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TUESBAX WEATHER
Tonlght:
 $\begin{array}{ll}\text { TONIGAT } \\ 75^{\circ}-80^{\circ} & 100^{\circ}-102^{\circ}\end{array}$ Home schooling workshop free to public tonight A workshop on home
schooling is set from 6:30 p.m.
St.
Paul
antil
Lutheran Church. Keynote speaker will be
Tim Lambert, president Tim Lambert, president Coalition. Home Shool Those attending will be
able to ask questions able to ask questions
about curriculum. There and purchase from Dow's School Room and Total Language Plus. The workshop is spon-
sored by the Big Spring sored by the Big Spring
Christian
Home Educators group and is
free to the public. For more information contact Suzanne Haney at .

## What's UP

 WEDNESDAY Optimist Club, 7 Cactiss room a Sit and Be Fit Chair Aerobics, 10 a.m., ScenicMountain Medical Center cafeteria. $\square$ Big Spring Downtown Lions Club, noon, Howard College Cactus Room. L. Line dancing,
p.m., Senior Center - UBS blood drive, 4 p.m. 8 p.m., Coahoma Community Center. Call Russ Mullins at 394-427
for an appointment for an appointment. Eagles Aerie ladies aux iliary, 7 p.m., 704 West Third.
THURSDAY International, Big Spring Camp No. U42060 meets at Herman's Restaurant, 7 a.m. $\quad$ The Senior Citizens Center will host an Arts and Crafts session each Thursday from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.
a Call Bobbie Leonard at the Senior Citizens
Center for more infor Centior
mation. - The Coffee Club will
meet at Gale's Sweet meet at Gate's Sweet
Shoppe at $10 \mathrm{a} . \mathrm{m}$.
O Kiwanis Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Ro
Call Billy Smith.

## INSIDE TODAY...

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| Sunday. |

Jobless rate rises 1 percent due to typical trend, TWC says By LYNDEL MOODY | By LrwDEL MOoDY |  |
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| Staff Writer |  |
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| sers entered |  |
| the job-seek- |  | June and typical trend in in June of 2000. $\begin{array}{lll}\text { in } & \text { in June of 2000. } & \\ \text { According to TWC statis- } & \text { un } \\ \text { we } \\ \text { tics, there were 13,054 peo- }\end{array}$

unemployment is high as
well as attending a job fair County's unemploymen
rate jumped to 4.2 in Jun ployment rate to go up," tics, there were 13,054 peo- in Killeen.
said Virging said Virginia Belew, area
manager for the local Texas employed in Howard
County in June, and 668 $\begin{gathered}\text { Across the state, unem- } \\ \text { ployment increased from 4.2. }\end{gathered}$ manager for the local "The people seeking employment. in May to 5.4 in June. June ployment rate dropped from
Workforce Center.
summer $\begin{array}{llll}\text { summer brings youth look- A smaller unemployed } & \text { a } \\ \text { sum unemployment rate is } & 1.8 \text { in May to } 1.3 \text { in June } \\ \text { ing for work. Educators are } & \text { labor pool prompted Moore } & \text { slightly higher than June The county reportedly has }\end{array}$ out looking for-summer
work."
Development for Big Spring
to work with the TWC and 5.1. According to the report five unemployed persons. Unemployment increased local businesses to begin 574,637 people were unem- County increased slightly $\begin{array}{lllllll}\text { in Howard County to } & 4.9 & \text { recruiting qualified employ- } & \text { ployed during the month. } & \text { by } .3 & \text { percent in June } \\ \text { percent in June from } & 3.8 & \text { ees to relocate to the area. } & \text { Higher } & \text { unemployment } \\ \text { Gaines } \\ \text { had an }\end{array}$ percent in June from
reported in May, according Moore Development and $\begin{array}{llll}\begin{array}{lll}\text { to information released by } \\ \text { the TWC. It was } 5.3 \text { percent }\end{array} & \begin{array}{c}\text { TWC have held several job } \\ \text { fairs in South Texas where }\end{array} & \begin{array}{c}\text { many West Texas counties. } \\ \text { Neighboring }\end{array} & \text { Glasscock }\end{array}$ See TWc, Page 2


Proposed court would serve needs of children in 13 counties

## By Debbie L. JENSEN

 Herald Correspondent Abused and neglectedchildren of the Crossroads children of the Crossroads crea may soon create
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Impas Court
Improvement
Project for at MOORE
least $\$ 150,000$ in grant
money to create a "cluster
money to create a "cluster
court" over 13 . counties of
court" over 13 counties of
West Texas. The court
would have one judge presiding over all cases brought by the Texas
Department of Protective Department of Protective
and Regulatory Services (TDPRS), traveling to each
county as hearings are county as hearings are
scheduled. Included among the counties involved in the Child Protection Court of the
Permian Basin would be

