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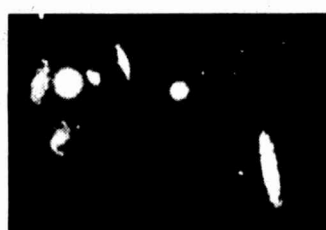
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BLOOD PRESSURE CHECKS

Free blood pressure checks and foot assessment will be provided by registered nurses at the Northside Community Center from 10 a.m. to noon on Wednesday.

The Northside Community Center is located at 108 NE Eighth St. For additional information, call the Center at 432-263-2673.

FORSAN REUNION

Anyone who graduated from Forsan High School in the period of 1980 to 1989 is invited to an all 1980s reunion that will take place Aug. 1-2.

Tentative activities include individual class get-togethers on Friday, Aug. 1, and a golf tournament, tennis tournament and "Black and White Ball" on Aug. 2.

Some of the activities will be fund-raisers for the Forsan High School scholarship fund.

Any who graduated from Forsan during the period or knows someone who did, is encouraged to call Carole Madry at 268-9191 or email Rick Hope at chalfmhr2@aol.com.

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County taxable values may drop \$43 million

By LYNDEL MOODY
Staff Writer

Depleting assets continue to diminish Howard County's taxable values, according to Boyd Latham Jr., executive vice president of Capitol Appraisal Group Inc.

Latham, whose Austin-based company appraises mineral values for Howard County, provided an overview of economic trends to Howard College trustees and county commissioners Monday.

According to Chief County Tax Appraiser Keith Toomire, estimated values for Howard College and the county are \$1,091,324,352 this year, down from \$1,134,369,124 in 2002. The college's and county's taxable values dropped by \$43 million.

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Predicting the future and longevity of the commodity-driven tax base is difficult, Latham added, because of unpredictable market trends.

The amount of oil produced is tied in the price of the commodity, or crude oil product, Latham

said. If the price of crude oil goes up, the life of the product is extended.

In other financial matters, Dr. Cheryl Sparks, Howard College president, said there was no new news on the district's attempt to resolve its 11.6 percent reduction in state funding.

Howard College had one of the largest reductions of all the state's community colleges and administrators are working with

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Several people were taken to Scenic Mountain Medical Center with non-incapacitating injuries after a double collision on Interstate 20 Monday afternoon. According to Department of Public Safety Trooper Johnny Bull, two westbound vehicles collided near mile marker 188. Later, another driver collided head-on with one of the first two after its occupants had already gotten out. DPS troopers briefly shut down the westbound lanes to clear the accident.

Byrd picked to head up campus in San Angelo

By LYNDEL MOODY
Staff Writer

Howard College administrators didn't have to look far to fill the provost position at the San Angelo campus — their top pick was in the neighborhood.

A five-year employee with the district, K. LeAnne

Byrd, was appointed to the position Monday during the Howard College board of trustees meeting.

Byrd was the top candidate out of a field of 27 and will assume the position when current provost John Jasper leaves in September.

"I'm really excited," said Byrd. "John Jasper leaves some big shoes to fill and I hope I can do half as good a job as he did."

Byrd comes to the position with an extensive background in both higher education and private business.

Before her promotion Monday, she served as the director of administrative services for the San Angelo campus, a position she has held since 1998.

Byrd was employed as the comptroller of Amarillo College before coming to Howard and has also taught accounting and business classes at Amarillo College and

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Commissioners to mull VINE project

Victim notification system being considered for Howard County

By ROGER CLINE
Staff Writer

Do county commissioners need to plant a VINE in Howard County?

After a presentation by Sheriff Dale Walker and local Victims Services coordinator Shann Thomas at the commissioners' court meeting Tuesday, commissioners decided to take a closer look at the ramifications of the Victim Information and Notification



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Everyday program, a system which allows victims of violent crime to check the status of the offender

in their case. "When the offender is put in jail, (victims) would be given a card to fill out the information," Thomas said. "They would send it in. In return, whenever the offender is booked in or released from the county jail, they would notify the victim, letting them know the offender is being released."

The program would give victims the chance to

make preparations or seek protection in the case they feel threatened by the offender, Thomas said.

"It is a direct communication to the victim," she said. "As it works right now, the sheriff's office and Victims' Services work together to try to notify the victim, but sometimes there might be a communica-

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CRACKDOWN

TxDOT campaign to focus on stopping drunk drivers

By ROGER CLINE
Staff Writer

While most Texans probably know that getting behind the wheel after they've been drinking is illegal, they don't seem to be acting on that knowledge.

Texas led the nation in the number of alcohol-related traffic fatalities last year. That's the reason behind a new Texas Department of Transportation statewide campaign against drunk driving.

TxDOT announced the campaign — scheduled to run through July 13 — at

an Austin press conference Monday.

"The slogan is 'Drink, Drive, Go To Jail,'" said Judy Curtis, an Austin TxDOT representative. "That slogan will be placed on billboards in the top 10 counties with the largest number of alcohol fatality crashes. In addition, those counties will have television and radio announcements in English and Spanish with the 'Drink, Drive, Go To Jail' message."

Curtis said the radio and television messages

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Randy Roach, top, and Albert Garza, city water department employees, inspect and prepare the cut ends of a 20-inch water main. Work crews were replacing a valve in the main — located at the intersection of Baylor and Kentucky Way — this morning, and expect water to remain shut off in the area until 5 or 6 this evening.

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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."

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OUR VIEWS

Remember: Drinking and driving don't lead to anything positive

"Drink. Drive. Go to Jail." It's that simple. The Texas Department of Transportation, along with state and federal lawmakers, is taking part in a statewide crackdown aimed at getting impaired drivers off our streets and highways.

The effort began with a press conference Monday in Austin and runs through July 13 with the focus being on the July 4 holiday period. The truth is, of course, the battle against drinking and driving needs to be a year-long effort. Our state leads the nation in the number of alcohol related traffic fatalities.

In Howard County alone, four people were indicted this month for multiple offenses of driving while intoxicated.

We applaud the effort to increase awareness of the dangers of drunk driving and to prosecute those who break the law. In Texas, the legal alcohol limit for someone driving is a .08 blood alcohol concentration. For anyone under 21, it is illegal to drive with any amount of alcohol. A first-time offense can cost \$2,000, 72 hours in jail and suspension of your driver's license.

The fact is, drinking and driving just don't mix. It's not safe. In fact, it's just stupid.

Please, don't drink and drive.

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

You look a cheerful giver. Lord, may we be cheerful givers to others and cheerful givers of ourselves to you.

Amen

Do you believe in luck?

Someone once said that LUCK is "when the bread falls on the floor with the buttered side up." It is also "a lazy man's estimate of a workers success." Because there are millions of people in our prosperous nation who base their future and their success on luck, I felt it might be a wise use of our time to dig into this topic a little bit.

I'm sure you have heard this statement before: that man or that lady is the luckiest person in the world. We have all been around people who seem to have the Midas Touch or the Luck O' The Irish and everything they touch turns to gold. Maybe you are this kind of person and if this is the case, I hope your luck never runs out.

To gain a little deeper insight into this word that we all like if it's preceded by the word "good", this question please. What is LUCK? Mr. Webster defines luck as the fortuitous happening of fortunate or adverse events, or simply "good fortune." Now, here is a personal question that I believe will bring what I am saying a little closer to home. Do you believe in luck? Please give some thought to your answer because it may

have more effect on your future than you may realize.

While this is a very personal thing, for what it's worth, please permit me to share how I view luck. I believe in luck up to a point. The point being, I'm not going to depend on luck to build my business, make a living or feed my family. If some luck or good fortune comes along, fine, I'll take it and thank the good Lord for it but that's as far as it goes.

The truth is, there are some people who are lucky, like the person who wins the sweepstakes or the lottery. In this case, these people simply beat the odds, a million to one, a hundred million to one or whatever they were. In reality however, for you as an individual the odds are better that you will be struck by lightning than to win a lottery jackpot. The lottery people always put the "winner" on television for promotion but it would take several years if they were to give the same treatment to all the "losers" and put them on television.

