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**WEATHER**

Tonight:



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**Coahoma Lions seek participants for July 4 parade**

Coahoma Lions Club is inviting individuals and groups to participate in the "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 welcome.

The parade will begin at 10 a.m. Those participating will need to assemble at the Coahoma High School football field parking lot at 9 a.m. for line up and instructions.

If you desire to participate or need any further information, call Lion Parade Chairman Jim LeMarr at 394-4424.

**WEEKEND TICKET TODAY**

Spring City Senior Citizens country/western dance, 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. All seniors invited.

**SATURDAY**

Heart of the City Festival, 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Heart of the City Park. Art, craft and food booths.

Sundered Shield II, 10 a.m. Saturday, Moss Creek Lake, Society for Creative Anachronism.

The Heritage Museum, 510 Scurry, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The Potton House, 200 Gregg, a restored historic home, is open from 1 to 5 p.m. A one-time admission fee of \$2 for adults and \$1 for children and senior citizens are encouraged.

Dance, 8:30 p.m., Eagles Lodge, 704 West Third.

**SUNDAY**

Heart of the City Festival, 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Heart of the City Park. Art, craft and food booths.

God and Country Patriotic Concert, 7 p.m., First Baptist Church. Guest speaker State Sen. Robert Duncan.

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## Repair costs at junior high near \$1 million mark

By **LYNDEL MOODY**  
Staff Writer

Costs for repairs at the troubled Big Spring Junior High building have neared the \$1 million mark as Big Spring Independent School District trustees amended the budget Thursday for additional monies to pay for more compact grouting.

Trustees tacked on grouting costs of \$529,000. The monies were for grouting work already approved by the board.

According to Sandra

Waggoner, BSISD business manager, the district has spent nearly \$900,000 to shore up the junior high building's foundation and for consultant and legal fees.

The building began to show signs of foundation shifting soon after it opened in 1999. Cracks appeared in the walls and flooring, both inside and outside the structure.

It was later discovered a canyon once existed on the site.

Haywood Baker Grouters

was called in to perform compact grouting to stabilize the foundation at the time. The company returned this year to perform additional grouting after the building again began to show signs of movement.

With trustee approval, the company was originally set to perform the work in June during the summer break but had to be called in February to stabilize the southeast area of the building.

According to officials, the

weekly survey performed by engineers has indicated no movement in elevation in the southeast area for four months. However, at the last meeting trustees learned parts of the building were now showing signs of lateral creep or sideways movement.

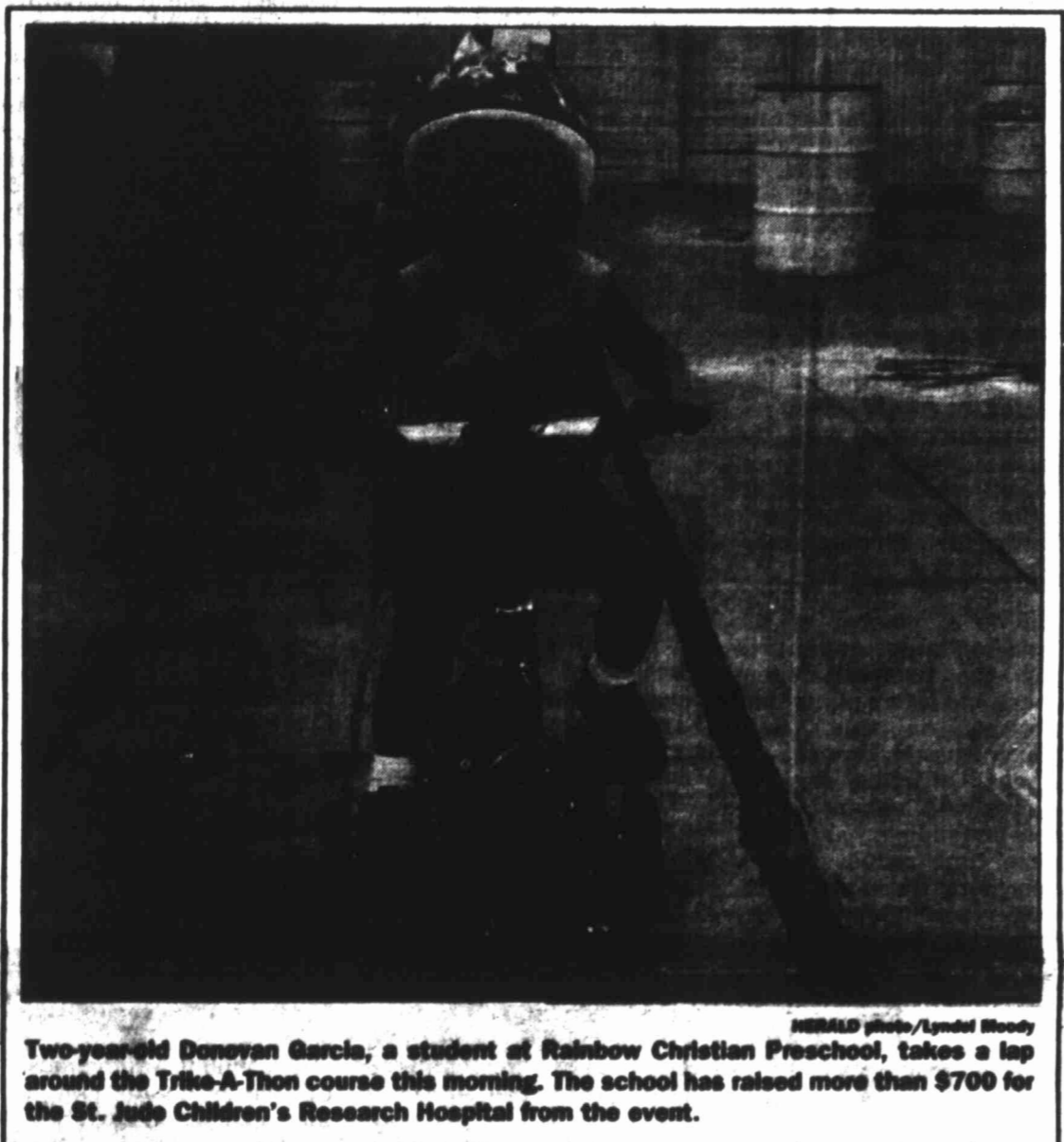
Acting on the recommendation by Steve Frase, engineering consultant for Rimkus Corporation, the board approved additional compact grouting Thursday to halt the lateral creep. The cost of the additional grout-

ing was included in the monies when the board amended the budget.

Waggoner, estimated the district has spent almost \$700,000 in grouting costs alone.

Haywood Baker is now back at the junior high building to finish the work that was begun in February, along with the additional work to stop the lateral creep, Murray Murphy, BSISD superintendent, told board members.

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Two-year-old Danyan Garcia, a student at Rainbow Christian Preschool, takes a lap around the Trike-A-Thon course this morning. The school has raised more than \$700 for the St. Jude Children's Research Hospital from the event.

## Corridor

### Ports-to-Plains route takes U.S. Highway 87 through Howard County

By **BILL MCCLELLAN**  
News Editor

As expected, the Texas Transportation Commission on Thursday designated a final route for the Ports-to-Plains corridor that will take it through Big Spring.

"It's a great victory, just wonderful for our community. It is something that will put us years, if not decades, ahead in transportation in this part of the state," said Mayor Russ McEwen. "We will be the route that NAFTA uses not only in this part of Texas but on



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north into Colorado.

"It also enhances the ability to get some of our local projects done, such as the truck reliever route, which is a very necessary thing," said McEwen.

"I think all of this is a plus for Big Spring," said Tim Blackshear, member of the Moore Development for Big Spring board and former city mayor. "It seems like when people think of moving to Texas they go along the I-35 corridor and it's so overpopulated now that it is unmanageable. Hopefully this will get some national attention and people will realize there is more to Texas than I-35. We have lots of open spaces, clean air and good people."

The Texas portion of the

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## Heart of City Festival promises lots of art, craft and food booths

By **LINDY BARR**  
Staff Writer

The Heart of the City Festival in downtown Big Spring kicks off at 10 a.m. Saturday with all types of craft and food booths.

The event will continue from noon until 5 p.m. Sunday as well.

"Admission for all of the family fun is free," said Mel Prather, organizer of the local event.

Booths will offer marble art, mobiles, wind chimes, plant lamps, jewelry, belt buckles, wood baskets, trivet trays, candles, soft sculpture, metal art, clothing scroll saw art, name cutouts, floral art, wreaths and swags, beef jerky, T-shirts, purses, woodwork

and many Southwest items. Food items to be available include turkey legs, sausage on a stick, barbecue, soft drinks, water, lemonade and tea.

Prather said while this weekend will mark the first time the Heart of the City Festival has been held in the particular location, the festival itself had been going on for a number of years.

"It was first called the Crossroads Stampede and held in the Comanche Trail Park," said Prather.

The festival was then moved downtown around the square, where it was held for a few years.

"Our hope is to revitalize this event and allow it to grow during the coming years," said Prather.

The Heart of the City Park is located on the corner of Third and Scurry streets, north of the Howard County Courthouse. A number of civic-minded businesses donated the majority of items throughout the park.

"Most of the items found in the park were purchased by contributions," Prather noted.

The names of those contributions are engraved on brass plaques at the base of each of those items found in the park.

This weekend will also mark the annual rod run for the Big Spring Rod and Custom organization.

The car show will be held on Main Street and conclude with a parade down Third Street at 6 p.m. on Saturday.

## Route decision key step in truck reliever bypass

By **BILL MCCLELLAN**  
News Editor

Big Spring has taken another large step forward in its efforts to construct a truck reliever route around the city.

The Texas Transportation Commission on Thursday selected U.S. 87 through Big Spring as a portion of the Ports-to-Plains Trade Corridor. That was a necessary step in plans to construct a reliever route around Big Spring, local officials say.



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The next step comes on Oct. 25, when members of the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce transportation task force are scheduled to meet with the Texas Transportation Commission in Austin.

"We're hoping they (the commission) will fund a grant that will let us get started with the reliever route," Bill Crooker, county commissioner who has worked closely on both Ports-to-Plains and the reliever route, said in an earlier interview. Crooker was unavailable for comment this morning.

In April, U.S. Rep. Charles Stenholm, D-Abilene, made a request to the U.S. Department of

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## Sen. Duncan will speak at patriotic concert here

By **LYNDEL MOODY**  
Staff Writer

State Sen. Robert Duncan (R-Lubbock) will be the guest speaker at the First Baptist Church's eighth annual God and Country Patriotic Concert set for Sunday.

"Senator Robert Duncan will tell us what God and country means to him," said Suzanne Cranford, secretary at the church.

The concert is set for 7 p.m. in the auditorium and will include patriotic songs and a time for veterans to tell the audience when and where they served their country.

"We just hope the entire community can come out to honor our veterans and remember how God has blessed us with our free-

dom," Cranford said. According to Cranford, the time was set for 7 p.m. so other churches meeting at 6 p.m. may have the opportunity to attend.

This year's concert will include a special tribute in the memory of the 60th anniversary of the bombing of Pearl Harbor.

