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Tonight:



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Community encouraged to attend forum

Big Spring citizens are encouraged to attend a forum tonight to discuss the community's future and select project that can be conducted to improve quality of life.

The meeting is set for 6:30 p.m. at Dora Roberts Civic Center.

It is the third in a series of meetings being held address key issues in the city. Those attending have narrowed the focus to quality of life after discussing such topics as education, finances, infrastructure, technology and the like.

The meeting is open to all citizens and is informal.

WHAT'S UP...

WEDNESDAY

□ Line dancing, 1 p.m., Senior Citizens Center in the Industrial Park. Call 398-5522 or 267-1628.

THURSDAY

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

□ Evening line dancing class, 6:30 p.m., Big Spring Mall. For more information call Dorothy Kennemur at 398-5522 or e-mail at drk-bigspring@xroadstx.com

□ Kiwanis Club, noon, Howard College Cactus Room. Call Billy Smith at 267-6479.

□ Big Spring Senior Citizens Center art classes, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. for 55 and older.

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

FRIDAY

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

□ 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.

MONDAY

□ Big Spring Evening Lions Club, 6:30 p.m., 1607 E. Third.

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Coahoma student elected to national office in BPA

By LYNDEL MOODY
Staff Writer

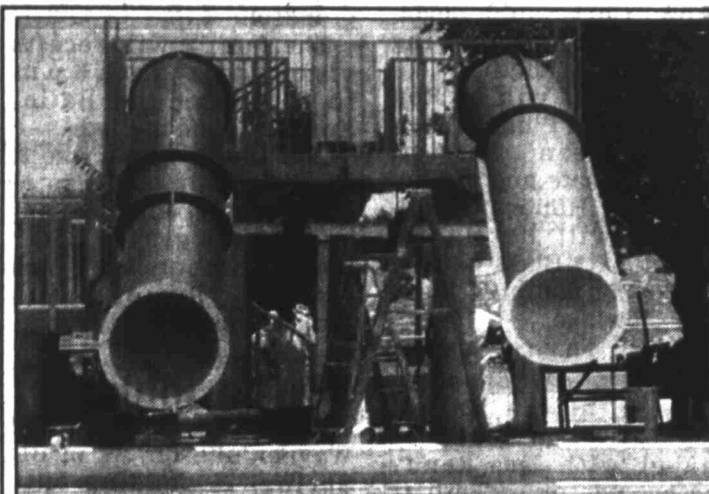
COAHOMA — The first Coahoma high school student elected to a national office for the Business Professionals of America (BPA) spent last week in Independence, Mo., for leadership training.



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"We were setting this year's goals (for the organization)," said Leslie Phinny. Among the officers' tasks



Wilderness Camp inmates work on the tube slides that will be a new addition to the Comanche Trail swimming pool. The slides are expected to be ready for use today.

HERALD photo/Lindy Barr

Explosion still being investigated

By LINDY BARR
Staff Writer

Officials continue to investigate a Monday morning explosion that left one person dead and caused damage to many homes in a multi-block area around Stadium and Circle.

"At the time, nothing can be pinpointed as to what has caused such devastation," Carl Condray, Big Spring fire marshal, said this morning.

Energas and Texas Railroad Commission officials have aided in the investigation of the explosion, which occurred at 1405 Stadium. The home's only resident, 75-year-old June Carothers, was killed.

Some residents reported minor injuries as the blast blew debris more than 70 yards.

Carothers' neighbor, Frances Flenkenstein, managed to make her way out of her house before it was burned in the fire that followed the explosion. Her car was destroyed by the fire and her dog killed.

Flenkenstein was helped out of the house by a neighbor, Condray said.

This morning, the workers were cleaning up the area. Many of the homes in the area suffered damage such as broken windows and fences being blown down.

"You can find several workers sweeping up piles of glass and removing boards from trees and the street," said Condray.



Pictured at top is an aerial view of the aftermath of the explosion at Stadium Street and Circle, while below, Big Spring firefighters sift through rubble at the site of the incident. Two houses were demolished and 20 homes were damaged by the early morning blast.

He said it is hoped that the cause of the explosion will be determined by the end of the day.

"We have to sort through the damage piece by piece and consider every thing and then eliminate them one by one," said Condray. "We have to consider all of her household appliances and utilities and look for any clue that we can find that might be something unexpected."

Condray said Energas employees have been checking lines and a team of explosion experts from Houston is investigating.

The fire marshal said the willingness of residents to help and cooperate with the

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Sundered Shield II will bring medieval times to Moss Lake

By April L. Ward
Staff Writer

The Society for Creative Anachronism is holding a medieval tournament and feast at Moss Creek Lake June 29-30.

The event, known as

"Sundered Shield II," will be a special opportunity for the SCA local branch, Crossroads Keep.

"This is the first time the SCA has held a camping event in Big Spring in several years," said Robert Black, the event's coordinator. "We have held one-day events before, but this is the first weekend event in many years."

At least 125 SCA members are expected to attend. Jane Lusk, who is helping to

coordinate the event, said this is a special time for members to get together in medieval garb and participate in activities people did back then.

"We recreate and relive the European Middle Ages," she said. "The public can come observe and take part in some of the activities at the price of \$7 per adult and \$3.50 per child."

Many different activities will be scheduled throughout the day on June 30.

"In the morning, we'll be holding a tournament in the demonstration of armored combat — the way knights used to fight," Black said. "We'll also be holding a rapier tournament which consists of fencing and 'Three Musketeer' style fighting."

A bardic competition is planned to test participants' skills in storytelling, singing and playing musical instruments of that time period. There will also be an

archery tournament.

The final competition will be in medieval arts and sciences. Lusk said it will be similar to an art show featuring period arts in embroidery and china painting. The science will include studies of herbs and brewery techniques.

"We're trying our hand at anything they did in the Middle Ages," Lusk said, "even if that means weav-

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Youth scores well enough on ACT to qualify for key program — twice

By LYNDEL MOODY
Staff Writer

At age 13, Spencer Roberts, who graduated from Big Spring Junior High, has not only taken the ACT college entrance exam once but twice, scoring higher than many high school juniors and seniors.

"I am not surprised," said Cindy Hillman, Roberts' Gifted and Talented English teacher for the past two years. "He is a smart kid."

At the age of 12, Roberts originally took the ACT in 2000 as part of a talent identification program by Duke University. He took the test at Howard College along with high school seniors and juniors.

Earning an overall score of 18, Roberts scored a 22 in English, 18 in math, 14 in reading, and 19 in science.

His verbal score was high enough to earn recognition from the program.

Roberts retook the test this year to improve his score to qualify for a Southern Methodist University (SMU) program he will attend this summer.

Some of Roberts' scores on his first ACT test were not high enough for him to qualify in the program, SMU told the Roberts family so he prepared to take the test again.

"SMU made a mistake on their part," said Randy Roberts, Spencer's father.

SMU contacted the Roberts the day before Spencer took the test and said his scores were high enough for him to be accepted to the program, Randy said.

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Thirteen-year-old Spencer Roberts, who enjoys video games and dirt bike racing, has scored higher on the ACT college entrance exam than many high school juniors and seniors

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OBITUARIES

Donald E. Crockett Sr.

Donald E. Crockett Sr., died on Monday, June 18, 2001, at Midland Memorial Hospital after a five month illness.

He was born on May 12, 1929, in Amarillo to W.B. and Katie Richardson Crockett. He grew up and attended public school in Colorado City. On Sept. 11, 1948, he married Norma Jena Boyle in Denver, Colo. They recently celebrated their 52nd wedding anniversary.

Mr. Crockett served in the United States Army Air Corps from 1946 to 1948. In 1952 he received a Bachelor of Arts degree from McMurry College in Abilene. He and his family moved to Big Spring in 1952 where he was employed by the Big Spring Independent School District. After 35 years of service with the school district, he retired in 1987 as assistant superintendent for business. He was a lifelong member of the Methodist Church and served his church faithfully in many positions, including member of the board of directors and treasurer of the First United Methodist Church of Big Spring. He and Norma moved to the Meadowlakes Community of Marble Falls in 1992. He was an active member of that community serving as an officer in the city of Meadowlakes, election judge and officer in the Men's Golf Association. In retirement he enjoyed RV travel throughout the United States. He was an avid and dedicated golfer until the time of his illness. He moved to Midland in 2001.

Survivors include his wife, Norma Crockett of Midland; one daughter, Caren Greathouse and her husband, Kenneth, of Big Spring; two sons, Dr. Don Crockett Jr. and wife, Sandra, of Midland and Randal Crockett of Big Spring; his grandchildren, Lee Marshall and Norma Jean Crockett of Midland, Matthew Yeats and wife, Jennifer, of Fort Worth, Jeremy Yeats and wife, Tiffany of Big Spring, Brandon Greathouse of Big Spring and Katie and Benjamin Crockett of Big Spring; and one great-

grandson, Kristian Yeats of Big Spring.