Talking about odds reminded me of the man who was about to get on an airplane for the first time. He said, "What are the odds that there will be a bomb on this plane?" The airline official said, "We have done a study and the odds are a million to one that there will not be a bomb on this plane." This man said, "I don't like those odds." The airline official replied, "Well, if you will take

a bomb on with you, the odds are a billion to one that there won't be two bombs on this plane."

But back to the word LUCK for a moment. Most of us who live in this great country consider ourselves lucky to have a job, good health, a good home and all the other blessings that many of us take for granted. In planning our future however, most of us need to be reminded of some things from time to time. First, we need to understand that luck comes most often when preparation meets opportunity. As I have said many times, the smarter and harder I work, the "luckier" I get.

If you really want to increase your chances for good luck, here is how to go about it. The letters in the word luck stand for Labor Under Correct Knowledge. When we work or labor under correct or true knowledge, the odds are good that we will be far more successful. While we have to make our own decisions, instead of buying lottery tickets or gambling on our future in other ways, I believe we should invest our money in real estate or Treasury Bills or something that has the potential to grow. It's this kind of thinking and acting that will produce a bright future. In short, we can make our own "lucky" breaks by making wise choices.

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Inoculating Hillary! A Clinton model

Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton has not been submitting herself to television interviews and autograph sessions just to sell books. Instead, close associates use a word familiar in political backrooms but not often repeated in public: inoculation.

By giving answers now to questions about her husband's multiple marital infidelities and their troubled marriage, she intends to inoculate herself against questions that surely will arise if she fulfills her undoubted desires to run for president someday. She can reply that she already answered that way back in June 2003. It is a technique the Clintons employed a dozen years ago when Bill was preparing to run for president and needed to deal with his unsavory personal reputation.

Inoculation worked well enough to elect Bill Clinton, though it could not prevent subsequent misbehavior that impeached him. No future indiscretions are likely to embarrass Sen. Clinton. With a minimum of candor, she has answered all the questions about her marriage she is ever likely to receive.

The model inoculation occurred on Sept. 17, 1991, when the Clintons came to Washington to breakfast with reporters regularly assembled by Godfrey Sperling of The Christian Science Monitor. The tip off was Gov. Clinton's arrival with his wife at his side, not usual for "Breakfast with Godfrey." The longtime buzz in

Democratic circles had been that the charismatic Arkansan would solve the Democratic Party's problems were it not for the baggage he carried. As he prepared in 1991 to announce his candidacy, allegations of marital infidelity multiplied.

I was present at that 1991 breakfast, and the Clintons seemed uneasy waiting for the question "about your personal past." Bill's answer was vague: "Like nearly anybody that's been together 20 years, our relationship has not been perfect or free of difficulties. But we feel good about where we are. We believe in our obligations. And we intend to be together 30 or 40 years from now, regardless of whether I run for president or not." That answer was cited during the campaign by Gov. Clinton whenever his personal conduct was questioned, including the Gennifer Flowers affair.

Democrats close to Sen. Clinton admit her interviews last week were modeled on her husband's performance 12 years ago: less than candid but conclusive, so she can say she has closed the book on her personal life. Telling interviewers she still believes "in the continuing right of every person" to have a zone of privacy, Clinton gave scripted replies regarding her husband's lies to her about Monica Lewinsky.

What she said on television was nearly word-for-word what appeared in her runaway best seller, "Living History." In the book, she says: "I wanted to wring Bill's neck. But he was not only my husband, he was also my president." She told CNN's Larry King that she was "ready to wring his neck." Yet, at the same time, he was

my president."

In "Living History," Sen. Clinton never comes to grips with her husband's serial infidelity. She ignored his lies about Gennifer Flowers, and all other "bimbo eruptions." Her autobiography does not even mention difficulties with their marriage that were openly admitted at the 1991 inoculation. That "Breakfast with Godfrey," carefully orchestrated by the Clintons, goes totally unmentioned in the book.

The book and the interviews are part of Hillary Clinton re-inventing herself. The buyers who stood in line to buy an early copy may be shocked by how bland and even boring is the hottest non-fiction book of the year. She wants to dispel her image as the difficult, temper-prone first lady. Colleagues in Congress expecting the worst have been stunned by how easy she is to get along with (particularly in contrast to her most unpleasant Democratic senior senator from New York, Charles Schumer).

She is indeed the most talked-about Democratic politician in America, and only a fool would reject out of hand the prospect that some day she could duplicate nationally her winning candidacy in New York. Yet, there are loyal Democrats who see the successful inoculation as a grim portent for the future. "I felt this week that we shall never be rid of the Clintons," one veteran party activist told me. "and that is truly depressing."

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Survey

By KATHY SAWYER

The Washington Post

Welcome to the universe, less than 14 billion years after the bang: It's a violent place where the rate of birth has surged, amazing speed of boom proportion, young stars are in galaxies so small that they are unable to save themselves — from starvation.

Five billion years ago, the galaxies had begun to pull into hulks by accretion, colliding with one another, and they now are an impressive pile of super-massive black holes, galactic growth trailing off. In another billion years, the birthrate will drop more abruptly, one-tenth the rate of the earlier boom.

The era of major construction has ended, and the universe is only about half its age of 13.7 billion years. (The sun and Earth are not born for a few billion years, rare snapshots growing into some of the findings, released from the broad depth survey conducted of the event, the largest cosmic building blocks — galaxies.

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Survey offers glimpses into formations of the universe

By KATHY SAWYER

The Washington Post

Welcome to the early universe, less than a billion years after the big bang: It's a violent place where the rate of star birth has surged with amazing speed to baby boom proportions, but the young stars are clustered in galaxies so small and weak that they may be unable to save their inner monsters — black holes — from starvation.

Five billion years later, the galaxies have grown into hulks by accreting or colliding with one another, and they now harbor an impressive population of super-massive, gluttonous black holes. But the galactic growth rate is trailing off. In another billion years, the star birthrate will drop even more abruptly to about one-tenth the rate of the earlier boom.

The era of major cosmic construction has subsided, and the universe is only about half its present age of 13.7 billion years. (The sun and Earth will not be born for another few billion years.) These rare snapshots of the growing universe are some of the initial findings, released Thursday, from the broadest in-depth survey ever conducted of the evolution of the largest cosmic building blocks — galaxies.

Among the survey's intriguing discoveries are seven mystery objects that could be the most distant black holes ever detected.

"This is the first time that the cosmic tale of how galaxies build themselves has been traced reliably to such early time," said Mauro Giavalisco, leader of the Hubble Space Telescope's part of the survey. He compared it to seeing a

human at the age of 5 or 6. "We really are inching back to see the toddler and the infant at delivery — though we can't see that quite yet."

The international effort, known as GOODS, for Great Observatories Origins Deep Survey, combines NASA's major observing platforms in space with the world's largest ground telescopes. The effort, Giavalisco said, so far has taken several years, more than 100 scientists and "pretty much the largest mirrors on the planet." It has generated at least 15 papers, which are undergoing peer review for a special issue of the Astrophysical Journal Letters.

The survey's two images — of the Northern and Southern skies — show a total of about 50,000 galaxies across a wide range of distances, ages and growth stages.

The findings to date come primarily from the Hubble telescope and the Chandra

X-ray Observatory. NASA's Space Infrared Telescope Facility (SIRTF) is to join the effort after its launch, scheduled for August.

This combination of instruments enables astronomers to examine the same patch of sky at different wavelengths and to reveal a variety of properties in sharper detail and with higher sensitivity over greater distances than ever before, the astronomers said.

The combined capabilities are "incredible," said Mario Livio, of the Space Telescope Science Institute in Baltimore. "We can see how galaxies and their central monsters build themselves."

