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Griffin's final appeal hearing over, Steib will issue ruling in 10 days

HERALD Staff Report

It's up to retired district judge Curt Steib of San Angelo to determine whether fired Big Spring police officer Scott Griffin should be reinstated.

GRIFFIN

Griffin, a lieutenant in the department, was fired earlier this year for allegedly falsifying time sheets and has twice appealed his dismissal. His first appeal was denied by City Manager Gary Fuqua.

Steib heard his second and final appeal in city council chambers Monday.

After the day-long hearing, Steib said he will render a decision in 10 days.

Griffin worked as both a plain clothes and uniform officer for the department and was promoted to lieutenant in 1994.

BSSH volunteers to take on animal therapy project

By DEBBIE L. JENSEN
Features Editor

Big Spring State Hospital volunteers on Monday agreed to support the hospital's plan to construct a new building.

Superintendent Ed Moughon recently requested that the volunteers help fund the construction of a facility to house animal-assisted therapy programs. A therapy program using animals is already in place, but has been operating without a central location.

But volunteer council board chair Lexene Weaver said the group will raise funds in the coming year to change that situation.

"This is part of the ongoing commitment the volunteers have to the well-being of the patients," Weaver said.

Superintendent Ed Moughon said the hospital was "extremely grateful" to the volunteers for supporting the new program. He said he is a strong supporter of animal-assisted therapy.

Volunteer chairman of the project will be Don Newsom, and coordinator will be Ruth Stephenson.

Planned to cost about $40,000, the building will adjoin the activity therapy building. It will become home to some of the animals used regularly with patients, including Buddy, a beagle adopted from the Big Spring Humane Society.

The dog has quickly become a favorite among hospital patients and staff, as well as community groups he visits. Animals used regularly include four other dogs, an iguana, a turtle, a cat and a ferret.

Plans for the building must be approved by the state agency, TX/MHMR, then the hospital will begin finalizing plans and seeking bids on construction, said Kathy Higgins, community relations director.

"We look to complete it in one year," she said.

In the meantime, volunteers will be looking for opportunities to speak to community groups and organizations about animal-assisted therapy, Higgins said.

Cornell breaks ground on $13 million facility

By CARLTON JOHNSON
Staff Writer

Cornell Corrections should begin construction on its new $13 million 516-bed facility within 30 days, provide Big Spring with an additional 100 to 125 jobs and an annual payroll of approximately $10 million, according to Cornell President David Cornell.

Cornell addressed a crowd of about 50 people during this morning's groundbreaking ceremony for the new facility.

"We made a commitment a year ago to work with Big Spring and said we wanted to do more," Cornell said.

"We're proud that a lot of good people are working hard 24 hours a day, 365 days a year," Cornell added. "We can build all we want, but we can also fail if we don't have good employees on line at our facilities."

"This is great for Big Spring," City Manager Gary Fuqua said. "If means revenue for the city and good jobs as well. The possibility of expansion and more jobs in Big Spring is one of the things we looked at during negotiations last summer."

The goal is to have another ceremony by April 1, 1998 to open the new facility.

With the new facility, Cornell would operate four facilities in Big Spring and will house more than 1,800 inmates and employ 350 to 400 local residents.

Cornell's new facility will also generate another $15,000 in lease agreement revenue for the city.

According to Cornell, the company's activity in Big Spring is having a positive impact on the company as a whole.

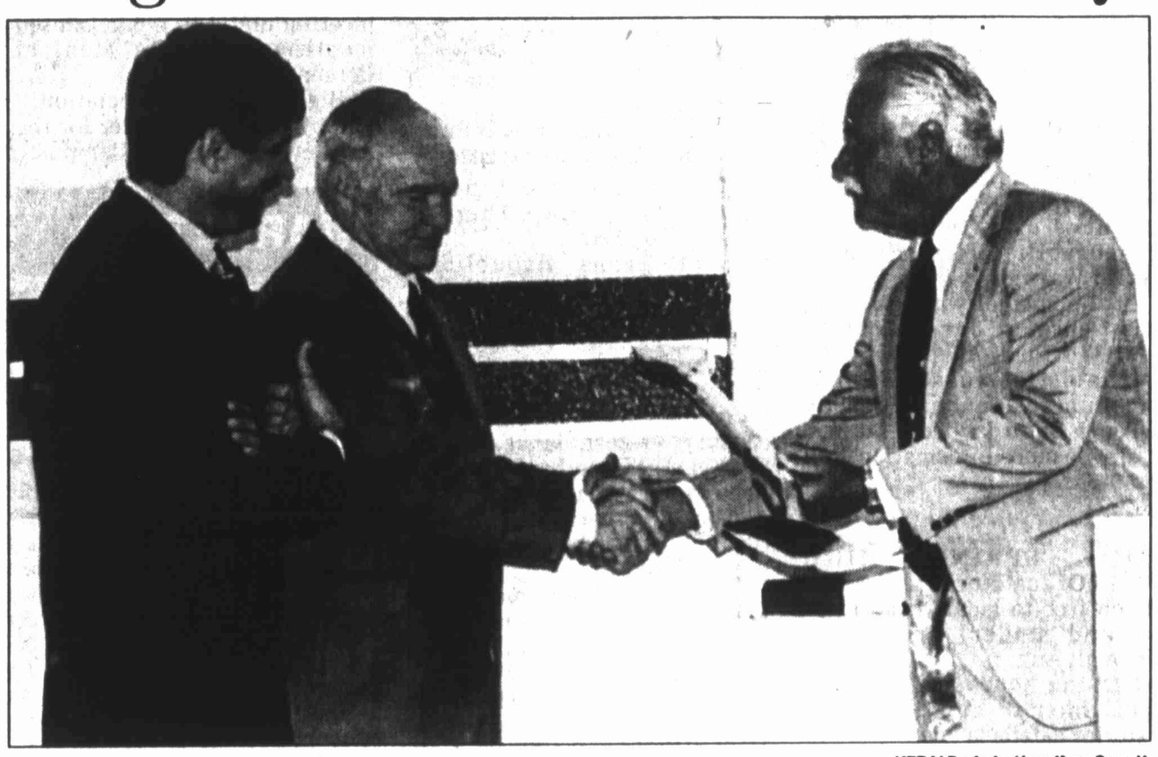
"As long as what's happening in Big Spring is representative of what our company is doing, we'll be fine," Cornell said. "My personal goal is that we be managing 10,000 beds by the end of 1997."

Cornell has also have a good response from offering its stock.

"Since last July, we've had an initial offering of our common stock and have some really good investments from Europe," Cornell said. "We will have another offering in September or October (a combination of debt and stock), which will help benefit our facilities in Idaho, Georgia, Arizona and here in Big Spring."

Cornell's Cornell's Executive Director of Secure Facilities Chuck Haugh said the entire project is about providing jobs and payroll in Big Spring.

"This would not be possible without the cooperation of the chamber of commerce, city of Big Spring and the city council," Haugh said. "There are a lot of people to thank for this."



HERALD photo/Jonathan Garrett

Cornell Correction's Executive Director of Secure Facilities Chuck Haugh presents a shovel to Cornell President David Cornell and Chief Operations Officer Bill Schoeffield at this morning's groundbreaking ceremony for Cornell's new 516-bed facility in Big Spring. The $13 million project is expected to be complete by April 1, 1998 and will add an additional 100 to 125 jobs and a $10 million annual payroll to Big Spring's economy.

Veterans' home

Speculation is that Big Spring a front-runner to land first of four homes planned for state

By CARLTON JOHNSON
Staff Writer

Big Spring's Veterans Affairs Medical Center (VAMC) recently broke ground to expand its outpatient clinic by some 15,000 square feet, something that may add to the city's chance of securing one of four state veterans homes.

Last week, Gov. George W. Bush signed legislation authorizing the construction of the homes due in part to the efforts of State Rep. David Counts (D-Knox City) and others.

Speculation is that Big Spring has a good chance at landing one of the four homes because of the numbers of veterans in the surrounding area and the presence of the VAMC.

Last week, the Texas Veterans Land Board mailed out more than 200 letters to city and county officials around the state, including Big Spring, Abilene and San Angelo, requesting applications to build the homes.

Responses are due in July.

Texas is one of 10 states that does not currently have this type of facility despite having 504,000 veterans older than 65 residing in the state — a number that's expected to reach 525,000 in the next 13 years.

According to recent statistics, approximately 11,620 veterans age 65 and older reside in and around Big Spring, Midland, Odessa, San Angelo and Abilene.

Landing a veterans home would mean a $4.5 million payroll being added to the Big Spring economy.

The Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce, Moore Development For Big Spring, the city of Big Spring, Howard County, the Big Spring Independent School District and Howard College are working together to present Big Spring's proposal for one of the facilities.

The homes would would care for elderly vets just as a nursing home cares for its patients.

Legislation signed by Gov. Bush would provide funding for two homes this biennium and one home in each of the next two bienniums.

A veterans home in Howard County would mean a 150-bed facility on about 25 acres.

The proposed homes would 65 percent funded by the federal government, which means a state and local contribution of $3.5 million to $4 million because the projected cost of each project is about $11 million.

Fate of two men lie in hands of 118th District Court juries

HERALD Staff Report

Jurors in the 118th District Court will decide the fate of two Big Spring men this week.

Phillip Trammell went on trial today on a charge of sexual assault of a child, while Jonathan Shane Allen is expected to face a jury Wednesday on robbery charges.

If convicted of the felony, Trammell, 49, could be sentenced to between 2 and 99 years, or life in prison. He also could be fined up to $10,000.

Allen faces charges that he, along with two others, robbed Wanda Mize earlier this year. Allen, Danny Roberts and David Summers allegedly broke into Mize's home on Jan. 22, accosted and threatened her, robbed the house and then stole her car.

Roberts and Summers were later caught in Abilene and have since pleaded guilty to robbery charges. Allen was apprehended in a shopping center in Abilene.

Roberts and Summers were caught in Mobile, Ala. in Mize's automobile while Allen was apprehended after attempting to use her credit cards.

Police were notified by a merchant after the credit cards showed to have been reported stolen as the merchant sought authorization.

District Attorney Hardy Wilkerson said Allen will likely plead guilty to the robbery charge.

