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Museum exhibit, dinner to get rodeo week under way

By MARSHA STURDIVANT
Features Editor

The 72nd annual Big Spring Cowboy Reunion and Rodeo begins Tuesday with the annual Legends and Legacies dinner at Heritage Museum, and a special Caboose Watercolor Society exhibit, "From Rembrandts to Rodeos" opening at 4 p.m.

"These ladies had the idea a year ago and they've been working since to create art for display in conjunction with the rodeo," said Tammy Schrecengost, Heritage Museum curator.

The art exhibit offers a variety of paintings focused on the life of a cowboy, from tombstones to a young child with a goat, she said.

"This exhibit has a broad range of painting subjects, that's one of the things I love about it. As Big Spring celebrates the cowboy, these paintings also celebrate the cowboy and the rodeo," she said.

Featured artists, members of the Caboose Watercolor Society, include Estelle Howard, Kay Smith, Linda Rupard Irwin, Sue Bagwell and Becky Smiley, all from Big Spring, Leada Wood of Colorado City and Carole Berry, formerly of Big Spring now residing in Atlanta, Texas.

"We will have a wine and cheese reception for the exhibit opening and there is no charge to attend. This will also be a chance to meet the artists, as they all plan to attend," Schrecengost said.

She said the Law and Order exhibit was replaced by the new art show, but the colors blended well and she was able to make use of the saloon-painted wall to highlight some of the paintings.

"This exhibit really is a case of a picture saying 1,000 words," Schrecengost said.

The exhibit, "From Rembrandts to Rodeos" opening concludes at 6 p.m., just in time for patrons to gather on the museum patio for the annual Legends and Legacies dinner.

Tickets for the dinner are $15 and include chicken fried steak and all the trimmings, catered by Al's and Son Barbecue. Refreshments will also be served.

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FINAL READING

Controversial pact over Settles Hotel on council agenda

By THOMAS JENKINS
Staff Writer

The fate of a contract between the city of Big Spring and California-based Evos Homes to redevelop the Settles Hotel will be up in the air Tuesday, as the city council takes up the issue for its final reading.

Having passed 5-2 during the May 17 meeting of the council, with council members Joann Staulcup and Gregg Biddison opposing the issue, the contract would cost the city $55,000 for several studies of the aging hotel's structural stability.

"What we have in mind is affordable living apartments on Floors 3 through 16, which is based on a very rough preliminary analysis," said Ray Rappold, president of Evos Homes, during a previous meeting with the council. "About 74 residential units and we would be looking at commercial and retail space on the first and second floors — restaurants, offices and possibly a seniors activity center."



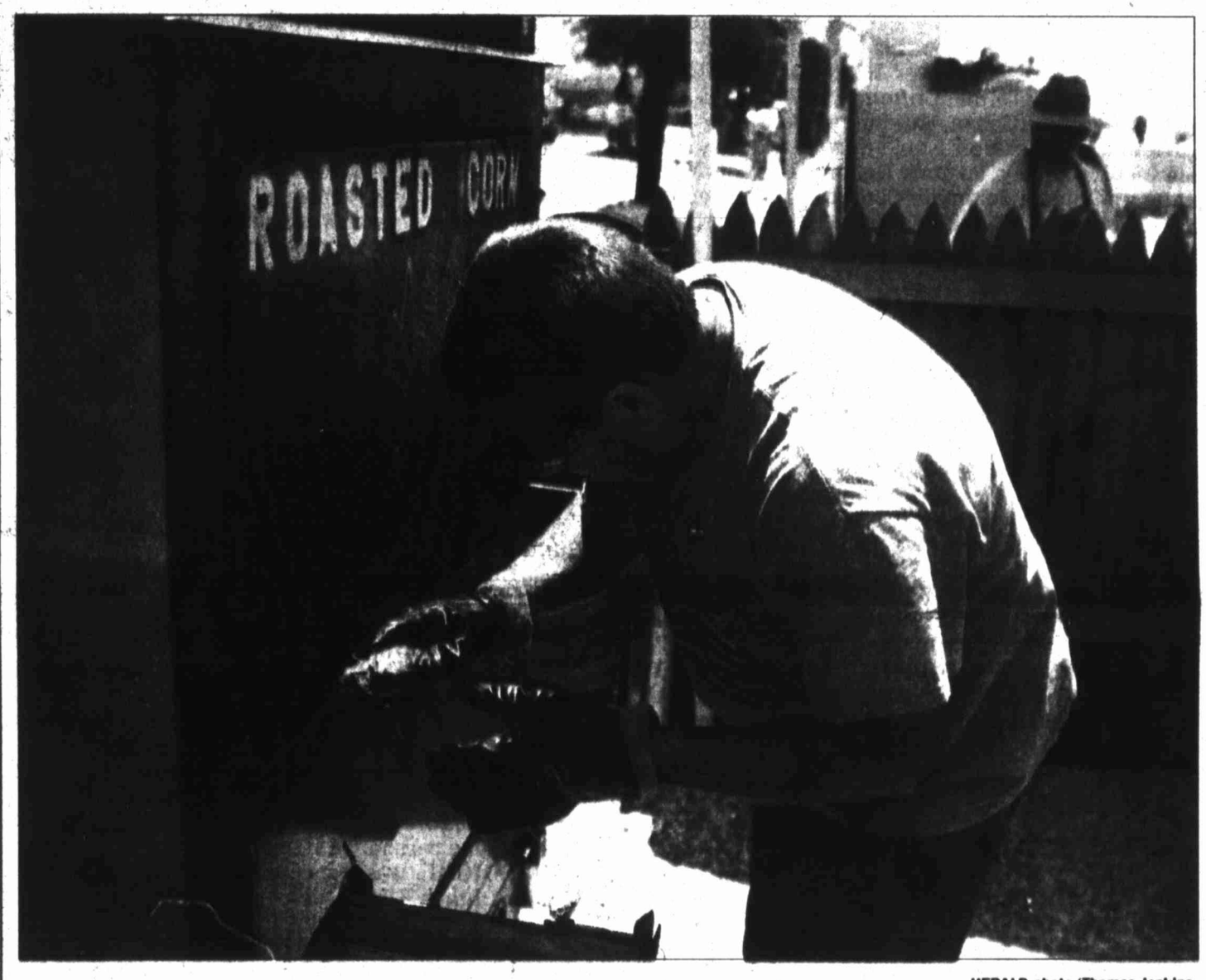
McEwen

Mayor Russ McEwen said the contract, which went through more than a half-dozen drafts before landing under the council's eye, does offer the city a chance it hasn't had in the past.

"This is a chance for us to get a study done. We need to find out if the building is structurally sound," said McEwen.

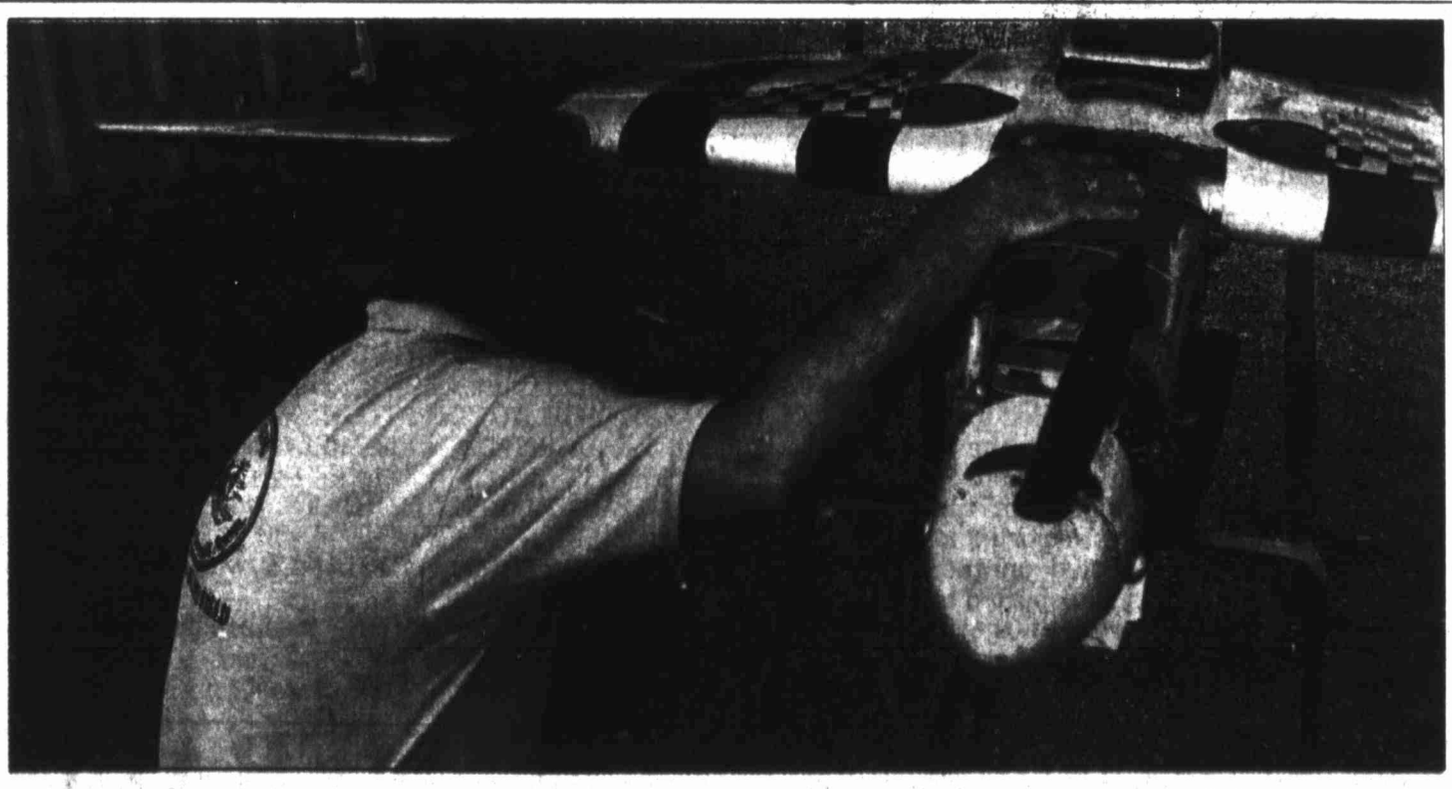
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OLD SOREHEAD TRADE DAYS



HERALD photo/Thomas Jenkins

Edward Allison of Midland loads a roaster with ears of corn at the Old Sorehead Trade Days Saturday afternoon, producing one of the most popular treats at the annual event — roasted corn.



HERALD photo/Thomas Jenkins

Robert Walker, local model aircraft pilot and enthusiast, works on his 1/3 scale P-51 Mustang during the 24th annual Big Spring Model Aircraft Association's Fly-In and Swap Meet.

Four men injured in Sunday wreck

By STEVE REAGAN
Staff Writer

A collision between a pickup and 18-wheeler Sunday afternoon sent four Howard County men to a local hospital.

Department of Public Safety Trooper Weldon Jones said that the accident occurred at South Highway 87 and Hughes Road at about 3:30 p.m. Sunday.

Jones said that the 18-wheeler, driven by Gerald Parsons of Alpine, was struck from behind by a 1998 Ford pickup driven by Sammy Prince of Big Spring. Passengers in Prince's truck were David Bledsoe and Hubert Tutwiler of Big Spring and Terry Payne of Coahoma.

All four men in the pickup sustained injuries in the accident, and were transported by Big Spring Emergency Medical Service ambulance to Scenic Mountain Medical Center. Their medical condition was unknown as of press time.

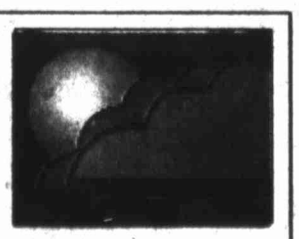
Parson was uninjured in the accident, Jones said.

Prince and a front seat passenger were wearing

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UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

- Heritage Museum's "From Rembrants to Rodeo," beginning at 4:30 p.m. Tuesday with a wine and cheese reception followed by the annual Legends and Legacies dinner. Tickets to the dinner are $15.
- Big Spring 72nd annual Cowboy Reunion and Rodeo, Thursday through Saturday at the Big Spring Rodeo Bowl..
- Old Settlers Reunion from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. Saturday at the Howard County Fair Barns.

THIS WEEKEND



Cover Story: Rock singer John Mellencamp's love for a small town remains just as strong today as it was growing up in Indiana.

He discusses his decision to raise his family in Bloomington.

Hometown Hero: When Leslie Morissette lost her 8-year-old son to leukemia, she converted her grief into good cause by providing computers to other seriously ill children and their families.

PILL SPLITTING

Chopping his Lipitor tablets in half gives Randy Schneider a little thrill.

"I kind of chuckle when I do this," said the 41-year-old line worker at a cheese factory. "It's like I'm making good money per minute if you figure it out."

Schneider saves about $31 for a six-month supply, because double-strength pills don't cost much more than single-strength ones. It takes him 10 minutes to cut the 90 pills in two, and he gets the same supply of cholesterol medicine for less money.

