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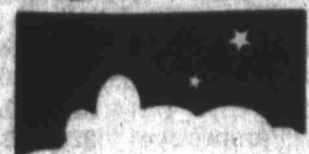
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## Fan donations help the needy

With temperatures topping the 100 mark, folks without air conditioning need new electric fans, and TU Electric has a plan to help provide them.

The Fan Club/TU Electric Energy Aid accepts donations of new electric fans to be given to low- and fixed-income residents. Local collection point is the Salvation Army, the Northside Community Center and West Texas Opportunities.

"This is a wonderful opportunity to not only help someone, but perhaps save a life," Mike Hammock, TU Electric manager, said.

"Many senior citizens and low-income residents don't own fans because they can't afford to buy them," he said.

This is the third year the TU Electric Energy Aid's Fan Club campaign has worked to provide fans for people who qualify for the program, based on financial hardship.

"I receive at least four phone calls a day from families requesting air conditioning," Danelle Castillo, social service director for the Salvation Army, said.

"They (fans) go quick. The ones we get are going right back out," she said. "With this summer heat, over 100 will have all new meaning for Big Spring."

## WEEKEND TICKET

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

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

□ The Heritage Museum, today from 9-5 at 510 Scurry.

**SATURDAY**  
□ The Heritage Museum, from 9-5 from 10-5 at 510 Scurry.

□ The Potton House, a restored historic home, from 1-5 p.m. at 200 Gregg.

□ Best of the Rest Golf Tournament, 8 a.m. start, Comanche Trail Golf Course.

□ Big Spring Amateur Radio Club Field Day, State Park Pavilion, 1 p.m.

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## Housing authority takes steps to separate from city

By MARSHA STURDIVANT  
Staff Writer

The Board of Commissioners for the Housing Authority of the City of Big Spring took steps Thursday night to separate from the city and govern itself autonomously.

"This is a friendly separation. We are going to transfer the responsibility (of the housing agency) to the board from the city," Mark Gentry, secretary of the housing authority, said.

With a prospective budget of \$1.3 million, Gentry and board mem-

bers Assistant City Manager Emma Bogard, chairperson, Gail Earls, Danelle Castillo and Bernadette Valentine agreed the new entity must be managed efficiently and frugally.

"This is a business, and we must have the board and myself bonded. The board has the authority to oversee the (housing) program, and the board has decided to govern the program accordingly," Gentry said.

Currently, the housing program is administered through the four-person staff in the HUD office, and the city provides support for all other business, such as payroll and purchasing, board members said.

With the separation, the board will have all authority for decisions about the program, and must begin conducting its own administrative duties by the end

of this fiscal year, Sept. 30.

One of the areas the board hopes to expand will be developing alternative living programs for physically challenged Howard County residents.

"This is a big gap in our community," Castillo said.

Gentry said he has received numerous letters of support for assisted living residential development.

"There is a lot of property that is accessible to us, that we can use," Gentry said.

Board members agreed to relocate the housing offices and discussed the best approach to handle their administrative duties, including accounting duties. Gentry favors both an in-house bookkeeper and an accountant overseer.

"Long term, we need our own resources, as we get into possibly building homes, refabing (current struc-

tures) and turning into a landlord ourselves, we're going to need that," he said.

Earls said she believes the current staff will need to concentrate on the move and separation, and should not attempt to train a new bookkeeper at this time.

In other business, board members accepted the resignation of Valentine, who is moving to Austin. Mayor Tim Blackshear will appoint another tenant member to the board.

The secretary's report said 15 new families were assisted with housing in June, and housing assistant payments for all families on the program totaled \$96,120.

Eleven clients were dropped from the program in June, including six who gave no reason for discontinuing their rental assistance. Four were who dropped for gang and/or drug activity.



GENTRY

## Walk through stars planned Saturday at State Park here

By T.E. JENKINS  
Staff Writer

Have you ever wanted to take a walk in the stars? Big Spring State Park, in association with the West Texas Astronomy Club, is hosting a "walk through the stars" Saturday, at Big Spring State Park.

The nature walk will be hosted by park manager Ron Alton, who will lead followers through a tour of the stars, aided by the high-power telescopes provided by the West Texas Astronomy Club.

"We expect to have a lot of fun," said Alton. "The West Texas Astronomy Club is coming here from Odessa, and bringing six of their really powerful telescopes."

The event, part of an ongoing series of nature walks sponsored by Big Spring State Park, will begin at 8 p.m. at the State Park Pavilion. The tour will include century old rock carvings on "Scenic Mountain," as well as information on local plant and animal life in the area.

The stargazing portion will be at 9 o'clock, in place of the storytelling that normally takes place after the walk. Local astronomers are encouraged to bring their telescopes.

The only charge will be the normal State Park entrance fees.



Melanie Gambrell of the Pet Connection prepares "Toby" to have his July 4 photo taken. Gambrell said she takes holiday photos of many of the pets she grooms.

## Cocaine overdose sends boys to ICU

By MARSHA STURDIVANT  
Staff Writer

Two 12-year-old boys reportedly overdosed on cocaine Thursday morning, and are in the Intensive Care Unit of Scenic Mountain Medical Center, listed in stable condition, according to sources.

A spokesperson for SMMC confirmed the boys are in ICU, and said their condition is stable.

Big Spring Emergency

Medical Services responded to a call about 8:15 a.m. at Fourth and Birdwell, and transported one of the boys to the hospital at that time, according to the EMS log.

The second boy was taken to the police station for questioning and to notify his parents.

He appeared confused and disoriented, and was taken to the hospital, said Corporal Lupe Liedecke of the Big Spring Police Department.

Report do not confirm who

transported the second youth to the emergency room, the officer said.

No charges have been filed as of press time, but Liedecke said the report will be forwarded to Children's Protective Services and the Juvenile Probation Office.

"If they wish to continue an investigation, they will do so," Liedecke said.

All situations involving juveniles are referred to juvenile probation, she said.

## Name change for Moore board?

By CARLTON JOHNSON  
Staff Writer

One of the issues brought before the board of directors of Moore Development For Big Spring Inc. Wednesday by Executive Director Kent Sharp was the possible modification of the corporate name Moore uses.

"I don't want to do anything to jeopardize the spirit in which the name was arrived at," Sharp said. "But more and more towns

are using names like Development Corporation of say Abilene or Odessa.

"With this in mind, people think Moore Development is a play on words or that we're actually Moore County," Sharp added.

The name Moore was actually arrived at as a play on words and to honor former chamber of commerce Executive Vice President Wayne Moore for his efforts at luring new busi-

nesses to Big Spring, according to board member Charles Beil. Sharp told board members that he would like to modify the name for marketing purposes.

"We can do a dba (doing business as), which I think is the easiest thing to do," Sharp said.

One possible dba would be Development Corporation of Big Spring, Sharp told board members.

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## Workforce director job is defined

By CARLTON JOHNSON  
Staff Writer

The quality, readiness and availability of the workforce in the Big Spring-Howard County area is the driving force behind a new venture being co-sponsored by Howard College and Moore Development For Big Spring Inc.

Earlier this week, the Howard College Board of Trustees agreed to join Moore and jointly fund a workforce coordinator for the Howard County area.