"My discussions with the defense attorney indicate (Allen) will plead guilty Wednesday, so we'll have a sentencing hearing Wednesday," Wilkerson said.

If convicted of the second degree felony, Allen faces between 2-20 years in prison and a fine of up to $10,000. He would not be eligible for parole, Wilkerson said.

Commissioners vote to exit grant partnership

By STEVE REAGAN
Staff Writer

Calling it a "noble experiment that failed," Howard County commissioners Monday moved toward dissolving their role in the partnership that finances the city/county grant writer position.

Precinct 4 Commissioner Sonny Choate said it was time to end the county's role in funding the position, which will become vacant when Leigh Corson resigns later this year.

"We have expended $25,000 over two years (on the position), and we've received a $25,000 grant in that time," Choate said. "So I guess you could say we broke even."

Currently, the position is funded equally between the city and county, with Corson working under the direction of Moore Development for Big Spring, Inc. Monday, commissioners formally ended their partnership with Moore Development, and will meet with city officials in the near future to determine whether to dissolve that partnership as well.

"If the city is interested in continuing the position, we'll listen," Choate said. "But we'll not be doing it with the Moore board anymore. Personally, I'm not interested in it. It was a good idea, but we're not making any money from it.

"The Moore board is not interested in being a part of this, and I'm not either, to tell you the truth," he added.

In other action:

- Approved a contract with Peoples Telink to provide phone service for prisoners at the county jail. The deal will earn the county a projected $35,642 a year.
- Approved spending $7,650 to purchase 18 hand-held radios for use in the sheriff's office.
- OK'd the hiring of part-time help at the sheriff's office and county library.

Lockhart breaks 2-2 deadlock on hiring full-time court reporter

By STEVE REAGAN
Staff Writer

It was not a matter of whether they'd save money, but how much they'd save.

Howard County commissioners voted 3-2 Monday to hire Karen Freeman as a full-time county court reporter, in essence choosing convenience over economy.

Commissioners Sonny Choate and Bill Crooker voted against the hiring, while Emma Brown and Jerry Worthy voted in favor. County Judge Ben Lockhart broke the tie by voting for Freeman's hiring.

Howard County court reporters make enough money through fees to cover the cost of their salaries, but commissioners were split on just how much money to spend on the position.

Last year, using part-time court reporters, the county paid out $21,000 in salaries, while collecting $33,000 in fees. Hiring Freeman, who was court reporter for the 118th District Court, will cost the county $24,000 in salary plus an estimated $6,000 in full-time employee benefits, County Auditor Jackie Olson said.

The resulting difference in profit chilled Choate and Crooker to the idea of hiring a full-time reporter.

"It just seems to me that we're spending more money instead of making money,"

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Postal Service hikes some rates, others stay same

By STEVE REAGAN
Staff Writer

Big Spring will not be affected by announced changes in post office box fees. The current rate for local customers — $20 for six months — will remain the same.

Big Spring area residents will be largely unaffected by recent changes announced by the U.S. Postal Service that include increased coverage for insured mail, the elimination of special delivery and changes in the fee structure for post office boxes.

However, Big Spring Postmaster Richard Saxton said many of the changes will not affect local postal customers.

"The majority of the changes will not affect Big Spring," Saxton said. "Our delivery will stay pretty much the same."

Changes that will affect local customers include:

- Simplified registered mail fees. Now, instead of having the option of insuring a registered mail item, any article valued at more than $100 is automatically insured.
- The fee for certified mail increases to $1.35.
- Coverage for insured mail will increase from $600 to $5,000. For high-value merchandise such as electronic and computer equipment sent by Express Mail, coverage increases from $500 to $5,000.

Big Spring will not be affected by announced changes in post office box fees. Saxton said the current rate for local customers — $20 for six months — will remain the same.

A change that might affect some customers, however, is that if they live in an area that is not serviced by mail delivery, they will have the option of receiving free use of a post office box.

Saxton does not know of any customers within Big Spring's delivery area who would qualify for the free boxes, but asked anyone who felt they might qualify to contact him.

WEATHER

Today: Wed: Thurs Fri:

Tonight, slight chance of evening thunderstorms. Lows 63-70. Wednesday, sunny. Highs around 95. Wednesday night, fair. Lows in the 60s. Thursday, mostly sunny. Highs near 90. Friday, partly cloudy with a slight chance of thunderstorms. Lows in the 60s.

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OBITUARIES

Mrs. C.D. "Marie" Lawson

Service for Mrs. C.D. "Marie" Lawson, 87, Big Spring, will be 1 p.m. Wednesday, June 11, 1997, at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with Dr. Robert Lacey, pastor of Hillcrest Baptist Church, officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

LAWSON

Mrs. Lawson died Sunday, June 8, in a local nursing home.

She was born on Jan. 30, 1910, in Ennis, and married Carmel Lawson on July 25, 1927, in Waxahachie. He preceded her in death on Sept. 24, 1992. Mrs. Lawson came to Big Spring in 1930 from Regor Springs. Together with her husband she owned and operated Lawson Grocery Store at 18th and Johnson for a number of years. She was a homemaker and a member of Hillcrest Baptist Church.

Survivors include: two daughters, Wanda Joy Peavey, Garland, and Carrie Sue Mangum, Universal City; two brothers, Jack Harrell, Fowler, Colo., and Fay Harrell, Big Spring; two sisters, Lillie Mae Miller, Pasadena, and Lou Wanda Malone, Weed, Calif.; eight grandchildren; and 14 great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials to the donor's favorite charity.

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

LOCKHART

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Choate said. "What we're doing, in effect, is is costing the taxpayers money. Right now, we're making $12,000 profit (by using part-time reporters), and if we hire (Freeman), that'll come down to $3,000. I don't think that's very economical."

In response, Lockhart said two factors validated the hiring.

First, Lockhart said the $12,000 profit realized last year is not set in stone, as costs are likely to fluctuate from year to year. Also, he noted that certain hearings — such as those concerning juvenile matters — often convene on short notice, justifying the hiring of a permanent reporter.

"It cost us over $20,000 last year, but this year it could be more," Lockhart said. "Plus, she'll be across the hall. I won't have to call Midland and make arrangements (for a reporter). She'll be a full-time employee, and she'll be available (on short notice)."

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

Mrs. C.D. "Marie" Lawson, 87, died Sunday. Services will be 1:00 PM Wednesday at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

Armittie Cook, 75, died Sunday. Services will be 3:00 PM Wednesday at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

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Environmental racism case goes to court in Houston

HOUSTON (AP) — Residents in a black southeast Houston neighborhood built atop old oil storage pits are in federal court trying to prove Chevron USA is responsible for a list of health problems they blame on petroleum-contaminated soil.

That's a bunch of bunk, says Chevron USA, which inherited the Gulf Oil Co. storage pit history when its parent — Chevron Corp. of San Francisco — bought Gulf Oil in 1985.

Chevron never owned the property. It was sold by Gulf Oil to a development company some 17 years before Chevron bought Gulf.

Because of that unique distinction, this case, rife with charges of environmental racism, is different from other cases where residents sue a corporation.

This complicated case — in which 3,000 residents of Houston's Kennedy Heights neighborhood claim contaminated soil caused illnesses ranging from headaches to lupus, cancer and birth defects — got a late start last Friday.

When testimony resumes Tuesday, plaintiffs lawyers hope to prove that Chevron must take responsibility for the residents' plight even though Gulf Oil sold the property to a development company before Chevron entered the picture.

"Chevron never owned it, Chevron never operated it ... but in court they say Chevron did this and Chevron did that," said Mickey Driver, spokesman for Houston-based Chevron USA. "I'll tell you something else — Gulf Oil didn't do it either."

The Kennedy Heights plaintiffs are represented by John O'Quinn, who successfully represented breast implant recipients against Dow Corning. Tying a subsidiary to a parent company is not a new strategy for him.

What is different is whether a company must be held accountable to actions committed by another company years before it is bought.

Benjamin Hall, a lawyer in O'Quinn's firm working on the case, says Chevron — in its own memos after the Gulf Oil purchase — admitted to liability in the case of Kennedy Heights.

Hall said Chevron went as far as trying to bribe a testing company the plaintiffs hired to examine the soil with a more lucrative contract in New Mexico.

If the company dropped the Kennedy Heights plaintiffs as clients, Hall said, Chevron was going to reward the testing group with a better contract.

"They (Chevron) asked them not work on the plaintiffs case in exchange for a lucrative New Mexico contract," Hall said.

Chevron USA's Driver said Hall is mistaken.

"Total lie," Driver said.

The case is expected to take up to 12 weeks to play out before jurors in U.S. District Kenneth Hoyt's courtroom. Hoyt has set a Tuesday through Friday scheduled for the trial.

The lawsuit seeks damages including relocation expenses for 3,000 residents, medical costs for the ill and punitive damages. The total could reach more than $500 million if jurors find the company liable, said a spokeswoman for the group of residents.

Gulf Oil allegedly used three storage pits — large holes dug in the ground — to house hazardous material from 1922-27.

Gulf sold the property to a development company specializing in "negro" housing in 1968. The plaintiffs plan to show how Gulf's action occurred after they failed to sell the land for development "white" housing because the pits had not been properly cleaned out.

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BRIEFS

IT'S RECYCLE DAY IN Coahoma.

Coahoma, Clean and Proud will be accepting recyclable items in the empty lot west of Little Sooper grocery store from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday.

Organizers will be collecting all types of paper, including newspaper, pasteboard, cardboard, and feed sacks, aluminum, and steel, as well as *Campbell* soup labels for the schools and used eyeglasses for the Lions Club. For more information, call Irene at 394-4424.

THE FRIENDS OF THE Library of Howard County will have their monthly meeting, June 19, at noon at the library. If you are a member of the Friends of the Library or interested in becoming one, you are encouraged to attend the meeting.

THE STATE PARK WILL have Nature Walk and Sunset Tales with nature walks starting at 8 p.m. and storytelling at 9 p.m. every Saturday in June. Meet at the upper picnic pavilion/playground area. The cost is $2 (park admission for adults 13 years and older).

THE HERITAGE MUSEUM WILL have a special walk-through of its latest exhibit at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday. It includes over 100 pieces of memorabilia primarily from World Wars I and II.