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Obituaries

Leona Hooper

Leona Hooper, 87, of Big Spring died Sunday morning, June 12, 2005, at Comanche Nursing Center. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Velma Mae Lloyd

Velma Mae Lloyd, 102, of Big Spring died Sunday, June 12, 2005, in an Odessa hospice house. Her services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

Take note

• **COAHOMA PATRIOTIC PARADE** begins at 10 a.m. July 2. Celebration continues in Coahoma Park with a car show, food booths and vendors. Free set up space for interested vendors. Contact Paulette Lindsey at 394-4975 or 270-0875 to secure space.

• **COAHOMA NON-MARCHING BRASS BAND NEEDS MORE MEMBERS**, any age, any instrument, any ability, any experience. For more information, contact Pam Hicks at 394-4312 or Patricia Bennett at 394-4122.

• **TEXAS LIONS CAMP** is looking for children interested in attending camp this summer. Sessions are for children with physical disabilities 7 through 16 years of age. Camp is free for these children. For more information, call Bob Noyes at 267-5811 or 270-0811.

• **SCENIC MOUNTAIN MEDICAL CENTER'S SCHOOL OF RADIOLOGY** is having a reunion of all past graduates in conjunction with the 2005 graduation July 9 at the Spring City Senior Center. The reunion organizer are looking for these individuals: Tere Barrier, Susan Weaver Burton, Cheryl Carroll, Irma Chavez, Caroline Clifton, Paul Decker, Frank Garfias, Randy Gavin, Michelle Gonzales, Sandy Hatfield, Mickie Johnson, Sarah Martin, Janie McLaughlin, Mary Poston, Debbie Richter, Melissa Shafer and Susan Soloman. Contact Vivian Gordon at 268-4885 or email to vivian_gordon@chs.net.

• **HERITAGE MUSEUM PRESENTS A WESTERN ART SHOW, "FROM REMBRANDTS TO RODEO,"** beginning at 4:30 p.m. Tuesday with a wine and cheese reception followed by the annual Legends and Legacies dinner, all at the museum. Tickets to the dinner are $15.

• **OLD SETTLERS REUNION** from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. Saturday at the Howard County Fair Barns. Call Heritage Museum for free tickets at 267-8288.

• **HOWARD COUNTY FAIR ASSOCIATION ANNUAL QUILT RECEPTION** is from 2 p.m. until 4 p.m. Saturday at the Heritage Museum. Free admission.

• **REHEARSALS FOR THE BIG SPRING SYMPHONY CHORUS FOR THE POPS IN THE PARK PERFORMANCE** continue each Monday from 7 p.m. until 8:45 p.m. in June in the First Methodist Church choral room. New members are welcome to participate in this annual community event.

• **COMMUNITY-WIDE BABY SHOWER TO BENEFIT BIRTHRIGHT** is set for 2 p.m. until 4 p.m. June 25 at Baptist Temple Church. Call 267-8287 for more information.

Lottery

Results of the Lotto Texas drawing Saturday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 3-18-26-38-39. Bonus Ball: 22.

Number matching five of five, plus Bonus Ball: 0.

Estimated jackpot for Wednesday night drawing: $9 million.

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Results of the Cash 5 drawing Saturday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 1-8-13-36-37.

Number matching five of five: 1.

Prize per winner: $34,650.

Winning tickets sold in: Mesquite.

Next Cash 5 drawing: Tonight.

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The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Saturday night, in order: 0-8-2

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The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Saturday afternoon, in order: 1-0-5

Weather

Today — Partly cloudy in the morning then clearing. Highs in the upper 90s. Southwest winds around 10 mph in the morning becoming light and variable.

Tonight — Increasing clouds. Lows in the mid 60s. Southeast winds around 10 mph.

Tuesday — Partly cloudy. A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms in the afternoon. Highs in the upper 80s. East winds 10 to 20 mph.

Tuesday night — Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the mid 60s. Southeast winds around 10 mph in the evening becoming light and variable.

Wednesday — Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 90s. Southeast winds around 10 mph.

Wednesday night — Partly cloudy. Lows in the upper 60s.

Thursday — Partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 90s.

Thursday night — Partly cloudy. Lows around 70.

Friday — Partly cloudy. Isolated thunderstorms. Highs around 100.

Friday night — Partly cloudy. Isolated thunderstorms in the evening. Lows in the upper 60s.

Saturday — Partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 90s.

Saturday night — Partly cloudy. Lows in the upper 60s.

Sunday — Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 90s.

Support groups

TUESDAY

• The Multiple Sclerosis Support Group meets at 6 p.m., a new time, the last Tuesday of each month in the College Baptist Church Fellowship Hall, 1005 Birdwell Lane. Call Tracey at 263-4948 for more information.

THURSDAY

• Narcotics Anonymous, non-smoking discussion meeting, 8- 9 p.m., at St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 1001 Goliad.

• Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m.; women's meeting; 6:30-7:30 p.m. Non-smoking closed discussion meeting, 8-9 p.m.

• Alzheimers Support Group meets at 2 p.m. on the third Thursday of each month at The Texas State Veterans Home, 1809 N. Hwy 87. For more information call Orand Carroll 268-8387.

FRIDAY

• AA open discussion meeting from noon until 1 p.m. at 605 Settles. Noon open Big Book study meeting, 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.

SATURDAY

• Alcoholics Anonymous open discussion meeting, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. Open podium/speakers meeting 615 Settles 8-9 p.m. Open birthday night, no smoking meeting the last Saturday of each month at 8 p.m.

Fire/EMS

The Big Spring Fire Department/Emergency Medical Service reported the following incidents between 8 a.m. Friday and 8 a.m. Monday:

• **TRAUMA** was reported on the 4000 block of W. Highway 80. One person was transported to SMMC.

• **MEDICAL** was reported on the 800 block of E. 15th. One person was transported to SMMC.

• **TRAUMA** was reported on the 500 block of Westover. One person was transported to SMMC.

• **MEDICAL** was reported on the 800 block of N. Highway 87. One person was transported to SMMC.

• **TRAFFIC ACCIDENT** was reported at S. Highway 87 and Hughes Road. Four persons were transported to SMMC.

• **MEDICAL** was reported on the 1100 bock of N. Nolan. One person was transported to SMMC.

• **TRAUMA** was reported on the 500 block of Westover. Two persons were transported to SMMC.

• **MEDICAL** was reported on the 1000 block of Birdwell. Service was refused.

• **MEDICAL** was reported on the 2500 block of Hunter. Service was refused.

• **MEDICAL** was reported on the 500 block of Westover. One person was transported to SMMC.

• **TRAUMA** was reported on the 1800 block of Highway 87. One person was transported to VAMC.

• **MEDICAL** was reported on the 1300 block of Utah. One person was transported to SMMC.

• **TRAUMA** was reported on 4400 block of Wasson Road. One person was transported to SMMC.

• **MEDICAL** was reported on the 1900 block of N. Highway 87. One person was transported to SMMC.

• **MEDICAL** was reported on the 1400 block of W. Second. One person was transported to SMMC.

• **MEDICAL** was reported on the 1400 block of Martin Luther King. One person was transported to University Medical Center, Lubbock.

• **MEDICAL** was reported on the 1400 block of Martin Luther King. One person was transported to Covenant Hospital, Luboock.

• **MEDICAL** was reported on the 200 block of S. Fifth, Coahoma. One person was transported to VAMC.

• **TRAUMA** was reported on the 400 block of E. Fourth. Service was refused.

• **MEDICAL** was reported on the 800 block of W. Interstate 20. One person was transported to SMMC.

• **MEDICAL** was reported on the 12000 block of N. County Road 35. Service was refused.

• **FALSE CALL** was reported on the 1600 block of Lancaster.

• **STRUCTURE FIRE** was reported on the 1800 block of Gregg. The fire was extinguished.

• **MEDICAL** was reported on the 600 block of George. One person was transported to SMMC.

• **MEDICAL** was reported on the 500 block of W. 17th. One person was transported to SMMC.

• **TRAUMA** was reported on the 500 block of W. 17th. One person was transported to SMMC.

• **MEDICAL** was reported on the 800 block of Owens. One person was transported to SMMC.

• **MEDICAL** was reported on the 1300 block of Mobile. One person was transported to VAMC.

• **MEDICAL** was reported on the 1400 block of W. Second. Service was refused.

• **TRAFFIC ACCIDENT** was reported on N. Highway 87. One person was transported to SMMC.

• **MEDICAL** was reported on the 1800 block of N. Highway 87. One person was transported to VAMC.

• **TRAFFIC ACCIDENT** was reported on the 199 mile marker of Interstate 20. One person was transported to SMMC.

• **GRASS FIRE** was reported on the 600 block of Martin Luther King. The fire was extinguished.

• **PUBLIC SERVICE** was reported on the 1700 block of Purdue.

• **FALSE CALL** was reported on the 700 block of E. 11th Place.

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TODAY

• Senior Circle meets at 4 p.m. at Scenic Mountain Medical Center for Sit and Be Fit Chair Aerobics. Those 50 years and older are invited to attend. Call 268-4721.

• Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) No. 21 meets at 5 p.m. in the Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center, 306 W. Third for weigh-in. The meeting begins at 5:30 p.m. Call 1-800-392-8677 or 263-0391 or 263-1758.

•The Big Spring Symphony Association meets at 5:30 p.m. at the symphony office, 808 Scurry.

• Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) No. TX 1756 meets at 5:30 p.m. Monday in the 11th and Birdwell Lane Church of Christ. A different program is offered every week, and anyone 7 years old or older is welcome to attend. Please enter through the northwest door. Call 263-2786 for more information.

• Coahoma Lions Club meets at 6 p.m. in the Coahoma Community Center at 306 North Ave.

• Evening Lions Club meets at 6:30 p.m. in the La Posada Restaurant.

• Archeology Society for Howard and Borden counties meets at 7 p.m. in the Howard County Library Community Room in the basement. Call 270-2615 for more information.

• Concerned Citizens Council meets at 7 p.m. at 500 S. Main St., in the Dorothy Lamb Meeting Room of the Howard County Library. A planning session is scheduled for a hot air balloon rally in Big Spring. Anyone interested is invited to attend.

Police blotter

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

• **LELDON JENKINS**, 21, 703 Edwards, was arrested on charges of driving while intoxicated and no insurance.

• **OSCAR MIER**, 31, 1208 E. 16th, was arrested on a local warrant and charges of assault, evading arrests and terroristic threats.

• **CHELSEA LEE FRANCO**, 31, 1208 E. 16th, was arrested on a local warrant.

• **STEVEN A. RODRIGUEZ**, 33, 1415 Wood, was arrested on local warrants.

• **STEPHANIE SERRATO**, 20, was arrested on a local warrant.

• **APRIL MIST IRVIN**, 27, 2539 Gunter, was arrested on local warrants.

• **JOHN MANUEL SOLIS**, 19, 1321 Stadium, was arrested on charges of assault, criminal mischief, resisting arrest, and a Collin County warrant.

• **JOSE ALFREDO GOMEZ**, 22, 1204 E. 15th, was arrested on a charge of driving while license suspended.

• **REBECCA JO BOLTON**, 25, Garden City, was arrested on local warrants.

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

• **AMANDA DENISE GRAY**, 19, was arrested on a charge of disregarding a stop sign.

• **TIMOTHY JOSEPH MAJOR JR.**, 31, was arrested on charges of failure to appear and theft of service.

• **DEWAYNE CREG CULPEPPER**, 31, was arrested on a charge of driving while license invalid.

• **MICHAEL STEVEN MARQUEZ**, 23, was arrested on a charge of failure to appear.

• **EMMITT HOWARD BARTEE**, 39, was arrested on a motion to revoke probation for manufacture/delivery of a controlled substance.

• **RENE CAMPOS MEJIA**, 41, was arrested on charges of driving while license invalid, speeding, no insurance, and expired motor vehicle inspection certificate.

• **JARROD LEE MEJIA**, 24, was arrested on a charge of possession of drug paraphernalia.

• **KENNETH ALAN POTTER**, 36, was arrested on a charge of assault/family violence.

• **LLOYD CALVIN SOLES JR.**, 37, was arrested on a charge of possession of marijuana.

• **ERNESTO RODRIQUEZ**, 30, was arrested on a charge of driving while intoxicated, second offense.

• **JACKIE DOYLE RITCHEY**, 42, was arrested on a charge of driving while intoxicated, third or more offense.

• **TERRORISTIC THREATS** were reported in the county jail.

• **DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE** was reported on the 4400 block of Elder.

• **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported on the 2200 block of N. Highway 87.

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Dotson's plea, upcoming sentence ends shocking Baylor saga

By ANGELA K. BROWN
Associated Press Writer

WACO -- A former Baylor basketball player's unexpected guilty plea to murdering his teammate all but wraps up the shocking saga that rocked the world's largest Baptist university two years ago.

Carlton Dotson is to be sentenced Wednesday, facing up to life in prison because his plea last week was not part of a reduced-sentence deal with prosecutors.

But for the family of Patrick Dennehy, the 21-year-old who was missing about six weeks before his body was found in a field of chest-high weeds a few miles from campus in July 2003, the tragedy is far from over.

