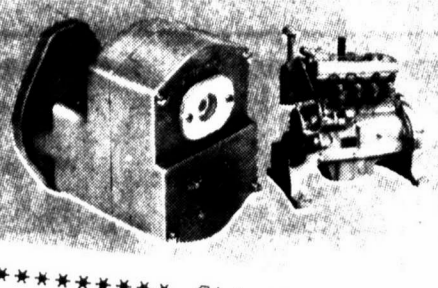


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Storm adds to July 4 effects

By **MARILYN POWERS**
 Staff Writer

A thunderstorm moved across Pampa yesterday afternoon and hovered in the area through the evening hours, but although clouds contributed lightning to the light show, no evening rain fell to dampen Pampa's annual Fourth of July fireworks display at Recreation Park.

Most activity in Pampa yesterday seemed centered at fireworks stands around the edge

of town. Perhaps because this year the Fourth fell on a Sunday, traffic was light and city parks were all but deserted.

Peace and quiet ended after sunset, however, when Recreation Park filled with spectators, along with others who traditionally line Loop 171 and East Tyng Avenue to watch the city's free fireworks display.

East Tyng Avenue, including near Danziger Crossing, was full as always with

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(Pampa News photos by MARILYN POWERS)

Parked and ready to watch the city's fireworks display from the bed of a pickup on Loop 171 Sunday evening are, from left, Jesus Quezada, Yesenia Quezada, Jesus Quezada Jr., Erika Quezada, Salvador Lopez Jr., Adrian Lopez, Veronica Lopez and Salvador Lopez, all of Pampa. Storm clouds like those seen in the background threatened the display, but no rain fell, while lightning added an extra light show to the evening's events.

Troopers make million dollar drug bust

By **MARILYN POWERS**
 Staff Writer

A Spokane, Wash., woman had no independence to celebrate as she spent the Fourth of July under arrest at Gray County Jail for possession of 10 kilos of cocaine, worth an estimated \$1 million.

Joanne Catherine Warehime, 53,

was stopped just before 10 p.m. Friday, July 2, about two miles west of McLean by a Texas Department of Public Safety trooper for a traffic violation.

After questioning Warehime, troopers received consent to search the 2000 Ford Explorer, according to a news release by Trooper Wayne Beighle of the Amarillo DPS office.

The cocaine was discovered in a hidden compartment at the rear of the vehicle. Troopers believe the package originated in California and was to be delivered to New Jersey, the release said.

Warehime was charged with possession of a controlled substance over 400 grams. She remained in jail as of press time today in lieu of a

\$25,000 bond, according to a jail spokesperson.

"This marks the second weekend in a row in which troopers have made huge drug seizures. Last weekend, troopers seized over \$850,000 in drugs, including \$700,000 in cocaine," Beighle said in the news release.

Cornerstone of skyscraper marks WTC ground zero

NEW YORK (AP) — The cornerstone of a new skyscraper that will one day soar over ground zero has been unveiled, a symbolic step for victims' relatives and a chance for Manhattan to reclaim its broken skyline.

A crane lifted the 20-ton stone, quarried from the Adirondack Mountains, and placed it Sunday in the southeastern corner of what will be the Freedom Tower's foundation.

The inscription read, "To honor and remember those who lost their lives on September 11, 2001 and as a tribute to the enduring spirit of freedom July Fourth, 2004."

Gov. George E. Pataki said he chose to begin construction on the 1,776-foot tower

no other building in the world will be taller on July 4 to show that terrorists who brought down the towers on Sept. 11 didn't destroy the country's faith in freedom.

"Let this great Freedom Tower show the world that what our enemies sought to destroy — our democracy, our freedom, our way of life — stands taller than ever," Pataki told about 500 people gathered at the 16-acre site.

New Jersey Gov. James McGreevey said: "We reclaim this ground in the names of those who we have lost." The 13-year-old son of a police officer killed on Sept. 11 read portions of the Declaration of

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City Commission Meeting

Hidden Hills budget on agenda

By **MARILYN POWERS**
 Staff Writer

In his first city commission meeting as acting city manager, **John Horst**, also city finance director, will present the proposed 2004-05 budget for Hidden Hills Golf Course at the commission's regular meeting.

The meeting is set for 4 p.m., Tuesday, July 6, on the third floor of City Hall, 201 W. Kingsmill.

Horst was named acting city manager after Mitch Grant's resignation was accepted at a special city commission meeting Thursday, June 29.

Proposed expenditures for Hidden Hills total \$370,106 out of a proposed budget of \$370,986, leaving \$880 over anticipated expenses.

Horst will also discuss Cross Calf Ranch and items in the city manager's report, including the business incubator program and the Marie Foundation building.

Action items requiring votes by commissioners include second and final reading of Ordinance No. 1422 relative to fire and rescue fees for non-residential fire services, and possible cancellation of

the July 13 regular meeting.

Other discussion items are the skate park, Guardian Emergency Medical Services' occupation of Fire Station 3, and a grease trap ordinance.

Staff reports will cover library art, M.K. Brown Memorial Auditorium storm damage and requirements for events with alcoholic beverages, a fire truck, narcotics funding, a seal coat and landfill update, bridge repair update, state water system inspection and mosquito control.

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Obituaries

Roy Dean McCoy, 44

CANYON - Roy Dean McCoy, 44, of Happy died Friday, July 2, in Amarillo. A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m., Wednesday, July 7, at First United Methodist Church of Happy, with the Rev. Tom Stribling, pastor, officiating. Cremation is by Holley Funeral Home, Inc., of Canyon.



McCoy

Roy Dean was born in Pampa, Texas, on March 12, 1960, to Roy Lee McCoy and Betty Keller McCoy. He married Rose Lee (Susie) Perkins on Oct. 13, 1984, in Silverton, Texas. He was a member of First United Methodist

Church of Happy and a volunteer for Happy Fire Department and Ambulance Service. He was a graduate of Clarendon College and worked for the Texas Department of Transportation for 23 years.

Survivors include his wife, Rose Lee (Susie) of Happy, Texas; three daughters, Kendra Lee and Kayla Rose of Happy, Texas, and Ashley Kay of Arlington, Texas; one son, J.C. McCoy of Spring, Texas; his father, Roy Lee McCoy of Colorado Springs, Colo.; his mother and stepfather, Betty and Joe Grayson of Wheeler, Texas; two sis-

ters, Mitzi DeVoll and husband James of Pampa, Texas, and Kandi Curtis and husband Ken of White Deer, Texas; four aunts, Fran Nichols and husband Nick of Springtown, Texas, Sally Britten of Pampa, Texas, Lucille Shelton of Pasadena, Texas and Verna Butler of Middleton, Tenn.; one uncle, Lynn McCoy and wife Linda of Amarillo, Texas; and three brothers-in-law, Danny Perkins of Mesquite, Texas, Tommy Perkins of Willard, Mo., and Walter Perkins of Amarillo, Texas.

Memorials may be made to Happy Volunteer Fire Department or Mr. McCoy's children's education trust fund at Bank of America in Canyon.



Dancing tellers

Banktellers for the Westhaven Commercial and Industrial Park Bank in northern Mississippi gather in the employee lounge in rehearsal for ACT I's production "Five Tellers Dancing in the Rain" opening July 16. Kim Tatum as Lorene, Gina Kane as Twyla, Diana Bruner as Betina, Debra Sandefur as Jennifer and Berinda Turcotte as Delores, star in this play directed by Karen Smith. Heather Kane plays the role of the cleaning lady. Zach Rogers and Rebecca Middlebrook are running lights and sound. The play, written by Mark Dunn, is the last show of the season and will be presented July 16-17 and July 23-24 at the ACT I Theater on the west side of Pampa Mall. For more information call Turcotte at (806) 898-8624 after 5 p.m.

Services tomorrow

GUTIERREZ, Bonnie Vick — 10 a.m., Memory Gardens West Mausoleum, Pampa.
WILEMAN, Joyce Mae — Graveside services, 2 p.m., Miami Cemetery, Miami.

Emergency Services

Pampa PD

Pampa Police Department reported the following arrests as of 7 a.m. today.

Saturday, July 3

Marvin Finney, 28, Pampa, was arrested on a blue warrant for revocation of parole.

Sheriff

Gray County Sheriff's Department reported the following arrests as of 7 a.m. today.

Saturday, July 3

Stephen Charles McAnear, 38, McLean, was arrested by Texas Department of Public Safety for possession of a controlled substance less than one gram.

Lino Cabrales Soto, 20, 420 N. Warren, was arrested for public intoxication and failure to signal a turn, and is being held for the Immigration and Naturalization Service.

Manuel Cabrales Soto, 27, 420 N. Warren, was arrested for public intoxication and is being held for the Immigration and Naturalization Service.

Sunday, July 4

Marlon LaRue, 35, 123 S. Nelson, was arrested for driving while license is invalid.

Fire

Pampa Fire Department responded to the following calls during the 48-hour

period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Saturday, July 3

9:05 a.m. — One unit and one firefighter conducted an investigation in the 400 block of North Wells. Type of investigation was not listed on the report.

9:17 a.m. — One unit and three firefighters responded to a medical assist in the 1900 block of Faulkner.

Sunday, July 4

6:18 p.m. — One unit and two firefighters responded to an arcing power line in the 300 block of Jean.

6:29 p.m. — Firefighters assisted a woman with medical problems who came to Central Fire Station for help.

9:02 p.m. — One unit and three firefighters responded to a medical assist at U.S. Highway 60 and Hilton Road.

9:07 p.m. — One unit and two firefighters stood by at the city's fireworks display at Recreation Park.

10:16 p.m. — One unit and three firefighters responded to a reported grass fire at Browning Avenue and Loop 171. It was a cooking fire.

Ambulance

Rural Metro Ambulance Service responded to the following calls during the 48-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Saturday, July 3

8:45 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1900 block of North Faulkner and transported one to Pampa Regional Medical Center

(PRMC).

3:10 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to Pampa Nursing Center and transported one to PRMC.

4:38 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transferred one to Northwest Texas Hospital, Amarillo.

8:35 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transferred one to BSA-West, Amarillo.

10:52 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to 500 block of West Crawford and transported one to PRMC.

Sunday, July 4

1:47 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 2100 block of Dwight and transported one to PRMC.

12:05 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1900 block of North Faulkner and transported one to PRMC.

