongoing study by Los Angeles County health officials for the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention was conducted in the Antelope Valley, about 70 miles north of Los Angeles.

Chickenpox cases in the region dropped from 2,934 in 1995, when the vaccine was introduced, to 587 by 1999. The rates declined in all age groups, but were most dramatic among children 1 through 4 years old.

The amount of complications from the disease, such as bacterial infections, also fell.

"The bottom line is ... the vaccine works," said Dr. Laurene Mascola, a researcher and chief of the county's acute communicable disease control branch. "You can prevent chickenpox."

The virus often strikes children before the age of 10 and sickens its victims for 10 days with itchy rashes, fevers and fatigue. The highly contagious disease, which is often spread by touch or airborne droplets, infects as many as 4 million people each year in the United States.

The Antelope Valley, with about 300,000 residents, is one of three areas chosen by the CDC for the study. The other two are in west Philadelphia and Travis County, Texas. The California vaccinations were voluntary.

The Food and Drug Administration approved the nation's first chickenpox vaccine, Varivax, in 1995 and the CDC and the American Academy of Pediatrics has recommended vaccinating children for the ailment at 12 to 18 months.

Half the states in the country have made chickenpox vaccinations mandatory.

The vaccine also displayed an economic and social value. Chickenpox victims and their caretakers in the Antelope Valley missed 14,842 days of work and school in 1995, which dropped 82 percent to 2,718 in 1999.

DOBSON

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today, I am so grateful that I chose to preserve my relationship with my children. The closeness that we enjoy today can be traced to that decision to make time for them when they needed me most. I could easily have made the greatest mistake of my life at that time.

I'm sure many fathers will read this response and find themselves today where I was back then. If you are one of them, I urge you to give priority to your family. Those kids around your feet will be grown and gone before you know it. Don't let the opportunity of these days slip away from you. No professing accomplishment or success is worth that cost. When you stand where I am today, the relationship with those you love will outweigh every other good thing in your life.

QUESTION: Would you say that most marital problems are caused by sexual difficulties?

DR. DOBSON: No, the opposite is more accurate. Most sexual problems are caused by marital difficulties. Or stated another way, couples that have problems in bed often have bigger problems in the other 23 1/2 hours of the day.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Dr. James C. Dobson's "Focus on the Family" appears each Thursday as a cooperative effort of Scenic Mountain Medical Center and the Big Spring Herald. Letters to Dr. Dobson may be sent to P.O. Box 444; Colorado Springs, Colo.; 80903.

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for me and for Harley Davidson."

WARSAW, Poland (AP) — In folk tales, storks bring the gift of life. In one Polish community, they have brought death to hundreds of chickens, forcing farmers to lock up their fowl.

Storks normally feed on rodents or frogs. But this year, a drought has delayed haymaking and disrupted the storks' rodent hunting cycle.

In the past week, hungry storks have gobbled up some 600 chicks in Stubno, 260 miles southeast of Warsaw, community secretary Danuta Kusz said Tuesday.

"The grass is tall and dry and it's harder for storks to find rodents," said Andrzej Kruszczyk of a Warsaw bird group. At the same time, storks hatched this spring are getting bigger — and hungrier.

Storks are daring enough to grab small chickens, ducks or geese from farmyards and are not afraid of people.

"We don't know what to do," Kusz said. "Ornithologists told us to take the storks to the zoo but we are a poor, rural community and can't afford the cages and transportation."

EVERETT, Wash. (AP) — A pile of trash turned out to be pretty valuable to one woman: It saved her life by breaking her three-story fall at a construction site.

The wallboard worker fell Monday when a 2-by-4 board that had been nailed into place as a makeshift guard rail gave way.

Construction worker Dan

Corhan had shifted a trash bin moments earlier, and that bin broke the woman's fall.

"All of a sudden, this body comes flying through the air," said Valerie Steel, who was talking to Corhan at the time. "It's kind of a blessing that the (trash bin) was there."

The woman, whose name, age and hometown were not released, was treated at Providence Everett Medical Center and released.

SOUTH SHORE, S.D. (AP) — Rocky Mayes will be on the pee-wee baseball team's disabled list for a while, but at least he still has his right foot — thanks to some luck and one tough tennis shoe.

Rocky, 11, was maneuvering a riding lawn mower when it hit a bump and he fell on his stomach. The machine kept going, and its front wheel ran over him until the mower deck was above his right foot.

The mower blade then cut through the top of his high-top tennis shoe. His friend Justin was behind the mower and quickly shut off the engine.

"I just lost control and fell off," Rocky said. "I cried out that my foot was hurt."

Kevin Dennis, Justin's father, lifted the mower off of Rocky while Justin called for an ambulance.

Rocky's tennis shoe was sliced down the middle, but his foot suffered only scrapes and bruises.

"If he didn't have that tennis shoe on, I think that his foot would have been severed," said Hilda Grewing, a member of the ambulance crew.

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IN BRIEF

Best of the Rest tourney
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, and the deadline for entries is 6 p.m. Thursday.

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 tourney

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 6-10 p.m. July 20-22 and 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.

DRRC Summerfest 2000
tournament is July 30-31

The Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center has scheduled Summerfest 2000, its 12th annual golf tournament, for July 30-31 at the Big Spring Country Club.

Practice rounds will be played Saturday, July 29, with the four-person lowball tournament beginning with shotgun starts at 7:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. Sunday.

Fees will be \$135 per player and the deadline for registration is July 3.

For more information, call 267-5354.

Texas Tech alumni plan
special 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 play the Pittsburgh Steelers in a preseason game at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$37 per person.

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.

ON THE AIR

Television

ARENA FOOTBALL

7 p.m. — San Jose at Milwaukee, TNN, Ch. 35.

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

6 p.m. — New York Yankees at Boston Red Sox, FXS, Ch. 29.

7:30 p.m. — Minnesota Twins at Texas Rangers, Cox Cable Ch. 97.

Rangers make it two straight with 7-5 win over Twins

ARLINGTON (AP) — Dave Martinez snapped an 0-for-20 slump with a two-run double as the Texas Rangers beat the Minnesota Twins 7-5 Wednesday night.

The victory was the Rangers' third in four games after a nine-game losing streak.

Esteban Loaiza (4-5) pitched six innings and won for the first time in five starts. He has won four straight against the Twins, three against Brad Radke (4-9).

John Wetteland allowed one run in the ninth before recording his 18th save in 22 opportunities.

Martinez's double in the fifth, on a hard-hit grounder that ricocheted off the foot of Minnesota shortstop Cristian Guzman into the outfield, snapped a 3-3

tie and put the Rangers ahead for good.

Martinez was thrown out trying to stretch his hit into a triple, but only after Rafael Palmeiro and David Segui scored. Martinez's slump began after he went 5-for-9 after being acquired by Texas from the Chicago Cubs in a three-team trade June 9.

Radke's replacement an inning later, Bob Wells, set an American League record for a pitcher with four fielding chances in an inning. He made two errors and had assists on the only two outs he recorded.