Chandra's survey portrait marks the deepest penetration into space by an X-ray image. It focused

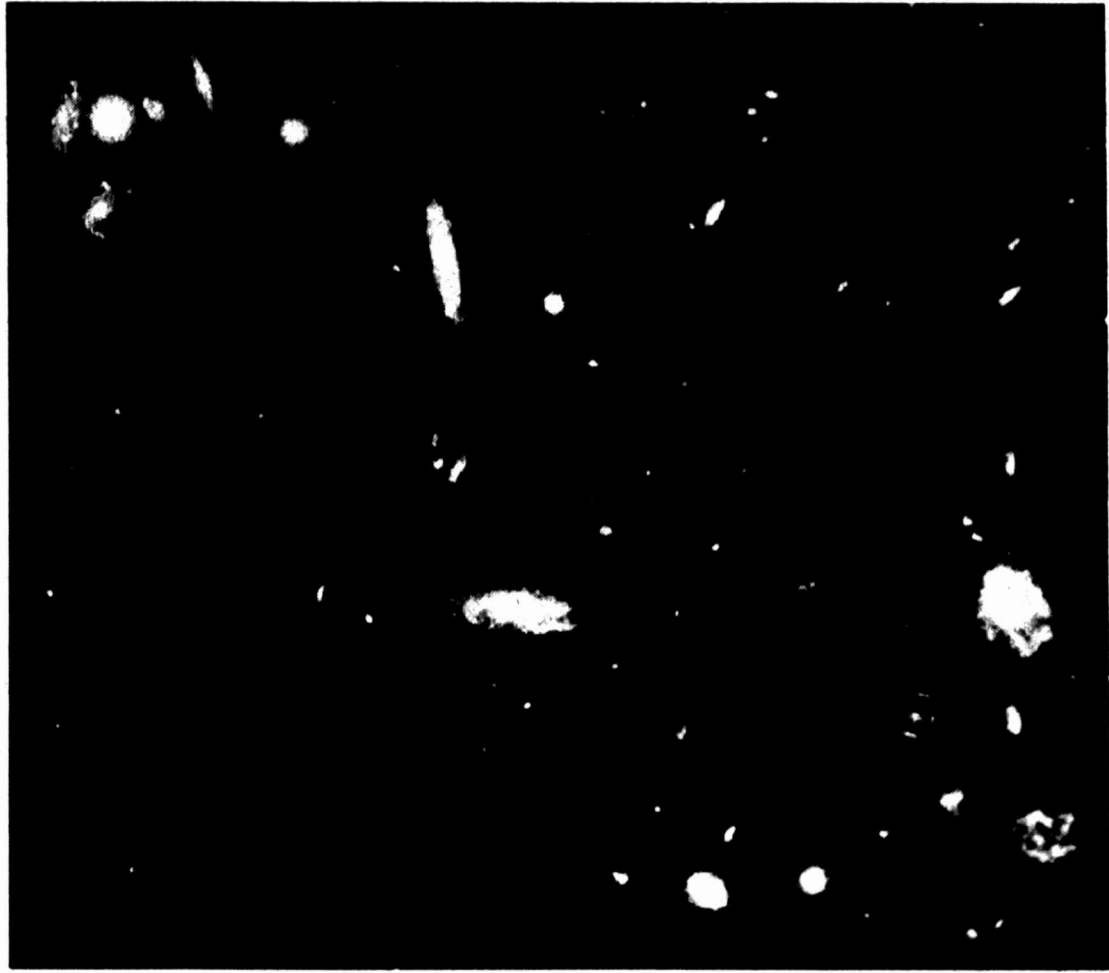
on the high-energy sparks produced by black holes as they gobble up nearby gas and stars. Millions or billions of times the mass of the sun, black holes are sites of extreme gravitational collapse so dense that not even light can escape their pull.

Less than two decades ago, they were still hypothetical beasts. Now scientists not only have confirmed their existence, but also are collecting increasingly sophisticated data on their many variations and their role as the central engines of galaxies. There is a cottage industry in black hole census-taking.

Chandra found 1,500 actively feeding super-massive black holes within a patch of sky over half as big as the full moon looks from Earth. Extending that to the whole universe, researchers estimate there are 300 million active black holes (and presumably others that are quiescent — i.e., not currently "eating").

But in the early universe, the new data show, "black holes are more rare than we thought," said Niel Brandt of Pennsylvania State University, who leads the X-ray side of the GOODS survey.

One possible explanation is that early generations of massive stars exploded as supernovas and blew away the black-hole food supply.

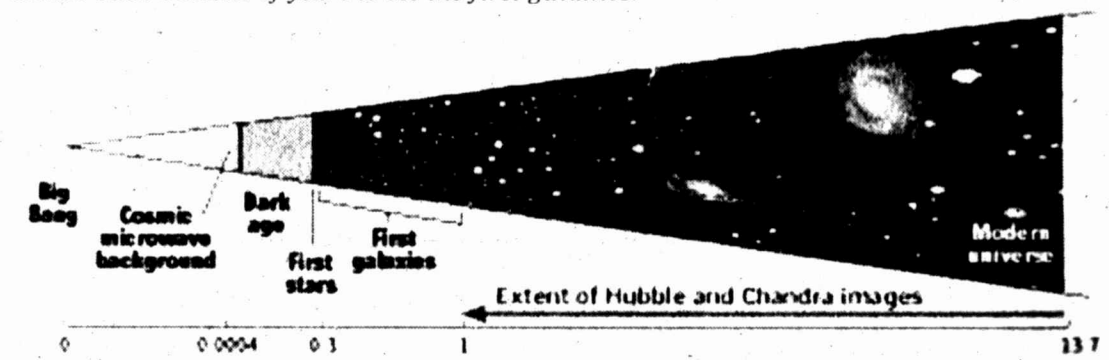


Washington Post graphic

The broadest in-depth survey ever conducted of the evolution of galaxies shows that less than a billion years after the big bang, the universe was a violent place where the rate of star birth has surged with amazing speed, but the young stars were clustered in galaxies too weak to feed their inner monsters — black holes.

Going Deep

Chandra X-ray Observatory and Hubble Space Telescope's Advanced Camera for Surveys looked back billions of years to see the first galaxies.



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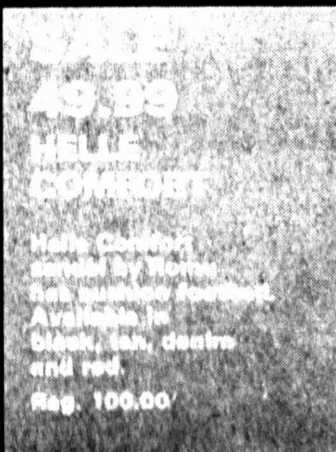
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IN BRIEF

Longhorns take 2nd at Midland tourney

The Scenic Mountain Medical Center Longhorns captured second place at the 11th Annual Juneteenth Softball Tournament this past weekend in Midland.

The tournament, which was played under a double-elimination format, drew 23 teams from throughout West Texas.

Anthony Herrera and John Oliva were both named to the all-tournament team while teammate Oscar Perez nabbed MVP honors.

Crossroads cheer sign-ups under way

Registration for the 2003 Crossroads Little Football League cheerleading squads is now under way at the Big Spring Mall.

Registration for cheerleaders will be held from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. throughout the week, and from noon to 4 p.m. on weekends. Registration runs through July 14.

A copy of each child's birth certificate and report card will be needed at the time of registration.

The cost for cheerleading is \$65 per person.

For more information, contact Stacy Campbell at 268-9634.

'Best of the Rest' event set at CTGC

Comanche Trail Golf Course will be hosting the "Best of the Rest" golf tournament Saturday and Sunday, June 28-29.

Championship flight will play low-ball partnership, and the "Best of the Rest" will play Scramble. Teams will be pre-flighted according to verifiable handicaps.

For more information, call the CTGC pro shop at 264-2366.

Fourth of July event slated for Coahoma

The annual Coahoma 4th July Ragball Tournament will be held at the Coahoma Softball Park, beginning at 5 p.m.

Person or individuals interested should sign-up for a booth. The cost per booth is \$100. Deadline to sign up for booth space is June 26.

For more information, please call Laura Martin at 466-1950.

Texans will host tournament at Mize

The Texans softball squad will be holding a softball tournament at Cotton Mize Softball Field on June 27-29. Entry fee for the contest is \$110 per team.

Trophies will be presented to the top three teams.

For more information, contact Manual Gonzales at 263-8219 or 816-6465.

All Americas Open slated for July 23

The inaugural All Americas Open, an 18-hole golf tournament, will be held July 23 at Comanche Trail Golf Course. Entry fee is \$35 per player.

For more information contact Tommy Wells at 816-6836.

Rice beats Stanford for first NCAA title

OMAHA, Neb. (AP) — Wayne Graham told his players before the College World Series championship game that this Rice team was the best ever.

