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Parents need to bring their child's shot record or a letter from their school or daycare. The TDH is located in the College Park Shopping Center.

ORTEGA FUND

A fund has been established at Western National Bank for those who would like to help the Ortega Family of Big Spring.

Monica Ortega has been going through dialysis due to kidney failure. A match has been found for a kidney transplant. However the family needs help covering medical expenses.

Those who would like to make a donation may do so from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the bank, 607, S. Scurry, or at the drive through from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Donations should be made to the account of Rudy Ortega Jr.

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Cover Story: This year marks the centennial of the creation of one of the world's most recognizable motorcycles, the Harley Davidson. In its 100 years of production, the Harley has become an American icon.

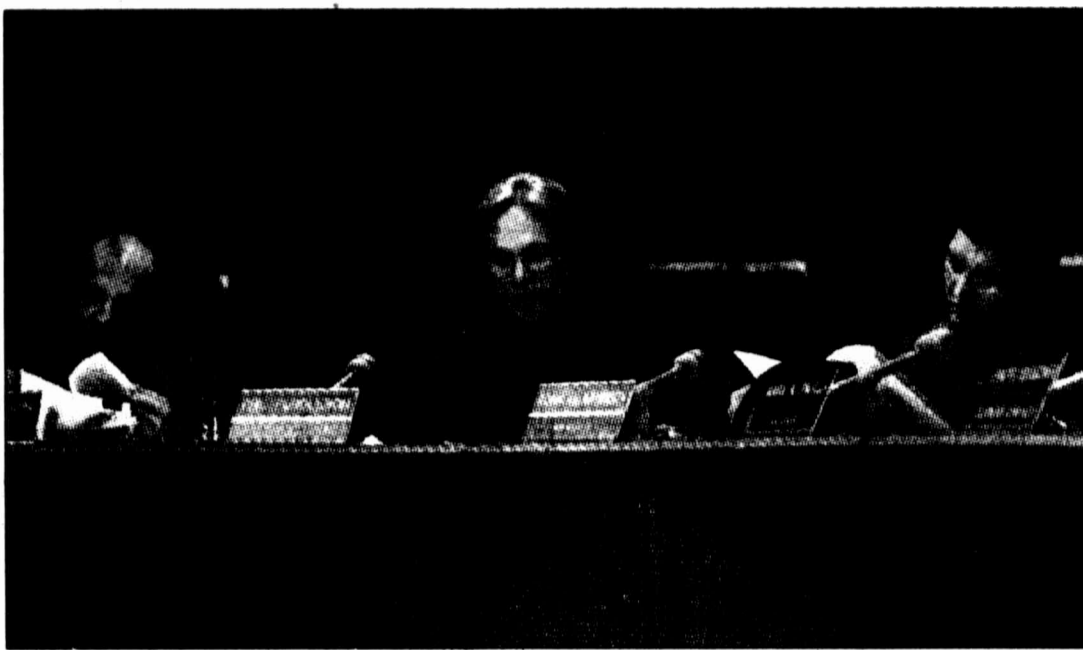
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Big Spring Independent School District Board President Mike Dawson, left, and trustees Phil Furqueron and Tony Kennedy plow through budget papers prepared by Business Manager Sandra Waggoner Tuesday night.

Big Spring High School to resume vocational trades courses in the fall

By LYNDEL MOODY Staff Writer

A new career and technology education course offered this fall at Big Spring High School will give students a head start on several craft trades. 'It's a career exploration through carpentry, plumbing, refrigeration and masonry trades,' said BSHS construction technology instructor Mark Winn.



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According to Winn, the aim of the program is to provide students with an introductory look at the vocational trades while employable

tory class," Winn said. 'We are preparing kids to go into one of those vocations. The goal is to make them experienced helpers, in essence. There is not any way we have time to make them experienced craftsman, but this exposes them to the tools, methods and practical experience to do plumbing, masonry,

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BUDGET-MINDED

BSISD trustees work out surplus, small pay increase

By LYNDEL MOODY Staff Writer

If trustees have their way, all Big Spring Independent District employees will get a small pay raise come August and the district will end the next financial year with a surplus of almost \$200,000.

However, taxpayers are not likely to see any relief as the proposed budget for 2003-2004 is calculated at last year's maintenance and operation tax rate of \$1.50 per \$100 valuation.

After two nights of toiling over the proposed FY 2003-2004 budget, trustees directed the administration to place back into the budget \$396,956 for staff salary raises and insurance, plus \$40,000 to

compensate coaches for extra days.

'In essence, the district administration and employees will not lose anything on the \$1,000 loss pass through for insurance, and every employee will have the same pay raise of \$500,' Board President Mike Dawson said in summing up the directive.

Even with the normal step increases, BSISD employees

stood to see a drop in salary, thanks to the state's reduction of its pass through funding for health insurance relief, coupled with higher insurance premiums.

Employee salaries are already at a level that is

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'Your real asset is your people. We need to take care our people. What we're talking about is worth a lot more than \$400,000.'



Trustee Phil Furqueron

Coahoma ISD board to get update on renaming junior high

By LYNDEL MOODY Staff Writer

Renaming of the junior high, an old issue but one not forgotten, will resurface Thursday during the Coahoma Independent School District Board of Trustees meeting.

Trustees will hear the latest update on renaming Coahoma

Junior High School after the late Rob Ethridge, its long-time principal.

'We still intend to act on this issue,' said CISD Superintendent Dr. Bill Kingston. 'We have it as an information item on the agenda now simply so we can keep it in the forefront of our minds.'

The school board has been considering the measure for some time.

In other business, trustees will continue to take another peek at the budget before they head into budget study on Thursday, July 31.

'We've been looking at the budget at each of our meetings

and this meeting we'll look at what effect our reduction in personnel has done to our revenue standpoint,' Kingston said.

A large drop in taxable values, coupled with a loss in some areas of state funding, puts the Class 2A district into another

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Caregiving solutions workshop open to public

By LYNDEL MOODY Staff Writer

Providing full-time care for a loved one who can no longer accomplish the task for themselves can become overwhelming and threaten to consume the life of the caregiver.

Yet there is help. The Big Spring Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) and the Area Agency on Aging of

the Permian Basin are sponsoring a three-hour caregiver's workshop Thursday entitled 'Caregiving: Solutions, Support and Relief.'