"What we're charged with aside from attracting new industry to Big Spring is maintaining our current businesses as well," Moore Executive Director Kent Sharp said. "What we did recently was have a business forum with open discussions with our local businesses and training was an issue that came up several times."

"People seem to want people with various skills, so we got together with Howard College and we put our heads together," Sharp added. "We were recently

awarded a consortia training grant by the State of Texas."

Moore officials took a trip to Mississippi to see just how such a program would work and were impressed with what they saw.

"We felt like we could get someone in a position in Big Spring to go out and work with the various businesses to see exactly what skills employers are looking for and what people need," Sharp said.

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## Time runs out

### Complaint expected against Permian owner

By CARLTON JOHNSON  
Staff Writer

Time has run out for Permian Building owner Al Moore of Austin to comply with the city's Board of Adjustments and Appeals, which ordered Moore to obtain a permit by May 27 and begin the necessary repairs to the building to bring it up to code.

Moore was called before the Board of Adjustments and Appeals on April 27 because he had missed several previous deadlines to submit plans to the city as to what he planned to do to repair the building.

The building has been barricaded off for the last 13 weeks because of safety concerns.

Community Development Director Todd Darden said the Permian Building has been barricaded because one resident said it looked like the bricks on the north face of the building were pulling loose.

According to Darden, Building City Code Officer Kenny Davis is expected to file an official complaint with Municipal Judge Gary Tabor's office within the next few days, which will state that Moore

failed to comply with the board's order to begin repairs "to enclose the envelope of the building."

Moore will be able to appeal the complaint to the county court if he chooses.

Moore is in trouble with the city because of the collapse of the east wall of the Permian Building on April 29, 1997, which was a surprise to area residents, but not a surprise according to an architectural report made three years earlier that warned against that happening on both the east and west sides of the building.

Specifically, the board's order to Moore was to provide a water-tight seal for the exterior of the building.

Darden said Moore had indicated he would use a colored stucco as the seal and would still have to come back and re-brick the building.

"Mr. Moore had 30 days to purchase the permit to repair the building and 60 days to begin work," Darden said.

Moore would have had six months from the time he began repairs to the building to complete the board's order," Darden

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## Police officer resigns in wake of investigation

By T.E. JENKINS  
Staff Writer

Big Spring Police Department officer William Sledge resigned Wednesday in the midst of a formal Department investigation into possible charges of possession of a controlled substance.

Sledge, who had been with the Department as a dispatcher since July 96, was transferred to the position of police officer in 1997.

"Criminal charges have been filed against William Sledge," said BSPD Detective Lupe Liedecke. "The charge is possession of a controlled substance, and is a third degree felony."

Sledge was put on administra-

tive leave pending the outcome of an investigation into his alleged possession of testosterone enanthate.

The drug, which is a controlled substance and not available without a prescription, has been commonly used in the past by body builders and athletes to boost performance and production.

"Testosterone enanthate is very closely related to the anabolic steroids used by athletes in the past," said Pharmacist Larry McLellan. "It is commonly used in testosterone replacement therapy, and can cause headache, anxiety, and depression among its users."

The criminal investigation into these allegations was com-

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Katie Grimes and Jerry Worthy take time to visit during Thursday's Business After Hours at Warren Chiropractic. Business After Hours is a Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce program designed to promote networking between business people in the community.

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# Proponents revive efforts to pass line item veto

WASHINGTON (AP) — Congressional advocates of the line-item veto are exploring ways to circumvent the Supreme Court's decision that giving the president the power to delete some items from tax and spending bills violates the Constitution.

"Congress has too much power over federal purse strings, and the president has too little," said Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz.

In a 6-3 decision, the Supreme Court on Thursday struck down the line-item veto law passed by

Congress in 1996, saying it violates the part of the Constitution requiring every bill to be presented to the president for his approval or veto.

The court said the Constitution does not allow for what, in effect, are partial vetoes.

That type of line-item veto can be authorized only through a constitutional amendment, the justices said. The veto law was challenged by New York City and an Idaho potato growers' group after tax provisions they sought were vetoed by Clinton,

the first president to wield such power.

Asked about the ruling, President Clinton said, "I'm disappointed."

"I think it's a mistake," Clinton told reporters Friday morning in the Chinese village of Xia He. He said the line-item veto provided a way to control spending and close special interest loopholes, and that he hoped Congress would not use the court's decision as an excuse to move away from fiscal discipline.

Congressional proponents of

the 1996 law said they will try to get around the ruling by introducing various proposals to revive it.

House Budget Committee Chairman John Kasich of Ohio, for example, announced his bill to allow presidents to request that spending proposals be struck, with Congress' approval.

Across the Capitol, two senators introduced a bill — not a constitutional amendment — that would create individual pieces of legislation out of thousands of spending proposals oth-

erwise contained in a single spending bill. Modern technology, proponents say, will help the president sift out and sign into law the ones he approves.

"We're back in business," said Sen. Dan Coats, R-Ind., who is cosponsoring the bill with McCain.

Not so fast, say opponents of the line-item veto. They say it violates the Constitution's separation of powers between branches of government, a provision that gives Congress the power of the purse.

"If that structure is ever

impaired, then the fragile wings of the peoples' liberties will never soar as high again," Sen. Robert Byrd, D-W.Va., the chamber's foremost constitutional scholar, told reporters.

"God save this honorable court," he declared, punching a fist in the air.

"Thank goodness the Supreme Court has saved Congress from itself," said Rep. David Skaggs, D-Colo.

"Congress writes the laws and can't give that power and responsibility away, and ... the president is not king."

# Chances appear good for IRS overhaul to become law

WASHINGTON (AP) — The easy House passage of a bill overhauling the Internal Revenue Service bodes well for a similar fate in the Senate, which is expected to take up the measure after the July 4th recess.

The House voted 402-8 on Thursday to approve a compromise with the Senate to make the biggest changes since 1952 at the IRS.

"This bill strikes the right balance between granting taxpayers the freedom to pay their taxes without abuses, while providing the tools necessary to fund the government," said House Ways and Means

Chairman Bill Archer, R-Texas. Complaints about the IRS were so numerous that Congress forged a broad consensus to revamp the agency.

Rep. Charles Rangel, D-N.Y., praised House Republicans for "an extreme bipartisan effort" in crafting the bill.

"We got away from rhetoric of pulling the (tax) code up by its roots and beating up on the dedicated public servants ... to see what we could bring about change," said Rangel, the top Democrat on the Ways and Means Committee.

Voting against the measure were seven Democrats and one Republican. President Clinton

has said he would sign the \$12.88 billion measure.

Shortly after the vote was announced, the IRS' No. 2 official announced his resignation. Deputy Commissioner Michael P. Dolan said he planned to leave in order to give the agency's new commissioner room to form his own management team.

The House action culminates a two-year push by Congress to bring the nation's tax collector under control.

Amid reports the IRS spent \$3.3 billion on a failed computer modernization, Congress cut the agency's funding in 1996 and created a bipartisan panel

to investigate and recommend solutions to the agency's management woes.

The commission, headed by Rep. Rob Portman, R-Ohio, and Sen. Bob Kerrey, D-Neb., recommended a new outside board of directors to oversee the agency, which was created by the bill.