The Owls then went out and proved it — in emphatic fashion.

Rice scored three runs in the first inning, then added a record-tying seven in the sixth as the Owls won the school's first NCAA title in any sport with a 14-2 victory over Stanford on Monday night in the CWS' most-lopsided championship game.

"He'll always remember this

team, just like all of us will," catcher Justin Ruchti said of Graham. "But this one will stand out for him. This was his first national championship team. It's been an amazing run."

Philip Humber pitched a five-hitter, Enrique Cruz drove in four runs and Paul Janish knocked in three as Rice (58-12) battered Stanford (51-18) pitching for 14 hits.

"Everyone played his best game, and Phil did a good job," said Graham, who won five junior college national champi-

onships and completed his 12th season at Rice. "We were fortunate to have better-rested pitching."

The performance capped a season during which the Owls put together a school-record 30-game winning streak and had one of the nation's top pitching staffs and defenses.

Rice finished the CWS with a 2.83 ERA in six games, and it was the Owls' pitching that carried them to the national title.

"We got some good breaks and some bad breaks here, but you

have to overcome the bad breaks," Graham said. "We have a lot of pitching depth and a lot of those guys will be back next year."

And that includes all three of Rice's top starters: Jeff Niemann, Wade Townsend and Humber. That prospect has the 67-year-old Graham thinking about a repeat.

"I feel like I could go 20 more," Graham said. "I'm not going out. We're starting to think tomorrow morning about winning another one. We want to come back and do it again."



Coahoma shortstop Ashley Lang will become the first Bulldogette to play in the TGCA all-star softball game next month when she joins more than 30 players from throughout the state in Austin. Lang, a four-year starter at Coahoma, was the District 3-2A MVP this past year.

PRIME TIME

Lang to become first Coahoma standout to take part in TGCA all-star game

By TOMMY WELLS
Sports Editor

As a junior high student at Coahoma, Ashley Lang could hardly wait until she was big enough to play for the Coahoma Bulldogettes. She always wanted to test herself against the best of the best.

Even after leading Coahoma to three trips to the state tournament in four years, nothing has changed. Just weeks after joining teammates Tawna Jacobs, Michelle Walker and Megan Young in graduating at home plate, she's ready to test herself against the best again.

Lang was one of more than 30 prep softball standouts selected to play in the 2003 Texas Girls Coaches Association All-Star Game, which is scheduled for July 8 at McCombs Field in Austin.

Her selection, amazingly enough, was a first for a Coahoma program which has qualified for a record six

Dickenson is selected 2A 'Coach of the Year'

Coahoma High School head softball coach Robby Dickenson added to his collection of accolades recently when he was named the Texas Girls Coaches Association's Class 2A Coach of the Year.

Dickenson, in his second tour of duty with the CHS squad, guided Coahoma to a 20-12 record this past season and to a record-tying sixth state tournament appearance. The Bulldogettes advanced to the title game before falling to defending champion Weimar.

state tournaments in the last decade.

"I think it's a great honor for her," said her father Bobby. "She's worked very hard over the last four years to get to this point. She's

excited about being selected and getting the chance to play."

Lang, who attended school in Big Spring through the fourth grade before moving to Coahoma, led Coahoma offensively and defensively this past season. En route to winning the District 3-2A MVP honors, she hit better than .320 for the year and anchored a CHS defense that extended the Bulldogettes' district win streak to 11 years.

Despite the end of her high school career, Lang has kept busy this summer, playing shortstop for Coahoma's UAAA softball squad — a team she has led to the UAAA state tournament in each of the last two years. She earned the MVP honors at a recent Lubbock tournament.

At Coahoma, Lang was a multi-sport standout. In addition to lettering all four years in softball, she also turned in letter-winning efforts in basketball and cross country.

Diamondbacks hold off Astros' rally

PHOENIX (AP) — The usually solid Houston bullpen couldn't hold Arizona's hitters again.

Luis Gonzalez and Quinton McCracken each hit a triple in the eighth inning as the Diamondbacks battered Astros relievers for five runs in a 7-6 victory Monday night.

Brad Lidge had gone 4-0 with a 1.40 ERA before Monday night but couldn't contain the red-hot Diamondbacks, who won

their sixth straight.

"I didn't make the pitches when I needed to make them," Lidge said. "I didn't make an adjustment when my pitches were up, so I paid for it."

Last Wednesday, Arizona overcame a 1-0 deficit with two runs in the ninth against Astros closer Billy Wagner. The loss snapped Wagner's streak of 16 consecutive saves.

Lidge came in with the score tied at 2 in the

eighth and left charged with five runs. In his previous 37 appearances, he had allowed only nine runs.

The Astros rallied for four runs in the ninth to cut it to 7-6, but Brady Raggio retired Richard Hidalgo for his first career save.

Ricky Bottalico (1-0), recalled from the minors earlier in the day, pitched a scoreless eighth for his first win since Sept. 18, 2001, for Philadelphia.

Nelson, Cuban working on 3-year contract for coach

DALLAS (AP) — Dallas Mavericks coach Don Nelson says he's close to a deal extending his contract and is considering a recent offer.

Nelson said he has an agreement in principle with Mavericks owner Mark Cuban. The coach's legal adviser is reviewing the details.

"I've been offered a three-year extension to coach the Mavericks

and we're working the details out," Nelson said. "Things are going along nicely. I'm not anticipating any problems with it. Mark wants me back and I want to be back, so you can imagine that we'll figure out a way to make it work."

Nelson said he would probably sign the new contract before the NBA Draft on Thursday.

Eight Straight

A's late rally sends Rangers to 3-2 setback

ARLINGTON (AP)

The Texas Rangers were three outs from ending their losing streak. Scott Hatteberg made sure the slump lasted another day.

Hatteberg hit a three-run double in the ninth inning to give the Oakland Athletics a 3-1 win Monday night, extending the Rangers' losing streak to eight games and keeping Barry Zito undefeated against Texas.

The Rangers took a 1-0 lead into the ninth but closer Ugueth Urbina (0-3) couldn't hold it, suffering his fourth blown save in 22 chances.

The ninth-inning rally prevented Texas from beating Zito for the first time in 15 tries.

Hatteberg is batting .474 with 15 RBIs against Texas this season, and he was determined to have a productive at bat against Urbina.

"He's a great pitcher," said Hatteberg. Urbina's teammate when they played for Boston. "He was throwing hard. I looked up and he was throwing 97. I knew that's what he was going to try and get me out with."

Ramon Hernandez doubled to lead off the ninth for Oakland and Billy McMillon followed with a walk. When Mark Ellis laid down a sacrifice bunt, Urbina fielded and threw to first, but first baseman Mark Teixeira dropped the ball for an error, loading the bases with no outs.

One out later, Hatteberg cleared the bases with his double, giving the Athletics their ninth victory in 10 games and eighth win against the Rangers this season.

It was the 20th loss in the last 22 games for the Rangers, their worst stretch since going 2-21 in September 1972. Earlier this season, Texas lost nine straight.



Minutemen and The Declaration

Citizen Soldiers

We celebrate the Fourth of July with a story about the Minutemen, who fought so bravely against the British that they gave our leaders the courage to write the Declaration of Independence.

The Minutemen who fought at Lexington and Concord, Mass., were citizen soldiers.

Citizen soldiers

In Colonial times, all able-bodied men from the ages of 15 to 60 were required to serve in the military. These citizen soldiers were not full-time soldiers but mostly farmers. They served in a group called a "militia." It was their duty to defend their community. They usually served for a short time and then went back home.



The first "muster," or gathering of militiamen for training, was held in Salem, Mass., in 1637. Today's National Guard carries on this "citizen soldier" tradition.



This is a copy of the Minuteman statue near the North Bridge at Concord, Mass. It has come to be the symbol of the "citizen soldier" or National Guard. He is standing in front of his plow with his musket, or gun, in his hand. This copy is at the National Guard Memorial Building in Washington, D.C.

The Minutemen

Minutemen were specially trained members of their militia who had a gun and were willing to respond to an alarm within minutes.

Lexington and Concord

The Declaration of Independence was signed in 1776. Even before that time, there had been clashes with the British.