'Anyone can be consumed with giving care to a loved one,' said RSVP Director Nancy Jones. 'What we're trying to do is educate the public that caregiving is very stressful but there are avenues for help and information

What: Caregiver workshop.

Where: Dora Roberts Community Center, 100 Whipkey Drive.

When: 1:30 p.m. Thursday.

that can help relieve some of the overwhelming responsibilities.'

The afternoon program,

to be held in conjunction with an ice cream social, is set at the Dora Roberts Community Center in Comanche Trail Park from 1:30 p.m. until 4:30 p.m.

Presenters will provide information on a variety of topics, including where to find respite support, answers to financial and legal issues, planning for the future and managing medication.

Presenters include Raynetta Williams, Area Agency on Aging caregiver coordinator; Jones; Patti Lindsey, Area Agency on Aging benefits counselor; Janet Cross, Alzheimer's Association program coordinator; Dr. Fakhar Ijaz, internal medicine practitioner for Scenic Mountain Medical Center; and Justin Docker of the New York Life Insurance Co.

School supplies still needed by Salvation Army

By ROGER CLINE Staff Writer

The Salvation Army's Back To School Drive is off to a good start, but has a long way to go to make sure all Big Spring's children have pencils, paper and other supplies they need to learn.

'We've collected about \$1,500 so far, I believe,' said Salvation Army Co-Commander Capt. Linda Keeney. 'The Firefighters' Association has given us \$500, the Kiwanis Club has given us \$500, and we received a donation from Sears, who gave us \$300. Then we've received some other smaller donations.'

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Big Spring Salvation Army Commander Capt. Russ Keeney accepts a \$300 check Monday from Sears Manager Jody Swinney. The money will be used to provide school supplies like the ones shown for 24 needy area children. The donation is part of the corps' annual Back-To-School Drive. The Salvation Army, 811 W. Fifth St., is accepting donations of cash and school supplies for the drive. For more information call the Salvation Army Headquarters at 267-8239.

Animal board seeks input on chaining dogs

By LYNDEL MOODY Staff Writer

Should keeping your dog on a chain be outlawed?

That's a question the Big Spring Animal Control Board would like to address tonight during its meeting at 5:30 in the city council chambers.

'We have been receiving a lot of complaints by people about animals being chained up and then other pets or kids walking by and the dog charges them,' said Lt. Stan Parker of the Big Spring Police Department's Support Services Division. 'We're going to look at the possibility of making chaining

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Slugs have 4 noses, and other Snapple facts

By PETER CARLSON
The Washington Post

"A duck's quack doesn't echo."
"A snail breathes through its foot."
"Fish cough."
You learn a lot reading the inside of Snapple caps. You choose your flavor — lemonade or pink lemonade or peach iced tea or whatever — and you twist the cap. It opens with a jaunty, snappy "Thwop!" You flip the cap over and there it is, a "Real Fact" to ponder as you gulp.
"A camel has 3 eyelids."
"Slugs have 4 noses."
"Lizards communicate by doing pushups."
The facts on Snapple caps are incredible, astonishing, mind-blowing. To read Snapple's 229 Real Facts is to realize that the world is more strange and wondrous than you'd ever imagined.
"Squids can have eyes the size of a volleyball."
"Oysters can change from one gender to another and back again."
"Mosquitoes are attracted to people who have recently eaten bananas."
The world according to Snapple is full of marvels and oddities. It's a place where "beavers were once the size of bears" and "a sneeze travels out of your mouth at over 100 miles an hour" and "Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star" was composed by Mozart when he was five years old.
So it should come as no surprise to dedicated readers of Snapple caps that the story of the caps is full of weird little facts that could appear on Snapple caps if Snapple ever decided to create Snapple caps about the history of Snapple caps.
The idea for Snapple's

Real Facts was born early in 2002, during what seemed at the time like an ordinary Snapple marketing meeting.
"We were thinking of a way to entertain our customers," recalls Maura Mottolese, Snapple's VP of marketing, "and we thought, 'The real estate under the cap is unused real estate now.'"
It wasn't always unused real estate. Back in 2000, the real estate was used for jokes. But, Mottolese admits, the jokes were "pretty sophomoric" ("If the No. 2 pencil is the most popular, why is it still 2?").

"We were looking for something out of the ordinary that they wouldn't know and wouldn't even know they'd want to know," says Mark Rubenstein, executive vice president of Snapple's ad agency, Deutsch Inc.
And they needed these facts fast — in time to get them onto Snapple caps before the spring Snapple-drinking season. Rubenstein sent orders to Deutsch offices in Chicago and Los Angeles, demanding that they find weird facts on the double. Within weeks, Rubenstein and Mottolese

had a list of 300 weird facts. They whittled it down to the 109 Real Facts that appeared on Snapple caps in 2002. In 2003, they produced a second list of 120.
"Along the way, scores of facts were rejected. If truth be told, some facts

just aren't good enough to be Real Facts.
"They have to fit within the Snapple brand persona," says Mottolese, who shoulders the awesome responsibility of making the final decision. She's a little vague about just what, exactly,

constitutes Snapple's "brand persona." She also declines to give examples of facts rejected by Snapple.
"I wouldn't want to say," she says, "because I wouldn't want to see it in print."

Marriage proposal in a bottle cap

The WASHINGTON POST

Ryan Blaire and Mandi Sherwood met at Camp Lokanda in Upstate New York in 1993. He was 16. She was 15. He was a waiter. She was a camper. Waiters were allowed to go to town. Campers weren't. So he asked if she wanted him to get anything for her in town.
"Sure," she said, "why don't you bring me a peach Snapple?"
Much to her surprise, he did.
"We ended up kissing that night," he recalls.
They both lived on Long Island. They stayed in touch. But they went to different colleges and dated other people.
"We wanted to experience all that life has to offer in our college years," she says.
After college, they both happened to get jobs in New York City. Blaire selling radio ads, Sherwood as an accountant. They started dating again. Every year, on the anniversary of their meeting, he gave her a Snapple peach iced tea. She still loved the stuff and sometimes she'd call him at work to read him an amazing Snapple fact.
So, in the fall of 2002, when he decided to ask her to marry him, Blaire called Snapple, recounted the story of their relation-

ship and asked if they'd make him a special Snapple cap that would help him pop the question.
The Snapple folks were happy to oblige. They produced a bottle of peach iced tea with a special

cap. On Dec. 27, 2002, in a hotel room in Aruba, Blaire handed the bottle to Sherwood. "Look, I found a Snapple for you," he said.