"Every day something reminds us of Patrick, and the pain hasn't gone away," said his stepfather, Brian Brabazon, of Carson City, Nev.

The family hoped that some questions would finally be answered during Dotson's murder trial, which was to start Monday. Now, all Dennehy's relatives hope for is a lengthy prison term for 23-year-old Dotson. They don't expect to ever find out why he gunned down his best friend.

"I just hope he never gets out (of prison)," said Brabazon.

Dotson's attorneys have declined to say why their client pleaded guilty without a plea agreement but said they may discuss the case further after Wednesday's sentencing.

McLennan County District Attorney John Segrest has said he was surprised by Dotson's plea but that it is a good resolution to the case, although no one may ever know the motive for the crime.

About a month after Dennehy was reported missing, Dotson called authorities in his home state of Maryland and eventually confessed and described the location of Dennehy's body, saying "a higher power told him to talk to the FBI," according to documents filed in court last week.

Dotson told agents that he thought people were trying to kill him because "he is Jesus, the son of God." Among Dotson's other claims were that most of the basketball team used numerous drugs and that some players recruited girls as prostitutes, according to the documents.

Dotson, who moved in with Dennehy in May 2003, said he had received threatening telephone calls and that the two bought guns for protection. Dotson said two assistant basketball coaches refused to help him.

He told FBI agents that on June 11, he and Dennehy went to gravel pits for target practice but that Dennehy pointed a gun at him. When it jammed, Dotson said "Father, please forgive me," and shot his friend. He then went to pack his belongings, called a relative to wire him money and drove home to Maryland, throwing the gun in a lake along the way.

But the autopsy doesn't support his self-defense claim. Dennehy was shot twice: once above the right ear and once behind it toward the back of the head.

Last fall, Dotson was found incompetent to stand trial and was sent to a state mental hospital. He was released and returned to jail in February after a hospital psychologist said Dotson was competent but must continue to take anti-psychotic medication.

The psychologist also said Dotson's accounts of hearing voices and seeing things were "suspect."

A few weeks before Dotson's plea Wednesday, his attorneys said they would not pursue an insanity defense.

Meanwhile, Baylor has moved on from the tragedy, focusing on athletic accomplishments such as the women's basketball team's NCAA championship this spring — rather than dwelling on the men's team's NCAA violations scandal uncovered after Dennehy's disappearance and death.

After allegations surfaced, men's coach Dave Bliss and athletic director Tom Stanton resigned.

An internal Baylor investigative committee later found that Bliss improperly paid up to $40,000 in tuition for Dennehy and another player, and that the coaching staff didn't report players' failed drug tests. Bliss also asked players and an assistant coach to lie to investigators by saying Dennehy paid his tuition by dealing drugs.

The school is waiting on whether the NCAA will recommend sanctions in addition to Baylor's self-imposed penalties. That NCAA report is expected later this summer.

Valorie Brabazon, Dennehy's mother, agreed last year not to sue Baylor after resolving "potential claims" with the school. Neither she nor Baylor officials would say whether the university would pay Brabazon.

Brian Brabazon said he does not know details of the resolution because the couple filed for divorce last year.

"I just wanted Baylor to apologize, but that never happened," he said.

Several senators mentioned as possible Supreme Court nominees

By JESSE J. HOLLAND
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — If there is a Supreme Court vacancy this summer, President Bush may look no farther than the Capitol for a member of Congress who can be confirmed quickly. Past presidents have done it, more than two dozen times.

While admittedly long shots, GOP Sens. Jon Kyl of Arizona and John Cornyn of Texas are being talked up by some conservatives as possible nominees.

Seen as most likely to step down is Chief Justice William Rehnquist, who at 80 is fighting cancer. Retirement also might be attractive option for Justices Sandra Day O'Connor, 75, and John Paul Stevens, 85.

Kyl is a stalwart pro-business conservative and a senior member of the Senate Judiciary Committee. Cornyn is a former Texas Supreme Court justice and state attorney general. Both men have been at the forefront in fighting Democratic filibusters against Bush's federal appeals court nominees.

Like all potential Supreme Court nominees — most lists of would-be candidates have at least 10 judges, lawyers or lawmakers — the senators played down their chances.

"If I was on the president's short list, I think I would have heard about it by now," Kyl said with a laugh.

Cornyn said, "It's flattering, but I like my current job and I'm not looking for another one."

Twenty-six men who served in Congress — 10 only in the Senate, 12 only in the House and four in both chambers — later joined the Supreme Court. The revolving door has turned the other way only once: David Davis resigned from the court in 1877 to represent Illinois in the Senate.

Bush has looked to Congress when filling federal court vacancies.

He picked Rep. Christopher Cox, R-Calif., for the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in San Francisco. Cox withdrew after California's two Democratic senators opposed him. He is now awaiting confirmation to head the Securities and Exchange Commission.

Outsiders agree that Kyl and Cornyn are less likely to be selected by Bush for a Supreme Court vacancy if Rehnquist is the first to retire.

"I would be very surprised to see a Republican senator nominated to replace Rehnquist," said Sean Rushton of the conservative Committee for Justice. "It would make more sense to nominate a Republican senator like Cornyn to replace Sandra Day O'Connor or John Paul Stevens."

The president would be expected to replace Rehnquist with a non-Washington conservative because senators know that pick will not change the court's ideological balance, Rushton said.

But if O'Connor or Stevens leaves, Bush could swing the court further to the right by picking either Kyl or Cornyn. Both senators are considered more conservative than O'Connor and Stevens.

They both also have the advantage of being members of "the club." The Senate has never rejected one of its own for the high court.

Senators have just emerged from a partisan deadlock over Bush's picks for appeals courts. Choosing a conservative senator might be attractive because of "senatorial courtesy" — the idea that senators will not be overly harsh to one of their own.

Of course, senatorial courtesy is never a guarantee. Cornyn, for example, might find himself having to explain comments he made after several violent attacks on judges this year. He said he wondered whether frustration against perceived political decisions by judges "builds up and builds up to the point where some people engage in violence, certainly without any justification."

Critics said his comments could incite violence against judges and the remarks could come back to haunt Cornyn.

Several years ago, former GOP Sen. Jesse Helms of North Carolina tried his best to scuttle former Democratic Sen. Carol Moseley Braun's nomination as ambassador to New Zealand, until GOP leaders refused to let him.

Former Sen. John Ashcroft, R-Mo., had a hard time getting past Democratic senators to become Bush's first attorney general.

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"Based on the time we've spent with Evos working on this contract, I believe we'll be able to work hand-in-hand with them to get this done. It's true — they would be able to use the entire $55,000 — but we can hold their feet to the fire on this.

"I'm looking at this as a situation where it will at least be possible to do something with the Settles Hotel. If this isn't a viable building — if it's not structurally sound — then we have a whole new problem on our hands."

While McEwen views the contract as a prospective boon for the city, not everyone shares his optimism.

"No one would like to see the Settles renovated more than me," Staulcup told the council. "However, I've done a great deal of research on Evos Homes over the past several months and I have no confidence in them at all. They don't have any experience in a project like this. From what I've found, all they are building is new homes.

"We have Limestone Ridge Apartments. We have the apartment building going up on Martin Luther King Boulevard. We have housing all over town. I just don't know where we're going to get the people to put in this type of housing. I'm just one vote on this council, but I simply don't have any confidence in this company. I can't see engaging in this type of contract with a company that has no history in this type of project."

Biddison, along with several members of the community, also voiced his opposition to the contract.

"This isn't in the budget, so where is the money going to come from?" asked Biddison.

Also on the council agenda is:

• Final reading of resolutions authorizing contracts between the city of Big Spring and the caretaker of Moss Lake, the West Texas Water Ski Club and the Big Spring YMCA.

• Final reading of and ordinance amending pavilion rentals, reservations and fees.

• Acceptance of minutes from meetings held by the city traffic commission, airpark development board, the Moore Development Board of Directors and Howard County Appraisal District.

• Consider advertising for bids for construction of the new Northside Community Center and award bids for asphalt and aggregate rock for the seal coat program.

• Presentation of several audits, including the city of Big Spring and the Howard County 911 Communication District.

• Election of the Mayor Pro-Tem.

• Several changes to local roadways, including no parking signs for 11th Place in front of Big Spring High School; placing a two-way stop at Sycamore yielding to Settles; placing a stop sign on the northwest corner of Mt. Vernon southbound at Washington Blvd.; and increasing the speed limit of the S. Service Road to 40 miles-per-hour.

• Street closures for the St. Thomas Church Festival on July 15 and 16.

The meeting will get under way at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday in the City Council Chambers, located at 307 E. Fourth Street.

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WRECK

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seat belts at the time of the accident, but two passengers in the rear compartment were not, he added.

Prince was cited for failure to control speed.

One lane of Highway 87 was closed for a short time while authorities investigated and cleared the wreck, Jones said.

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EVENTS

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"By that time of day, it is usually cool on the patio and we like to gather and visit with each other. We don't even worry about entertainment, because everyone just likes to have dinner and visit with friends," she said.

The rodeo opens Thursday night at the Big Spring Rodeo Bowl and runs through Saturday. Gates open at 7 p.m. with mutton bustin' to begin at 7:30 and the main show to start at 8.

Saturday, the Old Settlers Reunion begins at 9 a.m. at the fairbarns adjacent to the Rodeo Bowl. Although there is no cost to attend the reunion, reservations are necessary and may be obtained by calling the museum at 267-8255.

After the Old Settlers reunion, the museum will once again present the annual Fair Association Quilt Reception. The quilt on display this year is a western-themed one, with different brands quilted in the squares, she said.

For more information, contact the museum at 267-8255.

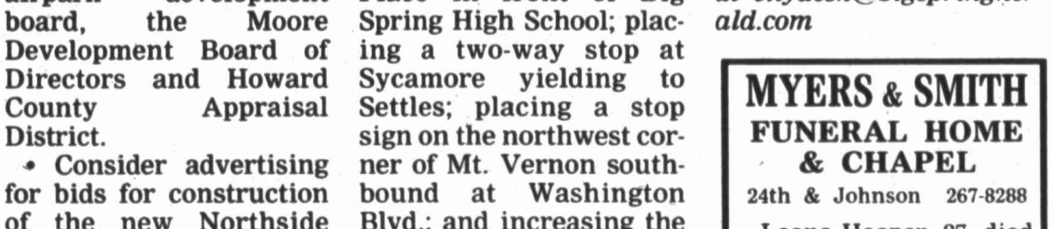
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Leona Hooper, 87, died Sunday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

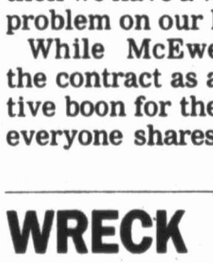
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EDITORIAL

"Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances."

-First Amendment

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OTHER VIEWS

Clock ticking for legislature to find solution

Gov. Rick Perry told an East Texas crowd last week that a special session to fix the thorny issue of school finance was possible in late June. Interesting if true, to borrow a line from twice-retired trivia columnist L.M. Boyd.

For Perry to call legislators back into session, something has to happen in the next two weeks that hasn't happened in more than a decade, which was the last time Texas legislators substantively overhauled the state's method of financing public schools.

The pricetag for educating the growing number of Texas children enrolled in grades K-12 is a whopping $8 billion more than the $37 billion committed in this budget, according to some estimates. The Legislature's attitude on coughing it up can be charitably summarized as "not until somebody makes us, and even then we won't." Public education costs money, and there are few places to get it. You could tax income, but you'll see the Alamo up for sale on eBay before we go there.

So, you can tax vendors and buyers, you can tax property and you can tax sin and you can tax privileges like hunting and driving. But all that activity draws lobby interest, so by the time you figure in exemptions to any taxing scheme you're going to be a little if not a lot shy. Nonetheless, legislators have a constitutional duty to pay for public schooling that is both equitable and adequate.

Though "equitable" and "adequate" are nebulous words that beg interpretation, the courts have nonetheless found Texas education wanting in both. That should be a bright red clue that something just ain't right, but it's a clue that legislators have studiously ignored.

The current revenue sharing system, dubbed Robin Hood, was a court-driven answer to the equity issue. It came out of a long and bruising lawsuit. Adequacy has been discussed, but never wrestled into anything resembling submission.

These issues have been known and discussed for years, so it's difficult to understand what might happen in two weeks to move legislators toward a solution that has eluded the institution for at least as many decades.

Perry says he is counting on constituent pressure to motivate lawmakers. Or perhaps he's hoping that House Speaker Tom Craddick and Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst will manage to grow some rapport. Craddick spent 30 years in the House bucking to copyright the word "no," and now he's in charge. Despite private vows to be more effective in the art of conference committee death matches, the 6-foot-something Dewhurst came up short again.

The philosophical differences between the House and Senate on how to pay for education are so profound that nothing short of change of leadership is likely to move the needle much.

The clock is ticking toward a July 7 court date for the school finance plan. So barring a Saul-like conversion for Craddick, or Dewhurst learning new wrestling moves, legislators would get more out of reading past L.M. Boyd columns than trying to write legislation that doesn't stand a chance of passing or of doing the school children of Texas any good if it did.

