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Local Eagles Lodge seeks to sponsor weekly teen dances in Big Spring

By CARLTON JOHNSON
Staff Writer

Finding something for Big Spring teens to do has been a question dozens of people have pondered for sometime, but nothing has ever materialized until now. Members of Eagles Lodge No. 3188 want to sponsor a weekly Friday night or Saturday night dance for teens.

Eagles members met with law enforcement officials and the media Tuesday afternoon to discuss the idea.

A disc jockey would provide a variety of music and teens would be able to leave suggestions in a suggestion box as to what they would like to hear in the future.

"The purpose of sponsoring a dance is simply to allow teens to have fun," Eagles vice president Jim Hicks said.

"A set of basic conduct rules will be set up and posted at the door," Eagles Lodge president David Baird said. "Police officers and deputies would not be

there as a show of force, but to ensure a good time for the kids."

He added several officers and deputies have a good relationship with local kids.

"Parents are even welcomed to come in a do a spot check to see what's going on," Baird said.

He added all alcohol and signs referencing alcohol would be locked up and lodge members would be present at the dances.

The Eagles have tossed around several ideas as to who

to allow at the dances such as teens 13 to 18-years-old, but Big Spring Police officer Sgt. Mike Pearson said that's probably not a good idea because of the gap in ages.

"There is no law prohibiting you from having the dances, but statewide, the trend is to do something like this with 18 to 20-year-olds. The police department supports the idea of a dance, but does not support bringing teens onto premises licensed to sell alcohol," Pearson said.

Baird and Hicks have contacted Howard County Sheriff's Deputy Sgt. Barney Edens, who has been looking for support of a location to start a teen youth center for several months, and the Big Spring Police Department and have the support of the departments for the idea, but the location of the dances may be a problem according to Pearson.

The Eagles Lodge, according to Baird, is a clubhouse for its members only and is licensed to serve alcohol, but the intention

of the Eagles is to provide a safe environment in Big Spring for teens to be able to go and have fun.

Pearson said the idea is an excellent one and noble as well but suggested the Eagles call around to various groups and organizations and try to find a different location other than the lodge because of the impression people might receive.

He added the liability factor is there and anyone who doesn't

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'Excitement' key word at Furr's groundbreaking

By JOHN H. WALKER
Managing Editor

"Excited," "excitement" and "exciting" were key words in use Wednesday morning at the groundbreaking of the new Furr's Cafeteria at 2306 S. Gregg in Big Spring.

"We're really excited about being back in Big Spring," said Kevin Lewis, CEO of Furr's/Bishop's Cafeterias.

That much was obvious from the fact Furr's chartered a bus to bring an estimated 30 employees and officials from the company's Lubbock headquarters.

And based on the turnout of townspeople — an estimated 75 persons — the community is ready for Furr's to be back as well.

"We're real excited ... it has been a long two-and-a-half years since you left," was the way City Manager Gary Fuqua expressed his feelings.

Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce President Frances Wheat was to the point as well.

"It's exciting. We're delighted to have Furr's as a part of our community again ... we've missed you."

For both Furr's and Big Spring, the 10,000 square-foot facility is an important milestone.

"This is absolutely critical for us to be able to demonstrate that Furr's is a strong and viable force in this business," Lewis said.

Furr's, which was on the



Participants in Wednesday's groundbreaking for the first Furr's Cafeteria to be built in more than a decade include, from left, Big Spring City Manager Gary Fuqua, Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce Executive Vice President Linda Walker, Chamber President Frances Wheat, Furr's CEO Kevin Lewis and Furr's Human Resources Vice President Carlene Stewart. Joining in the ceremony were members of the Ambassadors.

verge of financial collapse for a number of years, emerged from bankruptcy in January which, according to Lewis, makes the new facility, Furr's first in more than 10 years, even more important.

For Big Spring, the importance begins with the \$1.5 million construction project. Add to that mix the number of local businesses, such as McMahon Concrete and Thompson Electric, that will work as sub-contractors and the 50 persons Furr's

expects to employ when the facility opens and the importance continues to grow.

Once open, the tax revenues generated and traffic attracted by the facility adds more money to the mix.

By early 1997, Furr's will once again be open and serving food in Big Spring, ending what will have become a three-year absence from the market at that time.

The facility will seat 300 persons inside and another 70 to

100 persons in a patio area. Additional seating will also be available in meeting rooms.

Additionally, Furr's will have a "Carry-Out Market," where people will be able to utilize a separate entrance from the cafeteria proper to purchase the most popular menu items for carry-out.

An open serving line and a bakery are also new additions to what the company is calling "the cafeteria of the 21st Century."

City officials: Closing prison deal no easy matter

By CARLTON JOHNSON
Staff Writer

Big Spring Mayor Tim Blackshear, City Councilman John Paul Anderson and City Secretary/Finance Director Tom Ferguson found out that closing the deal restructuring the city's management contracts for the Big Spring Correctional Centers was not as easy as one might think.

The three returned from their Houston trip Wednesday and discussed the process during a late afternoon press conference.

"It's over," Blackshear said, "Basically, I was charged with the duty of seeing the \$3.7 million was transferred properly."

That process was completed late Wednesday morning because the wires closed for the day Tuesday before the transaction could go through.

Blackshear added the process did get off to a rather rocky start Wednesday morning as they arrived at the attorneys' offices around 8:30 a.m.

It was discovered that attorneys didn't have the letter from

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John Paul Anderson
City councilman

the Federal Bureau of Prisons stating that the bureau approved of the transaction and of Cornell Corrections assuming management control of the prison facilities in Big Spring.

Blackshear said Congressman Charles Stenholm's office was instrumental in securing the letter for the city and attorneys had it in their hands by 10:30 a.m.

Anderson said there were two conference rooms full of documents to sign, which took about four and a half hours to complete.

The completed agreement includes a sizable increase for the city in the long-term lease of the buildings associated with the correctional centers.

Originally, that amount was set at \$155,000 in addition to the \$306,000 the city was already receiving as part of the 70 cents

per man per day agreement subject to the Inter-Governmental Agreement to house prisoners at the facilities, but City Manager Gary Fuqua said the city's negotiating team negotiated that figure to \$216,000, which would be placed in the city's general fund annually.

That brings the total amount the city will receive on an annual basis to \$522,000.

The \$3.7 million in cash has been placed in a 90-day interest-bearing treasury bill account. The 5.299 percent interest rate translates into about \$537 a day in earnings for the city.

Cornell's tenure as manager of the facilities became effective with the signing and Cornell's promise of doing additional projects in Big Spring is already in progress.

Anderson added MidTex President Johnny Rutherford

remained in Houston with Cornell officials because the plans are being discussed for another 500-bed facility, possibly more, in Big Spring.

Future expansion will depend on several entities including the Federal Aviation Administration, (if a new facility is to be placed at the airport), the FBOP, the city and Cornell.

The city of Big Spring would be involved in future projects as with Cornell because the city still owns the real property. Basically, Cornell is leasing the facilities and the city is no longer involved in management and will not have prison employees on the city payroll or as part of the city's insurance benefits package.

"Cornell Corrections wants to focus right now on expansion projects in Southern California and in Big Spring," Anderson said.

What the city will do with the \$3.7 million it now has is unknown, but Blackshear indicated he's in no rush to spend it.

"Hopefully, the money can sit there (in the bank) and help prevent future tax increases," he

BSISD trustees to call \$12.5 million bond election today

By JOHN H. WALKER
Managing Editor

After evaluating the condition of Runnels Junior High and College Heights Elementary School, Big Spring Independent School District (BSISD) trustees have made the decision to order a school bond election for Sept. 14.

At today's public meeting, scheduled for 5:15 in the Board Room at Big Spring High School, trustees will issue the order for the election and then secure and approve all contracts with architects, financial consultants and bond counselors.

The \$12.519 million bond would provide enough monies to construct a new junior high on the former Boydston Elementary School site and install refrigerated air in the district's seven campuses that are not currently air-conditioned.

Of the total, \$10.019 million will go toward the new junior high while the remaining \$2.5 million will cover the cost of the air-conditioning project.

Cost of the bond to taxpayers would be 12.5 cents per \$100 valuation. According to local records, the average valuation for a house in Big Spring is slightly less than \$40,000, which means property owners would see a tax increase of about \$50 per year.

According to BSISD Superintendent Bill McQueary, the district would, pending voter approval, place all seventh and eighth-grade students in the new junior high.

At that time, Goliad Middle School would become the district-wide sixth-grade campus as well as taking in students that currently attend College

BOND FACTS

WHAT: School bond election
WHEN: Sept. 14, 1996
AMOUNT: \$12.519 million
PURPOSE: Construct new junior high and air-condition seven campuses currently not air-conditioned.
IMPACT TO TAXPAYERS: A tax increase of 12.5 cents per \$100 valuation, or \$50 per year on a home valued at \$40,000.

Heights Elementary.

"That would allow us to retire Runnels Junior High, which was built in 1916, and College Heights, which was built in the 1930s," McQueary said.

McQueary said the board's decision to order the election was influenced in part by the broad base of community support for the plan.

"There is a committee of 200 under the leadership of Steve Fraser who are very well organized and come from all segments of the community. We have a broad base of community support, something we didn't have in 1991, and the feedback has been very positive."

"I feel good about it (the election)," he said, adding, "I feel certain we will hear from those who don't feel the same way."

Big Spring voters overwhelmingly turned down an \$11.7 million bond issue that would have allowed for the replacement of Runnels Junior High.

Big Spring will become the third district in West Texas to hold a bond election for facilities construction and upgrades. Earlier this year, voters in San Angelo approved a bond issue while Midland voters turned down a \$110 million bond election.

FANS GALORE



Salvation Army Maj. Roy Tolcher, Bob Noyes and Jan Noyes watch as Elvin Bearden bring in the last of 20 fans that the Evening Lions Club donated to the Salvation Army Wednesday. The Army will distribute the fans to local residents in need of relief from the heat.

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TODAY'S WEATHER

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Lows ▼

Tonight, partly cloudy with a chance of showers. Low in lower 70s. Highs Friday-Sunday in lower-to-mid 90s and cloudy.



PUC to audit private pay phones

AUSTIN (AP) — Fewer than one of every three owners of private pay phones have registered with the state as required, says the Public Utility Commission, which wants to know why.

The agency on Wednesday announced an audit of private pay phones to check for compliance with consumer protection requirements that have been in place for almost a year.

An industry official welcomed the audit, saying there are no problems with most pay phones in the state.

"The issue is not how many

pay phone operators have registered, but how many pay phones are in compliance," said Scott Pospisil, executive director of the Texas Payphone Association.

According to the PUC, of more than 1,000 pay phone owners, about 275 have registered with the agency. Most pay phones in Texas are privately owned.

Pospisil said those who have registered own most of the phones, and that just because a pay phone is not registered doesn't mean it's not in compliance with the regulations.

OBITUARIES

Thomas J. McAdams

Service for Thomas J. McAdams, 83, Abilene, formerly of Big Spring, is pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

He died Thursday, July 11, 1996, at his residence.

EAGLES

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like the idea of the location and could file charges against the lodge for contributing to the delinquency of minors because they are licensed to sell alcohol.

"We're not providing a honky tonk environment and the hours of the dances would not be violated," Hicks said.

The teen curfew is currently in effect from 11 p.m. to 6 a.m. Sunday through Thursday and midnight to 6 a.m. Friday and Saturday and covers youths under age 17.

Pearson advised against having junior high and high school aged kids in the same environment.

"Speaking personally, you don't bring 13-year-old girls into a social environment with 18 and 19-year-old boys," he said. "A neutral place would greatly enhance your event and ensure the success of it as well."

"Through not fault of your own, if a drunk juvenile makes his or her way onto the premises during a dance, the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission will pull your license in a minute and you could be subject to a heavy fine."

Pearson told Baird and Hicks that the idea is good and will work, but it will take a lot of people and a lot of hard work to be successful.

"Kids are exposed to a lot these days and there's a lot of knowledge out there as well," Pearson said.

He suggested that members of the lodge go over to Midland and take a look at the teens nights they have at the Mansion and maybe pull some ideas from that.

Baird and Hicks said the Eagles Lodge is very careful about the members that are selected to join the club and that parents, church members and church officials from around the community are welcomed to come in and ask question about the Eagles' idea.

"We will also welcome ideas from parent and church members and officials," Baird said. "We just want to see kids in Big Spring have fun and at the same time make as many people as possible happy."

Baird said the Eagles will continue to meet with law enforcement officials to discuss the idea and try to get the dances started as soon as possible. He added the eagles will also let the public know what their plans are as the idea progresses.

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Big Spring, Tx. (915) 267-6331

Thomas J. McAdams, 83, died Thursday. Services will be 11:00 AM Saturday at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

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IN BRIEF

THERE WILL BE A JULY JUBILEE DANCE at the Canterbury Retirement Center on Friday, from 7 to 10 p.m.; 1700 Lancaster. There is no cover charge but donations will be accepted. Senior citizens are invited to have an evening of fun.

THE FORSAN ALL-CLASS REUNION is scheduled for Aug. 3 starting at 9 a.m. at the Forsan High School cafeteria. All ex-students, spouses, teachers and friends are invited for morning refreshments and lunch. Preregistration is suggested at a cost of \$10 per person or \$6 for those under 17 years of age.

Donations are also welcome so the group can continue their ex-student newsletter.

Contact Boyce Hale; HC 76 Box 157-F; Big Spring; 79720 or at 263-6957 or Leon Calley; 9635 Oak Thicket; Houston; 77040; (713) 466-5083.

THE BIG SPRING GOSPEL OPBY is Friday at 7 p.m. in the Comanche Trail Amphitheatre. There will be comedy, music, fun and concessions.

THERE WILL BE A SANDS PTO meeting for all members 7:30 p.m., Friday, in the school auditorium to discuss this years cook book fundraiser.

ENTRY FORMS FOR THE 1996 HIGH Plains Jr. Rodeo Assn. are available this week only from the Texas Agricultural Extension Office on the first floor of the Howard County Courthouse. Entries are open to contestants up to the age of 19 as of Jan. 1, 1996. You do not need to be a member of the High Plains Jr. Rodeo Association to compete. All entry forms **MUST BE MAILED BY THURSDAY, JULY 11** to the Rodeo secretary in Lubbock to ensure she receives them by Saturday, July 13. Please call the extension office at 264-2236 or come by the courthouse to pick up the forms. This rodeo is sponsored by the Howard County 4H Clubs and is their major fund raising event for the year.