Wells dropped the infield popup by Gabe Kapler, the first batter he faced. While he got the next two batters on 1-3 groundouts, he also threw a ball into center field while trying to pick off

Kapler at second with nobody covering. Wells was then pulled after a walk and RBI single by Ivan Rodriguez.

Radke, 2-8 in his career against Texas, allowed five runs on eight hits over five innings. He struck out two and walked two.

Loaiza, 0-3 with a no decision in his previous four starts, allowed four runs on eight hits in his six innings. He struck out three and walked two.

Corey Koskie, 13-for-26 (.500) against the Rangers this season, hit a solo homer off Loaiza in the sixth. He also hit an RBI single in the second.

Segui also scored the first two Texas runs, both after he reached with a double.

After his double in the second, Segui

scored on Mike Lamb's RBI double. Segui led off the fourth with another double and scored when Guzman made a throwing error on Kapler's grounder that would have ended the inning. Royce Clayton followed with an RBI single to make it 3-2.

Minnesota quickly got back even with an unearned run in the fifth. Matt Lawton hit an apparent double-play ball, but Clayton made an errant throw to first after getting the first out. David Ortiz followed with an RBI double.

Rusty Greer added an RBI single in the eighth to give the Rangers a 7-4 lead.

Guzman hit his major league-leading 13th triple, and scored on Lawton's RBI infield single off Wetteland in the ninth to make it 7-5.



Here are the Coahoma Little League T-ball Cubs, who went undefeated this season. Front row, from left, are: Kaleb McAdams, Tristan Ramirez, Bryen Sizenbach, Brandie Gutierrez and Morrow Nichols. Second row: Curtis Callendar, Nathan Butler, Morgan Luce, Justin Pate and Alex Hill. Standing behind the team are coaches Linda Luce, Brenda Pate, Robert Sizenbach and Dorothy Sizenbach.

International Little League, Teen
all-star playoff teams announced

HERALD Staff Report

The Howard County Youth Baseball Association has announced the 13- and 14-year-old all-star team for 2000 season, while the Big Spring International Little League has announced its all-star teams.

They are Zach Angel, Brandon Burleson, Chris Carrillo, Jeremy Cerda, Jerry Doporto Jr., Chad Heinis, C.J. Lowery, Josh Noble, Josh Pedigo, Jeremy Renteria, Michael Shockley, Wesley Smith, Ryan Wegman, and Brandon Woods. Coaches are

Phil Woods and Chris Olson.

The International League's 11- and 12-year-old all-stars are Michael Bermea, Tommy Billaia, Abraham Franco, John Paul Franco, Kris Garcia, Sal Garcia, Larry Mendoza, Abel Morelion, Gabriel Ortiz, Johnny Reyes, Matt Rodriguez and Matt Vanderpool. Alternates are Robert Gonzales and Billy Marler. Raymond Ontiveros will serve as manager for the team and will be assisted by coaches George Garcia and Tommy Billaia.

The International 9-10 all-stars are Jesus Alvarez, Genaro Castillo, Jacob Cerda, Chon

Gonzales, DeShae Green, Kameron Herrera, Lyza Lopez, Brandon Newman, Brandon Ontiveros, Heath Rodriguez, Raymon Rodriguez and Joshua Wells. Alternates will be Isaac Martinez and Edward Vasquez. That team will be managed by Delbert Green, while Joey Herrera and Raymond Lopez will serve as coaches.

The Teen League All-Stars will begin district tournament play July 5 in Andrews. The district for 9- and 10-year-old all-stars begins in Odessa the same day, while the 11- and 12-year-old squads will open their tournament in Midland.

Former USOC doctor says 50 percent
of drug offenders going unpunished

DENVER (AP) — In an athletic world that cringes at the slightest whisper of doping, the claim that 50 percent of all American athletes who tested positive for banned substances in recent years went unpunished commands immediate attention.

The former drug chief for the U.S. Olympic Committee plans to file a lawsuit supporting his claim next month.

The USOC adamantly denied Dr. Wade Exum's allegation Wednesday.

"We find it incredible that the individual charged with the direction and the success of our own drug program now is criticizing it and challenging its effectiveness," USOC spokesman Mike Moran said.

"He's going to have to back up those allegations with facts, and we expect to be able to effectively deal with those allegations."

Exum, one of the Olympic committee's highest-ranking black staff members, resigned as the USOC's director of drug control administration June 5 after nine years with USOC. He said he had become a "racial token" subjected to a hostile and intolerable working environment.

His resignation letter also said the USOC encouraged the doping of athletes without

regard to their health. The accusations intensified Tuesday when he and his lawyers issued a news release saying: "In recent years, absolutely no sanction has been imposed on about half of all American athletes who have tested positive for prohibited substances."

"What kind of enforcement is that?" Exum's lawyer, John Pineau, asked.

Pineau declined to cite specific names or examples of athletes who tested positive, but said he would be able to provide evidence to support Exum's claim.

He said he expects to file a federal lawsuit sometime next month.

"I don't think they're going to be in for an awakening," Pineau said of USOC officials. "I think they're fully aware of all of this."

Exum's lawsuit also is expected to include claims that he was asked to take part in a project that involved testing prohibited substances on humans "using a protocol that amounted to racial profiling."

The USOC recently participated in a study to develop tests for the banned substance EPO and the Human Growth Hormone.

The multimillion-dollar study, funded by the International Olympic Committee and the Australian government,

involved 74 athletes at the Olympic Training Center in Colorado Springs and volunteers at the U.S. Air Force Academy.

"We absolutely provided athletes which are a cross-section of United States Olympic team based on gender, race, age and place of residence for that study," Moran said. "To call it racial profiling is reckless and without merit."

Exum also complained that his authority was undermined by having to work under the supervision of Jim Page, currently the USOC's managing director of sport development. Page was banned from the U.S. Skiing Association after he confessed to approving a blood-doping plan for a U.S. Nordic skier in 1987.

"If I'm a police officer and my job is to keep drugs off the streets and they take a convicted felon and make him my boss, would that make a lot of sense?" Pineau said. "That's a little troubling to me."

Moran said Page was reinstated by the U.S. Skiing Association in 1990 and had not been Exum's supervisor for at least the last three years.

"That is an issue that is no longer in any way, shape or form connected with Wade Exum's allegations," Moran said.

National League
relievers endure
very tough night

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

It was a wild night for a few of the National League's top relievers.

Atlanta's John Rocker, Cincinnati's Scott Williamson and New York's John Franco all struggled with their control Wednesday night.

And all three cost their teams opportunities for wins.

Rocker, who has struggled with his control since returning from a suspension for making disparaging comments in a Sports Illustrated story, sprinted in from the bullpen to the cheers of the home crowd of 44,698 in the ninth.

But he left to jeers after throwing 20 balls and just 10 strikes. Rocker allowed five runs, four walks and a hit batter, his ERA swelling to 5.85 in the Braves' 8-1 loss to the Chicago Cubs.

"He didn't throw well at all. The game got out of hand," Braves manager Bobby Cox said. "It all boils down to getting the ball over the plate."

At Cincinnati, Denny Neagle turned a 4-3 lead over to the bullpen, but was victimized by a blown save for the third time this season as the Reds lost to the Colorado Rockies 6-4.