At the special walk-through, guest curators Jake Glickman and Wofford Hardy will be available for questions. The museum is open Tuesday through Saturday from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. For more information, call 267-8255.

BIG SPRING HIGH SCHOOL cafeteria will serve lunch free to local youth (ages 18 and under) from now through Aug. 1.

Serving hours are 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Enter through the north exterior cafeteria door.

The free lunch is part of the Summer Food Service Program, an extension of the National School Lunch Program. No proof of residence or income required. No meal will be served on July 4.

WEST TEXAS OPPORTUNITIES, INC. will distribute commodities at 1607 East Third, from 8:15 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursday.

All recipients that were certified thru June 11, may pick up their food. Please bring someone with you to carry your commodities; you will be receiving about 17 pounds of food. For more information contact West Texas Opportunities at 1000 11th Place or call 267-9536.

SPRINGBOARD

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

TODAY

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

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

•Al-Anon, 8 to 9 p.m., 615 Settles.

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

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

•MS group, 6:30 p.m., Canterbury South. Call Diane at 263-0148.

WEDNESDAY

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

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

THURSDAY

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

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

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

•Support Group for Depression, 7 p.m., Howard College room A-10.

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

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

•American Legion Auxiliary Post 506, 7 p.m. Call 263-2084.

•Christmas in April, noon, 1607 E. Third. Call Theresa Hodnett, 263-0147.

•West Texas Republican Women's Club, noon, Big Spring Country Club.

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

FRIDAY

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

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

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

•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.

SATURDAY

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

•Howard County Scottish Rite Club, 7:30 a.m., Masonic Lodge, 21st and Lancaster. Breakfast served ($4). All Scottish Rite Masons welcome.

•Alzheimer's support group, 10 a.m., Carriage Inn Retirement Center, 501 W. 17th.

•Nature walks 8 p.m. and 9 p.m. storytelling at the Big Spring State Park. Meet at the upper picnic pavilion/playground area. The cost is admission to the park.

SUNDAY

•Good Shepherd Fellowship Church, 610 Abrams, has services at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend.

•Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, 11 a.m. closed meeting and 7 p.m. open meeting.

MONDAY

•Big Spring Evening Lion's Club, 6:30 p.m., 1607 E. Third. Call Jan Noyes, 267-5811.

•Project Freedom, Christian support group, 7 p.m. Call 263-5140 or 263-2241.

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

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

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

•Encourager's support group, 6 p.m., First Presbyterian Church, Seventh and Runnels. Enter through the north door. This will be a covered dish and the program will be by Sheree Moates. For more information call 398-5522 or 399-4369.

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•Big Spring Art Association, 7 p.m., West Texas Center for the Arts, Howard College Campus.

BIG SPRING AROUND THE TOWN

MARKETS

Texas Lottery PICK 3: 5,5,9 CASH 5:12,20,22,25,36

July cotton 72.35 cents a pound, up 23 points; June crude oil 18.88, up 20 points; Cash hogs steady at 57.50; slaughter steers steady at 63; June lean hog futures 80.45, up 2 points; June live cattle futures 63.50, up 5 points.

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ATT	36⅜ +⅛
Amoco	89½ +⅜
Atlantic Richfield	146⅛ + 1⅛
Atmos Energy	24½ +⅛
Chevron	72⅞ + 1
Chrysler	32⅞ nc
Cifra	1.60-1.63
Coca-Cola	69 +½
De Beers	35½ -⅛
DuPont	111⅞ +⅞
Excel Comm.	23⅜ +⅛
Exxon	61⅞ +⅜
Fina	64½ -½
Ford Motors	37⅞ -⅛
Halliburton	81⅞ -⅛
IBM	87⅛ +⅜
Laser Indus LTD	14⅝ +⅛
Medical Alliance	5⅛ nc
Mobil	139⅜ +⅝
Norwest	56 + 1
NUV	9⅝ nc
Phillips Petroleum	43⅝ nc
Palex Inc.	10¼ +⅛
Pepsi Cola	37½ +⅛
Rural/Metro	30⅛ -⅛
Sears	52¼ +⅝
Southwestern Bell	58 +⅛
Sun	30 +¼
Texaco	111¼ + 1⅛
Texas Instruments	88½ - 1
Texas Utils. Co	32¾ +⅛
Unocal Corp	42 +¼
Wal-Mart	31⅛ nc
Amcap	14.78-15.68
Euro Pacific	28.15-29.87
I.C.A.	27.74-29.43
New Economy	18.94-20.10
New Perspective	20.30-21.54
Van Kampen	14.37-15.09
Prime Rate	8.50%
Gold	343.50- 344.00
Silver	4.72- 4.75

POLICE

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following incidents between 8 a.m. Monday and 8 a.m. Tuesday:

• **RANDALL MIEARS,** 25, 1605 E. 14th, was arrested on a charge of disorderly conduct.

• **JAMES ROBERTS,** 28, Garden City, was arrested on a charge of assault/family violence.

• **SANDRA KING,** 47, HC 76 Box 52, was arrested on a charge of criminal trespass.

• **CALEB ROBERTSON,** 20, 1109 Runnels, was arrested on a charge of theft under $50.

• **DAVID WAYNE O'BRIEN,** 18, Rt. 3 Box 151, was arrested on a charge of theft under $50.

• **KEVIN LEE DUNLAP,** 20, Rt. 3 Box 157, was arrested on a charge of theft under $50.

• **CONNIE LYNNE McDANIEL,** 36, 5607 Murphy Rd., was arrested on a charge of assault/family violence.

• **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported to the police department, on the 500 block of West Fourth, the 1400 block of Oriole, the 1300 block of Mulberry, and the 3300 block of West Business 20.

• **THEFT** was reported on the 400 block of Gregg and the 1800 block of Gregg.

• **VIOLATION OF A PROTECTIVE ORDER** was reported on the 1200 block of Lamar.

SHERIFF

The Howard County Sheriff's Office reported the following incidents between 8 a.m. Monday and 8 a.m. Tuesday:

• **STEVE ALVAREZ,** 31, 1613 Harding, was arrested on a charge of failure to appear.

• **HENRY FRANCO,** 32, Cedar Park, was arrested on a charge of contempt of court and sentenced to 30 days in the county.

• **WILLIAM JOSEPH TKACIK,** 49, Borger, was arrested on a Hutchinson County warrant charging aggravated sexual assault of a child and indecency with a child.

• **GREGORY PAUL BODIN,** 24, Hilltop Rd., was arrested on a charge of public intoxication and unlawfully carrying a weapon.

• **HARASSMENT** was reported on Wasson Road.

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Defense paints picture of McVeigh as model soldier, class clown

DENVER (AP) — Timothy McVeigh was a lanky class clown dubbed "chicken" by his high school classmates. He was a top-notch soldier who helped save a comrade's life and was saddened by begging Iraqi children.

McVeigh was all of those things before he blew up the Oklahoma City federal building, according to friends and Army colleagues. He was charming at times, a young man who admired fairness. He loved strawberry Pop-Tarts.

Attorneys for the 29-year-old Gulf War veteran hope glimpses of McVeigh's less ominous past will spare him from execution for murder and conspiracy. He faces death or life in prison for the April 19, 1995, bombing that killed 168 people, the deadliest act of domestic terrorism in U.S. history.

Testimony in the penalty phase was to resume today. Jurors could begin deliberations as early as Wednesday.

Throughout the trial that ended last week in McVeigh's conviction, prosecutors argued that McVeigh bombed the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building exactly two years after the deadly siege on the Branch Davidian compound near Waco, Texas, as revenge and to spark a second American Revolution.

While the defense has indicated it will attempt to address the Waco siege, much of its penalty case has relied on McVeigh's friends and neighbors. Some had trouble believing McVeigh's transformation from a happy-go-lucky boy into a disillusioned veteran fixated on the disaster at Waco.

Richard Drzyzga, who lived four doors from the McVeighs in Pendleton, N.Y., testified Monday that after McVeigh served in the Gulf War he disappeared for about a year, and then one day in 1993 sent Drzyzga a videotape critical of the FBI's deadly raid at Waco.

"I'm torn, confused," Drzyzga said in a choked voice. "There is a part of me that still remembers him from a little kid. And then there's a part that sees what everybody else sees on TV and gets angry. And I can't put the two together.

HERALD files

Timothy McVeigh (left) is shown with Terry Nichols in this artist's sketch during the change of venue hearing that resulted in McVeigh's trial being moved to Denver.

"It scared me," he said. "It scared me to the point that I turned to my wife and said, 'What the hell has he gotten into.'"

There were other signs of McVeigh's transformation.

Gulf War gunner William Dilly testified that McVeigh was always urging him to read "The Turner Diaries," a racist novel that begins with the bombing of a federal building by revolutionaries. He also described how McVeigh had a habit of taking battlefield pictures of dead Iraqis.

And one defense witness, McVeigh's childhood friend Vicki Hodge, hinted at his changed personality when he left the Army in 1991 after failing to qualify for the elite Special Forces.

"He seemed maybe just a little bit disillusioned," said "Hodge, who hasn't seen McVeigh much since that time.

Vincent Capparra spoke of McVeigh's friendliness as an employee at an armored car service in the mid-1980s. But he also told of how McVeigh caught children throwing egg-filled snowballs and warned one of them that he "could really blow up his house."

But when "Hodge knew him — from fourth grade until they parted ways after high school — McVeigh was the class clown and a gangly teen who had the nickname "Chicken McVeigh," a play on Chicken McNuggets. It was later shortened by friends to just "Chicken."

"I loved Tim," she said. "He's my second brother. And I still always will love him."

For the most part, McVeigh's Army buddies sang his praises — and he smiled or laughed in response.

"He was it, the man, the top dog of the company," said Bruce Williams, who served in a cramped Bradley fighting vehicle with McVeigh during the 1991 war against Iraq. "I just assumed he would go and do great things."

Capt. Jesus Rodriguez, his chest loaded with medals, described McVeigh as "an outstanding soldier" who helped save a soldier's life and was cool — and accurate — under enemy fire. It was with Rodriguez that McVeigh shared the Pop-Tarts that came in the mail.