On April 18, 1775, British troops marched out of Boston on their way to capture guns and other supplies held by the Colonists in Concord, Mass.

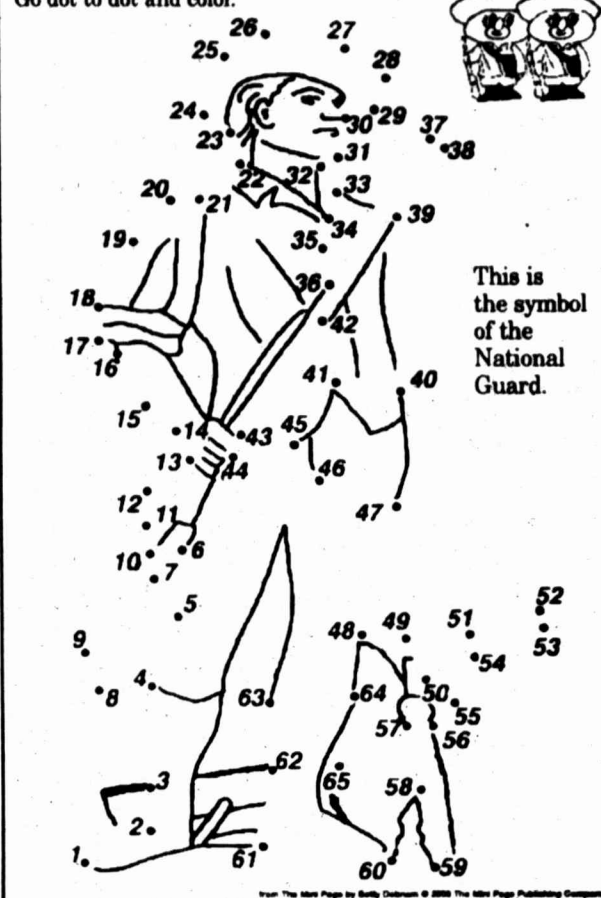
Paul Revere made his famous ride to warn the Colonists that the Redcoats were coming. (The British wore red coats.)

The British marched to Lexington, where shots were fired on April 19. They marched on to Concord, where more fighting took place. The Minutemen proved they had the courage to fight.



This painting shows the Minutemen fighting at Lexington. After the battle at Concord, the British retreated to Boston.

Go dot to dot and color.



This is the symbol of the National Guard.



Rookie Cookie's Recipe

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Gus Goodsport's Report Supersport: James Blake

Height: 6-1
Weight: 170

Birthdate: 12-28-79
Hometown: Yonkers, N.Y.

James Blake is one of America's young rising tennis stars. Since turning pro in 1999, Blake has improved every season. He ranked 223 in the world in 2000, but has jumped as high as No. 22 this year.

Blake was inspired to play tennis by his role model, the late, famous champion, Arthur Ashe.

Blake, who attended Harvard for two years before joining the pro circuit, once wondered if he could pursue his tennis dream, however. At age 13 he suffered from severe scoliosis and had to wear a back brace 18 hours a day. But he persevered and became one of America's top players.

In addition to tennis, the adventuresome Blake enjoys basketball, baseball, sky-diving and golf. He's at his best, however, with a racket in his hand.

Meet Zhao Yashi



Zhao Yashi, 14, has an amazing talent. She can balance on one hand for up to five minutes. That is one reason Yashi is part of the talented group of acrobats who star in the Cirque du Soleil, or Circus of the Sun.

This is no ordinary circus. There are no animals. Instead, there is music, singing and acrobatic feats.

Yashi performs in the first act of the Dralion, or Dragon, tour. Dressed in a shiny green costume, she turns and twists on just one hand on a tiny platform.

She first saw such balancing acts when she and her mother watched the Red Flag Circus perform in China. She learned how to do it herself as a gymnast when she was 7 years old.

Yashi practices 18 hours a week with a coach. She is training for other acts. She hopes to join the Ballet of Lights, dancing on light bulbs!

In her free time, she likes to swim, sleep, shop and study English.

MIGHTY FUNNY'S Mini Jokes

All the following jokes have something in common. Can you guess the common theme or category?

Kanu: How did Noah get the marching band into the ark?
Henry: Tuba-two!



Dennis: What kind of lights did Noah use in the ark?
Lauren: Floodlights!

Freddy: Where did Noah keep the bees?
Ray: In the archives!

Citizen Soldiers TRY 'N FIND

Words and names that remind us of the National Guard are hidden in the block below. Some words are hidden backward, both up and down and diagonally. Some letters are used twice. See if you can find: SERVE, NATIONAL GUARD, CALL, DUTY, STATE, FREE, LEXINGTON, FORCES, CITIZEN, ARMED, SOLDIER, HURRICANE, VOLUNTEER, FLOOD, CONCORD, MILITARY, DRILL, PEACE, ARMY, MILITIA, MINUTEMAN.



Mini Spy ...

Mini Spy and her friends are enjoying a summer picnic. See if you can find: word MINI • number 3 • sailboat



National Guard

National Guard members are:
• citizens most of the time,
• soldiers some of the time,
• patriots all of the time.

Brig. Gen. James Drain,
Washington National Guard (1928)

Militias

The U.S. Constitution gave Congress the right to call up the militia to carry out "the laws of the Union."

Throughout our country's history, militias, or units of citizen soldiers in each state, have trained to be ready for emergencies. Members have served in every war. Today, the militias are called the National Guard, and the service is voluntary.

National Guard

National Guard members have their regular jobs such as teacher, lawyer or police officer. They train at least one weekend a month and two weeks each year. They are paid by the U.S. government for their service. They must be prepared to serve for longer times if they are called up for active duty.

Other military services

The regular Army, Marines, Navy and Air Force members are in service full time. The president is the "commander in chief."

These forces have reserve members that sign up to train a certain number of days a year and can be called into active service.

Sites to see: www.army.mil, www.marines.mil, www.navy.mil, www.af.mil, www.nga.us.org, www.ngb.army.mil

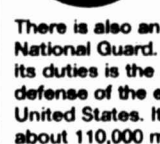
Place to visit: A new museum: The National Guard Memorial Museum in Washington, D.C.



Saying goodbye is always a hard thing for Guard members and their families. In 1940, President Franklin Roosevelt called up members of the National Guard for a year of training. This call-up quickly doubled the size of the Army.



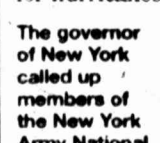
Today, there is an Army National Guard. There are about 350,000 members. There are guard units in each state and territory.



There is also an Air National Guard. One of its duties is the air defense of the entire United States. It has about 110,000 members.

Governors

Each governor serves as commander in chief of the National Guard units in his or her state until the units are called in to federal or national service by the president. Governors might call up the units for hurricanes, riots or floods.



The governor of New York called up members of the New York Army National Guard to help with security at airports and train stations after the Sept. 11, 2001, attack on the World Trade Center.

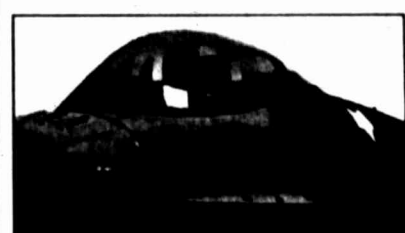
Guard

The president

The president can call the units into service. When the units are called into national service, the president takes over as their commander in chief.



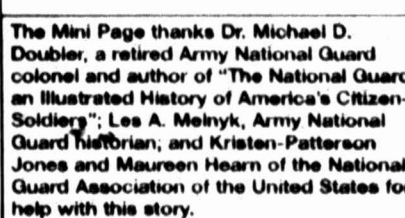
National Guard members also served in Iraq. Above, a military policeman in the Army National Guard from Denver, Colo., watches over the desert oil fields in southern Iraq.



A member from the South Carolina Air National Guard prepares to taxi off for another combat mission in Iraq.



About 15 percent of the members of the National Guard are women. A doctor in the Virginia Air National Guard examines a young patient in El Salvador.



The Mini Page thanks Dr. Michael D. Doubler, a retired Army National Guard colonel and author of "The National Guard, an Illustrated History of America's Citizen-Soldiers"; Les A. Melnyk, Army National Guard historian; and Kristen-Patterson Jones and Maureen Hearn of the National Guard Association of the United States for help with this story.