## Golf course mower bids

 among city agenda items $\frac{\text { By ROGER CLINE }}{\text { Staff Writer }}$
## - <br> 


engine instead of a 28 horse-

Howard, Martin and Child abuse and neglect
Glasscock. Glasscock.
"Attending to the needs of
cases brought by Child
Protective Services require these cases and assuring all strict adherence to dead-
deadlines are met becomes lines. For example the first a bit difficult at times,"" said
hearing must be scheduled
Rucker, who is the adminis. Rucker, who is the adminis- within 14 days of the chil-
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edged a variety of reasons year after the date the case
for applying to start the began for applying to start the
cluster court, Rucker said cluster court, Rucker said
his main goal is to better his main goar is to better
serve the needs of children. serve the needs of children.
"The judge appointed to
handle these cases becomes handle these cases becomes
something of an expert," something of an expert,"
Rucker said. "This would give a great deal of consis-
tency in the tency in the handling of
these cases." District Judge Robert
Mose Moore, who presides over
the 118th Judicial District of Howard, Glasscock and
Martin counties, Martin counties, said the court could help relieve a
sometimes crowded docket. "I'm able to get it all done," he said. "But I
believe it would be an believe it would be an
advantage to have a judge advantage to have a judge
who did nothing but those
cases."

## See COURT, Page 2

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24.5-inch blades in sure warning, no canopy,
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council will. coun Hear final - Hear final readings of
ordinances to place a fourway stop sign at Northwest Sixth Street and North
Scurry and a two-way stop See council. Pa began.
In some cases, Moore said In some cases, Moore said,
schedules can become tight, schedules can become tight,
enpecially when there is a jury trial on the docket. Along with TDPRS matters,
he presides in civil cases he presides in civil cases
such as divorces, general
lawsuits and child custody hearings, along with crimi-
nal trials and arraignments ni trias and arraignments.
His courtroom is also used regularly for child support
hearings brought by the attorney general.
Rucker said he is "very Rucker said he is "very
optimistic" about the
region's chances of getting the grant, and expects notification by late August or
early September. He added early September. He added
he has already heard from

## Tax values

County appraisal board, Alon find middle ground on longtime refinery's value

By Roger clune

The Howard County Appraisal District and Alon $\begin{array}{ll}\text { the appraisal } \\ \text { of Alon's Big } \\ \mathrm{S} \mathrm{p} \mathrm{r} & \mathrm{i} \mathrm{n} \mathrm{g}\end{array}$ number one priority we
have is continued success, to keep (the refinery) open, It gets more and more difficult every year. Also, we
have a responsibility to the have a responsibility to the
community. We recognize that."
Jon Jon Neely, president of
Capital Appraisal, said the
new valu new value is a
acceptable figure. "(Alon) provided very fac
tual audited information that wasn't available
before," Neely said
"Maser before," Neely said
"Market value is a range not a set figure. This value is at the lower end of tha
range, but it is within the range, but it is within the
range. They have a respon-
sibility to range. They have a respon
sibility to try to make the
refinery work and refinery work, and I admire
and respect that." and respect that."
Neely said the Neely said the Big Spring
refinery needs to increase
production from production from 60,000 to a
least 75,000 barrels a day least 75,000 barrels a day.
"It's on the edge of being "It's on the edge of being a
survivable refinery," he
said. "It is a refinery somesaid. "It is a refinery some
what at risk, however it what at risk, however
does have a positive market does have."
Appraisal board chairma Clarence Hays said the appraisal board wants to see the refinery survive. "The Fina refinery for
years, and now Alon has
been a very good neighbor
to Big Spring," he said. disputed by Alon, which pu $\$ 80$ million. The new figure is based on leaving the value of the the property unchanged the property unchanged
from last year's $\$ 53,517,400$ instead of increasing them o more than $\$ 60$ million. County Appraisal $\begin{aligned} & \text { Howard } \\ & \text { District }\end{aligned}$ "I believe this is a fair Chief Appraiser Keith assessment," said Joe lion difference in values
Concienne, manager of the Big Spring refinery. "The See values, page 2
Natural causes ruled in death after body found under bridge MERALO Staf Report The death of a man whose body was discovered under the Gregg Street Bridge
Monday has been ruled as Monday has been ruled as
occuring from natural causes. The death of Jerry Lane
Ennis, 62 , a transient, was Ennis, 62, a transient, was
first reported to the Howard ransient. The man saw Ennis apparently sleeping under
the bridge. When Ennis had not moved several hours later, the man tried to wake See DEATH, Page 2