He was preceded in death by his parents and his brother, W.B. Crockett Jr. He was a dedicated and faithful Christian, a devoted husband and a loving father and grandfather.

Pallbearers will be Ron Logback, Ron Plumlee, Don Green, Dean Forrest, Carroll Choate and Jimmy Anderson. Honorary pallbearers will be Harold Bentley, Art Blassingame, J.F. Poyner and his friends at Meadowlake.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m., Wednesday, June 20, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with Dr. Randy Cotton, pastor of Trinity Baptist Church, officiating. Interment will follow at Colorado City Cemetery.

The family suggests memorials to the National Kidney Foundation of West Texas, 3801 19th St., Suite 402, Lubbock 79410 or Methodist's Children's Home, P.O. Box 5010, Waco 76708-9989.

The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., Tuesday, at the funeral home.

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

Paid obituary

Vernon Cotton

Vernon Cotton, 83, of Big Spring, died on Monday, June 18, 2001, in a local hospital. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m., Wednesday, June 20, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with Dr. Randy Cotton, son and pastor of Trinity Baptist Church and Dr. Claude Craven, retired Baptist minister, officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

He was born on March 12, 1918, in Wingate. Mr. Cotton moved to Big Spring in 1945 from Winters and worked in civil service at Webb Air Force Base, retiring in 1970. He was a member of Trinity Baptist Church. He served in the United States Navy from 1943 to 1945.

Survivors include two sons and daughters-in-law, Larry and Deanna Cotton of Midland and Randy and Jo Ann Cotton of Big Spring; one sister, Mrs. Dorothy Faye Aldridge of Lawn; two grandsons, Justin Cotton of Midland and Greg Cotton of Big Spring; three granddaughters, Kerri Cotton of Midland and Karen Long and Debbie Dunn both of Big Spring; four great-grandsons, Toby Cotton, Bryson Dunn, Tyler Dunn and Shay Long; four great-granddaughters, Nita Cotton, Mallory Dunn, Kala Long and Krystle Long all of Big Spring.

The family suggests memorials to Trinity Baptist Church Building Fund, P.O. Box 1448, Big Spring 79721-1448.

The family will be at 2616 Ann.

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Paid obituary

Howard Jackson Carter

Graveside service for Howard Jackson Carter, 68, of Eula, formerly of Big Spring, will be 10 a.m., Wednesday, June 20, 2001, at the Eula Cemetery with the Rev. Larry Adams officiating.

Mr. Carter died Sunday, June 17, at his home.

He was born April 3, 1933, in Big Spring and attended Big Spring and Center Point schools. He married Patsy Ruth Hyer on May 27, 1950, in Lovington, N.M. and they moved to Eula from Big Spring in 1964. He worked as a technician for Abilene T.V. Cable and he was a member of Trinity Baptist Church in Big Spring.

Survivors include his wife Patsy Carter of Eula; one son, Ricky C. Carter of Eula; one daughter Vicky Foster of Eula; four grandchildren; and one great-grandson.

The family will receive visitors today from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Bailey Funeral Home in Clyde.

The family would like to thank Hendrick Hospice Care for their kindness and understanding.

Arrangements are under the direction of Bailey Funeral Home in Clyde.

Wayne Johnson

Funeral service for Wayne Johnson, 65, of Big Spring, is pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home. Mr. Johnson died Monday, June 18, 2001, near Pecos.

ROBERTS

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Spencer decided to go ahead with the four-hour test he took in Hillman's classroom on computer. He made an overall score of 24. In fact, he improved on all the sections of the test making a 31 in English, 26 in math, 20 in reading and 20 in science.

Spencer said he did not spend much time preparing for the test.

"I like math and science," he said. "I am good at math and am just interested in science."

He enjoys dirt bike racing, golf, computer games and made all-region band for saxophone this year.

"He is a really good writer," Hillman said. "It's wonderful to see he is well rounded."

Randy Roberts gives credit for Spencer's education to his teachers.

"We are fortunate to have the teachers Big Spring Independent School District," said Randy Roberts. "We haven't run into a bad teacher yet."

PHINNY

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several articles for the BPA's national magazine, "Comminque," Phinny said.

Also, the elected national officers began to plan for the 2002 leadership conference set in Chicago, a five-day event attended by thousands of members.

Phinny, a 2001 Coahoma graduate, was elected to serve as the national BPA secretary for the secondary division at the National Leadership Conference held in Anaheim, Calif., on May 9-13.

At the conference, Phinny, who was elected at the state convention to run for the position, gave a campaign rally and spoke in front of thousands of state delegates.

"I wasn't that nervous at first," she said. "They randomly draw a name out of a hat to decide which order we go in. I was the second to last person."

As the time for her speech drew near, she began to be a little nervous.

"They had the lights down low so you really could not see that many people, but

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you knew they were out there," she said.

And the Texas delegate received strong support from those close to home.

"The Texas delegation was in the middle and was really crazy the whole speech. I wanted to strangle them at the end," she said. "The Texas delegation is traditionally known to be the loudest. They do it well."

Phinny's creativity was also put to the test.

"Each state had five minutes with you and they could ask as many questions as they wanted," said Phinny. "You can get some crazy questions. The New Mexico delegation asked me if I could be any part of a refrigerator what would I be."

Also attending the convention was Monica Chen, a 2001 Coahoma graduate, and Coahoma High School student Austin Barton, who both competed in event held during the convention.

Chen placed in the top 10 in Financial Math and Analysis, a test where students must demonstrate a knowledge of mathematics used in business and industry. She also served as a voting delegate for Texas.

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She is also responsible for helping coordinate the national Torch Award program to recognize those members who perform community service.

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TEXAS LOTTERY

with the situation and very easy to work with," he said.

PARADE

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said. "We hope to have one of our local veterans signed up by the week's end."

The parade will begin at 10 a.m. on July 4. All parade participants will assemble at the Coahoma High School football field parking lot at 9 a.m. for line up. They will also need to check in with a Lions parade committee member for positioning upon arrival. Patriotic floats, marching groups, youth organizations, civic clubs, horse owner groups, and vintage auto or motorcyclists are invited to join.

LeMarr said he hopes to get the community's children to participate in the parade, too.

"One of the highlights of the event is having some of the local kids ride their bikes in the parade with American flags on their handlebars," he said. "We always like to get the children involved when we can."

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"We have a lot of fun at these activities," she said. "It's study and fun at the same time while trying to keep the memory of the people in that time period alive."

POLICE

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity from 8 a.m. Monday to 8 a.m. today.

• **RHONDA CAMPBELL**, 30, of the 1100 block of Lamar, was arrested on a charge of criminal trespass.

• **JOHNNY TREVIÑO**, 34, of the 3600 block of Boulder was arrested on a charge of assault by threat.

• **DISTURBANCE/FIGHT** was reported on the 2500 block of S. Gregg.

• **SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY** was reported on the 1400 block of Stadium.

• **DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE** was reported on the 1600 block of Virginia.

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following weekend summary:

• **ASSAULT**, 1
• **ASSAULT (family violence)**, 3
• **BURGLARY (home)**, 1

SHERIFF

The Big Spring Sheriff's Department reported the following activity between 8 a.m. to 8 a.m. today.

• **MELISSA JEAN SUDEEN**, 22, of the 2800 block of Ismiosa Park, Fort Worth, was arrested on a charge of possession of Marijuana less than 2 oz.

• **PAMELA ANN HUSS**, 45, of the 700 block of Deals, was arrested on a charge of displaying a fictitious inspection certificate.

• **JAMES FRANK HENERY**, 37, of Peach Tree Hill, Las Cruces NM., was arrested on a charge of DWI.

• **LEWES G. GRANTHAM JR.**, 48, of the 5400 block of the S. service rd., was arrested on a charge of DWLS.

• **MICHAEL WINSTON CARL**, 17, of the 1300 block of Sheppard was arrested on the charge of assault/bodily injury.

• **TONY MONTES GARCIA JR.**, 20, of the 1200 block of Grafa, was arrested on a charge of assault/family violence.

• **JAROE PARNELL**, 18, of the 1300 block of E. 14th, was arrested on the charge of assault.

• **MICHAEL D. KINARD**, 20, of the 400 block of Jill, was arrested on a charge of theft.

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Garza executed; apologizes for 'pain and grief I have caused'

TERRE HAUTE, Ind. (AP) — With an apology for "the pain and grief that I have caused," murderer and drug kingpin Juan Raul Garza was executed Tuesday, eight days after Timothy McVeigh became the first federal inmate put to death since 1963.

Garza of Brownsville, Texas died at 7:09 a.m. by chemical injection, strapped to the same gurney where McVeigh was put to death last week.