3:47 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transferred one to Northwest Texas Hospital, Amarillo.

4:34 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to Pampa Nursing Center and transported one to PRMC.

8:30 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 200 block of East Foster. No patient transport.

10:06 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to Texas Highway 273 and transported one to PRMC.

10:48 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the Baten and Jordan Unit and transported one to PRMC.

11:17 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1800 block of Faulkner. No patient transport.

Texas lags in number of adults who hold high school diplomas

AUSTIN (AP) — A report released last week by the U.S. Census shows that Texas has a higher percentage of adults without a high school diploma than any other state in the nation.

While the Texas Education Agency perennially reports a yearly high school drop out rate of about one percent, other reports indicate that as many as a third of all high school students drop out.

House Speaker Tom Craddick, calling the current system inadequate, has charged a legislative committee to find a better way to track dropouts in Texas before the start of the upcoming school year. Here's a look at the current method of counting dropouts.

Q: How does the state track dropouts now?

A: Students who want to leave school are asked to fill out an official form saying why they are leaving school. But, not all students fill out the paperwork. Education officials say those kids just vanish.

While some schools can hire truant officers, investigators and prevention specialists to find students, some are never found. And

not all schools have the resources to hire people to find the students.

In addition, when students transfer, the state never verifies that the student has re-enrolled in another district. Thousands never re-enroll but are not counted as dropouts, said Maria Robledo Montecel, director of the Intercultural Development Research Association, which tracks dropouts in Texas.

When students disappear, the TEA runs the student's name and birthday through a database of students enrolled statewide to make sure that the student has not enrolled in another district. Once the student is found, they are taken off of the dropout list.

Q: Why is the TEA number so different from other reports?

A: The main reason is a difference in counting methodology. For example, the TEA does not consider students who are pursuing a GED as dropouts. But most other agencies and the federal government do consider GED students to be dropouts.

The TEA has a list of other codes that can be assigned to students who may not be in school but are not counted as dropouts.

Dropouts in Texas

While the Texas Education Agency perennially reports a yearly high school drop out rate of about one percent, other reports indicate that as many as a third of all high school students drop out. — AP

Inmates accused in escape

DALLAS (AP) — Two prisoners who escaped from the custody of East Texas law officers appeared lost and in need of directions when searchers tracked them down over the weekend.

Richard Allen Hancock and Ronald Wayne Lee were arraigned Sunday morning on charges stemming from their three-hour flight from East Texas toward the Oklahoma border.

Investigators accuse the pair of kidnapping and later releasing a Terrell man before they were spotted on a gravel road and apprehended in Bonham by police Cpl. William Abbott.

Hancock, 53, "really didn't have anyplace to go," Abbott told The Dallas Morning News in Monday's editions. "He was actually lost. He thought the guy he was with

knew the area, but he didn't."

Lee, 37, faces charges in the robbery and kidnapping and unauthorized use of a motor vehicle, police said Sunday. Hancock faces eight charges, including aggravated robbery, aggravated kidnapping, aggravated assault, carjacking and unauthorized use of a motor vehicle.

The two were held in the Fannin County sheriff's office in Bonham, awaiting possible transfer back to a Kaufman County detention facility, police said.

The inmates escaped while being transported from a Bowie County detention facility in Texarkana to a Kaufman County facility. Police said Hancock overpowered two guards in the van and left with Lee, who later told police that he was taken along unwillingly.

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Gray County Weather

Today, partly cloudy. A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms in the morning. Highs in the mid 90s. South winds 10 to 15 mph.

Tonight, partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the upper 60s. South winds 5 to 15 mph.

Tuesday, partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the upper 80s. Southwest winds 5 to 15 mph shifting to the northeast 10 to 15 mph in the afternoon.

Tuesday night, partly cloudy with a 30 percent



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chance of thunderstorms. Lows in the mid 60s. East winds 10 to 20 mph.

Wednesday, partly cloudy. Highs in the lower 90s. Southeast winds 10 to 15 mph.

Wednesday night, partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of thunderstorms. Lows in the upper 60s.

Thursday, partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of thunderstorms. Highs in the mid 90s.

Thursday night, partly cloudy. Lows in the upper 60s.

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Installation of officers

Pampa Masonic Lodge #966 AF&AM recently installed officers for the coming year at the Masonic Lodge. Incoming officers are as follows: Dustin Larkin, Worshipful Master; Mike Helms, Senior Warden; Dick Blain, Junior Warden; Vic Laramore, Vic Laramore; Gordon Fore, Secretary; Keith Woods, Senior Deacon; Landon Roberts, Junior Deacon; Carl Sissom, Senior Steward; Joe Curtis, Junior Steward; Ray Sissom, Marshall; Junior Brumfield, Master of Ceremony; Gary Stewart, Chaplain; and Kelly Miller, Tiler.

Tenure review: Job-security tool for teachers gets fresh scrutiny

WASHINGTON (AP) — The decades-old tradition of tenure protects teachers, often frustrates principals and has even surfaced as an issue in the presidential campaign. Now tenure itself is under review.

Tenure guarantees that public school teachers who have this protection cannot be fired without legitimate cause and due process, perhaps even a court hearing. Almost every state provides tenure in some form.

Yet with federal law requiring schools to have a

top teacher for every core class, more administrators are questioning whether tenure keeps them from getting rid of even a small number of instructors who just are not good enough in the classroom.

Democrat John Kerry, the presidential candidate favored by education unions, wants to make it easier for schools to act quickly against poor teachers, provided that educators are protected from baseless firings.

To teachers, tenure is a coveted and often misunder-

stood right — not a lock on a lifetime job, but assurance of fair treatment, including intervention for teachers who may be struggling to reach students.

"It's protection against the false accusations, against politically trumped up charges, against people who insist you must teach a certain way or risk getting fired," said Penny Kotterman, a special education teacher and president of the Arizona affiliate of the National Education Association.

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those who set off their own Roman candles, sparklers, firecrackers, bottle rockets and other fireworks. No fires were reported this year despite all the explosive activity, due at least in part to the fact that Pampa received more than six inches of rainfall for the month of June.

One fire was reported just north of East Tyng Avenue near the Loop 171 Overpass, but it turned out to be a cooking pit fire, according to a Pampa Fire Department spokesperson.

City workers began preparing for the public fireworks display at 7 a.m. yesterday, according to David Pedersen of the Public Works Department. Pedersen and Hector Nunez,

also of the department, strung yellow barricade tape across Recreation Park yesterday afternoon to designate the boundary beyond which fireworks spectators could not safely go, in order to keep anyone from getting too close to the fireworks.

Mark Perkins of Dallas was in Pampa to visit his son Jesse yesterday, and they tried their hand at fishing in Recreation Lake. While they were wetting hooks midafternoon, no other fishermen were visible around the lake. They left with an empty stringer and no tackle on the end of their broken fishing line.

A check of city parks between 2:30 p.m. and 4 p.m. Sunday showed few people using them. A few skateboarders were at the skate park in Central Park, and further west in another park area, a family was having a picnic.

Park use soared, however,

when it came time to see the fireworks display. Crowds thronged Recreation Park and the surrounding area. Dispersal of the vehicles appeared orderly after the show, even though no peace officers were on hand at the park entrance to direct traffic.

Independence Day celebrations continued their noise-and light-making activities long after the city fireworks ended, with bangs, pops and whistles heard as late as 2 a.m.

Government, financial and other employees enjoyed a day off today as part of the Fourth of July observance. City and county offices were closed, as were many financial institutions such as banks. State and federal offices also observed Independence Day today. The post office was closed, and no mail was delivered today.

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Independence. Family members of victims attending the ceremony were pleased that construction was under way.

"It's a new beginning," said John Foy, whose mother-in-law, Rita Blau, was killed in the south tower. "We all need to move on and rise above this."

The stone and its inscription will eventually disappear from view, as crews work over the next year to remove ruins of a parking garage and shore up the 70-foot-deep foundation before building the Freedom Tower above street level. Parts of the parking garage will go to

a storage hangar at John F. Kennedy International Airport for historic preservation.

When it is ready for occupancy in 2009, the twisting glass and steel tower, topped by a 276-foot spire designed to evoke the Statue of Liberty, will include 2.6 million square feet of office space on 72 floors. Sixty stories of office space will be topped by 10 stories of open-air retail and restaurant space, an observation deck and energy-generating windmills.

Trade center leaseholder Larry Silverstein has plans to build four more towers between 2009 and 2015, although some have questioned whether he still has the money to do so after losing a trial aimed at doubling

his \$3.5 billion insurance policy.

Silverstein has said he has more than enough money to build the Freedom Tower, budgeted at \$1.5 billion, and will use "traditional financing methods" to pay for the rest of the development.

Construction is also planned for a memorial that would transform the twin towers' footprints into reflecting pools and cultural space including several small theaters.

A group of victims' family members passed out pictures of the tower footprints outside the ceremony, saying they couldn't support the rebuilding until they were assured the historic elements of the site would be protected.

Senator: Draft doesn't need to be reinstated

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Pentagon is forcing thousands of discharged soldiers back into the military, but that does not mean the United States needs to reinstate the draft, the chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee said Sunday.

"I can tell you the all-volunteer forces worked" when former President Nixon ended conscription during the Vietnam War, said Sen. John Warner, who was Nixon's secretary of the Navy in 1973.

Opposition to perceived inequities of the draft spawned much of the early opposition to that war, due largely to deferments that exempted students and some draft-eligible men with political connections.

"We cannot bring back a draft now and make some young men and women go into uniform and not bring in a whole lot of others to do different tasks," said Warner, R-Va., on NBC's "Meet the Press."

The cost of benefits would be prohibitive, he said.

What has brought up the question again is the Pentagon's order last week to recall to active duty 5,674 members of the Individual Ready Reserve, soldiers who have served specified tours of duty but have years remaining in their enlistment contracts.

After that announcement, Rep. Rick Larsen, D-Wash., a member of the House

Armed Services Committee, said, "If there was any doubt that this administration was conducting a pseudo-draft, this call-up should dispel that doubt."

Democratic presidential candidate John Kerry has made similar complaints about the administration's

use of Reserves and National Guardsmen and a device called "stop loss," which prevents soldiers from leaving when their obligations end.

"They have effectively used a stop-loss policy as a backdoor draft," Kerry said last month.