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## ORITLARIES

Evelina Rojas

## Luna

Funeral service for
velina Rojas Luñ, 51 of pearman, formerly of Big springi, was
held Friday,
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friciciatinez oose Gome
officiating
Burial was in Mrs. Luns ${ }^{\text {Mednesd }}{ }_{\text {died }}$ She was born in
Robstown on Feb. 10, 1950, nd moved to Spearman
rom Big Spring. She was a cafeteria worker for
fpearman schools. She was member of the Sacred
Heart Catholic Church of Spearman. inve lude two
Survivors inction
daughters, Rosa Vasquez of deagrenan and Maria
Sartinez of Big Spring; her mother, Rosa Rojas. of
Spearman; five brothers. Eddie, Daniel, Ruben and
Oscar Rojas Jr. all of
Spearman and Shine Rojas
of Bie Spring two sisters. of Big Spring, two sisters,
Mary Ramirez of Slaton and Teresea a amirirez of Bry an;
and four grandchildren. Casketbearers were Oscar
Rojas, Daniel Rojas, Randy
R Ramirez, Ruben Rojas,
Shine Rojas and Calistro
Vela.
Arrangements are under
he direction of Boxwell Brothers Funeral Home,

## L.D. "Buster"

Yates



Park with Ralph Anderson,
minister of Birdwell Lane
Church of Christ, ing. . was born on March 7,
He
1944. in Wesson, Ark. and
married Puby Mch narried Ruby McCoy
Sept. 4 , 1999 in Anson.
Mr Mr. Yates served in the
United States Navy with PT
Avance Units No Advance Units No. 5 and
No.i. and ataboard the
Pollux in the Pacific during World War II. After leaving
he Navy we worketd in the.
cefineries around efineries around Port
Arthu and EIdorado, Ark He also worked for a seis-
morapah crew for a number
of years. MYERS \& SMITH funeral home \& Chapel

## Nalley-Pickle \& Welch Fick Funeditome (015) 267.6831 ww.npwoleh.com L. D. "Buster" ${ }^{-1 . C t e s, ~} 87$, died Monday. Graveside died Monday. Graveside services will be 10.00 Wedm Wednesday at the Peace services will be $10: 00$ AM Weddessan at the Peace Chanel at Tr Tnity Memorial $\underset{\text { Park }}{\substack{\text { Cam } \\ \text { Jape }}}$ <br> 87, died Sunday. Serviees will be $11: 00$ Wednenday at the Nalley- Pickle $\&$ Welch Rosewood Chapel. Interment will follow at Mt. Olive Memorial Park



to work in Abilene as gasoline pumps and
hydraulic yodraulic equipment. He to work for Hale Pump Company which later
became, Westex Pump Company. At the time of his retirement in 1987 h
was working for L.D
Cunningham at Cunningham at D\&W Pump
Coinpany. He attended Birdwel
Lane Church of Christ. Survivors include his
wife Ruby Yates of Big Yates of Big Spring; two brothers, Lesley Yates of
Tyler and Edgar Atkinson of Whiting, Ind.; one sister in-law, Clara Sellers o Abilene and numerous
cousins, nieces and nephews. ${ }^{\text {Themily }}$ and memorials to Community Care Hospice, 1510 S
Gregg, Big Spring 79720 o As Alzociation, Greater Wer's Texas Chapter, 4400 N. Big
Spring, Suite C-32, Midland The family will receive p.m., today, at the funeral
home. p.m.,
herra Arrangements are under
the direction of Nalley Pickle \& Welch Funera
Home. www.npwelch.com

James Weaver Brown


Rings all of Columbus,
Ohio.
He was preceded in death by his son, Jimmy Brown
on Sept. 5, 1989 , and by one orother, Victor Brown.
The family will receive friends from 7 p.m. to 88
p.m., today at the funeral home. Arrangements are under
the direction of Nalley.
Pickle \& Welch Funeral Pickle \& Welch Funeral
Home. www.nwelch.com
Patd obituary Hubert Ritchie Graveside service for
Hubert "Paw" Ritchie, 78,
of Sand Springs, will be f Sand Springs, will be $1: 30$ 2001, at Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery in San Antonio with Henry Talbot officiating.
He was a
U.S. Army and served in World War II. He had worked in the oil fields in
the West Texas and San Angelo area.
Survivors include two sons, Ruben Ritchie and Sherman; seven grandchildren; and seven greatgrandchildren. Arrangements are under
the direction of Myers \& the direction of Myers
Smith Funeral Home.