The Legislature's inability to meet the school funding challenge doesn't bode well for the contemplated special session. Even if there were a plan, it would end up in court anyway. So let the judges have a shot at it again.

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These women need help, not tonge-lashing

The Church of Scientology has no doubt helped a great many people — from Tom Cruise to John Travolta to Greta van Susteren — add greater meaning to their lives. When the German government sought to ban Scientologist children from public schools, I wholeheartedly supported my friend, Los Angeles attorney Bert Fields, who is not himself a Scientologist, in condemning their actions as religious discrimination of the worst sort.



Susan Estrich

The fundamental principle of freedom of religion, incorporated in our Constitution in the First Amendment, guarantees to the individual the right to believe whatever he or she chooses, and live his or her life accordingly, whether or not most of us agree with the tenets of that religion, or even recognize it as a religion.

And it is certainly a relief for those of us accustomed to seeing movie stars flanked by publicists who allow them to talk only about their movie roles, or require those who interview them to sign contracts before they ask the first question, to see an actor like Cruise speaking freely about what he truly believes in.

But it is one thing to be a believer, even a missionary.

It is quite another to condemn all those who disagree with you, including all of modern medicine in the process.

That is what makes the current disagreement between Tom Cruise and Brooke Shields more than a movie stars spat.

Post-partum depression is not a matter of belief, but of science. The earth is not flat. Post-partum depression is not a failure of faith. It is something Tom Cruise has absolutely no way of understanding, given his gender and his lack of experience — not only is he a man, but his two children are adopted.

But in his ignorance, he is spreading bad science in the name of religion.

For those who have managed to avoid this latest tempest, Cruise has sharply criticized Shields for having resorted to the medication Paxil to deal with a very severe case of post-partum depression.

Shields, in what turns out to be a rather typical pattern, had gone through years and years trying to have a child: fertility treatments, miscarriages, disappointment upon disappointment. Like so many women, she found herself inexplicably depressed when her dreams finally came true.

In a brutally honest, un-Pollyanna-ish memoir, she recounts what it feels like to be a new mother — overwhelmed, depressed, guilty about being depressed, afraid to admit you're depressed, and the eventual realization that what she was facing was more than the "blues," that it would not simply "go away," that it was indeed a chemical problem that required a chemical solution.

Fortunately for her, and for her baby, she got help.

Fortunately for others, she had the courage to write about it.

According to Jane Brody, some 400,000 women each year — about 10 percent of all births — suffer severe depression after the births of their children, and yet only one in five get the help they need. Postpartum psychosis, the most severe form of the disorder, occurs after one or two of every 1,000 births and can result in suicide or even the murder of the baby.

These women need medical help, not a tongue-lashing from Tom Cruise.

More than 40 years ago, as best I can remember, my mother went to bed after the birth of my brother. There was no Paxil in those days. There was no Brooke Shields to say it was normal. No one understood post-partum depression. No one had anything to offer. My sister started hitting me every day, so angry was she about losing her mother.

We all just suffered, and nothing ever got better. I never understood what went wrong until a psychiatrist explained it to me many years later, when the injuries had come to define our family and the scars were too deep to be erased.

Tom Cruise has every right to believe what he wants. But he is not helping the cause of Scientology by portraying it as a belief system that cares not at all for the very real, physical and chemical illnesses that new mothers, and their families, suffer.

Cruise's freedom to practice his religion depends on the tolerance of those who disagree with both the practices and tactics of his church. Those of us who would very much like to be tolerant are finding that he is making our task all the more difficult.

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The truth behind traveler's checks

NOTE TO ROGER SIMON EDITORS: ROGER SIMON IS ON VACATION. THE FOLLOWING COLUMN WAS FIRST PUBLISHED IN MAY 2000.

WASHINGTON — Whenever I would go on a trip, my mother would always say the same thing: "Get traveler's checks."

She had absolute faith in the things. "Don't leave home without them," she would say, parroting the line from one of the commercials that featured evil men sneaking into people's hotel rooms as they slept and stealing them blind.

The appeal of traveler's checks is that if they are lost or stolen, you can get replacement checks issued. (The ease of doing this, especially if you are robbed late at night or on a Sunday or in Outer Mongolia, differs with the circumstances.)



Roger Simon

Some companies charge a fee for their traveler's checks, but you can usually find a way to get them without a fee (through your bank or motor club, for example).

The real way the companies make money is when people don't cash all the checks: You get back from your vacation with 20 or 50 or 100 dollars in checks left and you stick them in a drawer figuring you will use them for your next trip.

Or some people hide them away in a hidden pocket in their purse or wallet just in case they need emergency cash. (A lot of people also foolishly keep the traveler's check receipt along with the traveler's checks. You should keep it in a separate location.)

When you keep a $20 check instead of cashing it, the traveler's check company has your original $20 without having to pay it out. The company makes interest on that money. This is called a "float," and it amounts to millions and millions of dollars.

There is nothing wrong with this, but I always hate coming back from a trip with traveler's checks because, contrary to the ads, it's not always so easy to cash them.

Some businesses won't take them, and try giving a traveler's check to a cab driver.

Besides, credit cards are accepted in so many places that they make traveler's checks much less necessary.

When I went to Vietnam recently, however, I was offered two bits of advice from two recent travelers there: Take a bunch of single U.S. dollar bills and take traveler's checks.

The first piece of advice was good. The per capita income in Vietnam is about a dollar a day, and giving someone a U.S. dollar can buy quite a bit.

The advice about the traveler's checks was less good. At the very elegant and not very expensive Caravelle Hotel in Ho Chi Minh City (which just about everybody still calls Saigon), they accepted my traveler's checks when I paid my bill, but they also charged me a fee to do so.

I was not happy with this. If I had paid by credit card, I would not have had to pay a fee.

By the time I paid my bill, I still had $80 in checks left over, and since I rarely buy stuff in duty free shops (who wants to lug a quart of booze around?), I still had those traveler's checks when I got home.

So the Monday after I got back, I went to a bank that is part of a big banking chain near where I work.

I waited in line and when I got to the teller, I told her I wanted to cash traveler's checks.

She did not look happy.

"Do you have an account here?" she grumped.

No, I said. Why do I have to have an account here to cash a traveler's check?

(Bank behavior has gotten worse as bank fees have risen: A friend of mine recently made a deposit at her own bank and in order to make the deposit, she had to show identification. "I want to make a deposit, not a withdrawal!" she said. The bank still insisted on seeing an ID)

The teller did not answer my question. Instead, she handed me an ink pad.

What's this? I asked.

"You have to put your right thumb print on each traveler's check," she said.

(I am not making this up, by the way. I wish I were.)

You're kidding, I said.

"No," she said. "Right thumb print on each check or we won't cash them."

So I stood there as the people behind me in line gawked at me.

I stuck my thumb on the ink pad and then smooshed it on each check.

As any cop could tell you, such a thumb print is worthless. You have to have a good, unsmooshed print in order to match someone's fingerprints.

So what was the bank trying to do with this ridiculous (and humiliating) practice?

I think it was just trying to get me to go elsewhere. The bank didn't want to deal with traveler's checks, and so it made it as hard as possible to cash one.

I turned in the checks with the smooshed fingerprints.

"I need to see some identification," the teller said.

My thumb print isn't good enough? I asked.

"No," she said.

So I reached into my wallet -- trying to avoid getting my inky thumb on my pants -- and gave her a driver's license.

Only after she took a long, hard look at it did she begin the procedure of typing out a long line of numbers for each traveler's check. Fortunately, I was cashing in only four, 20 dollar checks. If I was cashing in many, I would have been an old man before I got my money.

Eventually, the teller agreed to part with the cash, but I wasn't ready to leave.

Got a tissue? I asked. I'd like to wipe the ink off my thumb.

She hesitated for a second -- maybe I wanted to fashion a mask out of the tissue so I could rob the bank -- and then she shoved a wet nap at me.

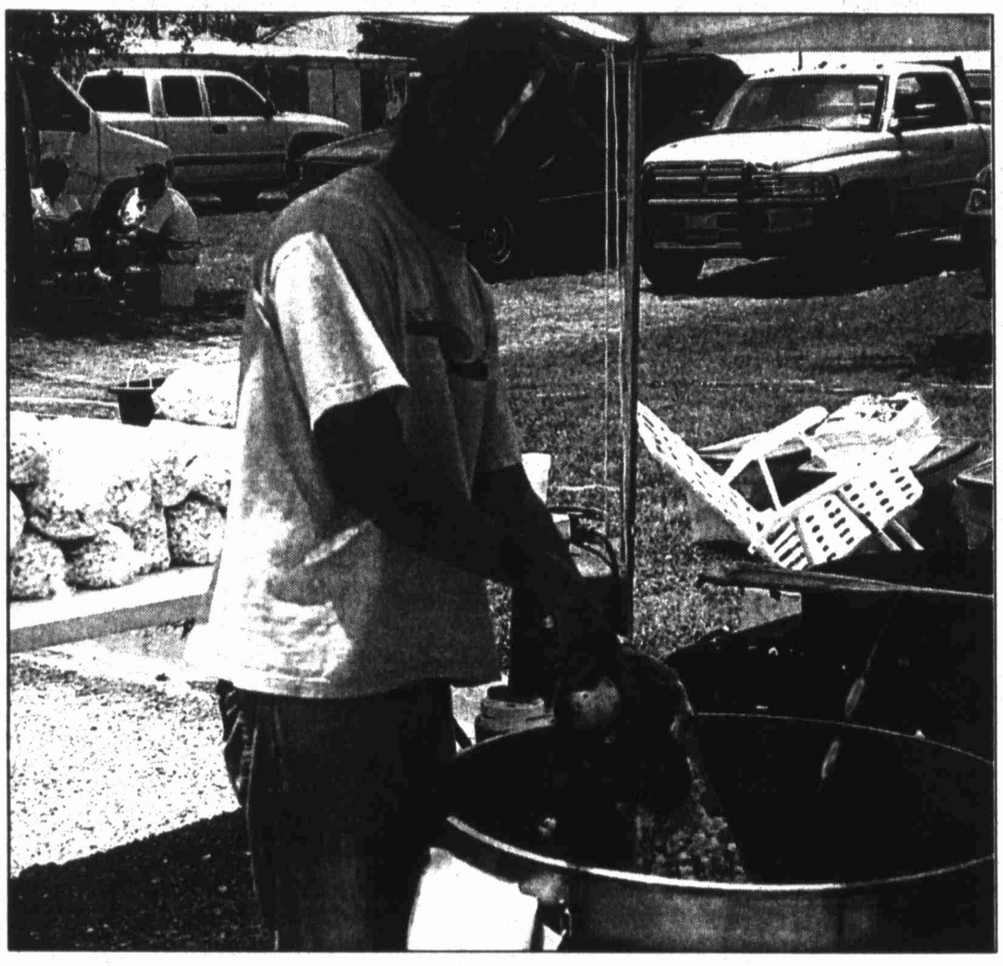
I left the bank vowing two things: I would never do any business with that bank again and I would never use traveler's checks unless I really, really was forced to.

And in the meantime, I have a suggestion for a new TV ad: "Don't leave home without them — especially if you want to be treated like a criminal!"

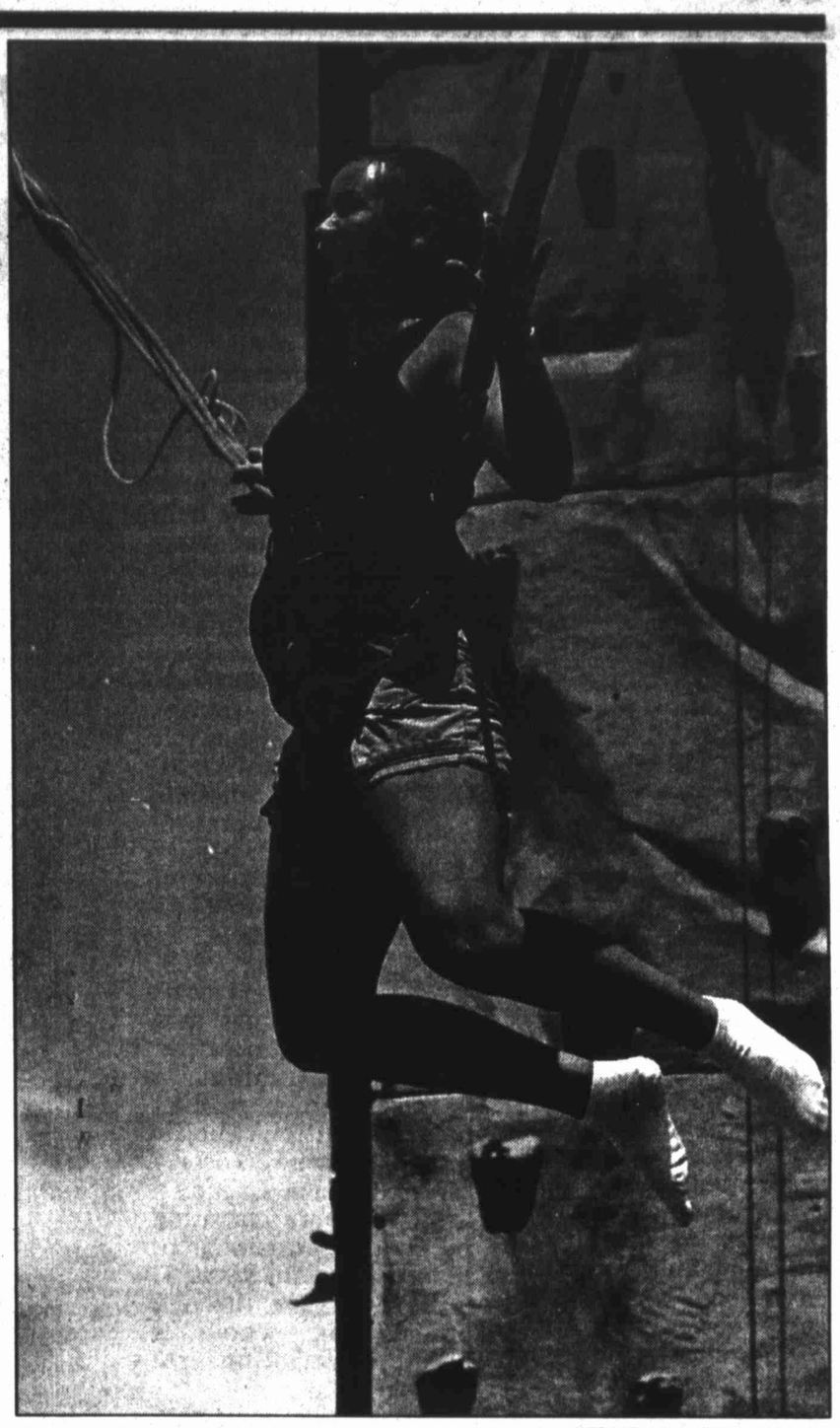
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Good news!