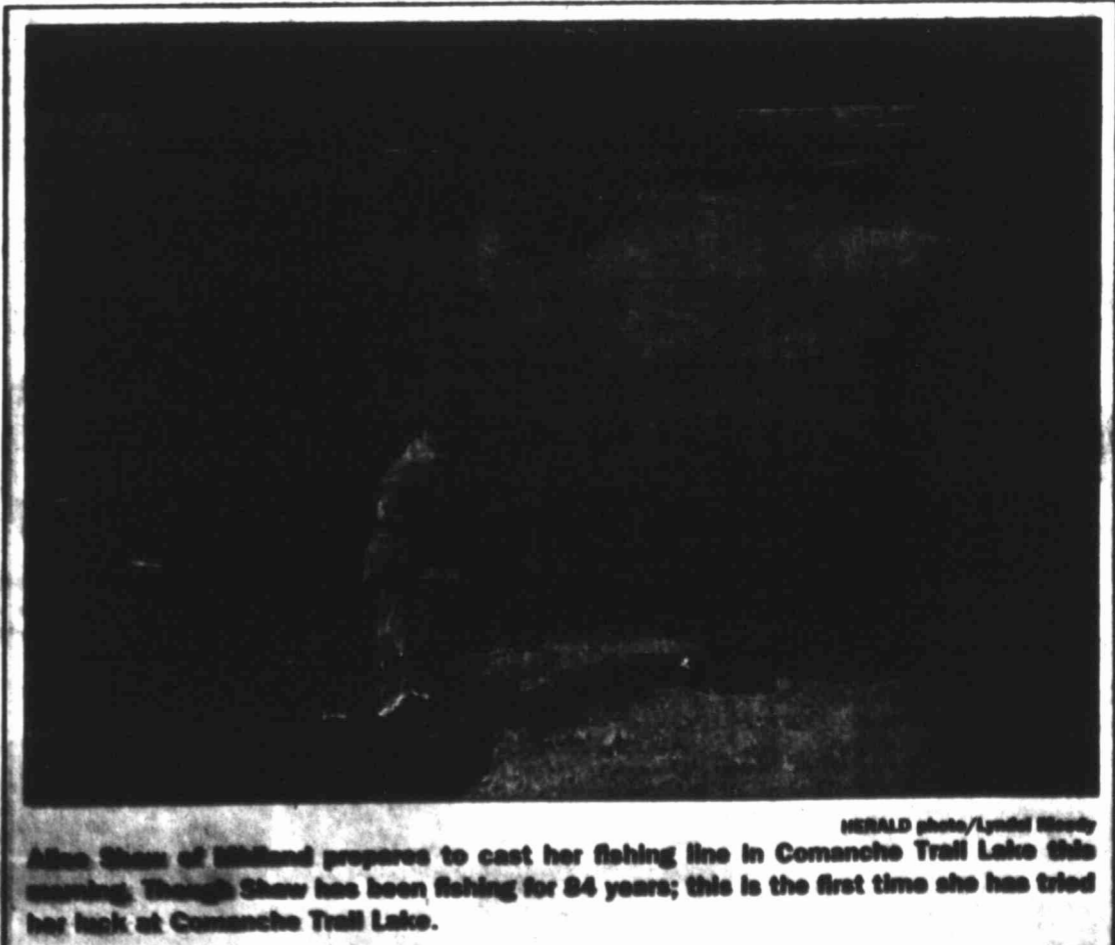
"This is time to pause and thank the veterans," she said. The church encourages veterans to dress in uniform.

The church choir and band will perform patriotic songs including "God Bless America," the "Battle Hymn of the Republic" and "From Sea to Shining Sea."

New this year is a sing-along for those attending the concert, Cranford said.

"We will have a sing-along

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Allen Shaw of Midland prepares to cast her fishing line in Comanche Trail Lake this morning. Though Shaw has been fishing for 84 years, this is the first time she has tried her luck at Comanche Trail Lake.

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## State requests dismissal of school finance law

AUSTIN (AP) — Texas school finance system is "a trainwreck" that the state must get back on track, a lawyer for four property-rich districts suing the state told a judge on Thursday.

The system "is a trainwreck and it's happening now," said George Bramblett Jr. at a hearing on the state's request for the lawsuit to be thrown out. A ruling was not immediately issued.

Bramblett represents West Orange-Covey Consolidated, Fort Neches-Groves, Coppell and La Porte Independent School Districts, which argue the state's school finance law punishes wealthy school districts while providing poor districts with money the state should be obligated to pay.

"We need to promptly resolve these issues," Bramblett told District Judge F. Scott McCown, who presided over both sides with dozens of questions during a nearly three-hour hearing.

Texas does not have an income tax or a state property tax. By law, school districts can collect no more than \$1.50 per \$100 property valuation to run and maintain their schools.

About a fifth of the state's 1,000 districts have reached the tax ceiling. With Texas seizing a chunk for poor

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—MALDEF Lawyer Al Kauffman

schools, wealthy areas are frustrated by their inability to raise more money.

Bramblett said as more districts reach the cap it effectively creates an unconstitutional statewide property tax.

"That claim is simply, hopelessly, not right," said Jeff Boyd, the state's attorney.

Only 19 percent of the state's 1,035 school districts reached the cap in 2000, he said.

The lawsuit should be dismissed and the Legislature can work to remedy school finance problems in the 2003 session, Boyd said. House Speaker Pete Laney and acting Lt. Gov. Bill Ratliff wrote the court saying lawmakers intend to study the issue during the interim.

Bramblett said defendants and more than 300 other districts that are within 5 cents of the tax cap cannot wait that long.

"We have already suffered harm," Bramblett said. "We will suffer more harm."

The schools claim sharing property tax revenue with poorer districts has forced job cuts and the elimination of some programs.

The Mexican American Legal Defense and Education Fund and the Texas Equity Center joined the state in asking the courts to dismiss the lawsuit.

"I want to see the system that's working right now to continue to work," said Buck Wood, an equity center lawyer.

MALDEF lawyer Al Kauffman represented six poor districts, including San Antonio's Edgewood Independent School District, which led the battle for school funding equity that resulted in the Texas Supreme Court's throwing out three school funding laws beginning in 1989.

"We don't think the wealthy districts have a case," Kauffman said. "They have had and continue to have incredible advantages over the rest of the districts in the state."

"We do not see this as a rich and poor issue," Bramblett said.

"We're not here to revisit the battles of yesteryear on equity," he said. "I think there's a general recognition, your honor, that the system is broken."

## STATE BRIEFS

### Motorists dodge bullets on I-27

LUBBOCK (AP) — Interstate 27 was clear Friday after police worked to clear about 900 bullets that scattered on the roadway, popping and exploding as motorists drove over them.

Police officers spent three hours Thursday collecting the bullets that were found spread across the northbound lanes of the interstate.

Reports that the bullets were exploding as people drove over came in before 9 a.m., according to police spokesman Bill Morgan.

When police arrived, they found hundreds of different types of bullets.

Police reported that they picked up 890 .22-caliber bullets, 20 .22-250 bullets and 20 .30-30 bullets spread across North I-27 near Loop 289, Morgan said.

The bullets would pop when a car drove over them, but no people were injured and no vehicles were damaged. Law officers could not trace the source.

"How the bullets got there will probably never be known," Morgan said.

### Man leads police on wild chase

ODESSA (AP) — An Odessa man was charged with three counts of child endangerment Thursday after he threatened to kill his children while leading police on an 18-minute chase in the family Suburban.

Jesus Manuel Navarette also was charged with evading arrest and driving with a suspended license.

Navarette's wife told Odessa police about 1 p.m. that her husband was driving around threatening to kill himself and the children.

About 10 minutes later, officers located the red Chevy Suburban, containing the three children — two boys ages 10 and 12 and an 8-year-old girl.

The chase began when Navarette, 34, was ordered by police to stop but refused.

Navarette eventually was stopped by Ector County Sheriff's Office, the Texas Rangers and the Texas Department of Public Safety.

The children were not injured.

### Police rescue kidnapping victim

MARSHALL (AP) — A 17-year-old Milwaukee girl abducted and forced into prostitution was rescued from an East Texas motel on Thursday, police said.

Two people suspected of kidnapping the girl and forcing her into prostitution remained in custody after being charged with kidnapping, Detective Joe Arledge said Friday.

A bond hearing was set for Friday for Tammy Mae Ray, 25, of Crimmon and Cleveland Cruse, 22, of Dallas. The FBI was helping Marshall police search for a third suspect who fled from police, Arledge said.

Police received a tip on Wednesday that the suspects were at a Burnett motel.

The 17-year-old, who was found in a room at the motel on Thursday, told police that the kidnapers forced her into prostitution.

## UT-Dallas to establish sickle cell research center

DALLAS (AP) — A new research center at the University of Texas at Dallas will focus on finding a cure and better treatments for sickle cell disease, a genetic disorder affecting mostly blacks.

Steve Goodman, a nationally recognized sickle cell researcher, will be the director of UT's Sickle Cell Disease Research Center. The center, set to open Aug. 1, will collaborate with University of Texas Southwest Medical Center at Dallas.

Goodman currently is the director of the USA Comprehensive Sickle Cell Center at the University of South Alabama. He said it makes sense to establish a center where there is a large sickle cell population and a group of physicians

with an interest and history in treating sickle patients.

Of the nearly 2,000 Dallas area residents with the disease, about 1,200 are children, said Dr. George Buchanan, professor of pediatrics at the Southwest Medical Center and director of the sickle cell program at the Children's Medical Center of Dallas.

Buchanan said the pediatric program serves about 600 patients, age 18 and under.

He said what's missing in Texas and elsewhere is a coordinated and comprehensive program for adult sickle cell patients.

"Dr. Goodman's arrival is a big boom and will further opportunities for research in this city," Buchanan said. "Our clinical program for children badly wanted to

connect with a science program. A lot of good is to come of it."

This fall, the university and medical center will jointly apply for a National Institutes of Health grant worth \$1.77 million over five years, beginning in March 2003.

Only 10 sickle centers are awarded NIH grants every five years. If the Dallas center receives a grant, it would become the first NIH-funded sickle center in Texas, Goodman said.

Funds for the center also will come from grants, including about \$300,000 from Goodman's projects. Goodman said he also will seek state funding.

Goodman said 97 percent of sickle cell cases occur in people of African ancestry.

The blood disorder causes

red blood cells, normally bagel-shaped, to take on a crescent, or sickle shape.

The sickle-shaped cells have a difficult time traveling through blood vessels and become trapped, cutting off oxygen to tissues and organs and causing extreme pain in the chest, back and extremities.

Exercise, changing attitudes, or anxiety can trigger pain attacks.

Goodman said 2 to 70 percent of red blood cells in a sickle cell patient are sickle-shaped.

Goodman, who will also head UT's molecular and cell biology department, will continue his existing Alabama research at the new center that has focused on how and why red blood cells become sickle in the first place.



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# EDITORIAL

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## OUR VIEWS

### We salute:

Each week, the *Herald* salutes individuals and groups from our community and area who have been recognized for special achievements or accomplishments.

We recognize these special people for working to help make our region a better place to live, work and play.

This week we salute:

• Administrative restructuring at Howard College, which named **DR. AMY BURCHETTE** as vice president for instruction and student services, **DR. JOEL MICHAELIS**, as associate vice president for workforce development, **STEVE A. SMITH** as president's assistant, **JAVIER FLORES** as dean of student services and **STACY DeARMOND** as director of continuing education.

• And these Big Spring Independent School District advancements: **REY VILLARREAL**, named Big Spring Junior High principal; **DEE OWEN**, new Marcy Elementary principal; and **WAYLAND PIERCE**, new Kentwood Elementary principal.

• **HOWARD COUNTY 4-H RODEO PARTICIPANTS, FANS and VOLUNTEERS**, who will continue to put on a great show tonight at 7 and Saturday at 6:30 p.m. at the Rodeo Bowl.

*Is there an individual or organization in our community that you feel should be saluted? If so, please send us their name and why you think they should be recognized. We must have your name and telephone number and you must provide it in writing.*

## YOUR VIEWS

The United States may be the self-proclaimed advocate of human rights and freedom around the world, but it is about time that it took a good, hard look at how to improve its own back yard. A recent survey has revealed that minorities in the U.S. continue to face racial discrimination.

The U.S. has arrogated to itself the right to poke its nose into the human rights situations in other countries and being the moral crusader that it has become, it does not hesitate to use its political and economic might to compel a country which abuses human rights to improve its record.

The U.S. does all these things because it

believes fervently in its democratic and human rights mission. But if there is still racism in the U.S. and its minorities continue to suffer from discrimination, then the holier-than-thou attitude that the U.S. adopts toward developing countries looks hollow.

It just goes to show that democracy has its imperfections. By itself, democracy is not a magic wand that will remove at one stroke all the inequalities, racial prejudices and ills of society. Tolerance of diverse opinions and agreeing to disagree are some of the features of democracy and freedom.

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# Protecting big business is president's skill

Look at it this way: The good news is there's at least one thing about which George W. Bush is consistent. George W. Bush does not believe in doing anything to hurt big business.

He especially doesn't believe in letting anyone sue business. He is opposed to a patients' bill of rights for that reason; he tried to keep the lawyers who won a \$17 billion case for the state of Texas from getting their fees for that reason; and tort reform, which is another way of saying you can't sue corporations that injure or kill you or your family, is a burning passion with him.

So it should come as no surprise that the federal government has decided to settle its case against the tobacco companies. According to anti-smoking groups, in the 2000 elections the tobacco companies gave \$8 million in campaign contributions, 80 percent of it to Republicans. Bush certainly knew when he appointed John Ashcroft attorney gen-

eral that Ashcroft was one of the leading senators in stopping anti-smoking legislation in 1998 that would have toughened regulations and increased prices.