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GEMINI (May 21-June 21). An acrimonious business relationship isn't worth holding on to — no matter how lucrative it has been in the past. Bad feelings could turn into a lawsuit. Romance begins while you're busy taking excellent care of yourself.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). When you take a "do it now" attitude, it all gets done. Momentum on the career front is a direct result of changes in your personal life. Pretty faces surround you, but you're looking for beauty that's below the surface.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Overbearing family members nonetheless have something valuable to contribute. Try to hear past the rude tone of voice and get to what is actually being said. It's helpful. Any policy you make this afternoon will be easily upheld.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (June 24). Last year was harder than most, but this year, you are gifted with new talents to deal with difficult events. Every month, you uncover abilities you never knew you had. People vie for your creative input on projects, especially during August. October is key to your love life, and your favored signs are Pisces and Libra. December is passionate. Your lucky numbers are: 19, 24, 43, 5 and 50.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Keeping an air of mystery around you is extremely sexy. You're in awe of people in a certain profession — a clue you'd do well in that business. Tonight, don't hold a grudge.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Take action when you see the opportunity and before you even understand what it is all

about. Your connection to the money now is visceral, and the more you trust it, the more your instincts bring in the bucks.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). All the worthwhile opportunities falling into your path will be the envy of your friends. Utilize new ways of calming yourself down and keeping on purpose. Guided imagery really makes a difference.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Your attraction sector is all lit up — make the most of it by being in a fantastic mood. One who usually does the talking will finally listen to you. Spontaneity helps friendships, but keep romance on scheduled-only basis.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Testy relationships that get under your skin are the very same ones that make you feel utterly alive. Someone you argue with is interested in you. Those who don't do anything good are really doing evil.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). There's a difference between feeling comfortable and feeling comatose. Throw in some spice. Suddenly, the expectations of a significant other might not be quite as adorable as they were only yesterday.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). People you meet are inclined to like and trust you immediately. You and a partner have different views about how money should be spent. A

short-term bargain may be a long-term mess. Do your research first.

ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS: "First, am I an Aquarius or a Pisces? (I was born Feb. 19, 1950.) And second, I was involved in a marriage-like relationship for 25 years, and I learned he had been having an affair for some time. I left our home of 21 years in March, and he moved this woman in. I wonder if his new relationship will be lasting. I've also met someone casually — will it go anywhere? My ex is a Taurus, and the fellow I know is a Virgo. I lost my job in the middle of all this and am desperately seeking another to keep a roof over my head. What do you think is in store for me now?"

You are definitely an Aquarius, with four luminaries in that inventive sign. But your moon is in Pisces. Read both the Pisces and Aquarius horoscopes in the newspaper because they will both apply to you. As for your Taurus ex, as time goes by, he will get deeper into his new relationship. There's no going back. You and the Virgo could indeed go somewhere, but there will be three other suitors you'll consider, so don't get too hooked into one person now. As I write this, I'm certain you've found another job, or invented one for yourself, as magical Aquarius people seem to be able to do.

CELEBRITY PRO-

FILES: Kudos to Pamela Anderson for reinventing her life and her look this year. The kinder, gentler former "Baywatch" star has another great year to look forward to. Celebrities and fans alike emulate her new fashion choices. Instead of being lampooned, Anderson is adored and praised for how well coiffed she has become. Casting directors tap into this new side of her, and she is fingered for some choice roles. If you would like to

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Annie's Mailbox:
Advice for those in need



Annie's Mailbox

Dear Annie: I am a Realtor and was thrilled when I landed the contract for a large commercial property owned by a prominent local business leader. I'll call him "Sam." Negotiations seemed to go well until Sam asked me to meet him in a nearby town to discuss the final details. I thought nothing of this, because one of his shops is located there.

We met in a public coffee shop where he proceeded to tell me how disappointed he was with my performance, saying I just didn't understand what he "really needed." When I asked him to be more specific, his answers were vague, yet suggestive, and open to a sexual interpretation. I kept all my comments focused on business and never once caved in to his verbal traps.

I expected Sam to stop trying and the incident to blow over, but that hasn't happened. I've heard through the grapevine that Sam won't recommend me to anyone because of "the way I handled his contract." I'm sure what he means is I didn't respond to his overtures. Unfortunately, I have no way to prove it.

Sam and I attend the same church, and he donates to several charities and is on the board of our local college. He is so powerful in this small community that he has become untouchable. Annie, he has tainted my professional reputation, and I don't know what to do. Please help. — Duped in Small-Town Politics

Dear Duped: First of all, you should make sure your information is correct. It's possible Sam has said nothing at all about you. If, in fact, he is defaming your character, you have several options. You can call a lawyer and discuss legal possibilities (sometimes the threat of a lawsuit is enough); you can talk to Sam and ask him to stop; or you can let Sam know you may be forced to mention his sexual overtures to all your friends if he doesn't stop maligning you. We recommend the first two, but the last one will do in a pinch.

Dear Annie: My daughter works as a server for a large chain restaurant. She is a single mother with a 3-year-old daughter. The restaurant is a great place to work, but they only pay \$2 an hour (not even minimum wage). Servers are expected to rely on their tips to supplement their income. Unfortunately, no one has told the public. After

one eight-hour shift, my daughter walked away with less than \$45. A party of three had a \$75 bill and left her \$1.19.

Many people believe tips are icing on the cake and that servers are well paid. Please let them know the truth. — Enlightened Now in Virginia

Dear Virginia: OK, folks, listen up. Most servers are lucky to make minimum wage. It's neither fair nor proper, but many restaurant owners expect their employees to make up the difference in tips. Servers are on their feet all day. If yours has done a decent job, please leave 15-20 percent of the tab as your tip. It will be appreciated.

Dear Annie: One year ago, I received a \$35 check as a gift for my infant daughter. I wrote a thank-you note and thought I had deposited the check into her savings account, but I just found it last week. It's from my in-laws' close friends, whom I've never met. I don't feel comfortable calling them, and I'm too embarrassed to tell my mother-in-law about it. Should I just deposit it?

Embarrassed in California
Dear Calif.: No. The check may no longer be good. Bite the bullet and call them. Say you are SO sorry, but you didn't realize the check was still in your possession, and ask how they would like you to handle it.

Annie's Mailbox is written by Kathy Mitchell and Marcy Sugar, long time editors of the Ann Landers column. Please e-mail your questions to anniesmailbox@attbi.com, or write to: Annie's Mailbox, P.O. Box 118190, Chicago, IL 60611. To find out more about Annie's Mailbox, and read features by other Creators Syndicate writers and cartoonists, visit the Creators Syndicate Web page at www.creators.com.

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IN THE NAME AND BY THE AUTHORITY OF THE STATE OF TEXAS, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN AS FOLLOWS:

TO: Evangelina Lomas, and any and all other unknown owners or persons, including adverse claimants, owning or having or claiming any legal or equitable interest in or lien upon the following described property delinquent to Plaintiffs herein for taxes to-wit:

Lot Three, Block Five, Porter Addition, City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas.

Which said property is delinquent to Plaintiffs for taxes in the following amount: \$1,850.56, exclusive of interest, penalties, and costs, and there is included in this suit in addition to the taxes all said interest, penalties, and costs, thereon, allowed by law up to and including the day of judgment herein.

You are hereby notified that suit has been brought by HOWARD COUNTY, ET AL, as Plaintiffs, against Evangelina Lomas, as Defendant(s), by petition filed on the 10th DAY OF February, 2003, in the County of HOWARD COUNTY, ET AL VS. EVANGELINA LOMAS, ET AL, for collection of the taxes on said property and that said suit is now pending in the District Court of Howard County, Texas 118th Judicial District and the file number of said suit is T-03-02-4558 that the names of all taxing units which assess and collect taxes on the property hereinabove described, not made parties to this suit, are NONE.

Plaintiffs and all other taxing units who may set up their tax claims herein seek recovery of delinquent ad valorem taxes on the property hereinabove described, thereon up to and including the day of judgment herein, and the establishment and foreclosure of liens, if any, securing the payment of same, as provided by law.