"I was reading it over and over and I didn't even notice that Ryan was on his knee, ready to propose."

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Jack Burtis licks Snapple elbow fact

The WASHINGTON POST

Every morning, George Clancy, principal of St. James Middle School in Johnson City, N.Y., starts the school day by making announcements on the public address system, then reading an inspirational quote and a Snapple Real Fact. One day last spring, the Snapple fact read:
"It is impossible for humans to lick their own elbows."
Within seconds, virtually every one of the school's 175 students — and several teachers — were attempting to lick their elbows. None of them could do it — except Jack Burtis.
Jack — then a 10-year-old fourth-grader with

supple arms and a long tongue — effortlessly licked his elbow. He showed his teacher, who immediately sent him down to the principal's office. He showed Clancy, who heralded the lad's achievement by calling the local newspaper and writing to Snapple.
The newspaper, the Binghamton Press & Sun-Bulletin, put a picture of Jack on the front page. The folks at Snapple called Clancy and asked if they could send the "Snapple Lady" to the school.
"I said, 'She's not like a Hooters lady, is she? This is a Catholic school,'" Clancy recalls.
Actually, the Snapple lady is Wendy Kaufman, a peppy, portly, middle-

aged Everywoman who appeared in Snapple ads. When she came to St. James, two local TV stations sent news crews to record the historic event.
"Are you ready?" Kaufman asked Jack.
He was ready.
"Go, Jack!" she commanded.
He stuck out his left arm, twisted it so the elbow faced up, leaned forward and licked his

elbow. The crowd went wild.
"Oh, my God!" the Snapple Lady screamed.
"Oh, my God! He did it!"
She gave him a Snapple backpack and three cases of Snapple.
Contacted later by The Washington Post, Jack reflected philosophically on his multimedia celebrity.
"It's cool," he said, coolly.

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IN BRIEF

Rose Magers-Powell volleyball camp

The Rose Magers-Powell Volleyball Camp will be held July 23-26 at Steer Gym.

Registration forms are available at Athletic Supply and at the BSHS Athletic Training Center.

Camp times for players in the seventh through ninth grades will be from 9 a.m. to noon. Players in grades 10-12 will attend from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.

The cost is \$85 per camper.

For more information, call 263-4847.

Forsan tennis clinic set for July 21-23

The Forsan Students Tennis Clinic will be held July 21-23 at the Forsan tennis courts. The junior high portion of the clinic will be held from 9-10 a.m. each day. The high school portion will run from 10 a.m. to noon.

The cost for the event is \$10 per junior high participant and \$20 for high schoolers.

For more information contact, Connie Eggleston at 267-6913 or 264-0483.

Area players sought for all-star game

Several positions on the 2003 All Americas Basketball squad are available to area seniors interested in participating in the event.

Area boys and girls, who graduated this past year, are eligible to compete in the contest.

For more information, contact Tommy Wells at (915) 816-6336.

CGA, HWP to host golf tourney Sunday

The Chicano Golf Association will hold a benefit golf tournament for Hispanic Women for Progress on Sunday at Comanche Trail Golf Course.

The tournament will be a pick-your-own-team 4-man scramble. The event will begin at 10 a.m. with a shotgun start.

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

Las Balas softball tourney ready to go

The first Las Balas Softball Tournament will be held Saturday and Sunday in Stanton.

The tournament is open to Class D and E teams. Entry fee is \$115 per squad. The deadline to enter is July 17.

For more information, call Jr. Landin at 816-1396 or Henry Villa at 263-6698.

WTGSC to hold 100-hole golf marathon

The West Texas Girl Scout Council will be holding a golf marathon on Aug. 4 in Sweetwater.

Golfers participating in the event will play 100 holes of golf during the one-day event. All participants will have their own cart, and plays at their own speed using modified rules.

The field will be limited to 40 golfers.

For more information or to register contact Shirley Olson at (325) 670-0432.

Cowboys, NFL pioneer Schramm dies at 83

DALLAS (AP) — With Tex Schramm calling the shots, the Dallas Cowboys went from expansion team to Super Bowl team to "America's Team."

And, all the while, Schramm was doing just as much to turn the NFL into America's game.

Schramm was a pioneer for both his team and his league. Although Schramm died Tuesday at age 83, his legacy will continue as long as pro football is played.

"He was a remarkable person, a remarkable figure in the history of pro football," said Kansas City Chiefs owner Lamar Hunt, who in 1966 negotiated with Schramm the NFL-AFL merger that paved

the way for the Super Bowl and created a joint league that would become a billion-dollar industry.

"He made so many contributions, you would run out of ink if you tried to write them all down," Hunt said.

Schramm became president and general manager of the Cowboys before the team officially became an NFL franchise. His first move was hiring Tom Landry as the coach.

Despite opposite personalities, their "business relationship" — as Schramm called it — produced 20 straight winning seasons, 18 playoff appearances, 13 division titles, five Super Bowl appearances and two champi-

onships.

"He built that franchise up and kept it running," said Wellington Mara, owner of the rival New York Giants.

