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## WEATHER

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## Fleckenstein fund set up at local bank

A fund for Frances Fleckenstein, whose home was destroyed following Monday's explosion, has been set up at the First Bank of West Texas.

Mrs. Fleckenstein lost everything due to the fire and is currently staying with local relatives.

For more information or to make a donation, call the First Bank of West Texas at 267-1113 or go by at 1810 FM 700 in Big Spring.

## WHAT'S UP...

### TODAY

□ Big Spring Evening Lions Club meets at 6:30 p.m. 1607 East Third.

### TUESDAY

□ Intermediate Line Dance class, 9 a.m., Senior Citizens Center.

□ Big Spring Rotary Club, noon, Howard College Cactus Room.

### WEDNESDAY

□ Optimist Club, 7 a.m., Howard College Cactus room.

□ Sit and Be Fit Chair Aerobics, 10 a.m., Scenic Mountain Medical Center cafeteria. People 50 and older are invited to participate.

□ Big Spring Downtown Lions Club, noon, Howard College Cactus Room. Call Terry Hansen.

□ Big Spring Duplicate Bridge Club, meets every Wednesday, Thursday and Friday at 1 p.m. at the Big Spring Country Club.

□ Line dancing, 1 p.m., Senior Citizens Center.

□ Fraternal Order of Eagles Aerie Ladies Auxiliary, 7 p.m., Eagles Lodge, 704 West Third.

### THURSDAY

□ Gideons International, Big Spring Camp No. U42060, Herman's Restaurant, 7 a.m.

□ The Senior Citizens Center will host an Arts and Crafts session each Thursday from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.

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## Father arrested on murder charge in infant's death

By JOHN A. MOSELEY  
Managing Editor

A 33-year-old Big Spring man has been arrested and charged with murder in connection with the January death of his 7-week-old son.



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The arrest of John Cansino by Department of Public Safety troopers following a traffic stop in Lynn County at 10:30 p.m. Saturday came after Howard County Justice of the Peace Bennie Green issued a warrant, charging him with murder in connection with the Jan. 20 death of his infant son, Julian.

Cansino was placed in the Lynn County Jail where he was arraigned by a magistrate who set a \$150,000 bond.

Big Spring Police Sgt. Roger Sweatt said officers were expected to travel to Tahoka today and return Cansino to the Howard County Jail.

"We're contacting Lynn County this morning to make sure they're ready to release him to us," Sweatt noted.

Homicide was ruled in the death of a 7-week-old Big Spring boy who was brought to Scenic Mountain Medical Center by his family that January night.

The child died as a result of trauma to the head, according to an autopsy conducted by a Dallas pathologist.

According to police reports, when the boy's mother, Elaine Cansino, found her infant son unresponsive and not breathing, he was rushed to the hospital. Efforts to revive him were unsuccessful.

He was pronounced dead by Judge Green, who

ordered an autopsy.

The body was sent to Lubbock for an autopsy. When the pathologist in Lubbock said it looked like more than a routine death, Green ordered a more thorough autopsy conducted in Dallas.

The Dallas County Medical Examiner's Office report indicated that the infant's death was due to blunt force injuries to the head and the manner of death would be a homicide.



Three-year-old Allison Tanis and Shana Tanis enjoy a walk at the Kids Zone in Comanche Trail Park on Friday.

HERALD photo/Lyndel Moody

## VAMC's planned changes focus on serving its catchment area

HERALD Staff Report

West Texas VA Health Care System is focusing on optimizing healthcare services to veterans within its primary service area. The latest program is psychiatry.

"The transition of moving from inpatient to outpatient treatment in our psychiatry program is currently under review," said Cary Brown, system chief executive officer.

The psychiatry program supervises the inpatient and outpatient psychiatry program as well as the alcohol and drug abuse program. These programs will be transitioned to supervised outpatient programs.



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according to Brown. The effort will allow for expanded psychiatry services in both the Big Spring facility and at the community based outpatient clinics.

The proposed change to the inpatient psychiatry program has been forwarded to all veteran service organizations as well as veteran service officers in an effort to get them to share their issues and concerns. With only minimal concerns, Brown said, the final proposal will be submitted to the Assistant Deputy Undersecretary for Health and Congress, through the network office, for final determination.

According to Brown, the restructuring of the psychiatry program will better serve veterans in the West Texas VA Health Care System catchment area. The area includes more than 77,000 square miles in West

Texas and Eastern New Mexico.

During the preceding three years, more than 50 percent of the veterans participating in the specialized programs were residents outside the primary service area.

"We are simply looking for ways of improving access and services to the veterans we serve in the area we are responsible for," said Brown. "This change would allow the Big Spring facility to concentrate on the needs of area veterans and conserve agency and community resources."

Brown said the continued care provided to the psychiatry patients requiring inpatient treatment will not go unattended. Measures are being implemented to provide either contract care of placement in another VA facility located in Waco.

## Council set to consider patrol cars, computers

HERALD Staff Report

Videos for patrol cars and computers for officers — that's what Big Spring Police Department plans to do with some \$42,569 in grant funds if the city council gives its approval Tuesday.

That's just one of several items of new business on a lengthy agenda for the council, which convenes at 5:30 p.m.

The police department is seeking approval of a

Juvenile Accountability Incentive Block Grant, an annual process. The grant is actually in the amount of \$38,312 from the state and the Permian Basin Regional Planning Commission. The city would participate with matching funds in the amount of \$4,257.

The department plans to purchase in-car videos as well as computers, if the council approves the funding.

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## Composting course draws 20

By LYNDEL MOODY  
Staff Writer

More than 20 people attended the Master Composter course held during the weekend in an effort to learn how to reduce waste and make their environment a little better. "Composting can save up to 70 percent of what we throw away and is the largest part of our waste stream," said Larry Wilhelm, who was the special guest speaker for the three-day course. Wilhelm said the U.S. creates more than 50 percent of the world's waste and Texas



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waste than any other state in the nation. Composting can put back nutrients in the soil as well as clean up polluted soil, he said. "Compost is nature's way of recycling and it touches all of our lives," he said. "We can reduce our solid waste while creating an organic fertilizer and mulch that's good for all living things."

Composting is not a new idea, Wilhelm said, but was used by our ancestors to return organic materials back to the soil. The program was offered by the city of Big Spring's Regional Compost Facility, Solid Waste Management Department, Texas Agricultural Extension Service and the Howard County Master Gardeners.

"I didn't know anything about composting," said Shirley Murphy, who took the

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OBITUARIES

Melvin Lee Altom

Melvin Lee Altom, 65, of Big Spring, passed away on Thursday, June 21, 2001, at his residence following a long illness. Graveside service is 11 a.m., Monday, June 25, 2001, at Trinity Memorial Chapel with Dr. Claude Craven officiating.



He was born on Feb. 21, 1936, in Snyder, and had lived in Big Spring for 46 years, moving here from Monahans. He had worked for Bettle-Womack Construction for 40 years, retiring in 1995 due to ill health.

He is survived by one son and daughter-in-law, David and Kay Altom of Dallas; one grandson, Colby Altom of Dallas; one granddaughter, Courtney Morgan of Dallas; one sister, Helen Bates of Big Spring; seven nieces and nephews, Debbie Spivey, Donna Whetsel, Diane McLemore, Doran Carrell, James Carrell, Ricky Carrell and Terry Carrell; and several great nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Chester Altom and Ruby Tracy Altom; one sister, Flo Carrell; and two brothers-in-law, R.A. Carrell and D.R. Bates.

Pallbearers will be Chris Spivey, Mike Spivey, Daniel Whetsel, Brandon Martin, Cory Carrell and Jonathan Carrell.