Administration officials have been saying they don't think they can win the case, even though one state after another has won, which means the tobacco companies go into settlement negotiations with little reason to pony up. The government was claiming \$20 billion in damages for money it has spent on health care for its employees, veterans and those on Medicare with illnesses caused by smoking.

Knowingly making and marketing a poisonous, addictive product could be considered of dubious legality. I fail to see the difference between that and Murder, Inc. (As one who has quit smoking many, many times, I speak with some feeling on the issue.) The idea that smokers have a "choice" about the habit seems to me a legitimate argument: I can't imagine suing a tobacco company because I was stupid enough to start smoking. But an addiction you already have is not a problem that can be solved by just saying no.

The government was suing to recover the cost to everybody else of treating

smoking illnesses and would then have used much of the money to educate young people about why they shouldn't smoke. Given the amount the tobacco companies spend on marketing their poison, it makes some sense to have a counter-force out there, unless we all want to continue paying these staggering health costs, while the tobacco companies make billions.

Nothing in the world is easier to make fun of than an overreaching lawyer, but this is not a case of trial lawyers versus big business. It's a case of our right to get recompense when we have been hurt by corporate behavior. I'm not defending lawyers — though I know some righteous ones. Just the other day, a few Texas lawyers were found to have been keeping quiet about unsafe Firestone tires for a couple of years to guard their clients' interests, possibly costing additional lives. But the patients' bill of rights and tort reform in general are not about the rights of lawyers — they're about our rights.

The media love to focus on outrageous verdicts, of which we have seen many over the years. What is almost never reported is the nutty verdicts are almost invariably over-

turned on appeal. The system of civil litigation actually works quite well — for example, in the famous case of the 61-year-old woman who suffered third-degree burns after spilling a cup of McDonald's coffee on her lap.

The jury first awarded her \$2.9 million, after learning that McDonald's had ignored 700 such complaints over the years. But the judgment was reduced to \$480,000 on appeal and was later settled out of court for an undisclosed sum (she had initially sued for \$300,000). And McDonald's no longer heats its coffee to a point that produces third-degree burns, thus improving the public safety.

For hilarious straight talk, I hope you did not miss Bush last week explaining that the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission did NOT impose price caps in the West. The official administration line is that this is a "market-based mitigation plan." Here with Bush's version: "They're not talking about firm price controls. They are talking about mechanism to — as I understand it, a mechanism to mitigate any severe price spikes that may occur, which is completely different from price controls." Glad he understands it.

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# Of 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.

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 1960.

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 feder-

al crime bill with its millions 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 decidedly 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 vio-

lent, the whole structure should be adjusted. But a return to the lower incarceration, high-crime years of the 1960s 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 58 percent before. So rehabilitation is not as automatic as some suppose. The great moral debate, in this report and across the country, is capital punishment. As Public Agenda points out, it goes back in America to 1635, 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 1890. Nevada turned to lethal gas in 1933 and Texas to injection in 1952. 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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# Postal Service to increase a number of its rates on Sunday

WASHINGTON (AP) — Sending a post card will cost a penny more in July. The bank will pay a bit more to send mail. So will newspapers and magazines.

But it still will cost 34 cents to send that favorite relative a birthday card.

Facing the possibility of a \$2 billion shortfall, the Postal Service is imposing a second rate increase this year.

The agency already has frozen construction projects and hiring. There also has been talk of applying for an additional increase late this year or next year.

Many mail rates went up in January, including a 1-cent

increase in First Class stamps.

That increase did not include all the raises postal officials had sought, because of limits placed by the Independent Postal Rate Commission.

As rising fuel prices and other costs began pushing the agency into the red, its governing board voted unanimously to overrule the commission and institute the prices that agency had rejected earlier.

Thus, the July 1 increases complete a set of postal rate boosts originally planned in January.

Nonetheless, the announcement of the increases brought complaints from Congress and the mailing

industry. "It's obvious that the ox is in the ditch big time," Sen. Fred Thompson of Tennessee, the top Republican on the Senate Governmental Affairs Committee, complained at a hearing in May.

Thompson said Congress must review 30-year-old Postal Service laws and "nothing should be off the table."

In fact, the Postal Service has for years been seeking an overhaul of the laws governing its operation, but Congress has not acted.

Postal Board Chairman Robert F. Rider suggested a new classification system for mail services. Under the proposal the agency

would maintain its monopoly for basic mail delivery but would have more flexibility with other services.

Rider also proposed labor changes that would allow the agency to operate like a private company, including removing a salary cap and changing the employee salary bargaining system.

The Postal Service, which delivers 688 million pieces of mail a day, does not receive tax money for operations, but is under government oversight.

To impose the new rates, the postal board had to take the unusual step of overruling the

independent Postal Rate Commission, something that had happened only once before, in 1991.

While the 34-cent rate for the first ounce of first class mail remains the same, the cost for each additional ounce will climb from 21 cents to 23 cents.

The price of sending a post card will rise a penny to 34 cents.

Many other rates increase also, including an across-the-board 0.5 cent per piece boost for all first-class bulk mail.

The new rates will raise the cost of sending a piece of advertising mail by one-half to three-quarters of a cent.

## Appeals court reverses Microsoft breakup order

WASHINGTON (AP) — Freed at least temporarily from a court-ordered breakup, Microsoft is pushing forward with new software that bundles features as pressure grows to settle its 4-year-old antitrust case.

Within minutes of a federal appeals court decision reversing the breakup of Microsoft, members of Congress pressed the Bush administration to settle the case that began under President Clinton.

"Let's hope that we can put this lawsuit behind us," implored House Speaker Dennis Hastert, R-Ill. House minority leader Dick Gephardt, D-Mo., also hoped the ruling "will cause the parties, and the court, to go back and see if they can come up with an appropriate, sensible agreement."

The Justice Department is studying its options, which include an appeal to the Supreme Court, a settlement or asking the new judge taking over the case to impose penalties on Microsoft.

Attorneys general from some of the 19 states that sued Microsoft said they would be open to settle

ment. The White House also hinted that President Bush preferred an out-of-court solution.

"The president believes people should work hard to enter into agreements and the president believes there's too much litigation in our society generally speaking," White House press secretary Ari Fleischer said.

In a unanimous decision, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit set aside an order breaking the company in two for antitrust violations. The judges did agree that the company had abused its monopoly position in violation of antitrust laws.

The appeals court narrowed some of the findings of violations and sent it to a new trial judge, who must decide whether a breakup or some other penalty is warranted for Microsoft.

The appellate judges based their decision in part on outside statements by U.S. District Judge Thomas Penfield Jackson that criticized Microsoft and founder Bill Gates. The appeals court said those comments "tainted" the case.

Gates cheered Thursday's

ruling as his company pressed ahead undeterred with its new Windows XP operating system and Internet services with a promise to continue innovation.

"Every company must have the ability to innovate and improve its products," Gates said from the company's Redmond, Wash., headquarters. But the world's richest man conceded, "The legal process can be hard on anyone who goes through it."

As for settlement talks, Gates said: "It's absolutely worth making an effort there."

Asked about his own statements, Gates brought up the judge's statements to journalists.

"If you compare" the time Gates spent with the media to "the hours that the judge apparently spent with the press, it would have been less in my case," Gates said.

In his ruling, Jackson concluded Microsoft improperly dominated the Internet browser market and should not have bundled its Windows operating system with its Web browser because it illegally disad-

vantaged competitors.

The appeals court, however, reversed the finding about Internet market dominance and said the new judge will have to reconsider whether tying pieces of software together harms consumers.

To Microsoft's delight, it warned against stifling innovation.

Lawmakers from both parties urged that the case not drag on.

"This gives this administration the opportunity to settle the rest of this case so all high-tech companies can move forward," Democratic Sen. Patty Murray of Washington state said.

"Government needs to get off the back of our innovators so that high-tech America can prosper," added House Majority Leader Dick Armey.

Sens. Herb Kohl of Wisconsin and Mike DeWine of Ohio, chairman and ranking member of the Senate Judiciary's antitrust subcommittee, said whatever occurs, it was important "to assure that no one company can abuse a dominant market position to the detriment of competition and consumers."

## Administration wanting to shorten record-keeping time on firearm purchases

WASHINGTON (AP) — Attorney General John Ashcroft announced steps to improve an instant background check system designed to keep guns out of criminals' hands, but angered gun control advocates by proposing strict limits for keeping records on gun purchases.

Ashcroft said the government should keep records on people who tried to purchase firearms for no more than one business day instead of the 180 days now allowed by federal regulation.

The records are kept temporarily so that the FBI, which does the checks, can go back and look for fraudulent transactions or mistaken approvals.

Gun owner groups say keeping the records is an invasion of privacy; gun control advocates say more time for auditing is necessary to ensure that guns are not sold to criminals.

Ashcroft said he was trying to balance privacy concerns and the need to maintain the records for auditing

purposes — both are required by the landmark Brady gun law that requires background checks for gun buyers.

Ashcroft said the audits can be done instantaneously using technology.

His proposal stoked charges by gun control groups that Ashcroft was appeasing the National Rifle Association, a big contributor to Republicans.

"Ashcroft's priorities clearly lie with pleasing the National Rifle Association, not protecting the American public," said Matthew Nosanchuk, director of litigation for the Violence Policy Center.

Ashcroft, while a U.S. senator representing Missouri, voted in favor of an amendment that sought instant destruction of background check documents.

"The federal government has no business keeping files of personal information on lawful Americans who clear the NICS check," said James J. Baker of the NRA's Institute for Legislative Action.

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# Family keeps tradition of service alive at Orange gas station

ORANGE — It doesn't look like it once did, the old dog with broken bones. It was L.M. Dotson's chair, and he sat in it when he got too old to work. It's still in the office at Dotson's Exxon, torn armrests and all. Old customers who have moved away expect to see him in that chair. "They come back to see us sometimes," says L.M.'s son, Jerry Dotson, 61. "They still have parents living here and they thank us for taking care of them." Dotson's is the only station left in Orange that is privately owned and has a full-service lane. "So many prominent people in Orange have asked us

to keep the lane open," says L.M.'s widow, Gertrude, 90, who jokes that her "little old ladies" use it all the time. "We have a lot of senior citizens that trade with us and depend on us to take care of their car," says Jerry. "And a lot of young people do, too. When it comes to full service, there's no other place they can go." L.M. Dotson loved cars. He had been a mechanic since he was a boy and worked in service stations as a young man. "I met him in a service station," says Gertrude, originally from Lamar County. "I was in high school and he was working in a service station and he started flirting with

me. Not long after that, he took me to the carnival." Married in 1928, the couple moved to Orange during World War II, where L.M. got a job at Consolidated Steel. He started his first station in 1947, selling Sinclair gas at 111 Green Ave. A complete-wash and grease job cost \$1.45. Once, a circus came to town and trainers brought an elephant to be washed. Jerry Dotson has worked at all of the station's locations, including its second one, corner of 15th Street and Green, and current address at 1415 16th St. "Cars have gotten so advanced now, you've got to use computers to find any-

thing that's wrong with them," he says. "We still do it like Daddy told me to do it. A lot of people want to know why we don't plug tires. Because Daddy told us to break them down. We could make a lot more money by doing it different way." Over the years the station has sold Sinclair, Shell, Humble, Esso and finally Exxon products, and gave many first jobs to high school kids. Gertrude worked at the Fair department store for over 40 years. "We never made a lot of money with a service station, but we made enough to send our kids to college," she says. The family went to

conventions in Houston and Las Vegas, collecting awards for excellence and commitment to service. And when Exxon came out with the slogan "A Tiger in Your Tank," it cost tiger tails to give away. Daniel Dotson, 19, a member of the family's third generation to work at the business, bought a tail at a convention a few years ago. "It had a little elastic thing you so could wrap it around the gas tank, and it looked like you had a tail sticking out of your car," he says. "Time was when half the cars on 16th had tails sticking out," Jerry says. Two businessmen, Homer Hayworth and the late

Orange mayor, Jim Gilliam, helped L.M. Dotson buy the current building from Exxon. "The day before he died in 1991, he came by the station," Gertrude says. "I had taken him to the doctors and he couldn't even get out of the car. He called Jerry over and said, 'Correct those prices up there.'" Daniel will go off to Texas A&M this fall. Willie Woodward, at Dotson's for 17 years, will stay. Gertrude will keep busy with her social clubs. And Jerry will tend the full-service lane, and say, like his father taught him, "Thank you, and please come again."