It called on Congress to coordinate oversight from the seven separate committees so they do not send conflicting messages to the IRS.

After the Senate Finance Committee held dramatic IRS oversight hearings last September, the scope and cost of the bill broadened as lawmakers moved to beef up taxpayer

rights.

At the hearings, taxpayers and IRS employees described harassment in tax collections and indifferent or hostile workers who did little to solve legitimate taxpayer complaints.

The Senate responded by making some tax penalties less onerous. For example, if the IRS waits more than 18 months to notify someone they owe additional taxes, the bill will suspend interest and penalties. This is expected to save taxpayer \$2.3 billion over 10 years.

Other major provisions shift the burden of proof in civil Tax Court cases from taxpayers to the IRS, so long as taxpayers

kept proper records and met other requirements.

So-called innocent spouses, such as divorced women, would win protections against tax collection actions caused by problems from their former mates.

Archer said the bill gives taxpayers 74 new rights in the measure, including such micromanagement as ordering the IRS to stop labeling tax cheats as "illegal tax protesters" and restricting use of pseudonyms by tax collectors.

Tax expert C. Clinton Stretch of Deloitte and Touche LLP in Washington said the bill will have little visible impact on most taxpayers.

# In China, Clinton touts democracy

XIAHE, China (AP) — In a dusty village square, President Clinton today celebrated local elections as "a window for all the world to see" the progress democracy can bring to China — after voicing his distress at dissident arrests he called a backward look by Beijing.

His message of democracy in a humble setting, a brick-walled dirt plaza, brushed and bannered for the occasion, with schoolchildren in blue and white waving bouquets and singing songs, was in stark contrast to the reports of arrests among Chinese dissidents.

And in contrast, too, to his coming state welcome in the vast, haunted splendor of Tiananmen Square in Beijing, where Chinese troops bloodily repressed democracy demonstrators nine years ago.

President Jiang Zemin greets him there Saturday morning, by the Great Hall of the People. The Tiananmen setting stirred protests in Congress in advance; the House adopted a resolution saying Clinton shouldn't go there.

He defended it as protocol, and said he was more concerned about the substance of his promised effort to promote

human rights in China. But his nine-day visit was marred on that score as it began, by the denial of visas to three reporters for a U.S. government Asia broadcasting operation, and by reports that dissidents were being detained.

There was no reliable account of the number, but a handful was enough to make trouble for Clinton. A White House official said Ambassador James Sasser had expressed U.S. concern to senior Chinese officials.

The White House official, who spoke on condition that he not be named, said the U.S. view is that the arrests did not represent a wholesale crackdown or an effort to embarrass Clinton, but a situation in which Beijing instructed local governments to avoid incidents during the president's visit and they responded by picking up known dissidents.

"I found the reports disturbing," Clinton said in Xiahe. "And, if true, they represent not China at its best and not China looking forward, but looking backward."

He said one reason he came was to discuss issues of personal freedom, and dissident arrests emphasize the need for

his message. "... It makes it all the more important that we continue to work with the Chinese and to engage them," he said.

Clinton's national security adviser, Sandy Berger, told reporters later that China's response so far to U.S. concerns were disappointing, and that Clinton planned to raise the matter in his talks in Beijing.

"People are not debris to be swept up for a visitor," Berger said. "We have expressed our concern about this to the Chinese government. Their response so far has not been terribly satisfactory. They dispute the facts, or otherwise explain these incidents away."

Berger called China an authoritarian nation whose security forces are more interested in control than in respecting individual rights.

"I think China's human rights record is terrible," he said, adding that he did not expect to see Clinton's discussions in Beijing on human rights, including repression in Tibet, bear fruit immediately. He also talked down the possibility of reaching a U.S.-China nuclear agreement not to point nuclear missiles at each other's territory.

# Adviser: trade trumps national security

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Clinton administration has undercut the defense agency charged with reviewing technology exports to China and elsewhere for possible national security risks, a Defense Department insider told Congress.

The Pentagon strongly rejected the charge.

"That's absolute nonsense," said Franklin Miller, a senior Pentagon official who oversees weapons proliferation policy.

Lawmakers of both parties who heard the same charges in a Senate hearing Thursday were not so quick to dismiss them.

Sen. Fred Thompson, R-Tenn., chairman of the Senate Governmental Affairs Committee, said the Clinton

administration is clearly tilting its export policy in favor of trade at the risk of letting technology with military applications fall into the wrong hands.

"The system is indeed rigged in favor of the commercial interests as opposed to the national security interests," Thompson said.

In unusually frank testimony, Peter Leitner, a veteran adviser with the Pentagon agency that reviews proposed exports, said senior defense officials sometimes instructed subordinates to soften or reverse their opposition to sensitive exports.

"That's happened on several occasions," Leitner said. "Sometimes it happens in your face and sometimes it happens when you're on vaca-

tion and somebody tampers with your database under your name."

In 1994, Leitner said he was ordered to change his position against the export of machine-tool equipment to China because senior administration officials had already decided that the deal was going to go through.

When Leitner refused, he was taken off the case.

U.S. officials say that China later sought to divert the equipment for use in building military aircraft.

A December 1995 executive order signed by Clinton, Leitner said, elevated the power of the Commerce Department over key export decisions and reduced Pentagon authority.

# Supreme Court rules attorney-client bond protects Foster's notes

WASHINGTON (AP) — In a sweeping embrace of the attorney-client privilege, the Supreme Court ruled Thursday that Whitewater prosecutor Kenneth Starr is not entitled to a lawyer's notes of a conversation with then-deputy White House counsel Vincent Foster nine days before his death.

In a 6-3 decision, the court said that "it has been generally, if not universally, accepted, for well over a century, that the attorney-client privilege survives the death of the client in a case such as this."

Starr now must look elsewhere for evidence of false statements regarding first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton's involvement in the White House travel office firings.

Starr had subpoenaed three pages of notes taken by Washington lawyer James Hamilton in a two-hour discussion with Foster in July 1993.

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# Bush mulls Lucas' fate as pardons board advises 270-day reprieve

AUSTIN (AP) — The life of confessed serial killer Henry Lee Lucas today was in the hands of Gov. George W. Bush, who says the case raises some troubling questions.

"The first question I ask in each death penalty case is whether there is any doubt about whether the individual is guilty of the crime," Bush said.

"While Henry Lee Lucas is guilty of committing a number of horrible crimes, serious concerns have been raised about his guilt in this case."

The Texas Board of Pardons and Paroles on Thursday recommended that Lucas, who once confessed to 600 killings

nationwide but has since recanted them all, not be executed as scheduled next week.

Rather, the board advised Bush to give Lucas a 270-day reprieve and commute his death sentence commuted to a lesser penalty. Bush can accept or reject the board's recommendations.

The decision pleased Lucas and his supporters, who say that despite his confession the one-eyed drifter couldn't have killed the unidentified woman known only as "Orange Socks" on Oct. 31, 1979.

"It shows there is some justice in Texas," Lucas said from death row near Huntsville.

Rita Radostitz, Lucas' lawyer, said: "I hope this make police officers to reopen cases Mr. Lucas confessed to."