The family will receive friends at the funeral home from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. today.

Arrangements are under the direction of Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Raven Stewart

Graveside Service for Raven Stewart, 47, of Big Spring, will be 10 a.m., Tuesday, June 26, 2001, at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

Mrs. Stewart died Thursday, June 21, at her residence.

She was born on Oct. 11, 1953, in North Carolina. She had lived in Big Spring since 1978 and had owned and operated Nanny's for Granny's.

Survivors include two sons, Robert and Ricky Stewart, both of Big Spring; two sisters, Debra Smith of Big Spring and Bedelia Johnston of Mammoth.

MYERS & SMITH FUNERAL HOME & CHAPEL

24th & Johnson 267-8288  
Melvin Lee Altom, 65, died Thursday. Graveside services were 11:00 AM, Monday at Trinity Memorial Park (Peace Chapel).

Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home

Trinity Memorial Park and Community 988 Gregg St.  
(915) 267-8331  
www.npwelech.com  
Willard L. Wise, 89, died Saturday. Services will be 2:00 PM Tuesday, June 26, 2001 at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Interment will follow at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

Raven Stewart, 47, died Thursday. Graveside services will be at 10:00 AM Tuesday, June 26, 2001 at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

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Ariz.; and one brother, Brad Markham of Honolulu.

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James R. Slough

Funeral service for James R. Slough, 59, of Big Spring, will be 10 a.m., Tuesday, June 26, 2001, at the chapel of Johnson's Funeral Home.

Mr. Slough died Saturday, June 23, in a San Angelo hospital.

Survivors include his wife, Mary Slough of Sna Angelo; four daughters, Cyndi Wells of Copperas Cove, Christie Slough of San Antonio, Debora Cole of Amarillo and Kristen Hancock of Sna Angelo; his mother, Ruth Slough of Tahoka; three sisters, Joyce Vilseck of Kingsville, Edna Rice of Lubbock and Karon Moss of Tahoka.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson's Funeral Home in San Angelo.

Joe Stanley Blackwell

Funeral service for Joe Stanley Blackwell, 71, of Bryan, formerly of Big Spring and Coleman, is pending with Stevens Funeral Home of Coleman.

Mr. Blackwell died Sunday, June 24, 2001, at a Bryan hospital.

REBATES

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this month, down 9.45 percent when compared to the \$104,132.12 it received in June of 2000. The Scurry County city has received \$697,938.79 for the year, down 2.89 percent.

Stanton received \$7,827.72 this month, down 16.50 percent compared to the \$9,135.17 it received in June a year ago. For the year, the Martin County seat has received \$59,543.16, down 1.37 percent.

Sterling City took in \$8,811.56 in rebates for June, up 51.28 percent compared to the \$5,824.620 received in June of 2000. To date, the community has received \$51,616.04 this year, up 21.645 percent.

Rebates were down 1.81 percent in Sweetwater, comparing this month's receipts of \$125,679.56 to \$128,009.01 taken in a year ago. For the year, Sweetwater has received \$915,471.96, down 2.34 percent.

COUNCIL

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A proposal to close Main Street from Third to the Railroad Plaza on Saturday for the Heart of the City Festival is on the agenda. If approved, the street would be closed from 9 a.m. until 7 p.m.

The council will also consider the Howard County Appraisal District's budget for 2002; a request by Cornell Corrections for financing of three sanitation compactors; and appointment of a citizen's redistricting committee.

Permission to advertised for bids for self-contained portable sanitation compactors and execution of a lease for backhoes with West Texas Equipment Company are other items.

On second reading, the council will consider transfer of Powell Lake land to the Colorado River Municipal Water District, funds for telephone system equipment and service and city investment policies.

Reports on the newly installed slides at the swimming pool and evening hours of the facility are among the non-action items. The council will also be updated on the budget process and hear a report on police and fire response to

last Monday's natural gas explosion.

COURSE

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course because she is involved in the Master Gardener program. Murphy said she enjoyed the program and encourages everyone to take the class.

Another student of the course, Loretta Cook, said she remembers as a young child how people would compost their organic material and believes society is going back recycling organic wastes. Wilhelm said anyone interested in improving his environment, in less expensive lawn care or about having an organic back yard should consider taking the course.

Perry Hall said he has had several people sign up for the next course set for August.

For more information about the next class, call the composting facility at 264-2480.

Japanese-American veterans of World War II get memorial

WASHINGTON (AP) — More than 800 Japanese Americans fought against their ancestors' homeland and died for the United States in World War II. Another 120,000, mostly from California, were confined in internment camps.

Now, all Japanese Americans of the era have a memorial: a small park on the edge of the Capitol grounds. It includes symbols of Japan such as cherry trees. Rocks in a pool of moving water recall the Japanese islands. The central piece, by Japanese American Nina Akamu, is a tall, bronze sculpture of two cranes struggling against barbed wire. In Japan, cranes are emblems of long life.

Presidents have apologized for the injustice to those who were interned, and Congress has voted compensation to survivors. "You fought not only the enemy, but you fought prejudice and you won," President Harry S. Truman told Japanese-American units when the war was over.

The ribbon-cutting for the memorial Friday will include Transportation Secretary Norman Y. Mineta, the first Japanese-American cabinet member, and Sen. Daniel Inouye, D-Hawaii, who was badly wounded in the war.

A tube-shaped bronze bell created by Paul Matisse, grandson of French painter Henri Matisse, will be unwrapped. Visitors will be encouraged to ring the bell as a call to reflection, organizers said.

Americans of Japanese ancestry contributed more than \$13 million to the National Japanese-American Memorial Foundation to build the memorial.

The memorial is not without controversy. Francis Y. Sogi and Yeichi Kuwayama, two members of the Foundation's board of directors, objected to the inclusion of an excerpt from a "Japanese American Creed" by veteran Mike M. Masaoka.

"I believe in this nation's institutions, ideals and traditions," Masaoka wrote. "I glory in her heritage; I boast of her history; I trust in her future." Sogi and Kuwayama called the creed "an embarrassment of hyperbole" and "delusional."

Masaoka was secretary of the Japanese-American Citizens League, which opposed legal action against the United States for the internments. The memorial identifies Masaoka as a civil rights advocate.

A BIG SPRING AROUND THE TOWN

Man dies two hours after being stung by wasps

COLLEGE STATION, Texas (AP) — A 48-year-old Southeast Texas man is dead from anaphylactic shock brought on by wasp stings.

Charles Leslie Kroll was cutting hay outside of his home in Brenham Thursday evening when he was stung twice on the top of his head, said Carlene Starr Davis, spokeswoman for the Washington County Sheriff's Department.

Emergency personnel were called to his home. He had a faint pulse and was breathing irregularly when they arrived. He later stopped breathing and was taken to Trinity Medical Center in Brenham, where he was pronounced dead, about two hours after being stung.

No autopsy was ordered. Investigators don't know if Kroll was allergic to wasp stings, Davis said, nor could they determine if he was stung by more than one wasp.

Kroll's wife told deputies he was stung several weeks earlier by a wasp, but had no adverse reaction.

MARKETS

Table with market data including AT&T, Archer-Daniels, Atmos Energy, BP PLC ADR, Chevron Corp, Compaq, Dell, Du Pont, Exxon Mobil, Halliburton, IFCO Systems, IBM, Intel Corp, NUV, Patterson Ener, Pepsico Inc, Phillips Petro, SBC Comms, Sears Roebuck, Texaco Inc, Texas Instrument, TXU, Total Fina, Unocal Corp, Wal-Mart, Wal-Mart/Mexico, AMCAP, Europacific, Prime Rate, Gold, Silver.