He went to his death calmly and, unlike McVeigh, with remorse. "I just want to say that I'm sorry, and I

apologize for all the pain and grief that I have caused," he said. "I ask your forgiveness and God bless."

As Garza was being executed, about 50 anti-death penalty activists sang "We Shall Overcome" and other protest songs.

However, the scene at the prison was in stark contrast to the buzz of media activity that met McVeigh's final days. Dan Dunne, a U.S. Bureau of Prisons spokesman, said only about 75 reporters had registered for credentials to cover Garza's death. More than

1,000 reporters had credentials for the McVeigh execution.

Garza was the first person to be executed under the 1988 Anti-Drug Abuse Act, which imposes a death sentence for murders stemming from a drug enterprise.

Despite lingering questions about the racial and geographic equality of the federal death penalty, President Bush and the U.S. Supreme Court refused Monday to delay Garza's execution.

The court rejected claims that the jury should have been told that the alterna-

tive to a death sentence was life in prison with no possibility of release, and that Garza's death sentence would violate two international treaties.

Following the two Supreme Court rulings, Bush turned down a clemency request by Garza, who was convicted in Bush's home state of Texas in 1993.

Garza attorney Audrey Anderson said she was "outraged" by the governments refusal to delay the execution.

"There are significant questions as to whether Mr. Garza was chosen for feder-

al capital punishment on the basis of his ethnicity," Anderson said. "Questions that the government thinks should be investigated further, but doesn't think are important enough to stop this execution."

Garza, 44, was convicted of murdering a man by shooting him five times in the head and neck and ordering the deaths of two other men. It was all part of Garza's marijuana smuggling operation, which federal prosecutors say he ran ruthlessly.

Death penalty opponents and some former Justice

Department officials wondered whether Garza, a Mexican-American born in the United States, would have been sentenced to death if he were white or had committed his crimes elsewhere.

Six of the 19 men now on federal death row were sentenced in Texas. All are minorities.

"There is a question of whether the way the system is set up produces arbitrary and discriminatory results," said Robert Litt, a former deputy assistant attorney general in the Clinton Justice Department.

New secretaries pledge to work together

WASHINGTON (AP) — The three civilians who now head the Army, Navy and Air Force are promising to tap their skills as top business executives to improve the way the Pentagon does business.

Vowing to drop entrenched rivalries, the new service secretaries pledged to work together to improve Defense Department operations — and potentially save billions of misspent dollars.

"You will see, I believe, a real team operating here in the Department of Defense, where the three secretaries will speak as one for the Department of Defense and for the nation," Navy Secretary Gordon England said Monday.

"We will certainly represent our individual services, but in my view, you will see us speaking for programs across a total spec-

trum of what's best for the total department and for the country," he said during a news conference.

Appearing with him were Deputy Defense Secretary Paul Wolfowitz, Army Secretary Thomas White and Air Force Secretary James Roche, all tapped by Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld to set up new, internal Pentagon management teams.

Blue-ribbon panels in the last two decades have "studied to death" the ways for the Pentagon to operate more efficiently, White said. "Our challenge is not to restudy all this," he said. "Our challenge is to execute and get it moving."

"So that's what we intend to do."

The three new secretaries, all of whom have wide experience in the Defense Department and defense

industry, are supposed to recommend changes to save money.

England said studies have shown that making the Pentagon more efficient could save money — perhaps as much as \$5 billion to \$30 billion.

Each man said they intend to use the savings to improve the way their services treat their people, as well as improve their war-fighting capabilities.

White said he intends to focus on speeding up improvements in Army housing. England said one of his top priorities was to install better management accounting systems in his service.

In the past, service secretaries have been plum jobs handed to major contributors to presidential campaigns rather than people with military or bureaucrat-

ic experience inside the armed forces. Wolfowitz said these men were chosen for the depth of their understanding of military theory and the business side of the military services.

"They bring not only extraordinary individual qualifications, but also the ability to work as a team, and it's teamwork that Secretary Rumsfeld has asked us to pull together," Wolfowitz said.

Prior to their appointments, England served as executive vice president of General Dynamics Corporation and Roche held several executive posts with Northrop Grumman Corporation, including corporate vice president.

White, a brigadier general who graduated from West Point, served as vice chairman of Enron Energy Services.

Starving girl had been sexually abused, doctor says

HUTCHINS (AP) — A starving girl who was imprisoned in a closet for months had also been a victim of repeated sexual abuse, according to a specialist's affidavit.

One of the 8-year-old girl's sisters told police that a paddle kept under a bed was used to "strike" her as punishment. A search warrant affidavit released Monday did not state who hit the victim or whom police believe sexually abused her.

But Hutchins Police Chief Gregory Griffin said the department sought the search warrant after receiving "credible" allegations of sexual abuse.

Law officers on Friday searched the Dallas County trailer where they say the girl was imprisoned in a urine- and feces-contaminated closet for at least four months.

Barbara Calhoun Atkinson and Kenneth Ray Atkinson, the mother and stepfather, were arrested last week on charges of injury to a child, a felony that carries a sentence of five to 99 years in prison.

The 30-year-old mother remained Tuesday at Dallas County jail in lieu of \$100,000 bond. Her 33-year-old ex-husband will not be released on bond because he also faces charges of probation violation out of Ellis County, police said.

The district attorney's felony trial bureau chief, Steve Tokoly, said prosecutors would consider bringing more charges before a grand jury if evidence supports the allegations.

The lead investigator's affidavit said Dr. Donna Persaud of Children's Medical Center, who examined the victim, found

injuries to the child's genital area. Persaud told police the injuries could have occurred from sexual intercourse or by a blunt or sharp object, according to the affidavit.

The girl, who weighs only 25 pounds, remains hospitalized at the Medical Center in Dallas. Marleigh Meisner, a Child Protective Services spokeswoman, said the girl is walking and talking.

Police also searched for food, writings, books, pamphlets, documents, recordings and photographs and other items documenting family trips, according to the affidavit.

The abused girl's siblings told police that she was left alone, locked in the closet on some occasions while the rest of the family went on trips out of town, according to the affidavit.

Persaud also told police the girl, who is extremely malnourished, has been in that condition for years, causing her to be below her normal developmental stage. According to the affidavit, her five siblings told police they and the family's pets received adequate food.

Hutchins Assistant Police Chief Dave Landers said Monday he could not discuss the case or any items taken from the trailer when police executed the warrant. Among items seen removed from the home were a child's mattress, a laundry basket filled with bed linens, bags, a plastic bin and a door.

Dallas County Criminal District Judge Cliff Stricklin, who is presiding over the case, said a complete list of items found in the search was expected to be released today.

Former Ector County investigator indicted on theft charges

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — A former West Texas chief investigator indicted for stealing framed artwork from a Central Texas hotel says he took the prints as a prank.

Terry Tyree of Odessa was indicted by a Kerrville grand jury last week on a misdemeanor charge of theft for taking two cowboy-motif prints by Kerrville artist Robert Pummill from Inn of the Hills.

Tyree, 55, is accused of stealing the

artwork on Feb. 9, while staying at the hotel to attend a seminar of the Texas Association of District and County Attorneys.

He resigned as chief investigator in the Ector County district attorney's office on Feb. 18.

An attendee at the meeting told hotel staffers that he saw Tyree take a painting from a conference room, and the staff notified association officials, Texas Ranger Kyle Dean said Monday.

Dean said when questioned by investigators in Odessa, Tyree admitted taking the prints home but claimed it was a prank and surrendered them.

"That's not a prank, that's a theft," said Donnie Coleman, assistant district attorney in the 198th Judicial District.

If convicted, Tyree could lose his peace officer's license for two years, in addition to any court-ordered punishment.

Report: Identity thefts more than doubled in 2000

WASHINGTON (AP) — The number of identity thefts reported by banks and other financial institutions more than doubled in 2000 from the previous year, the government said Monday.

There were 617 instances of identity theft reported by financial institutions from January through November last year, compared with 267 cases for all of 1999, according to information compiled by the Treasury Department's Financial Crimes Enforcement Network, dubbed FinCen.

The information was contained in broader "suspicious activity" reports that financial institutions file to the government to help snag money launderers and other lawbreakers.

Other federal agencies have told Congress the prob-

lem is, in fact, much broader.

The Federal Trade Commission says its identity theft hotline is getting an average 1,700 calls a week. Privacy advocates have said the number of people victimized may be as high as 750,000 a year.

Last month, the Social Security Administration's inspector general, James Huse Jr., told lawmakers that identity theft, often beginning with acquiring a person's Social Security number online and "catalyzed by the Internet, has quickly become a national crisis."

Legislation to make trade in Social Security numbers illegal and prohibit many businesses from making

their customers divulge them is opposed by banks and other financial institutions whose reports to regulators on ID thefts were released Monday.