David Houston of Midland fills bags with kettle corn, a popular sweet and salty snack, Saturday afternoon during Stanton's Old Sorehead Trade Days.
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Christy Kendall of Lubbock takes time out from shopping at the annual Old Sorehead Trade Days to take a "bungee" leap. Kendall was just one of hundreds that filled the streets of Stanton for the trade day event.



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Melba and Ysela Rodriguez of Stanton get out of the sun for a little while during the Old Sorehead Trade Days Saturday afternoon, taking a spin on the kiddy train.

Britons wish QEII happy 79th birthday

LONDON (AP) — Britain put on one of its grandest annual shows of royal pageantry Saturday to celebrate Queen Elizabeth II's official 79th birthday.

In a spectacular display of precision marching and horsemanship choreographed to the music of a military band, about 1,220 soldiers in ceremonial red dress and huge black bearskin caps saluted the monarch in the ceremony.

The queen turned 79 on April 21, but public celebrations of the British monarch's birthday are always held on a Saturday in June.

Thousands of people filled sidewalks around the palace on a cloudy day, hoping to catch a glimpse of the queen.

"I've got goose bumps. It's wonderful. I've got to see the queen," said Beryl Sixsmith, 64, who came to London from her hometown of Manchester.

The queen and her husband, Prince Philip, who celebrated his 84th birthday Friday, rode in an open carriage from Buckingham Palace along the wide, tree-lined Mall from the palace to the parade ground.

Prince William, 22, elder son of Prince Charles and the late Princess Diana, rode in a separate carriage with his stepmother, the Duchess of Cornwall. The duchess, the former Camilla Parker Bowles, married Prince Charles on April 9.

After the hour-long ceremony, the queen and her family gathered on the palace balcony to watch Royal Air Force jets fly overhead in her honor.

Earlier Saturday, the queen released her annual list of birthday honors to a diverse list of 894 Britons, including veteran rockers Brian May and Jimmy Page.

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Insurer: Pill-splitting can save major bucks

By RYAN NAKASHIMA
Associated Press Writer

MILWAUKEE, Wis. (AP) — Chopping his Lipitor tablets in half gives Randy Schneider a little thrill.

"I kind of chuckle when I do this," said the 41-year-old line worker at a cheese factory. "It's like I'm making good money per minute if you figure it out."

Schneider saves about $31 for a six-month supply, because double-strength pills don't cost much more than single-strength ones. It takes him 10 minutes to cut the 90 pills in two, and he gets the same supply of cholesterol medicine for less money.

To your health

Now, the nation's second-largest health insurer, UnitedHealthcare, is getting behind the practice, giving away pill-splitters and providing advice on which drugs can be safely cut in half.

It is offering half-price on drugs for those who split double-strength pills, cutting the patient's insurance copayment in half as well.

"It has the potential for meaningful savings," said Tim Heady, CEO of UnitedHealth Pharmaceutical Solutions, a division of UnitedHealthcare, based in Edina, Minn.

"For every patient that chooses to reduce their costs by 50 percent, it would reduce ours and their employer's cost by half of the cost of that prescription as well," he said. "The question is how many consumers would be willing to participate."

Seniors have split pills to cut costs with the help of their doctors and pharmacists for years. But recently insurers have promoted it as studies have shown it can save massive amounts on purchasing drugs _ a key driver of increased premiums.

The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs said in November it managed to save $46.5 million a year by having 1.1 million patients split one cholesterol drug alone _ Zocor.

The Regence Group, a health insurer operating in Oregon, Washington, Idaho and Utah, saves $5 million a year through pill-splitting, which it began promoting 18 months ago.

The practice helps contain costs as newer, more expensive drugs replace older, cheaper ones, and as people take more and more medicine, said Regence's vice president of pharmacy services, David Clark.

"With all those pressures (that tend) to increase pharmaceutical costs, this is one of the elements that reduces those pressures," Clark said.

UnitedHealthcare began its voluntary program across Wisconsin on June 1, sending out letters to 10,500 patients to promote it. The insurer plans to take it nationwide for 12.5 million drug benefit subscribers before year's end, Heady said.

Among the 15 pills the insurer recommends splitting are expensive cholesterol drugs such as Lipitor, antidepressants such as Zoloft, and blood pressure pills such as Aceon and Diovan.



Photo courtesy of Precision Pill Splitters

Though there can be some risks, higher-doseage pills can save costs by up to 50 percent. You should first have a doctor's permission to get higher-dosage pills and split them, however.

Those pills can be split easily without any adverse effects, Heady said.

"Say one day you get 30 percent of the tablet and the next day you get 70 percent," he said. "What we've been able to determine is that doesn't really have an impact on efficacy or safety."

But Pfizer Inc., the maker of Lipitor and Zoloft, disputes that finding. Splitting a pill and leaving it in a steamy bathroom, for example, could change the nature of the drug, said the company's Dr. Mark Horn. It amounts to an "unlabeled use of our medicines" that has not been rigorously tested, Horn said.

"An experiment is being conducted on the people who are being encouraged to pill-split."

The federal Food and Drug Administration does not regulate pill-splitting, but says there are risks such as forgetting to split pills, slicing time-release pills or unevenly breaking ones for which a precise daily dosage is needed.

It is crucial to have the consent of a doctor, said Tom McGinnis, FDA's director of pharmacy affairs. Doctors can judge whether a patient is capable of splitting pills, or whether they are likely to forego taking their medicine if they feel it's too expensive.

"The important thing is for patients to get a dose of their medication, and if it's the only way they can afford to be on a statin (cholesterol-reducing) drug, I think a doctor would think that was reasonable," McGinnis said.

Studies have shown that the high cost of prescription drugs has put patients at risk.

The nonprofit research group, Center for Studying Health System Change, said last month that more than 18 percent of U.S. adults did not fill at least one of their prescriptions in 2003 because of the cost.

The center's president, Paul Ginsburg, said pill-splitting was unorthodox but effective in increasing access to care.

"It may be the difference between being able to take the drug and not being able to," he said.

For factory worker Schneider, splitting his pills at the suggestion of his pharmacist is not a life-or-death decision, since his cholesterol is back to normal.

But for a father of three with a mortgage on a new house, every penny counts.

"Most people, it probably doesn't faze them to just go ahead and pay for it, but I'll take whatever route is necessary to keep costs down," he said.

DIET: Want pizza? Book offers options for weak

By JAMIE STENGLE
Associated Press Writer

DALLAS (AP) — In a no-nonsense approach to weight loss, the American Heart Association's new diet book offers options for the weak. Can't give up pizza? Try eating two slices instead of your regular three. Craving ice cream? Try a sorbet.

"The intent on doing this was to try to get around the faddish diets," said Dr. Robert Eckel, president-elect of the American Heart Association and professor of medicine at the University of Colorado School of Medicine. "The theme is based on behavior, nutrition and physical activity."

Released this week, "No-Fad Diet: A Personal Plan for Healthy Weight Loss" dismisses trends like the grapefruit diet, the very low-fat diet and the low-carb diet. Although the heart association has published heart-healthy cookbooks before, this is its first all-out diet book with a variety of options.

It also offers options for readers who may need to ease into eating healthy. With more than 190 recipes, it asks readers to take quizzes to figure out the best eating and exercising strategies.

Along with a full menu plan, the book also offers the more flexible "75 percent solution" and "the switch and swap approach."

The first option calls for eating 75 percent of what you normally eat. The switch-and-swap offers lower calorie alternatives. For instance, instead of a cinnamon roll, eating a cinnamon-raisin English muffin with 2 teaspoons of light tub margarine cuts 312 calories, according to the book.

The book recommends that those using the 75 percent approach gradually include servings from each food group and try to avoid simply cutting back on non-nutritional foods.

Lona Sandon, a dietitian and assistant professor of clinical nutrition at the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center in Dallas who looked over the new book, said it "doesn't make changing your eating habits necessarily so daunting. The all or nothing approach so many fad diets tend to take obviously doesn't work."

The menu plan approach offers 1,200-, 1,600- or 2,000-calorie menus depending on the needs of the dieter, even allowing for the occasional doughnut or biscuit with bacon.

Offering advice on heart-healthy eating, the book also tells readers that by subtracting 500 calories a day they can lose about one pound a week. It's an approach that will take some time. No rapid weight loss here.

"A lot of the fad diets have appealed to a rapid weight loss," Eckel said. "This is a slow, methodical approach."

The book also suggests readers figure out which of three exercise categories would work best: joining organized exercise programs, starting a walking routine or taking up new forms of recreation like bowling or dancing.

"It's really a positive education piece versus the do and don't list you see with so many of the fad diets out there," said Julie Bender, a dietitian with Baylor University Medical Outpatient Nutrition Counseling Program.

"Everybody is at different places when they seek out a weight-loss plan."

Sandon said that she likes how the book helps readers assess where they are at the beginning and encourages them to keep a journal to take a hard look at their eating habits.

"The people who lose weight slowly and gradually are more successful keeping that weight off long-term," Sandon said. "We need to look at this as a long-term lifestyle. You're losing the weight to keep it off for life."

Health tips

Here are some suggestions for low-calorie snacks from the American Heart Association's new book, "No-Fad Diet: A Personal Plan for Healthy Weight Loss." All contain 50 calories or less.

4 animal crackers, 44 calories
1 medium apricot, 17 calories
1 Asian pear (4.3 ounces), 50 calories
Half-cup blueberries, 41 calories
10 sweet cherries, 43 calories
10 small jelly beans, 40 calories
10 pretzel sticks, 10 calories
Half-cup strawberries, 27 calories

Here are some calorie-saving food substitutions from the book:

— Instead of 1 milk chocolate bar (1.55 ounces), try 10 chocolate-covered raisins for a calorie savings of 187.

— Instead of 16 ounces of regular cola, try diet cola for a calorie savings of 149.

— Instead of a half-cup of fried rice, try a half-cup of steamed rice for a calorie savings of 53.

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IN BRIEF

Howard announces men's basketball camps in mid-July

The Howard College men's basketball staff will host two week-long camps in the month of July.

The first camp will take place July 10-14, while the second camp starts July 24 and ends July 28. Both camps will cost $250 per player who wants room and board and $175 for a commuter. Both camps will take place at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum on the campus of Howard College.

The Hawk camp format consists of morning and afternoon sessions. All sessions include specialized clinics on both the offensive and defensive phases of the game.

For more information, contact Mark Adams at 816-6957 or Jason Sautter at 816-3200.

Big Spring sets first Quarterback meeting

The Big Spring football booster club has set its first quarterback club meeting of the year June 20 at 7 p.m. in the Big Spring Athletic Training Center.

For more information, contact Gene Piercefield at 816-1134.

"Best of the rest" set for end of month

Comanche Trail Golf Course presents "the best of the rest" two man partnership golf tournament June 25-26.

The tournament costs $160 per team and there will be free food on the course.

The championship flight must declare and will play low ball, while all other flights will play scramble.

For more info, call 264-2366.

Howard women's basketball sets three camp dates

The Howard College women's basketball program will be hosting three camps this summer.

The first camp will take place June 13-16 and is for seventh-12th grade girls and is a shooting and offensive moves camp. Registration will take place Monday, June 13, from 8:30 a.m. to 9 a.m. The camp goes from 9 a.m. to noon through June 16 and the cost is $60 per person.

The second and third camps will take place July 18-21.

The second camp is open for kindergarten through third grade boys and girls. Registration will take place from 8:30 a.m. to 9 a.m. July 18. The camp runs from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. and costs $50 per person.