But the prosecutor who helped put Lucas on death row said Lucas is "a monster" who undoubtedly killed Orange Socks.

"Lucas was proved guilty beyond a reasonable doubt to 12 citizens. The case has been reviewed by 23 judges over the past 14 years," Williamson County District Attorney Ken Anderson said.

If he's not innocent, Anderson added, "The only other reason to grant clemency is for reasons of mercy. There is no one less

deserving of such than Lucas."

Victor Rodriguez, chairman of the 18-member parole board, said they voted 10-8 for the reprieve and 17-1 for commutation. The panel makes no recommendation on the new sentence.

"It is important to note that this person remains convicted of this offense and as such should remain incarcerated for the rest of his life," parole board chairman Victor Rodriguez said in a letter to Bush.

"We believe firmly that this man remains guilty as found by that jury. Nothing we've done affects that finding," said

Rodriguez, who voted for commutation.

Lucas, who has been convicted in 10 murder cases, is scheduled for lethal injection Tuesday for the rape and strangulation of the woman whose body, nude but for the socks, was found in a ditch off Interstate 35 near Georgetown, north of Austin. Lucas was convicted in 1984. It is the only case in which he received a death sentence.

Although Lucas confessed, he later said he was lying.

News reports and an investigation by former Attorney General Jim Mattox raised questions about Lucas' guilt.

Work records and a cashed paycheck indicated Lucas might have been in Florida at the time of the murder.

Mattox, a Democrat who is seeking the office he left in 1991, said Thursday he would stand behind Bush if the Republican governor commutes Lucas' sentence.

"I don't believe this decision is based on politics. I think it's based on a matter of conscience and what's right for our system of justice," said Mattox, a death penalty supporter.

"If the governor chooses to commute the sentence, I'll be willing to stand up beside him anytime to defend him..."

## Three accused in Jasper killing are to face state capital murder charges first

JASPER (AP) — The men accused in the June 7 dragging death of James Byrd Jr. will be tried first on state capital murder charges, prosecutors say.

Three white men — Lawrence Russell Brewer Jr., 31, of Sulphur Springs, Shawn Berry and John William King, both 23, of Jasper — are charged with the slaying of Byrd, who was black. Byrd was chained to a pickup truck and dragged down a road.

A U.S. Senate committee on Thursday approved \$100,000 to help pay for the prosecution of the case. The full Senate must also give its OK. Jasper County officials said federal prosecutors will help try the state case.

Two factions of the Ku Klux Klan plan a Saturday rally in Jasper, saying their intent is to denounce the killing of Byrd.

Meanwhile, the New Black Panthers announced they would attend the two-hour rally at the Jasper County Courthouse and

would come with shotguns.

"We're not in favor of either group because of what they stand for," said Clara Taylor, Byrd's sister. "We're trying to get on with our lives and heal and have a little peace."

Jasper County Sheriff Billy Rowles said state troopers, local police and sheriff's deputies would provide security. Neither he nor the Texas Department of Public Safety would say how many law officers would be on hand.

"We're asking everybody to please don't come to Jasper Saturday," Rowles said. "Let us handle it."

Malik Z. Shabazz, an attorney for the New Black Panther Party, said the group would "defend and to patrol the community and protect them from attack."

Shabazz said he didn't know how many Black Panthers are expected, but he said they would be carrying shotguns.

## Family issues dominate Democratic meeting

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — An intraparty squabble over the chairmanship aside, Texas Democrats are spotlighting a family-oriented agenda and grassroots organizing as they convene for their biennial convention.

Improving education by increasing teacher pay, enforcing smaller class sizes and expanding college scholarship opportunities are part of the 1998 Strong Families Agenda they're touting today.

The agenda also has a patient's bill of rights that includes allowing people to choose their doctors at a time

when managed-care plans restrict such choices in the effort to hold down costs.

It also encompasses efforts to make child care more affordable and safer.

In the effort to rally the troops for the November election, the 6,315 delegates and 2,395 alternates are scheduled to hear from Vice President Al Gore, bask in the eloquence of the Reverend Jesse Jackson and listen to a host of statewide candidates.

On Saturday, they'll hear from more candidates and choose either Republican-turned-Democrat Molly Beth

Malcolm of Texarkana or San Augustine County Judge Curt Goetz, a self-described lifelong Democrat, for party chair.

They'll also have an opportunity to hone their political skills with workshops on fundraising, organizing, direct mail, media, the Internet and "Countering the Radical Right This Year."

Outgoing party Chairman Bill White of Houston is predicting Democrats will be able to maintain their majority in the state House of Representatives and make gains in the Texas Senate, now majority Republican.

"That will show that at the

grassroots, the majority of Texas is Democratic," White said.

He acknowledged that gubernatorial candidate Garry Mauro is "an underdog right now."

Mauro was listed as 53 percentage points behind Republican Gov. George W. Bush in the latest public opinion poll.

"He (Mauro) is right on the issues, but he won't have the money. If he wins, it'll be a message that the people of Texas can send ... that the famous name, the big money don't always prevail in politics," White said.

## Audit discovers money was missing

WACO (AP) — The investigation into a bank executive's slaying has led authorities to discover that at least \$600,000 is missing from the Kosse First State Bank, sources say.

The apparent holdup took place May 14 when First State Bank vice president Michael Wells was shot three times in the back with a .25-caliber handgun.

However, no money was taken from the bank's vault, which was on a time lock and not set to open until 9 a.m., Limestone County Sheriff Doyle Coslin said.

Authorities said teller Dava Truett said she answered a knock at the back door around 7:30 a.m. and was struck in the head by an unknown gunman. Truett regained consciousness to discover Wells lying near the vault.

The pressure of the situation has led Truett to resign her bank position.

"It has just been a traumatic experience, but I have no more comment about anything," she said.

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# High court says government need not support indecent art

WASHINGTON (AP) — The government need not subsidize art it considers indecent, the Supreme Court ruled Thursday, restoring a law that requires public values to be considered when handing out grants.

The 8-1 decision was praised as a blow for decency by some who had criticized the National Endowment for the Arts for giving money to several high-profile makers of risqué art. Others said the ruling could chill creativity on the edges of the cultural mainstream.

The law using a decency standard as a criteria for grants "neither inherently interferes with First Amendment rights nor violates constitutional

**"Today the Supreme Court validated the right of the American people to not pay for art that offends their sensibilities."**

vagueness principles," Justice Sandra Day O'Connor wrote for the court.

"So long as legislation does not infringe on other constitutionally protected rights, Congress has wide latitude to set spending priorities," she said. "Congress may selectively fund a program to encourage certain activities it believes to be in the public interest."

The endorsement welcomed the ruling while saying it will have no practical effect on daily oper-

ations. The NEA has been largely prohibited from giving grants to individual artists except in music. It was allotted \$81 million this year to use as grants for projects and organizations.

House Speaker Newt Gingrich, R-Ga., was less circumspect. "Today the Supreme Court validated the right of the American people to not pay for art that offends their sensibilities," he said.

David Cole, lawyer for the artists who challenged the NEA,

said the justices were wrong in "closing their eyes to the real-world chilling effect" of the law. But he took some comfort in O'Connor's suggestion that if the endowment used its discretion to penalize "disfavored viewpoints," that would be a different case.