THE 1976 CLASS OF BIG SPRING High School will be having a 20 year reunion August 9-11. Reunion organizers are needing assistance with locating old classmates. If you have an address of an ex who moves frequently or had a name change or is otherwise difficult to locate, please call 263-7219 and leave a message.

Organizers are also in need of suggestions, ideas and monetary donations. Please send to: Class of '76; c/o Les White; General Delivery; Big Spring, 79720.

THE 63RD ANNUAL MARTIN County Old Settlers Reunion will be Saturday. Schedule of Events:

9 a.m. — Registration at community center
10 a.m. — Museum open, downtown parade, dedication of downtown trees (immediately after parade), and downtown games (after dedication of trees)

11 a.m. — Old jail open for touring

1 p.m. — Connell house open for touring

2 p.m. — Entertainment at community center, and reception at museum honoring W.H. Cox Family

6 p.m. — Johnny's Barbecue at community center
7:30 p.m. — Program at community center.

In conjunction with the Old Settlers Reunion, there will be a dance outside at the commu-

RECORDS

Wednesday's high 92
Wednesday's low 70
Average high 96
Average low 70
Record high 104 in 1940
Record low 63 in 1920
Rainfall Wednesday 0.00
Month to date 0.00
Month's normal 0.65
Year to date 4.33
Normal for the year 9.41
**Statistics not available

LOST

At Wal-Mart Super Center, a large Male Australian Shepard Cow dog named Jake. The dog is gray with black & white, has long hair and was wearing a flea collar. A reward of \$100.00 is offered. No questions asked. Call or leave a message.
915-338-0495

nity center. The dance is sponsored by the Martin County Chamber of Commerce.

THE FOURTH ANNUAL JONES VALLEY REUNION is scheduled for Aug. 31 from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the Kentwood Community Center, 2805 Lynn Dr.

Reservations must be turned into Reba Hicks Fortner; Route 1 Box 123-B; Brownwood; 76801-9333 and her phone number is (915) 643-1335. Reservations are due no later than Aug. 13 and the charge is \$7.10 per person with lunch being served at noon.

Bring old photographs and mementos to share with others. Local contacts are John Hicks, 264-0425 or Mabel Timmons Dickerson, 267-3154.

SPRINGBOARD

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

•Masonic Lodge #598, 7:30 p.m., 219 Main.

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

Big Spring
ON THE RUN

Area seniors invited.

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

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

•Big Spring Gospel Opry, 7 p.m., Comanche Trail Amphitheatre. There will be comedy, music, fun and concessions.

•Sahds PTO meeting for all members, 7:30, school auditorium. This meeting is to discuss this years cook book fundraiser.

•There will be a July Jubilee Dance at the Canterbury Retirement Center from 7 to 10 p.m., 1700 Lancaster. There is no cover charge but donations will be accepted. Senior citizens are invited to have an evening of fun.

SATURDAY

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

•Nature Walk and Sunset Tales 8 to 10 p.m., Big Spring State Park. Call 263-4931 for more information.

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

SUNDAY

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

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

MONDAY

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

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

•TOPS Clubs (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) 5:30 to 6 p.m. weigh in and 6 p.m. meeting, Carriage Inn, 501 W. 17th. Call 263-1340 or 263-8633.

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

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•Survivors of Suicide, Memorial Hospital and Medical Center in Midland, 7:30 p.m. The speaker will be Alan Williams, Chaplain of Midland Memorial Hospital. He will be speaking on "Finding Joy Again." For more information call 915/685-1556.

TUESDAY

•Comanche Lake Duplicate, 1 p.m., Dora Roberts Civic Center.

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

•Support Group for Depression, 7 p.m., Dora Roberts Rehab Center, Third and Lancaster.

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

•Big Spring Art Association, 7 p.m., Marcy House.

POLICE

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following incidents during a 24-hour period ending 8 a.m. Thursday:

•RICHARD H. ARENIBAZ, 30, of 2200 Monticello, was arrested for driving while license invalid and no insurance.

•MARY JANE CASTILLO, 28, no address given, was arrested for driving while license invalid.

•JERRY MAYBREY JR., 17, of Hobbs, N.M., was arrested for theft.

•CHERIE LITTLE, 26, of Route 2 Box 111, was arrested on outstanding local warrants.

•MICHAEL DIEGO WILLIAMS, 24, of 214 N. Johnson, was arrested for no driver's license and no insurance.

•DEBORAH JANE FRANKS, 40, of 2511 March Circle, was arrested for failure to identify herself to a peace officer, resisting arrest and disorderly conduct by using abusive language.

•RICHARD GENE HAWLEY, 26, of Quinlin, Texas, was arrested for possession of marijuana.

•OSCAR GARCIA, 34, of 1112B Sycamore, was arrested on an outstanding Howard County warrant and an outstanding Missouri warrant for theft.

•THEFTS in the 900 block of Willis and 200 block of W. Marcy.

•INVESTIGATING SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITIES in the 2400 block of Cindy, 1500 block of E. Fourth, 4000 block of W. Highway 80, 1800 block of W. Interstate 20, 900 block of N. Runnels, 2300 block of Morrison, 1700 block of State, 400 block of Scurry and 700 block of N.W. Fifth.

•CRIMINAL TRESPASS in the 2300 block of Grace.

•DISTURBANCE/FIGHT in the 1800 block of E. Marcy.

•DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE in the 1000 block of N. Main.

•LOUD PARTY/NOISE in the 600 block of Steakley.

•ARMED SUBJECT in the 3700 block of Wright Ave. The subject was given a verbal warning.

•RESISTING ARREST in the 1700 block of W. Marcy.

•HINDERING A SECURED CREDITOR in the 1300 block of S. Gregg.

•UNLAWFULLY CARRYING A WEAPON in the 200 block of Birdwell.

•ASSAULT in the 1000 block of N. Main.

SHERIFF

The Howard County Sheriff's Department reported the following incidents during a 24-hour period ending 8 a.m. Thursday:

•MATTHEW GERALD HILGER, 22, of HC 76 Box 2-B, was released after serving time for driving while intoxicated and driving while license suspended. He had been sentenced to 60 days for the DWI charge and 30 days for the DWLS charge.

FIRE

The Big Spring Fire Department reported the follow-

ing incidents during a time period from 8 a.m. July 4 to 8 a.m. Thursday:

•STRUCTURE FIRE on Spring Creek Road in Sand Springs. It turned out to be a false call.

•STRUCTURE FIRE in the 400 block of Edwards Blvd. The attic was smoking and the estimated loss was \$10,000.

•MINOR ACCIDENT in the 1200 block of S. Gregg. Firefighters cleaned up a spill at the scene.

•GRASS FIRES in the 1000 block of E. 19th and 800 block of S. Bell.

•NATURAL GAS LEAK in the alley behind 1500 Main. A vehicle had hit a gas meter. The estimated loss was \$200.

•CARBON MONOXIDE ALARM in the 1400 block of Preston. The furnace's pilot light had been turned off of the water heater.

•GRASS FIRE at Industrial Park. There was an estimated \$3,500 in damages.

•STRUCTURE FIRE in the 1000 block of Jeffrey Rd. There was a fire burning under the floor and it caused \$2,000 in damages.

•ELECTRIC OUTLET OVERLOADING in the 2400 block of Carlton. The insulation around the outlet melted, causing \$50 in damage.

•STRUCTURE FIRE in the 800 block of Pine with \$200 in damages.

•WATER HEATER SHORTING OUT at 25 Village Road. Estimated loss was \$250.

•FENCE ON FIRE in alley behind Glenwick Cove.

•SMOKE SIGHTED in the 4100 block of Parkway.

•SHED FIRE in the 200 block of N.E. 10th. It turned out to be camp fire that had been extinguished upon firefighters arrival.

•STRUCTURE FIRE in the 4000 block of County Road Two. The wall of an old wood barn was on fire with an estimated loss of \$1,000.

•STRUCTURE FIRE in the 3200 block of Drexel. A wood shed was on fire and damage was estimated at \$2,500.

•KITCHEN FIRE in the 1600 block of E. 11th Place. Damage was estimated at \$3,000.

MARKETS

Oct. cotton futures 71.65 cents a pound, down 43 points; Aug. crude oil 21.74, up 19 points; Cash hog steady at 57 cents even; slaughter steers steady at 64 cents even; July live hog futures 58.55, up 35 points; Aug. live cattle futures 67.20, down 45 points. Courtesy: Delta Corporation. Noon quotes provided by Edward D. Jones & Co.

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Volume 142,967,860	
ATT	58% -1
Amoco	70% -1
Atlantic Richfield	121% -1
Atmos Energy	26% nc
Boston Chicken	29% -1
Cabot	24% -1
Chevron	60% +1
Chrysler	56% -1
Cifra	1.32-1.36
Coca-Cola	47% -1
De Beers	34% -1
DuPont	79% -1
Exxon	89% +1
Fina	54% -1
Ford Motors	30% -1
Halliburton	54% -1
IBM	96% -2
Laser Indus LTD	13% -1
Mesa Ltd. Prt	3% nc
Mobile	117% +1
Norwest	33% -1
NUV	9% +1
Pepsi Cola	32% -1
Phillips Petroleum	45% +1
Polaris	28% -1
Rural/Metro	34% -1
Sears	45% -1
Southwestern Bell	46% -1
Sun	29% -1
Texas Instruments	45% -2
Texas Utils. Co	42% nc
Unocal Corp	33% nc
Wal Mart	24% nc
Arcap	13.22-14.03
Euro Pacific	24.52-26.02
I.C.A.	22.71-24.10
New Economy	17.04-18.08
New Perspective	17.20-18.25
Van Kampen	14.16-14.87
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Gold	382.80-383.30
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Texas, Illinois Blue Cross firms seek merger OK

AUSTIN (AP) — Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Texas and of Illinois say they are financially OK, but could better face future changes in the health insurance industry as a combined company.

The companies asked the Texas Insurance Department on Wednesday to approve a merger between the health insurance giants.

The combined company would cover 3.8 million people, take in nearly \$6 billion in annual revenues and hold more than \$1 billion in reserves.

"For the average policyholder, there will not be a noticeable change at all," said Ray McCaskey, president and CEO of the Illinois company.

McCaskey would become pres-

ident and CEO of the combined company.

"This merger is important to assure the long-term position of Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Texas and Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Illinois," the Texas affiliate said.

Illinois regulators also would have to approve the deal.

Jack Messmore, a deputy director at the Illinois Department of Insurance, said the Illinois company would have to get approval from two-thirds of its 2.5 million policyholders before the department would consider the proposal.

Under the proposed merger, the combined companies would become a mutual company based in Illinois. It would remain a nonprofit entity, com-

pany officials said.

Reserves of \$324 million in Texas would become property of the combined company. That would not effect Texas policyholders, said Dr. Rogers Coleman, president and CEO of the Texas company.

"Considering that the purpose of that surplus is not going to change one iota, I don't think there would be any concern," he added.

But Lisa McGiffert, a senior policy analyst for Consumers Union Southwest Regional Office, said assets accrued in Texas should remain in Texas.

"The bottom line is that this valuable asset must be preserved in a way that continues to serve the people of Texas, not the people of Illinois or the poli-

cyholders of a new entity," she said.

Coleman said policyholders in both states would gain security from the combined reserves. He also said the company would maintain a strong presence in Texas despite being based in Illinois.

"While there will remain a strong commitment to our respective states, any company, including a health insurer, with a primary focus on a single geographic area is susceptible to local economic downturns," the Texas Blues said in a written statement.

"The merger will immediately give both Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Texas and Illinois additional geographic diversification."

Tasteless letter from Stockman aide surfaces

HOUSTON (AP) — Rep. Steve Stockman's chief of staff is defending a derisive letter he sent to Texas Monthly writer Mimi Swartz after her unflattering "Congressman Clueless" profile appeared earlier this year.

In the Feb. 27 letter, which surfaced this week, Cory Birenbaum tells Swartz she got her job at the magazine "for reasons I would refuse to speculate upon in polite society. (Hope your knees have healed up nicely)."

Birenbaum said Wednesday the remark was not intended to imply that the writer performed a sexual act in exchange for employment.

"My husband certainly read it that way," countered Swartz, who was contacted on vacation in New York.

Birenbaum said Swartz and others have misunderstood the comment.

"What I was implying is that she had begged for her job," Birenbaum said from Stockman's Washington office. "And frankly I think their minds are in the gutter. Anyone who knows me knows that's what I meant."

The contents of the fiery two-page missive were first detailed in Wednesday editions of The Hill, a Capitol newspaper.

In the letter, a copy of which was obtained by The Associated Press, Birenbaum accuses Swartz of leading Stockman's staff to believe that she intended to write a positive article for Texas Monthly, a magazine known for critical political profiles.

"I thought maybe you would write about how Steve Stockman is actually a great guy," Birenbaum writes.

The letter also zeros in on Swartz personally, including

comments that she has "heavy legs" and is a "sad and pathetic creature." Birenbaum also says he hopes her child has "a better role model than you."

The two-page letter was faxed to Swartz shortly after her Stockman profile appeared in the magazine's February issue, Birenbaum said.

Birenbaum acknowledged writing the letter. He admitted it might have appeared rude, but denied the comments it contains are obscene.

The letter is typed on plain paper — not Stockman's office stationery — but Birenbaum identifies himself as the congressman's chief of staff and adds a postscript.

"P.S. Steve did not ask me to send this, but I thought you would like some constructive feedback," he writes.

In her article, Swartz says Stockman represents a new

political archetype she calls "politician as adolescent" and that the Republican from Friendswood most closely resembles actor Jim Carrey, "Stockman, the cutup."

Swartz also says Stockman's defense of militia groups in the days following the Oklahoma City bombing and his published attack on Attorney General Janet Reno made him the "class clown" among new congressional Republicans. Stockman's GOP peers, Swartz writes, treat him now as if he has "congressional cooties."

"It was an extremely vicious article and my letter was nothing in comparison to the original article that she wrote," Birenbaum said.

"I write my stories and people can say what they want to say," said Swartz. "It's a bad letter, but I've gotten worse."

Report: More freshmen quitting after first year

WASHINGTON (AP) — A rising number of college freshmen are dropping out, according to a survey of 2,564 colleges and universities that says nearly 27 percent failed to return to campus for a second year.

A report released today by American College Testing also shows the college graduation rate at the surveyed schools is at its lowest in more than a decade.