Pictured are members of the Howard County Youth Horseman Club standing from left to right are Sarah Stonerook, Cassie Stonerook, Sean Boren, Kelby Bradberry, Keaton Merriot, Zach Herrin, Kayley Hill and sitting on the horses are Bree Clark, Amber Morrow and D'Amberly Avoretta.

## CLUB NEWS

### Howard Co. Youth Horseman Club

The winners for the first belt buckle series are Shelbi Darr for 6-year-old girls and under girls, Morgan Luce for 6-year-old and under boys, Amber Morrow for 7- to 9-year-old girls, Zach Herrin for 7- to 9-year-old boys, Christina Vicker for 10- to 12-year-old girls, Billy Crawford for 10- to 12-year-old boys, Crystal Sturm for 13- to 15-year-old girls, Adam Johnson for 13- to 15-year-old boys, Ashley Hill for 16- to 18-year-old girls, Donny Allen for 16- to 18-year-old boys, Joe Henderson for adult women and Ken Hill for adult men. The HCYC is offering a chance to win a colt. For more information about the club or the contest contact Sandy Crawford at 915-728-5043. The next playday series is set for July 14.

### The Mighty Oaks Club

The Mighty Oaks Club met at East Fourth Baptist Church in the Fellowship Hall on June 19 for its regular monthly meeting and fellowship lunch. Ten members attended with one visitor, Pam Stephens.

Pastor Dudley Mullins and Randy Montgomery, volunteer van driver for the club, joined the group for lunch.

Mable Wilson was honored for her June birthday with a small birthday cake. The group sang "Happy Birthday" to Wilson.

Prayer requests were made for individuals. A special request of prayer was made for the family of June Carothers who lost her live in an explosion and fire in her home on June 18. Prayer was also given to the families in that neighborhood whose homes were damaged in the explosion and for those who suffered injuries.

President Pat Wyrick announced the July program will be presented by Dorothy Kennenur, director of the Encourages and the Senior Citizens Line Dance Group among several other programs.

### Staked Plains Lodge 598

Staked Plains Lodge 598 and Coahoma Lodge 992 will have installation of officers on Saturday, July 7, at the lodge located at 219 1/2 Main. The installation will be at 4 p.m. A dinner of turkey and dressing will be served in the dining room immediately following. All members, their families and friends of these lodge are encouraged to attend. All Masons, their families

and friends are also invited to attend.

## Census policy on homeless criticized

WASHINGTON (AP) — Homeless Americans were counted in the 2000 census. It is just unclear from the results how many there were. That has angered some House Democrats and city officials from across the country. They are demanding that the Census Bureau say exactly how many homeless people it found last year, instead of grouping them into a less specific category called "other non-institutionalized group quarters." A detailed homeless count is essential for officials and advocacy groups to plan budgets for shelters and other outreach programs, say Democratic Reps. Carolyn Maloney of New York and Dennis Kucinich of Ohio and others. Bureau officials said the homeless people they did find during an exhaustive,

three-day count last year were included in total population figures for states, counties and municipalities. But those homeless Americans were not identified as such in the results because of a fear that it could be misinterpreted as an official government count of a population that is difficult to track, said Edison Gore, a deputy chief at the Census Bureau. The bureau had planned to release a count of people living in shelters as part of the wave of information currently being released. Gore said bureau officials decided against it after an analysis of early 2000 census results in January. Census officials will instead release a separate report next year on Americans counted in shelters. The report would give the bureau an appropriate

forum to stress that the data should not be misconstrued as an official homeless count, Gore said. In response, Maloney called the Census Bureau "the censor bureau." Barbara Duffield, education director for the National Coalition for the Homeless, supported the policy. The coalition worked with the bureau before the census and urged against any count that specified the homeless population. "People experiencing homelessness should be counted regardless of housing status," she said. "But we also said there should not be a separate homeless count because it is impossible and misleading." Still, some city officials and local shelters said they thought a specific count of the homeless would be released.

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# Rev. Hill receives prestigious award

Special Report

The 28th annual meeting of the Northwest Texas Conference of the United Methodist Church was convened by Bishop Max Whitfield, June 6-9 at St. Paul United Methodist Church and the McJannet University Campus in Abilene.



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This annual meeting is called to conduct business of the church and assign pastors for the coming year.

Cochoma United Methodist Church was represented by delegate Sue Ann Born and Pastor Wanda Hill, who was re-elected to Cochoma for her seventh year. On Thursday, June 7, Rev. Hill was honored by the NWTX Conference with the prestigious Demman Evangelism Award. She was nominated by Big Spring District Superintendent Richard Blake and selected by the Bishop and Cabinet to be the recipient.

The Demman Evangelism Award was established in 1990 by the Foundation for

Evangelism to recognize and honor clergy and lay persons who are doing the vital work of responsible evangelism in ways that are in keeping with United Methodist History and Tradition. Administrative Council Chair John Keller, lay leader of Cochoma Hill Blake, song leader James Houch and parishioners Mona and Cecil Drake were present when the award was presented.

Pastor Hill, the recipient of the clergy award for 2001, has been in the ministry for just more than 10 years. She received her call to ministry while serving as secretary at the McLean United Methodist Church.

"She has a vitality for life and a wonderful winsome humility that draws people in extraordinarily effective ways," said Jackie Blair, NWTX lay leader, as she introduced the clergy winner's name.

"The love, joy, peace and faithfulness in her life are being displayed and reflected in the overall congregation," Blair continued.

Membership and attendance have increased dramatically and the Sunday School program has more than doubled in size. This pastor intentionally pro-

vides an environment in which the needs are evident in individuals who are called into pastoral ministry, lay speaking ministry and congregational leadership, Blair said.

Upon receiving this award, Rev. Hill said, "I was very surprised and humbled to get this award for evangelism. I give the praise and glory to the Lord Jesus Christ. I share this award with the congregation, the body of Christ, of the Cochoma United Methodist Church. This congregation has supported me with their love and prayers for six years. Their willingness to make disciples of Christ, their hard work, dedication and obedience to God's will made it possible for me to get this evangelism award."

"I thank them from the bottom of my heart and I love them very much. They are a special part of my private life and my spiritual walk with the Lord. I thank God every day for making it possible for me to be a part of such a loving and caring church where all are welcome to worship with us and be a part of our church family. I am proud to be a part of the family of God at the Cochoma United Methodist Church."

## Relationship between church and state

The arrival of Independence Day always invites us to meditate on the relationship between church and state. Recently, as President



STEVE STUTZ

of the Howard County Minister's Fellowship, I proposed to local clergy that the church in Howard County is "called to be a part of the ecumenical church of Jesus Christ in the context in which God has placed it — a diverse, divided, and threatened global society on a beautiful, fragile planet. In faithfulness to its calling, the church is committed to defend human dignity, to stand with poor and powerless people, to advocate justice to work for peace and to care for the earth in the processes and structures of contemporary society."

OK, what's that all about? The mission of the church is to witness in word and deed to Jesus as Lord and Savior. Because we are transformed by the gospel, we become motivated to care for neighbors and the earth. Faith is active in love. Love calls for justice in the relationships and structures of society. In response to God's grace the church carries out its responsibility for the well-being of society and the environment. (I have chosen to use "society" throughout this column because our present use of "state" tends to focus on government at the expense of the other aspects.)

We are not called to establish "Christian ghettoes." The gospel doesn't take the church out of soci-

ety but instead calls it to affirm and to enter more deeply into society. Certainly, we can see that the world is in bondage to sin and death, but still, the world is God's good creation. The world is where God in Jesus Christ became flesh. The church acts for the sake of the world in hope and prayer. Likewise, God institutes government to also serve the good of society. God works through the family, education, the economy, the state and other structures necessary for life.

Our faithfulness to the gospel doesn't allow the church to uncritically accept the ways of modern society. The presence and promise of God's kingdom should make the church restless and discontented with the brokenness and violence around us. The church respects elected leaders and political structures, while holding them accountable to God. Even if you haven't heard it from the pulpit lately, the same God who justifies us expects us not just to talk about, but to do justice. The church must participate in society critically. Not only God but also sin is at work in the world. The church struggles to discern when to support and when to confront society's cultural patterns, values and powers.

One of the ways the church relates to the state is through its members. In dying to sin and rising with Christ in baptism, Christians are called to "walk in the newness of life." The gifts of the Holy Spirit form and transform the people of God for discipleship in daily life in society. We become free to serve others and to walk with people who are hungry, forgotten, oppressed and despised. The example

of Jesus invites us to see people of all races, classes and cultures as our "neighbor."

Christians also exercise their calling by being wise and active citizens. We have the responsibility to defend human rights and to work for freedom, justice, peace, environmental well-being and good order in public life. We recognize the vital role of law in protecting life and liberty and in upholding the common good. We are equally critical when groups of people are inadequately represented in public processes and decisions that affect their lives.

Some of you are nodding in agreement with me at this point. Others may be grinding teeth. That's the way it's supposed to be! We all fulfill our vocations differently and are rich in the variety of the gifts of the Spirit. Therefore, we often disagree passionately on the kind of responses the church is to make to social questions and policy of the state. United with Christ and all believers in baptism, Christians welcome and celebrate their diversity.

The church has the "treasure" of the gospel "in earthen vessels to show that the transcendent power belongs to God and not to us" (2 Cor. 4:7). We care for the earth and serve our neighbor with joy in confidence that God's faithfulness sustains the church and renews our faith, hope and love. Then as love and support are given us, we in turn render love and support to Christ in his needy ones. We work, pray, and — if we cannot do more — we at least have heartfelt sympathy.

Steve Stutz is pastor of St. Paul Lutheran Church.

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# CHURCH NEWS

**Baptist Temple**  
Baptist Temple Church will have a special Independence Day Service on Sunday at 10:45 a.m. The title of the service will be "Come Back to God, America." The program will be led by the choir and several narrators. There will be congregational participation. Three other areas that the service will cover are, "If My People Will Pray," "If God Be For Us," and "Freedom." We will also recognize our veterans. Bro. Jerry Curtis, a retired serviceman, will bring the message.

Everyone is welcome to come and be a part of these services. Admission is free and a nursery will be provided. Baptist Temple is located at 400 East 11th Place.

**St. Mary's Episcopal**  
St. Mary's summer schedule continues this Sunday with one morning service starting at 8:30. St. Mary's Lectors will have a Review after the service.

**First Assembly of God**  
"The Sacrificial Death of Jesus" is Pastor R.T. Havener's message this Sunday at 10:40 a.m. This sermon will look at the work of redemption provided through the wonderful atoning work of Calvary. In the evening service at 6 Pastor Havener's sermon will be "Life in a World of Insanity." This message

will look at the violence and violence of our world today and will be taken from the scripture in 11 Peter, chapter 3. The congregations of the First Assembly of God invite you to join them at Fourth and Lancaster for spirited worship and special music in each of these services.

**First Baptist Church**  
Our eighth annual God and Country Patriotic Concert is Sunday at 7 p.m. Our special guest speaker will be State Sen. Robert Duncan. All veterans are encouraged to attend and will be honored during this time. We are doing a special tribute in memory of the 60th anniversary of the bombing of Pearl Harbor. Our entire community is invited to come as we honor our God, country and veterans.

**First United Methodist Church of Big Spring** will celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Communion while worshipping the Lord Jesus Christ on two occasions Sunday with services beginning at 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Sunday School classes for all ages, nursery through senior adult — including a very special class for the monthly challenged — are offered between the worship times, starting at 8:45 a.m. FUMC's new senior pastor, Dr. Dave Ring, will offer a communion meditation to the congregation entitled "Independent, but Not of God," which looks ahead to the upcoming Fourth of July celebration on Wednesday and is based upon a text from the Old Testament book of Judges, chapter 17, verses 1

through 4. On Sunday evening, youth director Courtney Johnson will lead junior high youth fellowship at 5 and senior high at 6. Senior adult ministry will hold an "air conditioned picnic" beginning at 6 in the church's fellowship hall. Call the church office for more information.