Williamson (2-4) walked Jeff Cirillo opening the eighth, threw his NL-leading 13th wild pitch and walked Brent Mayne with two outs. Neifi Perez singled to tie it and Bragg singled sharply up the middle.

Ken Griffey Jr. dropped the ball as he tried to field it for a play at the plate. He then threw wildly to third for an error that sent Perez home.

"We've had that happen four or five times in the last 10 or 12 losses," Reds manager Jack McKeon said. "We've had a lot of games this year where we've had a lead and just couldn't hold it."

At New York, Franco walked Kevin Jordan with the bases loaded in the ninth to allow the go-ahead run to score in the Philadelphia Phillies' 10-5 victory over the New York Mets.

Franco allowed four runs, two hits and walked two in one-third of an inning.

"I'm kind of disgusted with myself," Franco said. "I made the pitch I wanted to throw. I just didn't get away with it."

In other National League games, Florida edged Milwaukee 5-4; Pittsburgh defeated Montreal 8-3; San Francisco beat St. Louis 4-1; Los Angeles edged Houston 7-6; and Arizona defeated San Diego 11-8.

In the American League, it was Cleveland 8, Chicago 6; Boston 9, New York 7; Toronto 6, Detroit 0; Texas 7, Minnesota 5; Anaheim 3, Kansas City 1; Oakland 10, Baltimore 3; and Seattle 8, Tampa Bay 5.

Cubs 8, Braves 1

Rocker retired Augie Ojeda, then walked pinch-hitter Gary Matthews Jr. and Eric Young on 3-2 pitches and allowed an RBI single to Damon Buford that made it 4-1.

Sammy Sosa was intentionally walked, and Rocker forced in two runs by walking Mark Grace and hitting Brant Brown with a pitch.

Rocker was removed, and Jeff Reed hit a two-run single off

Don Wengert.

"Right now, he's lost out on the mound," said Cubs manager Don Baylor, who was with the Braves last year as hitting coach when Rocker had 38 saves.

Kerry Wood, the 1998 NL Rookie of the Year who had surgery last spring to replace a torn ligament in his right elbow, mixed a fastball in the mid-90s with a sharp breaking ball to win for the first time since May 28.

Wood (3-4) beat Tom Glavine (7-4) by allowing just four hits in seven innings. Glavine hasn't won since May 21, going 0-3 with three no-decisions. He lost at Turner Field for the first time since last July 6 after going 10-0 in 17 home starts.

Rockies 6, Reds 4

Colorado got its eighth victory in 11 games by taking advantage of the Williamson's wildness. The Reds have lost 12 of 14.

Julian Tavarez (5-2) pitched one perfect inning of relief for the win.

Phillies 10, Mets 5

After getting the go-ahead run against Franco (2-3), Pat Burrell hit his first career grand slam, his second key ninth-inning homer off Armando Benitez in as many nights, to lead Philadelphia over New York.

Burrell also homered in the sixth inning for the rookie's first career multihomer game.

The last-place Phillies have won seven of eight against the Mets, dating to last season.

Marlins 5, Brewers 4

Mark Kotsay hit a grand slam in the seventh inning off Jimmy Haynes (7-6) to help Florida rally past visiting Milwaukee.

Kotsay was 4-for-4 with three singles and his second career grand slam for the Marlins, who have won five of six.

Pirates 8, Expos 3

John Vander Wal homered twice, including a grand slam, in Pittsburgh's seven-run third inning at Montreal.

Francisco Cordova (5-5) allowed seven hits and two runs in six innings as the Pirates won their second straight following a four-game losing streak.

Giants 4, Cardinals 1

Kirk Rueter outdueling Garrett Stephenson, and Doug Mirabelli's home run snapped an eighth-inning tie as San Francisco beat St. Louis.

Rueter (5-4) raised his record at Busch Stadium to 5-0 with a 2.06 ERA in seven career starts. Stephenson (9-3) lost for the first time to an NL team.

Dodgers 7, Astros 6

Gary Sheffield hit two homers, including a tiebreaking solo shot in the eighth inning off Jose Cabrera (0-2), to lead Los Angeles at Houston.

Matt Herges (5-0) pitched three hitless inning to win for the second straight night.

Diamondbacks 11, Padres 8

Travis Lee was 3-for-4 with three RBIs as Arizona's slumbering offense awoke at home with 14 hits and nine walks off five San Diego pitchers.

SPORTS EXTRA

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL

American League
KANSAS CITY ROYALS—Recalled OF Mark Quinn from Omaha of the PCL. Sent RHP Ray Hobert outright to Omaha.

OAKLAND ATHLETICS—Recalled RHP Ariel Prieto from Sacramento of the PCL. Optioned RHP Luis Vazquez to Sacramento.

TEXAS RANGERS—Placed LHP Darren Oliver on 15-day disabled list, retroactive to June 17.

National League
ATLANTA BRAVES—Signed SS Aaron Hill, 18 David LaRoche, 3B Scott Thorman, SS Keoni De Renne, and RHP Troy Hodges. Agreed to a terms with RHP Chris Clark.

FLORIDA MARLINS—Signed RHP Denny Bautista.

HOUSTON ASTROS—Placed LHP Billy Wagner on 15-day disabled list, retroactive to June 17.

TORONTO RAPTORS—Placed Lenny Wilkens coach.

Women's National Basketball Association
INDIANA FEVER—Activated C Donna Harrington and F Tasha Thomas from injured reserve. Placed G Chantel Tremiere and C Alessandra Santos de Oliveira on injured reserve.

MIAMI SOL—Activated C-F Sharon Manning from the injured list. Placed G Umek Webb on the injured list.

FOOTBALL
Buffalo Bills—Signed RB Sammy Morris.

CINCINNATI BENGALS—Waived QB Eric Kresser.

GREEN BAY PACKERS—Claimed CB Evan Howell off waivers from the New England Patriots. Signed OT Mark Tauscher and WR Charles Lee.

MIAMI DOLPHINS—Signed OT Keno Hills to a one-year contract.

NEW ORLEANS SAINTS—Signed FB Kevin Houser to a three-year contract.

SAN DIEGO CHARGERS—Signed LB Shannon Taylor.

HOCKEY
National Hockey League

PITTSBURGH PENGUINS—Named Ivan Hlinka coach.

APALACHIAN STATE—Promoted men's associate head basketball coach Houston Fancher to men's basketball coach.

CENTRAL ARKANSAS—Named William E. Lide athletic director.

COLUMBIA—Named Tim Beach assistant track and field and cross country coach.

LONG ISLAND U.—Named Tony Bozell women's basketball coach.

MORAVIAN—Named Paul Moyer athletics director.

NORTH CAROLINA-WILMINGTON—Named Kevin Ankrum track coach.

NORTHERN IOWA—Named Brad Perovich wrestling coach.

NOTRE DAME—Announced G Mike Moniz has left the basketball team and will transfer.

OKLAHOMA—Named Jim Ragan men's golf coach.

SOUTHERN METHODIST—Announced basketball G Jeryl Sasser has withdrawn from the NBA draft and will return to school for his senior season.

SPRINGFIELD—Named Cathie Schweitzer director of athletics, effective July 17.