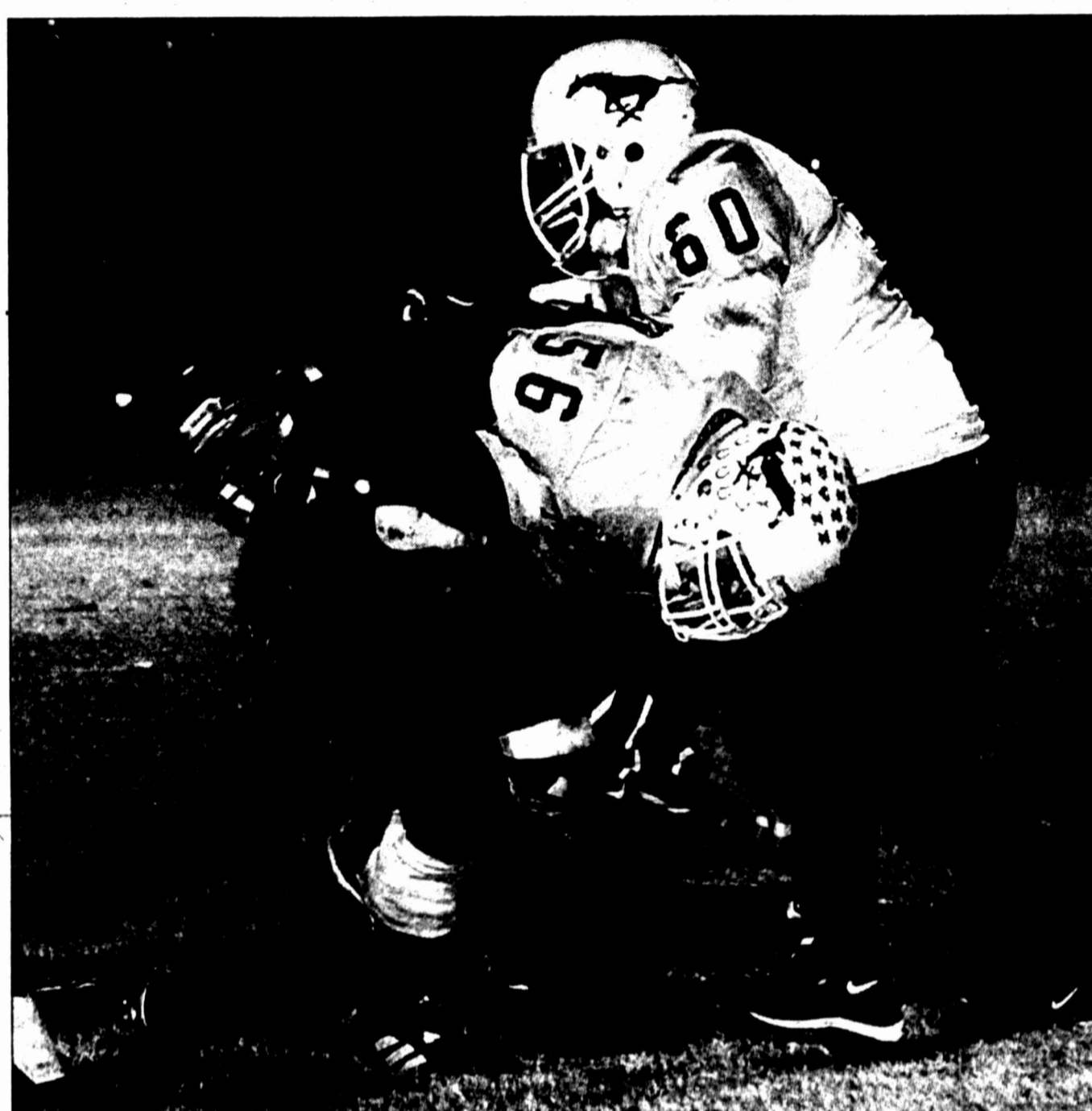
Schramm left the organization in 1989, two months after Jerry Jones bought the club and fired Landry. Two years later, Schramm became the first team executive elected to the Pro Football Hall of Fame.

A strained relationship with Jones kept him out of the club's Ring of Honor, which meant that for 12 years Schramm was in the awkward position of being recognized among the game's greats in Canton, Ohio, but not among the team's greats in Irving, Texas.

That changed in April when Jones decided the man who created the Ring should be in it. Schramm will become the 12th honoree this fall, joining 11 people he brought to the Cowboys.

"I never gave up hope," he had said at a news conference announcing his selection, his eyes filling with tears. "Things that should happen to people that deserve them, usually do happen."

Schramm helped make the Cowboys' blue star logo among the most recognizable in pro sports through promotional risks such as a Thanksgiving home game and using professional dancers as cheerleaders.



Sands Heath Webb is one of several area players selected to play in this Saturday's Texas Six-Man Coaches Association all-star game in Lubbock. Webb, along with Sands teammates Nate Looney and Jeremy Renteria, will play in the 2003 All Americas Bowl on July 26 at Memorial Stadium.

Blalock powers AL to Series advantage

CHICAGO (AP) — All those American League players who voted for Hank Blalock sure knew what they were doing.

Picked by his peers for the All-Star game, the 22-year-old Texas third baseman delivered Tuesday night. And when his drive off Eric Gagne sailed over the fence for a two-run, pinch-hit homer in the eighth inning, the NL's claim on home-field advantage in the World Series was gone, too.

In a game that featured more strategy and passion than any exhibition, the unlikely shot capped the biggest All-Star comeback since 1955 and gave the AL a 7-6 victory.

Even though Blalock and Texas Rangers will be home by October, he knew what was at stake.

"Just because I'm not going to be in the World Series doesn't mean I'm going to turn it down a notch," he said.

Giambi and Home Run Derby champion Garret Anderson also connected, beginning the rally from a 5-1 deficit in the sixth inning. The AL posted its sixth straight victory, matching its longest winning streak.

The string does not include last summer's 7-7 tie in 11 innings. Both teams ran out of pitchers in that game at Milwaukee, and the result was such a debacle that it prompted baseball to add some juice to the All-Star game — under a two-year experiment, the league that wins it gets the home field in the Series.

This time, the outcome was in doubt until the final pitch, when Rafael Furcal flied out to the warning track. A home run would've made it 7-all, the same score that caused all the fuss last year.

"I'll take the blame for the NL not having the home-field advantage in the World Series," Gagne said. "I'm sorry, but that's the way it works when you're a closer. Hopefully, it will be the Dodgers in there so I can redeem myself."

The NL was supposed to have the home field this season under the old rotating system. It does make a difference — of the last eight Series to go to Game 7, the home team has won every one.

Now, for the first time since Detroit hosted the opener in 1934 and '35, the Series will start in the same league in consecutive years.

Anderson won the first Ted Williams MVP trophy.

Andrew Jones' two-run, pinch-hit double and solo homer gave the Nationals a 5-1 lead before Anderson hit a two-run homer in the sixth.

The NL still figured to be in a good shape with its vaunted lineup of closers Billy Wagner, Gagne and John Smoltz ready to finish it.

But Wagner gave up Giambi's solo shot in the seventh that made it 6-4 and Gagne, who has been successful on 39 straight save chances for Los Angeles, fell apart in the eighth.

Armstrong weathers protesters efforts, holds on to Tour lead

MARSEILLE, France (AP) — Ahead of the pack at the Tour de France, Lance Armstrong can't help but peek over his shoulder.

The four-time champion held the overall lead by a handful of seconds following Tuesday's 10th stage. The Texan is by no means clear of the chasing pack just a few days before Friday's individual time trials.

"It may be the most important time trial I've ever done," said Armstrong, who finished 45th Tuesday and is going for his record-breaking fifth straight Tour victory.