**East Side Baptist**  
East Side Baptist Church will be having an old-fashioned picnic on July 4 at 6:30 p.m. You bring the food and the church will provide the drinks and desserts. Everyone is invited. Don't forget to attend church during the summer months. Our services are Sunday mornings at 10:15, Sunday evenings at 5:15 and Wednesday evenings at 7. On Wednesdays the adult class has started a new study titled "Man of His

**Word**  
First Presbyterian Church will meet at 8:45 a.m. for adult Sunday School classes. There are no children's Sunday School classes during the summer. "Take Ten" will be held at 10:30 and worship service is held at 11:00 a.m. The Rev. Blaine Brown will begin a four-part series entitled "Difficult Passages from the Bible." The first sermon in this series is Sunday. It is entitled "The Story of Poor Man Lazarus." The text is Luke 16:19-31. The church is located at Eighth and Runnels. A nursery is provided for small children. Everyone is welcome.

## Family Faith Victory Center to present first anniversary celebration Wednesday

HERALD Staff Report

Family Faith Victory Center will celebrate its first anniversary on Wednesday with a grand opening celebration entitled "A Passion for God/A Passion for Big Spring."

The event will include local and regional praise and worship in between the outdoor schedule of events. Scheduled activities will include washer pitching, relays for kids, a dunking booth, horseshoe throwing, potato sack races, croquet and volleyball games.

There will be free food available as well. Host pastors are Samuel and Christina Segundo of Family Faith Victory Center with local pastors also attending and will speak throughout the day's schedule.

The free event will begin inside at 11 a.m. with Pastor Segundo giving a debt cancellation service.

The Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce will

then present the grand opening ribbon cutting ceremony at 1 p.m.

Michael Willard, pastor of Mt. Bethel Baptist Church, will speak at 1:30 p.m., followed by a corporate city-wide prayer at 2:15 p.m.

At 3 p.m., Pastor Reynaldo Bennett, of Templo La Biblia Abierta, will speak until 3:30, at which time the Big Spring Fire Department will give a water down.

The ceremonies will be concluded with Pastor Roger Huff, of First Church of the Nazarene, giving the final message.

Family Faith Victory Center, located at 3401 E. 11th Place and FM 700, encourages everyone to attend this "Fourth of July Explosion."

For more information call the center at 264-0734 or 267-6001.

## Court rules program unconstitutional

AUSTIN (AP) — A Christian studies program at the Tarrant County Jail, set up by a former sheriff to rehabilitate inmates through "orthodox biblical principles," violated the constitutional separation of church and state, the Texas Supreme Court ruled Thursday.

Chief Deputy Jim Willet said the program, nicknamed the "God Pod," is "drastically" different under current Sheriff Dee

Anderson. He added that it could be shut down if necessary.

"This was a creature of the previous administration," Willet said. "We'll do whatever the court wants us to do."

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**HAPPY BIRTHDAY** for Saturday, June 30.

Your creativity and imagination peak. How you view life could change with this unique ability to visualize. You often surprise those around you with your actions and ideas. Go for the pot of gold at the end of the rainbow. You are likely to make it yours this year. You find the path to your desires. If you are single, someone challenges your status. Summer introduces you to a very special person. Let this relationship develop. If you are attached, your relationship becomes more loving as you create deeper bonds. **SCORPIO** adore you.

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

**Aries** (March 21-April 19) \*\*\* A friend surprises you. Together, you could have a

barrel of laughs, no matter what your plans are. Schedule quality time with this person, who always gives you a lot emotionally and intellectually. Don't forget to include your sweetie, or jealousy will ensue. **Tonight:** A quiet dinner.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20) \*\*\*\*\* Others seek you out. Listen to another's suggestions, but follow your pals who have ideas similar to yours. Don't even consider isolating yourself; instead, roll with the good times. You do well in crowds right now. Let someone brighten your life. **Tonight:** Wherever you are is where the party is.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20) \*\*\* Clear out errands so you have time to relax. A call from someone at a distance could change your plans at the last minute. Display the flexibility your sign is so well-known for. Understand

what another expects, and you might not be so jilted. **Tonight:** Nurture a loved one.

**CANCER** (June 21-July 22) \*\*\*\*\* Your sense of what is appealing might not be exactly the same as a partner's. Don't take comments personally. Just laugh and appreciate the differences between the two of you. Let the child in you out. Others respond to that energy. **Tonight:** Heat up the night.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22) \*\*\* Opt for an easy day with family or around the homestead. Others appreciate your sense of what works. A dear friend or partner surprises you. Rest up. You need the extra Z's. Get ready for livelier times, which are coming around the corner. **Tonight:** Rest up.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) \*\*\*\* Speak your mind and be clear about what you are

feeling. You might even be surprised by someone's reaction. Reach out to someone at a distance who cares a lot about you. Don't worry about responsibilities right now; simply enjoy yourself. **Tonight:** Chatting and flirting away.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) \*\*\* Expenses could go out of whack. A partner or associate makes demands that you feel you cannot meet. Think in terms of success, and you won't have a difficult time saying no to this person. Remember, you control your purse strings. **Tonight:** Just don't make it expensive.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) \*\*\*\*\* A family member or loved one delivers a jolt early in the day. Think through a change in plans. Actually, it really doesn't matter what you do as long as you enjoy yourself. Let go and allow the good times

to follow. Caring surrounds you. **Tonight:** Smile and ask.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) \*\*\* An early morning surprise might waylay you and take you in a totally different direction. Go with the flow. You might just enjoy a change in pace. Don't worry about not getting together with friends. Do what pleases you right now. **Tonight:** Cocoon.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) \*\*\*\*\* You do best when you're among others. You're full of personality and get-up-and-go. Friends surround you, and a loved one goes out of his way to make you happy. Don't spread yourself too thin. Know who is your highest priority. **Tonight:** Don't worry about spending - for now.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) \*\*\* Be a friend to an older relative or boss who needs an extra push in the right direction. Your time and caring mean more to this person than you realize. Your actions delight some-

one who is close to you. Take your time with family and loved ones. **Tonight:** Invite others to join you.

**FISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20) \*\*\*\*\* Your efforts count in unexpected ways. You go overboard in an effort to please someone. You might even surprise yourself by what you do. Invite this person to join you in a special outing. Let go of problems and express the real you. **Tonight:** Mix music and dinner.

**BORN TODAY** Boxer Mike Tyson (1966), actress Susan Hayward (1918), actor-comedian David Alan Grier (1965)

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**Romantic weekend comes with unexpected pricetag**

Dear Ann Landers: I have been dating "Hal" for two months. Two weeks ago, he suggested that we spend a romantic weekend together in another city. It sounded wonderful, and I said yes. We stayed in a beautiful hotel, ate at fancy restaurants, visited museums, saw a few movies and went to the theater. Hal paid for everything with his credit card.



ANN LANDERS

Hal just received his credit card bill and presented me with an itemized list of all our expenses, asking me to pay for half. I was shocked. I don't expect the man to open his wallet every time I sneeze, but I assumed Hal was covering the expenses. I also possible that Hal had every intention of paying for the trip, but changed his mind when he looked at his credit card bill.) Evaluate this man's

virtues carefully before you get too deeply involved. I can tell you now that "generosity" is not among them.

Dear Ann Landers: Last year, my wealthy, 85-year-old great-aunt, "Rose," set up trust funds for my three children. Rose made me promise I wouldn't tell my husband. The two of them never got along. In fact, they hate each other. I followed her wishes, since it didn't affect my husband, and my children could benefit from her generosity. Not long after, my husband and I divorced after 10 years of an unhappy marriage. We established joint custody of our two children, and they share equal time with us.

Several months after the divorce, I received a check in the mail from Aunt Rose, along with a letter saying how fond she was of me and to please accept her gift. This money was a complete surprise to me, and a pleasant one. Being recently divorced, I had a number of expenses and needed to find a place to live. That was six months ago.

Last week, Aunt Rose asked me to return the money. She said I didn't deserve it because I allowed my ex-husband to share joint custody of the children. She thinks they should be living with their father at all. She said I could keep the money if I arranged to have sole custody. She told me the kids don't need my ex's money because of the trust funds.

Obviously, I am not going to change my children's living arrangements to suit Aunt Rose. But do I have to return the money to her? - Perplexed in Idaho

Dear Ida: Since it's been six months since you received the gift from Aunt Rose, you've probably spent or invested the money. Tell her, "So sorry, you didn't say there were strings attached to the gift. I've already spent it."

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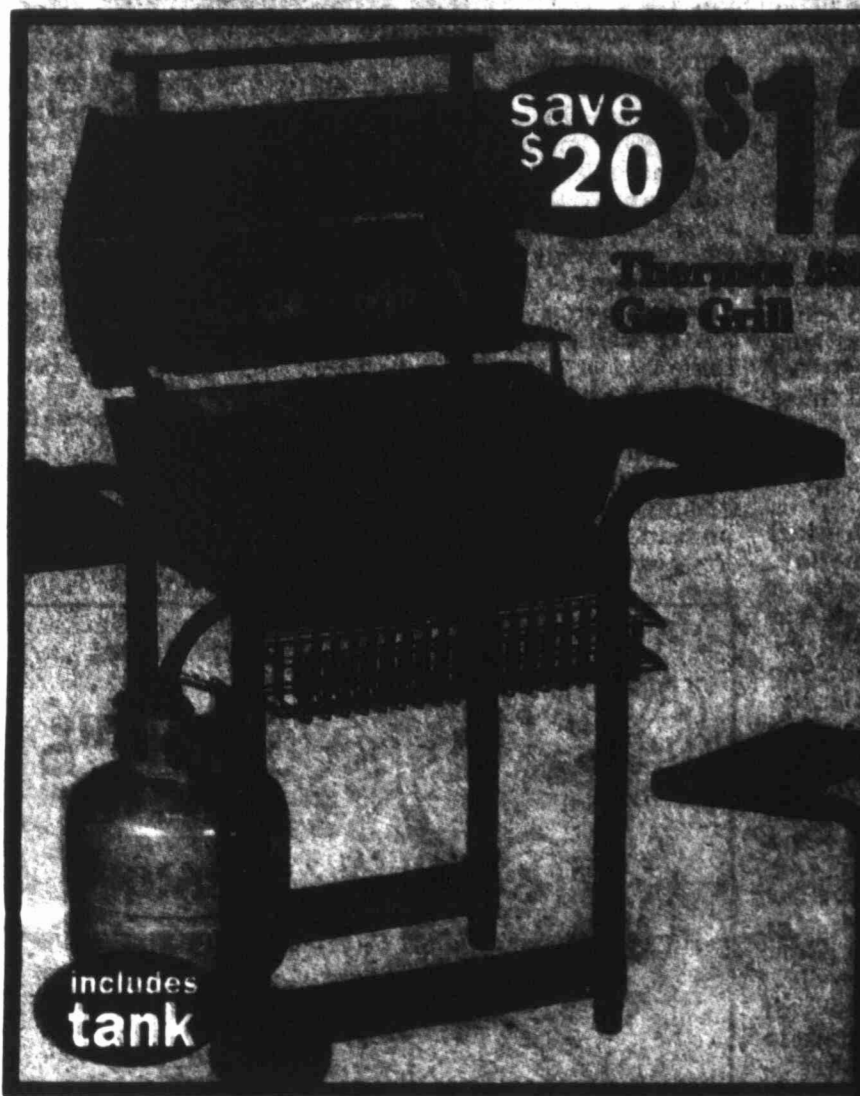
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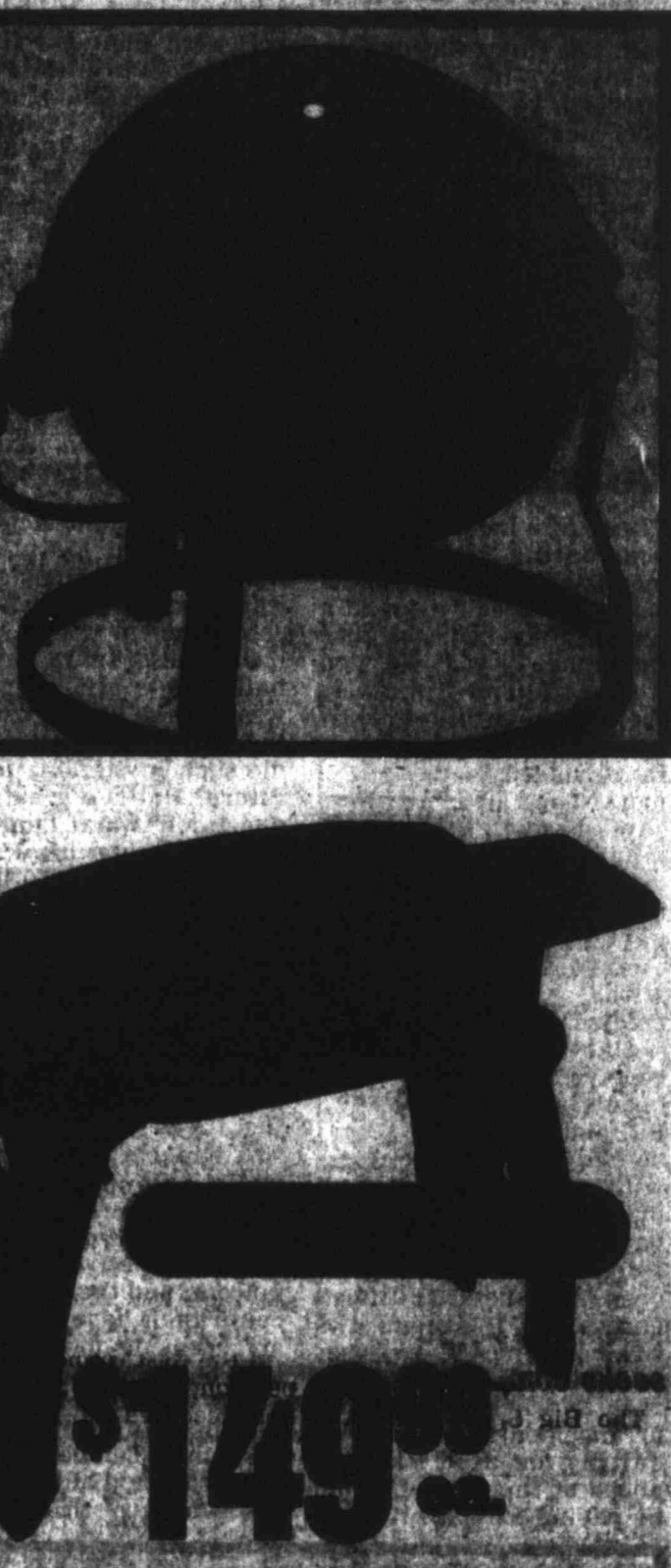