WEST ALABAMA—Named Gary Rundles baseball coach.

AL LEADERS

BATTING—Garciparra, Boston, .394; Martinez, Seattle, .371; Rodriguez, Texas, .369; Erstad, Anaheim, .362; M/Sweeney, Kansas City, .358; C/Delgado, Toronto, .355; Rodriguez, Seattle, .347.

RUNS—Rodriguez, Seattle, 72; C/Delgado, Toronto, 60; Mondesi,

MAJOR LEAGUE STANDINGS

AMERICAN LEAGUE

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
New York	36	30	.545	—
Boston	36	31	.537	1/2
Toronto	34	34	.500	1
Baltimore	30	39	.435	7 1/2
Tampa Bay	28	42	.400	10

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
Chicago	45	26	.634	—
Cleveland	37	31	.544	6 1/2
Kansas City	34	35	.493	10
Minnesota	30	42	.417	15 1/2
Detroit	27	39	.409	15 1/2

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
Oakland	42	29	.592	—
Seattle	39	30	.565	2
Anaheim	36	34	.514	5 1/2
Texas	33	36	.478	8

Wednesday's Games

Toronto 6, Detroit 0
Boston 9, N.Y. Yankees 7
Cleveland 8, Chicago White Sox 6

Texas 7, Minnesota 5
Seattle 8, Tampa Bay 5
Oakland 10, Baltimore 3

Anaheim 3, Kansas City 1

Today's Games

Detroit (Nomo 2-6) at Toronto (Wells 11-2), 6:05 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees (Westbrook 0-1) at Boston (R. Martinez 5-4), 6:05 p.m.

Cleveland (Finley 5-4) at Chicago White Sox (Eldred 8-2), 7:05 p.m.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
Atlanta	43	28	.606	—
New York	37	31	.544	4 1/2
Montreal	35	33	.515	6 1/2
Arizona	35	37	.486	8 1/2
Philadelphia	29	40	.420	13

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
St. Louis	40	30	.571	—
Cincinnati	33	36	.478	6 1/2
Pittsburgh	31	39	.443	9
Chicago	30	40	.429	10 1/2
Milwaukee	29	42	.408	11 1/2
Houston	25	45	.357	15

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
Colorado	38	28	.576	—
Arizona	41	30	.577	—
Los Angeles	38	31	.551	2
San Francisco	34	33	.507	5
San Diego	31	39	.443	9 1/2

Wednesday's Games

Pittsburgh 8, Montreal 3
Chicago Cubs 8, Atlanta 1
Florida 5, Milwaukee 4

Colorado 6, Cincinnati 4
Philadelphia 10, N.Y. Mets 5
Los Angeles 7, Houston 6

San Francisco 4, St. Louis 1
Arizona 11, San Diego 8

Today's Games

Chicago Cubs (Downs 3-1) at Atlanta (Mulholland 6-6), 12:10 p.m.
Pittsburgh (Ritchie 4-3) at Montreal (Hermanson 5-4), 6:05 p.m.

Milwaukee (Snyder 2-2) at Florida (Sanchez 4-5), 6:05 p.m.
Philadelphia (Polite 1-1) at N.Y.

Toronto, 58; JaGiambi, Oakland, 55; Damon, Kansas City, 54; Durham, Chicago, 54; Glauz, Anaheim, 53.

RBI—Martinez, Seattle, 73; M/Sweeney, Kansas City, 70; JaGiambi, Oakland, 70; Rodriguez, Seattle, 66; C/Delgado, Toronto, 65; BeWilliams, New York, 65; Ceverett, Boston, 64.

HITS—Erstad, Anaheim, 109; Rodriguez, Texas, 99; M/Sweeney, Kansas City, 98; C/Delgado, Toronto, 92; Rodriguez, Seattle, 90; Lawton, Minnesota, 89; M/Vaughn, Anaheim, 84; Thomas, Chicago, 84.

DOUBLES—Olerud, Seattle, 25; Lawton, Minnesota, 23; Glauz, Anaheim, 21; Dye, Kansas City, 21; M/Sweeney, Kansas City, 21; Rodriguez, Texas, 21; Segui, Texas, 21; DeShields, Baltimore, 21.

TRIPLES—Guzman, Minnesota, 12; Durham, Chicago, 6; Nixon, Boston, 5; Kennedy, Anaheim, 4;

STRIKEOUTS—P-MARTINEZ, Boston, 130; CFinley, Cleveland, 96; Burba, Cleveland, 86; Nomo, Detroit, 87; Mussina, Baltimore, 86; Hudson, Oakland, 84; Dwalls, Toronto, 82.

SAVES—TBJones, Detroit, 19; Peralta, Anaheim, 18; Westland, Texas, 18; Iarlinghausen, Oakland, 17; Foulke, Chicago, 16; Lowe, Boston, 16; M/Rivers, New York, 16; Karsay, Cleveland, 16.

NL LEADERS

BATTING—Hilton, Colorado, .393; Guerrero, Montreal, .368; Vidro, Montreal, .362; Piazza, New York, .362; Sheffield, Los Angeles, .361; LCastillo, Florida, .355; Alfonso, New York, .343.

RUNS—Hilton, Colorado, 70; Edmonds, St. Louis, 68; Bonds, San Francisco, 61; Bagwell, Houston, 59; Grudzielanek, Los Angeles, 57; Sheffield, Los Angeles, 57; Alfonso, New York, 56.

RBI—Kent, San Francisco, 66; Hilton, Colorado, 64; Sosa, Chicago, 64; Sheffield, Los Angeles, 63; Giles, Pittsburgh, 62; Karros, Los Angeles, 61; VGuerrero, Montreal, 60.

HITS—VGuerrero, Montreal, 95; Vidro, Montreal, 93; Hilton, Colorado, 92; EYoung, Chicago, 90; Alonzo, Atlanta, 89; Owens, San Diego, 88; Green, Los Angeles, 87; Kent, San Francisco, 87; Sheffield, Los Angeles, 87.

DOUBLES—Green, Los Angeles, 25; EYoung, Chicago, 25; Vidro, Montreal, 24; CFinley, Colorado, 23; RBWright, Montreal, 22; Henton, Colorado, 21; Alfonso, New York, 21; Kent, San Francisco, 21; Lgonzalez, Arizona, 21; Zelle, New York, 21.

TRIPLES—Womack, Arizona, 7; Goodwin, Colorado, 7; VGuerrero, Montreal, 6; NPeretz, Colorado, 6; Alonzo, New York, 5; Sheumert, Colorado, 5; 7 are tied with 4.

HOME RUNS—Bonds, San Francisco, 26; McGwire, St. Louis, 25; Sheffield, Los Angeles, 23; Hilton, Colorado, 21; Edmonds, St. Louis, 21; Karros, Los Angeles, 21; 6 are tied with 20.

STOLEN BASES—Castillo, Florida, 30; Goodwin, Colorado, 30; EYoung, Chicago, 24; QVeras, Atlanta, 19; Sheffield, Los Angeles, 18; Cedeno, Houston, 17; Owens, San Diego, 17.