"I've been focusing a lot on the time trial this year in terms of training," Armstrong said. "I know the course pretty well."

Showing signs of vulnerability in this year's centennial Tour — Armstrong was seriously challenged in the recent Alpine stages — he needs a good time trial more than usual.

After Friday, Armstrong faces four stages in the Pyrenees.

A good performance in Friday's 29-mile race against the clock would give him a crucial time advantage to take into the mountains.

"Lance usually makes a strong showing right from the start in the Alps, as if to say to his rivals, 'You've got to come and beat me,'" said Stephen Roche, a

Tour winner in 1987.

Armstrong is seeking to tie Spain's Miguel Indurain as the only cyclist to win cycling's showcase event five times in a row.

Three others, Frenchmen Bernard Hinault and Jacques Anquetil and Belgium's Eddy Merckx, have also won five Tours — but none did so consecutively.

With a rest day today to recover from a strenuous first half of the Tour — so far Armstrong has crashed, had technical difficulties with his bike and problems with his shoes — the 31-year-old heads into Thursday's 11th stage 21 seconds ahead of Kazakhstan's

Alexandre Vinokourov overall.

Spain's Iban Mayo is only 1 minute, 2 seconds behind Armstrong, while Germany's Jan Ullrich — reputed as a rider who gets stronger in the second half of the race — is 2:10 back in sixth place overall.

In Tuesday's 10th stage, Armstrong finished in a large pack of riders who completed the 136-mile stage from Gap to Marseille way behind the winner, Denmark's Jakob Piil of Team CSC.

The race was marked by a protest that forced riders to a sudden halt after supporters of a jailed farmer, Jose Bove, ran onto the road near Pourrieres.

Comets left sleepless in Seattle by Bird, Storm

SEATTLE (AP) — Seattle Storm knew they had a great opportunity, with the Houston Comets missing two of their three All-Stars and second place in the Western Conference within their grasp.

Sue Bird made sure her team took advantage with 13 points, 10 assists and a career-high eight rebounds as the Storm beat the Houston Comets 69-55 Tuesday night.

The Storm leapfrogged

Houston, taking a half-game lead and snapping the Comets' four-game winning streak.

Seattle (10-7) used a 13-2 run to take a 31-21 lead at halftime. Kamila Vodichkova's 12 first-half points paced the Storm, who had lost nine of 10 meetings against Houston.

Lauren Jackson and Vodichkova had 18 points apiece for the Storm, and Bird's double-double was her sixth of the season, bringing her career total to

nine.

Houston (10-8) tried to make a comeback in the second half but every time the Comets cut the deficit to single digits the Storm had an answer. Seattle held Houston to 37-percent shooting.

"I wasn't happy with anything," Comets' coach Van Chancellor said. "I wasn't happy with the coaching, I wasn't happy with the play, I wasn't happy with nothing. You can ask anything you want to, I wasn't happy."

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During the emotional Pisces moon, many feel more in tune with the natural tides of emotion, so it seems very unnatural to get out into the world and project anything other than exactly what you are feeling. During this lunar transit, work may be the last thing on your mind, but do it anyway. Situations we want to avoid teach us about ourselves.



Joyce Jillson

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Your mind is full of creative fuel, so burn up some brainstorm. Take a break this afternoon, and engage in activities that power your imagination. A moneymaking idea seizes you when you least expect it.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). It's easy to become too critical of yourself. Everyone makes mistakes — get over it. The afternoon brings silliness and strange entertainment. Just because someone is weird doesn't mean he or she won't be a terrific

friend. GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Luck at games of cards and chance is mind-blowing. Get set to win big. End an unhealthy relationship — a clean break is best. Shopping could be just the distraction to keep you happy, glamorous and ready to find someone new.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Brave the unknown. Pay attention to what you got done today rather than the way events made you feel. Satisfaction is gleaned from action. Leave the mushy stuff out of the picture. P.S.: Return that library book.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). So much to do, so little help. Caffeine or vigorous exercise gets your blood going. The big decision you've been playing hide and seek with finally tags you. Make a choice. A friend's wisdom helps you figure it out.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (July 16). Even though it's bright outside, many tell you how much sunshine you bring to their lives this year. Some of you may even enter into a healing profession in August and find yourself wondering why you hadn't made the change earlier. Money

problems fade away soon. Linking up with air signs Gemini or Aquarius lightens and brightens your spirits this fall. Your lucky numbers are: 28, 49, 10, 50 and 3.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Complete unfinished projects this morning. All the energy drains you've accumulated can be systematically plugged. A charitable donation to a stranger in need does not go unnoticed in the karmic sense.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). A friend has the same emotions as you. Reaching out is the healthiest thing you can do. At work, let your shoulders descend from their upright and locked positions. Your job goes better when you trust others to do theirs.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You're seeing a pal in a new light. Don't act on impulses. Friendship proves to be more stimulating than a

romance would be. Social gatherings go swimmingly. Wake up your sense of fun tonight by trying a new hangout.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Don't shy away from the limelight: Let loose, and live big. Editing yourself so much gets a little tedious. Illusions about your personal limits melt away when you speak up. Real love is ready to grab your heart.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Luck is on the up and up. Try your hand at a new project you were wary about undertaking previously. You're ready now. People will respond positively to your enthusiasm. Empathy draws you to an uncharacteristic partner.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Make a decision about your level of commitment to a project. If you're half in and half out, nothing gets done. Money luck seems to be missing from your life now, but tomorrow changes that.

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Annie's Mailbox:
Advice for those in need

Dear Annie: I am a 13-year-old girl, and I'm becoming very frustrated with my parents. I took two different sex-education classes in school, and I know a good deal about sex, but my parents have never spoken to me on the topic. Most parents think kids don't want to hear "the talk," and I'm not exactly overjoyed at the prospect. But I'd like to know my parents' view of premarital sex, and their rules on dating and parties. How can I behave correctly if they don't tell me what they expect?

Please tell parents: Teenagers want to hear what you have to say, but we don't want to sit there as if you are reading a bedtime story. Even if we act as if we're not listening, the message is getting through. If we turn our backs and pretend to concentrate on something else, please don't stop talking and give up. Or, if that's too hard, try leaving a couple of sex-education books around with your own notes in the margins. Trust me — we'll pick it up when you are out of the house.