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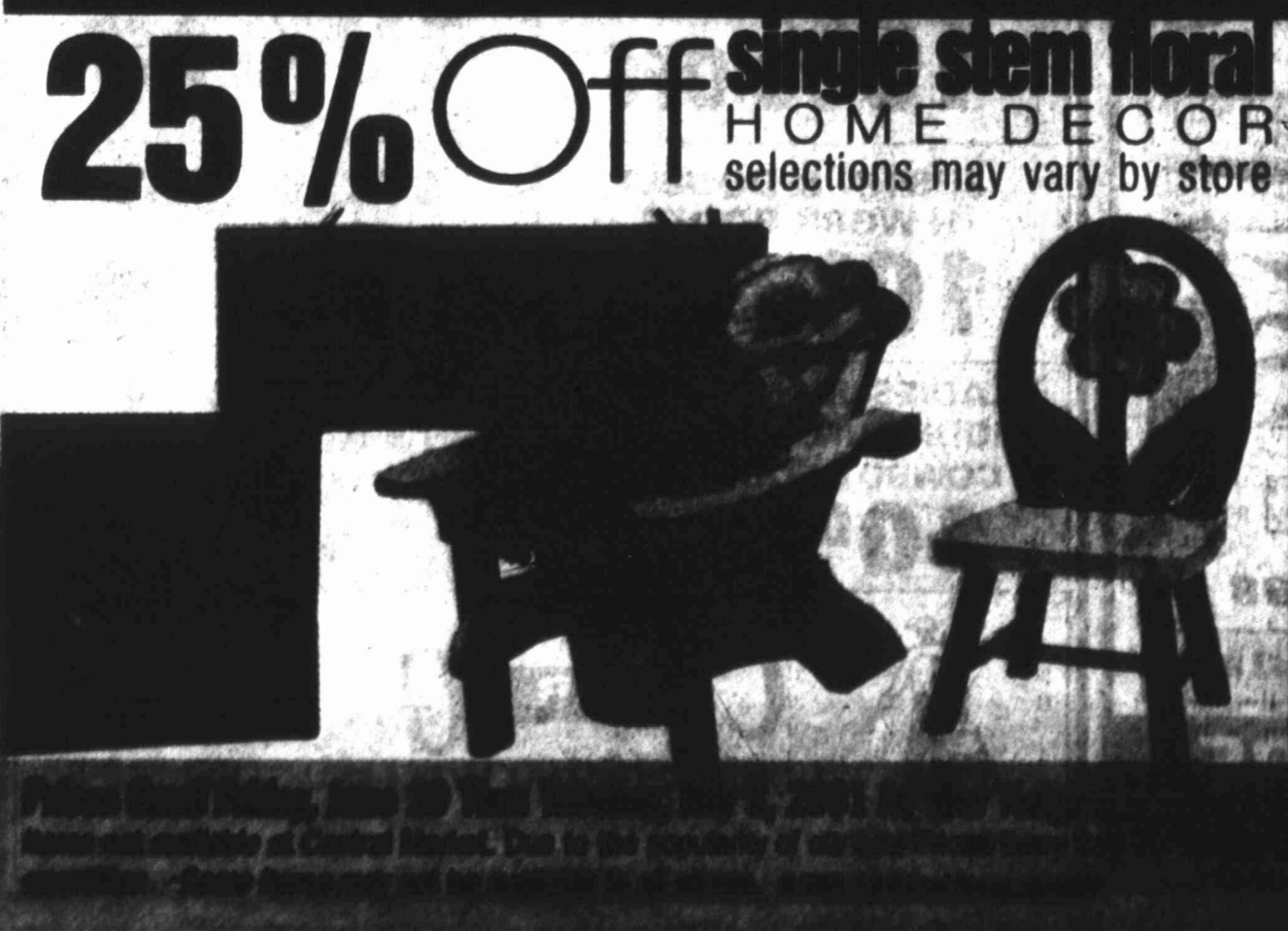
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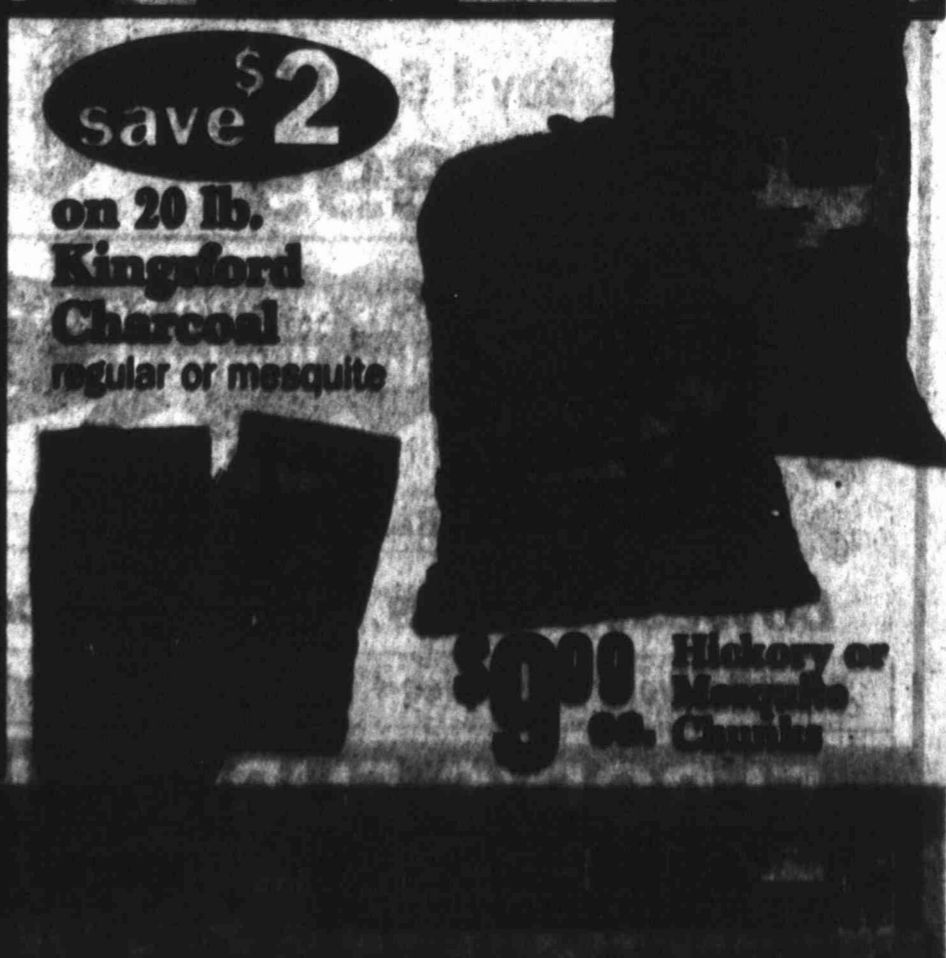
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**Rose High Volleyball**  
The Rose Volleyball held July Gym. The camp to second grade high school. Fees for 1-4 graders is \$70 for 5-8 graders and school athletic seasons will be 3 a.m. while 9-5 will attend to 5 p.m. camps will p.m. to 10 p.m. Game stress as fundamental volleyball stressed. Registration mailed to 2711 Rebecca 79720. For more call Pierce 264-3662.

**Black Gold set for July**  
The Big Gold Tennis has been July 12-15 at Comanche Tennis. Play will be in boys and doubles and blue in five event, \$20 for three. Entries must no later than For more call Wendy 5495.

**YMCA swim team**  
The Big Swim Team competing in meets. Practice held Monday Thursday morning. To be eligible, youngsters able to complete the YMCA pool. For more call the YMCA.

**Annual Coahoma softball tournament**  
There will be a softball tournament Saturday, July Coahoma Life park. For more contact Rocky 4041.

**Senior Class softball tournament**  
There will be a softball tournament at the Big School senior Friday and 13-14. The entry team. For more contact Britton 267-1011.

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### IN BRIEF

#### Ross Majors-Powell volleyball camp set

The Ross Majors-Powell Volleyball Camp will be held July 16-19 at Stear 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 \$85 for high school athletes.

Sessions for grades 2-5 will be 9 a.m. until 12:30 p.m., while those in grades 6-8 will attend from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. High school campers will work from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m.

Game strategy, as well as fundamentals of playing volleyball will be stressed.

Registration fees may be mailed to Traci Pierce at 2711 Rebecca, Big Spring 79720.

For more information, call Pierce at 267-4047 or 264-3862.

#### 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 Justus at 266-5485.

#### YMCA swim team

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, July 6-7, at the Coahoma Little League 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.

#### ACS still offering Texas Golf Pass

The American Cancer Society is again offering the Texas Golf Pass that entitles holders to more than 600 rounds of golf at

### ON THE AIR

#### Radio

7:30 p.m. — Oakland Athletics at Texas Rangers, KSTX-A.M. 1490.

#### Television

6 p.m. — Chicago Cubs at Cleveland Reds, FOX 5AA Ch. 8.

6:30 p.m. — New York Mets at Atlanta Braves, TBS, Ch. 11.

7:30 p.m. — Oakland Athletics at Texas Rangers, FOX, Ch. 29.

11 a.m. U.S. Senior Open, second round, ESPN, Ch. 30.

## Ranger bats are crucial in 6-3 win over Angels

ANAHEIM, Calif. (AP) — Darren Oliver's only advantage over Anaheim counterpart Pat Rapp was run support.

Oliver won his third straight decision and Mike Lamb went 3-for-4 with an RBI double as the Rangers topped the Angels 6-3 Thursday night.

Oliver, whose 4-0 start including victories over Anaheim in his first two outings, was 2-0 with a 7.43 ERA last season.

"Sometimes it's better to be lucky than good," said Oliver, who has been backed by 57 runs in his seven victories. "If I can just keep going out there and get quality starts, I'm giving my team a chance to win."

Oliver (7-2) allowed a run on four hits in seven innings and escaped a bases-loaded jam in the seventh by striking out Brian Erstad.

The first hit Oliver allowed was a one-out homer by rookie Shawn Wooten in the fifth that cut Texas' lead to 2-1. It was Wooten's sixth

homer of the season and eighth RBI in eight games.

"Darren's capable of games like this when he's got his cutter working for him and he's changing speeds," Rangers manager Jerry Narron said.