PITCHING (9 Decisions)—RJohnson, Arizona, 11.1, 9.17, 1.47; Graves, Cincinnati, 9.1, 9.00, 1.93; GMaddux, Atlanta, 9.1, 9.00, 2.98; Al Leiter, New York, 8.1, 8.89, 3.08; Stephenson, St. Louis, 9.3, 7.50, 3.68; Pavano, Montreal, 8.3, 7.27, 3.07; Kile, St. Louis, 10.4, 7.14, 4.67.

STRIKEOUTS—RJohnson, Arizona, 158; Astacio, Colorado, 99; GMaddux, Atlanta, 97; Dempster, Florida, 93; Kile, St. Louis, 93; Person, Philadelphia, 90; Benson, Pittsburgh, 89; Elbertson, Los Angeles, 89.

SAVES—Alfonseca, Florida, 21; Hoffman, San Diego, 18; Benitez, New York, 16; Aguilera, Chicago, 15; Veres, St. Louis, 13; Jimenez, Colorado, 12; Shaw, Los Angeles, 12.

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Wednesday's Games
Miami 57, Washington 55
Detroit 67, New York 63
Sacramento 70, Indiana 58

Today's Games
Phoenix at Charlotte, 11 a.m.
Cleveland at Orlando, 6:30 p.m.
Utah at Minnesota, 7 p.m.

TEXAS LEAGUE

Wednesday's Games
Wichita 20, Arkansas 4
El Paso 4, San Antonio 2
Round Rock 6, Midland 5
Tulsa 7, Shreveport 0

Today's Games
Arkansas at Wichita

FISHING REPORT

Here is the weekly fishing report as compiled by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department for June 22. (Report also available on Web at www.txdw.state.tx.us)

CENTRAL
BROWNWOOD: Water cloudy; 75 to 82 degrees; black bass to 10 pounds are good on Chug Bugs and Tailwalkers fished in 2 to 15 feet around the points. Crappie are good on jigs and minnows in 2 to 5 feet around the boat houses and at night under the lights. Hybrid strippers to 8 pounds and white bass are good on topwaters fished in the mornings along the banks and the on the points.

SOUTH
AMSTAD: Water clear; 79-83 degrees; 43' low; black bass are good on topwaters fished early and mid-day on Carolina-rigs and spinnerbaits. Crappie are fair to good on minnows and jigs fished up the Devils River around cover. White bass are slow. Striped bass are slow. Channel and blue catfish are good on cheesebait fished in the shallows. Yellow catfish to 23 pounds are good on trotlines and dropnets baited with live perch and goldfish.

WEST
ALAN HENRY: Water clear; 74-78 degrees; black bass are fair on Pop Raps, Carolina-rigs and worms or silver or white Bass Assassins fished in the coves during the early morning hours later go to june bug or green pumpkins Texas-rigged brush bugs fished in 20 to 25 feet on the edge of the river channels and deep main lake points. No reports on smallmouth or Alabama Spotted Bass. Crappie are good on live minnows and bright colored jigs fished off the crappie dock. Channel and blue catfish are very good at night on cut perch, live perch, nightcrawlers and prepared baits.

ARROWHEAD: Water clear; 70 degrees; black bass are good on chumworms and spinnerbaits with an orange belly fished in 2 to 5 feet around Henrietta Bridge. Crappie are good on small minnows fished in 5 to 8 feet around the docks. White bass are good on minnows and chumworms fished in 5 to 8 feet around the dam (some schooling occurring). Channel and blue catfish are good on nightcrawlers and cheese bait fished in 8 to 10 feet in the river. Yellow catfish are good on trotlines baited with perch near the third bridge.

BRADY: Water slightly stained; 72 degrees; black bass are good on spinnerbaits and worms fished near under water drop-offs. Crappie are good on minnows and jigs fished in 6 to 10 feet. White bass are fair on silver spoons fished in 4 to 6 feet. Blue and channel catfish are good on cheesebait and cut shad fished in 4 to 8 feet. Yellow catfish are fair on perch and large minnows fished in 7 to 14 feet.

COLORADO CITY: Water slightly stained; 70 degrees; black bass are fair. White bass are fair on minnows and small crankbaits (better at night). Crappie are fair on minnows and small jigs fished off crappie docks. Red fish are good on live shad and perch. Catfish are good on shad and perch.

FT. PHANTOM HILL: Water slightly stained; 72 degrees; black bass are good on spinnerbaits fished in 2 to 5 feet. Crappie are slow on minnows and jigs fished in 5 to 6 feet. White bass are fair on spinnerbaits and jigs fished in 3 to 4 feet. Hybrid strippers are good on shad and minnows fished in 7 to 10 feet. Blue catfish are excellent on minnows, shad and livers fished in 10 to 12 feet in the mouths of the creeks. Yellow catfish are good on perch and carp fished in 8 to 16 feet near the dam.

HUBBARD CREEK: Water slightly stained; 75 degrees; black bass are excellent on Carolina-rigs fished in 5 to 8 feet around grass beds. Crappie are good on minnows and small jigs fished in 15 to 18 feet around boat houses and Little Long Bridge. White bass are excellent on small spinners and slabs. No reports of hybrid strippers. Channel catfish are good on dipbait fished in 3 to 5 feet in the mouth of Sandy Creek. No reports of blue or yellow catfish.

KEMP: Water stained; 73 degrees; black bass are fair on Rat-Traps fished in 2 to 5 feet. White bass are good on minnows fished in 2 to 5 feet. Crappie are poor on minnows fished in 4 to 5 feet. Striped bass are slow on live bait fished in 20 to 25 feet. Blue and channel catfish are excellent on worms, shrimp and punch bait fished in the mouth of the river. Yellow catfish are poor on trotlines baited with goldfish and perch.

MOCOMA: Water stained; 74 degrees; black bass are good on purple worms and crankbaits fished in 5 to 20 feet. Crappie are good on chumworms and jigs and minnows fished in 15 to 25 feet. White bass and hybrid striped bass are excellent on Rat-Traps and Sassy Shad fished in 8 to 15 feet (some schooling action). Channel and blue catfish are good on prepared baits and shad fished in 10 to 15 feet. Yellow catfish are fair on trotlines baited with perch and goldfish.

OK CREEK: Water clear; 75 degrees; black bass are good on soft plastics, crankbaits and minnows fished in 4 to 12 feet. White bass are good on minnows and jigs fished in 8 to 12 feet. Crappie are fair on minnows and jigs fished in 4 to 12 feet. Blue and channel

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catfish are fair on stickbaits, minnows, goldfish and liver. Yellow catfish are good on perch, liver, minnows and stickbaits.

OH. IVE: Water clear; 75 degrees; 8' low; black bass to 8-26 pounds are good on Carolina-rigged plastic baits fished in 20 to 30 feet off main lake points. Crappie are good at night on minnows and jigs fished in 25 to 30 feet along river channels. White bass are fair on topwaters and spoons fished during the day and on slabs and minnows at night under lights. Catfish are good on trotlines baited with live bait.