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Viewpoints

Iraqi handover success hopeful sign of future

From the moment the first bomb dropped in Baghdad last March marking the launch of Operation Iraqi Freedom, our nation's dialogue has centered on seeing the mission through to a successful end. Since declaring a date for the official transfer of power, American and Iraqi diplomatic and military leaders have been preparing the nation for the June 30th handover.

Late Night Surprise
However, on June 28, we awoke to the news that sovereignty had traded hands during the night — two days ahead of schedule and under a cloak of secrecy. The early transfer was an inspired step and a testament to how far

the budding government has come under the newly minted leadership of President Ghazi Al-Yawer and Prime Minister Ayad Allawi.

Officials cited security concerns and the threat of attacks by insurgents as the principal reason for the change and, in addition, the new Iraqi government said they were ready to take the reins of their nation's future. Iraqis had already been in control of all ministries, from defense to electricity, and this official transfer was the final symbolic act, dissolving the Coalition Provisional Authority and solidifying Iraqi control. The swiftness and ease with which the handover took

place was an early, hopeful sign that the interim government was prepared to run the country.

The U.S. goal in Iraq was never one of occupation.

The goal was the removal of Saddam Hussein and the threat he posed to the U.S.

and the entire free world. Within hours of the departure of Iraq's acting administrator, Paul Bremer, the new U.S. Ambassador to Iraq, John Negroponte, landed in Baghdad and took his seat as our nation's envoy to the

fledgling Republic.

A New Beginning

In a Washington Post column that ran hours before the handover, Prime Minister Ayad Allawi clearly

captured the vision for the nation's future when he wrote, "We want a free, democratic Iraq that will be

a source of peace and stability for the region and the whole world." Yet within that same breath of optimism, he also recognized the enormity of the task that lies ahead. "The challenges are great, and the stakes are

high, both for Iraq and the world. We must not underestimate the magnitude of the task that lies ahead. Despite the hardships, we Iraqis are determined to work together and assume responsibility for our country. ... With these efforts, God willing, Iraq will take its rightful place among the free and prosperous nations of the world."

To move forward with these goals the interim government has outlined the following goals:

1. Establish security
2. Address the dire economic situation
3. Develop a strong and independent judicial system
4. Accelerate the nation's

political process and march toward democracy

These four goals will not be met overnight and they won't occur without international support. U.S. troops will remain in Iraq in an effort to achieve the first goal and assure the remaining can take root. It is our hope that other nations who have stood on the sidelines will see the progress in Iraq and step up to the plate. We did receive welcome news that the North American Treaty Organization (NATO) has agreed to help train Iraq's security forces, but it is also time for NATO to send troops to support the

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Kay Bailey Hutchison
U.S. Senator

Today in History

(AP) — Today is Monday, July 5, the 187th day of 2004. There are 179 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On July 5, 1865, William Booth founded the Salvation Army in London.

On this date:

In 1801, American naval hero David G. Farragut was born in Knoxville, Tenn.

In 1811, Venezuela became the first South American country to declare independence from Spain.

In 1830, the French occupied the North African city of Algiers.

In 1940, during World War II, Britain and the Vichy government in France broke diplomatic relations.

In 1946, the bikini made its debut during an outdoor fashion show at the Molitor Pool in Paris.

In 1947, Larry Doby signed a contract with the Cleveland Indians, becoming the first black player in the American League.

In 1954, Elvis Presley's first commercial recording session took place at Sun Records in Memphis, Tenn.; the song he recorded was "That's All Right (Mama)."

In 1975, Arthur Ashe became the first black man to win a Wimbledon singles title as he defeated Jimmy Connors.

In 1984, the Supreme Court weakened the 70-year-old "exclusionary rule," deciding that evidence seized with defective court warrants could be used against defendants in criminal trials.

In 1991, a worldwide financial scandal erupted as regulators in eight countries shut down the Bank of Credit and Commerce International.

Ten years ago: In an attempt to halt a surge of Haitian refugees, the Clinton administration announced that it was refusing entry to new Haitian boat people. President Clinton set out on a four-nation European trip that included a Group of Seven summit in Naples, Italy.

Five years ago: President Clinton began a four-day, cross-country tour to promote a plan for drawing jobs and investment to areas that had not shared in the prosperity of the 1990's.

One year ago: A bomb blast in Ramadi killed seven Iraqi police recruits as they graduated from a U.S.-taught training course. Suicide bombers killed 14 victims at a Moscow rock festival. Serena Williams beat sister Venus 4-6, 6-4, 6-2 for her second straight Wimbledon title. Police in Namibia reported the recent death of N!xau, the diminutive bushman catapulted to international stardom in the film "The Gods Must Be Crazy" — he was thought to be about 59 years old.

Today's Birthdays: Actress Katherine Helmond is 70. Actress Shirley Knight is 68. Singer-musician Robbie Robertson is 61. Julie Nixon Eisenhower is 56. Rock star Huey Lewis is 54. Baseball pitcher Rich "Goose" Gossage is 53. Country musician Charles Ventre (River Road) is 52.



Someone should tell the President

Somebody ought to tell President George Bush something he obviously doesn't know. He keeps talking about wanting democracy in the Middle East and reform in general as an antidote to extremism.

What apparently his staff members have not told him, probably because they themselves don't know, is that most of the reformers in the Middle East in recent years have been Islamist, and sometimes the Islamic fundamentalists. It is they who have provided social services the government neglected to provide. It is they who

have often demanded democratic elections and honest government.

In Algeria, for example, an Islamist party was on the verge of sweeping the board in a free election. The Algerian army stepped in and stopped the election. Unfortunately, the United States backed the army rather than democracy and the Islamists. A bloody civil war was the result.

In Afghanistan, the

Taliban came to power as reformers, driving out the warlords, who were corrupt and brutal. We, of course,

have brought the warlords back to power, and Afghanistan is now once again one of the world's greatest sources for opium.

Islam is an interesting and lovely religion, as highly moral and peaceful as Christianity or any other. Americans should read some books about it, rather than

listening to ignorant demagogues or people with a secret agenda. "The Oxford History of Islam" is a good place to start.

Of course, Bush is preaching democracy because that's the platitude generated by the neoconservative, pro-Israeli ideologists who have dominated his administration. It's an excuse to avoid facing the truth, which is that our problem in the Middle East is our one-sided support for the terrible mistreatment of the Palestinians by the Israelis. That's it. It's

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Charley Reese
Columnist



Judge's actions to be commended

Houston Chronicle on judge's tactic to curb drunk driving:

The saying "a word to the wise is sufficient" rarely applies to people who habitually drive after drinking alcohol. State District Judge Mary Lou Keel deserves praise for trying to cut through the obstinacy of the inebriated who repeatedly take to the streets behind the wheel of a car, endangering the lives of everyone around them.

Last Friday (June 23), Keel summoned to her courtroom around two dozen men and women on probation for drunken driving. They were there to hear Keel

sentence Ramchoud Jagaroo. In a drunken stupor last September, Jagaroo rammed his BMW into a pickup truck, killing 35-year-old Gary Smith and paralyzing his teenage son, Kenneth.

Smith has been a quadriplegic since the collision and was seated a wheelchair in the courtroom. Because he was unable to raise his hand for the oath, a sheriff's deputy had to do it for him.

"If this case doesn't send the message to you that your behavior is completely out

of line, then nothing will," Keel admonished the probationers after sentencing Jagaroo to life in prison.

Keel is not the only Harris County judge who has probationers sit in on the trial of drunks who cause tragic wrecks. But criminals like Jagaroo — who had three previous convictions for driving while intoxicated and had been sentenced to jail time — make one wonder how effective such tactics are. If an alcoholic's addiction is so powerful that he cares little for his own

freedom, there's little likelihood that an alcoholic would stop driving under the influence to avoid maiming or killing others.

Revoking a convicted drunken driver's license might deter some, but not the willful flouters of the anti-DWI laws. Drunken driving charges are a dime a dozen in Harris County and comprise large portions of the dockets of county criminal court-at-law judges.

This state of affairs persists despite the hard-line and creative tactics of some judges: publicly humiliating DWI offenders, installing

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Store renovations

Gary Tuttle of Deaver Construction works on the new Texas Furniture store which will open soon on North Hobart Street.

Arizona fire threatens international observatory, moves closer to homes

SAFFORD, Ariz. (AP) — Two wildfires burning in the southeast part of the state moved closer to cabins and continued to threaten an observatory that houses the \$120 million Large Binocular Telescope, one of the world's most powerful optical instruments. One of the fires on mountainous terrain grew to 6,179 acres Sunday and had burned to within less than a mile southeast of the \$200 million-plus Mount Graham International Observatory. "It's threatened, but I think it's defendable," said Duane Archuleta, an operations chief for the fire management team. "It's going to take some work of course." That lightning-started wildfire and a nearby 6,130-acre blaze prompted the

evacuation of the observatory and 85 cabins on the mountain Friday. The observatory has a 200-foot defensible space designed to help crews protect the property. By Sunday, the flames were about three miles away from the communities of Turkey Flat and Columbine and state officials issued a health advisory warning residents of nearby towns about the smoke. No structures were threatened, said Jennifer Plyler, a fire spokeswoman. "They have some time," she said. "It's not bumping up against structures like the observatory." About 1,000 firefighters aided by 10 helicopters, 12 bulldozers and two C-130 military air tankers were fighting the fire. No serious

injuries were reported but one firefighter was hospitalized for treatment of heat exhaustion. The fires were a few miles apart and were expected to join in the next couple of days, said Paul Summerfelt, a deputy incident commander. Plyler said fire management teams hoped to have the fires fully contained by July 27, and were aiming at keeping them from growing beyond a combined 50,000 acres. Elsewhere in Arizona, the threat posed to the city of Payson by a 79,500-acre wildfire was lessened after crews strengthened protection lines near the forest community, officials said Sunday. The fire, which started June 24, was 10 percent contained.

A firebreak on the Willow fire's northeastern flank was built about two miles from Payson, a city of about 14,000 people some 70 miles northeast of Phoenix.