"It's taking students longer to graduate. That has been a trend for quite a while," says David Merkwitz, a spokesman for the American Council on Education, a group representing the nation's colleges and universities.

The survey showed that the freshman-to-sophomore dropout rate at the surveyed two- and four-year public and private institutions rose to 26.9 percent this year.

That's just a little above last year's rate of 26.2 percent, but it's nearly 2.5 percentage points higher than the dropout rate reported 13 years ago when ACT began collecting data.

More high school graduates are going to college, but rising tuitions mean some cannot afford to stay in school, Merkwitz says. Also, increasing numbers of nontraditional students, who now make up more than 40 percent of the enrollment at two- and four-year public and private schools, are forced to study in a start-and-

stop fashion, he says. "They're more likely to go to school in a bad economy," he says.

Most of the increase in the dropout rate this year reflects students quitting private colleges.

The dropout rate at private colleges rose to nearly 26 per-

cent this year — up from 25 percent last year and 23 percent in 1983, the report says. Most of these students attend four-year private colleges that do not offer graduate degrees, the report says.

At public institutions, the dropout rate for freshmen was 29 percent this year, compared

with 28.6 percent last year and in 1983, the report said.

The report also shows a continued downward trend in graduation rates.

This year, 53 percent of the four-year college students graduated within five years — down from 54 percent last year and 57.5 percent in 1983.

TEXAS BRIEFS

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

San Antonio schools administrator shot; wife sought

SAN ANTONIO — A high-ranking San Antonio public schools administrator was shot repeatedly in the administration building parking lot, police said.

Robert Alfaro, 44, one of four instructional stewards in the San Antonio Independent School District, was listed in stable condition but under intensive care at Santa Rosa Hospital early today. He was shot twice in the chest Wednesday morning by a woman who summoned him outside, saying his 10-year-old son wanted to see him, police said. No one else was injured in the incident.

Alfaro is a former superintendent of the Premont Independent School District in South Texas, about 145 miles south of San Antonio, and has been with the San Antonio district for a year. Police were searching today for Alfaro's estranged wife, Linda Alfaro, 42, for questioning in the shooting.

Llano River flow could stop in four to six weeks

AUSTIN — The flow of water down the Llano River in Central Texas is falling rapidly and could stop by next month — the first time that's happened since the 1950s drought, officials said.

"The river is well below the danger point," said Wes Birdwell, hydrology manager for the Lower Colorado River Authority. "Historically, when the river has gotten down to these levels, it drops on down to nothing very quickly."

Without rain, the Llano River could cease flowing in four to six weeks, Birdwell said.

As the drought of 1996 persists, stream flows across Central Texas are quickly dropping. But the Llano's condition is "definitely the most critical" in the area, he said.

The river is the sole source of drinking water for the city of Llano and its 3,000 residents, about 65 miles northwest of Austin.

Lotto heirs suffer big tax bites from Internal Revenue Service

AUSTIN — The heirs of two Lotto Texas winners who died after hitting big jackpots are pleading with the Texas Lottery Commission for help after receiving big inheritance tax bills.

The problem is that the winnings are paid over 20 years, but the Internal Revenue Service wants its cut of the entire jackpot now.

"The estate, for all practical purposes, could be completely bankrupted by the tax obligation," said Kenneth Walker of Dallas, lawyer for the estate of Johnny Ray Brewster.

Brewster, a Dallas pharmacist, won \$12.8 million in May 1995. He died of a heart attack 10 months later at age 49, leaving sister and lone beneficiary sister Penny Griffin of Dallas to scramble to cover a \$3.5 million estate tax bite.

Under state law, the lotto payments will be sent to Brewster's estate in annual installments of \$463,320 after 28 percent is withheld for federal income tax. So far, two payments have been made.

Judge clears way for medicaid pilot program in Lubbock Co.

AUSTIN — A state district judge has cleared the way for a pilot program to begin in Lubbock and Tarrant counties changing the way Texas Medicaid patients are referred to doctors.

The hospital districts in Lubbock and Tarrant counties had sought a temporary injunction against the state to block the program, saying that the Texas Health and Human Services Commission failed to comply with state law in implementing the project.

But Visiting Judge Jim Meyers, concluding three days of testimony Wednesday, denied the injunction.

"I do not think the commission has acted outside its authority," Meyers said. "I am going to deny the injunction."

The pilot program was to begin Sept. 1, but officials said the legal action "probably" would delay implementation another month.

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Quote of the Day

"Language — a form of organized stutter."

—Marshall McLuhan

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OUR VIEWS

Maximums and minimums count

It took maximum effrontery to pass a minimum wage bill, but don't put anything past the Democrats in Congress now that they've rediscovered how to read the polls, and don't count on the majority Republicans to put up much of a fight on a popular measure when their re-elections are at stake.

To be sure, a small percentage of American workers — primarily teenagers and young adults in part-time jobs — will benefit from the 90-cent boost to \$5.15 an hour if legislation passed by the Senate and House gets out of conference committee and into the lap of an obliging President Clinton.

But some small, marginal businesses will have to lay people off or shorten hours or maybe just fold. Those most tragically affected will be the poor young people who had been acquiring entry-level work skills and who would mostly have graduated to higher pay in less than a year.

Sadly, the polls showed most Americans seem to believe Congress can somehow subvert economic realities through congenial intrusiveness. In fact, the best thing Congress can ordinarily do for the economy — and the welfare of all Americans — is to leave businesses alone.

YOUR VIEWS

Reader upset with city permit office following May 10 storm

TO THE EDITOR:

I wish to express my displeasure with the permit office, after the recent hailstorm it looks like they would not be so hard on the people that are trying to get permits to build carports and garages, and what is the extra money for that they want to add on to the permit. Fifty dollars sounds like a lot when you are just trying to help yourself. Does anyone else feel like I do? Thank you for letting me sound off.

EUNETTA MCANALLY
Big Spring

Big Spring soldier in Hungary offers thanks for support

TO THE EDITOR:

My name is Kenneth Whitehead and I am from Big Spring. I am currently stationed in Raposjuslak, Hungary as a member of IFOR and the U.S. Army. I am here on Operation Joint Endeavor. I am writing to send my parents and my wife and daughter a message. First thank you for everything! Thanks for the food, prayers and the support I received from ya'll! I couldn't have made it without ya'll. To my parents, just think, on Aug. 27, 1996, all of your children and grandchildren will be back in Texas where we belong! I can't wait. To my beautiful wife. We have been apart for over six months now but it is almost over! On August 27 of this year, we will be reunited again and forever. Babe, you are the best. Thank you for everything! This is to my brother and sister who also reside in Big Spring. Thank you for the support and I love you both! To the people in Big Spring who supported us while we are here in Bosnia and Hungary ... well, I thank you! Thanks again! Be back in Big Spring soon.

KENNETH WHITEHEAD
KAPOSJUSLAK, HUNGARY

Parent seeking identity of child's go-cart thief

TO THE EDITOR:

We recently had our go-cart stolen from our backyard the weekend of June 22. The go-cart has since been returned, thanks to the help of honest neighbors and the Big Spring Police Department. It appears that the go-cart was returned by a parent in a new half-ton white Chevrolet pickup on the lawn of someone else. The go-cart had been rolled since the roll bar was removed and bent.

Whoever stole our young son's yellow go-cart, the only one in town like it, could possibly have scratches on them. If anyone out there knows who may have been responsible we are still offering a reward. I feel like the parents of this community should become responsible for their children's actions and pay for them, the repair bill alone will be high. Why type of society has this turned into where a parent doesn't care or reprimand the child for stealing and destroying another ones property? I feel the least this person or persons should do is to apologize to myself and my son. I would like to know what type of people are living in our neighborhood that raise such children to steal another's toy and destroy it and return it and not have to suffer the consequences or pay for the consequences of such actions.

MIKE HUGHES
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THE REAL REASON THE FELLOW WENT TO ALABAMA WITH A BANJO ON HIS KNEE.

What good are U.N. police if they fear criminals?

By WILBUR G. LANDREY
St. Petersburg (Fla.) Times

LE TEMPLE, France — At the war crimes tribunal in The Hague, we have now heard in horrifying detail what happened a year ago in the town of Srebrenica.

And it raises an overwhelming question: What good are the police if they are afraid to arrest the criminals?

Hundreds of graves are being uncovered in the valleys and hillsides around the Bosnian town once so solemnly declared a U.N. "safe haven" by the United States and other members of the Security Council.

Thousands more graves are believed to exist of Muslim men tortured and executed when the Bosnian Serbs marched in on July 16, 1995, after brushing aside a few seemingly helpless U.N. Dutch peacekeepers.

The Bosnian Serb commander, Gen. Ratko Mladic, even gave a few pieces of candy to the children before their brothers and fathers were marched, fearful but unknowing, to their deaths, and some of the children and their mothers to other things unspeakable.

The criminals are known, beginning with Mladic and

Bosnian Serb political leader Radovan Karadzic, who decided and presided over the policy. Both have been indicted by the war crimes tribunal in The Hague, which has been holding televised hearings into what happened.

Serbian President Slobodan Milosevic has, however, declined to hand them over for trial, arguing, perhaps even rightly, that it is beyond his power.

On the spot in Bosnia are 60,000 Western troops, one-third of them American, under NATO command, also American. It's not their job, their commanders say, to arrest Karadzic and Mladic as long as they don't actually stumble over them, which they are taking some pains not to do.

When the Bosnian Serb army, units of the former Yugoslav army, feared Mladic just might be in danger last week, out came some of their tanks from depots where, under the Dayton peace accords, they are supposed to be immobilized.

Finally, after some angry exchanges, they agreed to put the tanks back. But if Karadzic and Mladic are still around, it doesn't take any great imagination to see them coming out again ready for war once the NATO troops are out of the

way.

As long as the NATO troops are there, their mission is to keep things quiet until after the American elections, when they are scheduled to come home. Meantime, nobody must get hurt, which a few might be if they tried to arrest Karadzic and Mladic.

The Srebrenica hearings in The Hague, televised for the world to see, have created a terrible dilemma for poor President Clinton. Only he can really order the arrest of the presumed criminals. But if somebody does then get hurt, he has to fear what Republican candidate Bob Dole would say about him.

In fairness, very much more than electoral considerations are involved. But the Dayton accords were not only intended to bring peace in Bosnia, but if possible to put off until after the elections hard decisions about using force and keeping troops beyond the political deadline set.

Clinton has been unlucky in that his administration's major peace efforts in Bosnia and the Middle East (efforts for which he, his team and the United States deserve much praise) may be falling apart before he can take credit for them at the polls.

In the Middle East, peace with the Palestinians appeared on track and even with Syria appeared possible until fewer than 30,000 votes in the Israeli elections last month put a hard-line government in power that appears to reject the basic premise of land for peace.

Benjamin Netanyahu, the new Israeli prime minister, is in Washington this week to try to assess just how much of a pushover Clinton, or perhaps Dole, might be. And looking over his shoulder will be Ariel Sharon, Israel's "terminator," whom Netanyahu has just been forced to add to his Cabinet.

Peace in Bosnia teeters on the brink. Arresting Karadzic and Mladic could cost American lives. Not arresting them may make Bosnian peace impossible.

The question remains: What use are courts if they can't get their hands on the criminals? What use are the police if they are afraid to arrest them?

How Clinton — or Dole, for that matter — handles the political pressure brought to avoid tough decisions about Israel and the Bosnian Serbs will say a lot about their qualifications to lead the United States.

—SCRIPTS HOWARD NEWS SERVICE

Pollution trading: The big green bazaar that's good

By WILLIAM FULTON
Governing Magazine

A mile east of the Florida Everglades, Lew Laitin has some swamp for sale. But he isn't offering it for condominium developers; in fact, he doesn't want the patch of degraded wetlands in Pembroke Pines developed at all. What Laitin is selling is permission for developers to fill wetlands elsewhere in the Broward County area and build on them.

If everything works out, everybody will win. The developers will save money. Laitin will use some of the proceeds to restore the Pembroke Pines swamp to a state closer to its natural one. And he and his business partners will make a tidy profit. Laitin's Florida Wetlandsbank has already sold half of the "mitigation credits" assigned to the parcel. "This is the greatest thing going," Laitin says.

In Chicago, futures guru Richard Sandor is celebrating the successful sale through the Chicago Board of Trade of "emissions allowances" — permission from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency for electric utilities and other companies to emit sulfur dioxide into the atmosphere. The mar-

ket price for emissions allowances is just a fraction of what it was a few years ago, meaning that the overall cost of complying with the federal Clean Air Act is going down.

"I would call it a remarkable success," says Sandor, "and a sure indication that market-based solutions to environmental problems are the optimum." So excited is Sandor about the SO2 market that he is working with the United Nations to establish an international market for carbon dioxide emissions.

And in the desert Southwest, water agencies in California, Nevada and Arizona are negotiating a variety of "water transfers," financial arrangements in which farmers and landowners who hold water rights sell the water to agencies that want it. Although water transfers are highly controversial, they are widely viewed as a way to promote efficient water use and reduce the need for new dams. Environmentalists hate dams for the damage they do to the landscape and to species habitat.

Around the country, the idea of using "market-oriented" approaches to solve environmental problems is rapidly being embraced by officials at all levels of government — but

especially state government — as a means of providing maximum environmental protection at minimal cost. "New opportunities come in the door almost daily," says California Resources Secretary Douglas P. Wheeler, whose agency has been involved in developing markets for both land and water.

In simplest terms, market-oriented approaches to pollution control permit individuals and companies to trade in scarce environmental resources — clean air, an acre of wetlands, an acre-foot of water, or even ramp space on a rush-hour freeway — and create markets where these "commodities" can be bought and sold. In the words of Stanford University economics professor Paul Krugman, who recently advocated market-oriented approaches in an article in the New York Times Magazine, these trading systems "create property rights when they should exist but don't."

Thus, one Midwestern electric utility for which it would be difficult and expensive to reduce air pollution simply pays money to another electric utility that can achieve the same goal more cheaply. Or a Western farmer who cannot afford to switch to water-con-

serving methods on his own simply sells some of his water to a city, obtaining the capital to make the switchover and perhaps pocketing a profit besides.

Not everybody likes these trading systems, and it's clear that they don't work in all situations. Some environmentalists have always objected to the idea of buying and selling "the right to pollute." And the question of how unfettered a pollution-credits market should be is always an issue. A wide-open market will achieve economic efficiencies but will create some sub-regional problems, while a tightly restricted market may not provide enough incentive to play the game.