POSSUM KINGDOM: Water clear; 77 degrees; 4.45' low; black bass are slow on worms fished in 5 to 15 feet. White bass are fair on minnows, Rat-Traps and small jigs fished in 5 to 15 feet. Striped bass to 9 pounds are good on live shad fished in 20 to 40 feet. Crappie are slow on minnows and jigs fished in 5 to 10 feet. Blue catfish are good on cut shad fished in 10 to 30 feet. Yellow catfish are slow on perch fished in 20 to 30 feet.

SPENCE: Water slightly stained; 74 degrees; black bass are good on minnows and topwaters fished on points in the main lake. White bass are good on small crankbaits fished on the main lake. Crappie are slow on minnows fished in 12 to 15 feet on under water bluffs near Paint Creek. Striped bass are good on cut baits and live shad fished in 23 to 40 feet. Channel and blue catfish are excellent on minnows and night-crawlers fished near the bank. Yellow catfish are good on perch and goldfish fished in the north end of the lake.

STANFORD: Water slightly stained; 70 degrees; black bass are good on large minnows fished in shallow water pitching near large stumps. Crappie are poor on minnows fished in 10 to 15 feet. No reports of white bass. Yellow catfish are excellent on trotlines baited with shiners, shad and perch. Channel catfish are good on trotlines baited with shad and perch. Blue catfish are excellent on punch bait and cut shad fished in 1 to 3 feet in the mouths of creeks.



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HAPPY BIRTHDAY for
Friday, June 23:

Your visions often give you direction. Follow through on a long-awaited fantasy. You might have to skip over some stumbling blocks.

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)
*** The less you say, the better off you'll be today. Confusion reigns with family and plans. If you're about to sign papers on an investment, hit the brakes if you can. Express your feelings carefully. Tonight: Take a night off.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
***** Gather with friends. Discussions might be significant yet difficult to implement. What you say now isn't what others hear. Reconfirm meetings. Don't stand on ceremony. Maintain a sense of humor while Murphy's Law prevails in communication. Tonight: Visit with friends.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
*** Understanding falls to the wayside. Prepare to renegotiate agreements. The plus side is that you see where there might have been trouble before. Use this as an opportunity to eliminate hidden problems. Take charge of your work. Don't let anything go. Tonight: A must appearance.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
**** You could be giving off mixed vibes without even realizing it. Your personality and energy help you jump over a problem. In the next few weeks, expect others to question what you say. Don't take it personally. Good humor and detachment win. Tonight: Take off ASAP.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
**** Give partners greater say in decisions. They want to become a bigger part of your life. Communication sizzles in close quarters. Use special caution with finances during the next few weeks. A blast from the past could appear from out of the blue. Tonight: Opt for romance.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
**** You could feel out of sorts as Mercury goes into a tailspin. Be as clear as possible with friends and at work. Let others state their case, then ask questions. Take the time to handle all details. Misunderstandings could happen. Tonight: Others make suggestions — then you get to choose!

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
*** Your easygoing pace allows others to approach you. Release worries. By all means, don't listen to office gossip. Take your place on the work totem pole. Confirm meetings and work arrangements. Communication could be off for the next few weeks. Tonight: TGIF with co-workers.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
***** You might not be sure which way to go in a new relationship. Examine what you want, yet remain empathetic to the other party. Walk in his footsteps. If single, a new person could enter your life. Charge your libido into your work for now! Tonight: Play the weekend in.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
*** Others simply aren't self-assured, nor will they be for a while. Your sense of what works could be considerably different than a boss's. For the next few weeks, finding a midpoint of agreement proves to be challenging. Make yourself Numero Uno. Tonight: The action is at your pad.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
**** Take an overview rather than getting triggered by work conditions. Your ability to distance and understand helps. Make an extra effort. Make calls; reach out for others. The facts prove that another might not be hearing the same thing as you are hearing. Tonight: At a favorite spot.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
*** Curb spending, and ultimately you will be much happier. You could feel squeezed over the next few weeks, but you'll come out on top. Listen to a co-worker; teamwork overcomes any problem. Use care when making commitments of any kind. Tonight: Prove that play can be inexpensive.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
***** You are personality plus. Make an additional effort toward a loved one. Your inquiries help another define his feelings. Tonight: Whatever makes you smile.

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The Mini Page

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By BETTY DEBMAN

The Voice of the Revolution

You Said It, Patrick Henry



A portrait of Patrick Henry shows his glasses on his head. When making his speeches, he would start out slowly, sometimes reading his notes. When he came to the stirring parts, he would push up his glasses on his head and look into the audience.

On July Fourth, we Americans celebrate our country's birthday. It was on that day in 1776 that delegates meeting in Philadelphia ratified, or agreed to, the Declaration of Independence.

Thomas Jefferson, the writer of the Declaration, once remarked that it would be hard to say what our country would have done without Patrick Henry.

Patrick Henry, a Virginia planter and lawyer, was very good at making speeches.

These speeches inspired Colonists and gave them the courage to declare independence and fight for their freedom.

The Stamp Act



In 1765, the British Parliament ruled that Colonists in America had to buy a stamp for playing cards, legal papers and newspapers, and other items. The money raised from the Stamp Act was to be used to support British troops stationed on American soil.

"If this be treason..." In 1765, Patrick Henry had been elected to serve in the Virginia House of Burgesses, one part of the legislature that made laws for the Colony.

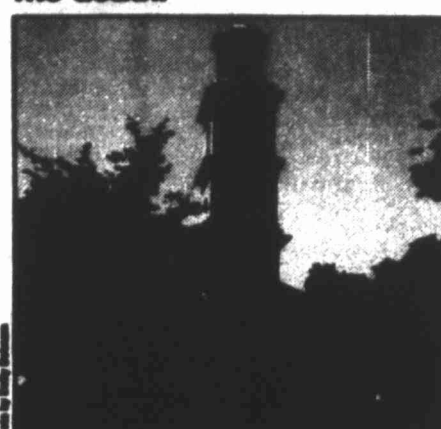
He proposed that the members adopt resolutions against the stamp tax. As Henry spoke out against the English king, the Speaker yelled out, "Treason!"

Henry's bold reply was, "If this be treason, make the most of it." He was going to speak out against the tax no matter what. Other Colonies soon passed resolutions against it, too.



This drawing shows Patrick Henry speaking out against the Stamp Act in the capital at Williamsburg on March 20, 1765.

"Give me liberty or give me death."



Henry's eloquence did stirred services at St. John's Episcopal Church in Richmond, Va., where Henry made his famous speech on March 23, 1775.

Ten years later, Patrick Henry spoke out again. Tensions had been building between the Colonists and Great Britain. The Virginia lawmakers gathered in Richmond because the royal governor had stopped the meetings. More than 100 delegates, including George Washington and Thomas Jefferson, met at St. John's Church.

In a very spirited speech, Patrick Henry urged the members to call out the militia, or citizen army, and be prepared to fight for freedom.

His famous closing words, "Give me liberty or give me death," became the rallying cry for American freedom. As he uttered them, he pulled out a letter opener and pretended to stab himself.