- **Clarendon College will offer its Test of Essential Academic Skills** for its vocational nursing program on Wednesday, July 7 in the Vocational Nursing Program classroom, 313 S. Kearney. The test will cost \$40. A passing grade is mandatory for admission into the one-year program. Individuals may only take the test twice. Additional test dates are set July 13 and Aug. 23. To register or for more information, call 874-3571.
- **The postmark deadline for entries in the International Library of Photography's free "International Open Amateur Photography Contest" is July 31.** To enter, send one color or one black-and-white photo (unmounted), 8" x 10" or smaller, to: The International Library of Photography, Suite 101-2619, 3600 Crondall Lane, Owings Mills, MD 21117. Categories are People, Travel, Pets, Children, Sports, Nature, Action, Humor, Portraiture or Other. For more information, visit www.picture.com on the World Wide Web.
- **USS Long Beach CGN-9 Association, Inc., is planning a reunion** Sept. 13-19 at Hilton San Antonio Airport, 611 NW Loop 410, San Antonio. For more information, contact Don Shade, 299 Kiantone Rd., Jamestown, NY 14701-9370, 1-866-352-2469, LBCGN9@aol.com or www.uslongbeach-assoc.org.
- **The USS Sperry (AS-12) Association is seeking former shipmates for a reunion celebration** Sept. 30-Oct. 2 in Baltimore, Md. For more information, call (281) 534-2459; write, Arnold Ross, V-Pres, 2916 Colonial Dr., Dickinson, TX 77539; or e-mail ARoss14573@aol.com.
- **The OS Ranch Steer Roping and Art Exhibit Reunion is planned for the first week in October** at Post. A traditional Friday Night Party will kick-off the weekend at the OS Ranch House, 14-miles southeast of Post.
- **Working Ranch Cowboys Association Ninth World Championship Ranch Rodeo** will be staged Nov. 11-14 in Amarillo. Cowboys from working ranches across the Northern Hemisphere will compete for the title of "Best in the World."
- **Gray County Chapter of Active Citizens Concerned Over Resource Development in Agriculture, Inc. (ACCORD INC.)**, meet the first and third Thursday of each month, 7 p.m., at the Lovett Memorial Library. For information, call 665-8516 or 665-7659.

Iraq

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critical mission of stopping the terrorists.

It is clear that we have more work to do, most notably to stamp out the

treacherous attacks against innocent Iraqis and U.S. soldiers. But, with this important transfer of power, we are closer to establishing a fully democratic Iraq and sending an unequivocal message to the terrorists that their tactics will fail and their time is up.

Islam

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not the conditions in the Arab world. It's not the Islamic fundamentalists. It's our own policy, stupid. How can we legitimately put pressure on Iran about its nuclear program while we remain dead silent about the nuclear arsenal Israel has already built? All of the Arab countries and Iran have repeatedly called for a nuclear-free Middle East, but we won't back it, because we won't confront Israel about its weapons of mass destruction. How can we talk about obeying United Nations resolutions when Israel is in defiance of more than 60 of

them? How can we talk about the rule of law when Israel's occupation and illegal settlements are a violation of international law? How can we talk about respect for human rights while staying silent about the abuses of Palestinian human rights? It would serve George Bush right if there really were free elections in the Middle East. After that, we wouldn't have one single friend in the region -- for our only friends are these very authoritarian and undemocratic rulers he seems to stupidly want to depose. As for Wahhabis in Saudi Arabia whom some people are trying to blame for terrorism, that's pure bunk. The Wahhabi movement was founded by Muhammad ibn Abd al-Wahhabi, who lived

in the 1700s. It is to Islam what the Puritans were to Christianity. Wahhabis believe in literalism (as do Southern Baptists), strict observance of Muslim rituals and the condemnation of the cult of the saints. It has always been the religion of Saudi Arabia, and we have had good relations with that country since World War II, based on its oil and our greed for it. In all those decades, the Wahhabis never gave us any trouble. Why should they now? I submit to you they haven't. Don't confuse Islamic fundamentalism with terrorism, as the pro-Israel crowd wants you to do. And don't commit the racist fallacy of concluding that a particular few terrorists represent the whole of Muslims.

Tactic

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Breathalyzer locks to ignition switches, throwing first-timers in jail and forcing others into alcohol treatment. It persists in spite of tough laws passed in the 2003 Texas Legislature, such as requiring more alcohol testing in traffic fatalities

and upgraded penalties for driving drunk with a child passenger. Judges, police officers and organizations like Mothers Against Drunk Driving are fighting an uphill battle against alcohol addiction in chronic drunken drivers and persistent misperceptions about drinking and driving, such as that some people can "handle" their liquor better than others.

Driving a vehicle under the influence impairs judgment and reflexes and can be as dangerous as firing a loaded weapon into a crowd. If more people viewed it in that light, there might be less inclination to excuse habitual drunken drivers and fewer families devastated by the death or permanent injury of loved ones in drunken driving collisions.

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THE PAMPA NEWS COMICS

Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: My boyfriend, "Dick," moved in with me, into a home I have owned for 13 years. A year later, he accepted a job in a city two hours away. (There were no jobs in this area.) Dick lives in an apartment there during the week. We were later married.

The other day we went shopping, and I bought a decorator accessory for the house. Dick didn't like the color and became very angry at me.

The house is in my name only. Dick does not contribute to the house or its upkeep. He uses all the supplies in the house and never offers to pay for expenses. He gives me a check every month for less than half the utilities. Meanwhile, he earns a good salary and contributes to a 401(k).

Abby, Dick doesn't live here most of the week, despite my urging him to find a job that's closer. I am paying for most of the expenses for the house even though I'm battling cancer. I feel he has no right to complain. Which one of us is right?

— FRUSTRATED DECORATOR

DEAR FRUSTRATED: Your marital problems go far beyond a disagreement about a decorator item. It appears your husband is not fully committed to the marriage, as demonstrated by his failure to support you financially or emotionally during your illness. It's time to reach a meeting of the minds and hearts about his job, your finances and your future together. A giant step in the right direction would be to consult a marriage counselor. Your physician can refer you to one. If your husband refuses to go, go without him.

DEAR ABBY: I am a 35-year-old wife, mother of two small children and caregiver to my mother. My husband has asked me to consider relocating to a distant state so he can advance in his career. I have no problem with it. I know I can start a life there, and I believe in supporting my husband.

The problem is Mom. She's confined to oxygen and is unable to enjoy the life she once knew. Nobody visits her. She just sits in her room, claiming to be too sick to do anything. When I told her we'd had a discussion about moving, Mom became extremely upset. I told her we love her, that she's a valued member of our family, and we would want her to come with us.

Mom says it's wrong of me to even ask such a thing of her. She says she's so hurt she feels like she has been kicked in the stomach. I should add she has panic attacks due to traveling. I have talked to her about everything we will do to ensure her safety and comfort. My husband is growing resentful of her. I have begged her to be open-minded, but she's very negative. What should I do? — DUTIFUL DAUGHTER

DEAR DAUGHTER: Get your mother's doctor involved. She needs counseling, and possibly medication for depression and her panic attacks. While you're talking to the doctor, inquire about what arrangements can be made if your mother chooses to remain where she is.

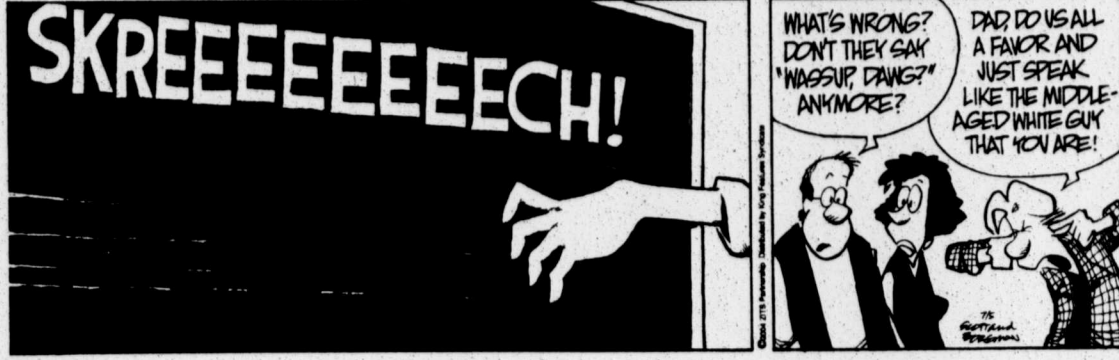
Since you have already invited your mother to go with you, the choice where she wants to live is now hers. She could live for years — and her health should not determine your husband's career choices.

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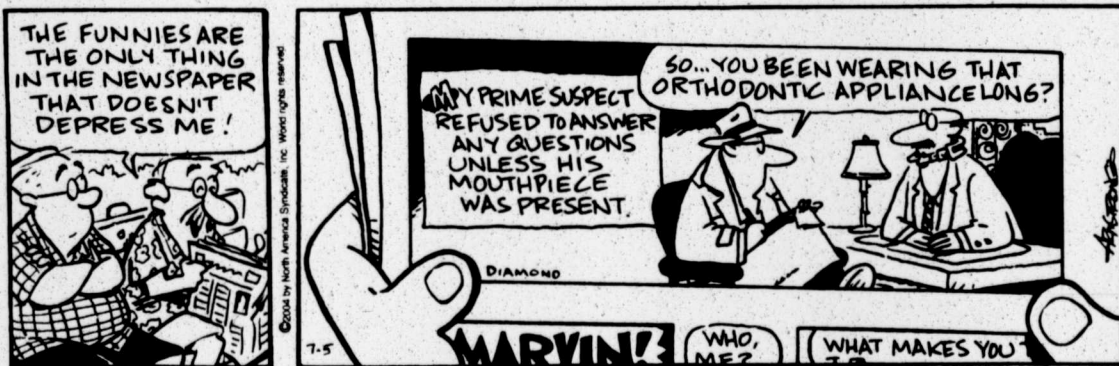
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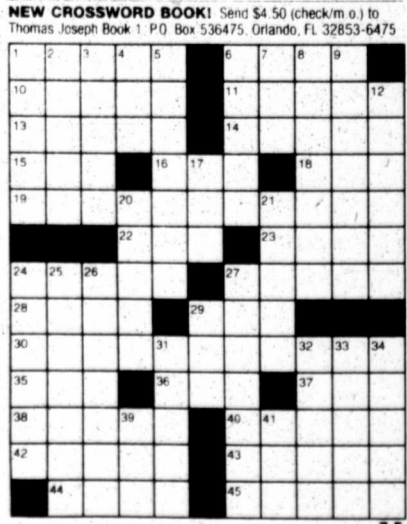