But one thing is clear: Market-oriented approaches to pollution control are beginning to spread across the country, as both the federal government and state leaders see their advantages. After all, they promise to deliver on two seemingly contradictory goals at once: a high level of environmental protection at a low cost. And increasingly, private entrepreneurs who see profit opportunities are jumping into these unusual markets, hoping to make a buck, save the world — or maybe do both at the same time.



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An ancient annual makes a contemporary splash

Scripps Howard News Service

Flowers come and go in fashionability.

Daisies were the rage in the 1960s. Orchids and hydrangeas blossomed in popularity in the '80s. And while old roses hit their stride in the early '90s, nothing can compete with the sunflower's current popularity.

This humble flower is decorating not only tabletops in cut arrangements but straw hats and place mats, bed linens and beach towels. Sunflower patterns appear on fabric used in baby rompers and sundresses, silk ties and boxer shorts.

The trend started a few years back when interior designers and floral artists slipped the flowers into room settings they designed for magazine layouts and showrooms, and the practice soon multiplied as rapidly as the seeds that form in late summer on a Russian Mammoth.

The trendiest types have gone

on to other flowers, but the flower's mass market appeal is at its peak, which prompted the National Garden Bureau to name 1996 as the "Year of the Sunflower." It's also their way of recognizing how the floral industry has responded to consumer and commercial demand for new varieties.

Among the most popular introductions are branching plants that offer multiple blooms, dwarf varieties that don't overwhelm the bed and border and pollenless types that won't stain everything they come in contact with.

The sunflower's popularity has also caused many to stop and take a closer look at this ancient plant. Sunflowers are one of the few plants native to North America that have become major crops and were important to American Indians as a source of food and medicine. Sunflower remains dating to 3000 B.C. have been found in archaeological sites, with the Western Plains thought to be

the origin for wild sunflowers, according to the National Garden Bureau.

Cultivated sunflowers are more often traced to the Southwest or Missouri-Mississippi River valley areas.

Spanish explorers took sunflowers home with them after visiting the New World, and the flower's popularity quickly spread in Europe. Louis XIV used sunflowers as a symbol of his reign in the latter half of the 17th century.

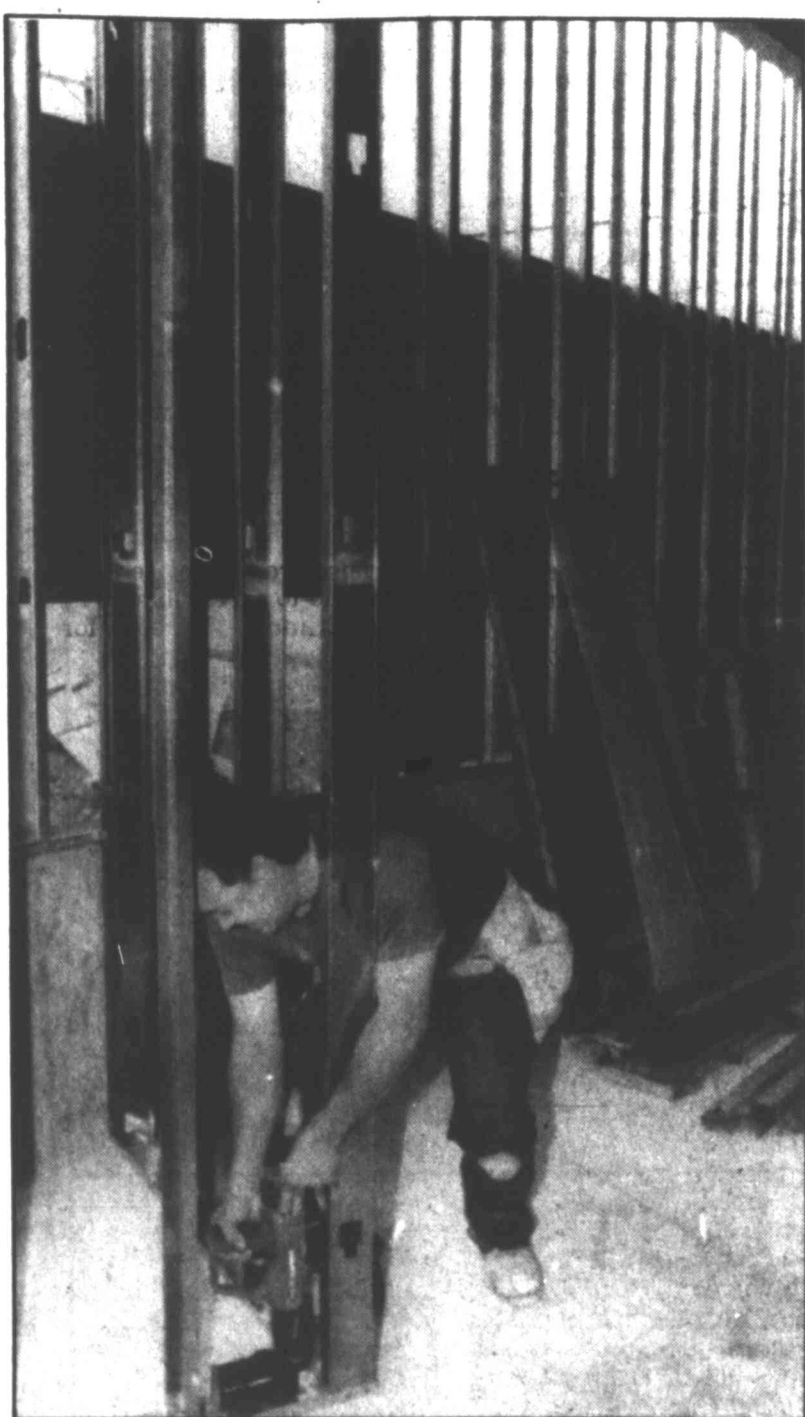
The flower found a major advocate in Peter the Great, who ruled Russia in the early 1700s, writes Diane Morey Sitton in "Sunflowers: Growing, Cooking and Crafting with the Sunniest of Plants." Russians were soon growing — and eating — sunflower seeds and using the seed's oil. Today Russia leads the world in production of sunflower seed oil.

Sitton, a Texas-based garden writer, says she decided to write a book about sunflowers. Please see FLOWERS, page 6A



This sunflower display at Dakota's Flowers shows how you can decorate your home with artificial ones year-round. Real sunflowers are easy to grow if you follow certain guidelines.

LIBRARY CONSTRUCTION CONTINUES



Ricardo Espino uses a nailing gun to secure a metal frame into place as work continues on the conversion of the old Bluebonnet Savings building into the new Howard County Library.

All About Recipe Corner

If you have any recipes you would like to see published, please submit them to the Herald office at 710 Scurry or mail them to: P.O. Box 1431; Big Spring, Texas; 79721; attention: Kellie Jones.

Submissions for the next recipe corner need to be in the Herald office no later than Aug. 5. It is scheduled for Aug. 14.

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Love alone is no reason to walk down aisle

Scripps Howard News Service

Q: I'm 17 and I just graduated from high school. The guy I've been dating for the last three years asked me to marry him. I don't know what to say or what to do. Can you help me? I really, really, really love him and I don't want to lose him.

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We have always felt, through experience and observation, that better reasons to marry are trust, shared faith, shared or similar goals, friendship, complementary personalities, shared interests, shared honesty and open communication.

If you have all of these attributes in your relationship, you can't help but love each other. However, if all you have is love, it might not be strong

enough to pull you through all of the trials of life.

Marriage is compromise. Marriage is love and friendship. Marriage is differences of opinions, and it can, at times, be disappointments and sadness as well as joy and happiness.

TEEN TALK

Before you marry, get to know your boyfriend better. Grow through some life phases together, share some secrets and joys and live through some disappointments and sadness together.

You also need to decide what you want for your personal growth. What are your personal goals? Marriage shouldn't mean you have to give up on yourself and your goals.

In order to be a good partner in a marriage, you have to be

able to grow as an individual as well as half of a pair.

Today, more than ever, women carry a bigger role in marriage and balance multiple roles in life. You must prepare yourself for life first, before entering into life with someone else.

If you want to go to college, go to college. Married or not, don't let go of your dreams. Life is too hard to enter into unprepared to take care of yourself. The happier you are with yourself and who you are becoming, the better partner you'll make for your spouse.

That goes both ways. He must feel good and productive about himself as well.

Should you marry? You and only you can answer that question. If you were sure about this relationship and all its elements — elements that make up a deep, lasting love — you wouldn't have written to me.

Teen Tips:

• If you're uneasy about going out with someone but feel you really want to date this person, try going out in a group of friends together first. Then gradually double date with friends and then go out exclusively. It'll help ease any tension or anxiety in the beginning.

• Dating is something that is normal and has a specific function. Dating allows you to see what types of people are out there and what sort of personalities and characteristics you find most important and most interesting.

Teen Talk is a weekly feature of the El Paso Herald-Post written by teachers Carolyn Lea Wilson and Rose Mary Carbajal. Questions may be mailed to Teen Talk, P.O. Box 371965, El Paso, Texas 79937. Answers can be given only through this column.

Under your skin: 'Tis the season for ticks

Scripps Howard News Service

It's a good year for ticks and experts who study them. But it's a bad year for people who recreate in tick-infested areas.

Experts say the tick population has been steadily increasing as the state's deer population multiplies, so there's a need to find new ways to protect individuals from tick bites and exposure to any number of diseases ticks carry.

Ticks thrive on hosts such as deer, birds and other wild animals. They transmit various disease-causing agents from animals to humans, their pets and their livestock.

"Tick season (which runs from early March into October) is looking pretty bad this year for people, but pretty good for the ticks," said Dr. Reid Gerhardt of Knoxville. "We're getting reports of ticks being numerous and showing up in places they had not been or not been very numerous before."

Gerhardt knows ticks. The University of Tennessee ento-

mologist has been studying ticks in great detail as part of an experimental tick-control program in Cumberland County.

The program — in its third year and being conducted jointly with the U.S. Department of Agriculture — is seeking to eliminate ticks and the threats they pose by feeding corn treated with the drug Ivermectin to deer in the Fairfield Glade area of Cumberland County, Tenn.

The drug, commonly used to kill intestinal parasites in livestock, isn't dangerous to deer, Gerhardt said. But by maintaining levels of it in a deer's bloodstream, ticks feeding on the deer and ingesting the drug aren't able to lay eggs, Gerhardt said.

The study appears to be working, Gerhardt said. Areas where deer are being fed the corn/drug mixture are showing far fewer numbers of ticks, even though these areas started out with the highest population of ticks at the study's start.

The study is particularly per-

tinent to the Fairfield Glade community where in 1993 there was an outbreak of a tick-borne virus called ehrlichiosis. Eleven cases of the human monocytic ehrlichiosis strain (HME) of the virus were confirmed in the community, which has a population of about 3,500.

The virus is slowly gaining notoriety in this area. Although it was first described in 1986, it is much more prevalent in East Tennessee than Lyme disease, and is presumably carried by the Lone Star tick that is common to this area.

"It's unfortunate that it has not been given more attention, and unfortunate that Lyme disease is because we never see cases of Lyme disease in this area," said Dr. Larry Baddour, chief section of infectious diseases at UT Medical Center.

Most cases of Lyme disease occur on the East Coast from Massachusetts to Maryland, in the Midwest in Wisconsin and Minnesota, and on the West Coast in California and Oregon.

Another variety of ehrlichiosis, human granulocytic ehrlichiosis, (HGE), was recognized as an alternative form of HME and a new disease in 1993 and is being reported in Midwestern states. It is believed to be carried by black-legged deer ticks and is more serious than the HME strain.

Some 400 cases of HME (nine of them fatal) have been reported nationally since 1986. And 100 cases of HGE (four fatal) have been confirmed in Connecticut, Massachusetts, Minnesota, New York, Rhode Island and Wisconsin.

In East Tennessee, individuals need to be concerned about HME and Rocky Mountain spotted fever, which is carried by American dog ticks or wood ticks.

The symptoms of ehrlichiosis are similar to that of Rocky Mountain spotted fever, said Baddour. They include severe headache, fever that is often extremely high, muscle and

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TIPS 'N' TRIVIA

Baby's growing needs

(NAPS)—Knowing your baby's cues:

•Body positions and gestures - when baby holds up her head and sits up with support, she is ready to slowly graduate to cereal and baby foods. (4-6 months).

•Mouth movements - baby learns to move her tongue back and forth to swallow and to make chewing motions while eating. She is ready to eat fork-mashed or pureed fruits and vegetables. (4-6 months).

•By the time baby wants to handle and use a spoon, it's time for table foods such as finely chopped meats. (8-12 months).



FOR YOUR INFORMATION

ASU orientation July 26-27

Angelo State University will have Preview ASU 1996 orientation sessions for new students July 26-27 and Aug. 2-3. The two-day program will acquaint new students and parents with the campus and programs.

Gospel Opry on Friday

The Big Spring Gospel Opry is Friday at 7 p.m. in the Comanche Trail Amphitheatre. There will be comedy, music, fun and concessions.

Blood pressure checks

The RSVP Volunteers at Malone & Hogan Clinic will be doing free blood pressure checks from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. and from 2 to 4 p.m.

Send cards to Bill Gossett

Bill Gossett, former longtime Big Spring resident, has been diagnosed with a brain tumor. His birthday is July 23 and all friends are encouraged to send him a card to the hospital he is staying at: Cancer Treatment Center, c/o Bill Gossett; 2408 East 81st Street; Tulsa, Okla.; 74137-4210.

YMCA can be rented out

Big Spring YMCA officials are reminding local residents the "Y" is the place to have a party — whether it's a birthday, the Fourth of July or a family reunion. The cost of rental varies depending on the length of the party, number of participants and facilities used. For more information, call the YMCA at 267-8234.

THE LAST WORD

What a strange illusion it is to suppose that beauty is goodness.

—Tolstoy

The real danger is not that computers will begin to think like men, but that men will begin to think like computers.

—Sydney J. Harris

Without discipline, there's no life at all.

—Katherine Hepburn

Freedom comes from human beings, rather than from laws and institutions.

—Clarence Darrow

Flowers

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Russia leads the world in production of sunflower seed oil.

Sitton, a Texas-based garden writer, says she decided to write a book about sunflowers when she noticed how popular they were. "The more research I did, the more fun it was," she says. "I don't think that most people realize there is so much history, commercial importance and even religious significance to them."