BRIEFS

A MEDICAL EXPENSE FUND for Alexandra Whitehead, daughter of Jake and Kim (Alexander) Whitehead, granddaughter of Ray and Norma Alexander of Big Spring, has been established at Wells Fargo Bank, Fourth and Main Big Spring. Alexandra is critically ill and has been in the hospital for six weeks. Presently she is in Children's Hospital in Dallas. All donations to this fund will be welcomed and appreciated.

BASIC BEGINNING COMPUTER CLASSES will be offered at the Senior Center starting Monday, June 25, and Friday, June 29, at 10:30 a.m. We can take six to 12 people in each class. These classes will continue as long as there is interest. For further information, call the Senior Center or Dorothy Kennemur.

The Senior Center is also in need of a color monitor. If you have one to donate, please call the Senior Center.

JUNE IS PROSTATE CANCER Awareness month. Interested groups or organizations can contact Bill Birrell at 263-0659 for information on programs or an 18 minute tape narrated by Sydney Poitier.

A FUND FOR FRANCES FLECKENSTEIN, whose home was destroyed following Monday's explosion, has been set up at the First Bank of West Texas. For more information on how to make a donation call the bank at 267-1113.

THE COAHOMA LIONS CLUB is inviting individuals and groups to join us at our "Freedom Parade" to be held in downtown Coahoma on July 4. Patriotic floats, marching groups, civic clubs, vintage auto or motorcyclists, church groups, youth organizations and horse owner groups are just who we are looking for! If you desire to participate or need any further information please call Lion Parade Chairman Jim LeMarr at 394-4424.

COAHOMA ELEMENTARY KINDERGARTEN AND Pre-Kindergarten registration. Wednesday, June 27, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. For anyone who has not already registered.

SUPPORT GROUPS

MONDAY •TOPS Club (take off pounds sensibly), weigh-in 5 p.m. and meeting at 6 p.m., College Heights Christian Church, 21st and Gollad.

•Project Freedom, Christian support group for survivors of physical/emotional/sexual and/or spiritual abuse. Call 263-5140 or 263-2241 for dates/times of upcoming groups.

•Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon open meeting.

•Bereavement Support Group meets from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. the first Monday of each month at Community Care Hospice.

TUESDAY •Caregivers Night Out, meets every fourth Tuesday every other month from 6 - 7:30 p.m. at Community Care Hospice.

•Gamblers Anonymous, 7 p.m., St. Stephen's Catholic Church, room 1, 4601 Neeley, Midland. Call 263-8920.

•Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon open meeting and 8 p.m. 12 and 12 study.

THURSDAY •Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon open meeting.

•Al-Anon support group, 8 p.m., 615 Settles. IF YOU HAVE A SUPPORT GROUP LISTING, PLEASE SUBMIT IT IN WRITING.

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POLICE

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

•KENNETH PAUL PICKETT, 47, of Shreveport, was arrested on a charge of possession of a controlled substance.

•WILLIE RAY MYLES, 40, of the 1000 block of E. 15th was arrested on a charge of revocation of parole.

•STEVE RODRIGUEZ, 19, of the 8500 block of El Camino, was arrested on a charge of no drivers license.

•JUAN MICHAEL BERMEA, 37, of the 700 block of Lorilla was arrested on a charge of local warrants and failure to maintain financial responsibility.

•RODNEY MARTIN, 49, of the 6000 block of the N. Service rd., was arrested on a charge of local warrants.

•INTOXICATED SUBJECT/DRIVER was reported on the 2900 block of W. HWY. 80, the 1100 block of N. Lamesa, and the 1600 block of Lincoln.

•LOUD PARTY/NOISE was reported on the 500 block of Westover and the 1700 block of Donley.

DISTURBANCE/FIGHT was reported on the block of 24th and Runnels.

•FIREWORKS were reported on the 2600 block of Wasson.

•DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE was reported on the 2900 block of W. HWY. 80, the 1300 block of Utah, the 2400 block of Alabama, the 500 block of Westover, the 1100 block of Runnels and the 1600 block of Lincoln.

FIRE/EMS

The following is a summary of the Big Spring Fire Department and EMS:

5:32 a.m. — 900 block of Goliad, medical call, one patient transported to Scenic Mountain Medical-Center.

6:49 a.m. — 500 block of Westover, medical call, one patient transported to SMMC.

10:07 a.m. — 2700 block of S. Anderson Rd., medical call, one patient transported to SMMC.

1:38 p.m. — 2300 block of Wasson, medical call, one patient transported to SMMC.

3:52 p.m. — 900 block of Goliad, medical call, one patient transported to SMMC.

RECORDS

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Record high 108 in 1994  
Record low 55 in 1928  
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# Jury questioning starts in first of escapees' trials

DALLAS (AP) — Of six jury panels to be called for the capital murder trials of the Texas prison escapees, the first group will be the most influential, attorneys say.

That first verdict — and more important, the life-or-death decision if a conviction is reached — likely will set a pattern for subsequent prosecutions.

"If they don't get the death penalty for (George) Rivas, no one else is getting the death penalty," said lawyer Robert Hirschhorn of Richardson, a prominent jury consultant not involved in the trials. "There's a lot of pressure for the district attorney to get the result they want in this case."

Attorneys were faced this morning with the scheduled start of the arduous process of empanelling a jury for the capital murder trial of Rivas, the ringleader of seven escapees, for killing an Irving policeman.

State District Judge Molly Francis said she will poll an unusually large pool of 460 potential jurors over four days, then spend about

three weeks individually questioning those who qualify.

Intense media coverage of the escapees' travels and capture will make it difficult for lawyers to find jurors who have not formed opinions about the case, Hirschhorn said.

"They won't be presumed innocent," he said. "They'll be presumed guilty. It's going to be virtually impossible to find a jury with warm, fuzzy feelings."

Rivas, who said after his capture that he fired the fatal shots at officer Aubrey Hawkins on Christmas Eve, is seen as the most likely of the defendants to be convicted of capital murder. If convicted, he'll face life in prison or execution.

Rivas' trial is set to begin Aug. 13. The five other defendants are to be tried consecutively over a period of at least a year. District Attorney Bill Hill has said he will seek the death penalty against all six and will not accept plea agreements.

Judge Francis since has issued a gag order prohibiting all trial participants

from speaking publicly about the cases.

Dallas County expects to spend a record \$2.7 million on the prosecution of all six cases, which will include security, court-appointed defense attorneys and a visiting judge to take over other cases.

The defendants broke out of a maximum-security prison in Kenedy on Dec. 13 and are accused of killing Hawkins while robbing a sporting goods store in Irving.

A seventh man committed suicide rather than surrender when captured in Colorado six weeks later.

Williamson County prosecutor John Bradley said finding six unbiased juries, while time consuming, would be even more difficult if the trials were moved to a less populated county.

"That's going to be 75 percent of (prosecutors') time — making sure these people are able to consider the death penalty," Bradley said. "The defense only needs one sympathetic juror, the prosecution needs 12."

# President trying to whip up religion-social service link

CRAWFORD (AP) — After a long weekend at his Texas ranch, President Bush is seeking to whip up enthusiasm among the nation's mayors to join with religious-oriented groups in government social services programs.

In Detroit on Monday, Bush planned to tell the U.S. Conference of Mayors that involving such groups in government grant programs opens an important avenue to addressing the nation's social needs.

"He is speaking to the mayors because of their important role in developing strong partnerships between government and the people to address important issues in neighborhoods and communities," said Claire Buchan, a White House spokeswoman.