The veterans acknowledged under cross-examination they hadn't seen McVeigh since at least 1992 and knew nothing about his life, thoughts or plans in the year before the bombing.

Neither did Drzyzga, the former neighbor. But he testified that McVeigh was disturbed by the effects of war on the Iraqi people.

"The U.S. government wasn't allowed to do anything positive for these Iraqis, so that really struck him just to see the kids kind of wandering around and begging for food and them not really being able to do anything," Drzyzga said. "It saddened him."

Drzyzga also recalled McVeigh's description of combat death: "He took sight on someone, pulled the trigger and killed them."

He said McVeigh appeared to believe it was something that had to be done, "but he didn't feel good about doing it."

TEXAS BRIEFS

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

Jury gives $900,000 to woman pinned in ravine 3 days

DALLAS — A woman who crashed her truck in Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport and lay pinned in a ravine for almost three days has won $900,000 in court.

Jamie Peavy had sued the airport and the construction companies that were working on a new runway.

The jury verdict, announced Monday in the court of state District Judge Merrill Hartman, divided blame for the accident between the airport and construction companies T.J. Lambrecht Construction Inc. and the Ralph Parsons Co.

Another company, H.B. Zachry, was absolved of responsibility.

Jurors said the airport and the companies found responsible should have had adequate signs on the road where Ms. Peavy crashed in 1994.

Fingerprint, witness point to Reid at hearing

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — The sole survivor of the McDonald's restaurant slayings testified he'll never forget the face of the man who shot his three co-workers one-by-one in the back of the head before pointing the gun at him.

Instead of the expected gunshot, Jose Gonzalez remembers hearing a hollow click.

"He fired, but the bullet didn't come out," Gonzalez testified Monday before identifying former Texas inmate Paul Reid as the assailant.

In addition to the eyewitness identification of Reid, police have recovered Reid's fingerprint from a video rental card belonging to one of two victims of another restaurant slaying in which he's charged. The card and other items from Steve Hampton's wallet were found along a Nashville highway shortly after his murder.

General Sessions Judge Sue McKnight Evans sent five counts of criminal homicide to a grand jury, which will decide whether to try Reid.

After nearly 3 months, no arrests in Laura Smither case

HOUSTON — A lot of leads, possible suspects and even two confessions have surfaced in the investigation into the April disappearance and slaying of a 12-year-old suburban Friendswood girl.

But so far, the killer of Laura Smither has not been found. A pool of potential suspects has been narrowed from hundreds to 23. Autopsy tests are still being done to determine how the child died. And two confessions from arrestees in Florida and Houston have proven false.

Friendswood Police Chief Jared Stout says he's not surprised the case is taking a long time to solve. He also is not discouraged.

"Our feet are flat and will continue to be so," Stout said. "We thought we'd be in this for the long-haul. There is no statute of limitations."

Laura disappeared during a morning jog on April 3. Her body was found April 20 in a Pasadena pond about 20 minutes from her home.

Dan Morales says he'll seek another term as AG

AUSTIN — Texas Attorney General Dan Morales says he plans to seek another term.

Morales, a Democrat first elected attorney general in 1992, said he has unfinished business he would like to tend to in a third term.

"It certainly is my intention at this point to seek re-election," Morales said, responding to questions from reporters after speaking at a trucking conference in San Antonio on Monday.

Morales said he isn't ready yet to make a formal public announcement.

But he said several issues are a priority for his office heading into the next four years.

Feds make public plea in Atlanta bombings

ATLANTA (AP) — Federal investigators hope the release of a threatening letter from the "Army of God" will help solve three bombings at an abortion clinic, a gay club and last summer's Olympic games.

"I think based on what we've seen here in the last 10 months we must continue to be vigilant ... and be aware that we could have another bombing," said Jack Daulton, the FBI investigator leading the bombing investigation.

Almost a year after a bomb killed one person and injured more than 100 at Centennial Olympic Park on July 27, officials said Monday they're increasingly certain the attack is related to later bombings at an Atlanta abortion clinic and a gay and lesbian nightclub.

Investigators released detailed composite sketches of two men believed to have been seen outside the abortion clinic, along with a new photo showing a hazy figure sitting on the Olympic Park bench where that bomb was placed.

The letter claiming responsibility for the Jan. 16 clinic blast and the Feb. 21 nightclub bombing is scrawled in childlike block letters denouncing "sodomites" and those who commit "ungodly preversion."

Investigators hope someone will recognize the handwriting.

A similar approach led last year to the arrest of Unabomber suspect Theodore Kaczynski following the publication of a manifesto from someone claiming credit for the string of mail bombs over 18 years. The handwriting was recognized by Kaczynski's brother, who notified authorities.

Believing the three Atlanta bombings may be linked, investigators combined their three separate investigations and extended the $500,000 Olympic bombing reward to cover the two other blasts.

Though the letter sent to news organizations days after the last blast makes no mention of the Olympic attack, the omission hasn't dissuaded investigators.

"He may have tried to avoid that responsibility for whatever reason," Daulton said at a news conference.

Handwritten in capital letters with numerous misspellings, the letter said the Army of God is responsible for both bombings. It says the clinic bombs were set to avenge "the murder of 4.5 million children every year," while the nightclub bombing targeted "sodomites."

Investigators hope the author's handwriting and key phrases — such as "Death to the New World Order" and "the ungodly communist regime in New York," apparently a reference to the United Nations — might produce a tip.

Despite what investigators believe, there are differences between the Olympic bombing and the two that followed.

Black powder was used in the Olympic bomb, while the others used dynamite. Unlike the Olympic bombing, the others contained a second bomb authorities believe was intended for law enforcement officers sent to the scene.

"There is a significant difference," said Jack Killorin, agent in charge of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms in Atlanta. "However, there's also the fact that in one city in the short span of eight months, we've had three anti-personnel bombs."

During two previous pleas for help, investigators released photographs of people in the park the night of the Olympic bombing, showed a replica of the military-style backpack that held that bomb, and played the tape of a 911 call warning of the Olympic bombing.

Agents asked people with info to call 1-888-273-2662.

Toronto in terrible tizzy over toplessness

TORONTO (AP) — Most of the year, it's simply too cold in Ontario for the Gwen Jacob court ruling to have much impact. But with the advent of hot weather, this supposedly straight-laced province is in a tizzy over toplessness.

Back in 1991, Jacob was convicted and fined for public indecency for taking a topless stroll one hot July day down a street in Guelph, Ontario.

In December, an Ontario appeals court overturned her conviction, ruling that women have the right to go topless in public.

During the winter, the issue wasn't an issue — too cold to go topless outside. But since mild temperatures returned last month, scarcely a day has passed without some new news report on toplessness.

Initially, most of the controversy was sparked by local officials as they wrestled with whether to allow bare-breasted women at public swimming pools and beaches.

Last week, several prostitutes in Ottawa created a new kind of stir, flashing their breasts at passing motorists and pedestrians,

"It kind of blocked traffic for a while," said Doris Chouinor, manager of a waffle restaurant overlooking the scene.

In Toronto, strippers took advantage of the season's hottest day yet Monday to display their breasts on a downtown street corner, amusing some passers-by and angering others.

Toronto police had indicated previously that they would consider filing charges if bare breasts were being displayed for sexual purposes.

Toronto, Canada's biggest city, was known for decades as "Toronto the Good" — a taunting title bestowed because of a perception that prudishness pervaded the metropolis. The nickname has lingered despite major changes on the morality front in the past 30 years, ranging from the growth of a large gay community to the proliferation of strip joints.

While Guelph and several other municipalities have sought to maintain some sort of restrictions on toplessness, Toronto has taken a laissez-faire approach.

Under a policy adopted last month, staff at public pools, parks and beaches will leave topless women alone unless there is a complaint. In those cases, the woman will be informed of the complaint, but no further action will be taken, and it would be up to the complainant to call police.

"In my faraway youth, there were debates that bikinis were going to produce the end of Western civilization," said Ray Biggart, the acting parks commissioner. "It hasn't happened yet."

Not all officials are as blase as Biggart. Mayor Mel Lastman of North York, a suburb of 500,000 people just north of Toronto, worried that public toplessness could provoke male misbehavior.

"It's just enticing the crazies to do something nuts," he said.

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Quote of the Day

"Prejudice is the child of ignorance."
-William Hazlitt

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OUR VIEWS

Hospital's volunteers up to the plate again

Leave it to the volunteers at the Big Spring State Hospital to show us what they're made of. That group of caring, concerned people has done it again.

The volunteer council on Monday voted to support Superintendent Ed Moughon's request to fund construction of a new building. It will house the hospital's pet therapy program, which is already operating successfully.

But the animals — Buddy the beagle, Ginger the poodle, Henrietta the turtle and others — had no permanent place to stay at the hospital. Therapists were operating the program on a shoestring, or a leash, without a base for their four-footed helpers.

Volunteers, realizing that no program can grow without a place to start, agreed to raise funds for the $40,000 building. We're obviously not talking about frills here. Described as a basic-needs only facility, it is planned to adjoin the activities therapy building.

Before you scoff at the idea of animals as "therapists," consider the words of our local experts. Moughon, along with therapist Corey Marr, who first started the program, are among those who have said the idea works: They've seen the results.

Experts say this type of therapy offers a ray of light to those trapped in the "black cloud" mental illness can cast. Caring for animals, they say, can give patients a safe environment in which to feel and show affection.

It's clearly something members of the volunteer council understand.

OTHER VIEWS

After that morning of terror came more than two years of painful remembrance. The proceedings in Denver may add at least some peace to the lives of those who lost so much — and so many — in the Oklahoma City bombing.

The verdict in Timothy McVeigh's trial is the most important moment in this horrible case since his arrest barely an hour after the destruction and chaos he brought into the lives of hundreds of thousands of innocent people.

This is a victory for orderly process, in the most wrenching criminal case in recent judicial history. It vindicates an oustanding team of national and local federal prosecutors who worked tirelessly for the people and the constitutional system they have sworn to uphold.

The result compliments the nobility of purpose found in the hearts of 12 Coloradans who never sought to face such wrenching issues. When the burden became theirs, they stood tall — as did Oklahomans in the aftermath of those events on April 19, 1995.