Crossword Puzzle

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By THOMAS JOSEPH

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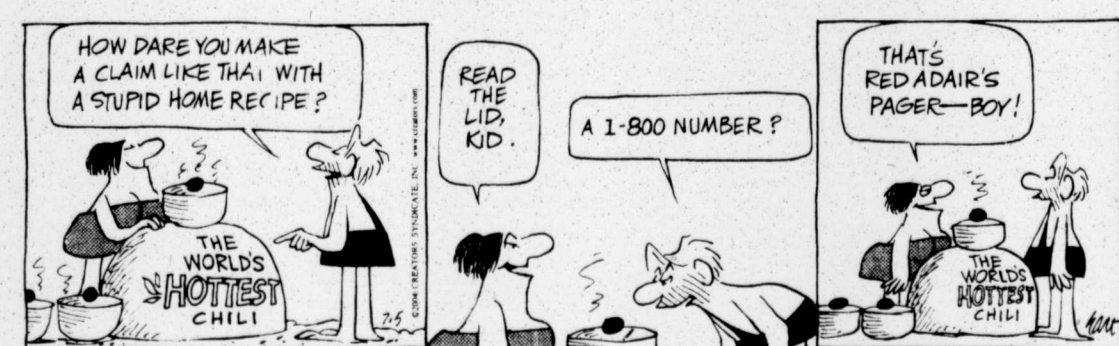
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Sports Day

GAWKING AT GLUTTONY

Competitive eating should not be treated as a sport, ESPN

As a kid, it seemed I was always either the biggest or the better of those available to be chosen for what ever game was on tap that day. Unless I was captain and doing the choosing.

And no matter how good we all were, it was almost a must that once you were chosen, you had to decide what great sports star you were going to be for that game. If it were football, I would choose to be Billy 'White Shoes' Johnson or Dan Pastorini. If baseball were the sport, I was Rich 'Goose' Gossage (a given as he was from my home town). Basketball, I was Dan Issel. Odd choices to some, but to a budding sports star, they were among

many I admired at the time.

As I watched television this past Sunday, I tuned into an event that caused me to wonder who might be looking in and hoping to be like one of the participants taking the stage? They had names like Eric "Badlands" Booker, Crazy Legs Conti, "Hungry" Charles Hardy, Rich "The Locust" LeFevre and others. Then there was the one they called "Tsunami", Takeru Kobayashi.

They ranged in size from 5'5", 100lbs to 6'5", 395 lbs. They were competitive eaters.

I have heard of this contest before. It's an annual event that takes place at high noon every fourth of July at

Nathan's in New York. But what really bothered me was that ESPN dedicated a full hour of programming not to mention pre-event preparation, time and talent to this contest. But why? This had nothing to do with sports. Certainly there must have been something somewhere more worthy of the network's time and effort.

Is competitive eating really a sport? No. This side show is better suited to be seen at any of the freak show venues located all along Coney Island. Are the

competitors really athletes? Not at all. Their only accomplishments are that they have eaten more of something faster than those masticators unable to keep up with them.



Michael J. Stevens
Sports Editor

Marcus Steinhoff for example was the 2002 Pig Leg Eating Champion of Germany proudly polishing off 7 pig legs in 15 minutes. Don "Moses" Lerman is the 2002 jalapeno eating champion with 120 jalapenos in 15 minutes. Rich "The Locust" LeFevre is the World Chili Eating Champion, 1 1/2 gallons in 10 minutes. And the

list goes on.

One should desire to be on the front of a Wheaties box, not to see how many they can devour in one sitting.

Say, isn't gluttony a sin? What's more is these people and this event has a sanctioning body called the International Federation of Competitive Eating.

Sure, this thing was oddly interesting. Even as a few of the contestants did what they could to choke back the return on their colossal consumption. Still it is not a sport. You would think a network currently tooting its horn for having been around for 25 years would know this. Twenty five years? I have ties older than that.

ESPN, please leave the tomfoolery of Nathan's Famous Hot Dog eating contest to The Comedy Channel or Nickelodeon. If you needed something to fill that hour with, we've got some kids here in the panhandle of Texas playing some pretty good baseball in a league named after a man deserving of such an honor, Cal Ripken. And I bet if you were to these kids who their favorite athlete is, I seriously doubt you would hear the any of the names of those who bellied up to the wienerfest this past Sunday. I cannot imagine anyone looking on and saying, "I hope to be like El Wingador some day."

Bonds walks into record book

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

After yet another exasperating walk, Barry Bonds became a reluctant major league record holder.

Bonds surpassed Rickey Henderson as the career walks leader in the San Francisco Giants' 9-6 loss to the visiting Oakland Athletics on Sunday.

"I don't know how to react to a walks record," Bonds said. "It's just another one. I'd rather hit, but the circumstances — it's just what it is. I need a ring with all these other records."

The most feared hitter in baseball walked in the sixth to tie Henderson, then eclipsed him in the eighth when he drew four straight balls from Chad Bradford after falling behind 0-2.

Bonds ambled down to first base for the 2,191st time and picked up the bag to commemorate the moment.

"That's incredible," Hall of Famer Orlando Cepeda said. "Barry's a cleanup hitter. Henderson was a lead-off hitter who's supposed to walk."

Bonds has been drawing walks at a remarkable rate in recent years

because few teams are willing to challenge him. He already has 121 walks in the Giants' first 82 games — including 63 intentional passes — and is on pace to shatter his single-season record of

'I'd rather hit, but the circumstances — it's just what it is. I need a ring with all these other records.'

— Barry Bonds
San Francisco Giants

198 set in 2002.

In other interleague games, it was: Atlanta 10, Boston 4; New York Mets 6, Yankees 5; Cincinnati 5, Cleveland 4, 11 innings; Montreal 6, Toronto 4; Philadelphia 5, Baltimore 2; Texas 18, Houston 3; St. Louis 2, Seattle 1; Colorado 10, Detroit 8; Florida 4, Tampa Bay 3; San Diego 7, Kansas

City 1; Arizona 6, Minnesota 2; Chicago Cubs 2, White Sox 1; and Los Angeles 6, Anaheim 2.

In the only NL game, Pittsburgh beat Milwaukee 6-2.

The oft-used strategy of walking Bonds paid off for Oakland as Eric Byrnes hit a pair of three-run homers for a career-high six RBIs and Mark Mulder won his career-best ninth straight decision.

Mulder (11-2) allowed three runs in seven innings, hitting fellow All-Star Bonds with a pitch on the right hand in the second.

"I'm not trying to hit him there," Mulder said. "He's right on the plate and I'm just trying to come inside."

San Francisco reliever Tyler Walker was ejected in the sixth for hitting Mulder with a pitch on his right side.

Then Felix Rodriguez was ejected in the eighth for hitting Byrnes, and manager Felipe Alou was also thrown out for arguing.

Jerome Williams (7-6) lasted just four inning and gave up four runs and seven hits.

Federer wins second straight Wimbledon

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WIMBLEDON, England (AP) — Roger Federer is living up to his reputation as the best tennis player of his generation.

With two straight Wimbledon titles, 24 consecutive grass-court victories and a 3-0 record in Grand Slam finals, the 22-year-old Swiss star is the most dominant player since Pete Sampras.

Just listen to Andy Roddick, the heavy-hitting American who lost to Federer in four sets Sunday in the Wimbledon final.

"He definitely has an aura about him, there's no doubt," Roddick said. "He's an unbelievable tennis player, and people know that."

Federer withstood Roddick's 140-mph serves and go-for-broke forehands, winning 4-6, 7-5, 7-6 (3), 6-4, to become the first men's champion to successfully defend the title since Sampras won his seventh and final championship in 2000.

Federer's grass-court winning streak is second only to the 41 consecutive matches won by five-time Wimbledon champ Bjorn Borg. And Federer, who won the Australian Open in February, is the fourth man to win his first three Slam finals since the Open era began in 1968.

Borg, Jimmy Connors and Stefan Edberg all lost in their fourth major final.

"I kind of like it — the 100 percent record in the finals of Grand Slams," he said. "These are the ones that really, really count. Grand Slam titles put you just a step higher."

After being labeled early on as someone unable to win the big ones, Federer has won his last eight tour finals overall.

"I've always told myself that if I get to finals, I just don't want to lose them," he said. "For me, winners stay and losers go. I don't want to be one of them who goes."

While Federer cemented his place at the top of the men's game, there was a dramatic change in the women's hierarchy when 17-year-old Maria Sharapova beat two-time defending champion Serena Williams 6-1, 6-4 Saturday for her first major title.

"I'd like to win all of them. I'd like to win all the Grand Slams," the Russian said. "I mean, Wimbledon is my favorite, really, and I'd love to win it many more times, of course. But I'd also like to win all the other Grand Slams."

Why not? Sharapova, the third-youngest Wimbledon champion in history, certainly has the game and the maturity to be a lasting superstar.

A future of many more Slams seems likely for Federer,

the first man since Andre Agassi in 1999 to win two majors in a year. He has the versatility, power, touch, shotmaking and unflappable demeanor to dominate for years to come.

For now, he's savoring the moment. When his 12th and final 124-mph ace flew past Roddick on match point, Federer dropped to his knees at the baseline and arched all the way onto his back. He was in tears as he sat on his court-side chair.

"Somehow I feel even more joy this year because I had so much pressure going into this tournament. Now to see my name on the board twice in a row, I get more joy out of this."

If Federer and the 21-year-old Roddick are a cut above the rest, it's clear who has the upper hand between the top duo: The Swiss star is 6-1 against the American.

"Roger just played too good today. I threw the kitchen sink at him, but he went to the bathroom and got a tub," Roddick said. "I'm going to have to start winning some of them to call it a rivalry."

Roddick's game plan was to try to muscle Federer off the court. It worked in the first set when he smacked huge serves and threw his whole body into searing forehands that kept Federer on his heels.

"I wanted to take it to him," Roddick said. "I didn't want him to control anything out there. I wanted to play the match on my terms."

But Federer clawed his way back in the second set, going up 4-0, losing four straight games, then breaking in the 12th game to even the match. The momentum changed for

good after a rain interruption in the third set. With Roddick up a break at 4-2, Federer used more serve-and-volley tactics and won the set by playing a brilliant tiebreaker. In the fourth set, he saved six break points, then broke a demoralized Roddick at love in the seventh game to take the lead for good.