Sitton also offers information about growing sunflowers and using them in the kitchen and for crafts. The author grew 10 varieties the summer she was working on the book and developed some favorites based on that experience.

Sitton likes Autumn Beauty,

a branching, multi-flowered plant for screening or in a native garden where a less manicured look is desired.

Packing a lot of punch for its size is Sunspot, which only gets two feet tall but can produce flower heads 10 inches across. She's also fond of Teddy Bear, three-foot-tall plant with plush-like flowers that more closely resemble chrysanthemums than sunflowers, and of Sungold, a taller version.

Sitton recommends using some of the taller sunflowers in the vegetable garden so vining crops such as cucumbers and green beans will climb them. "They will grow at a faster rate, and it keeps the vegetables clean and up off the ground so they're easy to har-

vest," she says.

Mid-sized sunflowers (three to five feet) add height to flower gardens and look good when planted with such other brightly colored annuals as zinnias and marigolds.

Sitton likes to see the miniatures lined up in front of a white picket fence or planted around mailboxes, bird baths and in containers on sunny decks or porches.

The sunflower likes to be planted in full sun after the ground has warmed to at least 70 degrees.

Sunflowers will tolerate poor soil, but if you want to ensure a good crop, plant seed in well-drained soil. Mulch them and keep the soil evenly moist until the seeds have germinated.

What's new under the sun

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Sunflowers are available in dwarf versions that barely get taller than a daisy, and there are new branching varieties that offer dozens of blooms on a single stem.

In addition to the classic golden flowers, sunflowers come in pale yellows, orange, red and combinations, with centers that range from chocolate brown to black.

The National Garden Bureau lists these dwarf varieties:

- Big Smile, golden yellow flowers (12-14 inches tall, 50-60 days to maturity).
- Music Box, a mix of colorful flowers (28 inches tall, blooms

are four to five inches).

Branching varieties include:

- Holiday, golden yellow with dark center, (four-foot plants, flowers are six to eight inches).
- Sonia, golden orange with dark centers (3-1/2-foot plants, four-inch flowers).

The other recent development is in pollenless flowers. When sunflowers started becoming popular in cut arrangement, a few years back, floral designers requested flowers that didn't drop a lot of pollen, which is messy and tends to stain.

Sakata Seed Corp. developed six varieties that are long-lived as well as pollenless. They include:

- Moonbright, lemon-colored with dark brown centers. (six feet tall, flowers five inches, 80-100 days to maturity.)
- Pollenless Full Sun, similar to Russian Mammoth (8-10 feet tall).

- Sunbright, golden yellow petals with brown disk (six feet tall, five-inch flowers 80-100 days to maturity).
- Sunbeam, golden yellow with greenish yellow disk (six feet, five-inch flowers, 80-100 days).

- Sunrich Lemon, bright yellow with black disk (three to four feet, 70-80 days).
- Sunrich Orange, golden yellow with a black disk (three to four feet, 70-80 days).

For kids: 'Robin Hood,' 'Animalphabet' and more

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Margaret Early's books for Harry N. Abrams have been stately and magical. Joining her previous volumes — "Sleeping Beauty," "All Baba and the Forty Thieves" and "William Tell" — is "Robin Hood," to which Early's retelling of the familiar stories and her beautiful illustrations and borders lend mythic magnificence.

Fourteen episodes from the famous outlaw's life are related, each one to a page, with the accompanying illustration on the opposite page. The illustrations evoke the richness of color and the frieze-like stance of medieval illuminated manuscripts, though with a contemporary sense of detail.

Particularly attractive are depictions of a Christmas dinner at a castle, a meeting of Robin Hood and Maid Marian in the forest and an archery contest in Nottingham.

The Metropolitan Museum of Art has come up with one of the most attractive and certainly one of the wittiest alphabet books in recent history.

As might be expected, "Animalphabet" uses images of 26 works of art drawn from the museum's immense collection. Beyond that, however, the words that stand in for the letters of the alphabet and the illustrations that serve to point up the words offer verbal and visual puns that bounce gently off each other.

For example, the first selection, "Assembly," is accompanied by a herd of gamboing donkeys drawn by Chinese artist Huang Chou. Get it?

"Bear Minimum" is illustrated by a reproduction of a marble sculpture of a polar bear by French artist Francois Pompon. One bear is, indeed, a minimum, while the work of art, carved and polished almost to the point of aerodynamic

abstraction, presents the "bare minimum" of a bear.

Kingfisher, an imprint of Larousse Kingfisher Chambers Inc., has added titles to two of its paperback short-story series for young adult readers.

For the Story Library series, Christine Pullein-Thompson has selected 20 tales and excerpts for "Thundering Hooves," a collection of stories about horses. Included in the book are excerpts from "National Velvet" by Enid Bagnold, "Jamaica Inn" by Daphne Du Maurier, "Animal Farm" by George Orwell and "Nerve" by Dick Francis.

The 17-volume Treasury Series has been increased by three volumes. A Treasury of Stories from Hans Christian Andersen and A Treasury of Stories from The Brothers Grimm (both retold by Jenny Koralek) and A Treasury of Witches and Wizards, chosen by David Bennett.

Definitions of shade

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Here are definitions of shade:

- Partial shade (semi-shade, half-shade): Areas that get two to six hours of sun per day, either full sun part of the day or dappled shade all day. Many plants requiring "full sun" will do well in this setting.

- Light shade (thin shade): Found under mature trees with high, light canopies, or under young trees. This area gets one to two hours of direct sun a day, but otherwise is bright the rest of the day.

- Full shade: Found under mature, dense-foliage trees where sunlight doesn't directly penetrate.

- Heavy or deep shade: The darkest areas, in day-long shadows of buildings or dense woods, and under thick evergreens.

You can modify shade, perhaps even by cutting down a few trees. But consider pruning lower branches to let in more light, or hiring someone to thin upper branches to lighten the shade.

Some landscapers recommend bounding light into a garden by painting nearby wall or fences white and using light-colored paving for sidewalks and driveways.



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Ticks

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joint aches. Rocky Mountain spotted fever is also accompanied by a red rash that appears on the hands and feet and spreads to the arms, legs and chest. Some people also develop a cough, stomach pain, nausea and vomiting. Both Rocky Mountain spotted fever and ehrlichiosis can be treated successfully with antibiotics such as tetracycline or doxycycline. Severe cases, however, can be fatal, Baddour said.

There also is not real routine diagnostic testing of ticks.

"You just need to remember, if you develop a fever and chills and had a recent tick exposure, inform the physician," said Baddour. "These cases are not frequent ... but because they can be fatal it's important to keep it in mind."

Tick tips

Ticks attach themselves to humans and other mammals by burrowing their heads into the skin. While most tick bites aren't serious, some do transmit disease.

Here are a few precautions from tick experts that can decrease your chance of getting tick bites and diseases ticks carry:

- Avoid tick-infested areas, and walk in the center of trails to minimize contact with overhanging grass and brush.

- Dress appropriately. Light-colored clothing allows ticks to be spotted more easily. When walking in woody or grassy areas, wear long pants tucked into socks or boots, a long-sleeved shirt tucked into pants, and a hat for added protection.

- Apply insect repellent. Products containing DEET (diethyltoluamide) should be sprayed on clothes and any exposed skin except the face.

- Adults should carefully check themselves and children every few hours for ticks. Ticks usually attach themselves to humans around the neck, waistline and sock line. Pets should also be checked after being in wooded or thick brush areas.

- To remove a tick, the first rule of thumb is to not use your hands. Use fine tweezers as close to the skin surface as possible and gently and firmly pull the tick straight up. Avoid crushing the tick and forcing any material from the tick on the skin.

- Don't use a lighted match or cigarette lighter to try to get the tick to back out. It doesn't work and can cause burns.

- Clean the area of the tick bite with soap and water or disinfectant, and remember when the bite occurred in case symptoms of a tick disease develop such as swelling, redness, a fever or skin rash.

Tessa the Cat dines at the table

TAMPA, Fla. (AP) — Pass the liver treats.

Tessa the cat dines at the table with a fork and spoon — and a little help from some Velcro.

Faye Murrell used patience and tender loving care during the nine months it took to teach her 3-year-old Himalayan to eat with her and her husband.

Murrell wanted Tessa at the

table because she missed the traditional family dinners she had before her children left home.

Murrell dips Tessa's paws in a small wash bowl, then outfits her with Velcro fastened like a wrist strap to hold the fork or spoon in place.

Tessa does the rest. She climbs onto her favorite chair and shovels in the cat food.

Readers Corner

Submissions for the next Readers Corner page should be at the Herald office by July 22. The next Readers Corner page is scheduled for July 31.

Readers are encouraged to submit stories, poems and pictures. Stories and poems should be about a page and a half in length. Photos should be in focus and not too light or too dark; please identify the subject and who took the photo. For more information, call 263-7331 ext. 235.

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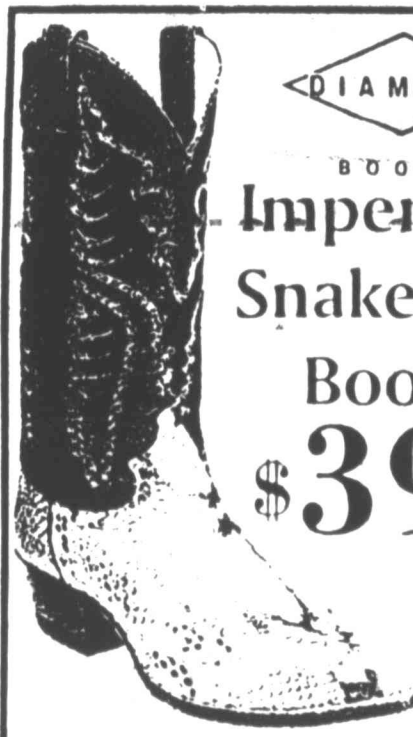


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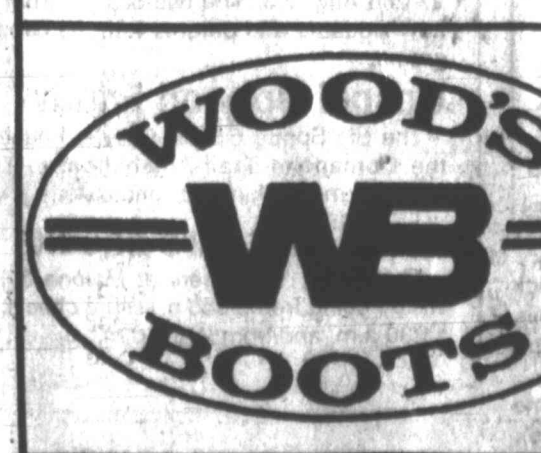


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Got an item?

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District 3 Little League Tournament

Wednesday's scores

Winner's bracket
Mid. Western 4, Mid. Northern 3
Consolation bracket
Mid. Mid-City 16, Mid. N. Central 13
W. Odessa 12, EP Socorro 2

Today's game

Consolation bracket
W. Odessa vs. Mid. Mid-City,
7 p.m., AL park

Friday's game

Consolation bracket
W. Odessa-Mid-City winner
vs. Mid. Northern,
7 p.m., AL park

IN THE FINALS



Midland Western All-Star members celebrate their 4-3 victory over Midland Northern Wednesday in the District 3 Little League tournament winner's bracket final at the American Little League Park. Western advanced to Saturday's championship game with the victory.

Coahoma UGSA readies for state

By TROY KERBY
Special to the Herald

COAHOMA - In softball, pitching is a major factor in winning. For Coahoma's UGSA All Stars, pitching is a strength in all three divisions and a good reason why they should be favorites to win state titles.

Coahoma's all-star teams begin play today in the United Girls Softball Association State Tournament in Odessa.

Coahoma's Div. II team is no stranger to winning state titles, having won the last four. And with pitchers Erin Stovall, Christina Gwyn, and Lesa Monroe toting the rubber, five in a row looks very reachable.

All four pitchers are capable of hitting well, plus there are strong hitters like Michelle Walker, Tara Dickenson, and

Lauren Nichols.

Kenzie Roberts handles the catching chores. The team is rounded off with Jackie Molina, Taylor Sheppard, Cristy LaRue, and Kara Smith, who are all capable of playing any position on the field.

Coahoma's Div. III team also the defending state champion, and has won four out of the last five state titles. With pitchers Kenny Kay Buchanan, Amber Bingham, and Kim Elmore, another state title is a strong possibility.

As with Div. II, catching is a strong point for this team. Kortney Kemper and Brandy Hart are very capable at the position. Kemper, Hart, Buchanan, Bingham and Elmore are good hitters, and

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Family, famous friends lending moral support to Irvin

DALLAS (AP) — On the ninth day of Michael Irvin's cocaine possession trial, four members of his family showed up.

On the 10th day, Troy Aikman became the first of Irvin's teammates to lend moral support as he sat beside the family in the front row of the courtroom.

Going into the 11th day, courtroom watchers were wondering who would be next to show up on Irvin's behalf.

An associate of Irvin's said not to be surprised if as many as four more high-profile friends of the Dallas Cowboys star make appearances. Aikman was mum Wednesday on whether he'd be back.

Today's witnesses were

expected to include the person who fingerprinted the evidence taken from a March 4 drug bust at an Irving motel room, and a person who works for Irvin.

That business associate was identified in opening statements as being the person whom Irvin, former teammate Alfredo Roberts and topless dancer Jasmine Nabwangu went to after topless dancer Angela Beck was arrested at the scene.

Irvin is charged with second-degree felony cocaine possession, which carries a punishment range from probation to 20 years in prison. Beck and Nabwangu also face cocaine charges.

Irvin also faces misdemeanor

marijuana charges that will be heard later.

While court was in session Wednesday afternoon, Irvin seldom looked at Aikman. As soon as jurors left the room, Irvin walked over to a low retaining wall, reached over and shook Aikman's hand.

Aikman leaned back towards Irvin and they embraced, then whispered to each other.

"I'm here to support a friend, certainly, in a time of need," Aikman said outside the courtroom. "It is not to come here and try to influence the jury or the outcome of this trial in any way."

"I'm here much like many of Michael's family members are here, and that is for support."

Although the afternoon session was delayed by an hour, defense attorney Royce West denied speculation that the prosecution tried barring Aikman's appearance.

"No, they didn't try keeping him away," West said.

Several jurors seemed not to notice Aikman sitting in the front row; others glanced at him during pauses in testimony.