Lower courts had struck down the law, saying it was too vague and violated artists' free-speech rights. Justice David H. Souter, the only dissenter, agreed the law is "substantially overbroad and carries with it a significant power to chill artistic production and display."

The majority said the grants process is not so heavy-handed as to be unconstitutional and

does not forbid public financing of controversial art. Instead, O'Connor wrote, it "admonishes the NEA merely to take 'decency and respect' into consideration."

Congress set the decency standard in 1990 after the endowment gave money to work such as the homoerotic images of Robert Mapplethorpe and Andres Serrano's photograph of a crucifix immersed in urine. The standard was challenged by a group of avant-garde artists, including Karen Finley, who is known for a performance in which she coated her naked body with chocolate to symbolize the oppression of women.

In a blending of life and the-

ater, Finley worked her response to the ruling into a New York performance of her new piece, "The Return of the Chocolate-Smeared Woman." Wearing only the chocolate, panties, a pink boa and silver high-heeled shoes, Finley said she was disappointed.

"Who's going to be deciding what's decent or indecent?" she asked. "Is it a banana going into someone's mouth, is it covering your body with chocolate?"

The law requires the NEA to judge grant applications on artistic merit, "taking into consideration general standards of decency and respect for the diverse beliefs and values of the American public."

## Diplomas voided after credit given for whiffle ball

NEW YORK (AP) — More than a year after graduating from high school, 61 former students have had their diplomas voided because they got credits for courses like Whiffleball theory, flower arranging and bicycle repair.

The Board of Education said Thursday that it was also reviewing the diplomas of 113 other graduates of the Eastern District Senior Academy in the New York City borough of Brooklyn.

Schools special investigator Ed Stanick, who released a report on the school called "How to Succeed Without Really Trying," said the diplomas were voided because they

"weren't worth the paper they were written on."

Investigators placed much of the blame on Principal Marcia Brevot, saying she allegedly reversed failing grades, waived exams and offered "Mickey Mouse" courses for credit.

"This is so unfair," said her lawyer, Richard Bellman.

He said Ms. Brevot had an "impeccable" 27-year record in the city's school system when she arrived at Senior Academy in July 1996.

The school, in a low-income area, was in "absolute chaos" when she walked in, with a 15-year history of failure, violence, no education, dropouts," Bellman said.

"She ended that."

The 58-year-old educator had just retired from the public school system when she accepted the principal's job on a \$200-a-day contract for the 1996-1997 school year.

"I know of no diplomas that weren't earned," Ms. Brevot said, speaking through her attorney.

Bellman said the students who took the bicycle repair course wrote papers about it and got one credit for English, science or the arts.

As for Whiffleball, he said, "I don't have an problem with that. It was a physical education requirement."

And the teacher who gave the

flower-arranging course "taught them botany," he said, in return for credits in either English, math or health.

The so-called "interdisciplinary" courses also included a "leadership class" in which students ran errands for teachers, and internships in which they answered phones for three months at a travel agency in return for credits in English, social studies, health and music, Stanick's report said.

In addition, he said students could gain math and social studies credits by learning about a "sports rotisserie league," meaning buying and selling professional players in a simulated free-agent market.

## In the South, search on for escaped inmates

TUSCALOOSA, Ala. (AP) — A manhunt was on today for a pair of Mississippi inmates suspected of overpowering two lawmen, stealing a sheriff's car and then wounding a policeman in a shootout after fleeing to Alabama.

There was no sign of the two lawmen.

Roadblocks were up in and around Tuscaloosa, a city of 78,000 in western Alabama, and residents were asked to stay inside. The FBI was aiding authorities in both states.

They are looking for Mario Centobie, 32, and Jeremy Granberry, 19, both considered armed and dangerous, Tuscaloosa Capt. Billy Duncan said.

Police believed the men were

in or near Tuscaloosa late Thursday, "unless they've made other arrangements for transportation."

Tuscaloosa police Capt. Cecil Lancaster stopped the sheriff's car about 7 p.m. Thursday on Interstate 359 after noticing it had a large dent and part of the bumper was torn off, police said.

Lancaster was shot twice as he approached the car. He returned fire, but the car drove off, Duncan said. The vehicle was later found in Tuscaloosa.

Lancaster was listed in fair condition after surgery.

"He's going to be fine," Duncan said.

Missing were Maurice Hooks, the sheriff of Jones County, Miss., and Ray Butler, a retired

law officer.

Authorities said the lawmen drove to the state penitentiary in Parchman, Miss., on Thursday to pick up the inmates, presumably for a court hearing in Laurel, the Jones County seat.

Sgt. James Snyder of the Mississippi Highway Patrol said Hooks was last seen putting gas in his car near Parchman, shortly after noon.

Authorities believe the prisoners hijacked the car and fled toward Tuscaloosa, 210 miles east of Parchman.

Snyder said investigators are trying to backtrack from Tuscaloosa in hopes of finding the sheriff and his friend.

He said officers were prepared for the worst.


"We know there was an altercation," he said. "We're staying positive."

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## Judge reduces McDougal's sentence to time she's served

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (AP) — For the first time in 21 months, Whitewater figure Susan McDougal walked away from a courthouse a free woman.

Mrs. McDougal's freedom could prove temporary. She faces a California embezzlement trial next month and a contempt trial here in the fall.

But she savored a tearful courtroom reunion with relatives and her fiancé Thursday, moments after U.S. District Judge George Howard Jr. said he would "lean to the side of compassion and mercy" and release Mrs. McDougal because of her back and neck problems.

"I am a much better person today than the one you sentenced," Mrs. McDougal told the judge. "I promise you won't be sorry."

Mrs. McDougal was convicted

in 1996 as part of the Whitewater investigation, along with Gov. Jim Guy Tucker and ex-husband, Jim McDougal. She was convicted of four felony fraud counts involving an illegal loan from a federally backed lending company.

She didn't begin serving her two-year sentence until March, however.

Before that, she served 18 months for civil contempt for refusing to answer questions before the Whitewater grand jury.

Howard reduced the sentence to time served, but left intact three years worth of probation and his order that she repay \$300,000 to the Small Business Administration.

The judge also ordered her to 90 days home detention.

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Horses have larger eyes than any other land animal except ostriches. Their eyes can move independently, each in a half circle.

Presidents Theodore and Franklin Roosevelt were fifth cousins. Eleanor Roosevelt, wife of Franklin, was a niece of Theodore.

Do you have a story idea for the life! section? Call 263-7331, Ext. 236.

How will you use God's gift?

Psalm 59:16 says, 'I will sing of Thy power; yea I will sing aloud of Thy mercy in the morning.'

I am told that some of us are 'night' people and some are 'day' people.

I suppose that if this is the case, then some of us must be 'morning' people and some are 'evening' people. But regardless of whether we are morning, day, evening or night people really doesn't make much difference, since we all have to do mornings regardless of what we are or think of them. We have no choice about that.

What we do have a choice about is how we FEEL about mornings and how we react to them.