## Jane Spence

 Funeral service for JaneSpence, 80 , of Big Spring, is Spence, 80, of Big Spring, is
pending with Myers \& pending with Myers \&
Smith Funeral Home. Mrs. mith Funeral Home. Mrs. 23, 2001, at a local hospital.
Jerry Lane Ennis Jerry Lane Ennis, 60, died
Monday, July 23, 2000.

## TWC

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from 4.5 in May while
Dawson reported a rate of
4.7 in June compared to 4.4 in May. According to the
information, Gaines had 318 information, Gaines had 318
people unemployed while
Dawson had 306 unemDa ployed.
Unemployment jumped in
Ector County from 4.7 in Ntoy 6.4 HI Jume. Ector
reparted $\$ 805$ unemployed. The Odessa-Midland MSA
increased from 4.0 percent in May to 5.1 in June. The
area reported 6,134 unem ployed people.
Crane County also had a
slight increase of 4.6 percent slight increase of 4.6 percent
in June from 4.1 in May. About 1,687
unemployed

## unemployed Andrews

Andrews
increased from
3.4 in May to increased from 3.4 in May to
4.2 in June. The county has COURT
COURT
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several candidates who
would consider appoint
would consider appoint-
ment as judge for the court.
ment as judge for the court.
Midland County would
serve as "host county" for
serve as host county for
the court, providing its
office space. The cluster office space. The cluster
court judge would use court-
room space as available in each county, and would
travel with a court coordinator who might do double-
duty as a court reporter duty as a court reporter.
In Howard County, the In Howard County, the
court might use the current
third-floor

an oceasional hike in the
snow when he could find
some. Reading was also some. Reading was also a
favorite pastime, but the favorite pastime,
best of all was going hunt $\underset{\substack{\text { He was a member of th } \\ \text { Veter }}}{ }$ Veterans of Foreign Wars. Survivors include hi
wife Margaret Brown of wife Margaret Brown of Bi
Spring; his daughter an
son-in-son-in-law, Dr. Marylou and
Dr. Mike Rings Columbus, Ohio ang thre
grandchildre grandchildren, Katie Ring
Lindsey Rings and Danny

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which will be vacated when
Moores court moves across
the street to the new annex
building. But there are
other possibilities, and the
matter is a decision of the
Howard
Commissioners. County
Moore said the cases
involving children "give
you the opportunity to affect
someone's life in a positive
way," and he's not anxious
to give them up. But he
added he believes the clus.
ter might expedite the
cases, make them run more
smoothly and give continu-
ity to them all better for
the children involved.
"If they are able to get it,
Inl be pleased with that,"
Moore said, "and if not, I
could keep, going the way I
am now."

## COUNCIL

sign on North Goliad yield-
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sign on North Goliad yield-
ing to Northeast 11th Street. - Hear the final reading of a resolution for an automat-
ed weather system at the air $\stackrel{\text { park. }}{\text { a }}$ Consider a request for a
street closure in the 500
block of North Aylesford block of North Aylesford
and the 500 block and the 500 block of
Northwest Sixth Street for the Sacred Heart Catholic
Church festival. - Consider authorization
of the city attorney of the city attorney to sue to
enforce health and safety erdinances in the city.
orsider payment of late
exemption
homestead homestead exemption
refunds.

- Vote for hew officers for Texas Coalition of Cities
For Utility Issues For Utility Issues. and Recreation Board Park and Recreation Board meetAirpark Development Board meeting and the Moore
Development for Big Spring Development for Big Spring
Inc. Board of Directors
meeting. Hpcoming Moving pon-the


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Alon could mean a difference of $\$ 400,000$ in tax rev-
enues for local taxing entiUnofficially, the differ-
ence between Capithl ence between Capital's orig.
inal appraisal and the new. nal appraisal and the new,
official appraisal could
mean $\$ 175,000$ less the entities.
Toomire was not available for comment this morning.

## DEATH

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## dead. HCSO responded to the scene, and later turned the scene, and later turned the case, over to the police department, said HCSO

 Chief Deputy GaryPritchett. Pritchett. of the Peace
Justice of
Bennie Gre Bennie Green pronounced
Ennis dead and ordered his

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## Texas Lottery

 body sentautopsy. autopsy, received results of
Green repsy this morning.