She said the administration hopes the necessary legislation will advance through the House Judiciary Committee, and possibly the House Ways and Means Committee, this week.

The administration is working to make the legislation more palatable to critical lawmakers by setting

stricter requirements on spending of public money by religious-oriented groups. The Washington Post reported in Monday's edition. It said Bush would tell the mayors that the funds "must be spent on social services, not worship services."

The bill opens 10 new programs to participation by religious charities. Buchan said the administration hopes the full House will act next month.

Administration negotiators and key members of Congress have failed to reach agreement on many details, however, and committee action has been pushed back several times. Companion legislation also has yet to be introduced in the Senate, where even supporters say considerable changes will be needed before a bill can move forward.

The measure would open participation in a range of government social welfare programs to churches, synagogues and other religious groups. The opportunity for religious participation already is in place for welfare, drug treatment and

community service programs.

Civil libertarians and some religious conservatives have raised objections.

The most controversial provision of the House bill allows religious groups to require their employees in government-financed programs to adhere to their religious practices. Opponents say that could lead to discrimination against gays, women and other groups.

So far, the bill has attracted little support from Democrats, who are concerned about using federal tax dollars to finance programs that may try to convert people to a particular faith or which practice religious discrimination in hiring staff.

Meanwhile, White House aides are beginning preparations for Bush's expected meeting later this year with Russian President Vladimir Putin at the president's ranch. The planning includes getting enough phone lines into tiny Crawford, population 631, to accommodate the huge official and press contingents expected.

# Sharon looking to solidify Mideast truce

NEW YORK (AP) — Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon came to the United States looking to shore up an unsteady Mideast truce, but back home, the Palestinians accused Israel of undermining the agreement with the killing of a Palestinian militant.

Sharon is visiting for the second time in three months to discuss the Mideast turmoil with President Bush, and so far has received a sympathetic hearing from the U.S. administration.

Shortly after coming to power in March, Sharon met with Bush in Washington, and the two leaders planned another White House session Tuesday.

In contrast, Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat, who was a regular White House visitor when Bill Clinton was in office, has yet to be invited by Bush. Many Palestinians have complained that the new U.S. administration is favoring the Israelis and ignoring the Palestinians.

Sharon has made an end to the fighting a condition

for resuming any negotiations with the Palestinians. "We will not start unless it will be completely quiet, complete cessation. We'll not move forward," Sharon said before departing Israel. He arrived late Sunday in New York.

However, U.S. Secretary of State Colin Powell has referred to the need for a "100 percent effort" by Arafat to end violence, as opposed to a total cessation. Powell is scheduled to visit the Mideast beginning Thursday.

Some analysts in Israel believe that Sharon is trying to gain understanding from the Bush administration ahead of a possible harsh Israeli action against the Palestinian Authority should it become clear that a total cease-fire has not taken effect.

An end of violence is to be followed by a six-week "cooling off period," after which confidence-building measures are to take place, including a complete freeze on construction in Jewish settlements. A few months after that, if all goes well, the United States hopes

peace talks can resume.

Meanwhile, the Palestinians said it was the Israelis who were violating the cease-fire agreement brokered by the United States.

The Palestinians blamed Israel for the death of Osama Jawabri, 29, killed Sunday when a public telephone exploded while he was making a call in the West Bank city of Nablus.

"We said the Israeli side was violating the cease-fire, and today I think (the Israelis) have returned to their old method of assassinations, and we take a very grave view of it," said Hussein al-Sheikh, a senior figure in the Fatah movement of Arafat.

Jawabri was on a list of suspected militants that Israel gave to the Palestinians on Friday, Israel television reported.

The head of Israel's Shin Bet intelligence agency, Avi Dichter, gave the list to the Palestinian security chief in the West Bank, Jibril Rajoub, in a phone conversation. The Palestinians were told they had 24 hours to arrest the suspects.

## HOROSCOPE

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Tuesday, June 26, 2001:

Listen to your inner voice when dealing with those close to you this year. If you're up all night worrying and making mountains out of molehills, remember to keep your eye on the big picture. Clear communication helps you eliminate problems. A friendship becomes much more important over the next year. In fact, if you are single, this friend could develop into your life-long sweetie. If you are attached, do more as a team. Taking up a sport together can help both of you relax more, as you'll clear out stress together. VIRGO draws you into conversation after conversation.

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

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19) \*\*\* You're fiery and direct. Don't be surprised if someone responds in kind. You need to handle whatever you dish out. Strong efforts to make money and please someone work hand in hand. Check out details. Make sure your information is correct. Tonight: Put up your feet.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20) \*\*\* Another's temper causes you a strong reaction, which might have you heading in the opposite direction. Smile and use that special Taurean charm. You calm down a hot situation. Verify a story. Check all the facts. Someone might be accidentally distorting what is real. Tonight: Be a wild thing.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20) \*\*\* Others act out, and they might be out of sorts, sending you into a bad mood at best. Pull out of the moment and the issues. Don't become like one of the difficult people around you. Share fragile feelings with a trusted roommate or family member. Tonight: Happy at home.

**CANCER** (June 21-July

22) \*\*\* You continue to speak your mind, which is important. Swallowing your feelings doesn't support your well-being. Be careful. You might be accident-prone, because your mind drifts. Your nerves could be frayed. Could you be overreacting? Tonight: Do something soothing.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22) \*\*\* What you think could be a healthy risk could turn out to be an uncontrollable backfire. Be wise and avoid all risk-taking. Someone does promote you and your cause. Acknowledge this, and make sure your feelings toward this person are known. Tonight: Treat another to dinner.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) \*\*\* You won't take no for an answer easily. You are full of fire. You want what you want, but you know there are many ways to achieve that particular goal. Use your diplomatic skills and a special energy that the moon confers upon you. You'll come up a winner. Tonight: As you want it.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) \*\*\* You easily could be misunderstood. Don't worry as much about another's opinion. Listen, but don't feel as if you must respond. You have greater control than you realize. Count on someone who always comes through for you somehow. Tonight: Go for a low profile.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) \*\*\* Continue to respond to a planetary red light. Stay on top of your finances, and by October, you will be one beaming Scorpion. Someone shares good feelings about you. Confusion surrounds a partnership. Talk through recent events. Tonight: Do what you want.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) \*\*\* Often you just shrug problems off, being far more easygoing than many other signs. This is not so today. If a boss or someone who has an impact on you

pushes too hard, you'll show your fire. You might want to make nice after putting your foot in your mouth. Tonight: Work late.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) \*\*\* Let your mind relax by seeing past an immediate obstacle that could be annoying the living day-lights out of you. Be sensitive to someone at a distance who cares enormously about you. Allow your earthy and stable caring to come through. Tonight: Whatever relaxes you the most.