THE DAILY OKLAHOMAN, Oklahoma City

In finding Timothy McVeigh guilty in the 1995 terrorist bombing of the Oklahoma City Federal building, the jury ... rendered a verdict that was amply supported by the evidence. The outcome has provided a restorative measure of justice and closure for the blast's survivors and for victims' relatives. ... It has also provided a reassuring example of the nation's jury system at work.

This was no rush to judgment. The jury ... deliberated 44 hours over four days before deciding to convict Mr. McVeigh of all 11 counts of murder and conspiracy. ...

The Oklahoma bombing case is not over. There are sentencing hearings and a trial of Mr. McVeigh's alleged co-conspirator still to come. Meanwhile, the nation is left with a favorable impression of orderly justice.

THE NEW YORK TIMES

Americans learned after the O.J. Simpson trial that it's unwise to predict what any given jury will do. So as they gathered around radios and television sets ... to hear the verdict in the McVeigh case, tensions were running high — nowhere more so than among the groups of bombing victims and survivors waiting in Denver and Oklahoma City. The verdict of guilty on all 11 counts was not really a surprise, given the strength of the government's carefully constructed case. But it was at least a relief for those who had waited for justice for more than two years.

Even if the verdict had been different, there would be no room for complaint about the way the trial was run. Judge Richard Matsch was in firm control throughout, and his demeanor and strong leadership were reflected in the conduct of the attorneys and jurors. ...

In spite of the rage of a nation and the enormity of his crime, Timothy McVeigh was not rushed to judgment. He was accorded all his rights, including fine lawyers and an eminently fair trial. ...

THE WASHINGTON POST

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It's finger-pointing time again in Washington

By WALTER R. MEARS
AP Special Correspondent

When government agencies shut down for lack of funds 18 months ago, President Clinton blamed the Republicans and gained an issue. Now the blame game is on again, over a GOP measure to bar shutdowns this year.

The Republicans say they want to insure against another spending deadlock that leaves some agencies without funds, by passing legislation to continue appropriations at 1997 levels if new ones are not enacted for 1998.

The White House sees other motives, and a trap, in which planned increases could be blocked simply by inaction. The year-end deadline usually keeps the pressure on both Congress and the administration to get appropriations bills completed before Oct. 1.

That wouldn't be so this year were there to be a decision in advance on a "continuing resolution," congressional parlance for measures to keep agencies financed until their regular appropriations bills are completed. The duration of those resolutions has varied. The automatic one at issue now would cover the next budget year.

Clinton has said he'd veto a bill that includes funds for flood and other disaster relief rather than accept the Republican measure tied to it by House and Senate votes. The overall bill, still awaiting final action, includes $5.5 billion in disaster relief appropriations. Neither that nor the $8.4 billion total is in dispute; the bill has been snagged by other issues for more than a month.

So there has been ample time for blame, with more to come. Democrats say the disaster appropriation shouldn't be hostage to other issues. Republicans counter that the threat of government shutdowns should be eliminated. House Speaker Newt Gingrich said Clinton was trying "to reserve to himself the right to close the government."

Clinton accused the Republicans of leaving disaster victims in the lurch by taking the week's recess, which ended today, without completing action. But on current terms, the next step would have been a veto anyhow.

Republican leaders contend that prior appropriations provide the disaster relief needed now and that the delay in replenishing those funds isn't hurting anyone in need. To make his point, Clinton ordered an accelerated flood aid plan for the Dakotas and Minnesota, "subject to funding."

There's to be a conference on final terms of the bill on Wednesday, but Sen. Tom Daschle, D-S.D., the minority leader, said he is pessimistic about the prospects of passage this week.

He said a way out on the shutdown issue would be to have it handled as a separate bill. Were it passed, it would be vetoed. And Republicans would have lost the leverage they sought by tying it to the must-pass disaster relief bill in the first place.

Even a GOP-floated House proposal to enact a $500 million first payment on disaster relief, avoiding Democratic taunts over the recess, sank because other Republicans saw any such compromise as a weakening of their efforts to force the anti-shutdown issue on Clinton.

The overall bill includes aid for 35 states, and funds for operations in Bosnia and the Middle East. Should it be vetoed, Democrats say they have the votes to sustain Clinton, in which case it would have to be revived in a new version.

And the volume would be turned up on the blame, Republicans accusing the president of blocking emergency funds for disaster victims to keep the clout involved in the possibility of federal shutdowns. Democrats argue that the automatic, standpat spending levels that would apply in an impasse would undercut the budget agreement Clinton and Republican leaders have just reached.

While Clinton's vetoes of Republican spending bills led to the two partial shutdowns in 1995 and early 1996, he argued that they had purposely forced him to it. The voters saw it his way.

The GOP line this time is to identify Clinton with the shutdown option, saying he wants to keep it for his own power purposes. Nobody is in favor of shutdowns, but for or against isn't the real question. Spending is.

"We don't want any leverage over the president," Sen. Trent Lott, the majority leader said. "But we also don't want him to have any leverage over us."

Walter R. Mears, vice president and columnist for The Associated Press, has reported on Washington and national politics for more than 30 years.

Federal government was created to handle big things

Charley Reese
Syndicated
Columnist

The folly of today's conservatives is that they concede the principle and argue the details. That's why our government daily grows more like the central governments of eastern Europe that only recently collapsed.

Government was never intended to be an all-powerful social worker with a handy-dandy solution to every problem confronting human beings.

The proper role of government, as envisioned by the founders of America, was that it would take care of the big things. The federal government, for example, was intended primarily to govern the states, their relationship with each other and with foreign powers. That's quite evident if you read the text of the Constitution.

Government of individuals was to be done by their respective states, each with its own constitution guaranteeing its citizens rights. Furthermore, at whatever level, the philosophy was that government was a protector of rights, not a social worker. It did not seek to regulate either individuals or businesses but merely to create an environment safe from the use of force with a court system for settling disputes amicably (as opposed to with violence).

Such matters as individual health and safety were the province of individuals. I'm sure they figured if you needed the government to tell you not to drink yourself into a coma or stand behind a mule or look down the barrel of a gun to see if it was loaded, you were probably too stupid to survive very long anyway.

The founders of this country recognized that all government, with its power to coerce, is inherently dangerous to human liberty. Therefore, they thought, the powers of government should be severely limited. That was the principal purpose of written constitutions, both the federal one and the various state constitutions.

Unfortunately for liberty, Americans today seem to think that government powers should be unlimited and that government must solve every possible problem. If a child gets hurt on a bicycle, it is up to the government to mandate helmets. When I was a child, parents, friends and teachers all emphasized that you must learn not to fall on your head. It was part of learning how to fight and how to play. We used to practice doing what was then called "the forward roll."

In my opinion that kind of instruction is safer than mandated helmets. Wearing a helmet is not going to keep you from breaking your neck. Ask Christopher Reeve, the actor who played Superman. The helmet, in fact, might give you a false sense of security. You still need to learn how to fall.

But that's just a small example. The point is, if you concede the principle that government has the power to regulate every aspect of your personal and business life, you have already consented to unlimited government.

Sure, those who want total power will be happy to argue about which particular details they will regulate at any particular time. But your liberty is already down the drain. You have agreed that government can regulate it all. And sooner than later, it will.

There is no more powerful narcotic on earth than power over other human beings — especially to the mental and moral misfits attracted to our current political system.

If Americans wish to return to a free society, as created by our forefathers, then rather than argue details, we must defend principles. Instead of haggling over extent of regulation, we must say firmly, "You have no legitimate right to regulate any aspect of our private lives."

Down South we used to say that the proper role of government is to "guard the coast and tote the mail." That is, by the way, the bulk of the federal government's constitutional duties. Americans have been seduced into giving up their liberty for promises of security and economic benefits. Unless we change, we will end up with no liberty, no security and no prosperity.

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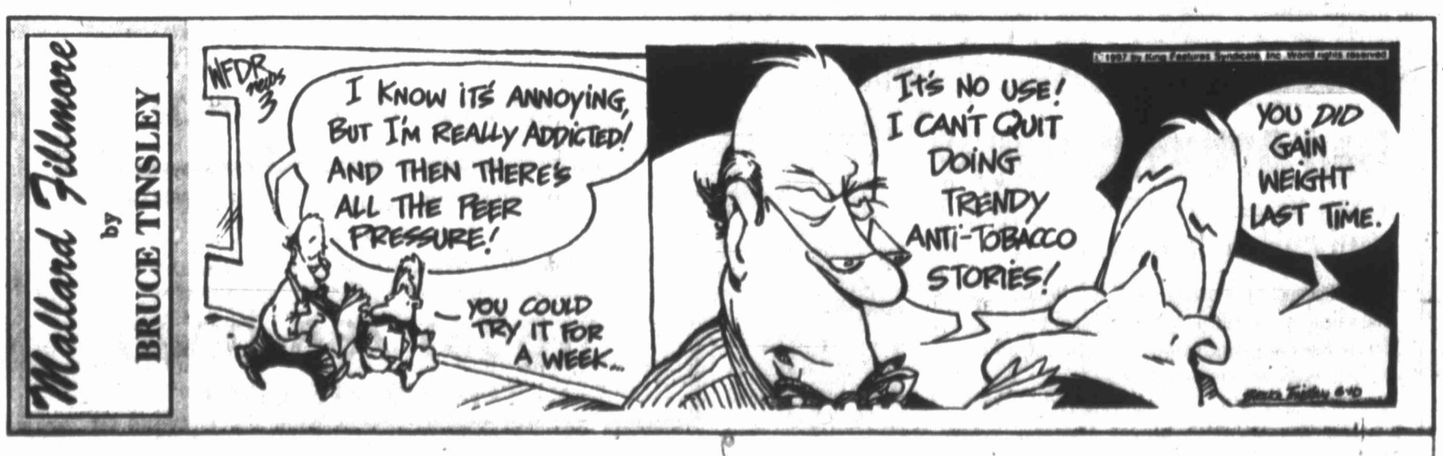


Tiger facing course he must outsmart, not overpower

U.S. OPEN

BETHESDA, Md. (AP) — The ninth hole at Congressional Country Club is the kind of par-5 that no one considers trying to reach in two shots — not even Tiger Woods.