Rookie Cookies Recipe
Green Eggs (No Ham)

You'll need:

- 2 eggs, beaten
- 1 1/2 cups sour cream
- 2 tablespoons flour
- 2 tablespoons Parmesan cheese
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1 (10-ounce) package frozen chopped spinach, cooked and drained
- 6 hard-boiled eggs, chopped

What to do:

1. Combine first five ingredients in a medium bowl. Mix well.
2. Stir in cooked spinach.
3. Stir in hard-boiled eggs. Mix well.
4. Pour mixture into a greased, microwave-safe casserole.
5. Microwave on medium for 4 to 5 minutes or until done.
6. Let stand 2 minutes. Serves 4.



BASSET BROWN THE NEWS HOUND'S PATRICK HENRY TRY 'N FIND

Words that remind us of Patrick Henry are hidden in the block below. Some words are hidden backward or diagonally. See if you can find: PATRICK, HENRY, COURAGE, PATRIOTISM, ORATOR, REVOLUTION, FREEDOM, VOICE, LIBERTY, DEATH, COLONIES, GOVERNOR, BILL, RIGHTS, RED HILL, LAWYER.

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Mini Spy ...

Here is a re-enactment of the "If this be treason" speech that Patrick Henry gave to the House of Burgesses. See if you can find:



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- kite
- fish
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- knife
- number 6
- carrot
- number 7
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- sailboat
- bird
- pencil
- caterpillar

Patrick Henry's Buildings

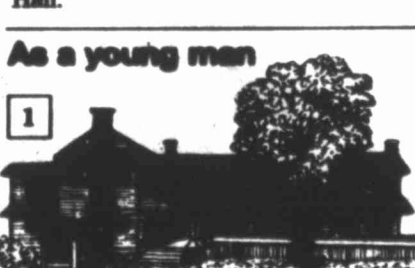


There are two reasons why we don't know a lot about Patrick Henry. First, when not serving as governor, he was practicing law. He did not take time to write as many letters as Thomas Jefferson and George Washington did.

He also never held a national office. Washington asked him to serve as secretary of state and chief justice of the United States, but he did not accept either offer.

His boyhood
Patrick Henry was born on May 29, 1736, near Richmond, Va. We don't know much about his boyhood except that he was not much of a student and that he loved being outdoors. He enjoyed hunting and fishing. His father had been educated in England and taught him at home. We don't have any buildings to remind us of him as a young boy.

However, we can look at these historic buildings and find out about his life. All of them are in Virginia, except Carpenter's and Independence Hall.



Hanover Courthouse near Richmond, Va.

Henry was a court case in 1765 at Hanover Courthouse. The case brought him praise, fame and clients. He had studied law and gotten his license in 1760.

This is a painting of Patrick Henry arguing the case.

As a young lawyer



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This is a painting of Patrick Henry arguing the case.

Henry's fame and family grow



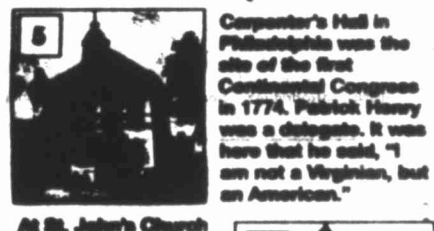
The Scottsbluff house was one of more than a dozen houses Henry lived in during his lifetime. Sarah died here in 1776, leaving him with six children. During this time he was active in politics and was speaking out against British rule.

As a lawmaker



Henry was elected to the Virginia House of Burgesses in 1765. As a lawmaker, he made the laws for the Colony. He made his speech against the Stamp Act here in the capital building in Williamsburg.

As a rebel and patriot

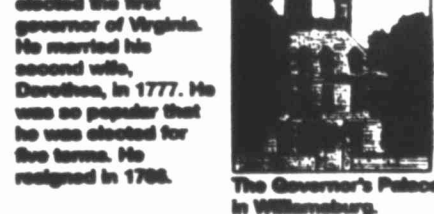


Carpenter's Hall in Philadelphia was the site of the first Continental Congress in 1774. Patrick Henry was a delegate. It was here that he said, "I am not a Virginian, but an American."

At St. John's Church in Richmond, Va., Henry made the "Give me liberty or give me death" speech on March 23, 1775. He was made commander in chief of the Virginia militia. He later resigned.

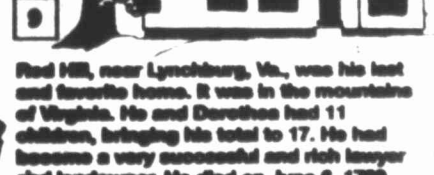
Independence Hall in Philadelphia was the site of the Second Continental Congress in 1775. Henry was a member, but did not stay long. He was back in Virginia helping write the state's constitution. He did not sign the Declaration of Independence.

As a governor



In 1776, Henry was elected the first governor of Virginia. He married his second wife, Dorothea, in 1777. He was so popular that he was elected for two terms. He resigned in 1780.

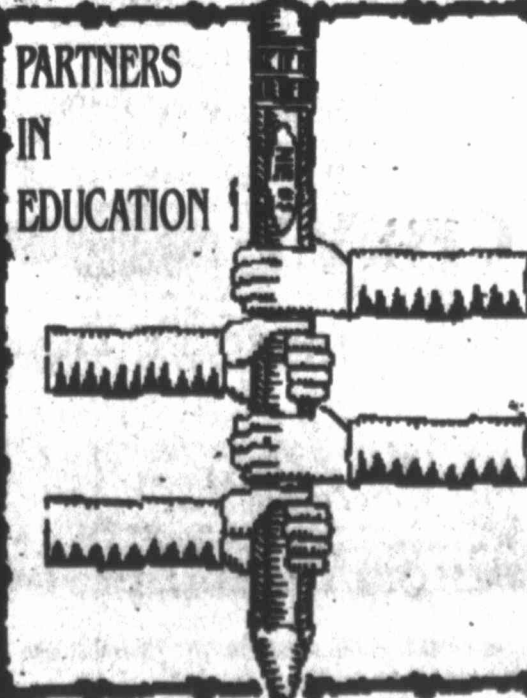
His last years



Red Hill, near Lynchburg, Va., was his last and favorite home. It was in the mountains of Virginia. He and Dorothea had 11 children, bringing his total to 17. He had become a very successful and rich lawyer and landowner. He died on June 6, 1799.

The Mini Page thanks Dr. Jon Kuhn, executive vice president and CEO, Red Hill-The Patrick Henry Memorial Foundation, for help with this issue.