All parties to this suit, including Plaintiffs, Defendant(s), and Intervenor(s), shall take notice that claims not only for any taxes which were delinquent on said property at the time this suit was filed but all taxes on said property thereafter up to and including the day of judgment herein, including all interest, penalties, and costs allowed by law thereon, may, upon request, be recovered herein without further citation or notice to any parties herein, and all said parties shall take notice of and plead and answer to all claims and pleadings now on file in said causes by all other parties herein, and all of those taxing units above named who may intervene herein and set up their respective tax claims against said property.

You are hereby commanded to appear and defend such suit on the first Monday after the expiration of forty-two (42) days from and after the date of issuance hereof, the same being the 28 day of July, 2003 before the Honorable District Court of Howard County, Texas, to be held at the court-house thereof; then and there to show cause why judgment shall not be rendered for such taxes, penalties, interest, and costs, and condemning said property and ordering foreclosure of the constitutional and statutory tax liens thereon for taxes due the Plaintiffs and the taxing unit parties hereto, and those who may intervene herein, together with all interest, penalties, and costs allowed by law up to and including the day of judgment herein, and all costs of this suit.

Issued and given under my hand and seal of said court in the City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas, this 13 day of June, A.D. 2003.

Priscilla Grinnette, Clerk of the District Court, Howard County, Texas 118th Judicial District #3914 June 17 & 24, 2003

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TO: Sherry Darlene Roetzer, and any and all other unknown owners or persons, including adverse claimants, owning or having or claiming any legal or equitable interest in or lien upon the following described property delinquent to Plaintiffs herein for taxes to-wit:

The South 16 feet of Lot 707, Block 4, Wright's Airport Addition, City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas.

Which said property is delinquent to Plaintiffs for taxes in the following amount: \$3,266.31, exclusive of interest, penalties, and costs, and there is included in this suit in addition to the taxes all said interest, penalties, and costs, thereon, allowed by law up to and including the day of judgment herein.

You are hereby notified that suit has been brought by HOWARD COUNTY, ET AL, as Plaintiffs, against Robert Diaz, as Defendant(s), by petition filed on the 14th DAY OF February, 2003, in a certain suit styled HOWARD COUNTY, ET AL VS. ROBERT DIAZ, ET AL, for collection of the taxes on said property and that said suit is now pending in the District Court of Howard County, Texas 118th Judicial District and the file number of said suit is T-03-01-4545 that the names of all taxing units which assess and collect taxes on the property hereinabove described, not made parties to this suit, are NONE.

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All parties to this suit, including Plaintiffs, Defendant(s), and Intervenor(s), shall take notice that claims not only for any taxes which were delinquent on said property at the time this suit was filed but all taxes on said property thereafter up to and including the day of judgment herein, including all interest, penalties, and costs allowed by law thereon, may, upon request, be recovered herein without further citation or notice to any parties herein, and all said parties shall take notice of and plead and answer to all claims and pleadings now on file in said causes by all other parties herein, and all of those taxing units above named who may intervene herein and set up their respective tax claims against said property.

You are hereby commanded to appear and defend such suit on the first Monday after the expiration of forty-two (42) days from and after the date of issuance hereof, the same being the 28 day of July, 2003 before the Honorable District Court of Howard County, Texas, to be held at the court-house thereof; then and there to show cause why judgment shall not be rendered for such taxes, penalties, interest, and costs, and condemning said property and ordering foreclosure of the constitutional and statutory tax liens thereon for taxes due the Plaintiffs and the taxing unit parties hereto, and those who may intervene herein, together with all interest, penalties, and costs allowed by law up to and including the day of judgment herein, and all costs of this suit.

Issued and given under my hand and seal of said court in the City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas, this 13 day of June, A.D. 2003.

Priscilla Grinnette, Clerk of the District Court, Howard County, Texas 118th Judicial District #3915 June 17 & 24, 2003

PUBLIC NOTICE

IN THE NAME AND BY THE AUTHORITY OF THE STATE OF TEXAS, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN AS FOLLOWS:

TO: Myra Drake, and any and all other unknown owners or persons, including adverse claimants, owning or having or claiming any legal or equitable interest in or lien upon the following described property delinquent to Plaintiffs herein for taxes to-wit:

A 50 x 130 foot tract out of Lot 12, Block 4, Wright's Airport Addition, City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas.

Which said property is delinquent to Plaintiffs for taxes in the following amount: \$3,266.31, exclusive of interest, penalties, and costs, and there is included in this suit in addition to the taxes all said interest, penalties, and costs, thereon, allowed by law up to and including the day of judgment herein.

You are hereby notified that suit has been brought by HOWARD COUNTY, ET AL, as Plaintiffs, against Myra Drake, as Defendant(s), by petition filed on the 4th DAY OF April, 2003, in a certain suit styled HOWARD COUNTY, ET AL VS. MYRA DRAKE, for collection of the taxes on said property and that said suit is now pending in the District Court of Howard County, Texas 118th Judicial District and the file number of said suit is T-03-04-4560 that the names of all taxing units which assess and collect taxes on the property hereinabove described, not made parties to this suit, are NONE.

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TUESDAY

JUNE 24

	KMID (2)	KPEJ (3)	KERA (3)	F:AM (3)	KOSA (7)	WFAA (8)	KWES (9)	WTBS (11)	UNI (11)	NASH (15)	TMC (15)	SHOW (20)	TLC (20)	HBO (22)	KMLM (23)	A&E (23)	DISC (23)	TNT (23)	DISN (23)
	Midland	Odesa	Dallas	ABC Family	Odesa	Dallas	Midland	Atlanta	Spanish	Nashville	Premium	Premium	Learning Ch.	Premium	Odesa	New York	Discovery	Atlanta	Premium
6:30 PM	News Wheel	King of the Hill	Cyberchase	7th Heaven (CC)	News Ent. Tonight	News (CC) Wheel	News Seinfeld (CC)	Friends (CC) MLB	Las Vegas del Amor	Blind Date	:15 Movie: Silent Fall (CC)	Movie: We Were Daring	Secrets of For-	Divine	Update/Israel John Hagee	American Justice	FBI Files	Law & Order (CC) (DVS)	Sister, Sister Lizzie
7:30 PM	8 Simple Rules	American Juniors (CC)	When Nature Strikes Back	Movie: Just a Walk in the Park (CC)	JAG (CC) (DVS)	8 Simple Rules	Dog Eat Dog (CC) (DVS)	Philadelphia Phillies at Atlanta Braves	Rebecca	Star Trek: Next	Movie: Rat Race (CC)	Movie: We Were Daring	Mostly True: Urban	Greenlight	Booker N. McBride	Biography: Emeril	New Detectives	Law & Order (CC) (DVS)	The Land Before Time
8:30 PM	According: Jim	Keen Eddie (CC)	This Far by Faith	Guardian (CC)	According: Jim	Guardian (CC)	Last Comic Standing	Atlanta Braves	Entre el Amor	Movie: Kickboxer	Movie: Rat Race (CC)	Movie: We Were Daring	Mostly True: Urban	Greenlight	Light of the Southwest	Cold Case Files (CC)	New Detectives	Law & Order (CC) (DVS)	VII: The Stone
9:30 PM	NYPD Blue	70s Show Dharma-Greg	American Spir-	Whose Line? Whose Line?	Judging Amy (CC)	NYPD Blue (CC)	Dateline (CC)	Seinfeld (CC)	Ver Para Crear	"	"	Going On	UFOs: Put to the Test	Real Sports (CC)	"	"	FBI Files (CC)	Charmed (CC)	Sister, Sister Even Stevens
10:30 PM	News Nightline	70s Show Raymond	News Hour With	700 Club (CC)	News Late Show	News (CC) Nightline	News Tonight	Movie: Stripes	Primer Impacto	Real TV (CC)	Movie: The Accused	Queer as Folk	Daring Robberies	Sex and-City Wire (CC)	Hour of Healing (CC)	Third Watch (CC)	New Detectives	Law & Order (CC) (DVS)	Boy World Proud Family
11:30 PM	Jimmy Kimmel	Sudden-Susan	P.O.V. (CC)	Caroline Rhea	(CC) Late Late	Ent. Tonight Jimmy	(CC) Late Night	"	En las Mejores	Blind Date	(CC)	:15 Movie: Alive and Kicking	Mostly True: Urban	Freddie Got Fingered	Update/Israel Richman	Biography: Emeril	New Detectives	X-Files (CC)	Boy World Smart Guy
12:30 AM	Paid Program Cowboy	Blind Date Beyond	P.O.V. (CC)	Paid Program	Show (CC) Street Smarts	Live (CC) Oprah	Frasier (CC)	:20 Movie:	Camila	Highlander (CC)	Movie: Hangman	"	UFOs: Put to the Test	"	Faye Hardin John Hagee	Cold Case Files (CC)	FBI Files (CC)	X-Files (CC)	Sister, Sister Even Stevens

DENNIS THE MENACE



HERE'S SOME ADVICE, JOEY. WHEN YOU DRAW ON WALLS, DON'T EVER SIGN YOUR NAME.