I know some people who say they are just naturally grouchy when they get up in the morning. 'Don't speak to me,' they say, 'until I have had a least my second cup of coffee.' But

What we do have a choice about is how we FEEL about mornings and how we react to them.

really attitude is a choice. We can change our attitude if we want to.

Don't blame your grouchiness on either nature or God. If we realize that each morning is a new gift of God given to us for us to enjoy and take advantage of, it will change our attitude toward it.

Everyone likes to get gifts; most people like to unwrap gifts. Each morning is a gift of another day from God and we unwrap it all day long.

This must have been the way the psalmist felt who wrote the verse above. Realizing God's power and His mercy he could not help but sing aloud each morning in His praise.

One of my favorite hymns says:

With the Lord begin your task; Jesus will direct it.

For His aid and counsel ask, Jesus will perfect it.

Every morn with Jesus rise, And when day is ended;

In His name then close your eye; Be to Him commended.

If your task be thus begun With the Savior's blessing;

Safely then your course will run, Toward the promised pressing.

God will follow everywhere While you here must wander; You at last the joy will share In the mansions yonder.

Martin Luther, in his morning prayer, expressed his joy and appreciation for each day and for God's blessings and protection when he wrote:

'I thank Thee my Heavenly Father through Jesus Christ Thy dear Son that Thou hast kept me this night from all harm and danger and I pray Thee that Thou wouldst keep me this day also from sin and every evil that all my doings and life may please Thee. For into they hands I commend myself, my body and soul and all things. Let they hold angel be with me that the wicked foe may have no power over me. Amen.'

Each day is a new beginning...a new opportunity...a new gift given to us by God for our own and our neighbor's use and God's glory. Your attitude toward it is your choice. It is God's gift.

What will you do with it? How will you use it? Only you can make that choice.

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CHURCH NEWS

Coahoma Church of Christ

Coahoma Church of Christ is having a homecoming on Sunday, July 5. Everyone who has been a member of the church or attended church in Coahoma in the past is invited to come home and spend the day with us. Russ Mullins, minister, will teach the adult Bible class beginning at 9:30 a.m.

At the worship assembly at 10:20 a.m., Ralph Beistle will bring the sermon. Following an old-fashioned pot luck dinner at noon, there will be congregational singing at 1:30 p.m. John Snider will speak during the afternoon worship assembly at 2:30 p.m. We will be looking for you.

Baptist Temple Church

Baptist Temple Church is having Vacation Bible School June 29-July 3 from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. for ages 4 through sixth grade. The theme is 'StarQuest: a Galactic Good News Adventure.' For more information call 267-8287.

Baptist Temple is also planning a trip to Branson, Mo. on Sept. 21-25. If you are interested please call the church at 267-8287.

East Side Baptist Church

Joe Whitten Prison Ministries presents 'His Children'



Courtesy photo

'His Children,' presented by Joe Whitten Prison Ministries, will perform Sunday at 6 p.m. at East Side Baptist Church. The group is comprised of college students who donate one year of time.

Children' in concert Sunday night at 6 p.m. at the East Side Baptist Church, East Sixth and Settles.

'His Children' has appeared in 900 state and federal prison concerts, three Army facilities, as well as 350 churches across 24 states from 1985 through 1997.

The group is comprised of 10 college students who donate one year of their lives to this special service.

East Side Baptist pastor Doug Shelley said 'This is an exciting group to hear and you are sure to receive a blessing by attending their concert.'

First Baptist Church

First Baptist Church will be presenting its fifth annual God & country Patriotic Concert this Sunday night at 7 p.m. The Sanctuary Choir and

Band, under the direction of Stan Hanes, minister of music, will present a variety of American favorites, including 'God Bless America,' 'This Is My Country,' 'God Bless the U.S.A.,' 'Battle Hymn of the Republic,' and many more.

In the tradition of this concert, all former and present military personnel will be recognized in the 'Parade of Veterans.' All local veterans groups are encouraged to attend, as well as all other military personnel in the area.

The entire community is invited to attend this concert which celebrates the freedom and independence of our great nation.

First Baptist Church is located at 705 West FM 700.

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CLUB NEWS

Big Spring Evening Lions

Big Spring Evening Lions Club recently hosted the District Governor and Vice Governor for an officer installation ceremony and banquet.

Five new members were inducted into the club by Gov. Caldwell: Becky King, Loretta Hodnett, Christi Self, Elizabeth Paredez and Trisha Yarbar. All were sponsored by the president-elect Janis Dean.

Caldwell installed the officers for the new year, along with Dean as president, are: Donna Groenke, vice president; Bob Noyes, secretary; Jan Noyes, treasurer; and directors Elvin Bearden, Bill Birrell, Alan Kernodle, Squeaky Thompson and Al Valdes, immediate past president.

President Al Valdes presented service awards for the work members do in the Adult Recycled Eyeglass Clinic, Children's vision photoscreening in kindergarten schools and all the community programs sponsored by the club.

Bill Birrell received a 40-year service chevron. Al Valdes received an award for service, including youth programs during the last year.

Jan Noyes received a Melvin Jones Fellowship — the highest award Lions International Foundation gives — provided by the club, for her service as an officer and working with the eyeglass clinic.

Elbow FCE Club

Food, fun, and fellowship were enjoyed by the Elbow Family and Community Education Club as they met on



Courtesy photo

Above, Al Valdes, Big Spring Evening Lions Club outgoing president, passes the reins of the club to Janis Dean while Bob Noyes, secretary, looks on. Below, Lions award winners, left to right, included Bill Birrell, Alan Kernodle, Elvin Bearden and Squeaky Thompson.



Thursday, June 18, at the Spring City Senior Citizens Center. After lunch, some of the members played bingo and three of the members were winners, taking home shopping bags of groceries.

The Elbow Family and Community Education Club is on the summer schedule now and only meets on the third Thursday of the month. The next scheduled meeting will be July 16. The public is always invited to attend the meetings. For time and place call 263-6819 or 263-2233.

Mighty Oaks Senior Adult Club

The Mighty Oaks Senior Adult Club of East Fourth St. Baptist Church met at 11:30 a.m. Tuesday, June 16, for their regular monthly luncheon in the church's fellowship hall. Twenty-three members and three guests, Joyce Adams, Melba Whittington, and Leta

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A missionary story: How God cared for one of his own

EDITOR'S NOTE: Sig Rogers was a loyal contributor to the newspaper for many years, with poems and short stories, and his colorful life had been the focus of several articles. He died Monday, and here we publish his last contribution in tribute to him.

I have just finished reading some stories on faith and read some pretty good stories telling how God took care of tricky incidences.

One was about a Christian fellow who was walking across a bridge at night. Three fellows drove by, stopped their car and talked about pitching him overboard. They started for him, but suddenly stopped short and said, 'Let's get out of here!'

A friend passed by in his car and waved to him, but didn't stop. He saw three fellows walking with him — the tallest men he had ever seen.

This reminds me of the time I was planning a film showing in

Mexico a few years back. I had made arrangements, with a church in this village, to show a missionary film, but for some reason they never showed up to open the church doors.

A Christian man said I could show the film in his front yard if I wanted.

This type of program had to be done on private property in Mexico, so I figured it would be okay as long as I stayed on this man's property.