"The most common ways to become the victim of identity theft are through the loss or theft of a purse or wallet, mail theft and fraudulent address changes," FinCen said of the information it received.

But there also were instances in which relatives, roommates or even bank employees stole the identity of another person. These individuals have easy access to checking account numbers, Social Security numbers and other records, which can be used to assume someone else's iden-

tity.

FinCen said there were instances where stolen Social Security numbers were used to obtain car loans, often for luxury cars such as Jaguar, BMW and Mercedes-Benz.

"Almost across the board, the bank becomes alerted to the scheme because the perpetrator will immediately default on the loan payments," FinCen said.

When it comes to mail theft, bank checks or checks issued by credit card companies often are stolen.

The thief will write checks against the victim's account.

But the victim won't become aware until he receives his monthly statements, FinCen said.

Clean-up efforts continue nearly two weeks after Allison rambles through

HOUSTON (AP) — Nearly two weeks after Tropical Storm Allison unleashed flood waters on Southeast Texas, many businesses and government offices remain soaked, with officials still trying to resume operations and assess damage.

The \$100 million Harris County Criminal Justice Center could be closed for four months or longer while crews determine and repair damage caused by the storm.

The lengthy closure of the downtown facility will force county departments to rotate from building to building, officials said.

A report on damage to county buildings sent to Commissioners Court on Monday said the center, which opened in January 2000, was the hardest hit of all the county's downtown structures.

Water flooded the basement and underground parking garage of the center from floor to ceiling. It also seeped into the first floor.

It could take 12 to 16 weeks just to have the upper floors of the 20-story building ready to occupy because of damage done to safety and environmental air systems below, said Mike Yancey, director of the county's Facilities and Property Management

department.

Officials say Jones Hall, home of the Houston Symphony, also could be closed for months.

Jordy Tollett, the mayor's chief of staff and director of the Houston Convention and Entertainment Facilities Department, said officials have no idea how long it will take to clean up the hall.

Bank officials at the Bank of America on Louisiana were trying to locate customers to claim safety deposit boxes that had to be removed from a flooded bank vault.

Spokeswoman Gillian Breidenbach said Monday that the extent of the damage won't be known until customers claim their contents.

At least 22 deaths in the Harris County area have been blamed on Allison, which damaged about 27,000 homes. Damage estimates have reached \$2.1 billion.

Crews continue repairs on the Bank of America Plaza building occupied by 80 tenants, including law firms, oil companies and financial businesses. The 56-story building has electrical damage but no structural damage, said George Lancaster, vice president of communications for Hines, the real estate firm that manages the building.



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OUR VIEWS

Your opinion is needed at forum tonight

Citizens concerned about the quality of life in our community — and that should be all of us — are encouraged to attend tonight's town hall forum. The informal meeting will begin at 6:30 at Dora Roberts Civic Center.

It's the third in a series of meetings in which people from all parts of the community have come together to discuss ways to not only ensure our city's future, but to enhance it. After tackling such topics as education, technology, streets and water lines, beautification and the like, the group has focused on quality of life. Tonight, those attending will be discussing ways of improving the quality of life in Big Spring with the hopes of coming up with a list of projects. The list would then be prioritized by the group.

Some of the suggestions so far have been to enhance the downtown area, beautify entry ways into the community, clean up neighborhoods and improve Comanche Trail Park. More specific projects at the city's central park have included making the golf course a "showcase" course for the area and adding restrooms and concession stands at the amphitheater.

Keep in mind, the project doesn't have to be all-encompassing. It's a start — one project in what hopefully will be a series of projects to make our community a better place.

So where do you come in? First, your ideas are needed. Your opinion is valued. Attend tonight's meeting and share your thoughts. What project do you think would not only enhance the quality of life for local residents, but would also attract others to our community?

What the meeting is not, is a session for complaints. Those need to be addressed to the proper officials in another setting. Tonight's forum is an effort to focus on positive things that can be accomplished. Bring an open mind.

One thing that has been lacking at the previous meetings is racial diversity. Big Spring is racially diverse, and the makeup of the meetings should reflect that. It's important to remember that everyone is welcome; everyone has an equal voice.

With that in mind, we hope you'll decide to be a part of this important forum. Together, we can make Big Spring a better place to live, work and visit.

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Media misreporting tax-rebate story

Now we do have a bad situation, and it's mostly because the media have consistently misreported the tax-rebate story.

Word has now filtered through lower-income communities that "every-one is going to get \$300 back from the government."

"It's \$500 for single moms," a single mother told me, proud to have all the details, "and \$600 for married people."

Unfortunately, 39 percent of the people in this country will not get the full rebate — 26 percent (34 million taxpayers) will get nothing at all, and another 13 percent, 17 million, will get only partial rebates.

As usual, those who need it most will get the least — mostly those with incomes under \$25,000. Furthermore, bloodsuckers are out there offering "loans against your tax rebate" at the ever-reasonable 300 percent interest rate.

These are loans against money that in most cases will never come. That so many people are looking forward to tax rebates they

desperately need but won't get, leads to disappointment, if not heartbreak, and to anger.

Television journalists have taken to referring to the "\$300 tax break" without even the cautionary "up to \$300 for those who pay above a certain rate." Thus does poor reporting lead to disappointment and bitterness. The working poor, who get the Earned Income Tax Credit, are under the impression that they pay income taxes (they do) and thus qualify for the rebate (they don't). Even those too poor to pay income tax believe the payroll taxes withheld from their paychecks mean they, too, pay federal taxes (they do, and it's often a significant percentage of their incomes).

What this means is the folks who would rush out and spend their tax rebates because "the baby's home and needs shoes," thus stimulating the economy, won't be getting a rebate.

Meanwhile, at the \$300 end of the deal, many Democrats are planning to give their checks to causes that have been hurt by Bush policies. Because this idea seems to have sprung up simultaneously in several places and spread like wildfire on the Internet, it's impossible to give attribution for it.

A number of organized groups are pooling their

rebates to make such gifts. So far, the leading contenders seem to be the Children's Defense Fund (as is only appropriate, since Bush swiped their slogan "Leave no child behind" without ever giving them credit) and various environmental groups.

Meanwhile, Republicans who get the full \$300 don't urgently need it either and are likely to save it, thus stimulating the economy even less. This was not what the policy-makers intended (although it's hard to tell, since the Bushies made diametrically opposite claims about the reasons for this tax cut). Neo-Keynesians clearly need to rethink the effects of tax cuts in a society where the economic gap is this big.

Only a tax accountant could love the charts, but if you want to see where you or a lower-income friend ranks on this thing, Citizens for Tax Justice has excellent information, including state-by-state rates on its Web site www.ctj.org.

They report, "Oddly, although most taxpayers in the bottom 60 percent of the income scale will get reduced or zero rebates, the tax bill extends the benefit of the rebate to about 2 million upper-income payers who will not actually benefit from the new 10 percent rate bracket, due to the Alternative Minimum

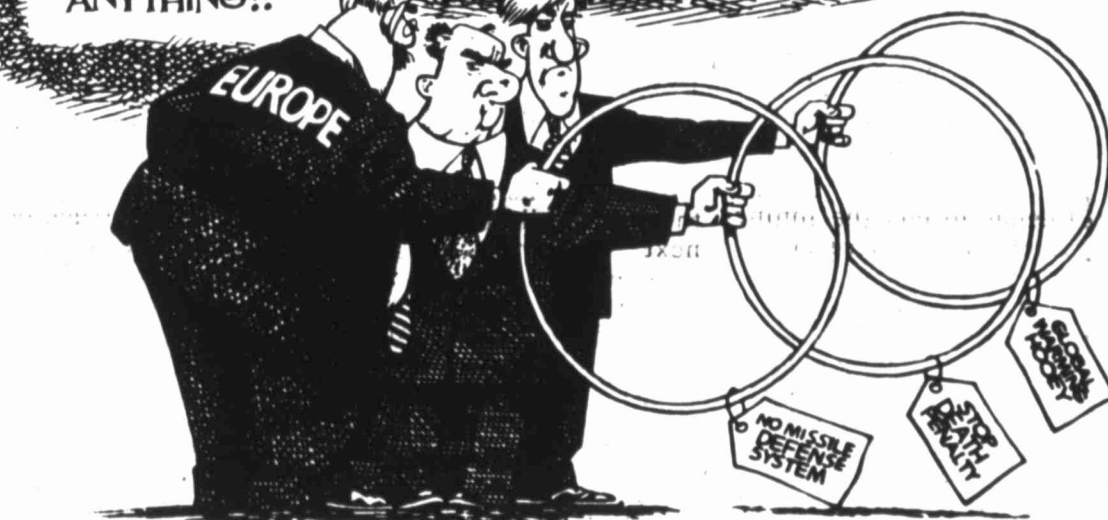
Tax."