Oh, one more thing: Avoid statements like, "Well, I first did this..." and so on. Kids don't want to think about their parents' sex lives. "Actually, we'd rather pretend you don't have one. It's far less traumatic that way." — Wondering in Texas

Dear Texas: You've packed a lot of wisdom in your letter, and we hope all parents are paying attention. Most teens receive sex education in school and don't need a lecture on the technical aspects of the birds and the bees. What they need is a moral compass. Tell them how you feel about dating, kissing and premarital sex. Let them know what kind of behavior you expect and why. Above all, keep communicating. A caring, observant parent can make a world of difference.

Dear Annie: I am a 70-year-old man, and I have been dating a very attractive 60-year-old lady for the past six months. "Irma" and I go out twice a week to dinner, plays, movies, and so on. However, not once has Irma offered to buy for a meal or a ticket, not has she invited me to any event arranged by her. She also has made it clear that she might be taking a trip together and she expects me to pay for everything. This is beginning to be



Annie's Mailbox

tate me. Irma is very successful in business, and my retirement income is less than a third of what she earns. I already have told her that I cannot afford to treat her to any trips, but I have not worked up the courage to discuss splitting the cost of our dates.

In the old days, men, including me, happily paid for everything, but it is my understanding that times have changed and nowadays women are expected to pay at least part of the time. Could you tell me the current ground rules? — Hawaii Gent

Dear Hawaii: Women, especially those with an income equal to or higher than that of their dates, should alternate treating. If Irma is uncomfortable grabbing the dinner check, she should offer to cook a meal for you at home, or buy tickets in advance of the next event. It is unconscionable that she expects you to pay for everything, knowing that her income is three times yours. Tell Irma that she has become a bit too expensive for your tastes, and you'll have to see less of her.

Dear Annie: Our son is getting married soon. When the RSVPs were returned, we noticed that some people included their children in the number of people attending. These children were not invited. What should we do? — Groom's Mother

Dear Mother: It is perfectly OK to phone these inconsiderate clods and say, "We're so sorry, but we cannot accommodate your children at the wedding." If they protest and say they won't come without the kids, reply, "We'll miss you." (By the way, some bridal couples offer baby-sitting services near the reception.)

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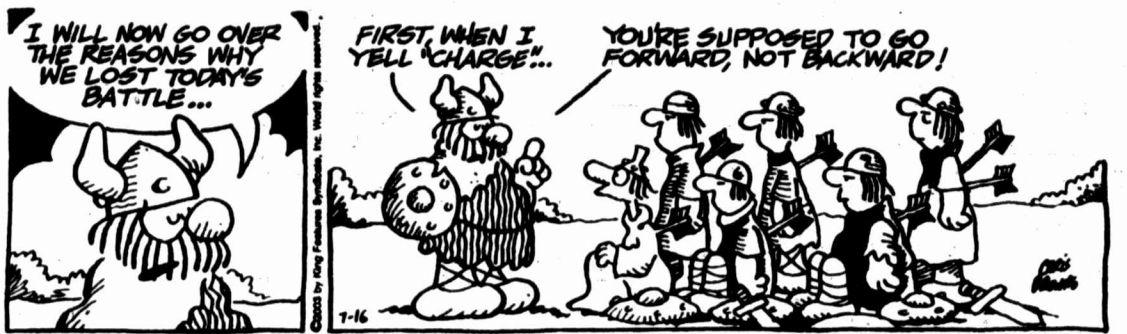
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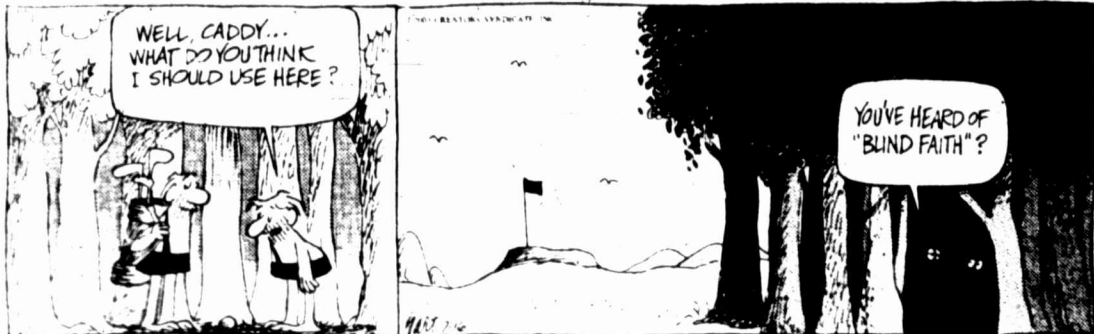
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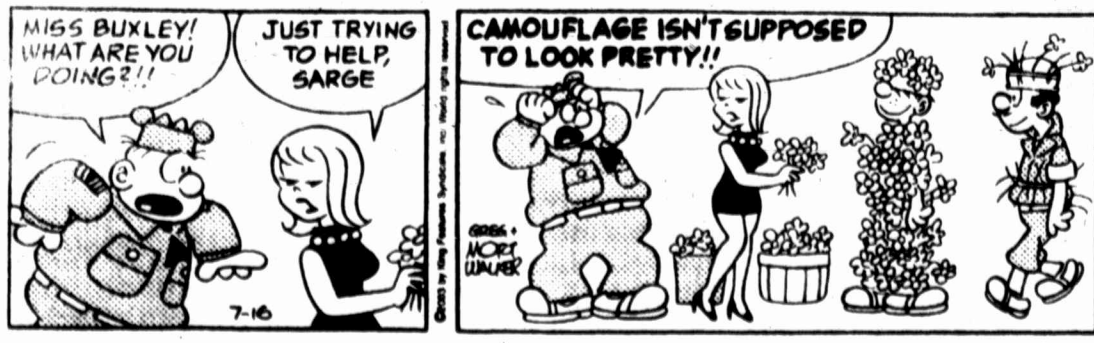
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This Date In History

By The Associated Press

Today is Wednesday, July 16, the 197th day of 2003. There are 168 days left in the year. Today's Highlight in History: On July 16, 1945, the United States exploded its first experimental atomic bomb, in the desert of Alamogordo, N.M. On this date: In 1790, the District of Columbia was established as the seat of the United States government. In 1862, David G. Farragut became the first rear admiral in the U.S. Navy. In 1918, Russia's Czar Nicholas II, his empress and their five children were executed by the Bolsheviks. In 1951, the novel "The Catcher in the Rye" by J.D. Salinger was first published.

into the ocean near Martha's Vineyard, Mass. Today's Birthdays: television director Vincent Sherman is 97. Actor Barnard Hughes is 88. Former Attorney General Dick Thornburgh is 71. Soul singer William Bell is 64. Actor Corin Redgrave is 64. Former tennis player Margaret Court is 61. Violinist Pinchas Zukerman is 55. Actor-singer Ruben Blades is 55. Rock composer-musician Stewart Copeland is 51. Dancer Michael Flatley is 45. Actress Phoebe Cates is 40. Country singer Craig Morgan is 38. Actor-comedian Will Ferrell is 36.