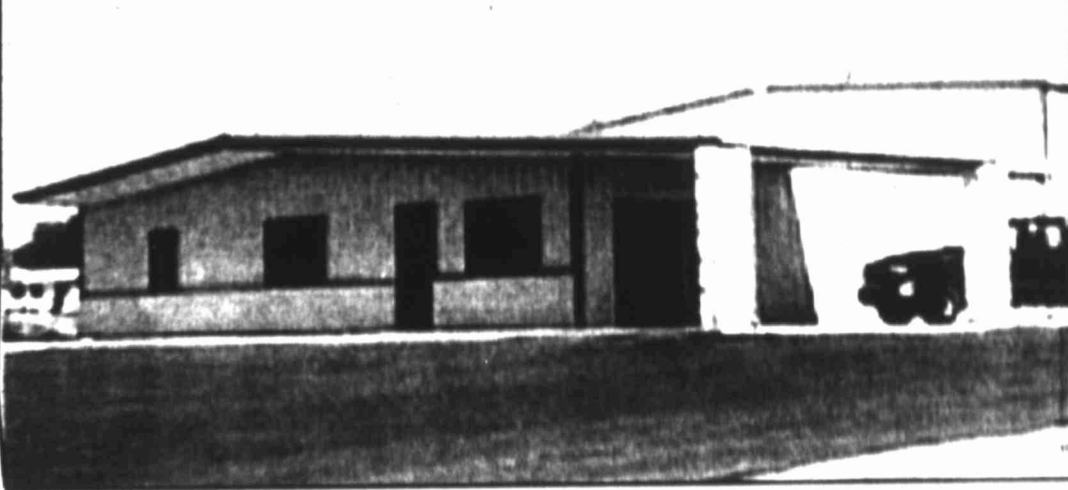
**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) \*\*\* Deal with a friend who might be causing a financial problem for you or causing some other hassle in a key relationship. Discussions need to be on a one-on-one level. Speak directly to a family member. Explain what is happening rather than leaving them guessing. Tonight: Togetherness might please you.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20) \*\*\* Keep conversations active, and don't toss yourself into a problem by letting another's anger get to you. Speak in your normally pleasant and caring way. You melt away someone's fire and draw good will. Return calls, but don't deal with any unnecessary hassles. Tonight: Out.

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## OUR VIEWS

### Kids College to be a treat for children

What has become a summer tradition for many Big Spring youngsters — Kids College at Howard College — will be expanded this year and promises to be more fun and educational than ever before.

College officials have announced that registration for the two-week program, scheduled for Monday through Thursday, July 16-26, is currently under way.

This year, however, the school is offering a full day of Kids College activities and will allow youngsters to select classes they wish to take, as if they were picking courses for a college schedule.

Now in its ninth year, the Kids College program offers youngsters in the first through sixth grades an opportunity to choose from a number of both fun and educational programs.

Students can sign up for morning or afternoon sessions, as well as enrolling for full-day sessions. By a like token, they can attend for one week or two. Sessions will be divided into age groups — one for first through third graders, and the other for fourth through sixth graders.

Activities available to youngsters taking part in the program include crafts, environmental science, dinosaurs, French, cheerleading, music, space, insects, art, computers and games. The older group will also be able to select cardio-pulmonary resuscitation (CPR) as one of their choices.

Those enrolled in the full-day program will receive a free lunch, provided by the Big Spring Independent School District, each day.

Howard College officials have made sure that the program is very affordable — \$74 for each session of the program, with a second child receiving a \$10 tuition discount per session. The two-week, full-day program, including lunch, will be \$148.

The program is one of Howard College's most popular continuing education offerings and officials expect its 170-student capacity to be reached quickly.

As a result, we encourage our readers to give their children an affordable educational opportunity this summer by making sure they're enrolled early.

To do so, call Howard College at 264-5131.

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# What's the motive behind the ABM system?

It's a heck of a note when you find that reason and logic are on the side of the Russians and the Chinese. But that's the case in regard to George W. Bush's desire to build an anti-ballistic-missile defense system.



CHARLEY REESE

Let's look at the facts. Bush says we need the system to protect us from the launch by small rogue nations of one or two ICBMs. He often mentions North Korea and Libya.

This argument is absurd. It is impossible to launch an intercontinental ballistic missile without the United States knowing precisely where it came from. Any small country that launched one against us would face certain and total annihilation.

For this scenario to occur, you would have to have a suicidal lunatic willing to destroy himself and his country for the dubious pleasure of inflicting what would be, from the United States' point of view, relatively minor damage. And since no one man can launch an ICBM, you would also need a chain of command of military officers willing to sacrifice themselves and their families for, in effect, stinging an elephant. That is simply

not believable. Furthermore, Bush is saying that while the threat of retaliation deterred the Soviet Union when it had thousands of missiles and warheads, it will not deter some little two-bit country with only three or four. That doesn't make sense. It is far more likely that if some small country wished to do us harm, it would simply load a warhead on a rusty freighter and detonate it in the harbor of an American city. That way, the United States would not know who had done the deed.

Now when you conclude that Bush's stated reason for scrapping the ABM Treaty and proceeding to build a defense system is nonsense, you are faced with two disturbing inferences. One, the leader of a superpower is stupid, as is his whole top echelon of advisers; or two, he is lying and has another reason for wanting to build an ABM system.

The latter is far more believable. And if I were a Russian or a Chinese, I would infer that his real reason for wanting this system is to nullify any nuclear deterrent by both China and Russia. In other words, I would conclude that Bush seeks to have the United States in a position to dominate the world without fear of challenge.

That being the case, the solution is obvious. The only way to overcome an ABM system is to throw more missiles at it than it

can handle. Hence, the Russians and the Chinese are telling the truth when they say that if Bush proceeds, it will set off a nuclear-arms race. Neither country is going to sit still while the United States achieves nuclear superiority.

I truly cannot understand Bush's reasoning on this issue. I pray that he is not so naive as to believe that the Russians and the Chinese are going to believe him when he says he's willing to spend billions of dollars to protect the United States from small countries. They have already made it clear that they are not buying his story.

Nor should we make the mistake of thinking that the Chinese and the Russians are too broke to add missiles to their arsenals. Command economies have the advantage that they can ignore the sacrifices a military buildup would impose on other areas of the economy. The Russians are already producing a new road- and rail-mobile ICBM. They could up the production, especially if the Chinese agreed to buy some.

For a country that always depicted itself as the champion of peace and democracy, we have acted strangely since the end of the Cold War. Instead of disbanding NATO, we expanded it and used it to launch an offensive war against Yugoslavia. Instead of bringing Russia into the

family of Western nations, we have deliberately poked it in the eye at every opportunity. We have launched military operations against Panama, Iraq, Sudan and Somalia. And we continue to peddle advanced armaments all around the world.

From the outside looking in, America must present a picture of an arrogant bully intent on establishing hegemony over the rest of the world. That is the road to endless conflicts. It is not the road to peace.

If Bush is sincere about fearing small nations, then he should propose that Russia, China and the United States pool their money and talent and work jointly on an ABM system that all three countries could deploy. I doubt he will do that. I fear he will take steps that, in the long run, will lead the world to the misery of war.

Americans have traditionally not paid much attention to foreign policy, but it is by far the most dangerous area. What damage bad domestic policy does usually can be corrected with a new election and without bloodshed. Mistakes in foreign relations, however, can have very nasty consequences. Ten million people died in World War I, which not a single one of the nations involved wanted to happen. A chain reaction of mistakes, bad judgments, delays and misunderstandings led to that destructive war.

I would feel better if Bush read more history.



# Crime and punishment in America

Texas Gov. Rick Perry's (R) veto of a bill to ban capital punishment for the mentally retarded, a measure signed by Gov. Jeb Bush (R) of Florida, raises again questions of crime and punishment in America.



JACK ANDERSON

First we must ask: How bad is the picture at the moment? A report by Public Agenda in New York points out that by 1999 the homicide rate had dropped to its lowest point in 35 years, theft and robbery were down 9 percent and juvenile offenses had declined 37 percent in the previous five years. Even so, the crime rate was still twice that of 1990.

Experts were flabbergasted and cast about among themselves to discover the cause of the falling figures. Was it tougher drug laws and three-strikes-you're-out rules for repeat offenders? Was it the huge 1994 federal crime bill with its mil-

lions of dollars to hire new police? Was it the halcyon economy that brought good times even to depleted neighborhoods? Was it demography, blessed by fewer crime-prone young males ages 13 to 30?