Roddick, the U.S. Open champion, saw the positive side. "I proved that Roger is not quite invincible," he said. "He's pretty close, but I proved a lot to myself today. I thought I took it to him. I played the game the way I wanted to play it. I just came up short. It was a couple of points here and there."

"Losses like this just inspire me more. I just want to keep getting better and better. I feel like I'm on the right track. All is not lost because I lost today. I still had a hell of a run."

Where would Roddick like to play Federer next? In the U.S. Open final, naturally.

"Flushing Meadows — obviously I'd have 25,000 of my closest friends, so that wouldn't be terrible," he said.

Armstrong plays it safe

CHARLEROI, Belgium (AP) — Lance Armstrong took a cautious approach in the first stage of the Tour de France, meticulously avoiding a series of crashes in windy and rainy conditions.

Armstrong is pacing himself in the grueling three-week race, content to allow speedsters such as winner Jan Kirsipuu to slug it out for early glory.

The five-time champion will wait for the mountains and time trials to make his move.

While the 34-year-old Kirsipuu won the first stage Sunday, Armstrong and 176 others clocked the same time of 4 hours, 40 minutes, 29

seconds slower.

Armstrong took no chances, and wore a wind-breaker against the rain for part of the 125 1/2-mile stage from Liege, also in Belgium.

The 32-year-old Texan is third overall behind Fabian Cancellara. The 23-year-old Swiss rider won the time trial prologue Saturday in the third-fastest speed in the history of that event.

Armstrong was second, two

'He always dislikes the first couple of days'

— Jogi Mueller
Lance Armstrong
spokesperson

Sunday's stage started with a series of moderate hill climbs but leveled out toward the end, allowing the speeding pack to swallow up a pair of riders who tried to make a late break-away.

Bonus time awards granted to Hushovd for his sprinting allowed him to take second place in the overall standings, four seconds behind Armstrong.

Several crashes marred the race. Those who fell but rejoined the racing included Mario Cipollini, making his Tour comeback after four years away, Spain's Oscar Sevilla and French rider Guillaume Auger. Sevilla needed a new bike.

Monday's stage is a 122-mile ride from Charleroi to Namur, Belgium, that should again favor sprinters.

Kirsipuu, an Estonian who won his fourth stage ever and first in two years, powered to the finish ahead of fellow sprinters Robbie McEwen of Australia and Norway's Thor Hushovd.

The stage gave Armstrong and others a chance to shake off first-day jitters and test the field.

"He always dislikes the first couple of days," said Jogi Mueller, spokesman for Armstrong's U.S. Postal Service team.

Mueller said the strategy for the first week is to stay near the front of the pack to avoid crashes and keep a close eye on breakaway riders.

Armstrong rival Tyler Hamilton, who rode most of last year's race with a double-fractured collarbone, had a small crash that left him with "a little boo-boo," but he easily rejoined

Tour de France stages-winners

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- July 3 — Prologue, Liege, Belgium to Liege, individual time trial, 3.73 miles (Fabian Cancellara, Switzerland; Cancellara).
- July 4 — Stage 1, Liege, Belgium to Charleroi, Belgium, 125.5 (Jan Kirsipuu, Estonia; Cancellara)
- July 5 — Stage 2, Charleroi, Belgium to Namur, Belgium, 121.17
- July 6 — Stage 3, Waterloo, Belgium to Wasquehal, France, 121.17
- July 7 — Stage 4, Cambrai to Arras, team time trial, 40.39
- July 8 — Stage 5, Amiens to Chartres, 121.17
- July 9 — Stage 6, Bonneval to Angers, 118.07
- July 10 — Stage 7, Chateaubriant to Saint-Brieuc, 129.25
- July 11 — Stage 8, Lamballe to Quimper, 106.88
- July 12 — Rest day in Limoges
- July 13 — Stage 9, Saint-Leonard-de-Noblat to Gueret, 99.42
- July 14 — Stage 10, Limoges to Saint-Flour, 147.27
- July 15 — Stage 11, Saint-Flour to Figeac, 101.91
- July 16 — Stage 12, Castelsarrasin to La Mongie, 123.66
- July 17 — Stage 13, Lannemezan to Plateau de Beille, 134.84
- July 18 — Stage 14, Carcassonne to Nimes, 124.28
- July 19 — Rest day in Nimes
- July 20 — Stage 15, Valreas to Villard-de-Lans, 111.23
- July 21 — Stage 16, Bourg-d'Oisans to L'Alpe d'Huez, individual time trial, 9.32
- July 22 — Stage 17, Bourg-d'Oisans to Le Grand Bornand, 131.74
- July 23 — Stage 18, Annemasse to Lons-le-Saunier, 103.15
- July 24 — Stage 19, Besancon to Besancon, individual time trial, 33.56
- July 25 — Stage 20, Montereau to Paris, Champs-Elysees, 102.53

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All Stars come from behind

By JOHN W. WARNER
For The NEWS

Call them the comeback kids. Call them the cardiac kids. Call them the incredible kids. But call them kids with great heart. The Pampa Optimist 11-12 Cal Ripken All Star team came back from a 6-0 deficit to defeat the North Randall County 11 year old team 9-8 in Hereford Friday to win the District I Cal Ripken Tournament.

"Boy, when Pampa rallies, they really rally!" exclaimed a stunned NRC player as he left the ball park. North Randall had defeated Canyon 9-0 and Deaf Smith County 14-4 to win the right to play Pampa for the district championship. Pampa was victorious over Canyon 5-1 and over Deaf Smith County 5-4 to set up the contest.

North Randall parlayed two walks and four hits into three runs in the bottom of the first inning. Two big defensive plays got Pampa out of the jam. With runners on first and third, the runner on first headed toward second. Braden Hunt cut off the throw toward second and trapped the runner from third before throwing him out at home. Three batters later Corbin Clifton scooped up a hot ground ball at third and tagged the bag for the final out of the inning.

Three hits and an error led to three more North Randall runs in the second inning as the Pampa team fell behind 6-0 after two innings.

Alex Clendening started a Pampa rally in the third inning with a walk. He went to third base on a double by Anthony Allen and stole home for Pampa's first run. Allen tallied on a double by Hunt. Mitchell Killgo made it three doubles in a row to bring in Hunt. Tyler Malone was safe on an error sending Killgo to third. Malone stole second. Killgo scored and Malone took third on a passed ball. Malone scored Pampa's fifth run on a ground out by Clifton.

North Randall went out in order in the bottom of the third. Pampa went back to work in the fourth and took the lead. Tye Powell walked. Zach Doan was inserted into the game

to run for Powell. Allen and Hunt walked to load the bases. Killgo slammed a ground rule double to right field to score Doan and Allen. Hunt came home with Pampa's third run of the inning on a bad hop single to right field by Kade Wilson. Pampa led 8-6.

Powell walked with one out in Pampa's half of the fifth inning. A double by Clendening sent Powell to third. Allen walked to load the bases. Hunt delivered a single to center to bring in Powell and give Pampa a 9-8 lead.

In the bottom of the fifth, Hunt relieved Allen, who had relieved Malone in the second inning. Hunt allowed one walk in the fifth and a single in the sixth to nail down the win for Pampa. He struck out four and allowed no runs. Allen was the winning pitcher with Hunt picking up the save. Allen allowed four earned runs and five hits. He struck out two and did not walk a batter in the three innings he pitched. Malone was touched for three runs on four hits. He walked two in an inning pitched.

Clifton made two outstanding defensive plays at third to prevent runs from scoring. Zach Shaw collected a fly ball in left field for another defensive gem for Pampa. Killgo played the entire game as catcher without a passed ball as Pampa again used a tight defense to keep runs off the board for tournament opponents.

Hunt was the leading hitter for Pampa going three for three with a walk. He had a double, two runs scored and two RBI. Killgo doubled twice for Pampa, scored once and had three RBI.

The Pampa team has made it a specialty in coming back in the late innings to win in this tournament. Against Deaf Smith County, Pampa was down to its last out in the top of the sixth inning when Powell singled in two runs for a 5-4 Pampa win.

Pampa will host other district winners in Pampa in the West Texas 11-12 Cal Ripken State Tournament beginning Saturday.

The Pampa Optimist Youth Club is a Pampa United Way agency.

'Boy, when Pampa rallies, they really rally!'

—NRC Player

Today's Major League Leaders

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Atlanta, 25; Helton, Colorado, 25.

TRIPLES—JWilson, Pittsburgh, 7; Pierre, Florida, 6; DRoberts, Los Angeles, 6; Hairston, Arizona, 5; Freel, Cincinnati, 5; JDrew, Atlanta, 5; BGiles, San Diego, 5; LGonzalez, Arizona, 5.

HOME RUNS—Thome, Philadelphia, 27; Dunn, Cincinnati, 24; Bonds, San Francisco, 22; Pujols, St. Louis, 21; Beltre, Los Angeles, 21; Cabrera, Florida, 20; 5 are tied with 19.

STOLEN BASES—Podsednik, Milwaukee, 32; DRoberts, Los Angeles, 25; Pierre, Florida, 18; BABreu, Philadelphia, 17; Freel, Cincinnati, 14; Rollins, Philadelphia, 14; Womack, St. Louis, 14.

PITCHING (9 Decisions)—Milton, Philadelphia, 11-2, .846, 4.48; Schmidt, San Francisco, 10-2, .833, 2.61; Clemens, Houston, 10-2, .833, 2.63.

STRIKEOUTS—Johnson, Arizona, 139; OIPerez, Pittsburgh, 113; BSheets, Milwaukee, 113; Schmidt, San Francisco, 112; Clement, Chicago, 108; Clemens, Houston, 10

NATIONAL LEAGUE BATTING—Casey, Cincinnati, .352; Helton, Colorado, .352; Bonds, San Francisco, .352; Rolen, St. Louis, .344; Overbay, Milwaukee, .343; JWilson, Pittsburgh, .339; JEstrada, Atlanta, .328.

RUNS—Pujols, St. Louis, 70; BABreu, Philadelphia, 66; Bonds, San Francisco, 64; Helton, Colorado, 61; JDrew, Atlanta, 60; ARamirez, Chicago, 60; Clayton, Colorado, 60.