THE FAMILY CIRCUS



Grandma remembers things I never heard of.

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BLONDIE



This Date In History

By The Associated Press

Today is Tuesday, June 24, the 175th day of 2003. There are 190 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On June 24, 1948, Communist forces cut off all land and water routes between West Germany and West Berlin, prompting the western allies to organize the massive Berlin Airlift.

On this date: In 1314, the forces of Scotland's King Robert I defeated the English in the Battle of Bannockburn.

In 1509, Henry VIII was crowned king of England.

In 1647, Margaret Brent, a niece of Lord Baltimore, was ejected from the Maryland Assembly after demanding a place and vote in that governing body.

In 1793, the first republican constitution in France

was adopted.

In 1908, the 22nd and 24th president of the United States, Grover Cleveland, died in Princeton, N.J., at age 71.

In 1940, France signed an armistice with Italy during World War II.

In 1968, "Resurrection City," a shantytown constructed as part of the Poor People's March on Washington D.C., was closed down by authorities.

In 1975, 113 people were killed when an Eastern Airlines Boeing 727 crashed while attempting to land during a thunderstorm at New York's John F. Kennedy International Airport.

In 1983, the space shuttle "Challenger" - carrying America's first woman in space, Sally K. Ride - coasted to a safe landing at Edwards Air Force Base in California.

In 1987, comedian-actor Jackie Gleason died at his home in Fort Lauderdale, Fla., at age 71.

Ten years ago: Eight Muslim fundamentalists

were arrested in New York, accused of plotting a day of bombings of the United Nations, a federal building and the Holland and Lincoln tunnels. (They and two others were later convicted of seditious conspiracy.) Yale University computer expert David Gelernter was injured in his office by a bomb sent by Unabomber Theodore Kaczynski.

Thought for Today: "If a man makes a better mousetrap than his neighbor, his neighbor will borrow it." Anonymous.

Answer to previous puzzle

CARE	BAAS	SPED
LOOT	ERRED	TOGA
ONTHESCENE	AWAY	
DESERT	SAILED	
ROBS	OLDER	
NAP	SETFREE	LAP
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VIOLA	RUE	LANDO
ARTIST	MAR	NEON
SAO	PROPSUP	SRS
FRIAR	TMAN	
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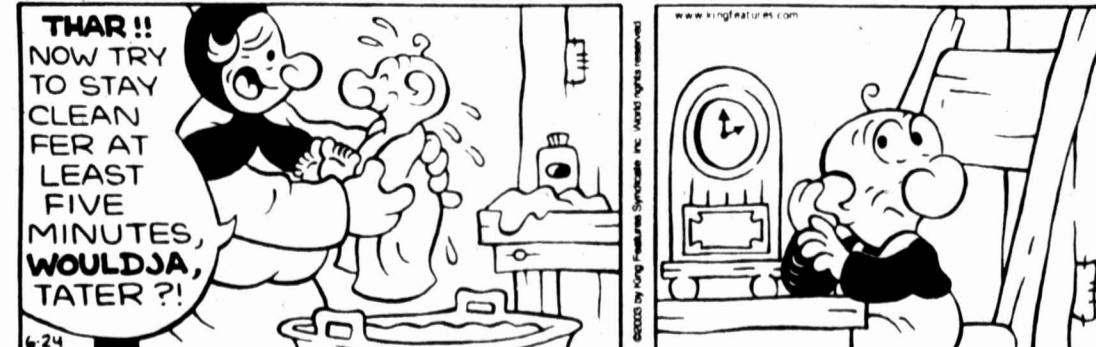
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Newsday Crossword

PEDAL PUSHERS by Lee Weaver
Edited by Stanley Newman

ACROSS

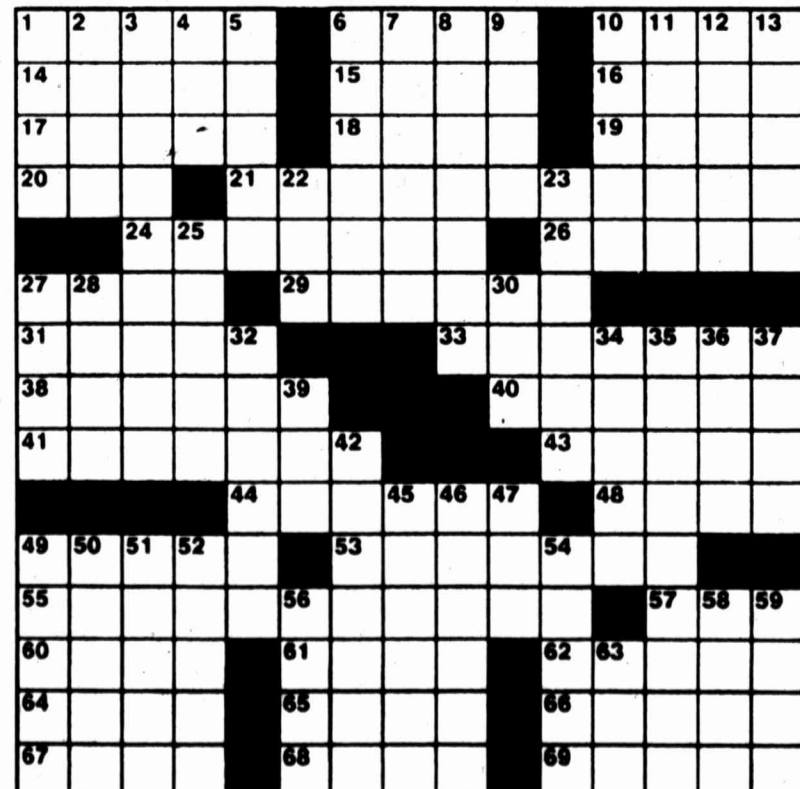
- 1 Pottery piece
- 6 Curly cabbage
- 10 Health retreats
- 14 Lone Ranger's sidekick
- 15 Unrefined metals
- 16 "Go young man!"
- 17 Out of whack
- 18 Field of study
- 19 Where China is
- 20 Toothpaste type
- 21 Kid-care situation
- 24 Mascara target
- 26 Beasts of burden
- 27 Commotion
- 29 Regard highly
- 31 Certain Alaskan
- 33 Pizza topping
- 38 Acquire molar
- 40 Raised
- 41 Logic misuser
- 43 "Filthy" money
- 44 Does a double take
- 48 At that time
- 49 Folklore villains
- 53 He got out early
- 55 Follows orders
- 57 Small bite
- 60 Cockatoo crest
- 61 Humorist Bombeck
- 62 Copycats
- 64 Peter Gunn's girlfriend

DOWN

- 11 Mexican money
- 12 Stage whisper
- 13 Remains behind
- 22 Grand Opry
- 23 Gompers or Goldwyn
- 25 Teenager
- 27 Works on a doily
- 28 Bread spread
- 30 Listening device
- 32 Need for water
- 34 Fry lightly
- 35 Worst foe
- 36 Richard of Primal Fear
- 37 TV genie portrayer

39 Brooklyn suffix

- 42 Came to a point
- 45 Quieted (down)
- 46 Groups of three
- 47 Family member
- 49 Playful mammal
- 50 Red-wrapped cheese
- 51 Equip again
- 52 Park, CO
- 54 Smallest amount
- 56 Man of the hour
- 58 Part of the eye
- 59 Furtive whisper
- 63 For each



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