The third camp is for fourth through sixth grade girls. Registration for this camp will take place from 12:30 p.m. to 1 p.m. July 18. The camp runs from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. and costs $60 per person.

For more information, call Earl Diddle at 264-5043 or Eric Rodewald at 816-4327.

Blalock, Hildago hits lead Rangers past Florida

MIAMI (AP) — Ricardo Rodriguez pitched five effective innings in his season debut and Richard Hidalgo homered to help the Texas Rangers snap a season-high five-game losing streak with a 6-2 victory Sunday over the Florida Marlins.

Rodriguez (1-0), recalled from Triple-A Oklahoma before the game, allowed two runs and seven hits, walked one and struck out five.

John Wasdin, whose contract was purchased from Oklahoma earlier Sunday, pitched four perfect innings for his first save of the season. It was the fourth save of his career, and first since July 16, 2000, against Montreal while he with Boston.

Brian Moehler (2-4) gave up four runs, seven hits and three walks — one intentional — and struck out seven for the Marlins, who have lost 13 of 18. Moehler dropped to 0-3 at home despite a 2.33 ERA

Texas extended its lead to 4-2 in the sixth on Rod Barajas' run-scoring dou-

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Jordan, Landin win youth mixed title at B.S. Tennis Circuit

• Olesen, Ward finish second in adult mixed doubles category

By TROY HYDE
Sports Editor

The Big Spring Black and Gold Tennis Circuit finished up competition Saturday at the Figure 7 Tennis Center inside of Comanche Trail Park and several local athletes found themselves with strong finishes upon the day's end.



JORDAN

Big Spring senior Jamie Jordan got two gold medals for her efforts as she won the girls' doubles division with teammate Natasha Neighbors, a fellow senior from Big Spring, and the 16-18 mixed doubles division with teammate Jeremy Landin, who will be a sophomore at Big Spring next year.

A duo from Andrews — Nicole Duzan and Lindsey Halfman — took second in the girls' doubles division.

Forsan juniors Cayley Eggleston and Tessa Montgomery finished third.

The other two top finishers in the youth mixed doubles division was Odessa's Ben Scott and Adrienne Larson, who took second, and Atara Panton of Andrews and Levi Valdez of Crane came in third.

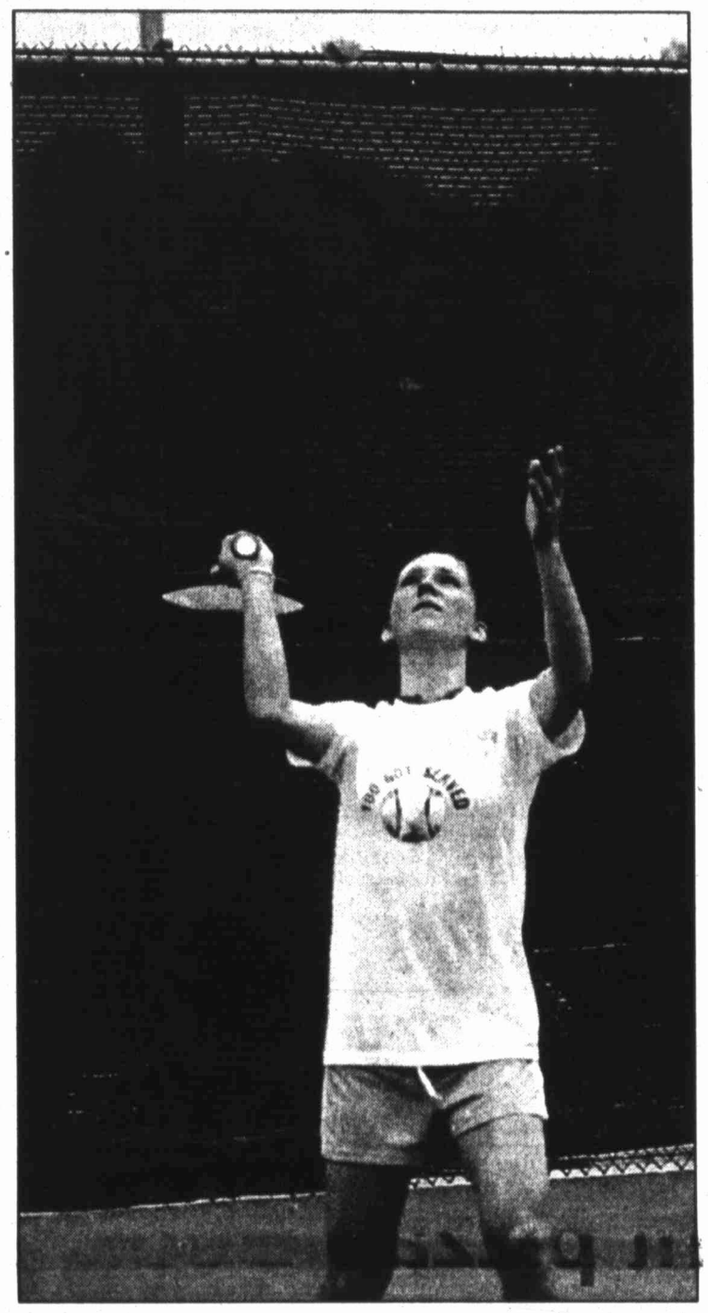
The 16-and-under girls' singles division finished up play Saturday morning and two sisters from Midland finished first and second, respectively. Minie Satyavada grabbed the gold, while Lahi Satyavada finished second.

Jourdan Bradshaw of Abilene grabbed third, while Big Spring freshman Keely Parnell, who won the 14-and-under division Friday, was the consolation winner.

Snyder's Wes Price and Valdez won the 16-18 boys' double division after taking down Jon Bennett and Phillip Kelleher of Odessa. Bennett and Kelleher won the 14-and-under boys' double division last year. Big Spring sophomores Ainhan Nghiem and Jeremy Landin took third, while Big Spring senior Dusty Thomas and sophomore Shane Bowles grabbed fourth.

The adult mixed doubles division was won by John Armstrong and Erin Eisenrich of Andrews. Armstrong is the Andrews High School head tennis coach. Big Spring's Ted Olesen and sophomore Allison Ward came in second place, while Forsan's Lacl Eggleston and Bryce Lopez finished third.

Big Spring head tennis coach Sarah Corse and Olesen, who is the new tennis pro in town, are trying to set up another camp in Big Spring, but have not yet finalized the dates. Corse said it could be sometime before high school tryouts take place Aug. 4-5 at the Figure 7 Tennis Center.



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Forsan junior Cayley Eggleston sends an overhead forehand over the net during action on Court No. 1 Saturday at the Big Spring Tennis Circuit Tournament. Eggleston and teammate Tessa Montgomery place third overall in the girl's doubles division.

'Horns staying alive

UT squares series with Mississippi

OXFORD, Miss. (AP) - Texas showed it can play longball, too, and now the Longhorns are rekindling their hopes for another trip to the College World Series.

Nick Peoples and Carson Kainer each homered, and Texas dodged a late Mississippi rally and evened its super regional series at one game apiece by beating the Rebels 3-1 on Sunday night.

"The theme is, we've lived to play another day," Texas coach Augie Garrido said. "We were fortunate defensively. The baseball gods were kind to us. They hit the ball hard several times, but it was right at us."

Earlier in the day, Ole Miss beat the Longhorns 6-4 in the completion of the rain-suspended opening game in the best-of-three series.

The Rebels had a chance for the sweep when they loaded the bases with one out in the ninth on a walk to Brian Pettway and singles by Stephen Head and Alex Presley.

But J. Brent Cox, one of the nation's most reliable closers, got Cooper Osteen to bounce into a game-ending double play, sealing his 16th save and forcing Monday's decisive third game with the winner claiming a spot in the College World Series.

"We couldn't get the key hit, and Texas did," Ole Miss coach Mike Bianco said. "It's come down to a one-game season."

Cox came through hours after his throwing error on a fielded bunt in Game 1 allowed the go-ahead run to score for the Rebels.

"If you can't play with the pressure inside the lines, you will lose," Cox said.

Texas (50-16) is seeking its fourth straight and 32nd overall trip to the College World Series. Ole Miss (48-19) is looking for its first College World Series appearance since 1972.

Spurs winning, Pistons whining

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — By the fourth quarter, Rasheed Wallace was reduced to the emptiest of threats.

When the Spurs absently took practice shots after the whistle blew, he leaped and ferociously swatted them away.

If only the Detroit Pistons had showed a little of that bravado when the ball was in play.

The defending champions just don't scare the Spurs, and it's showing in an increasingly one-sided NBA Finals.

With smooth offensive execution and a rough-edged defensive toughness, San Antonio rolled to a 97-76 victory in Game 2 on Sunday night.

The Pistons arrived in San Antonio wearing the glitzy, wrestling-style title belts created by Wallace.

They left with two embarrassing losses to a former champion playing with all the confidence and flair Detroit showed while upsetting the Los Angeles Lakers last summer.

Manu Ginobili scored 27 points and hit four of San Antonio's 11 3-pointers, while Tim Duncan added 18 points and 11 rebounds.

The Spurs led by 23 in the third quarter, briefly struggled in the fourth and calmly rolled to a series lead that's been all but insurmountable in league history.

"Every time we made a run, every time we showed we were trying to get back into the game, they made a huge play," said Detroit's Chauncey Billups, held to 13 points. "When you get into a groove like that, it seems like you get all of those kinds of little breaks. We'll be happy to get back to Detroit."

Though the Pistons cut the Spurs' lead to eight points midway through the fourth quarter, they never seemed in danger.

Their execution was too fluid, their shooting too sharp and their home fans too vocal.

Ginobili hit another series of big shots to put it away, while Duncan, Tony Parker and even Bruce Bowen made key contributions. The Spurs held Detroit without a 3-pointer, and they went 28-of-34 on free throws, compared to Detroit's 10-for-16.

That's the San Antonio way:

While their opponents boil over in frustration, the Spurs calmly execute a style of play that might not decorate highlight reels, but could lead to a second championship in three seasons.

"We usually don't get much credit since I'm here," said Ginobili, who also had seven assists. "We know how we play, how good we are. We've just got to stay humble. If people don't give us credit, we just don't care."

Major League Baseball - current league-wide standings

American League - East		American League - West		National League - Central	
Baltimore	36-26	LA Angels	36-26	St. Louis	40-22
Boston	33-29	**Texas**	**33-28**	Chicago Cubs	33-28
Toronto	31-32	Seattle	26-35	Pittsburgh	30-31
N.Y. Yankees	30-32	Oakland	25-37	Milwaukee	28-34
Tampa Bay	21-42			**Houston**	**26-35**
				Cincinnati	26-36
American League - Central		**National League - East**		**National League - West**	
Chicago Sox	42-20	Washington	37-26	San Diego	36-27
Minnesota	36-25	Philadelphia	36-28	LA Dodgers	33-29
Cleveland	31-30	Florida	31-29	Arizona	33-31
Detroit	28-32	Atlanta	32-30	San Francisco	25-36
Kansas City	21-41	N.Y. Mets	32-31	Colorado	21-40

Odessa Roughnecks
Remaining Home Games

June 18 vs. Rome Renegades
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*July 1 vs. Lubbock Gunslingers
August 5-6: 1st-ever National Indoor Football League (NIFL) All-Star game.

All games start at 7:11 p.m.
*exhibition game

The Roughnecks are 12-0 this year and have clinched a playoff berth. The home games listed above do not include future playoff games.

To purchase tickets to a Roughnecks game at Ector County Coliseum, call Ernie Salcido at 432-332-7277.

IN BRIEF

B.S. Country Club sets junior clinics

The Big Spring Country Club has set up a summer junior clinic and an advanced summer junior clinic.

The clinics run through August 4.

Both clinics will be Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.

The junior clinic costs $150, while the advanced junior clinic costs $200.

All participants in the advanced clinic must be entering ninth grade or pass a skills test.

The fee includes instruction and range club membership for the child for June through August.

For more information, call the golf shop at 267-5354.

Coahoma's annual ragball tournament set for end of June

The annual ragball tournament which takes place in Coahoma has been set for June 24-26 this year at the Coahoma softball park.

The sign-up date has been scheduled for June 24 at 5 p.m.

Booths will also be available for any organization which is interested in a fundraiser. The deadline to sign-up for a booth is June 17.

For more information, contact Patric Robinson at 432-393-5622 or Randy Clanton at 432-393-5338.

Justin Cowboy Crisis Fund tourney set

The Big Spring Cowboy Reunion and Rodeo has announced a golf tournament to benefit the Justin Cowboy Crisis Fund.

The tournament is scheduled for Friday, June 17. The tournament costs $50 per player and the fee includes lunch.

For more information, contact Eddy Blassningame at 263-8421.

No. 1 Tulane keeps season alive with late offensive burst

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Micah Owings pitched a three-hit shutout and national top seed Tulane broke open a scoreless pitchers' duel in the late innings to keep its season alive with a 7-0 victory over Rice Sunday in Game 2 of the New Orleans NCAA Super Regional.

Playing as the visitor on its home field, the Green Wave (54-10) took a 1-0 lead in the seventh inning when pinch hitter Scott Madden drew a four-pitch, bases-loaded walk from starter Joe Savery.