J.D. Smart, called up earlier Thursday from Triple-A Oklahoma when Francisco Cordero was placed on the disabled list, allowed a two-run homer by Garret Anderson in the eighth after an infield single by Troy Glaus.

Jeff Zimmerman got three outs for his ninth save in 11 attempts.

Rapp (3-0) was charged with four runs and seven hits in 6 1/3 innings. He entered the game with an average run support of 3.08 per nine innings, the worst in the AL.

"Two-and-eight ain't looking good, but I feel like I'm doing all I can," said Rapp, whose ERA climbed to 4.45. "Maybe I have a bad-luck draw, I don't know what it is, but I can't control how many

runs we score."

Rafael Palmeiro led off the second with a double and took third one out later when Gabe Kapler ended an 0-for-20 drought with a single. Rookie shortstop David Eckstein then botched a sure double-play grounder by Ricky Ledee and had to settle for the force at second as Palmeiro scored the game's first run.

Ruben Sierra and Kapler singled with one out in the fourth and both runners advanced on a wild pitch, before Ledee made it 2-0 with a sacrifice fly.

Ledee led off Texas' four-run seventh with a single and scored when Lamb doubled to right-center on Rapp's next pitch. Rookie Ben Weber followed Mark Lukasiewicz out of the bullpen and faced three batters, allowing an RBI single by Ivan Rodriguez, a run-scoring double by Alex Rodriguez and another RBI single by Palmeiro that increased the margin to 6-1.

The extra-base hit was Lamb's first since Sept. 1. His previous 33 hits had been singles — including a single in the second inning.

"I almost forgot the way to second base. It's been a while," Lamb said. "It's one of those things I can't really explain. It's just how it's worked out. I haven't been getting too many pitches to drive. They're been throwing me a lot of off-speed pitches for strikes, so I'll have to adjust."

Notes: Alex Rodriguez went 0-for-3 against Rapp, and is now 2-for-17 lifetime against him. ... Two nights after Rick Helling became the seventh Rangers pitcher to reach the 1,000-inning mark, Oliver became the eighth when he struck out Tim Salmon to end the sixth inning. ... Anaheim had won seven of its previous eight games against left-handed starters prior to facing Oliver. ... The Angels, who set a club record last season with 236 home runs and became the first AL club to have four players with at least 30.

## Junior rodeo gets under way

By DOUG LAW  
Sports Editor

Over 100 junior rodeo competitors kicked off the 58th annual Howard County 4-H Club Junior Rodeo Thursday night at the Big Spring Rodeo Bowl.

Sanctioned by the High Plains Junior Rodeo Association, the rodeo continues tonight at 7 and a final performance is slated for a 6:59 p.m. start Saturday.

Organizers have dedicated this year's event to long time rodeo supporters and participants, Johnny and Cindy Middleton of Big Spring. They received a plaque honoring their achievements.

In the first round of the 13- to 15-year-old calf roping event, Andy Carter of Dora clocked a 17.40 time.

Marty Eakin of Amarillo set low time of the night with a 10.79-second run in 16- to 19-year-old calf roping and Clay Long of Midland was close behind with a 10.90 clocking. James Shay Southard of Elicia, N.M., stopped the clock in 13.06.

Brad Good of Kenna, N.M., had a 13.04 time while Clay Hardin of Lovington, N.M., roped his calf in 13.81.

Cody McCabe of Silver, N.M., had the low time of 6.56 clocking in the 9- to 12-year-old calf touching event and Klay Kirkes of Carlsbad, N.M., had a 9.13 time.

Jesse Kate Cole of Goldsmith was the leader at 16.573 in the 8-and-under barrel racing. Kasey Anthony of Jal, N.M., had a 17.494 time, and Karan McConnell of Hereford had a 21.83 time.

In the 9- to 12-year-old barrel competition, Ashley Hicks of Dalhart had a low time of 19.28. Kady Knox of Big Spring had a time of 18.59 clocking.

Competition was close in 13- to 15-year-old barrel racing with less than a tenth of a second dividing the two competitors. Brittany Bennett of Fortale, N.M., had the edge with a 17.141 clocking, while Christie Hendley of Lubbock stopped the clock in 17.182.

Leading the 16- to 19-year-



Andy Carter of Dora, N.M., gets ready to rope his calf in the 9- to 12-year-old calf touching event yesterday in the Howard County 4-H Club Junior Rodeo. He set a time of 9.13 seconds and rodeo action continues tonight and Saturday at the Rodeo Bowl.

old barrel racers was Emily Smith of Post in 16.944 time. Tamra Sanders of Odessa was next in 17.472.

Kasey Anthony of Jal had the low time in the 8-and-under pole bending with a 21.982 clocking while Korian McConnell of Hereford had a time of 22.099.

Ashley Hicks of Dalhart had low time of 27.392 in 9-12 poles. Jonna Norris of Seminole was next at 28.028 and Kady Knox of Big Spring finished at 29.1 seconds.

Posting the low time in the 13- to 15-year-old pole bending was Brittany Bennett of Fortale, N.M., in 22.04 seconds. Christie

Hendley of Lubbock stopped the clock in 23.22.

Tamra Sanders of Odessa had low time in 16- to 19-year-old poles in 21.312, Kassi Alford of Gardendale was next in 21.892.

The duo of Matthew Crambler and Shawn Gray had the low time with a 7.59 clocking in 16- to 19-year-old team roping and the team of Monty Wood and Marty Eakin had the only other official time with an 11.94.

The roping pair of Jarod Norris and Kale Hughes had the only official time in the 13- to 15-year-old with a 19.75 clocking.

Jesse Kate Cole of Goldsmith had a quick time of 4.78 seconds in 8-and-

under breakaway roping and Kately Anthony of Jal, N.M., was next with an 11.41 clocking.

Klay Kirkes of Carlsbad, N.M., had a time of 3.84 in the 9- to 12-year-old boy's breakaway event and Cody McCabe of Silver, N.M., was close behind in 4.09.

Christie Hendley of Lubbock had a 4.19 in 13- to 15-year-old breakaway and Maggie Pearson of Eunice stopped the clock in 5.19.

Stetson Vest of Childress shattered the stop watch in 2.31 seconds to lead the field in 13- to 15-year-old breakaway, but Sterling Smith of Post was just a heartbeat

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## Hewitt edges pesky Dent in slugfest at Wimbledon

WIMBLEDON, England (AP) — Lleyton Hewitt dropped flat on his back as if struck by a speeding projectile. Then he jumped up and heaved a sigh of relief.

It was his way of celebrating his victory in a grueling match in which he took Taylor Dent's best shot — a 144-mph serve, the fastest ever recorded at Wimbledon — and kept standing.

Hewitt capped his jubilant display by belting a ball high into the stands after a 1-6, 7-5, 6-3, 6-7 (2), 6-3 second-round victory Thursday.

"You get frustrated" facing powerful serves, Hewitt said. "It's something that you just have to try and shrug off, keep plugging away. I know I'm a good enough returner to get my opportunities."

He capitalized on them in the past month, winning two tournaments on grass after reaching the quarterfinals of the French Open on clay. Thursday's win was his 12th in a row.

But Dent, a 20-year-old Californian with just one win in a Grand Slam match before this year, showed the same emotion and shot-making ability as the fifth-seeded Hewitt, energizing the Centre Court crowd.

"I just got into the mode of being aggressive again recently, so it's really been good," Dent said.

It was almost good enough to spring a major upset on a day when all 24 seeded players in action won.

They included the players seeded second and third — Andre Agassi and Patrick Rafter among the men and Venus Williams and Lindsay Davenport among the women.

Even with two rain delays, the first in the four days of the tournament, their matches had been over a long time when Hewitt and Dent came to a climax.

Seventh-seeded Kim Clijsters, who won her match, didn't see Dent's booming serve Thursday, but has witnessed it before.

## Mariners' midseason fall cushioned by fast start

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

Early season success is cushioning the Seattle Mariners' midseason fall.

The Mariners lost their second straight game for just the sixth time this season and the third time in June, a 6-3 decision to the Oakland Athletics on Thursday.

Seattle also lost consecutive series for the first time. The Mariners, losers of six of nine, still have the best record in baseball at 49-31 and an 18-game lead in the division.

"We've got some margin in here and we're using it," Seattle manager Lou Piniella said.

The Mariners' loss prompted a move by Piniella, who sent left-

handed starter John Halama to Triple-A Tacoma.

Halama's demotion came on the heels of consecutive ineffective starts against the A's.

"He hasn't been throwing the ball well," Piniella said. "This is as much for him as it is for us."

Oakland's Johnny Damon did not see Halama's demotion as a demerit move by Mariners. In fact, Damon said Seattle's 18-game lead in the division will be difficult for any team to overcome.

"Because the rest of the American League West is going to be beating up on each other, I think it's fair to say their lead is pretty safe," Damon said.

The A's whittled away at Seattle's

sizable lead as Eric Chavez singled in the tiebreaking run in the eighth inning before they added two insurance runs in the ninth.

The defending AL West champion A's, in third place and 19 games behind Seattle, are 5-8 against the Mariners this season.

Oakland manager Art Howe said it was the matter of pride to take two out of three from the Mariners. "We can play with them," he said. "I've said that from day one. I know we can play with them."

In other American League games, it was Baltimore 5, Toronto 0; Chicago 6, Minnesota 3; Kansas City 3, Detroit 2; Tampa Bay 4, Boston 3; and Texas 6, Anaheim 3.

In National League games,

Atlanta beat New York 6-2 in 10 innings, Philadelphia swept a doubleheader from Florida, 6-5 and 8-7; Los Angeles defeated San Diego 7-4; Cincinnati beat Chicago 5-2; and Pittsburgh edged Milwaukee 1-0.

The A's snapped a 3-all tie in the eighth when Miguel Tejada struck out, but was safe at first on a wild pitch by Brian Fuentes (1-1). Fuentes walked Jeremy Giambi before Chavez singled.

"I felt like I needed to do something," Chavez said. "He (Fuentes) was cruising and I caused him to kind of stumble a little bit."

Fuentes allowed his first major league hit in his seventh appear-

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INDIANAPOLIS COLTS—Released LB Nick Colbert. LB Teddy Sims, WR Alvin Redmond, RB DeWayne Hogen and DL the Red.

NEW YORK JETS—Signed CB Jame Henderson and DT James Reed.

SEATTLE SEAHAWKS—Named Scott Fitterer area scout, and Luke Dawson and Eric Stokes pro personnel assistants.

TENNESSEE TITANS—Signed QB Steve McNair to a six-year contract extension.

HOCKEY

NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE

BOSTON BRUINS—Named Wayne Cashman and Jim Hughes assistant coaches.

DALLAS STARS—Announced a three-year affiliation agreement with the Utah Grizzlies of the AHL. Named Don Hay coach of Utah.

LOS ANGELES KINGS—Re-signed RW Scott Thomas to a one-year contract and G Travis Scott to a two-year contract.

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BOSTON RED SOX—Placed OF Carl Everett on the 15-day disabled list, retroactive to June 23. Called up LHP Sid Puleo from Pawtucket of the International League.

SEATTLE MARINERS—Optioned LHP John Nolasco to Tacoma of the PCL. Called up RHP Davis Stark from Tacoma.

TEXAS RANGERS—Placed RHP Francisco Cordova on the 15-day disabled list, retroactive to June 26. Recalled RHP J.D. Smart from Oklahoma of the PCL.

HOUSTON ASTROS—Purchased the contract of RF Mervyn Lopez from New Orleans of the PCL. Sent RHP Joe Soteras outright to New Orleans.

LOS ANGELES DODGERS—Activated 2B Mark Grutskosh from the 15-day disabled list. Optioned RF Jeff Brannon to Las Vegas of the PCL.

PHILADELPHIA PHILLIES—Sent LHP Ed Voshag to Scranton/Wilkes-Barre of the International League. Called up RHP David Cozzin from Scranton/Wilkes-Barre.