Aikman listened as attorneys finished questioning Irving police detective James Hallum, then discussed narcotics testing with John Lamonte, a supervisor at the lab where the drugs in this case were examined.

Lamonte said 10.3 grams of cocaine were found from six

pieces of evidence. Irvin's charge is for possessing between 4 grams and 200 grams of cocaine.

Lamonte said the rock of crack pulled from the gym bag of co-defendant Angela Beck weighed 8.9 grams. Hallum said crack goes for \$75 to \$120 per gram on the street, making the rock worth between \$668 and \$1,068.

Lamonte also verified reports that one-two thousandth of a gram of residue was found in a test tube taken from atop Irvin's jewelry bag. It was the only item seized directly from his belongings and has been the focus of much questioning by lead defense attorney Kevin Clancy.

How much is Jordan worth?

CHICAGO (AP) — Michael Jordan has popped up just about everywhere imaginable, on cereal boxes and on magazine covers. He's on TV pushing basketball shoes, a sports drink, batteries and underwear.

But the only place this city of sports fanatics wants to see Jordan next season is back with the Chicago Bulls, trying for a fifth championship.

But it's going to cost. Jordan has played most of his career at a bargain salary. And now, it appears, it's time for the team's ownership to pay up.

As the NBA's free-agent frenzy began this afternoon, the question on everyone's mind in Chicago was: Just how much will it cost to keep the most popular athlete on the planet?

"I don't know what worth is in this game," Bulls coach Phil Jackson said this spring before he signed a one-year deal worth about \$2.5 million. "If Sylvester Stallone is worth \$20 million for a movie, I can't imagine why Michael won't get \$20 million for a season."

Jordan's value goes beyond the four NBA titles he's helped the Bulls win, his eight scoring titles, his four regular-season most valuable player awards and four playoff MVPs.

The league's popularity has soared from Bombay to Buenos Aires, from Rome to Reykjavik, and many credit

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Threat of terrorism major concern for Olympic officials

ATLANTA (AP) — The danger of terrorism is foremost on the mind of International Olympic Committee president Juan Antonio Samaranch in the final days before the opening of the Centennial Games.

Samaranch, who arrived in Atlanta on Wednesday night, scheduled a series of IOC meetings starting today that will assess the city's final preparations for the games as well as other issues affecting the Olympic movement.

"The main concern is security," he said in a recent interview. "Today the risk of terrorism is higher than before. Today you have some people ready to die for religious or political ideas. It makes the fight against terrorism much more difficult."

The massacre of Israeli athletes at the 1972 Munich

Olympics is a reminder of how the games can be targeted by extremist groups. Security dangers were underscored in recent years by a chemical attack on the Tokyo subway and bombings of the World Trade Center, Oklahoma City federal building and U.S. installation in Saudi Arabia.

The federal government is spending \$227 million on security for the Atlanta Games, and about 30,000 police, military personnel and private security guards will be on duty during the July 19-Aug. 4 event.

"It's a problem the federal government is taking care of," Samaranch said. "There are different security organizations involved. We hope there will be strong coordination among them. We trust 100 percent the security forces in the U.S."

Six years after they awarded

the games to Atlanta, the guardians of the Olympic movement are in town to see for themselves if they made the right choice.

The IOC executive board, which meets for three days, followed by a general session of the full IOC, will hear a final report from the Atlanta Committee for the Olympic Games.

"As far as I can tell, everything is fine," said IOC board member Dick Pound, head of the committee's Atlanta review panel. "They've done the best possible backswing in the circumstances. Let's just hope they can follow through."

ACOG president Billy Payne's familiar refrain of "on time, on budget" will come under the microscope as the organizing committee seeks to meet its \$1.7 billion budget. Going into the

final month before the games, ACOG said it was still \$150 million shy of the target.

The IOC was never comfortable with the games being financed 100 percent by private resources.

"The lesson for me is that it never should happen that way again," Pound said in an interview. "We should not be awarding games to cities that do not have some sort of a financial safety net."

IOC medical commission chairman Prince Alexandre de Merode will update the board on Atlanta's drug-testing lab, which only received IOC accreditation last week. The lab is equipped with three high resolution mass spectrometers, state-of-the-art machines capable of detecting steroid use dating back months.

Some fear the image of the

games could be tarnished if the new technology produces a flood of positive tests. Pound disagrees.

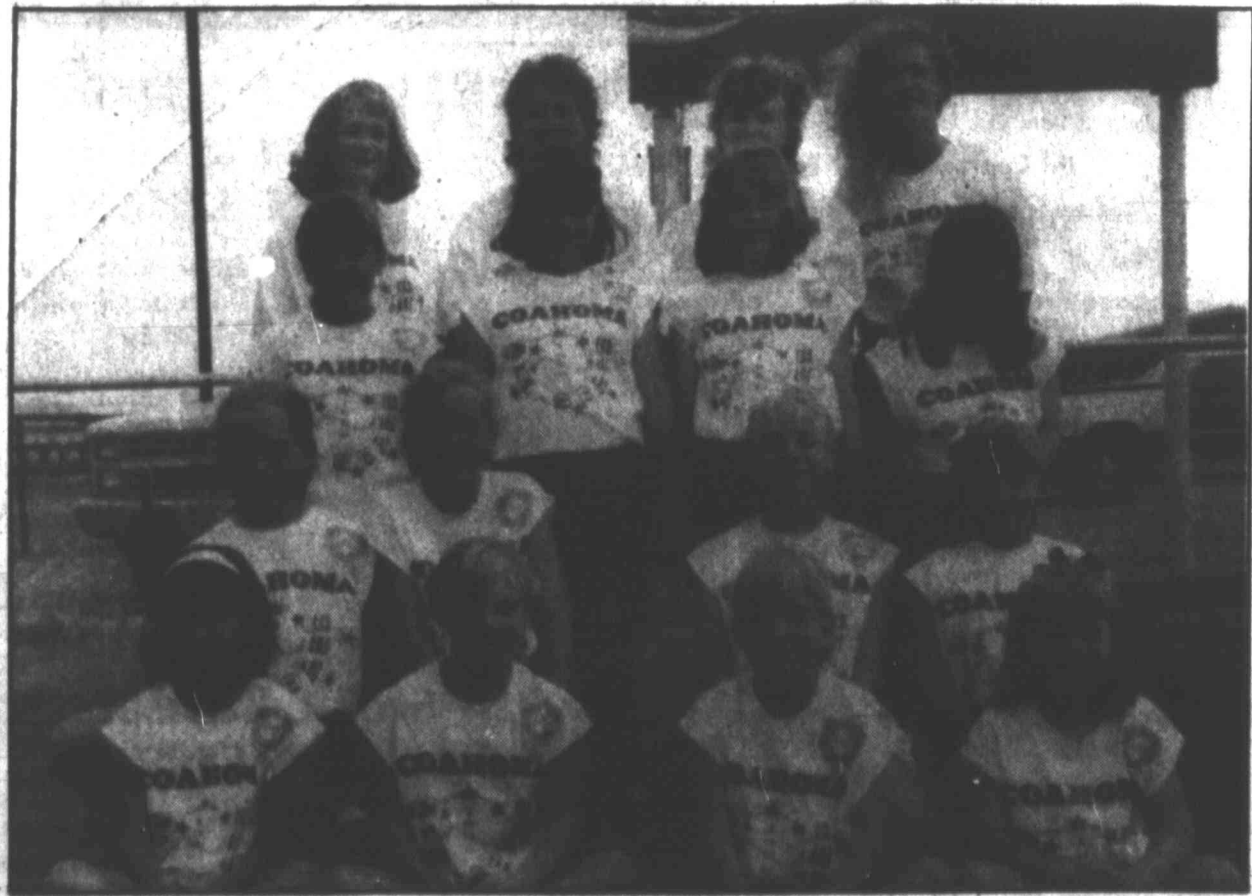
"If the Centennial Games become known as the really enforced drug games and many cheaters are caught, that is for the good," he said. "It marks a big step forward in police work and education."

Atlanta is not the only Olympics on the IOC's agenda. There will be progress reports from organizers of the next three games: Nagano (winter 1998), Sydney (summer 2000) and Salt Lake City (winter 2002).

Representatives of the 11 cities bidding for the 2004 Summer Games will be in town to push their candidacies, with their official documents due to

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DIV. I ALL-STARS



The Coahoma UGSA Div. I All-Stars are (front row, left to right): Brittany Hankins; Lauren Ivey; Megan Jackson; and Becky Murphree; (second row, left to right) Elizabeth Conley; Ashia New; Neegan Kothmann; and Whitney Hudson; (third row, left to right) Brandi Kilpatrick; Sharon Rye; Ginni Metcalf; and Keli Roberts; (fourth row, left to right) manager Laura Murphree; assistant coach Sisay Wells; head coach Shanna Roberts and chaperone Sheri New.

DIV. III ALL-STARS



The Coahoma UGSA Div. III All-Stars are (front row, left to right): Kortney Kemper; Megan Earhart; Kara Jeffcoat; and Natalie Uranga; (second row, left to right) Amber Bingham; Kenni Kay Buchanan; Mariana Blair; and Brandie Hart; (third row, left to right) Stephanie Sparks; Kayla Smith; Kim Elmore; and Jayci Roberts; (fourth row, left to right) manager Debbie Blair; chaperone Patty Hart; assistant coach Caroline Bingham; and head coach David Elmore.

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Cleveland	52	35	.598
Chicago	50	37	.576
Minnesota	43	43	.500
Seattle	41	45	.477
Kansas City	36	50	.420

West Division			
	W	L	Pct.
Texas	51	36	.586
Seattle	46	39	.541
California	43	43	.500
Oakland	43	43	.500

Tuesday's Game			
	W	L	Pct.
National A, American O, All-Star			

Wednesday's Games			
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Thursday's Games			
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Friday's Games			
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Galileo pictures reveal new world

PASADENA, Calif. (AP) — The unmanned Galileo spacecraft has captured stunning close-up pictures of Ganymede, providing the most detailed views ever of the stark planet-sized moon that circles Jupiter.

"Nobody could have imagined what these look like: tremendous structure on the surface that is just about mind-boggling," Bill O'Neill, Galileo project manager, said Tuesday.

NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory was to release mosaic views of Jupiter's largest companion today. Each high-resolution image is made up of four shots from a camera capable of capturing features as small as 33 feet.

Until now, scientists had only very remote views of Ganymede's terrain snapped by NASA's two Voyager spacecraft in 1979. All that changed as Galileo passed within 524 miles of the giant moon on June 26.

Astronomers have been aiming their telescopes at Ganymede since Italian astronomer Galileo Galilei spotted it through his lens in 1610. At three-quarters the size of Mars, Ganymede is the largest moon in the solar system. Its 3,269-mile diameter nearly equals the distance from California to Bermuda. Earth's moon is 2,155 miles across.

Scientists believe Ganymede's ridges, icy grooves and craters hint at an Earthlike crust that pulls apart and fills in with flowing rock. Galileo's observations will help test theories that a huge mantle of water and ice covers a rock core.

The pictures were taken on the first of Galileo's four Ganymede flybys. The encounter was a highlight of Galileo's two-year tour of Jupiter and the planet's four major moons: Ganymede, Europa, Io and Callisto.

Galileo, fitted with 10 scientific instruments, went into orbit in December around Jupiter, the solar system's largest planet.

O'Neill, who has steered the mission through a series of setbacks since its 1989 launch, remains optimistic despite new glitches.

One instrument automatically shut down before last month's Ganymede encounter. Although the energetic particles detector appears to be working again, scientists missed several days of readings on high-energy particles in Jupiter's radiation belt.

In addition, O'Neill said that scientists recently discovered that another instrument, the Near Infrared Mapping Spectrometer, was working erratically days after the Ganymede flyby. The glitch could have ruined some long-range observations of other Jupiter moons.

Investigators don't expect to know much more before week's end.

Launched Oct. 18, 1989, aboard a space shuttle, the 2-ton Galileo orbiter flew past Venus, Earth, and two asteroids on a looping journey to Jupiter. It observed the collisions of Comet Shoemaker Levy-9 into Jupiter in 1994, and launched a probe that plunged into Jupiter's atmosphere on Dec. 7.

Especially for kids and their families

The Mini Page

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For Kids and Families

Museum Survival Tips

Tips for museum visitors

This summer you may get the chance to go to museums. Here are some suggestions to make your visits more fun.

WOW!

overwhelming. Bite off a little bit at a time.



• Dress comfortably. Be sure to wear comfortable shoes. You will be doing a lot of standing and walking.

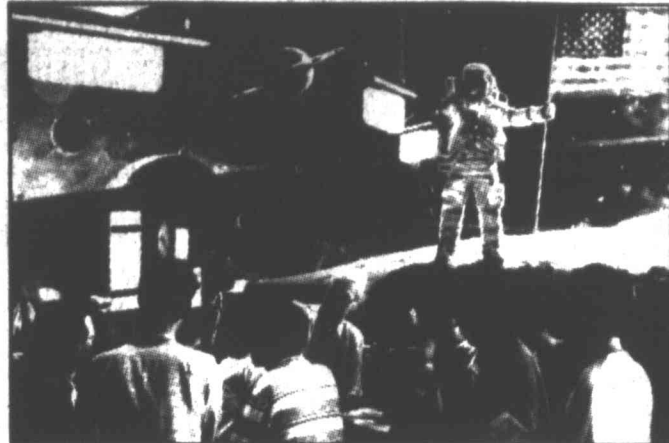


• Learn something about what you will see before you even go. Read a book or guide.

• Stop at the information desk. Pick up a map and exhibit information. Also, find out where restrooms, restaurants, water fountains and museum shops are.

• Together with your family, decide what to see. Parents and kids each could choose a few things.

• Decide how long the visit should last. One expert thinks that a young kid's visit should not be more than 30 minutes. Older kids might stay up to two hours.



Visitors stop by the information desk at the National Air and Space Museum. It is the 20th anniversary of this museum, and the 150th birthday of the Smithsonian Institution.

Since it opened July 1, 1976, the Smithsonian National Air and Space Museum has had more than 175 million visitors! It is the most popular museum in the world. About 8.4 million people visit it each year.

- Plan a route. This way you can see the most in the best time.
- Give yourself many breaks. Stop for a snack, or go sit outside and talk about what you've just seen. Then go back in refreshed.