The powerful Tulane lineup, largely shut down through most of the first 17 innings of the series, suddenly regained its form in the top of the ninth, plating six more runs on five hits.

The final game of the best-of-three series, with a bid to the College World Series on the line, is set for Monday.

Rice (45-18), which scored nine runs in the first five innings of its victory Saturday, hasn't scored in the 13 innings since.

Tyson gives up after sixth round, says he's done

By TIM DAHLBERG
AP Boxing Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Mike Tyson was sprawled on the canvas, his head stuck oddly between the first and second ropes. Kevin McBride had shoved him down and now he sat there, trying to contemplate whether to get up.

The round was over, and so was Tyson's career. Nineteen years after he became the youngest man to win the heavyweight title, he was reduced to this.

An Irish heavyweight of little repute was bullying him around. He wasn't the baddest man on the planet anymore, not the baddest man in Washington, not even the baddest man in the ring.

He was an aging heavyweight who looked older by the minute Saturday night, finally coming to grips with the fact that this was the way it was going to end. It was all Tyson could do to look at referee Joe Cortez, pull himself to his feet and trudge wearily to his corner.

Tyson sat on his stool and told Cortez he had enough. Enough for this fight, enough for a tortured career that began with greatness only to spiral out of control and finally end in desperation and sadness.

He said he would fight no more. The sport that allowed him to earn more than $300 million had passed him by, and now it was time for Tyson to admit as much.

"This is it," Tyson said. "It's finished."

For those counting, the once meteoric career ended 20 years and 56 fights after it began, with a March 6, 1985, first-round knockout of Hector Mercedes in Albany, N.Y.

The image of Tyson in his prime was indelible in the minds of boxing fans around the world. For four years he reigned supreme, seemingly unbeatable, knocking out fighters with vicious intensity and making them frightened even to get into the ring.

The Tyson who fought his last fight at the MCI Center bore a physical resemblance to the Tyson of old. But that was it.

He was just a shell of that fighter, much as he had been since losing to Buster Douglas in what was one of boxing's greatest upsets in 1990.

Tyson hadn't beaten anyone of significance since stopping Razor Ruddock the next year, yet fans bought tickets to his fights thinking they would see the young lion who thought he would never lose.

"My career has been over since 1990," Tyson admitted.

Tyson lured 15,472 fans to the MCI Center with the promise that they would see a glimpse of the Tyson of old against a much bigger (6-foot-5, 271 pounds) but not very accomplished McBride.

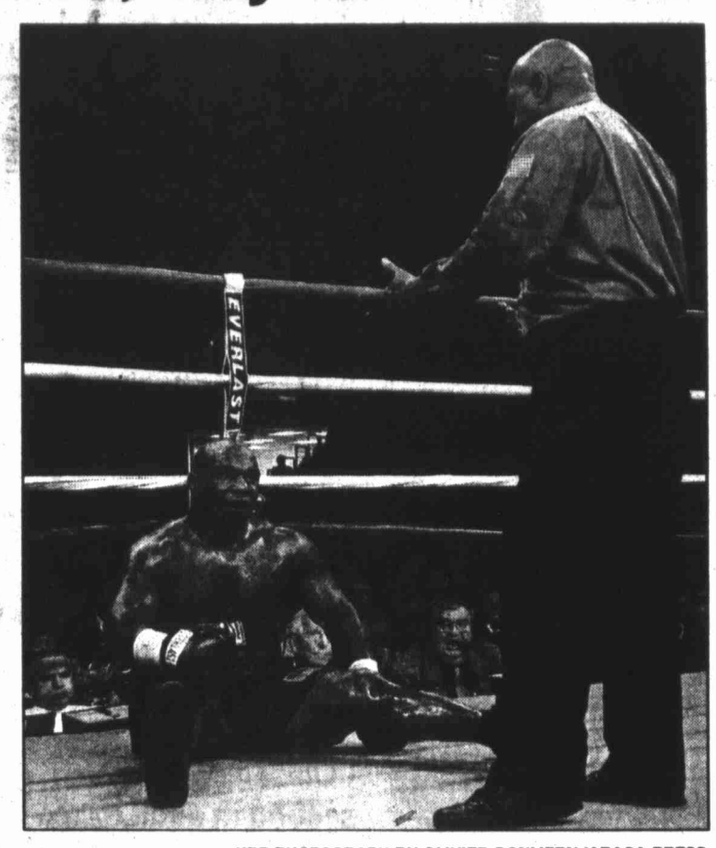
By the fourth round, it was becoming apparent that Tyson, despite all his big punches, was tiring. He began wiping at his mouthpiece, a habit he acquired as a young fighter when he was nervous, and he fought effectively only the first 30 seconds of each round before McBride began pushing him around.

Tyson was fading, just as he had against Danny Williams last year and Lennox Lewis two years earlier. He trained to go only a few rounds, and now McBride was not only standing right in front of him, but was landing some solid uppercuts of his own.

Early in the sixth round, he grabbed McBride's arm and tried to break it. He hit him with a low blow and, finally, he intentionally rammed his bald head against the head of his bigger opponent, drawing both blood and a two-point penalty from referee Joe Cortez.

By the end of the round, Tyson was not just desperate. He was a beaten fighter, sitting on the canvas and trying to figure out where it had all gone wrong.

Assuming Tyson does quit — and it would appear he has little chance of being a legitimate fighter any more — he leaves the sport with 50 wins in his 56 fights, with three of his six defeats coming in his last four fights.



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Referee Joe Cortez looks at Mike Tyson as he tries to get up after being pushed down by Kevin McBride in the sixth round, Saturday night at the MCI Center in Washington, D.C. McBride won the fight via TKO after Tyson refused to come back out for the seventh round.

Oswalt's gem leads Astros to victory against Blue Jays

By MICHAEL A. LUTZ
AP Sports Writer

HOUSTON (AP) — Roy Oswalt pitched his first career two-hitter and won his sixth straight home start, leading the Houston Astros over the Toronto Blue Jays 3-0 Sunday for their season-high fifth straight victory.

Oswalt retired 24 of his final 25 batters and needed only 88 pitches for his second complete game of the season and seventh of his career. He struck out three and walked none.

Jason Lane homered for the Astros, who completed their third series sweep of the season and won for the 11th time in 16 games.

Oswalt (7-7) had lost five of his previous seven decisions overall, but improved to 6-1 at home. His only loss at Minute Maid Park this season was April 5 against the St. Louis Cardinals.

Oswalt allowed a leadoff single to Shea Hillenbrand to start the second inning, but didn't allow another runner until Alex Rios' double with two outs in the ninth.

He got defensive help in the seventh from shortstop Adam Everett and first baseman Lance Berkman.

With one out, Vernon Wells hit a grounder toward Everett, who ran to his left, and threw leaping off his feet to first base, where Berkman made a long stretch and stab to nip Wells. Hillenbrand then hit a grounder to third baseman Morgan Ensberg, whose high throw forced Berkman to leap off the bag and tag the runner.

Josh Towers (5-5) allowed leadoff singles by Willy Taveras in the first and Berkman in the second, but held the Astros scoreless until the fifth, when Lane hit a full-count pitch for a homer and a 1-0 lead.

Houston added two more runs in the seventh on a two-run single by Taveras, his third hit. Taveras also had three hits in Saturday's win.

Towers allowed nine hits in seven innings. He struck out three and walked two.

Lane also had three hits.

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-ble — a low line drive just to the right of second baseman Damion Easley.

Hidalgo's two-run shot off Guillermo Mota in the eighth made it 6-2. Hidalgo has 12 homers on the season, including eight out of his last 17 hits.

Texas went ahead 1-0 in the first on Hank Blalock's two-out double.

Florida tied it in the bottom of the inning on Miguel Cabrera's RBI single, and went ahead 2-1 in the third on Jeff Conine's two-out run-scoring double.

Rodriguez's first career hit and first career RBI capped a two-run fourth that gave Texas a 3-2 lead. Blalock led off by reaching on an infield single.

Alfonso Soriano then doubled, putting runners on second and third. After Laynce Nix's ground out scored Blalock, Rodriguez slapped a single to left for his first hit in seven career at-bats.

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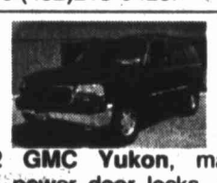
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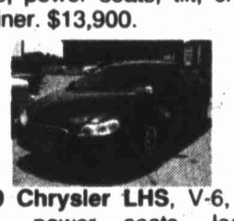
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Annie's Mailbox : Advice for those in need



KATHY MITCHELL
MARCY SUGAR

Dear Annie: I'm 18 years old and a virgin in every sense of the word. I've dated and kissed guys, but that's as far as it's ever gone. I have no desire to be sexually active, because I recently started seeing a really nice guy who is a year older than I am. I haven't told him that I'm a virgin, because if I do, I also have to tell him that I don't plan on sleeping with him unless it's our wedding night. I'm not ready to get married, but I don't want to drive him away. Also, I don't want him to see me as some sort of conquest.

I know if he cares about me, he will understand my desire to remain chaste. But I've already been dumped for sticking to my morals, and I don't want to lose this guy. Should I tell him? Or should I wait until things get more serious? -- Chaste at U of I

Dear Chaste: There's no reason to tell him now. As you well know, any guy who would dump you because you won't sleep with him isn't the right guy for you. Get to know him better, and allow him the opportunity to learn what a great person you are before throwing sex into the mix. As the relationship progresses, it will be more natural for you to tell him that you are saving yourself for marriage. We hope he respects your decision and sticks around.

Dear Annie: I am a 31-year-old mother of two and have been battling severe depression for half my life. Three years ago, I was diagnosed with bipolar disorder.

Last year, I had a severe breakdown, attempted suicide and checked myself into a hospital for a week. I realized then that my job was a very big part of my problem. I have had over 30 jobs since I was old enough to work.

My husband, my doctor and I decided it would be best for me to apply for disability and stay home. This has reduced my stress level, but I still must take over 20 pills a day to control my moods and potential psychotic episodes.

My question is, how do I deal with people who ask what is wrong with me? If I simply tell them I am disabled, they always seem to pry. I look perfectly normal, although I've gained some weight in the last six months due to my meds. People even have had the gall to say that I am just working the system and that mental illness is not a real disability. I'd like to see them walk a mile in my shoes. How am I supposed to respond? -- Depressed and Embarrassed

Dear Depressed: You do not owe these clods an explanation. If you say, "I have a disability," and they continue to ask questions, simply tell them, "I'd rather not discuss it." Repeat it as often as you need to. Anyone who thinks you are faking disease, or that mental illness is not "real," is suffering from an inadequate education. Change the subject or ignore them.

Dear Annie: I read the letter from the woman who complained that people make stupid remarks about the physical appearance of an adopted child. I have been an adoption advocate for decades and have heard it all. But the best comment was from an adopted child, around age 8, who said to the thoughtless person, "God gave Mom and Dad my sisters, but they chose me themselves. That's why I look different."

I always thought the parents of this wonderful child were smart, loving and very blessed. -- Sioux Falls, S.D.

Dear Sioux Falls: We agree. Thanks for sharing.

Dear Annie: I have been married for five years to a wonderful man. I knew when we married that his brother, "Paul," would be difficult -- he is overbearing, rude, self-centered and a bully -- but I thought I could deal with the challenge.

My husband's sister, "Rita," recently was diagnosed with cancer. Rita, her husband and their young daughter have been staying with us during her chemo so we can help take care of her and her family. The last two treatments, my mother-in-law came to visit in order to help out. During both visits, Paul asked his mother to watch his two kids, which left us scrambling to take care of a very sick cancer patient, get her to doctor visits, and supervise her small child and mine, plus Paul's kids.

I asked Paul to please wait until Rita's treatment is over before asking us to baby-sit. His response? He said Rita is a baby and a whiner about her cancer and that she has the whole family wrapped around her finger. He then swore at me on the phone, so I hung up on him.

Over the years, my husband and I have baby-sat for Paul's kids (whom I love dearly), made improvements on his house and let him spend countless hours relaxing at our place while I cooked him meals. We also have given him large amounts of cash on numerous occasions because he is so irresponsible with money.

I was both stunned and saddened by Paul's selfishness and complete lack of compassion for his own sister. I would never ask my husband to choose between me and his brother, but I find Paul completely reprehensible, and I don't want my child around him. How can I deal with this thorn in my side? He is family. Am I stuck with him? -- At the End of My Rope

Dear Rope: Yes, you're stuck with him, but you don't have to let him take advantage of you. Limit your time with Paul to those family occasions when you must be around him. If your husband chooses to have a closer relationship with his brother, don't criticize, but let him do it on his own time.

Dear Annie: I am a 28-year-old female and am close friends with "Amanda." Frequently, when Amanda and I are at a restaurant or social event, she makes comments about the portion size on my plate versus the amount on hers. Recently, at a restaurant with two other friends, I took one last bite off my plate, and Amanda yelled across the table, "Are you STILL eating?"