I didn't set up the big 8-by-10 foot picture screen; I was a little edgy about the set up. Instead we put up a large sheet on the side of his house.

This house was on the main street and about two blocks from a honky tonk. I had about \$12,000 worth of equipment with me, including my pickup truck. Back then in Mexico, some would take what you had, and you had to pay to get it back.

We had a good crowd of curi-

ous folks, but we also attracted some drunks from the honky tonk. They stood behind me and started making remarks. Then the film broke; there were no street lights and I had to use a flash light to see to fix and rethread the machine.

Some of these drunken fellows thought they could help me. I figured I had better get to the point with these fellows as I sure didn't want any trouble with anybody.

I decided I had to take matters into my own hands...or did I? I knew some of the men carried big knives and this was no place to see just how big. So, I prayed about it as I worked on the machine. God showed me that He had put a steel tube over me and they couldn't hurt me.

The film show went over okay, but I packed up a little quicker than usual, and said, 'Thank you dear Jesus!'

--Sig Rogers

Discovery of new use for old drug may offer relief for Alzheimer's sufferers

EL PASO (AP) — By age 75, Alzheimer's disease had stolen the woman's life. She couldn't get out of bed in the morning, go to the bathroom or even get dressed without assistance.

Then doctors started treating her with methanesulfonyl fluoride (MSF), an old drug being put to a new use, and a transformation began.

"She would get up and do

those things for herself and talk to her family about what's going on," said Donald Moss, a psychologist at the University of Texas-El Paso.

The patient was not cured during clinical trials in Mexico, nor was a cure expected. But MSF did at least allow her to regain a measure of independence.

Now, two years later, Moss is

hoping the drug will be given a chance to do the same for others.

Moss, who discovered MSF's potential as an Alzheimer's treatment more than a decade ago, has found a pharmaceutical company to pursue more intense studies of the drug and seek government approval to market it. His efforts were slowed as he sought money to

fund early tests and then a patent.

UTEF, which holds the patent on Moss' discovery, entered into a licensing agreement May 14 with Layton BioScience of Atherton, Calif., that gave the pharmaceutical firm worldwide rights to MSF.

UTEF received 10,000 shares of Layton stock, valued at \$8 a share, and a guarantee of 5 per-

cent of the net sales should the drug go to market. Moss will also receive a share of the proceeds.

Layton expects to approach the Food and Drug Administration this summer for clearance to begin human trials in the United States. Animal studies will likely be required first. Moss believes the drug could be on the

shelves within five years.

"It's a really wonderful feeling to start with an idea and develop it and see if it's actually successful," said Moss. "The most rewarding thing is to see the patients actually improve."

Alzheimer's disease kills the portions of the brain that make acetylcholine, a substance essential for memory and other functions.

Slice of life!

COMMUNITY NEWS

Howard County volunteer Fire Department Chief Tommy Sullivan, left, recently accepted a donation from the Big Spring Evening Lions Club, which had sponsored a bingo night to benefit the department. Proceeds from the games, along with the sale of hot dogs, soft drinks and other fundraisers brought in \$2,050 to help replace damaged equipment from the recent grass fires.

Giving the check to Sullivan are Lions Bingo manager Janis Dean and Al Valdes.

The Lions will continue to accept donations for the fire department through the end of this month.



FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Early deadlines next week

The life! section will set early deadlines for the week before July 4, due to a company holiday. All Sunday items, including weddings, anniversaries, engagements and Stork Club will be due Tuesday at noon. Club and Church news will also be due Tuesday at noon.

Day Camp for Scouts

There will be Cub Scout Day Camp July 7-10 at the Hughes Aquatic Base. The cost is \$30 and registration forms are available at the Scout Office, 610 Scurry. Office hours are 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday-Tuesday, and 4 to 7 p.m. Thursday. For more information call 263-3407, 263-3255 or 394-4310.

THE LAST WORD

There can be no real freedom without the freedom to fail.

Eric Hoffer

My definition of a free society is a society in which it is safe to be unpopular.

Adlai Stevenson

I do not mind lying, but I hate inaccuracy.

Samuel Butler

JUN 26 1998

# For Baha'i followers, marriage is part of faith

**By CHRISTINE WICKER**  
The Dallas Morning News  
DALLAS — Rhonda Palmer is white. Her husband, Walter, is black.  
Their religion teaches that God is particularly pleased with such interracial unions. Not everybody shares that certainty, of course.  
On their honeymoon in 1973, a Mississippi sheriff ran them out of the state. Later, a woman who was curious about the offspring of such a match came to their door, asking for a look at their children. For years, every time an elderly neighbor came out of her house, she complained loudly about the Palmers' bad influence on the community.  
In each case, the Palmers proceeded calmly, secure in Baha'i teachings. A hallmark of their faith is the elimination of racial prejudice. "The earth is

but one country and mankind its citizens," according to Baha'u'llah, prophet-founder of the Baha'i faith.  
In Mississippi, the Palmers honored the sheriff's order by making sure the sun didn't set before they crossed the state line, but "we thought it was hilarious. In those days we thought everything was funny. We were so in love," said Mrs. Palmer.  
They happily showed their two daughters to the curious woman, whose own child was contemplating an interracial marriage. For the racist neighbor, they shoveled snow and shared summer strawberries from their garden. When they finally left the neighborhood, she told them how sad she was to see them go.  
"We've always considered everything we do as educational for other people," said Mrs.

Palmer.  
"If we just walked down the street, people would see two races getting along," said Walter Palmer.  
The Palmers' easygoing response to other people's rejection is fairly typical of the Baha'i way. Embracing racial unity works and makes sense when you believe it, says Dr. Robert Henderson, secretary-general of the National Governing Body of the Baha'i faith in the United States.  
"You realize that other folks haven't gotten there yet, but you'll help them," said Henderson, who is black and has been married to a white woman for 27 years.  
Interracial marriages in the United States account for less than 3 percent of the total, according to 1996 census figures, which probably understate the actual number,

according to the Statistical Assessment Service in Washington, D.C.  
"Interestingly, from 1980 to 1996 the number of married couples rose 10 percent, while the number of interracial couples jumped 100 percent," said senior analyst Tom Riley.  
The tradition of intermarriage is an old one in this young religion. In the early part of this century, Baha'u'llah's son, Abdu'l-Baha, encouraged the marriage of a white woman and a black man as an example for other believers.  
Robert Henderson is also from a Baha'i family.  
"What that meant was that I had an intimate relationship with people who were black, white, red, yellow," he said. "My expectation is that you like everybody, and you marry who you love."

## CLUB

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Kirby, were present.  
Emily Pike entertained with piano selections and Jim Abernathy and Vera Covington sang gospel selections prior to the meal.  
Bro. Dudley Mullins gave the opening prayer. Ida Bell Bankston, club president, presided. June birthday honoree was Mabel Wilson. Minutes for March, April and

May meetings and the treasurer's report were read and approved. Club members absent due to illness were remembered.  
Members voted to give a memorial gift to the building fund in memory of Gertrude McCann.  
Closing prayer was led by Mary Napper. Next meeting will be July 21.