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Fleisher takes early lead at Senior Open

PEABODY, Mass. (AP) — Bruce Fleisher is branded with a scarlet number that marks him as the man to beat after the opening round of the U.S. Senior Open. In a neighborhood known for witches and 'The Scarlet Letter,' Fleisher was the only golfer to break 1 under par to put a big red 69 on the leader board amid a sea of black numbers that signify par and higher. 'It was a real battle out there. You hit it and you just hope,' said Dana Quigley, who was tied for fourth at 1 over. 'This isn't a monster long golf course. It's just plain tricky.' Gil Morgan and Frank Conner shot 70, one stroke behind Fleisher in the hunt for the \$430,000 winner's check. Jack Nicklaus, last Aoki and Walter Hall were tied with Quigley at 1 over. Fleisher, who's never won a major, had a 2-stroke lead heading into the final round of last year's Senior Open at Saucon Valley in Bethlehem, Pa. But Hale Irwin shot a 6-under 65 in the final round to beat Fleisher by 3 strokes and post the lowest total — 17 under — in tournament history. 'I hope I do get in position like I did last year,' Fleisher said. 'I just don't want to get Hale Irwin too mad, that's all.'

Irwin, who started on the 10th hole, was more frustrated than mad on Thursday, having finished his first nine at even par and improving to 1 under with a birdie on No. 1. But he bogeyed three of his last five holes to limp in at 73. 'I've been working very hard trying to get my game back in shape, but it seems like the more I work the less I get out of it. So I'm not about ready to say, 'See ya,' he said. 'You might say I've shot myself in the foot. But it's hard to walk the golf course without a foot, and that's what I feel like I have done.' Irwin won 20 times on the PGA Tour, including the U.S. Open three times. He's won 29 times since joining the senior tour in 1995, including the Senior Open last year and in 1998 at Riviera, when he was 6 over after one round before winning by a stroke. 'The difference is, I wasn't doing this at Riviera,' he said. 'What I'm going to try tomorrow, I don't know.' Fleisher has had some luck in Massachusetts, picking up his only PGA Tour victory in the 1991 New England Classic, just outside of Worcester. He's won 18 events on the senior tour, but two so far this year. On Thursday, he made a birdie on the 13th hole that he couldn't even remember.

ROUNDUP

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ance. 'I knew I hadn't given up a hit, but I thought the first one was going to be a home run.' Fuentes said. 'It was a single, but what a big single it was.'

In the ninth, Terrence Long had an RBI infield single, and Ormedo Saenz scored from third off a passed ball by Mariners catcher Dan Wilson.

Mark Guthrie (6-1), who got the final two outs of the seventh in relief of Barry Zito, earned the victory.

Devil Rays 4, Red Sox 3

Bryce Florie returned to the major leagues for the first time since a line drive shattered his face last Sept. 8. He allowed one run and two hits in 2 1/3 innings.

Pinch-hitter Russ Johnson drove in the tiebreaking run with a ninth-inning infield hit off Derek Lowe (3-6) as visiting Tampa Bay gained a four-game split.

Red Sox starter Frank Castillo came out in the second inning because of a strained muscle on his right side.

White Sox 6, Twins 3

After David Wells left with a strained back, Sean Lowe and three other relievers finished a six-hitter for Chicago in Minneapolis.

Wells, forced out in the first inning of his June 8 start against the Chicago Cubs, departed after his warmup pitches before the bottom of the third.

Low (3-0) pitched four hitless innings, and Gary Glover, Bobby Howry and Keith Foulke finished.

Brad Radke (8-4) allowed five runs in seven innings, and seven hits in seven innings.

Orioles 5, Blue Jays 0

In Toronto, Sidney Ponson (5-5) pitched a two-hitter for his second career shutout, his first since a four-hitter against Minnesota on April 16, 2000.

Jeff Frye's first-inning single and Brad Fullmer's second-inning double were the lone hits off Ponson.

Brian Roberts drove in two runs for the Orioles.

Chris Michalak (5-5) allowed five runs — two earned — and eight hits in 5 1/3 innings.

Royals 9, Tigers 2

Mike Sweeney homered and doubled twice, increasing his league-leading extra-base hits total to 50, and drove in four runs as host Kansas City completed a three-game sweep.

Jermaine Dye also homered off Jeff Weaver (6-8), who gave up seven runs and 11 hits in 6 1/3 innings.

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Sterling Smith of Post led the pack with a 5.28 time in 13- to 15-year-old boys ribbon roping. Stetson Vest of Childress was close behind in 5.75.

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Kortni McConnell of Hereford had a low time of 13.56 seconds in 8-and-under goat tying. Katey Anthony of Jal, N.M., was close behind in 13.93. Jesse Kate Cole of Goldsmith stopped the clock in 15.81 and Kimberly Hendley of Lubbock had a 17.72.

The 9- to 12-year-old goat tying was led by Jennie Pearson of Eunice, N.M., with a 12.60 clocking and Ashley Hicks of Dalhart tied her goat in 14.62 seconds.

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Despite plans, Gwynn trying to get healthy

SAN DIEGO (AP) — Tony Gwynn showed up for work with the same goal he's had for the last seven weeks, to try to get healthy enough to play for the San Diego Padres.

Oh, and he also devoted an hour or so to announcing that he's retiring at the end of this season, his 20th with the Padres.

"The clock is ticking," Gwynn said Thursday. "I've got three months. I'm going to try everything in my power to get back out there."

Gwynn had to take a deep breath while confirming the worst-kept secret in baseball. But then he was fine as he discussed his pending retirement and his desire to become baseball coach at his alma mater, San Diego State.

Hours later, Gwynn got a standing ovation from the crowd of 21,321, but the Padres blew an early lead and lost 7-4 to the Los Angeles Dodgers. After reliever Giovanni Carrara dodged a bases-loaded jam in the seventh, Gary Sheffield, Shawn Green and Adrian Beltre hit solo homers in the eighth off Rudy Seanez to win it.

Gwynn wanted to delay his announcement as long as possible because he didn't want the fanfare of a farewell tour. But he's been injured most of the year and finally got tired of answering questions about his future. And he figured the fans should have a chance to say goodbye, too.

"I've had a great time. It's been a wonderful experience," said Gwynn, whose sweet left-handed swing has put him in the company of greats like Honus Wagner and Ted Williams.

"But I'm not dying today. People have been talking about like I have nothing else to offer. I love baseball; I've played this game for a long time and I've had a ball, but it's just time to start thinking about doing something else."

"Everybody knows where I'm looking, everybody knows what I'm interested in."

That would be the San Diego State job, which will open next June when Jim Dietz retires. It was on May 29, when Gwynn told reporters that he covets the Aztecs' job, that it became clear this would be the last season for the player who's arguably the greatest pure hitter of his generation.

But Gwynn wants to finish this season on the field, not the bench. He's played only 16 games, batting .333. The hard part will be September and the end of the career of the greatest sports hero in San Diego history.

Even as Gwynn spoke to a packed news conference, fans were lining up to buy tickets to what will be, barring further injury, Gwynn's last home game on Sept. 23, against San Francisco.

Gwynn will retire at the same time as baseball's Iron Man, Cal Ripken Jr., who will have spent 21 seasons with Baltimore.

"One of my secret goals was to get to 20 seasons, and this one obviously got me there," Gwynn said.

Gwynn said he originally wanted to retire at the end of 2000, but he wanted to redeem himself after being limited to a career-low 36 games after undergoing his sixth surgery on his left knee.

But then he strained his right hamstring on April 30. He came off the disabled list on May 8, but the next night — his 41st birthday — he hurt it again and has been out ever since.

"Obviously, it hasn't gone the way I wanted it to go the last couple of years, but all in all, I think I did OK," he said.

Gwynn won eight NL batting titles and is 16th on the career hits list with 3,194.

"I'm happy I played 20 years, I played them all here in San Diego," he said. "So the back of my bubblegum card from here to eternity will look pretty good, I think."

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Due to the contents of the house, limited access only. Absolutely no children allowed. All will be sold by Saturday.

**GARAGE SALES**

**Big Spring State Hospital Surplus & Consignment** has been cancelled for the month of July. The sale will be on an "as needed" basis from now on. The next sale will be August 1st.

**1708 Yale, Sat. 8-7**  
Hooded oven, bicycle, dishwasher, weight bench, clothes, misc.

**2 Family Garage Sale, Sat. 7-2.** 513 Tubb Loop Rd., 1.3 miles East of refinery on N. Service Rd. Furn., tools, clothes, house, misc.

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**Carport Sale, 705 E. 17th, Sat. 9-1.** Furniture, clothing, home decor, misc.

**Double Garage Sale Fri & Sat. 9-7** 1301 & 1303 Michael Ave. Lots of misc.

**Garage Sale: 4612 Aspen, Sat. 9-5pm.** Wesson Rd. to S way stop turn left follow signs.

**Yard Sale: 8 houses in Sand Springs on Becker Road, Sat. Sun. Lots of everything.**

**Neighborhood Garage Sale: 2200 Edgewood, Sat. 9-5pm in Kennelwood Sat. 9-5pm. Clean white water bed w/12 drawers, vacuum cleaner, brook vacuum, kids clothes, jeans, and lots of misc.**

**Garage Sale, 912 East 12th. Sat. 8-4.** Bathroom sink, small tool box, clothes, misc. items.

**Garage Sale. Baby & kids stuff, toys, clothes, stereo, lots more.** On Elbow Rd. Watch for Signs.

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**Huge Moving Sale. 2 twin beds, Play Station, furn., mattresses sets, grill, nice clothes, curtains, tools, knives.** Sat. 8-7 82 Craigmont Court.

**Huge Yard Sale: 1009 W. 8th. Sat. 8-12.** Washer/dryer, tools, clothes, misc. Burrito.

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**TV'S INSIDE SALE: 2210 Mah. Fri. & Sat. 10-5.** TV's, couches, misc. lots of new items just out!

**Sat. 8-4 1410 E. 16th.** Collectibles model planes, military, car & Truck kits, riding mower, misc.

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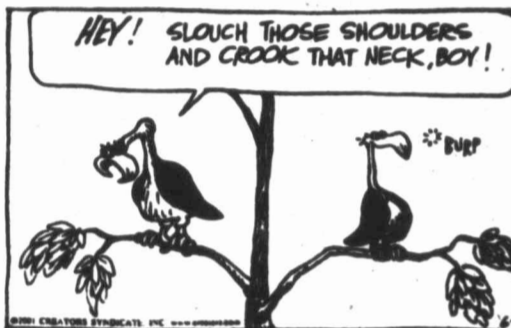
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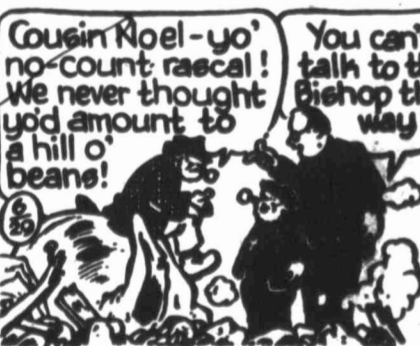
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THIS DATE IN HISTORY

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Today is Friday, June 29, the 180th day of 2001. There are 185 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History

On June 29, 1776, the Virginia state constitution was adopted, and Patrick Henry made governor.

On this date:

In 1767, the British Parliament approved the Townshend Revenue Acts, which imposed import duties on certain goods shipped to America.

In 1941, Polish statesman, pianist and composer Ignace Jan Paderewski died in New York at age 80.

In 1946, British authorities arrested more than 2,700 Jews in Palestine in an attempt to stamp out

alleged terrorism. In 1949, the government of South Africa enacted a ban against racially-mixed marriages.

In 1954, the Atomic Energy Commission voted against reinstating Dr. J. Robert Oppenheimer's access to classified information.

In 1966, the United States bombed fuel storage facilities near the North Vietnamese cities of Hanoi and Haiphong.

In 1967, Jerusalem was reunified as Israel removed barricades separating the Old City from the Israeli sector.

In 1970, the United States ended a two-month military offensive into Cambodia.

In 1972, the Supreme Court ruled the death penalty, as it was being meted out, could constitute "cruel and unusual punishment."

In 1981, Hu Yaobang, a protégé of Chinese leader Deng Xiaoping, was elected

Communist Party chairman, replacing Mao Te-tung's handpicked successor, Hua Guofeng.

Today's Birthdays: Actress Ruth Warrick is 86. Movie producer Robert Evans is 71. Songwriter L. Russell Brown is 61. Actor Gary Busey is 57. Singer Little Eva is 56. Comedian Richard Lewis is 54. Actor Fred Grandy is 53. Rock musician Ian Peice (Deep Purple) is 53. Rock singer Colin Hay (Men At Work) is 48. Actress Maria Conchita Alonso is 44. Singer Evelyn "Champagne" King is 41. Actress Sharon Lawrence is 40.

Newsday Crossword

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