RBI—Rolen, St. Louis, 78; Castilla, Colorado, 69; Overbay, Milwaukee, 61; Berkman, Houston, 59; Burrell, Philadelphia, 58; Thome, Philadelphia, 58; Pujols, St. Louis, 57.

HITS—JWilson, Pittsburgh, 113; Overbay, Milwaukee, 103; Loretta, San Diego, 103; Casey, Cincinnati, 101; Pierre, Florida, 100; ARamirez, Chicago, 100; Biggio, Houston, 100.

DOUBLES—Overbay, Milwaukee, 35; DeLee, Chicago, 28; Castilla, Colorado, 27; Casey, Cincinnati, 26; Loretta, San Diego, 26; Biggio, Houston, 26; JEstrada,

MLB All Star player voting

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To Be Held: Tuesday, July 13
At Minute Maid Park
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American League

- Final**
First Base
1. x-David Ortiz, Red Sox, 480.
2. Ken Harvey, Royals, 189.
- Second Base**
1. y-Alfonso Soriano, Rangers, 572.
2. Ronnie Belliard, Indians, 202.
- Third Base**
1. x-Hank Blalock, Rangers, 390.
2. y-Alex Rodriguez, Yankees, 357.
- Shortstop**
1. x-Michael Young, Rangers, 475.
2. Miguel Tejada, Orioles, 256.
- Catcher**
1. y-Ivan Rodriguez, Tigers, 529.
2. x-Victor Martinez, Indians, 253.
- Outfield**
1. y-Vladimir Guerrero, Angels, 693.
2. y-Manny Ramirez, Red Sox, 598.
3. y-Ichiro Suzuki, Mariners, 396.
4. z-Carlos Beltran, 210.
5. x-Matt Lawton, Indians, 166.
6. x-Carl Crawford, Devil Rays 147.
7. xx-Gary Sheffield, Yankees, 144.
- Starting Pitcher**
1. x-Mark Mulder, Athletics, 289.
2. x-Curt Schilling, Red Sox, 243.
3. x-Tim Hudson, Athletics, 193.
4. x-C.C. Sabathia, Indians, 181.
5. x-Kenny Rogers, Rangers, 181.
- Relief Pitcher**
1. x-Mariano Rivera, Yankees, 291.
2. x-Francisco Rodriguez, Angels, 147.
3. x-Francisco Cordero, Rangers, 136.

National League

- Final**
First Base
1. x-Sean Casey, Reds, 354.
2. x-Jim Thome, Phillies, 283.

Second Base

1. y-Jeff Kent, Astros, 398.
2. Mark Loretta, Padres, 284.

Third Base

1. y-Scott Rolen, Cardinals, 593.
2. x-Mike Lowell, Marlins, 157.

Shortstop

1. x-Jack Wilson, Pirates, 395.
2. y-Edgar Renteria, Cardinals, 225.

Catcher

1. x-Johnny Estrada, Braves, 273.
2. Paul Lo Duca, Dodgers, 230. **Outfield**
1. y-Barry Bonds, Giants, 548.
2. x-Lance Berkman, Astros, 359.
3. y-Ken Griffey Jr., Reds 347.
4. x-Moises Alou, Cubs, 314.
5. x-Miguel Cabrera, Marlins, 201.

Starting Pitcher

1. x-Roger Clemens, Astros, 346.
2. x-Jason Schmidt, Giants, 299.
3. x-Randy Johnson, Diamondbacks, 245.
4. x-Carlos Zambrano, Cubs, 166.
5. x-Tom Glavine, Mets, 138. **Relief Pitcher**
1. x-Eric Gagne, Dodgers, 303.
2. x-Danny Graves, Reds, 197.
3. x-Armando Benitez, Marlins, 177.

Note

x-Made AL All-Star roster via the Player Ballot
y-Player who won fan balloting.
z-The trade involving Beltran occurred after the Player Balloting had commenced and therefore he appeared on the American League Player Ballot and not the National League Player Ballot. Major League Baseball recognizes Beltran as an All-Star and he can participate in All-Star activities but he cannot be named to the National League All-Star Team based on the results of the American League Player Ballot.
xx-Named to the AL All-Star roster because he received more first place points than Guillen.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Tuesday, July 6, 2004:

Understand that you do not have all the answers. Try to pull away from situations that trigger you. Get a perspective by distancing yourself and deciding not to react right away. Try to understand what might be going on with others. Walk in their shoes. You might travel, become involved with a foreigner or take a seminar that opens your eyes. Insights come suddenly, but help you enormously. You decide to make your home a nicer place, either through painting or remodeling. Some might decide to move. If you are single, your serious attitude might put others off. Learn to express your buoyant personality, and you will be surrounded by many. A relationship could drop in your lap any day now if you make yourself available. If you are attached, the two of you need more time alone together at home, or need to vanish for special weekends together. PISCES always opens your mind and thinking. 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)

★★ The less said, the better. Extremes motivate you, but your best action is no action. Do research and search your feelings if need be. What you might gain through reflection could cause you to veer in another direction. Tonight: Read a book. Relax to a movie. Play it easy.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★★ Someone has strong feelings about you. Be sensitive to this person and don't lead him or her down a path where he or she might be very unhappy. Head for exactly what you want. Success becomes your middle name.

Tonight: Where your friends are.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★★ Take your bows. A boss or associate cannot praise you enough. Your hard work pays off in a big way. Laugh and enjoy yourself to the max. Be delighted by all the approval. Use good sense with finances. Tonight: Out late.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★ You could make a wish or vision a reality. Back off and get a new perspective with others. You also might want to gain a perspective on a close friend. Yes, play amateur psychologist. Understand rather than judge. Tonight: Flip through some travel brochures.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★ Someone cannot do enough for you. Think about what you need to do in order to make a situation work. Others willingly help, even if it means getting a loan or changing some insurance plan. Check in with an accountant. Tonight: Don't make a decision on your own.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★ Others seek you out. You might enjoy being with others too much to get any heavy work done. A public appearance can only bring forth more of what you want. Know that others envy your persona and presentation. Tonight: Say "yes."

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★ Others push you hard to get a job or project done. What is true is how much you can accomplish with perspective and a willingness to revamp your approach. Realize that an expert, especially one in efficiency, might fit the bill. Tonight: If you must, bring extra work home.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★ Your imagination is a source that you often tap into. Why not do it

one more time? In fact, a partner appreciates the extra touch that you add. Someone might be holding back some facts. Loosen up this person. Tonight: A meeting or get-together could be right up your alley.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★★ Someone might be making a play for you, wanting your attention. Enjoy the flirtation, or work with this person's good will if he or she is a co-worker. You might have difficulty with funds someone owes you. Tonight: Happy at home.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★ Your abilities save the day. You also express an unusual perspective and gentleness with someone you care about, possibly at work. Take an overview if possible. You learn a lot about those around you. Tonight: Out and about.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★ Deal with finances by refusing to take a risk or go overboard treating another. How you see a changing situation at work might depress you. Stay on top of work. Tap into your creativity and think about ways to enhance your funds so that they go further. Tonight: Go over your budget.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★ Your personality magnetizes others, especially someone who makes a difference in your life. Others appreciate your friendship, even if you work with them. Don't be hard on a kid or new friend. Tonight: You're top dog.

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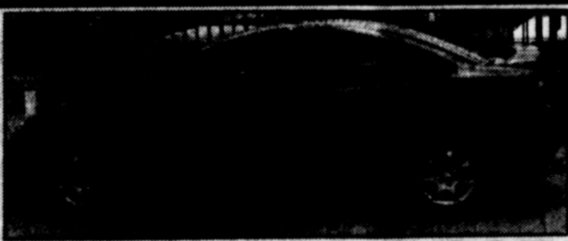






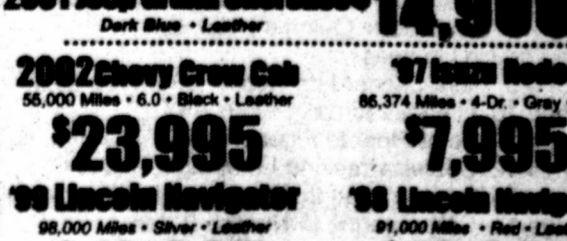
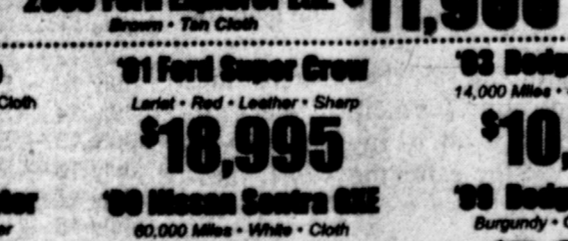
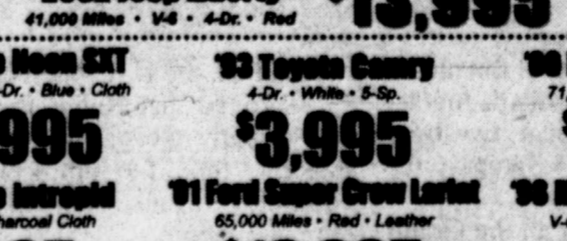
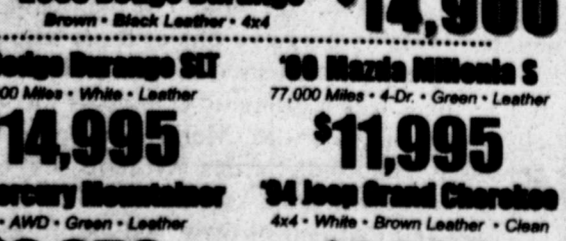

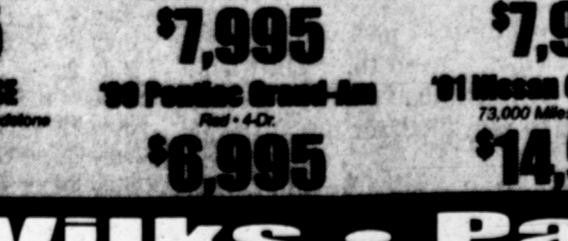
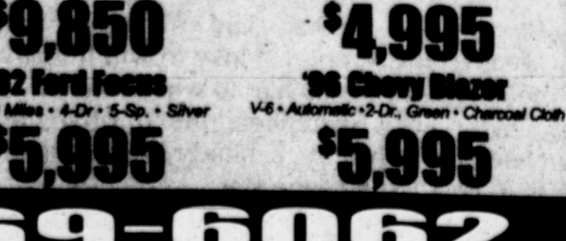