## CHURCH

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**First United Methodist Church**  
"Gaining Strength From Within Yourself" (Eph. 6:10-20) is Dr. Ed Williamson's message this Sunday at the First United Methodist Church, 400 Scurry. The message is about how God gives us power when we need it. Worship is at 8:30 and 10:50

a.m.  
The First United Methodist Church has several Sunday School classes for adults, youth and children. There is a Wednesday noon Bible study class and meal each week in Garrett Hall and everyone is invited to attend.  
Call the church office at 267-6394 for more details.

# Couple's efforts to debunk Mormonism aided church historians

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Sandra and Jerald Tanner's quest fit the times: They were fumbling into adulthood in the early '60s, brash and full of big ideas.  
They weren't war protesters or hippies, though; the Palmers' rebellion was more personal.  
The fifth generation Mormons — Sandra was 18 and Jerald 20 when they met in 1959 — concluded that Mormonism's 19th century founder, Joseph Smith, was a fraud and the religion he created a sham.  
And, breaking the church doubters' code of silence, the firebrands began broadcasting their convictions, first in mimeographed handouts to dismayed family members and eventually around the world through a newsletter, pamphlets and more than 40 books.  
At the same time, they began ferreting out and publishing early Mormon documents, newspapers, diaries and books they believed proved their case.  
More than 30 years later, the

Tanners are grudgingly respected by many Mormon scholars for their painstaking and accurate research, if not for their interpretations. And their Utah Lighthouse Ministry and its bookstore have become a chief resource for the faithful interested in early Mormonism as well as the disillusioned looking to get out.  
"The Tanners, pound for pound, year after year, have been the most successful opponents of the church," says Daniel C. Peterson, professor of Islamic studies and Arabic at Brigham Young University. "I don't mean it as a compliment."  
Sandra Tanner was among those to whom Southern Baptists turned last year when they created the video "The Mormon Puzzle" to explain the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. She also presented a workshop when some 8,500 Southern Baptists converged on Salt Lake City in June for their annual meeting.  
Peterson, chairman of the

Foundation for Ancient Research and Mormon Studies at BYU, calls the Tanners unequaled in their mastery of church documents. "They occasionally have forced us (Mormonism's defenders) to sharpen a line of reasoning or come up with a line of reasoning."  
And Elbert Peck, editor of Sunstone, a Mormon-interest periodical, says the Tanners "have caused a lot of Mormon historians to do better homework."  
Yet, Peck says, the Tanners let their agenda as evangelical Christians color their interpretation of history. "They're one-sided in their approach," he says. "They believe the Mormon church is wrong and they are doing research to prove it's wrong."  
Not so, says Sandra, a great-granddaughter of Brigham Young, the second Mormon prophet.  
"It was like God had given us a burden to share with them (Mormons) that they had been

misled and betrayed," she says. "The church isn't worthy of their devotion."  
The Tanners came to that conclusion fairly young.  
They met when Sandra, who lived in Southern California, was visiting her grandmother in Salt Lake City. She had already strained her good Mormon reputation by asking cheeky questions in religion classes.  
She became fascinated with Tanner, who was obsessed with his growing knowledge of early Mormon history.  
He had been on a loner's pilgrimage to Independence, Mo., where he talked to members of offshoot Mormon religions and became convinced that Smith and later prophets were corrupt.  
The Tanners married shortly after they met, and faced excommunication within two years, after asking that their names be stricken from church membership rolls.  
When they printed up copies of their reasons for disbelief-

ing, family members were among those who rejected their ideas. "There was a feeling we had gone too far," Sandra says.  
The rejection surprised Jerald. "I thought it would be easy. I had very good evidence. I soon realized how hard it would be."  
In 1962, the Tanners broke their last tie to the church: belief in the veracity of the Book of Mormon. They turned to the Christian Missionary Alliance and devoted themselves to putting obscure historical Mormon documents on microfilm and in print.  
Mormon historian Michael Quinn says the Tanners' contribution of early documents is often overlooked. While academics could study such materials through universities and church archives, others had no such access. "For people who are just curious about Mormon history, that has been a tremendous contribution," he says.  
But it wasn't until the mid-1980s that Mormon intellectuals changed their perceptions of

the Tanners.  
It began when Jerald identified the so-called "white salamander letter" as a forgery while other historians, including those employed by the church, considered it authentic.  
Then, in 1985, Mark Hofmann killed two people with pipe bombs in a failed attempt to cover that forgery and some of his others, and the Tanners helped investigators and reporters piece it all together.  
The fact that the Tanners debunked a document that could have hurt the church showed their integrity, says Peterson.  
"There are some anti-Mormons out there that I hold in contempt. They're demagogic. They spread hatred and strife and disharmony," he says. "I don't see the Tanners in that way."  
In the years since the couple began their ministry, church membership has grown from 2 million to 10 million.  
Sandra Tanner says their impact can't be quantified.

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Sampson was stung by the criticism of his coaching. "You select 22 players, you give players the opportunity to participate in a World Cup or at least be selected and enjoy the World Cup," he said...

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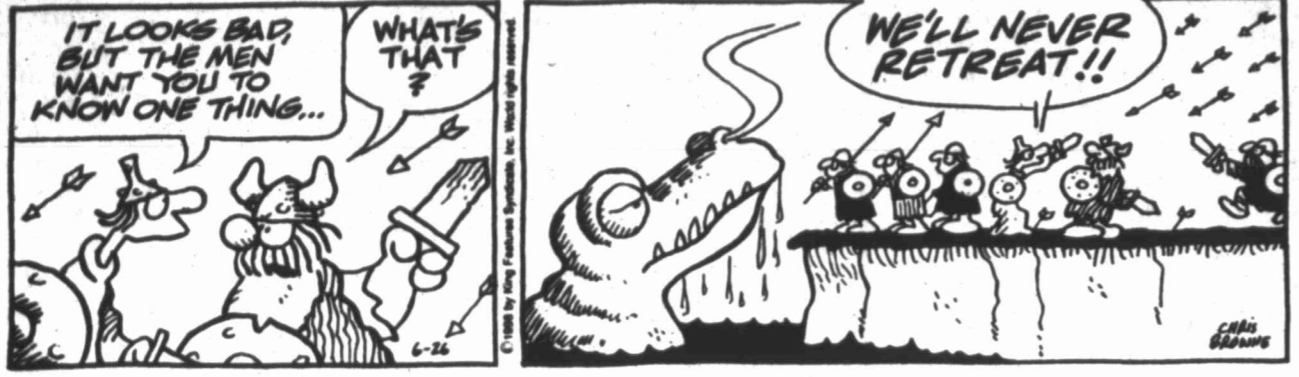




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On this date: In 1870, the first section of the Boardwalk was opened to the public in Atlantic City, N.J.

In 1900, a commission that included Dr. Walter Reed began the fight against the deadly disease yellow fever.

In 1917, the first troops of the American Expeditionary Force arrived in France during World War I.

In 1945, the charter of the United Nations was signed by 50 countries in San Francisco.

In 1959, President Eisenhower joined Britain's Queen Elizabeth II in ceremonies officially opening the St. Lawrence Seaway.

In 1963, President Kennedy visited West Berlin, where he made his famous declaration: "Ich bin ein Berliner" (I am a Berliner).

THE Daily Crossword Edited by Wayne Robert Williams

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