The answer is all of the above, but there's reason for worry since two of those items are rapidly changing: The current economy is certainly less bountiful, and teen-agers, growing in number again, are likely to reach 30 million by 2006. Given these circumstances, it might not be the moment to halt construction of prisons as some suggest. It's true that an unprecedented 2 million Americans are now behind bars, which undoubtedly contributed to the lower crime rate. However, a substantial portion of those in state and federal penitentiaries are there for drug possession, a nonviolent crime.

As for three-strikes-you're-out, some want to do away with this and with all mandatory sentences. Of course, the punishment should fit the crime. If that is not now the case with defendants who are not violent, the whole structure

should be adjusted. But a return to the lower incarceration, high-crime years of the 1980s is not an option. Should juvenile offenders be tried and imprisoned as adults? No, say some critics. But those who have raped, kidnapped or murdered deserve less consideration than those who have not. Certainly, in all instances, it is sound to separate youthful prisoners from adults, and offer them treatment.

The Texas Youth Commission has had mildly encouraging results from its specialized programs. After the TYC approach was adopted in 1997, re-arrest within one year of release was 49 percent as opposed to 60 percent before, in 1993. As time went on, however, the results grew less favorable. Re-incarceration within three years was 51 percent after TYC and 53 percent before. So rehabilitation is not as automatic as some suppose. The great moral debate, in this report and agenda points out, it goes back in America to 1836, when the Massachusetts Bay Colony listed 13 crimes

punishable by death, including idolatry and witchcraft.

In 1846, Michigan was the first state to abolish the death penalty for all crimes except treason. In 1907, Kansas abandoned it altogether with eight more states doing the same over the next decade. But others persisted: New York had already introduced the electric chair in 1888. Nevada turned to lethal gas in 1923 and Texas to injection in 1982. The Supreme Court ruled capital punishment unconstitutional in 1972 and constitutional again in 1976 after certain discrepancies in some states were corrected. It prohibited execution of offenders who were 15 or younger at the time of their crime in 1988 and upheld the death for the mentally retarded in 1989. So Gov. Perry is completely in accord with the law of the land in permitting capital punishment for the mentally retarded in Texas.

But is this really the way of a civilized society? Wouldn't life in prison with no possible chance of parole align itself more closely with the principles of an enlightened nation?

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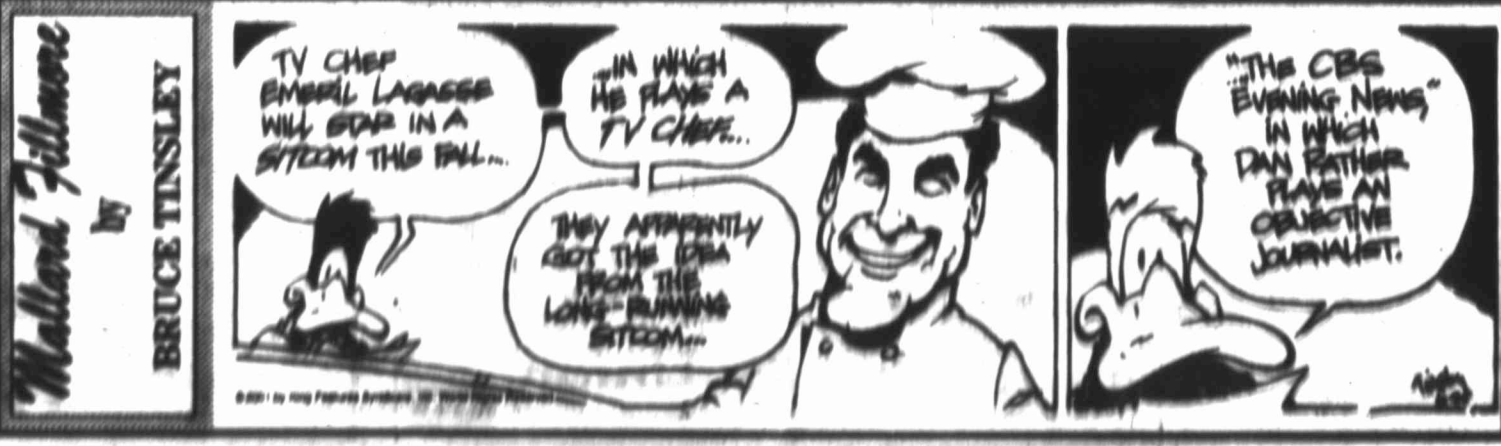
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Television BASEBALL 6 p.m. — A at Philadelphia Ch. 11. / 9 p.m. — 1 at Anaheim An 29. WNBA 7 p.m. — M at Washington ESPN, Ch. 30.





### IN BRIEF

**Meeting scheduled for UGSA all-stars**  
Girls who will compete in UGSA All-Star Softball Tournaments July 13-15 and their parents must attend a meeting set for 7 tonight at Hollis Field in Roy Anderson Park. The girls must bring a copy of their birth certificate to the meeting. Emily Hicks was named to the Big Spring United Girls Softball Association Division I All-Star Team but her name was not included on the list initially provided to the Herald.

**Rose Magers-Powell volleyball camp set**  
The Rose Magers-Powell Volleyball Camp will be held July 16-18 at Steer Gym. The camp which is open to second graders through high school seniors. Fees for second to fifth graders is \$55, it will be \$70 for sixth to eighth graders and \$95 for high school athletes. Sessions for grades 6-8 will be 9 a.m. until 12:30 p.m., while those in grades 2-5 will attend from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. High school campers will work from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. Registration fees may be mailed to Traci Pierce at 2711 Rebecca, Big Spring 79720. For more information, call Pierce at 267-4047 or 264-3662.

**Black Gold tourney set for July 13-15**  
The Big Spring Black Gold Tennis Tournament has been scheduled for July 13-15 at the Figure 7 Tennis Center in Comanche Trail Park. Play will be conducted in boys and girls singles, doubles and mixed doubles in five age divisions. Fees will be \$15 for one event, \$20 for two and \$25 for three. Entries must be received no later than July 6. For more information, call Wendy Justiss at f398-5485.

**YMCA swim team seeks competitors**  
The Big Spring YMCA Swim Team is currently competing in long course meets. Practice sessions are held Monday through Thursday mornings. To be eligible to compete, youngsters must be able to complete a lap of the YMCA pool. For more information, call the YMCA at 267-8234.

**Annual Coahoma ragball tournament**  
There will be a ragball tournament Friday and Saturday at the Coahoma Little League Baseball Park. For more information contact Rocky New at 394-4041.

**Senior Class to hold ragball tournament**  
There will be a ragball tournament sponsored by the Big Spring High School senior class on Friday and Saturday, July 13-14. The entry fee is \$100 per team. For more information contact Brittany Bryant at 267-1011.

### ON THE AIR

**Television**  
**BASEBALL**  
6 p.m. — Atlanta Braves at Philadelphia Phillies, TBS, Ch. 11.  
9 p.m. — Texas Rangers at Anaheim Angels, FXS, Ch. 29.  
**WNBA**  
7 p.m. — Minnesota Lynx at Washington Mystics, ESPN, Ch. 30.