Answer to previous puzzle: A crossword grid with words filled in.

Newsday Crossword

IMPERFECTIONS by Fred Piscop Edited by Stanley Newman

- ACROSS: 1 Stirrs up, 6 A little, musically, 10 Salt amount, 14 Ready to pour, 15 Musk, e.g., 16 Actress Raines, 17 Last minute, 19 Catch, slangily, 20 Daughter of Zeus, 21 Summer (end of spring), 23 Main point, 25 Black eye, 26 Short flight, 29 Starter's stat, 30 '20s autos, 31 Crude cartel, 33 Exile isle, 35 Catchall category, 39 Genie's grant, 40 Carrots, e.g., 42 Make anew, 43 Grant entry to, 45 Closet pest, 46 Hankerings, 47 Sit for a snap, 49 Prepare to fire, 51 Put down, 52 German port, 55 Domini, 56 Star Trek baddies, 58 Unimportant info, 63 Valhalla VIP, 64 Noisy and lively, 66 Bubby bandleader, 67 Literary Lamb, 68 Jousting's weapon, 69 Thumbs-downs, 70 Splinter group, 71 "Slammin' Sammy", 10 Driller's field, 11 Author Lesage, 12 Duffer's drive, often, 13 More healthy, 18 Less biased, 22 "Buzz off!", 24 Veiled dancer, 26 Laugh heartily, 27 Mayberry moppet, 28 Roach or mole, 30 Wicker material, 32 Alvin and kin, 34 Ride the ump, 36 Loaf end, 37 Dame, 38 Optimistic, 41 Religion of Japan, 44 Year-end tune, 48 Drum wires, 50 Fable enders, 52 Tige's owner, 53 Cowboy show, 54 Novelist Zola, 55 Molded jelly, 57 Egypt divider, 59 Iraq neighbor, 60 Tarzan's transport, 61 Pizarro victim, 62 Got mellow, 65 Wharf scurrer