It is 607 yards long with the landing area off the tee pinched by bunkers and a deep ravine guarding the green. The wise thing to do is lay up off the tee and lay up with the second shot, then try to get close to the pin.

Woods feathered a 3-wood off the tee Monday in his first practice round at Congressional Country Club before Thursday's start of the 97th U.S. Open, then laid up again with a 2-iron to the green.

That was not good enough for a gallery that was used to the impossible from Woods.

"Go for it," they yelled.

"Show me the money," someone screamed, using the catch line from the movie "Jerry Maguire."

Woods, laughing now, reached in his pocket and took out another ball and a tee and teed the ball up in the fairway and went at the green with his driver.

The shot missed to the right side, but the effort drove the crowd wild. The ovation he received as he walked to the green was as if it was Sunday at the Open and he was protecting a lead.

Woods has a ton of competition lined up for the Open as he tries to follow up his April victory in the Masters with the first back-to-back Masters-U.S. Open championship double since Jack Nicklaus in 1972. But he has no competition when it comes to being the most popular golfer around.

Woods finished his abbreviated practice round with a series of sand shots from the bunker around the ninth green. When one landed inches from the hole, the crowd went wild with an outpouring of oohs and aahs and shouts of "You the man, Tiger," and "You got a future in the game, man."

For Woods, the toughest part of being a golfer is that he now has to live up to the expectation that he will become the greatest ever to play the game. Anything less will be considered a failure.

History is the toughest measuring stick to grow up against.

Woods followed his record-setting victory in the Masters with a victory in the Byron Nelson Classic and then a fourth-place finish in the Colonial before finishing nearly last at the Memorial.

Clearly something, whether it was the hectic schedule or just pure exhaustion, was getting to him.

His coach, Butch Harmon, went back to work with Woods last week.

"It was good — very good," Harmon said Monday of the practice session as he walked with Woods.

Woods hit his driver only once on the front nine Monday.

"This is a golf course that puts a premium on putting the ball in the short grass," Harmon said. "And he hits his 3-wood and 2-irons so far it almost makes no difference," Harmon said about Woods.

Woods won the Masters at Augusta National by overpowering the course. To win here, he will have to outthink the course and the others in the field.

He has proven he can overwhelm. Now he will have to show he can outsmart.

Utah fans revealing wild side

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — The NBA Finals have allowed Utah to reveal a boisterous soul that belies its image.

Outside the Delta Center, rowdy crowds were cheering the Jazz and jeering the Bulls. Cars, pickups and freight trucks paraded past for hours, blaring their horns.

And on a Sunday, for heaven's sake.

"For Mormons, if they are Mormons, they were acting very un-Christian out there," Chicago coach Phil Jackson said.

The meek, these fans know, do not inherit the NBA title.

On Wednesday night, just a few blocks from the Mormon Tabernacle, the Utah Jazz play Game 5 of the NBA Finals against the Chicago Bulls. A victory would put the Jazz up 3-2 and send the best-of-7 series back to Chicago for Game 6 Friday night and, maybe, Game 7 on Sunday.

Utah fans certainly expect a victory. The Jazz have won 23 in a row at the noisy Delta Center, boosting their home record this season to 48-3. They are 10-0 at home in the playoffs.

"It's a time now for the whole state," Utah's Karl Malone said. "We've taken our knocks over the years. I'm from Louisiana, but I consider Utah my home now. We've taken a lot of bad raps. Now for the spotlight to be on us here, I think, it's great to get rid of some of those myths you guys think about Salt Lake."

Much of the giddy enthusiasm comes from years of frustration. The Jazz were always good, but not good enough to make it to the finals. Just pulling even with the mighty Bulls 2-2 was cause for jubilation.

"It's been a long time coming," Malone said. "These guys have waited 12 or 13 years for something to celebrate."

The Bulls enter Wednesday night's game weary but determined.

"This is all new to the Jazz," Jackson said. "We've been here before. This is what I call slugfest time."

Jackson, although he has earplugs to help him deal with the Delta din, insists the home-court advantage in Salt Lake City is no bigger than other places the Bulls have played.

Weaver, Rutherford slated to defend Best of Rest title

Strong field of challengers also expected

By JOHN A. MOSELEY
Sports Editor

Defending champions Mike Weaver and Johnny Rutherford will attempt a repeat this weekend in the Best of the Rest Golf Tournament at Comanche Trail Golf Course, but they'll have plenty of competition available.

BIRDWELL

Monday afternoon, Comanche Trail professional Jim Birdwell, who will be supervising his first major tournament since coming to Big Spring in February, said there was room for only 19 more two-man teams in the weekend's field.

The tournament's opening round will be a best ball affair, followed by the teams being seeded into flights for Sunday's best ball finale.

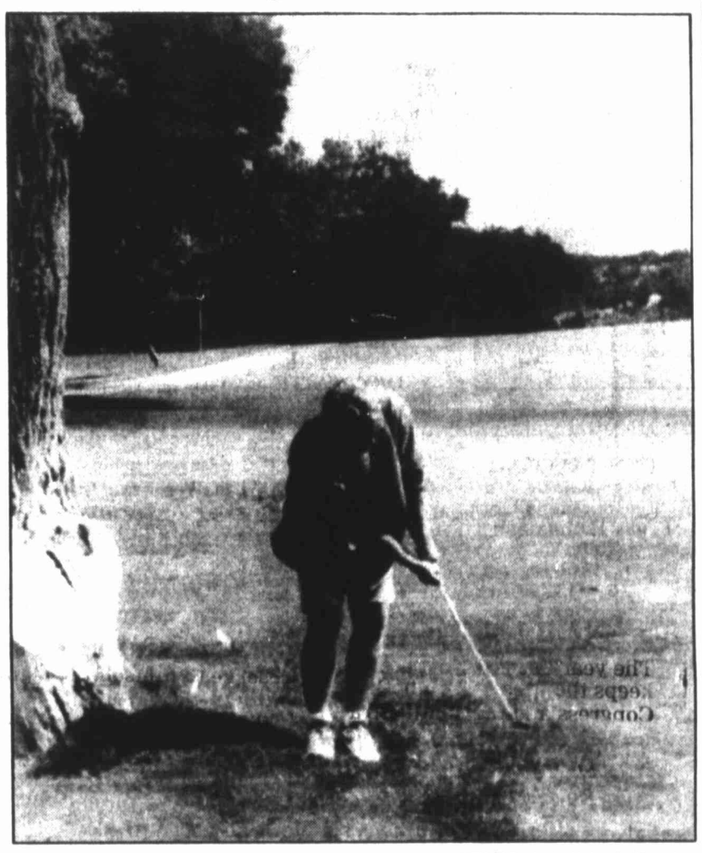
Entry fees are set at $160 per team. Mulligans will be available, as well as a closest to the hole competition and a Friday night putting contest.

Among the 45 teams already entered are a number of strong tandems that will have an opportunity to wrest the championship from Weaver and Rutherford, Birdwell said.

Included in that number are Ronnie Broadrick and Don Osborne, Luven Flores and Charlie Garcia, Flea Martinez and Knobby Sanchez, J.R. Roger and Dr. Carlos Dimidjian, and the Abilene duo of Duncan Boyer and Allen Fudge.

Last year, Weaver and Rutherford put together a string of five consecutive birdies on Sunday's back nine to take a two-stroke win over Lester Titsworth of Stanton and Kim Nichols of Coahoma.

It had not hurt that Weaver and Rutherford made the turn on that final round at 4-under, thanks to birdies on the third and sixth holes and an eagle on the 537-yard, par 5 seventh.



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David Darr of Colorado City pitches to the 12th green at the Comanche Trail Golf Course while playing with Bruce Strickland of Big Spring Monday. Both said they were still deciding whether to enter this weekend's Best of the Rest Torunament.

However, it should be noted that the best round of last year's tournament belonged to Broadrick and Osborne, who had begun the tournament with a disappointing 3-under 68 that left them one-stroke off the lead in the first flight.

Somewhat chagrined by some opponents' claims that they'd intentionally "sand bagged" to stay out of the championship flight, the two declared for championship flight play and literally blistered the 6,327-yard, par 72 layout in 11-under fashion — finishing just three strokes off the pace.

A quick look at the course shows the tournament's field should be pleased with the course's condition. A mild winter and above average rainfall have left it in great shape.

In addition, Birdwell says the course drains extremely well. "The other day (Thursday) it rained 2 1/2 inches in the early morning, but we had people out playing golf at 11 a.m.," he said.

Birdwell was also pleased that approximately 40 percent of the entrants for this year's Best of the Rest will be out-of-town competitors.

"This course is a tremendous asset for the community ... not just as a source of recreation, but as a revenue producer for businesses in the city," Birdwell said. "We're one of the best ambassadors or our community."

Birdwell noted that during the course's Guys and Gals Scramble two weeks ago, 19 of the 38 teams entered were from out of town.

"Of that 19," he said, "I know that 14 of those teams stayed in town ... some of them Friday, Saturday and Sunday. That meant they spent two nights at motels, ate meals in our restaurants, bought gasoline ... that's good for everyone, and I expect you'll see the same thing this weekend."

Mussina in full control for red hot Baltimore

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

BASEBALL

Mike Mussina, nearly perfect two weeks ago against Cleveland, showed off his near-flawless control in a dominating performance against the Chicago White Sox.

"I'm getting the ball where I want," said Mussina, who won his eighth consecutive decision Monday night as the Baltimore Orioles routed the White Sox 10-2 for their ninth victory in 11 games.

"I changed speeds, threw strikes and had great defense behind me. I gave up a couple home runs, but as long as they are solo, I can live with that."

Mussina (8-1), who worked 8 1-3 perfect innings in an eventual one-hitter against the Indians on May 30, allowed five hits and struck out six in his second complete game of the year.

The right-hander lost his shutout in the seventh on the solo homers by Albert Belle and Lyle Mouton.

"He's very consistent, using all his pitches," Baltimore manager Davey Johnson said. "He's keeping the ball down. He's pitching out front in the count and has really been in total command."

Mussina, coming off two consecutive 19-victory seasons, has 74 strikeouts and 16 walks in 87 2-3 innings this year.

"The bottom line for us has been our pitching," Orioles first baseman Rafael Palmeiro said. "It sets up everything we do offensively, and it sets up how we approach each game. Last year, we got into a home run-hitting mentality and felt that we had to slug it out in order to win."