• Mix looking at museum displays with hands-on activities. Most museums have areas where visitors can touch the exhibits. Many museums also have special shows, workshops or storytelling times. Many have interactive computer exhibits.

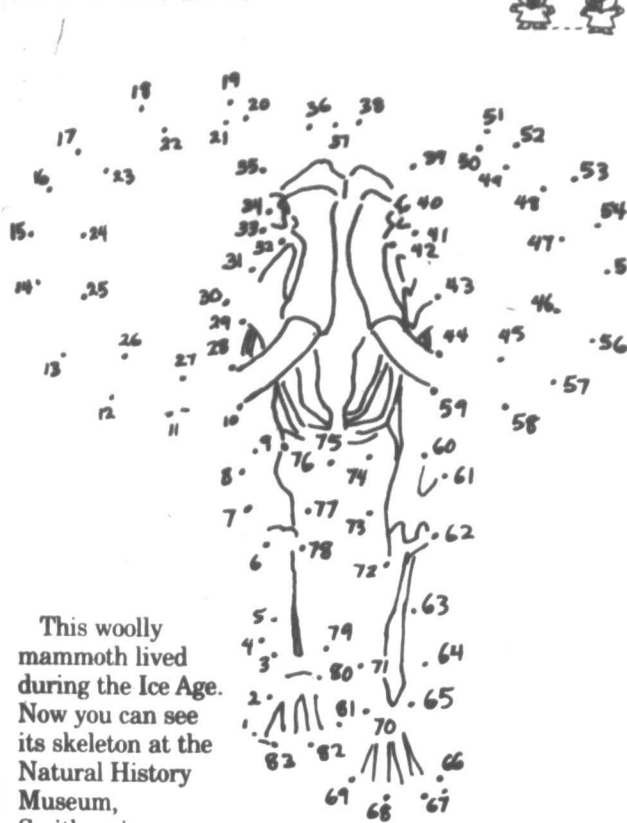
Thoughtful visitors

You can help make the museum trip a happy visit for other people, too. Here are some tips for being a courteous tourist.

- Pick up litter. Be careful of the property.
- Pay attention to the rules and listen to the directions given by museum and tour guides.
- Wait your turn in line patiently.
- Keep your voice down inside the museum and other public places.
- Thank the tour guides.
- Be courteous to tourists from other lands.
- When you stop to rest, be certain that you are not in anyone's way.

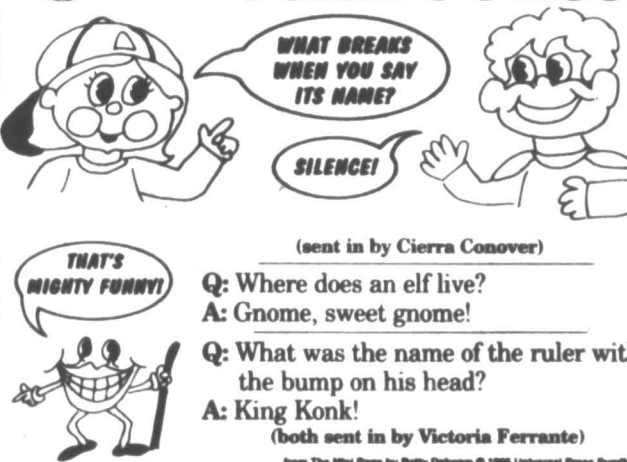
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This woolly mammoth lived during the Ice Age. Now you can see its skeleton at the Natural History Museum, Smithsonian Institution.

MIGHTY FUNNY Mini Jokes



(sent in by Sierra Conover)

Q: Where does an elf live?

A: Gnome, sweet gnome!

Q: What was the name of the ruler with the bump on his head?

A: King Konk!

(both sent in by Victoria Ferrante)

Mini Spy ...

Mini Spy is visiting the Smithsonian in Washington, D.C., on its 150th anniversary. See if you can find:



- lima bean
- number 7
- safety pin
- knife
- ladder
- umbrella
- letter D
- acorn
- lion
- letter B
- spoon
- ruler
- squirrel
- bell
- word MINI

• exclamation mark • mushroom

TRY 'N SMITHSONIAN FIND

Names of things you might see at the Smithsonian are hidden in the block below. Some words are hidden backward. See if you can find: AIRPLANES, APOLLO, DIAMOND, DINOSAURS, GOWNS, INSECTS, SLIPPERS, HAT, ANIMALS, ROCKS, FLAG, GEMS, CAPSULE, BONES, MAP, COMPUTERS, STATUES, ART.

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Rookie Cookie's Recipe Parmesan Potatoes

- You'll need:
- 3 tablespoons vegetable oil
 - 1/4 teaspoon garlic powder
 - 2 baking potatoes, thinly sliced
 - 1/4 cup Parmesan cheese
- What to do:
1. In a small bowl, combine vegetable oil and garlic powder. Mix well.
 2. Arrange sliced potatoes evenly on a greased baking sheet.
 3. Pour oil mixture evenly on top.
 4. Sprinkle Parmesan cheese evenly on top.
 5. Bake in a preheated 400-degree oven for 30 minutes. Serves 2.



Happy Birthday, Smithsonian!



The Smithsonian Institution is not just one museum, but the largest collection of museums in the world. It has 16 museums and galleries, plus the National Zoo. Two of these are in New York; the rest are in Washington, D.C. Each year more than 25 million people visit these museums. All but one in New York are free to the public.

On Aug. 10 the Smithsonian Institution will be 150 years old. In the museums there are about 141 million objects. To celebrate its birthday, there is a special exhibit touring the country this year and next.

Look at the map. Can you find where some of the Smithsonian's treasures are usually on view?



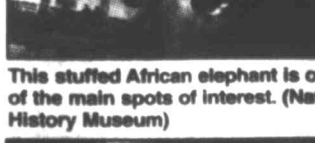
The Wright Brothers' 1903 Flyer was the first piloted, powered, controlled plane to fly. (Air and Space Museum)



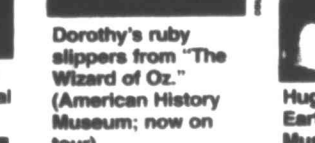
In 1927, Charles Lindbergh flew the Spirit of St. Louis in the first solo, nonstop flight across the Atlantic Ocean. (Air and Space Museum)



The Apollo 11 Command Module carried astronauts to the moon and back for the first human lunar landing in 1969. (Air and Space Museum)



This stuffed African elephant is one of the main spots of interest. (Natural History Museum)



Dorothy's ruby slippers from "The Wizard of Oz." (American History Museum; now on tour)



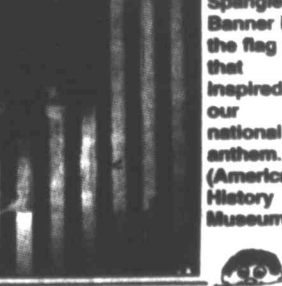
Huge dinosaurs seem to walk the Earth again. (Natural History Museum)



The Hope Diamond is the largest deep-blue diamond in the world (45.5 carats). (Natural History Museum)



The O. Orkin Insect Zoo is filled with examples of some of the most successful animals on Earth. (Natural History Museum)



The Star-Spangled Banner is the flag that inspired our national anthem. (American History Museum)

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Church and Club News items are due at the Herald office by noon Wednesday for Friday publication. Items should be dropped off to the office, 710 Scurry; mailed to P.O. Box 1431, Big Spring Texas, 79721-1431; or faxed to 264-7205. For more information call 263-7331, ext. 235.

Pictures of one person who may be speaking at a club or church can also be submitted.

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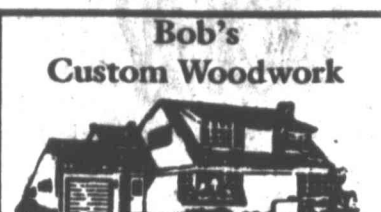
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Muir. Lots of misc. Priced to sell.

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GARAGE SALE: 3600 Boulder Dr.
Saturday. 8:00am-1:00pm. electric typewriter,
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Thursday & Fri. 8:00am-5:00pm. Furniture,
Sage Genesis games, kids clothes, knick-
knacks and more.

GARAGE SALE: 1606 E. 5th.
Saturday. 13th. 9:00am-2:00pm. Furniture,
clothing, & miscellaneous.

GARAGE SALE: Saturday.
8:00am-2:00pm. 1410 Scurry (near). Furniture,
kitchenware, jewelry, china, antiques, misc.

GARAGE SALE: Saturday.
8:00am-2:00. 608 Edwards. toys, lawn
mower, household items, kids clothes (3T,
4T) adult clothes, misc.

MULTI-FAMILY: 116 Jonesboro, Satur-
day. 9:00. Furniture, toys, baby items, piano,
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Saturday.

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13. 1105 Sycamore. Clothes, NIC/NACS, wall
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derable cost.

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GARAGE SALE: 502 N. Birdwell, (behind Marthas Hide-A-Way). Men's, women's, children's clothing, baby furniture, repair equipment.

GARAGE SALE: Saturday Only. 508 Dealy Rd. (off Jeffrey Rd. South 87). Bicycles, lawnmower, motorcycle, dnette, toys, clothes, misc.

GARAGE SALE: 1709 Purdue. Saturday, 8:00am-1:00pm. Name brand clothes, microwave, dryer, couch & love seat, refrigerator, lots of miscellaneous.

LARGE 5 FAMILY INDE SALE: Saturday, 8:00am-7:00pm Cypress (off of Wasson Rd.) Furniture, lots of baby to adult clothes, household items, GE electric stove, Kenmore refrigerator, decorating items.

SALE: 701 E. 16TH. Friday & Saturday. Canning jars, slide projector, camera, clothes all sizes, books, lots of other stuff.

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The location exchange reflects the rates of customers in Trent will not change as a result of this sale. The transaction involves the transfer of all assets and accounts (from GTE) to NRPT Communications, with no change in the service area. Persons with questions about this project should contact NRPT Communications at (816) 778-5515. Persons who wish to intervene in the proceeding or comment upon action sought, should contact the Public Utility Commission at 7800 Shoal Creek Boulevard, Austin, Texas 78757, or call the Public Utility Commission Consumer Affairs Office at (512) 458-0289 or (512) 458-0281 for the toll telephone. The deadline for intervention is 8/1/95.

8070 July 10 & 11, 1995

Grandmother's lullaby really packs a punch

DEAR ABBY: We are a group of women who meet each week to play cards.

Last week one woman mentioned she had promised to babysit her two-year-old grandson while her son and daughter-in-law go away for the week-end.

She indicated she really wasn't looking forward to caring for the child, and if he resisted her attempts to put him to sleep, she would "give him a little something" to make him sleep. This woman's husband is a dentist and they have any number of drugs available to them.

When we expressed our shock over what she was planning to do, she brushed us off and said it was perfectly all right, because she and her husband had done the same thing to their own children when they were small.

We are tempted to notify the child's parents. Please help us decide what to do. — LONG ISLAND CANASTA LADIES

DEAR LONG ISLAND LADIES: Children are not miniature adults; their bodies are developing and they respond to medication differently than do adults. Children should never be given alcohol or any medication unless prescribed by a pediatrician.

Grandma needs to be educated before she is entrusted with a two-year-old. Tell her that unless she changes her mind, you will feel compelled to inform the child's parents.

DEAR ABBY: I am a man who by most people's standards would be considered normal. I am an architect in my late 40s and lead an average life, except for my hobby: baton twirling.

I have been fascinated with baton twirling since I was a

boy. I never took it up, however, for fear of appearing effeminate. Now that I am a man and comfortable with my masculinity, I twirl in my home or back yard during my leisure moments. Abby, I cannot describe to you how much flak I have received about this.

While baton twirling may be an unusual hobby, I don't see what is so wrong with it. What do you think? I am unashamed, and proud to print my name. — MICHAEL DEIBELE, PORTLAND, ORE.

DEAR MICHAEL: Baton twirling is an admirable feat. It requires perfect timing as well as nimble fingers. If you wore a tall hat and had a marching band behind you, no one would give it a second thought. Besides, I would rather see men twirling batons than hurling them. Enjoy yourself.

DEAR ABBY: For some time now, I have been meaning to write to you about something that concerns me. I'm a catalog shopper and I'm distressed to see how many children's items are made to be monogrammed for a small charge. It is very tempting to put a child's name on something, but it is so dangerous if the item is one that will be used in public — either worn, carried or played with.

With a child's name spelled out for those who would wish to do the child harm, it is all the more easy for them to call the child by name and thereby allay any fears the child might have of strangers. After all, if someone calls you by your name, he or she must know you.

Please caution mothers, fathers, aunts, uncles, grandparents and gift-givers to refrain from putting children's names on items they will use in public. I think you will be doing a great service to the safety of children by doing so. — BETTE K. STEWARD, BRIDGEWATER, MASS.

DEAR BETTE STEWARD: I've had this warning in my column several times, but one cannot alert the public too often when the welfare of our children is concerned.