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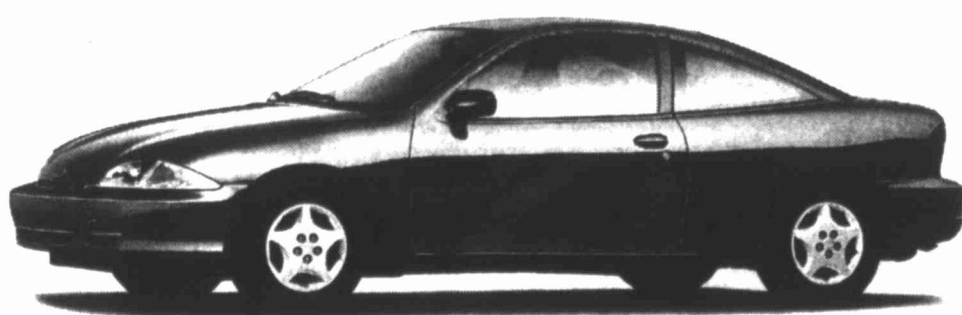
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The City of Big Spring is requesting an approval to vacate and abandon a portion of Young Street from 11th Street to 12th Street, between the Trinity Baptist Church and the New Activity Center (formerly the old Furr's Building), with the City retaining easements. 2780 June 22 & 25, 2000

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Glasscock County ISD is accepting proposals on repairs and sealing the roofs on the following buildings:
1. Elementary
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3. Auditorium
4. Gymnasium
Specifications are available in the superintendent's office of the Glasscock County ISD located in Garden City, Tx. A copy of the specification may be examined from 8:00 a.m. until 3:40 p.m. during regular work days in the Administration Building located at 308 W Chambers, Garden City, Tx.
For more information call the superintendent's office at 915-354-2230 or write P.O. Box 9, Garden City, Tx 79739. For technical information on the proposals call Steve Long, Superintendent. Proposals must be received by 3:00 p.m. on July 14, 2000.
Proposals will be acted on at the board meeting to be held on July 17, 2000 at 7:00 p.m. Glasscock County ISD reserves the right to accept, reject, or postpone any or all proposals. The district will consider each proposal's advantages to the district and will act in a manner that the board considers most advantageous to the district. All applicable laws, rules and regulations take precedence.
2784 June 15 & 22, 2000

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JUNE 22

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6 PM	News (CC)	Home Imp.	Washbone	Early Edition	News (CC)	News (CC)	News (CC)	Fresh Prince	Por Tu Amor	Movie: Love	Movie: Love	Movie: Love	Movie: Love	Movie: Love	Movie: Love	Movie: Love	Movie: Love	Movie: Love	Movie: Love	Movie: Love	Movie: Love	Movie: Love
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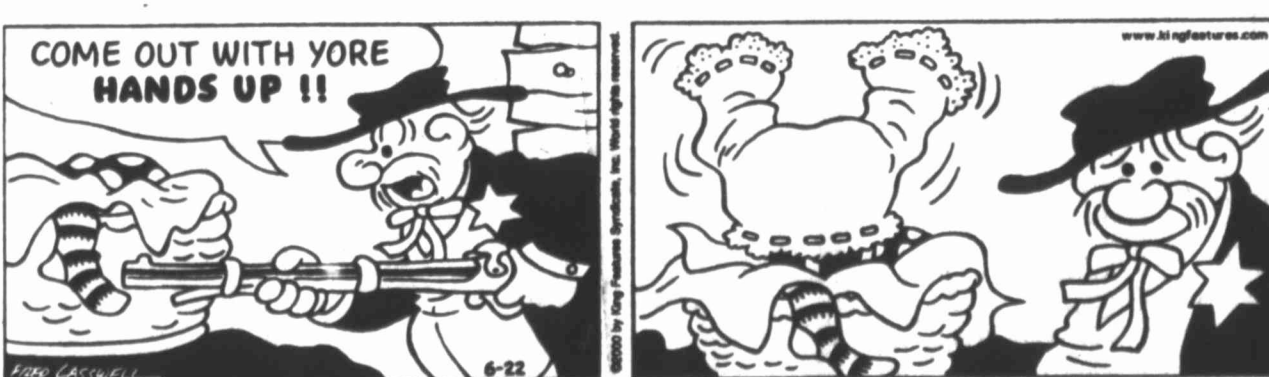
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IN HISTORY

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Today's Highlight in History:
On June 22, 1940, during World War II, Adolf Hitler gained a stunning victory as France was forced to sign an armistice eight days after German forces overran Paris.

On this date:
In 1815, Napoleon Bonaparte abdicated a second time.
In 1868, Arkansas was readmitted to the Union.
In 1870, Congress created the Department of Justice.
In 1911, Britain's King George V was crowned at Westminster Abbey.

THE Daily Crossword Edited by Wayne Robert Williams

ACROSS

- Epic story
- Attention getting sound
- Pan's wraps
- Extra added benefit
- Spanish painter
- Exchange
- Plumbing problem
- "Zapata!"
- Make fresh
- Suitable
- Gilpin of "Frasier"
- Young tom
- Start of Emerson quote
- Maxim
- Saturn's wife
- Wheel on a rotating shaft
- Reflection
- Cassowary's cousin
- Chesterfield
- Part 2 of quote
- Tehran's location
- Greek Aurora
- Lulus
- Lair
- Actor Erwin
- Pocket change
- End of quote
- One-millionth of a meter
- Thin strip of wood
- Mrs. Eddie Cantor
- Ice abode
- At the summit
- Stately bird
- Raccoon's kin
- Short skirt
- Open position
- "As You Like It" forest
- Ramits
- Distribute

DOWN

- Smacking sound
- First Hebrew letter
- Chiquitula resident
- Inquire
- Arrival
- Shag or bob, e.g.
- The King
- POW possibly
- Long, thin pieces
- Long, thin ridge
- Deliver a diatribe
- fixe (obsession)
- Darned
- Eucharist plate
- Inoperative
- Enter the net?
- Singer Perry
- Fit to be eaten
- At a distance
- Staffs
- Footnote abbr.
- Inconsequential
- UFO crew
- Medicinal bush
- Board
- Cletones' hit, "Heart and"
- Lift
- Sure winner
- Massachusetts, once
- Giraffe's cousins
- Author of "The Idiot"
- Port of Rome
- Dostoyevsky novel, with "The"
- Sample
- Complex silicate
- Composer Stravinsky
- Attired
- Unit of elec. current
- Belief system

Wednesday's Puzzle Solved

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Five years ago: House and Senate Republicans announced agreement on a compromise seven-year budget-balancing plan that would cut taxes by \$245 billion and slow spending for Medicare, Medicaid and dozens of other programs. Riot police stormed a hijacked jumbo jet in Hakodate, Japan, freeing all 364 people on board and capturing a lone hijacker.

One year ago: President Clinton visited ethnic Albanian refugees at a refugee camp in Macedonia. The Supreme Court ruled the Americans with Disabilities Act does not extend to people with poor eyesight or other correctable conditions.

Today's Birthdays: Movie director Billy Wilder is 94. Author Anne Morrow Lindbergh is 94. Fashion designer Bill Blass is 78. Actor Ralph Waite is 72. Country singer Roy Drusky is 70. Sen. Dianne Feinstein (D-Calif.) is 67. Singer-actor Kris Kristofferson is 64. CBS News correspondent Ed Bradley is 59. Actor Michael Lerner is 59. Fox News correspondent Brit Hume is 57. Actor Klaus Maria Brandauer is 56. Singer Peter Asher (Peter and Gordon) is 56. Actor Andrew Rubin is 54. Actor David L. Lander is 53. Singer Howard "Eddie" Kaylan is 53. Singer-musician Todd Rundgren is 52. Actress Meryl Streep is 51. Actress Lindsay Wagner is 51. Singer Alan Osmond is 51. Actor Murphy Cross is 50. Actor Graham Greene is 48.