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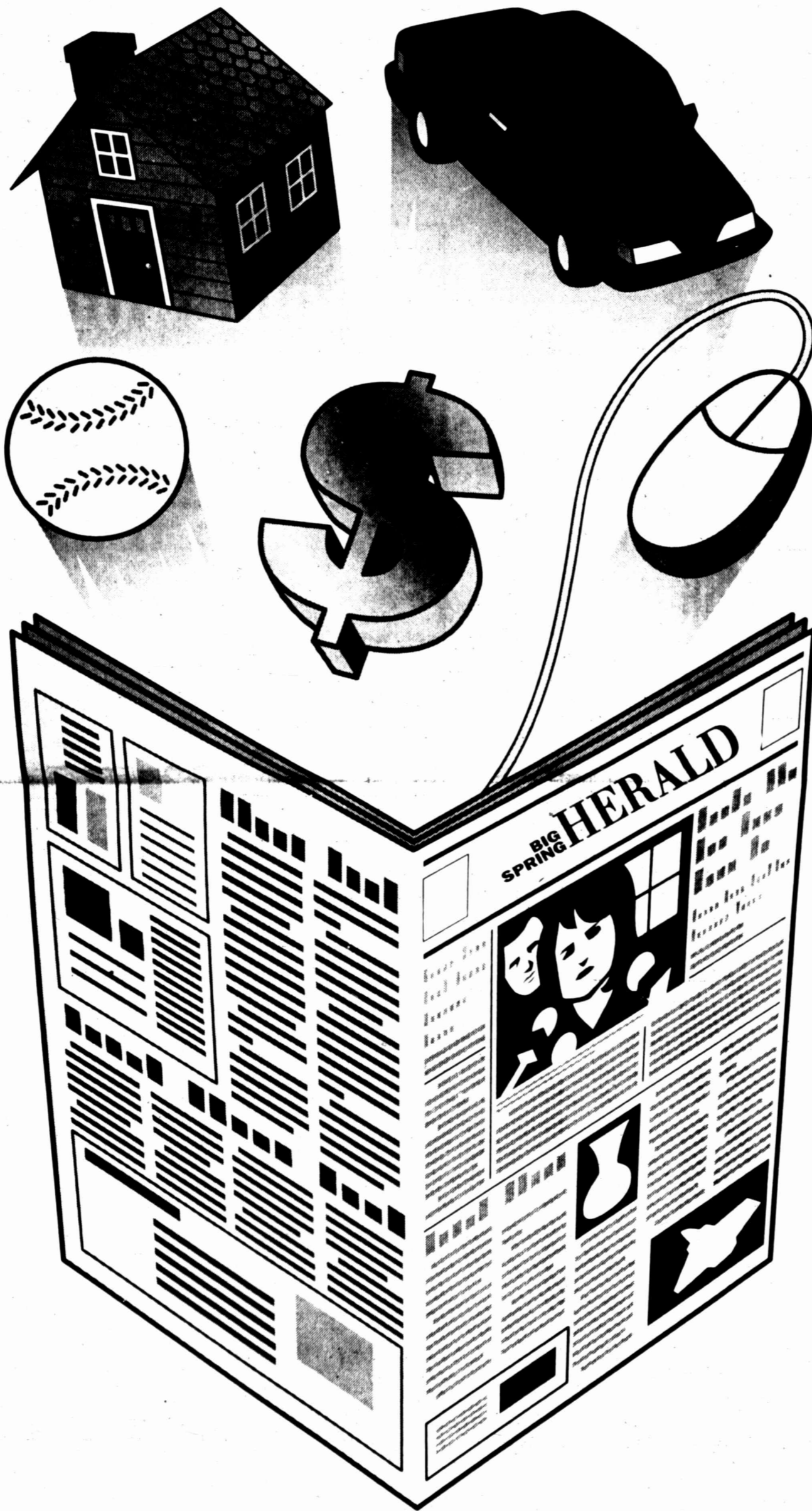
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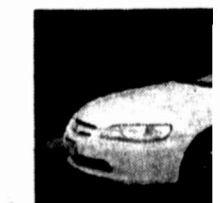
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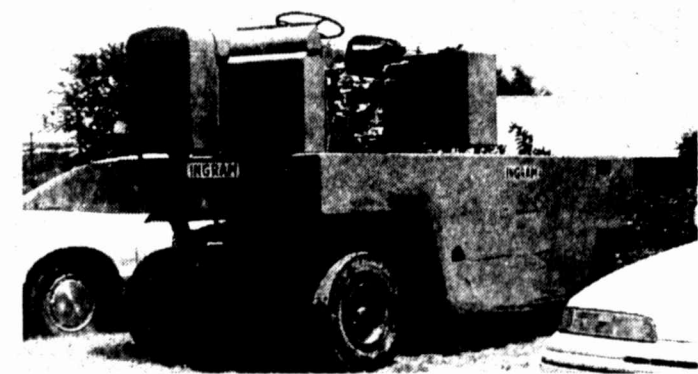
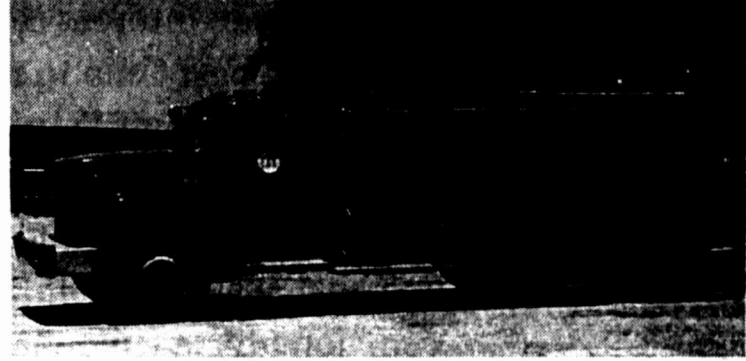
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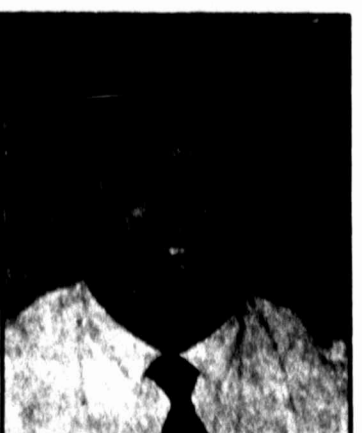
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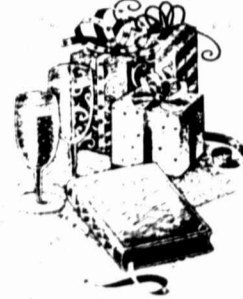
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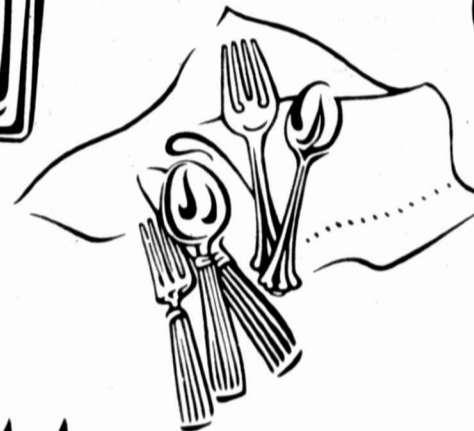
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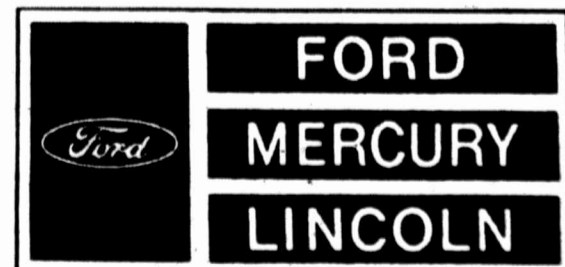
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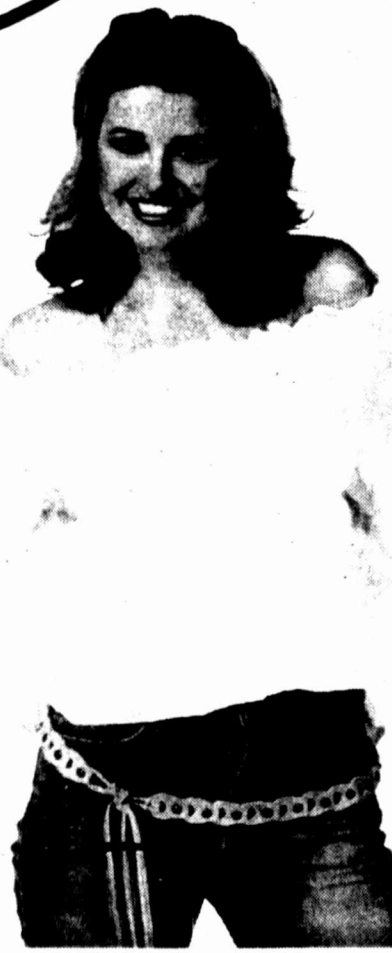


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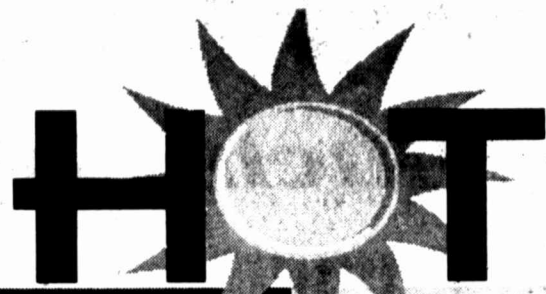


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Sale Price
\$18,070*



\$22,870/MSRP - \$3,000 Customer Cash
\$1,800 Dealer Disc = \$18,070 Sale Price

2003 GMC Sonoma Reg. Cab



Sale Price
\$10,500*

\$15,295/MSRP - \$4,000 Customer Cash
\$795 Dealer Disc = \$10,500 Sale Price

2003 GMC Safari Passenger Van

Sale Price
\$21,273*



\$26,723/MSRP - \$3,000 Customer Cash
\$2,450 Dealer Disc = \$21,273 Sale Price

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