HOROSCOPE

HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR FRIDAY, JULY 12:

Listen carefully to what is happening. Stay on top of situations, and pace yourself, as many opportunities fall into your lap. Your directness makes a big difference. To remain that way, you might have to take frequent timeouts to soul-search and evaluate. If you are single, be careful: You could easily become involved with someone who is emotionally unavailable.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Excellent communications mark your day. Talk to those who are ambivalent; if you want to reach an agreement. Make inroads where it matters. Clear your desk, and make time for a special loved one. Tonight: Hang out with friends. ***

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Expenses are out of whack. Take a long look at what motivates another before you agree to any spending. Listen to your instincts when choosing a gift. It may need to be action-packed or experience-oriented to really work. Tonight: Indulge. ***

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Be more in touch with feelings before you let your charisma draw in the big prize. Your energy levels are high. You zip through work and get much done quickly. Heed your inner voice with a loved one who needs special care from you. Tonight: Your magnetism works. *****

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Don't let everyone know what is on your mind. There is mischief lurking here. You feel as if you can get a lot done. Trust your abilities with a partner. Realize there could be a problem in the long run. Tonight: Escape while you can. ***

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Focus on long-term results. A loved one plays into your happiness. Expand your horizons, and make an independent judgment about a new circle of friends. They may be very important to you in the long run. Tonight: Say "yes." *****

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Reach out for another, and take the initiative. Co-workers respond to your no-nonsense approach. You advance if you focus on one issue at a time. Allot time for an important relationship. Make a loved one

a bigger part of your life. Tonight: Wherever you are, you are a hit! ****

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) You feel as if you have rubbed a genie's magic lantern. A heartfelt wish is on the horizon. News from a distance is elating but forces your hand. Take action. Prepare to take off at the drop of a hat. Follow-through counts. Tonight: Use your imagination. *****

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) A partner has stunning news that could make a big difference in the outcome of events. Work together for optimum results. This person is unusually assertive. Examine long-term interests, and be as easygoing as possible. Tonight: Plan a candlelight dinner for two. *****

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) You draw others quickly. Another has a mixed message. Listen to both sides. Examine goals before you leap into the frying pan. Romance blooms if you know what you want. Enjoy another's flattery, but try a little realism. Tonight: Agree to anything within reason. *****

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Be more confident of your abilities at work. Others appreciate your ideas. You have the energy to back them up. You accomplish much very quickly. This is an excellent day to start a new regimen or make a dietary resolution. Tonight: Be your own staunch supporter. ***

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) Fun and games are right up your alley. Finish any leftover work before you launch into the mischief that you are capable of. Be careful. You have a wild glint in your eyes when you talk to the boss. Your imagination knows no limits. Tonight: It all comes loose. ****

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) You handle priorities well and come from a grounded point of view. Honor the need for changes at home. A little sprucing up may be in order. Examine your psyche to see what you really want. Get feedback from a family member. Tonight: Home is where you are happiest. ***

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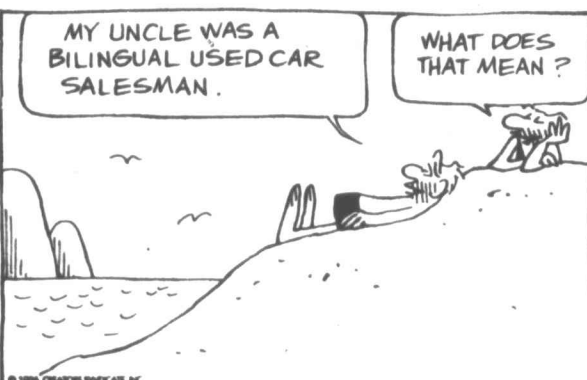
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7:30 PM	High Incident (CC) (5072)	Marlin Living Single	Natl. Geo. on Assignment	Highway to Heaven	Dangerous Animals	High Incident (CC) (71614)	Friends Frasier	Baseball Florida	Cancun Amor Pobre Nina	Monks: Return to Snowy	Life of Lally Fitzell	Biography Thiel (5850548)	Movie: Mad Love (CC)	Serpent's Lair (CC)	Biography (691782)	Wild Discovery	Movie: American	Movie: American	This Week in NASCAR	16 Days of Glory	The New Frontier	Video Soul (841966)
8:00 PM	Commiss (CC) (1492)	New York Undercover	Mystery (CC) (46866)	Rescue 911	American Gothic	Commiss (CC) (80362)	Seinfeld 3rd Rock-Sun	Marina at Atlanta	El Premio Mayor	River (CC) (238850)	Prime Time Country	Movie: Romeo and Juliet (CC) (3512140)	On Set: Dredd	Boxing: Bowe vs. Golota	Prairie the Lord	Target: Mafia (697966)	Time Traveler (81062701)	Flyers (81062701)	Cycle World (59492)	U.S. Olympic Triale Call to Glory	Movie: Love Me Tonight (841966)	Comedian Screen Scene
9:00 PM	Commiss (CC) (1256)	Nowhere Man (CC) (99922)	Nova (CC) (59430)	700 Club (218508)	48-Hours (CC) (89430)	Commiss (CC) (77898)	ER (CC) (25256)	Braves (35) Movie: (67704237)	El Dorado	Nolano Uni. P. Impacto	Albott & Cost. Keystone	(396492) Club Dance	(15) Movie: Threesome	Movie: Deadly Rivals	Multiplicity Comedy Hall-	(622527)	Law & Order (690053)	Next Step Beyond 2000	Big Mo (35443558)	Press Box Fant. Baseball	Sportscenter (45) Movie: The Love Parade	Rhythms Screen Scene
10:00 PM	News Cheers	Home Imp. In the Heat of	News-Lehrer	Three Stooges	News Late Show	News Nightline	News (8585) Tonight Show	El Dorado (67704237)	Hoy con Daniels	Kops Abbot-	Life of Lally Fitzell	(1150) Handgun	Dream Lower (42472459)	Shi School 2 (81658275)	Mario Murillo Light of the	Biography (213188)	Wild Discovery	"	Fury of Chetley Miller	Baseball-Cycling	(69915072) (35) The	Rap City (25827)
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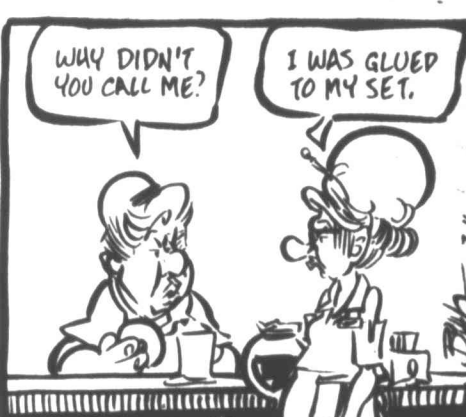
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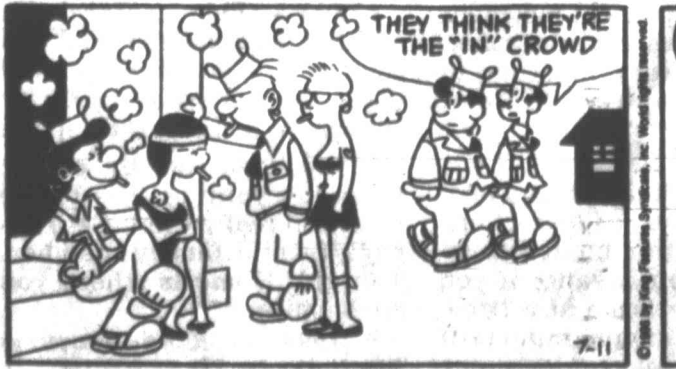
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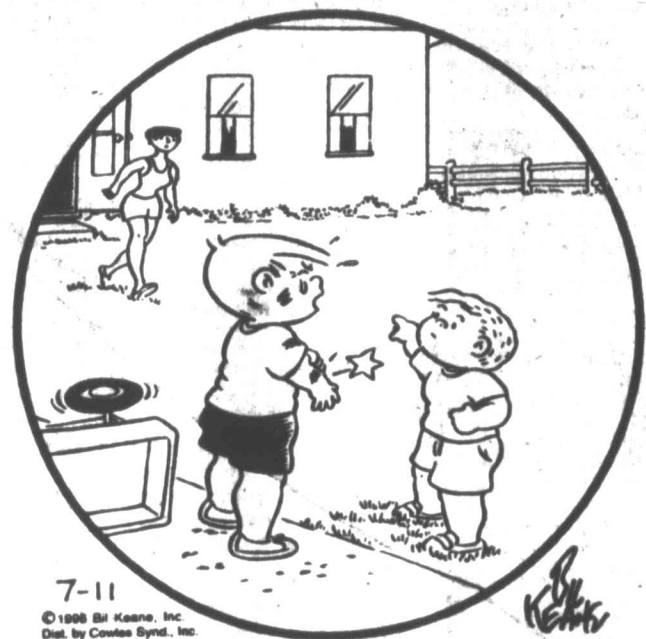
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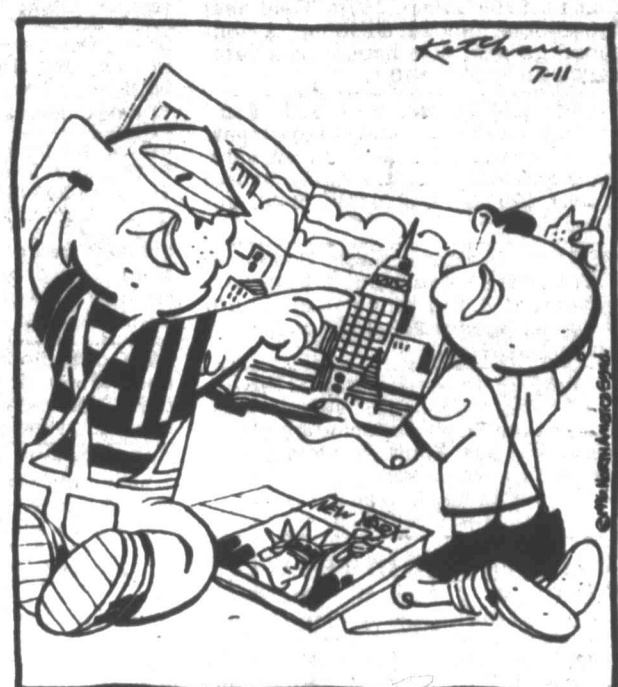
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THIS DATE IN HISTORY

Today is Thursday, July 11, the 193rd day of 1996. There are 173 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On July 11, 1804, Vice President Aaron Burr mortally wounded former Treasury Secretary Alexander Hamilton in a pistol duel near Weehawken, N.J.

On this date: In 1533, Pope Clement VII excommunicated England's King Henry VIII. In 1767, John Quincy Adams,

the sixth president of the United States, was born in Braintree, Mass.

In 1798, the U.S. Marine Corps was created by an act of Congress.

In 1864, Confederate forces led by Gen. Jubal Early began an abortive invasion of Washington D.C., turning back the next day.

In 1934, President Roosevelt became the first chief executive to travel through the Panama Canal while in office.

In 1952, the Republican National Convention, meeting in Chicago, nominated Dwight D. Eisenhower for president and Richard M. Nixon for vice president.

In 1955, the U.S. Air Force Academy was dedicated at Lowry Air Base in Colorado.

In 1977, the Medal of Freedom was awarded posthumously to the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. in a White House ceremony.

In 1978, 216 people were killed when a tanker truck overfilled with propylene gas exploded on a coastal highway south of Tarragona, Spain.

In 1979, the abandoned U.S. space station Skylab made a spectacular return to Earth, burning up in the atmosphere and showering debris over the Indian Ocean and Australia.

Today's Birthdays: Actor Tab Hunter is 65. Singer Jeff Hanna is 49. Singer Bonnie Pointer is 45. Boxer Leon Spinks is 43. Actress Sela Ward is 40. Reggae singer Michael Rose is 39. Singer Suzanne Vega is 37. Rock guitarist Richie Sambora is 37.

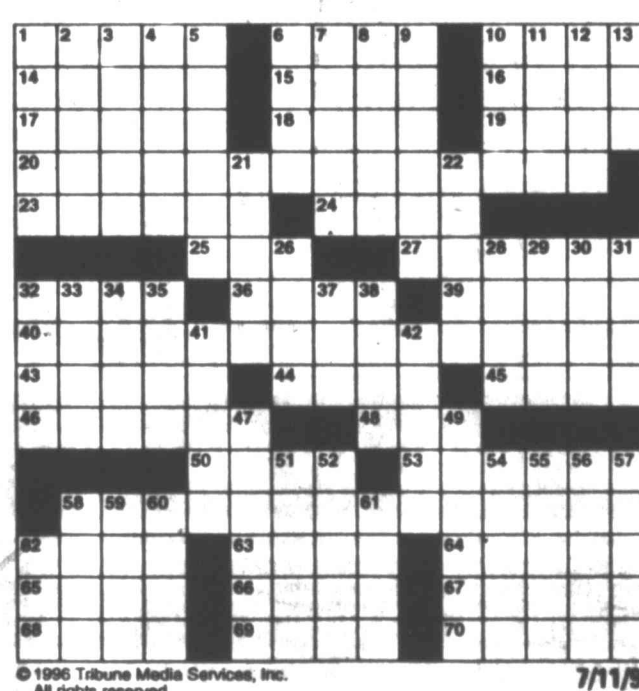
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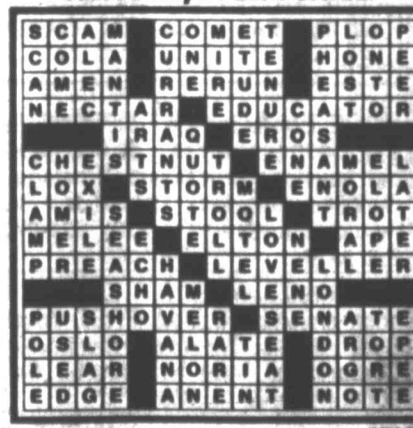
- 1 Plus
- 6 Trevino target
- 10 Loo
- 14 Bring dishonor on
- 15 Surrounded by
- 16 Chills and fever
- 17 Farm machine
- 18 Humorists
- 19 Kind of duck?
- 20 What you need to burn up the course?
- 23 Sex
- 24 Bear strategy
- 25 Tabloid
- 27 Give aid and comfort
- 32 Calaboose
- 36 Penury
- 39 Grieg's land, to Norwegians
- 40 Location of major water hazard?
- 43 "Pride" -- before a fall
- 44 Heavyweight wrestling
- 45 Had liabilities
- 46 Condition of equilibrium
- 48 Dawn goddess
- 50 Animal org.
- 53 Animal tracks
- 58 Martian putters?
- 62 Conifer
- 63 Understanding words
- 64 Early video game producer
- 65 Galls
- 66 Barrie's dog
- 67 Raised (the flag)
- 68 Avian hazard
- 69 Golf hazard
- 70 Potatoes

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- 1 -- as life
- 2 Portion
- 3 Beauty parlor
- 4 Rectify
- 5 More concise
- 6 Funny girl
- 7 Goldie
- 7 Neglects
- 8 Supple
- 9 Ford lollies
- 10 Spanish surrealist
- 11 Gelling agent
- 12 Show resentment
- 13 Ball support
- 21 Middle-Eastern
- 22 Tossed
- 26 Beasts
- 28 Small salmon
- 29 Brag
- 30 Make eyes at
- 31 Marsh grass
- 32 Exercise runs
- 33 Plenty
- 34 Notion
- 35 D-Day craft
- 37 Aussie bird
- 38 Roosevelt coin
- 41 Bridge ancestor
- 42 Lariat loop
- 47 First aid item
- 49 Asparagus stalks
- 51 Composer
- 52 NASA rocket
- 54 Like draft beer
- 55 Muscat native
- 56 Summer TV fare
- 57 Uses scissors
- 58 Milanese money
- 59 Signs on the dotted line
- 60 Try
- 61 Glean
- 62 Flag support



Wednesday's Puzzle solved:



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