## Bell struggles, but Rangers' bats provide him a 9-5 victory

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) — Rob Bell used some of his worst stuff to get his first victory of the season. Rafael Palmeiro and Ruben Sierra hit back-to-back homers in the fourth inning as the Rangers beat the Oakland Athletics 9-5 Sunday to win their third straight series. Ivan Rodriguez also homered as Texas won with plenty of offense and a good start from Bell (1-0), who was unimpressive but effective. He allowed five hits and three runs over five innings in his second appearance since joining the Rangers in a trade with Cincinnati on June 15. "I didn't have great stuff, but a win is a win," Bell said. "I felt like I had a six-shooter with one bullet in it, and that was my fastball. I'm

still waiting for my curveball to come back." It was the first victory in 13 starts for Bell, who jumped from Double-A to the majors last season but couldn't get on track in Cincinnati. Winless in 10 tries with the Reds this season, he hadn't won since beating the Cubs last Sept. 13. Manager Jerry Narron praised Bell's changeup, as well as his tenacity in pitching out of two jams. "We had him on the ropes, but he minimized the damage," Oakland manager Art Howe said. "He was probably one hitter from being out of the game, but he qualified for the win." The Rangers improved starting pitching has been the primary reason for their small steps back

toward respectability. A disastrous season has knocked Texas out of the playoff race, but the Rangers hope to regain some of their confidence and self-respect with their current run of solid play. The Rangers won for the sixth time in nine games, taking two of three from the stumbling A's. "We've pitched well for the last two weeks or so, and that's really the only difference," Narron said. "We're getting guys out that we weren't getting out before." Frank Catalanotto had a two-run double in Texas' three-run fifth inning against Gil Heredia (4-6), who hadn't lost since May 12. Heredia allowed six hits and four earned runs pitching into the fifth. "Whenever I pitch against these

guys, I'm not very good," said Heredia, who is 0-5 in six career appearances against Texas. "I have to go out and try to do something different. I have to make an adjustment." Oakland, which had a short postgame clubhouse meeting, lost for the eighth time in 11 games to finish a seven-game homestand against AL West opponents with just three victories. Palmeiro, who snapped an 0-for-15 slump with a second-inning single, hit a 2-0 pitch from Heredia into the right field stands at the Coliseum in the fourth for his 19th homer. Sierra, whose ninth-inning homer on Saturday forced Oakland to win in the 10th, followed with another shot to right, his ninth homer.

## Garcia, Garza prove the 'Best'

By DOUG LAW  
Sports Editor

The team of Ben Garcia Jr. and Adolph Garza proved too tough to beat as they won the Best of the Rest Golf Tournament at the Comanche Trail Golf Course over the weekend by three strokes with a two-day total of 127. Felix Martinez and Charlie Garcia were three strokes back at 130 to finish second. The Garcia-Garza duo was too dominant for the remainder of the championship flight's golfers to handle, as the two led the opening round on Saturday with a 61 and shot a 66 Sunday to ice the championship.



Lubbock golfer Brad Summersell urges his ball to hurry up and get in the cup during the first round of the Best of the Rest Tournament on Saturday at the Comanche Trail Golf Course. A total of 64 two-man teams took part in the event.

The victors' 61 round on Saturday made all the difference as it gave them a two-stroke lead over the pair of David Sharrock and John Medicott after one round. The Garcia-Garza team shot a 66 on Sunday which was matched by Martinez and Garcia, but the second place team couldn't make up the three-shot differential from the first day. Finishing third was the Sharrock-Medicott duo who shot an identical 130 total as the second-place Martinez-Garza pair. Ronnie Broadrick and Comanche Trail superintendent Jack Birdwell finished in fourth place with a 135 with rounds of 67-68 and the fifth place team of Riley Wyatt and Jim Roger shot an identical 135 two-round total with scores of 65-70. The team of Dwane Thomas and Randy Crockett was untouchable in first-flight competition, winning easily by six strokes. Thomas and Crockett led the first round with a 62 and carded a 64 on Sunday, finishing up with a 126 total. Second place in the first flight went to Steve and Bob Watson, who shot identical rounds of 66 to finish with a 132 total. Steve and Cody Hedges finished in third place with a 133 total. Lynn Walling and Tommy Fletcher carded an identical 133 two-day score to finish in fourth. Richard Caballeros and Henry Villalobos provided

exciting golf action Sunday, eclipsing their first round score of 71 by nine full strokes, with a 62 to win the second flight. Josh and Dusty Palmer were second with a two-day score of 134 after shooting rounds of 65-69. Finishing third was the team of Abel Alvarez and Don Sasser with a 134 total after shooting rounds of 67 and 67. The team of Mike Hatfield and Mike Stephens was fourth with a 135 total. In third-flight action, the team of Rex Pollard and Monty Caperton ran away with first place with a 132, finishing six strokes ahead of the second-place team. Pollard-Caperton shot rounds of 63 and 69. Taking second in the

team of Ray Bluhm and Buddy Duncan. The Thweatts had rounds of 68-72, the team of Crowder-Nunez shot identical rounds of 70-70, the duo of Brown and Bauer carded rounds of 69-71 while Bluhm and Duncan shot rounds of 72-68. The team of Roger and Jason Battle won the fifth flight with a 139 total after rounds of 68-71 while the duo of Dean and Matt Fleharty was second at 141 after shooting scores of 71-70. The team of Annie Ward and Connie Fowler took third place with rounds of 72-71. Jimmy Leal and Junior Barber were fourth with a 145 after shooting rounds of 72-73.

## Garcia leader at Buick

HARRISON, N.Y. (AP) — Tiger Woods said he faced a daunting task after a poor 4-over par opening round in the Buick Classic. He was right. Woods was eight shots behind Sergio Garcia heading into Monday's final round of the rain-delayed Buick Classic. "It doesn't look like Tiger is playing as well as he was," Garcia said after a 3-under 68 Sunday gave him a three-round total of 12-under 201. That was two strokes better than Scott Hoch, and three in front of J.P. Hayes. Garcia wasn't exactly ruling Woods out during the final round of the tournament, which was disrupted by downpours Thursday and Saturday. But Garcia did not seem unduly concerned about the prospect of Woods making a charge Monday. "I mean, he can still shoot a good round and finish well, but it's not in my mind right now," Garcia said. "I'm more focused on Scott Hoch and J.P. Hayes." Woods started off good Sunday, going 4-under over the first nine holes to draw within two shots of Garcia and Hoch, who were tied after the second round at 7-under and had not yet started. But Woods faded on the second nine at the Westchester Country Club. He missed greens with iron approaches on Nos. 11 and 17 for bogeys and failed to hit the green in two on the par-5 18th with a 6-iron. He parred a hole he was thinking of making eagle on. Woods' 3-under 68 left him at 4-under for the tournament and tied for 12th. He had climbed back into contention with a second-round 66 after the 4-over 75 in his opening round. Woods said he'd have to shoot a phenomenal score and hope those above him on the leaderboard will lose ground to give him any chance of winning. "When you're this far behind, you're going to need a little bit of help," Woods said.