Meanwhile, the adventures of our old comrade Karl Rove get stranger and stranger. The Associated Press broke the story of Rove, who at the time owned between \$100,000 to \$250,000 worth of Intel stock, meeting with the company's chief executive and two lobbyists in March, while Intel pushed for federal approval of a corporate merger. The merger was approved two months later. White House officials said Rove played no part in approving the merger. Rove sold his entire stock portfolio on June 7, AP reports, for between \$1 million and \$2.5 million, after they had recovered most of their value from a 20 percent drop earlier in the year. Sen. Tom Daschle has announced the Senate probably will not be investigating Rove.

Rove next appears in the decision to end bombing on the Puerto Rican Island of Vieques in 2003.

This decision made no one happy, since the Navy needs the bombing range and the Puerto Ricans don't see why they should get bombed for another two years. As to why the president's top political adviser sat in on meetings on what to do about a Navy bombing range — I don't know, maybe he owned stock in it.

WHAT'S WRONG WITH THIS BUSH FELLOW? HE REFUSES TO COOPERATE WITH US ON ANYTHING!!



Few campuses can beat Ole Miss for beauty

I drove to the University of Mississippi to see the renovated Lyceum and the new campus chapel.

At least

those were my excuses. I would have gone for a lot less than an \$11 million facelift and an organ concert. I would have gone to loiter on a park bench and watch pretty people.

I'm an Auburn grad. But I have to admit to enjoying the delightfully slothful pace of the Oxford campus, where every coed looks shiny and color-coordinated, and every male student confident and virile.

Ole Miss was begun to educate the sons of wealthy Mississippi Delta planters. Certainly not every kid here now is rich.

But the school somehow has kept its aristocratic sheen.

Auburn, on the other hand, began life as a land-

grant college, and no matter how many Dothan 'delights drive their daddy's BMW up the Hill to an air-conditioned sorority dorm, we still look the part. Not shabby. But sturdy, not shiny. Parboiled, and proud.

I suspect it might grow old if I lived here — all this Simonized, achingly young humanity — but for a day now and then it's "Truman Show" pleasant. Few campuses can beat it for sheer beauty. I visited Princeton once, and it was ivy-draped and equally gorgeous, but the students were a scruffy, serious lot, apparently in a hurry to get somewhere, mostly on with their bright futures. At Ole Miss, real women don't wear backpacks.

At the center of all this academic excellence is the building known as the Lyceum. It is to Ole Miss what the Ryman is to Nashville, or the Big Chicken to Atlanta.

During the War, they hauled the wounded from Shiloh to the Lyceum, temporarily cast as a hospital. Later, when James Meredith made his bid for full citizenship, the

Lyceum was ground zero. It's said William Faulkner read his poems to Ben Wasson in the Lyceum. Historic, that's the word.

I know precious little about architecture. I recognize Victorian by its curlicues and flourishes and Kmart color combinations. Federal architecture is plain, the antitoxin for Victorian.

Past those types and a couple more, I know nothing. I react to buildings the same way I do to people. I either like them or I don't.

The Lyceum, they tell me, is in the Ionic Greek Revival style, which sounds grand and is. But it's also comforting somehow. This is a regular grandfather clock of a building, solid and soulful and, like Shakespeare or Hank Williams, of the ages.

They gutted and improved the inside. To see Chancellor Robert Khayat's office you now need sunglasses.

He's such a whiz at fund raising, in appreciation Ole Miss has tucked him into the academic equivalent of Versailles' Hall of Mirrors. Everything's all bright and sunlit.

Ole Miss' Gerald Walton told me there was a romantic legend about the six columns outside — how they were carved of solid stone and shipped from Italy. Actually they are made of thick brick with sand in the centers. But don't tell anyone and spoil the story.

In the new chapel, Jason Derrick was playing the organ for my benefit. A private concert. The sun streamed through red and blue stained glass.

I easily could imagine a couple plucked at random from the outside, wearing white, skipping hand in hand down the aisle to promise to love, honor and come back to campus for all home games.

I'm probably not reporting the kinds of things Ole Miss would have me say — about its progress in enrollment diversity, academics, even Eli Manning's much-anticipated debut as quarterback.

But I'm afraid that's the curse of a pretty face. People don't always take you as seriously as they should. They just can't get past your tremendous good looks.

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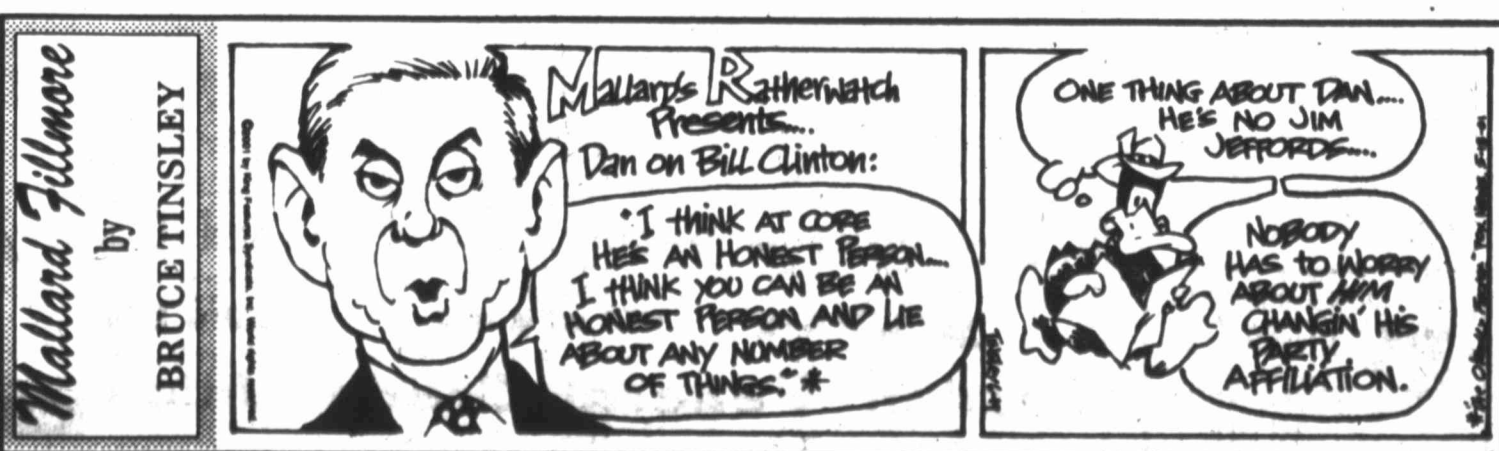
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IN BRIEF

HC's Ericsson posts solid finish at Finals

Howard College freshman Ross Ericsson, had a strong rodeo season this year, placing eighth in bareback competition and 12th in saddle bronc in the College National Finals in Casper, Wyo., June 11-16.

The Howard College mens' team finished 59th overall at the Finals.

"Ross is a key element in the success of the Howard College rodeo team," Hawks coach Greg Kernick said, praising Ericsson. "He's a good one. The kids want to be around a winner. You only get a handful of kids like Ericsson in a coaching career."

Buchanan, Smith sign at Mary Hardin-Baylor

Coahoma Bulldoggettes Kenni Kay Buchanan and Kayla Smith have signed to play softball for the University of Mary Hardin-Baylor at Belton.

Buchanan will be a pitcher and alternate at second base while Smith is an outfielder.

"I made a real effort to increase our team speed in recruiting," Crusaders Head Coach Dan Sheppard said. "We have some girls in this class that are pretty quick and that should enable us to do some more things, especially offensively."

The Crusaders finished 16-7 in American Southwest Conference play in 2001 and were second in the ASC postseason tournament after falling to East Texas Baptist in the tournament championship game.

Black-Gold touney set for July 13-15

The Big Spring Black Golf Circuit Tennis Tournament has been scheduled for July 13-15 at the Figure 7 Tennis Center in Comanche Trail Park.

Play will be conducted in boys and girls singles, doubles and mixed doubles in five age divisions.

Fees will be \$15 for one event, \$20 for two and \$25 for three.

Entries must be received no later than July 6.

For more information, call Wendy Justiss at 398-5485.

Senior Class to hold ragball tournament

There will be a ragball tournament sponsored by the Big Spring High School senior class on Friday and Saturday, July 13-14.

The entry fee is \$100 per team.

For more information contact Brittany Bryant at 267-1011.

ACS still offering Texas Golf Pass

The American Cancer Society is again offering the Texas Golf Pass that entitles holders to more than 680 rounds of golf at 289 courses throughout the state.

The passes are \$35 each. Both the Big Spring Country Club and Comanche Trail Golf Course are participating.

For more information, call 1-800-ACS-2345.

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7 p.m. — Colorado Rockies at Houston Astros, FXS, Ch. 29.