Annie, both Amanda and I are at healthy weights, so I am at a loss to explain her behavior. Am I wrong to think she's rude? -- Frustrated in South Carolina

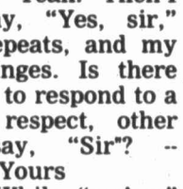
Dear S.C.: Of course she's rude. She does it because it makes her feel superior, and she needs to feel that way because underneath it all, she is pathetically insecure. Either ignore her or tell her to knock it off.

Dear Annie: I work the third shift for a major company and am worried about a co-worker. "Cora" is a very nice lady, but she falls asleep in mid-conversation. She also conks out while taking calls, sitting down, standing up, etc. I seem to be the closest one to her and try to keep her awake, but it's not easy. We also are worried because she drives. Our office is like a big family, so please tell us how to help her. Should we suggest that she see a doctor? -- Midwest Telemarketer

Dear Midwest: Yes. It sounds as if Cora suffers from narcolepsy, but the good news is, there is treatment available. Cora should call the nearest sleep disorder clinic, or contact the National Sleep Foundation (sleepfoundation.org) 1522 K St., NW, Suite 500, Washington, D.C. 20005, for a referral.

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Dear Prudence



MARGO HOWARD

Dear Prudence: My husband and I disagree on how our toddler should respond to adults when asked a question. We were both brought up in southern Louisiana, where respect to adults was always pretty high on the list.

I'm 27 and a staunch supporter of "Yes, ma'am" and "No, sir." My husband is 32 and not so big on the "No, sir." He says that not many male adults deserve the respect of being called sir, but he will show respect by not responding with "Yeah" when asked a question.

I'm trying to teach my 2-year-old to avoid the "Yeah" response entirely. To me, if those words of respect aren't added, it just screams "rude." My husband's OK with "Yes, ma'am" and "No, thank you," but we are at a standstill on how to address the males. Keep in mind that I still refer to my parents' friends as Miss Candy, Miss Debbie, Mr. Carl, Mr. John, etc. (I know the Miss is not the correct title, but that's just Southern.)

So what is the solution? If my father says, "Son, do you want to put on your shoes?" My son says, "Yeah." Then I normally say, "Yes, sir," which he repeats, and my husband cringes. Is there another way to respond to a male with respect, other than to say, "Sir"? -- Respectfully Yours

Dear Re: While "ma'am" and "sir" do show a proper, if formal, upbringing, those niceties are definitely in decline. A nice midway point for you and your husband would be to teach your little boy to call people by their names. As a response to your father, for example, Prudie thinks, "Yes, Grandpa," would be perfect. (Though not a Southerner, Prudie is with you on the inelegant "yeah.") -- Prudie, courteously

Dearest Prudence: I am a return caller. You helped me out about a year ago, and I now have another dilemma. I am 18 years old and in my first year of college.

I work full-time and go to school full time, but I'm living with my grandmother for the semester. The duration of my stay was not specified by either one of us. Elements of the arrangement have led me to decide to move out when the semester is over.

I discussed this matter with my boyfriend the other night, and we started talking about possible solutions. The one he seemed to favor most was to have us move in with two of his friends and one of their girlfriends.

While I would love living with my boyfriend, and I get along great with the two friends, the girlfriend is another story. She has to be the constant center of attention, and just spending an evening with her irritates me.

I've never mentioned this to my boyfriend before, simply because I don't want to cause a problem in our circle, and no one else seems bothered by her. My question is, how can I let him know, without causing a rift, that this living arrangement would make me miserable? Thanks, Prudie. -- Between Homes

Dear Be: Life is choices, my dear. You may have to weigh which is more important to you: living with your boyfriend or not being an audience member for this girl who craves the spotlight . . . unless, of course, you can steer him to another housing arrangement.

This girl sounds problematic enough for you that you'll probably have to 'fess up to your main squeeze. As for how to do this, simply tell him you think a little of her goes a long way, and you're not sure you can live in that particular ensemble. -- Prudie, rift-aversely

Dear Prudence: I am writing you about a rather bizarre situation. My wife and I have been together for nearly 13 years. Things were great until the birth of our second child, a daughter, in 1998.

Since the day our daughter came home, she has slept in our bed. The year before last, we even bought a new, larger home so that our daughter would have her own bedroom. This improved nothing; our daughter still sleeps in our bed, and I have been retired to the family room couch.

I love my wife and my daughter, but I am alone. I complain, only to be told that our daughter -- nearly 7! -- will be in her own room soon. At times, these debates become loud, at which point I am told I am selfish and must not care about our daughter.

I know that I am not selfish or uncaring. I am, however, considering a divorce. It is not something I want, but I no longer wish to live like a guest in my own home. -- Lost and Lonely

Dear Lost: Something obviously happened in year six of your marriage that made your wife decide she had reached her sexpiration date. Not only does she have a 7-year-old chastity belt, but no kid in the second grade belongs in her mother's bed. The emotional turmoil for this child could be immeasurable.

You certainly have the patience of a saint -- a celibate one, at that -- but you must now insist she see a counselor or mediator with you. If her problems cannot be dealt with, you will, indeed, have to divorce. It is a fair bet that custody of this child may come into the picture, as well. Good luck. And no one can ever say you acted hastily. -- Prudie, promptly

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Tomorrow's Horoscope



HOLIDAY MATHIS

The sun and Pluto play tug of war, and the conflict is between our ego and the big picture. It's always nice to feel in the know with your hand on the controls of life. But the luckiest move is to risk feeling silly, stupid or scared for a few moments for the sake of learning something or meeting someone who enlarges our awareness.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). It's cosmically guaranteed: When you vibrate on a higher level, you attract others vibrating on a higher level. Since you're buzzing with optimism and wonderful excitement, this is good news for you today.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Work is a drag unless/until you spice it up with your own angles and stylish flairs. Doing extra actually feels easier than doing only what's asked of you because the more you put into it, the less effort is required.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You're brilliant, but don't let your ego shoot down your chance of success. Listen as much as you talk, and stay composed. Business and pleasure mix beautifully as long as the mix is about equal.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Meeting new people and developing relationships is no easy task for most people, yourself included. A friend of a friend puts you at ease -- at last, someone you can talk freely with and not be afraid you're being judged!

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You're in a feisty mood and you could come across as intimidating to those who don't know you well. Though it's temporarily fun to feel powerful, it's ultimately not the position that will command respect. Treat everyone as an equal.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Feeling good is a choice, and you've made it! Strut your stuff. Someone nearby finds you extremely attractive. Your non-interest takes this relationship to an interesting place.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You have the good sense to walk away from situations that don't feel right. It takes more daring to go against the group than it does to do the brave/stupid thing that the group is doing.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). The urge to hibernate is strong, especially since you've been feeling as big as a bear. A better alternative is to get out of the house and do something active.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Professionally you'll have to prove yourself again and again, which gets old, but is just a part of the work you've chosen to do. If you're willing to keep going, you'll eventually be given the keys to the kingdom.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Your latest idea has created water cooler buzz rivaled only by the next "Star Wars" movie. That's a lot of hype to live up to, but your concept is truly that great. Gather a team of your fans for a spectacular outcome.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). If you're feeling less than excellent, love can fortify you. So build within yourself a state of being that attracts the affection you need about now. Start by taking a walk where the scenery is beautiful.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Trends come and go, but your closest friends are like the classics -- always in style. Celebrate the happiness and support you've provided one another over the years. A favorite spot brings back fond memories.

ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS: "Could you tell me something about Virgo's true ruler Vulcan? Are they any closer to discovering the planet?"

Mercury, the trickster, is the only and true ruler of Virgo, and all the Vulcan business is one of his latest tricks. There is a small disturbance in Mercury's orbit that was once believed to indicate the existence of a planet between the sun and Mercury. Several astronomers in the 19th century believed they saw the planet, and it was given the name Vulcan. But the search for the planet produced no consistent results.

Years later, Einstein's theory of general relativity explained away the apparent anomaly in Mercury's orbit, and earlier "sightings" were written off as possibly an asteroid or a comet. Looking for an intra-Mercury planet is extremely difficult because the sky is never black so close to the sun, and the intense light can be blinding. Astrologically, Vulcan is a symbol for mystical beliefs and elusive love. Note: You may also be referring to the fictional planet Vulcan from the "Star Trek" series, which orbits the star Epsilon Eridani. Scientists believe they've detected a planet about the size of Jupiter orbiting Epsilon Eridani, but the technology to actually view such a planet is not quite here yet!

CELEBRITY PROFILES: Gemini people hate making big decisions so their biggest decisions are often disguised as small decisions that happen to have great explosive potential to forever alter their lives. Case in point: Tim Allen reportedly started his comedy career by accepting a dare from a friend to do stand-up. This year, Allen leverages celebrity friendships to save a significant piece of nature.

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This Date In History

By The Associated Press

Today is Monday, June 13, the 164th day of 2005. There are 201 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On June 13, 1966, the Supreme Court issued its landmark Miranda decision, ruling that criminal suspects had to be informed of their constitutional rights prior to questioning by police.

On this date:

In 1900, China's Boxer Rebellion targeting foreigners, as well as Chinese Christians, erupted into full-scale violence.

In 1944, Germany began launching flying-bomb attacks against Britain during World War II.

In 1967, President Johnson nominated Solicitor-General Thurgood Marshall to become the first black justice on the U.S. Supreme Court.

In 1971, The New York Times began publishing the Pentagon Papers, a secret study of America's involvement in Vietnam.

In 1977, James Earl Ray, the convicted assassin of civil rights leader Martin Luther King Jr., was recaptured following his escape three days earlier from a Tennessee prison.

In 1983, the U.S. space probe Pioneer 10, launched in 1972, became the first spacecraft to leave the solar system as it crossed the orbit of Neptune.

Ten years ago: France announced it would abandon its 1992 moratorium on nuclear testing and conduct eight more tests between September and May.

Five years ago: Italy pardoned Mehmet Ali Agca, the Turkish gunman who'd tried to kill Pope John Paul II in 1981.

One year ago: Former President George H.W. Bush celebrated his 80th birthday with a 13,000-foot parachute jump over his presidential library in College Station, Texas.

Today's Birthdays: TV host Ralph Edwards is 92. Artist Jeanne-Claude is 70. Magician Siegfried (Siegfried & Roy) is 66. Actor Malcolm McDowell is 62. Richard Thomas is 54. Comedian Tim Allen is 52. Actress Ally Sheedy is 43. "The Early Show" co-host Hannah Storm is 43. Singer David Gray is 37. Singer-musician Rivers Cuomo (Weezer) is 35. Actor Steve-O ("Jackass") is 31. Actor Ethan Embry is 27. Actress Sarah Schaub is 22. Singer Raz B is 20. Actresses Mary-Kate and Ashley Olsen are 19.

Thought for Today: "The penalty of success is to be bored by people who used to snub you." _ Viscountess Astor, American-born English politician (1879-1964).

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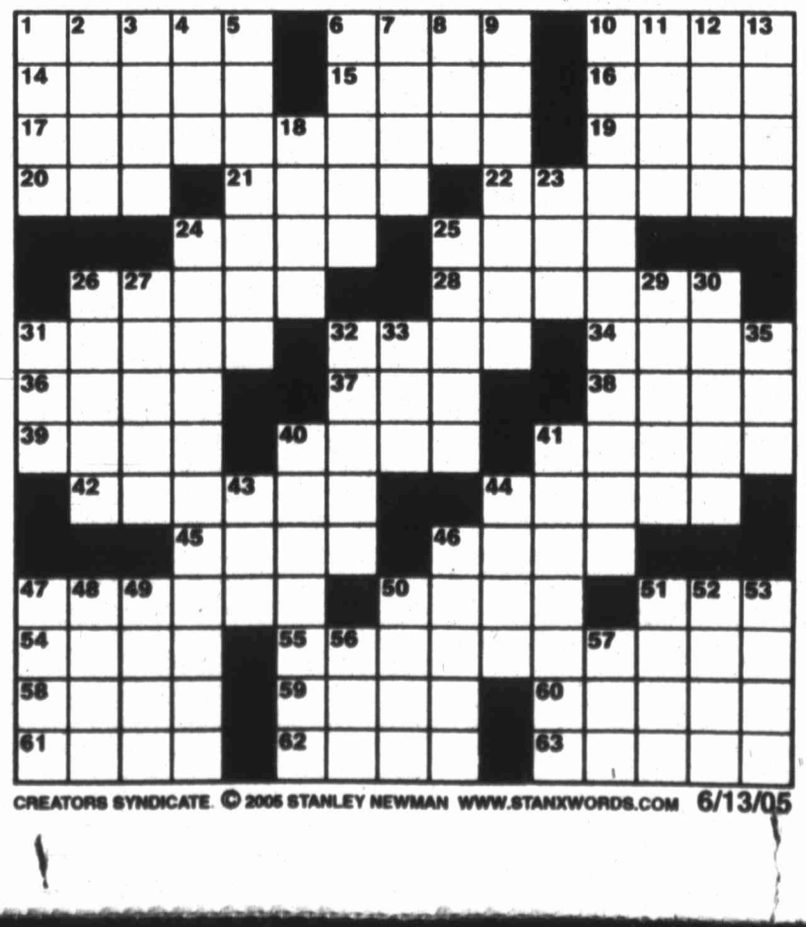
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