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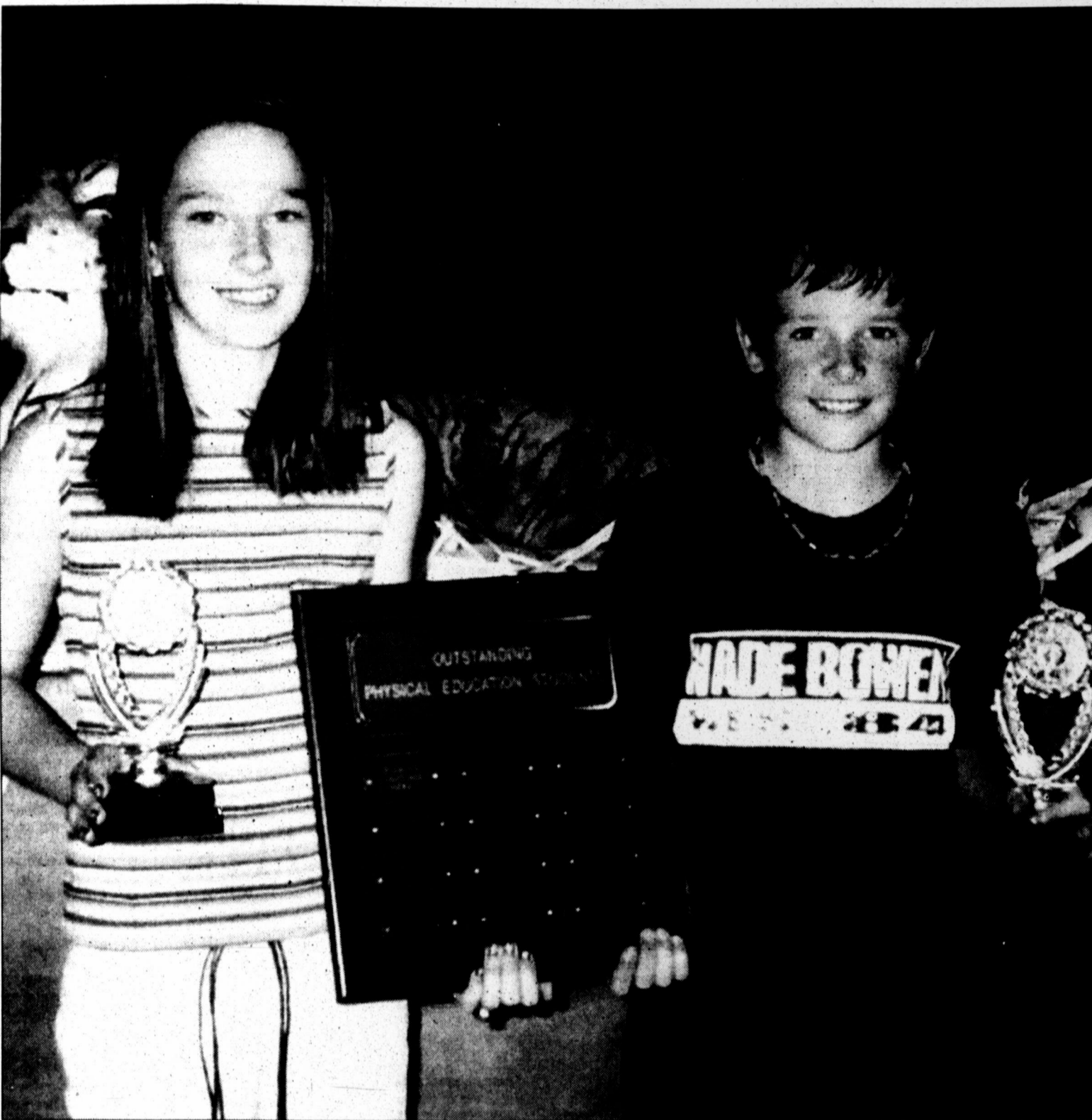
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Brent Green and Taryn Eubank both received Outstanding Boy and Girl P.E. Awards at Travis Elementary School. The Outstanding P.E. Award was presented one boy and one girl in the fifth grade at Travis Elementary. Green is the son of Huey and Judy Green. He broke the school record this year for the most sit-ups (68) in one minute. Eubank is the daughter of Alan and Teresa Eubank.

Israeli security chief warns of threat

JERUSALEM (AP) — Israeli gunships attacked Palestinian workshops in northern Gaza, slightly wounding six people, and four people were killed in violence in Palestinian territories.

Meanwhile, the head of Israel's Shin Bet security service warned that Jewish extremists are becoming more militant, as some prominent rabbis encouraged settlers to resist evacuation from their homes.

In two separate attacks, helicopters fired six missiles at workshops that the army says Palestinians use to make the crude rockets they have been firing at towns just across the border in Israel.

In other violence, an Israeli motorist and a Palestinian gunman were shot and killed in separate incidents in the West Bank. A Palestinian teenager was shot to death in the Gaza Strip, and Israeli border police killed a Palestinian laborer just west of Jerusalem.

In the southern Gaza Strip, a Palestinian man with no connection to militant groups was shot in the head and killed by Israeli soldiers late Sunday as he was walking down a main road in the town of Rafah, Palestinian security and hospital officials said. The Israeli army did not immediately comment on the shooting.

The warning by Shin Bet chief Avi Dichter came as Israel prepares to withdraw from the Gaza Strip and from four isolated settlements in the West Bank. The evacuations would affect some

7,500 Jewish settlers in Gaza and about 500 of the 230,000 residents of West Bank settlements.

'The eviction will be tough. But I can't promise it won't be violent, even though we are calling for there not to be violence.'

— Yitzhak Levy
National Religious Party

Dichter told a Cabinet meeting that Jewish militants recently attacked an army officer in Jerusalem because he had helped dismantle a synagogue at an unauthorized West Bank settlement outpost, a government official said on condition of anonymity.

Several settler leaders have said in recent weeks that they will resist evacuation. Many are religious Jews who believe the West Bank is theirs by divine promise.

Some 1,000 settlers and their supporters, including prominent rabbis and politicians, held a rally at the Western Wall, Judaism's most sacred shrine. Rabbi Mordechai Eliyahu, a former chief rabbi of Israel, led the gathering in prayer.

Yitzhak Levy, a politician from the pro-settler National Religious Party, said he does not support violence, but did not rule out the possibility of fighting.

"The eviction will be tough," he told Israel's Channel Two TV. "But I can't promise it won't be violent, even though we are calling for there not to be violence."

Last month, settler leader Uri Elitzur, who was a top aide of former Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, said violent resistance to settlement evacuations is legitimate. Last week, an eminent rabbi in Jerusalem said that anyone who removes Jewish settlements would be subject to the death penalty under biblical Jewish law.

Israeli security officials confirmed the Shin Bet has grown concerned.

They said their main concern is the threat of assassination. In 1995, Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin was murdered by an ultranationalist Jew opposed to his peace efforts.

The security officials said they are also preparing for attacks on Arabs and potential violence against security forces.

Iraqi militants deny beheading Marine

BEIRUT, Lebanon (AP) — The fate of a U.S. Marine held hostage in Iraq remained in question on Monday after an Iraqi guerrilla group denied beheading Cpl. Wassef Ali Hassoun.

The denial Sunday gave new hope to Hassoun's relatives just when there appeared to be none.

The Ansar al-Sunna Army posted the denial on its Web site in response to reports by the Lebanese Foreign Ministry that the group had killed Hassoun.

Ansar al-Sunna said the statement announcing Hassoun's death "has no basis of truth." It added that "any statement that is not issued through our site doesn't represent us."

Lebanon reported Hassoun's death after another extremist Web site posted a statement that claimed he had been killed. The declaration was posted yesterday in the name of Ansar al-Sunna.

"The denial gave us a big relief," Hassoun's brother, Sami, said by telephone from the northern city of Tripoli, where he, his father and several other relatives live.

He renewed his appeal to the kidnapers to release his brother, a translator the Marines who went missing June 20 while serving his second stint in Iraq. Hassoun, 24, speaks Arabic

and French as well as English.

On June 27, the Arab television station Al-Jazeera broadcast a videotape showing Hassoun blindfolded, along with a statement from militants threatening to kill him unless the United States releases all Iraqis in "occupation jails."

That statement identified the militants as "Islamic Response," rather than Ansar al-Sunna.

Hassoun's father, Ali Hassoun, has repeatedly pleaded for his son's release. Toward that end, he and his other sons have contacted politicians and Muslim clerics in Lebanon and Islamist groups in Iraq.

Hassoun was born in Lebanon, educated at American schools there and then joined the Marines after moving to the Salt Lake City area.

Foreign Minister Jean Obeid said Sunday the Lebanese charge d'affaires in Baghdad was told by sources with ties to the kidnapers that they was "about to behead him or had already beheaded him."

He condemned Hassoun's captors as "enemies of their religion and any religion."

"It is necessary to confront those who hide behind slogans, sects and religions," he said.

U.S. military families in Bahrain receive formal orders to leave

MANAMA, Bahrain (AP) — U.S. military families will begin leaving Bahrain in the next few days in the wake of reports terrorists were planning attacks here, a spokesman for the U.S. Navy's 5th Fleet said Monday.

Cmdr. James Graybeal said the formal departure orders came late Sunday, two days after the Pentagon announced the first such mandatory evacuation from this longtime U.S. ally in the Gulf.

Graybeal said the orders affected 35 families, or about 650 people. They were relatives of service members or Defense Department staff, he said. He said earlier reports that nonessential staff also were being evacuated were incorrect.

"We are in the process of executing the departure, which will happen in the next

few days," Graybeal said. Citing security, he refused to say how the families would travel or exactly where in the United States they were headed.

The U.S. 5th fleet is based in Bahrain, where the U.S. Navy has had a presence for more than 50 years.

Thursday, the State Department cautioned Americans against traveling to Bahrain and advised Americans who live there to leave because of information that extremists were planning attacks in Bahrain.

The Pentagon said Friday it was withdrawing service members' families from Bahrain for at least 30 days. The State Department added Saturday it had authorized the voluntary departure of family members and non-emergency employees of the U.S. Embassy in Bahrain.

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