HCYBA announces Junior, Senior League All-Star teams

HERALD Staff Report

The Howard County Youth Baseball Association announced their all-star teams for the Junior and Senior Leagues.

Honored as Junior League All-Stars in the 14- and 15-year-old division were: Chase Burks, Brandon

Boling, Josh Caudill, Jerry Doporto, Ty Froman, Adam Johnson, Clay Kuykendall, Andy Lasater, Mark Lozano, Josh Noble, Kyle Piercefield, Ryan Slate, Ryan Tannehill and Justin Watson.

They will be coached by Chris Olson and the team manager is Tom Bill Kuykendall.

The Senior League is for 16- and 18-year-old ball players and Senior League All-Stars include Chris Carillo, Jeremy Cerda, Ray De Leon, Lee Gillihan, Chad Heinis, Coley Hollandsworth, C.J. Lowery, Phillip Padron, Chance Rainer, Jeremy Renteria, Michael Shockley, Wesley Smith and John Terry.

The team manager is Luis Lopez and their coach is Brock Gee.

The Herald accidentally left the name of Xavian Parnell off the list of Big Spring International Little League All Stars. The Herald regrets the accidental omission. Parnell plays in the 9- and 10-year-old division.

Diamondbacks take city title

HERALD Staff Report

The Coahoma Diamondbacks defeated the National League Expos 14-6 in the 2001 Big Spring Minor League City Championship game over the weekend.

The final game was set up for a real thriller as the Diamondbacks won the opener in a 11-10 squeaker and the Expos won game two 7-2 on Friday. The Diamondbacks finished the season with a 14-2 record.

Jesse Loter started pitching for the Expos, allowing one run when William Carson scored following a walk.

In the bottom of the first, Logan Gaskins hit batter Cody Rosenbaum, and struck out the side as the Diamondbacks took a 1-0 lead.

The Diamondbacks came on strong in the second inning, scoring four big runs to establish a dominant 5-0 lead.

Tyler Ware, Ethan Zant, Casey Roberts and London Parker drew walks. Mason Park singled, scoring one run. The next batter, William Carson, doubled, scoring a pair of runs.

Joseph Valle came in relief for the Expos and intentionally walked Logan Gaskins and Jacoby Cuellar to end the inning via the nine-batter rule.

Gaskins struck out the side, ending the second as the Diamondbacks led 5-0.

Ware started things off for the Diamondbacks in the third with a single, but Valle struck out the next two batters and walked Parker.

Ronnie Peacock smashed a two-run triple to right field but was stranded when the next batter struck out.

Marti Wise of the Expos grounded out to Ware at



The Coahoma Diamondbacks won the 2001 Big Spring Minor League City Championship over the weekend. Pictured in back are William Carson, Jacoby Cuellar, Logan Gaskins, Marsh Parker and Ethan Zant. Standing in front are Casey Roberts, Tyler Ware, London Parker and Ronnie Peacock. The coaches are Van Gaskins on the left and Doug Carson.

second and Jeffrey Corey drew a walk. Corey was thrown out trying to steal at second by Diamondback catcher Mason Parker.

Scott Fryar drew a walk. Gaskins finished out the third by striking out the next batter, as the Diamondbacks led 7-0 after three innings.

Carson was hit by a pitch in the fourth and Gaskins advanced Carson with a single to center field. Loter struck out the next batter and Ware crushed a two-run double.

Ethan Zant drew a walk and Casey Roberts smacked a two-run triple, but was picked off third base by Expo catcher Jeremy Robbins.

Parker and Peacock drew

passes to first back and were scored by Mason Parker.

Expo Cody Rosenbaum grounded out to Tyler for the first out of the fourth. Robbins drew a walk and the next batter struck out. Rowdi Wise got to first on an error.

Valle drew a walk and Loter hit a high fly ball past the Diamondback shortstop for a three-run single. Wise drew a walk and Jeffery Carey got to first on an error, scoring one run as the Diamondbacks enjoyed a 13-4 lead.

Carson led off with a walk in the fifth and Gaskins grounded out to Valle of the Expos who struck out the next batter.

Wyer crushed a triple, scoring one run and the next batter struck out.

Cuellar pitched the final inning for the Diamondbacks and struck out the first batter. Thad Loftis got to first on an error while the next batter went down swinging.

Robbins got to first on an error, scoring one run. Clay Lockhart doubled, scoring one run and Cuellar struck out the next batter, giving the Diamondbacks their 14-6 championship victory.

Gaskins was the winning pitcher for the Diamondbacks with a solid one-hitter and Ware was three-for-three with a single, a double, a triple and a walk.

Mariners lose second straight; Ripken to call it quits

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

Seattle Mariners losing streaks aren't as rare as Cal Ripken's off days used to be, but they sure don't happen very often.

The Mariners, who own the majors' best record at 52-16, dropped their second straight game Monday night. Seattle, beaten 4-3 at Oakland by the Athletics, lost two in a row for the first time in a month and the fourth time all season.

"It's not nice to lose two in a row," losing pitcher Norm Charlton (2-1) said. "We've taken all 16 losses pretty hard. We don't expect to lose."

The Mariners' loss came after the Baltimore Orioles beat the Toronto Blue Jays 3-2, and it was revealed that Ripken plans to retire at seasons' end.

He broke a record most considered unbreakable when he played in 2,632 consecutive games — topping Lou Gehrig's 2,130.

Ripken voluntarily ended his streak Sept. 20, 1998, and is expected to finish his 21-year career on Sept. 30 in Yankee Stadium, where Gehrig starred.

In the only other AL games, the New York Yankees routed Detroit 10-1, and the Chicago White Sox edged Kansas City 5-4.

In National League games, it was St. Louis 6, Chicago 2; New York 2, Montreal 1; Milwaukee 6, Cincinnati 4; Florida 7, Atlanta 6; and Houston 13, Colorado 5.

Seattle had not dropped two straight since May 18-19 to the New York Yankees. The Mariners have not lost three in a row all season en route to the third-best 68-game start in baseball history.

"If we lose tomorrow, that's three in a row, and if we win, we stop it at two," said Mariners starter Jamie Moyer, who allowed two runs on two hits in six innings. "So

what? To me, that's a media game."

Frank Menechino drove in a pair of runs to help Oakland win the ballgame.

Barry Zito (4-6) ended his five-game losing skid and snapped the Athletics' four-game losing streak by allowing three runs in seven innings.

"I've been on track my last four starts, but I've lost my focus," Zito said. "The biggest thing is I've been putting up quality starts. Wins are just a statistic. I knew eventually I'd have a good start. It's strictly mental."

Zito won for the first time since April 24 in Chicago, a span of 11 starts, and improved to 4-1 with a 3.48 ERA in night games.

Jason Isringhausen pitched the ninth for his 13th save in 17 opportunities.

Yankees 10, Tigers 1

Roger Clemens became the AL's first nine-game winner, and Alfonso Soriano scored three runs and drove in four as New York won at Detroit.

Bernie Williams capped New York's five-run fourth with a two-run homer. Williams, who was 2-for-5, has 15 hits in 30 at-bats. Clemens (9-1) won his fifth consecutive start, allowing an unearned run and seven hits. He struck out six during his seven-inning stint.

Tigers starter Jeff Weaver (6-7) was replaced after five innings, marking the first time he's gone fewer than six innings in 15 starts.

Orioles 3, Blue Jays 2

Brian Roberts tripled and scored the tiebreaking run in the seventh inning, and fellow rookie Jay Gibbons hit his second homer in two games as Baltimore beat visit-

ing Toronto.

David Segui had two hits and drove in a run for the Orioles, who moved past the Blue Jays into third place in the AL East.

Sidney Ponson (4-4) gave up two runs in the first, then threw six scoreless innings.

Chuck McElroy pitched a perfect eighth, and Mike Trombley got three outs for his fifth save.

White Sox 5, Royals 4

Magglio Ordonez homered for the sixth time in seven games, and Mark Buehrle won his fifth straight start as Chicago beat visiting Kansas City.

Jeff Liefer hit a two-run shot for the White Sox, who despite getting swept over the weekend at St. Louis, have won 17 of 23.

Buehrle (6-3) allowed three runs and nine hits in seven innings. He hasn't lost in 10 starts. Keith Foulke pitched the ninth for his 14th save in 15 chances.

Chad Durbin (4-6) allowed five runs and seven hits in 2-2-3 innings.

Cardinals 6, Cubs 2

Mark McGwire has overtaken Mike Hampton in the home-run race.

McGwire homered for the fourth time in five games, a three-run drive Monday night that led the St. Louis Cardinals over the Chicago Cubs, 6-2.

McGwire, on the disabled list because of a knee injury until May 28, hit his sixth homer of the season and 560th of his career in the fifth inning off Kevin Tapani (8-3).

The Cardinals beat the Cubs for the 12th straight time at home. St. Louis has won four in a row since a 1-8 trip.