## Rocker saves Indians; Devil Rays win on rare late rally

**The ASSOCIATED PRESS**  
John Rocker closed out his first AL save on the same day the Tampa Bay Devil Rays pulled out their first late-inning comeback of the season. Rocker sprinted to the mound Sunday in his Cleveland Indians debut and worked a perfect ninth to seal a 4-2 road victory over the Kansas City Royals. "It's nice to get my first save to take the edge off and give the guys on my new team confidence in my abilities," Rocker said in a statement issued by the Indians. The Devil Rays, who at 22-52 have the majors' worst record, were 0-44 when trailing after seven innings. That changed when they scored four times in the eighth to beat the New York Yankees 5-4 at home. "It was just a good day for the Rays, and we haven't had a lot of those," manager Hal McRae said. The Devil Rays kept New York

from moving within one game of first-place Boston, which lost 5-2 at home to Toronto, in the AL East. The Yankees lost for just the third time in 34 games they've taken a lead into the eighth. Mike Stanton (5-2), pitching on his third straight day, gave up the winning run on Andy Sheets' sacrifice fly. "I'm not going to make excuses," Stanton said. "I felt fine. I just didn't make a couple of quality pitches and it hurt us." Travis Phelps (1-1) pitched 1 1/3 innings, earning his first major league win when he got Derek Jeter to ground into a game-ending double play. In other American League games, it was Minnesota 14, Detroit 5, Chicago 8, Baltimore 2, Texas 9, Oakland 8, and Seattle 7, Anaheim 3. In National League games, it was St. Louis 7, San Francisco 3, Atlanta

8, New York 4, Montreal 11, Pittsburgh 4, Milwaukee 6, Chicago 3, Houston 7, Cincinnati 5, Colorado 7, Arizona 6, Philadelphia 9, Florida 3, and San Diego 6, Los Angeles 1. Rocker, who has been declared off-limits to media until the Indians return home Friday, was acquired from the Atlanta Braves last Friday. Greeted by a mixture of cheers and boos, he struck out Carlos Beltran and pinch-hitter Dave McCarty before getting A.J. Hinch to fly out to end the game. **Blue Sox 5, Red Sox 2** Homer Bush's tiebreaking single in the eighth inning led Toronto over Boston and gave the Blue Jays their first three-game sweep at Fenway Park in nearly 12 years. The last time the Blue Jays, who have won four straight, swept the Red Sox on the road was Aug. 14-16, 1989.

Rod Beck relieved starter Tim Wakefield (5-2) in the eighth inning and struck out Shannon Stewart, but then surrendered Bush's hit that gave the Blue Jays a 3-2 lead. Dan Plesac (1-2) worked out of a seventh-inning jam for the win. **Twins 14, Tigers 5** Cristian Guzman hit his first grand slam and drove in a career-high six runs to lead visiting Minnesota over Detroit. Minnesota won for just the second time in 10 games and snapped Detroit's four-game winning streak. The Tigers committed four errors and had two passed balls. Eric Milton (8-3) overcame consecutive homers to Robert Fick, Juan Encarnacion and Shane Halter in Detroit's five-run second inning to win his third straight decision. Steve Sparks (5-3) lost for the first time in 10 starts.

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"WE DECIDED TO PLAY FOR YOU, MOM, 'CAUSE MR. WILSON HAS ONE OF HIS HEADACHES."

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"Look, Mommy! There's a full sun out today!"

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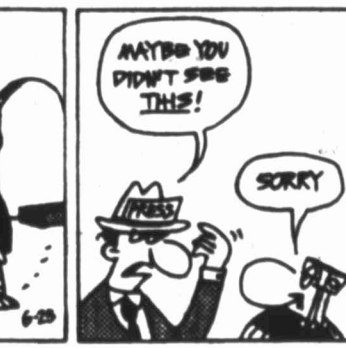
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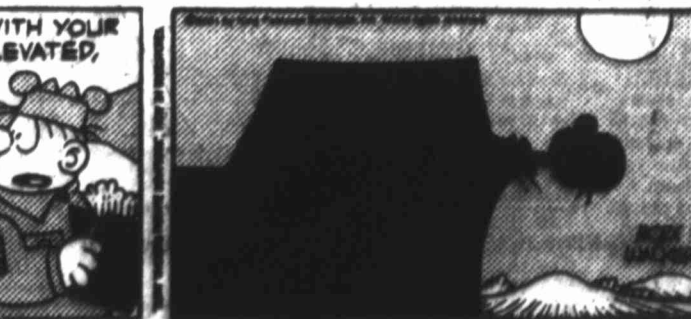
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THIS DATE IN HISTORY

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Today is Monday, June 25, the 176th day of 2001. There are 189 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On June 25, 1876, Lt. Col. George A. Custer and his Seventh Cavalry were wiped out by Sioux and Cheyenne Indians in the Battle of the Little Bighorn in Montana.

On this date: In 1788, the state of Virginia ratified the U.S. Constitution.

In 1868, Florida, Alabama, Louisiana, Georgia, North Carolina and South Carolina were re-admitted to the Union.

In 1906, a love triangle came to a violent end atop New York's Madison Square Garden as architect Stanford White, the building's designer, was shot to death by Harry Thaw, the

jealous husband of Evelyn Nesbit.

In 1942, some 1,000 British Royal Air Force bombers raided Bremen, Germany, during World War II.

In 1950, war broke out in Korea as forces from the communist North invaded the South.

In 1951, 50 years ago, the first commercial color telecast took place as CBS transmitted a one-hour special from New York to four other cities.

In 1962, the Supreme Court ruled that the use of an unofficial, non-denominational prayer in New York State public schools was unconstitutional.

In 1973, former White House Counsel John W. Dean began testifying before the Senate Watergate Committee.

In 1988, American-born Mildred Gillars, better known during World War II as "Axis Sally" for her Nazi propaganda broadcasts, died in Columbus, Ohio, at age 87. (Gillars had served 12 years in prison for trea-

son.) In 1995, Warren Burger, the 15th chief justice of the United States, died in Washington at age 87.

Ten years ago: Following months of unsuccessful talks among Yugoslavia's six republics about the future of the federation, the western republics of Croatia and Slovenia declared their independence.

Five years ago: A truck bomb killed 19 Americans and injured hundreds at a U.S. military housing complex in Saudi Arabia.

Answer to previous puzzle

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Newsday Crossword

BIG STUFF by Shirley Soloway Edited by Stanley Newman

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- 1 Storm drain
- 6 Kelt of the comics
- 10 Matures
- 14 Cost
- 15 Goatee location
- 16 Puff of smoke
- 17 Medical diagnostic technique
- 19 Overdue
- 20 Give back
- 21 The Hunter (De Niro film)
- 23 Born: Fr.
- 24 America's Uncle
- 26 In a chair
- 28 Draft organization: Abbr.
- 31 Stare open-mouthed
- 34 Swiss peak
- 35 Live (revel)
- 37 Concert instrument
- 41 Neck part
- 42 Aristocracy
- 43 Be aware of
- 44 Large dogs
- 46 Actress Barbara
- 47 Magnavox competitor
- 48 Bone-dry
- 49 Hint and Gore
- 50 Drives forward
- 53 Broadway hit letters
- 55 "Cheer" for the villain
- 56 Sheathing
- 59 Honor Thy Father author
- 64 Female pigs
- 66 Women's wear
- 68 Gen. Robt.
- 69 Leave out
- 70 Boundaries
- 71 Undercover drug agent
- 72 City housing: Abbr.
- 73 Rope's slipknot
- DOWN
- 1 Cowboy-boot attachment
- 2 Stanley Gardner
- 3 Skater Katarina
- 4 Light brown
- 5 Brings up, as a child
- 6 Author Umberto
- 7 Dull sound
- 8 Fork prong
- 9 Mountains in Chile
- 10 Leather tool
- 11 National Zoo attraction
- 12 Lauder of cosmetics
- 13 Haslo
- 18 Became tangled
- 22 Gather grain
- 25 Maples and Gibbs
- 27 Similarly
- 28 Carry a tune
- 29 Night sight
- 30 X-ray vision, o.g.
- 32 "Common Sense" writer
- 33 Goes in
- 36 Serenity
- 38 Sahara and Gobi
- 39 Sir Coward
- 40 Possesses
- 45 Statuesque
- 50 Playwright Henrik
- 51 Cash, casually
- 52 Pacific island group
- 54 Like the old bucket of song
- 57 Kids' summer spot
- 58 Leave the stage
- 60 Italian resort
- 61 Therefore
- 62 Fr. holy women
- 63 Existence: Lat.
- 65 "Just a I"
- 67 Part of TGIF