In the only other American League game Monday night, California routed Kansas City 12-5.

Baltimore, which stretched its AL East lead over New York to eight games, took a 5-0 lead with a four-run fifth, capped by Jeffrey Hammonds' two-run homer off James Baldwin (3-8). B.J. Surhoff was 4-for-5 to raise his average to .350, while Mike Bordick and Brady Anderson each had three hits.

In the fifth, Roberto Alomar reached on a fielder's choice, stole second and moved to third on a passed ball. Rafael Palmeiro doubled in a run, Surhoff added an RBI single and Hammonds followed with his sixth homer.

CITY CHAMPS

Courtesy photo

Here are the 1997 American Minor League chamnpion White Sox. After fashioning a 14-2 record, the White Sox won the Minor League City Tournament. Front row, from left, are: Jason Vela, Justin Rivera, Nathan Pittman, Nicholas Rivera, Michael Rivera and Nicholas Perez. Middle row: Josh Holdman, Cole Pierce, Ryan Boyd and Braden Burchett. Back row: Manager Bill Burchett, Pete Deleon, Spencer Roberts and coach Cruz Rodriguez.

SPORTS BRIEFS

From staff and wire reports

Summer youth league report

Only one team — the American League Colts or the National League Cardinals — will remain in the winner's bracket of the City Major League Tournament following tonight's 7:30 game at the American League park.

The loser of that winner's bracket showdown will move into the final game of the elimination bracket, awaiting the survivor of a battle between four Coahoma teams.

Coahoma's Ponies and Rangers made tonight's elimination bracket games an all-Coahoma affair, as the Ponies took ar 8-5 win over the International Indians and the Rangers blanked the National Yankees, 8-0.

The Rangers will face the Coahoma Angels tonight at 7:30 at the Coahoma park, while the Ponies will face the Coahoma Reds at either the National League park or the International League park.

Crossroads Summer League report

Greenwood remained undefeated in Crossroads Summer League juniors play Monday with a 34-11 win over Garden City. In the other junior league contest, Big Spring II was a 2-0 winner over Coahoma.

In senior division play, Sands I remained undefeated with a 45-31 win over Garden City, While Coahoma kept pace with a win over Sands II. Grady evened its record at 1-1 with a win over Sterling City.

Thursday's junior games will see Big Spring I facing Coahoma at 5:30 p.m. Greenwood will take on Big Spring II at 6:30, followed by the first senior league game pitting Sands I and Greenwood. In the 8:30 game, Big Spring will play Sterling City and the 9:30 nightcap will see Forsan playing Garden City.

Country club hosts tournament

The Big Spring Country Club will be the site for a two-man 6-6-6 golf tournament Saturday and Sunday.

Format for the tournament will be six holes of scramble play, six holes of low-ball and six holes of modified alternate shot. The event will begin with a shotgun start at 1 p.m. each day.

Fee for the event is $60 per person and cart, and a meal will be served at the end of play Saturday.

For more information, contact the country club pro shop at 267-5354.

Cowboy Golf Tournament set for June 19

The second Big Spring Cowboy Reunion and Rodeo Cowboy Golf Tournament, the Justin Cowboy Crisis Four Man Scramble, has been scheduled for June 19 at the Comanche Trail Golf Course.

Each team will consist of three local golfers and one cowboy or cowgirl.

Entry fees for the tournament are set at $30 per player. All proceeds will go directly to the Justin Cowboy Crisis Fund which benefits injured cowboys and their families.

The tournament will begin with an 8 a.m. shotgun start and also feature a fish fry by Mel's Catch of the Day immediately following the presentation of awards.

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Bass tournament slated for June 14

The sixth annual Fisherman Appreciation Black Bass Tournament sponsored by the Colorado City Area Chamber of Commerce will be held at Lake Colorado City State Park and Lake Champion on Saturday, June 14.

Contestants will be competing for more than $4,200 in cash prizes. First place is a guaranteed $2,000 cash and the next 19 places will be paid according to the number of entries registered.

The $35 entry fee includes a catered meal for all fishermen on Friday at the Railhead Building in downtown Colorado City.

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

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

Pressure is intense with a coworker, and another is undermining you. Messages and talks are confusing. Check out what is happening with a loved one. Be sensitive to an offer from a family member. Tonight: Get into the good times.***

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

Be more experimental, and accomplish what is necessary. Your point of view is key to settling a work problem. Others might not agree with you. Stating what you need in a caring way makes all the difference. Tonight: Find a fun friend.****

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

You are confused by all the information you need to digest. You aren't the only one. Buy a gift or card for a loved one. You have a tendency to go overboard. You feel intense pressure from a partner, who seeks your agreement. Tonight: The action is at your pad.***

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

Your ability to share feelings helps you jump over a hurdle. Not everyone sees a situation the same way. You are unusually attractive; others respond to your ideas. Allow your softer side to emerge. Tonight: Go to a favorite spot.****

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

You are strongly tuned into a loved one. Your desire to indulge your sweetheart and express your caring feelings fosters an even better relationship. Confusion muddles plans with a friend. A loved one pressures you to do things his way. Tonight: Run errands.***

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

Both family and boss want a piece of you. If you could clone yourself, you would. Review a decision; come to terms with another's need. You will find that by dropping your defensive posture, you get to please everyone. A friend's feedback is invaluable. Tonight: Smile.****

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

It is time to pull back and do some solid thinking. You might not have all the answers; however, if you stop reacting, you can discern key patterns. There is no need for anything to be upsetting; it just is. Build from that point. Tonight: Allow yourself a personal indulgence.**

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

Confusion marks the day. You are convinced that you don't have the answers. In this case, start with personal concerns. You succeed beyond your imagination. Call a special friend who is at a distance. Catch up on news. Tonight: Consider travel plans for summer.****

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

Events at work put you out of sorts. You might snap at a loved one. Though you are a fiery, independent sign, you need more structure. A thoughtful gesture to an associate can help foster goodwill. Tonight: Get into a work discussion.***

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

You are encouraged to manage a difficult problem creatively. Explore the options made available by changes. Although you feel like taking a rigid stand, it won't serve you in the long run. A partner is amenable to your ideas. Tonight: Try a new restaurant with a friend.****

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

You are stunned by a friend's stance. You don't need to see eye-to-eye; making peace and respecting each other's opinions are better goals. Quickly take care of a money matter. Seek out an expert's advice. The more information you have, the better the solutions. Tonight: Be with a favorite person.****

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

Tensions are high. You feel out of control. You don't have all the answers, but you have several appropriate solutions. Discussions aren't worth your time. Everyone is on a soap box. Tomorrow is another day. Tonight: Take a midweek break!***

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Family takes comfort knowing dead son's organs help others

DEAR ABBY: Today is Sunday, April 20, 1997, the first day of Organ Donor Week. I just sat down with the morning paper for the first time in a week and read your article on organ donation. It was so timely.

Last Sunday at 1 a.m., George Paul Eldridge III, my 26-year-old son, had an automobile accident. We were told the brain damage was so severe there was no hope. Some time later, a doctor asked how we felt about donating organs. His father and I, along with the rest of the family, agreed that we wanted a part of him to live on in others. He was so giving and caring, we knew that would have been his wish.

Abigail Van Buren
Columnist

An EEG was done on Sunday and again on Monday. It showed only minimal brain activity. I still hoped for a miracle, but by Tuesday, April 15, when the final EEG was done, he was declared brain-dead.

We buried this wonderful young man on Friday, but I find comfort in knowing he has helped others. We have already been informed that a 19-year-old girl received one of his kidneys, and a 33-year-old man with two children received his heart.

I urge anyone in this situation to do as we did and give other families hope for a future. — PAM HALEY, LITTLE ROCK, ARK.

DEAR MRS. HALEY: I offer my deepest sympathy on the tragic and untimely death of your beloved son. You and the rest of the family are to be commended for your act of generosity in the midst of your own shock and grief.

From your description of George Paul Eldridge III, the man who received his heart (and the spirit within it) is fortunate indeed.

DEAR ABBY: I am writing to ask if you know how the story of the birds and bees goes.

I often hear people mention the story, but they never say how it goes. Please put this in your column because I know there are other kids who would like to know. Thank you. — A KID IN PORT RICHEY, FLA.

DEAR KID: There is no "story." When someone makes reference to "the birds and the bees," they mean the story of "reproduction" — how they came into the world. This is sometimes called "sex education."

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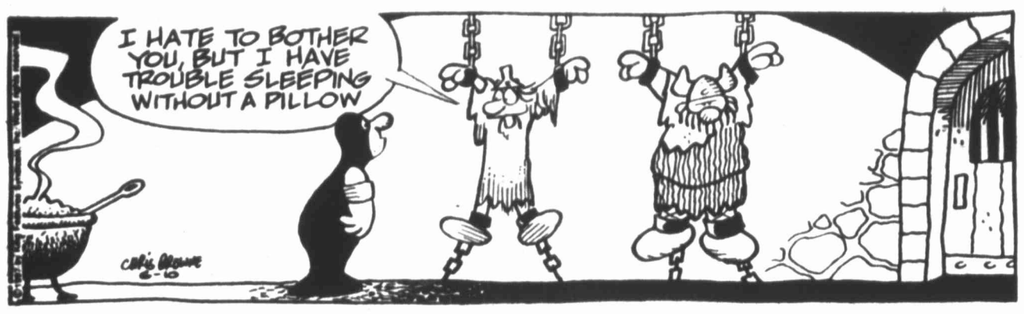

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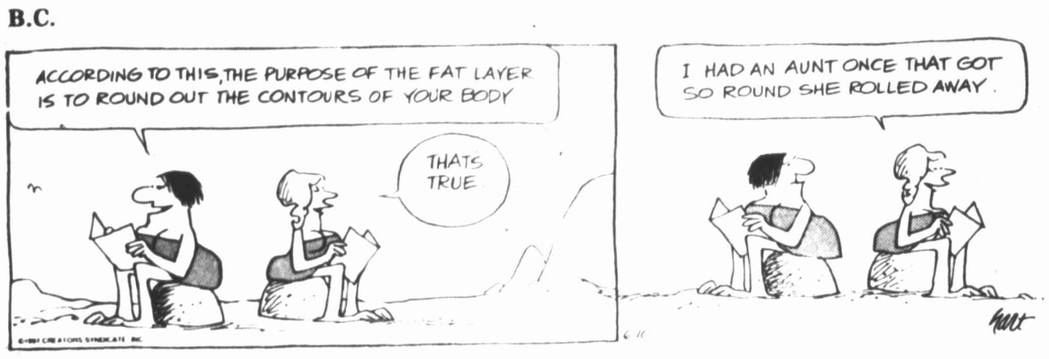