Sammy Sosa hit his 21st homer, the 407th of his career. He's home-

red four times in three games and is tied with Duke Snider for 32nd on the career list.

Darryl Kile (8-6) ended his three-game losing streak, allowing two runs and five hits in seven innings. He had a season-high 11 strikeouts.

Mets 2, Expos 1

Darryl Hamilton hit a go-ahead single in the seventh at Shea Stadium, just his fourth RBI in 44 games this season.

Turk Wendell (3-2) pitched a perfect seventh, John Franco survived a two-hit eighth and Armando Benitez finished to remain perfect in 12 save chances.

New York starter Glendon Rusch allowed an unearned run in six innings and struck out six.

Montreal's Masato Yoshii (2-4) gave up two runs and eight hits in six-plus innings.

Brewers 6, Reds 4

Jose Hernandez hit a two-run homer as Milwaukee rallied for four runs in the seventh and extended Cincinnati's losing streak to seven.

The Reds are 7-25 at home, where they've lost eight in a row — their longest home losing streak since 1986.

Richie Sexson hit his second solo homer in two games, and Hernandez put the Brewers ahead to stay with his two-run shot off Brian Reith (0-4).

Marlins 7, Braves 6

At Turner Field, Javy Lopez's throwing error on a potential inning-ending double play in the ninth inning allowed the go-ahead run to score as Florida beat Atlanta.

Florida, which rallied to win on Sunday, wiped out a 5-0 deficit against starter Tom Glavine.



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

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

*** If you can't visit a friend in person, pick up the phone for surprising results. A conversation can give you another viewpoint. If you think you know it all, beware. You could meet your match. Tonight: Put an idea to good use.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

*** If you're in a buying mood, leave your credit cards at home. A bargain you learn about early in the day could sound too good to

be true. Evaluate with a practiced eye. You could go overboard. Tonight: Get comfortable with a good book.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

*** An optimistic attitude will get you through the day. Making your pitch works out if you change your approach. Consider the needs of your audience. Do whatever you can to remain calm. If you can't sit still, pace. Tonight: Visit a chat room to find like-minded folks.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

*** Let emotions take a back seat for a change. When work needs to be done, being objective pays off. You could surprise others -- and even yourself -- with your quick wit. Making progress depends on approaching situations with a clear head. Tonight: You'll have lots to talk about.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

*** Put another's needs before your own. Don't hold back if you know what to do. Recognize your resourcefulness. Your bright ideas can work now. Compliments and appreciation seem assured later. Tonight: A beautiful sunset waits to be enjoyed.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

*** You can see the light at the end of the tunnel. Soon, you'll be able to make progress where you had previously hit a snag. If a relationship needs healing, start thinking about how you can bring that about. A million ideas could be floating around in your head. Tonight: Return messages.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

*** You can find ways to stretch your money if you are willing to cut back on unnecessary spending. Some luxuries might have to go. Take time to work out a problem. Friends can surprise you with their thoughtfulness. Tonight: Ask a special person for help.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

*** Tension and anxiety early in the day can give way to a more relaxed attitude later. Solutions present themselves when you put your mind to work. Rely on your extensive mental resources. Tonight: A night out with a friend relieves stress.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

***A family member or friend could present a solution to a problem. Things turn out well when you least expect it. Be broad-minded enough to look at the other side of an issue. Opening one's mind can lead to success. Tonight: You're ready for action.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

***Share your concerns with others. Two heads are better than one. Don't worry if progress seems slower than you would like it to be. You'll be back on track soon and moving at your usual pace. Tonight:

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AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

***Those who appreciate your spontaneity and adventure will give you the space to experiment. A little freedom goes a long way. Tackle something you can finish in one day, just to prove it to yourself. Tonight: Pay attention to a young person.

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*** Sharing your plans too soon can bring frustration. Keeping your own counsel might be a better idea. Meditation can open your mind to new thoughts. Tonight: Accept an invitation you would normally refuse.

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Dear Ann Landers: I was pleased to see a recent column about domestic violence in which you mentioned that men can also be physically and emotionally abused by women. As a licensed counselor who has worked in the field of domestic violence, I can tell you this is more common than most people think.



ANN LANDERS

I don't mean to downplay the progress made in recognizing violence against women, however, we must also realize that men are abused, and they, too, need help. Unfortunately, most of the domestic-violence programs are solely for women. They have access to counselors and shelters. Abused men are laughed at.

In order to protect ALL victims of domestic violence, funding must be available for counseling and assistance to help both men and women. Please tell me you agree, Ann. These men need your support. -- Male Counselor in New Mexico

Dear New Mexico Counselor: While males are most often the abusers, I have heard from many men who have been battered by women. Some female batterers are alcoholics or on drugs, and have a history of violence. Men need protection from these women, and I hope some agencies will step up to the plate and provide it.

Dear Ann Landers: My daughter is finishing her sophomore year of high school. "Julie" just broke up with her boyfriend, who is a senior. After two years together, he dumped her two weeks before their prom and asked another girl. Julie was left with a non-returnable dress and shoes.

During their years together, Julie and her boyfriend exchanged many personal articles, including jackets, CDs, music equipment, photographs, and so on. Some of these items were quite expensive, and others have priceless sentimental value. I have called the young man's parents to ask about returning some of the items, but they said, "We don't want to get involved."

I would like to see her boyfriend return those things that belong to Julie. My daughter is suffering terribly from this break-up. I want to help her find closure and healing. Please tell me what to do. -- Heartbroken Mom in Minnesota

Dear Mom in Minnesota: The ex-boyfriend's parents have the right idea. Stay out of it. Julie is only 16, for heaven's sake. If you make her believe this high-school heartbreak is some kind of Shakespearean tragedy, she will never get over it.

The "items" your daughter gave her boyfriend belong to HIM. Let Julie learn from experience. It's the best teacher. Meanwhile, if you really want to help her, give her a shoulder to cry on and assure her that someday she will meet a guy who will appreciate how special she is.

Dear Ann Landers: I feel compelled to respond to the letter from "Heartsick Mother in Texas," who could not forgive her son for killing himself.

When I was 17, I attempted suicide. I was severely depressed, and even with counseling and medication, I could see no light at the end of the tunnel. It took many months of therapy and living at a rehabilitation center to get better.

I would like to say this to "Heartsick Mother": Don't be angry with your son. He thought he was doing himself and the world a favor by dying. Most likely, he thought people would be glad that he was gone. He didn't love himself and thought no one else could love him, either. He was hurting and couldn't see a way out.

I hope this helps. -- Anonymous in the U.S.

Dear Anonymous: Thank you for your insightful letter. For the vast majority of suicides, the pain of living is unbearable. Most of the time, there is nothing a loved one can do to prevent the tragedy. I hope those who have suffered such a terrible loss will take comfort from your words. Bless you for writing.

Feeling pressured to have sex? How well-informed are you? Write for Ann Landers' booklet "Sex and the Teenager." Send a self-addressed, long, business-size envelope and a check or money order for \$3.75 (this includes postage and handling) to: Teens, c/o Ann Landers, P.O. Box 11562, Chicago, Ill. 60611-0562. (In Canada, send \$4.55.) To find out more about Ann Landers and read her past columns, visit the Creators Syndicate web page at www.creators.com.

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FAIR HOUSING, IT'S THE LAW

PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT

This year marks the thirty-second anniversary of the National Fair Housing Law To promote fair housing practices, the City of Coahoma encourages potential home-owners and renters to be aware of their rights.

Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968, as amended, prohibits discrimination against any person on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, age, handicap, familial status or national origin in the sale or rental of units in the housing market.

For more information on fair housing or to report possible fair housing discrimination, call the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's toll-free hotline at 1-800-669-6777.