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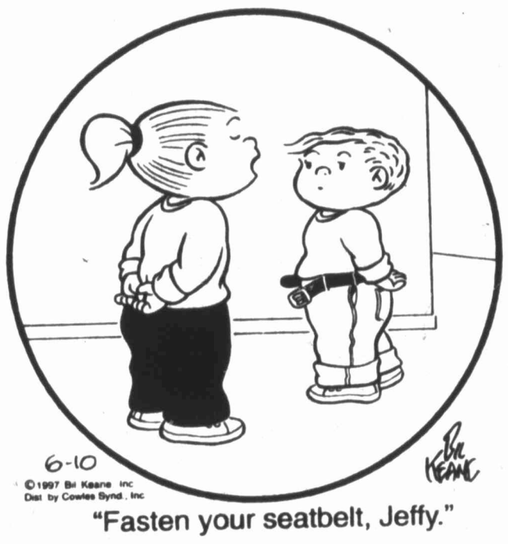

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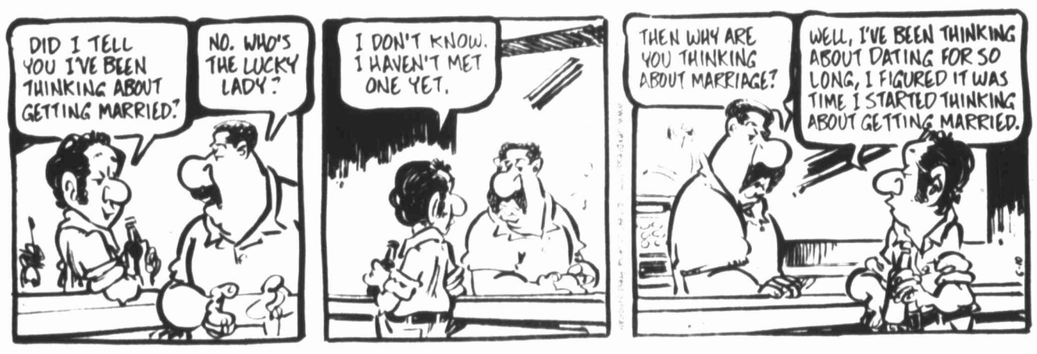

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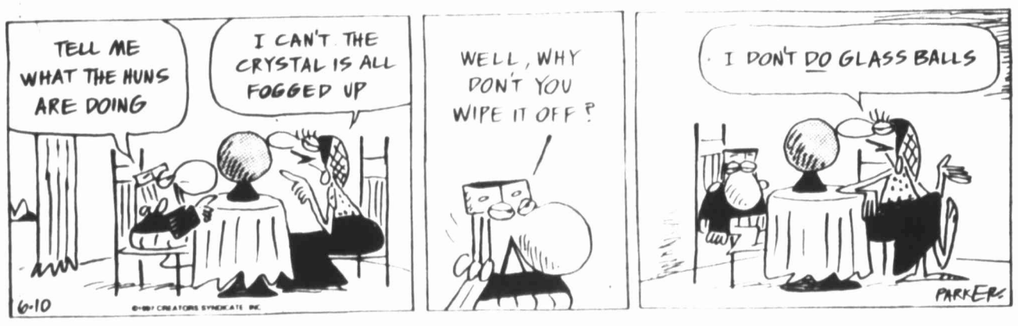

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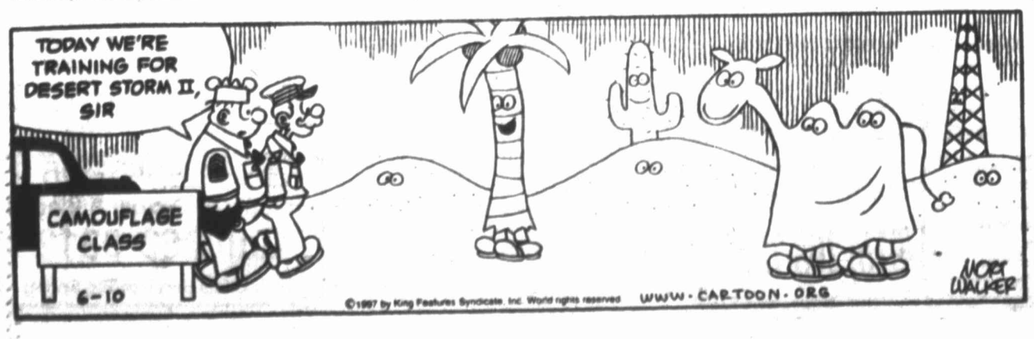

THIS DATE IN HISTORY

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Today is Tuesday, June 10, the 161st day of 1997. There are 204 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On June 10, 1935, Alcoholics Anonymous was founded in Akron, Ohio, by William G. Wilson and Dr. Robert Smith.

On this date:

In 1801, the North African state of Tripoli declared war on the United States in a dispute over safe passage of merchant vessels through the Mediterranean.

In 1865, the opera "Tristan und Isolde" by Richard Wagner premiered in Munich, Germany.

In 1892, the Republican National Convention in Minneapolis nominated President Harrison for re-election and Whitelaw Reid for vice president. (Harrison, however, lost the election to former President Cleveland.)

In 1922, singer-actress Judy Garland was born Frances Gumm in Grand Rapids, Minn.

In 1940, Italy declared war on France and Britain; Canada declared war on Italy.

In 1942, the Gestapo massacred 173 male residents of Lidice, Czechoslovakia, in retaliation for the killing of a Nazi official.

In 1946, Italy replaced its abolished monarchy with a republic.

In 1964, the U.S. Senate voted to limit further debate on a proposed civil rights bill, shutting off a filibuster by Southern states.

In 1967, the Middle East War ended as Israel and Syria agreed to observe a United Nations-mediated cease-fire.

In 1977, James Earl Ray, the convicted assassin of civil rights leader Martin Luther King Jr., escaped from Brushy Mountain State Prison in Tennessee with six others; he was recaptured June 13.

In 1981, in Frascati, Italy, 6-year-old Alfredo Rampi fell down an artesian well; the story ended tragically as efforts to rescue him proved futile.

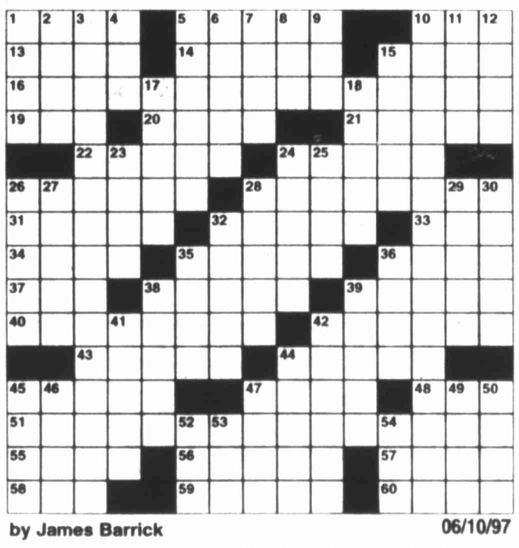
Ten years ago: The leaders of seven major industrial nations ended a three-day summit in Venice, proposing no new major economic initiatives, but calling for closer coordination of their economies and a stabilizing of foreign currency rates.

Five years ago: President Bush dropped Secretary of State James A. Baker III from his trip to the Earth Summit in Brazil, instructing him to step up negotiations for a new agreement with Russia to reduce long-range nuclear missile stockpiles.

One year ago: The Colorado Avalanche defeated the Florida Panthers 1-0 in triple overtime to win the Stanley Cup in a four-game sweep.

Today's Birthdays: Britain's Prince Philip is 76. Columnist Nat Hentoff is 72. Author Maurice Sendak is 69. Attorney F. Lee Bailey is 64. Singer Shirley Alston (The Shirelles) is 56. Media commentator Jeff Greenfield is 54. Actor Andrew Stevens is 42. Actress Elisabeth Shue is 34.

THE Daily Crossword



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ACROSS
1 Rhyme scheme
5 Philippine island
10 Away
13 Courtyard, for short
14 Irregularly notched
15 James of "The Godfather"
16 With no restrictions
19 Invite
20 Bridge seat
21 Suburb of Baltimore
22 Net
24 Great Plains dwelling
26 Incantations
28 Archetype
31 Roomful of students
32 Pinkish shade
33 Extinct bird
34 Appraise
35 Publish
36 Stimulate
37 Connecting word
38 Effrontery
39 NCO, for short
40 Speak on ethics
42 Recipients
43 Picture
44 Adjusts a certain way
45 Roof part
47 Rani's garment
48 Rigid
51 Certain locale
55 Saucy
56 "Goodbye, amigo!"
57 Orphanage
58 Length measures: abbr.
59 Gets along
60 — even keel

DOWN
1 — pura
2 Rolls
3 Know-it-alls
4 Bustle
5 Portable chairs
6 Come to be
7 US feminist
8 "— Lay Dying"
9 Car of old
10 Misapprehension
11 Breathing sound
12 Gemstone
15 Examined with a view toward robbery
17 Simon and Armstrong
18 Himalayan land
23 If not
24 Mountain lakes
25 QED word
26 Get lost!
27 City in Texas
28 Balance
29 Overcharge
30 Equine animals
32 Fad
35 Nice Nelly
36 Healthy upstairs
38 World-weary
39 — boom
41 Flower cluster
42 Compulsion by threat
44 Western lake
45 See
46 Made high grades
47 Commotion
49 Madame Bovary
50 Youthful ending
52 Clod
53 Govt. org.
54 Greek letter

Monday's Puzzle solved:

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G	R	E	A	T	W	H	I	T	E	W	H	A	L	E
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