6/22/2001 June 19, 2001

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JUNE 19

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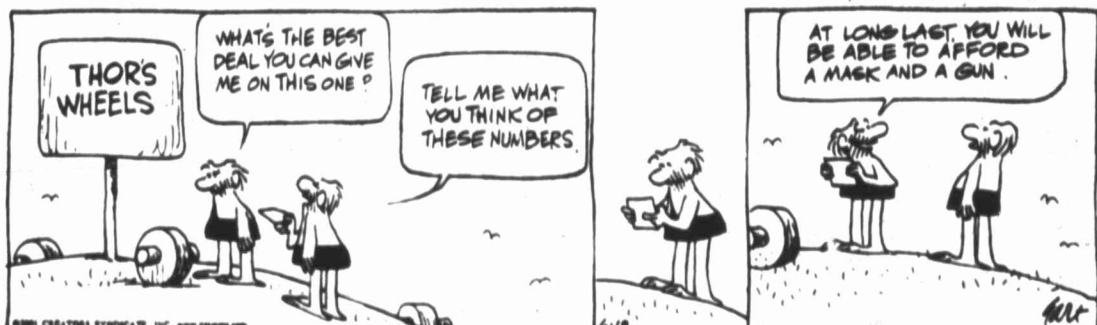
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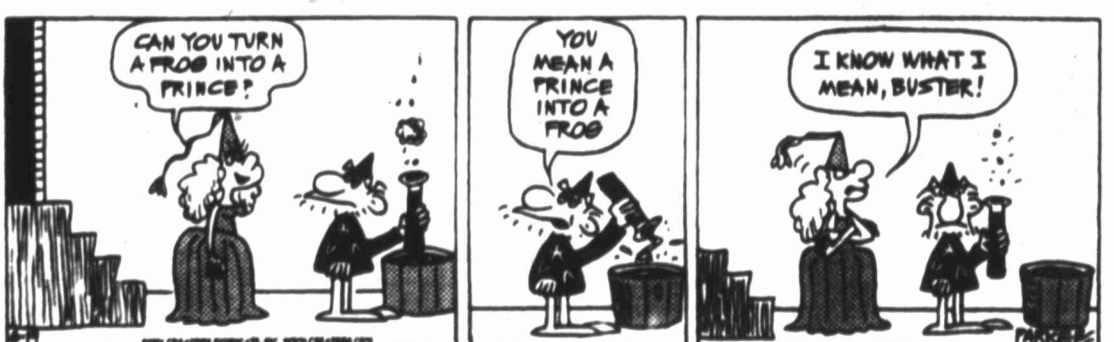
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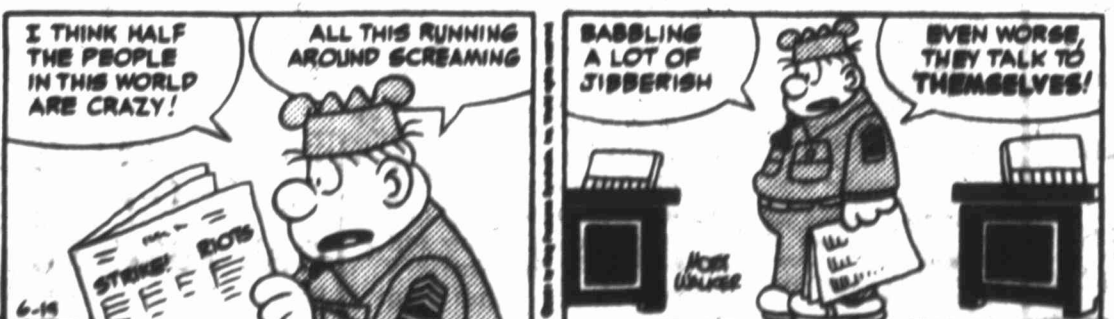
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THIS DATE
IN HISTORY

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

Today is Tuesday, June 19, the 170th day of 2001. There are 195 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On June 19, 1934, the Federal Communications Commission was created.

On this date:

In 1586, English colonists sailed from Roanoke Island, N.C., after failing to establish England's first permanent settlement in America.

In 1862, slavery was outlawed in U.S. territories.

In 1910, Father's Day was celebrated for the first time in Spokane, Wash.

In 1917, during World War I, King George V ordered the British royal family to dispense with German titles and surnames. The family took the name "Windsor."

In 1953, Julius and Ethel

Rosenberg, convicted of conspiring to pass U.S. atomic secrets to the Soviet Union, were executed at Sing Sing Prison in Ossining, N.Y.

In 1961, the Supreme Court struck down a provision in Maryland's constitution requiring state officeholders to profess a belief in God.

In 1963, Soviet cosmonaut Valentina Tereshkova returned to Earth after spending nearly three days as the first woman in space.

In 1964, the Civil Rights Act of 1964 was approved after surviving an 83-day Senate filibuster.

In 1977, Pope Paul VI proclaimed a 19th-century Philadelphia bishop, John Neumann, the first male U.S. saint.

In 1999, Britain's Prince Edward married commoner Sophie Rhys-Jones in Windsor, England.

Ten years ago: Newly elected Russian President Boris Yeltsin lobbied Congress during a

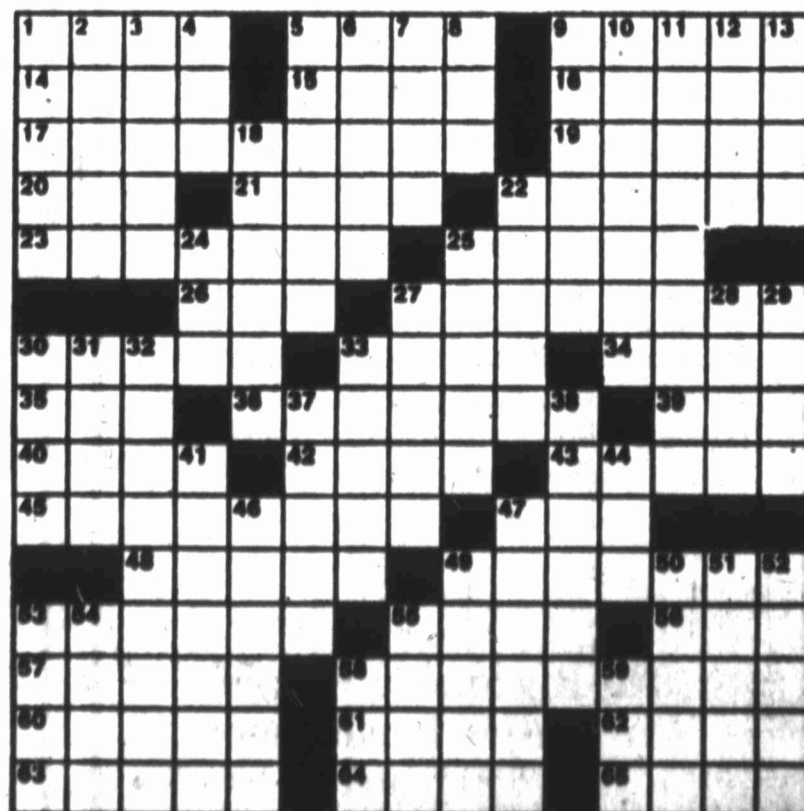
Washington visit as he sought closer ties.

Today's Birthdays: Movie critic Pauline Kael is 82. Actress Gena Rowlands is 65. Singer Al Wilson is 62. Singer Spanky MacFarlane (Spanky and Our Gang) is 59. Nobel peace laureate Aung San Suu Kyi is 56. Actress Phyllicia Rashad is 53. Rock singer Ann Wilson (Heart) is 51. Musician Larry Dunn (formerly of Earth, Wind and Fire) is 48. Actress Kathleen Turner is 47. Country singer Doug Stone is 45. Singer Mark DeBarge is 42. Singer-dancer Paula Abdul is 39.

Newsday Crossword

NAME THAT TUNE by S.N.
Edited by Stanley Newman

- ACROSS**
- Kuwaiti ruler
 - Canseco of baseball
 - Radioactive gas
 - Fill a ship's hold
 - Honolulu's island
 - Get away from
 - With 58 Across, Warner Bros. cartoon feline
 - Capital of Bulgaria
 - Lincoln nickname
 - Perman of Cheers
 - Young cow
 - Somber
 - Cowboy's greeting
 - Dentists' org.
 - Sang along
 - Holy Scriptures
 - Tea-set pieces
 - Sand formation
 - Baton Rouge sch.
 - Ghostly entities
 - Magnon
 - Star in Lyra
 - Like — of bricks
 - "The Old Bucket"
 - Filliger or Lauren
 - 901, in old Rome
 - Malamute or husky
 - Malamute or husky
 - Is skeptical about
 - Fly high
 - Historical period
 - Christie and Karenina
 - See 17 Across
- DOWN**
- Nervous
 - Reputed flingmaker
 - Art Deco artist
 - So far
 - Remain
 - Sandwich breads
 - Actress Lanchester et al.
 - Perhaps
 - Lazy sort
 - Gun the engine
 - Successor of Moses
 - Author Joyce Carol
 - Where the Mets play
 - Noth's continent
 - Mended again, perhaps
 - Stecrod clear of
 - Warner Bros. cartoon fowl
 - Garfield dog
 - Close by
 - Wears away
 - Raise, as with a crane
 - Adjective suffix
 - Welcome words, to a hitchhiker
 - Testimony listener
 - Concerning
 - Gas for lighting
 - Wide urban st.
 - Words of understanding
 - Most popular Warner Bros. cartoon
 - Gave as an example
 - Glass squares
 - Three's Company actress
 - Military pilot's post
 - Assist
 - Prepare
 - Stylish
 - "The March King"
 - Complain about
 - Give a speech
 - Microsoft head
 - Statistics
 - Change for a live
 - "X marks the —"
 - Last year's sophs: Abbr.
 - " — out!" (ump's call)



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