## SHERIFF

 Sheriffs Office reported the -JEFF DEAN DEAR MAN, 39, of 2420 W . Third Street in Odessa was taken
to the Howard County Jail after being arrested by the Department of Public Safety Sunday for driving while.
intoxicated and possession of marijuana less than two ounces. WALTER RAY ZOLYN, 38, of 307 Amburgey in
Odessa was taken to the Odessa was taken to the
Howard County Jail after being arrested by the. Department of Public Safety
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County Jail after being County Jail after being arrested by the Department
of Public Safety Sunday on of Public Safety Sunday a charge or possessiona less than two
ounces.
 - LARRY WAYNE arrest. THOMPSON, 18, of 2805 Monday night on charges minor in consumption of - JOSHUA HOWELL, 18 , of 2505 E .24 th St. was, 18,
arrested arrested Monday night on a
charge of minor in con

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(Main switchboard) $\quad \begin{gathered}\text { 915-263-7335 } \\ \text { (Creulation calls only) }\end{gathered}$
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Tuesday, July 24, 2001

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## Police

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bors, who i
believe could to the missin whereabouts. Levy's apartm still leave poli too many people a handful," who disappearance, Tssistant Po find someone Gainer said. Bu ing person freq tion about her possible visitors before the disa
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## Legal status recommended for some illegal Mexican immigrants

WASHINGTON (AP) - A study
group headed by Secretary of State Colin Powell and Attorney Geieral John Ashcroft is calling grant guest-worker status to some of the millions of Mexicans who are in the United States illegally.
The proposal, sent to the White House Friday, would be "part of our continued effort to work with the Mexican government toward our shared goal of a more orderly,
more humane, legal and safe migration," spokesman Scott McClellan said Monday evening. The working group, co-chaired by Powell and Ashcroft, "recom
mends creation of a new, tempo
telephone interview with The
Associated Press. He said many details remain to be worked out and numerous decisions made
during discussions that are conduring discussions that are con-
tinuing between White House staff and the working group. In the past, President Bush has
stopped short ond stopped short of endorsing blanket amnesty for M.
White House press secretary Ari Fleischer said a week ago that Bush was committed to working
with the Mexican government to with the Mexican government to
ease what has been a disorderly ease what has been a disorderly
process along the 2,000 -mile bor-
der.
Mexican President Vicente Fox
welcomed the development at the
time, seaying he was committed to "as many rights as possible for as many Mexican immigrants as pos-
sible as soon as possible." Congressional con have opposed anything beyond allowing Mexicans to stay as temRepublican Sen. Phil Gramm of Bush's home state of Texas said last week that any proposal to grant amnesty would be a bad example for 7 million Mexican
immigrants who have legally applied to enter the country and are waiting for their paperwork to
be approved. be approved.
Already bef
lation to expand and streamline a hat would let undocumented aborers of any nationality earn permanent residency under cer
tain conditions, the Times said It is estimated that 50 percent to 30 percent of the 1.6 million farm workers in the United States ar
illegal immigrants, mostly from Mexico, the newspaper said. Any decision on granting legal
status of Mexicans in the United status of Mexicans in the United cal ramifications for Bush. He has actively courted the Hispanic vote which could be an important vot
ing bloc for the 2004 presidentia ing bloc
election.

## Police getting little help from Levy's neighbors

 WASHINGTON (AP) -Washington police are frus-
trated by the silence of some
of Chandra Levy's neigh-
bors, who investigators
believe could provide clues
to the missing woman's.
whereabouts.
A half-dozen visits to
Levy's apartment building
still leave police with "far
too many people, more than
a handful," who have yet to
be interviewed about her
disappearance, Executive
Assistant Police Chief
Terrance Gainer said.
Police do not expect to
find someone responsible
for her disappearance,
Gainer said. But the people
whe live closest to a miss-
ing person frequently can
supply important informa-
tion about her actions and
possible visitorsin the days
before the disappearance, he
said.
"It's part of the irritating
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POTTSVILLE, Pa. (AP) -
James Mennig's story of that happened to have 0 incredible his own moth er didn't believe him. To him, the bright lights in flames. But authorities said it was likely a meteor shower or a different type of natural phenomenon known "It was about the size that Jeep Cherokee," the 22 -year-old Pottsville, resident
said Monday evening. similar Mond evening. Seported sightings were Northeast, with people from Virginia to New York say-
ing they saw lights in the ing they saw lights in the
sky and heard loud noises. 'This is a natural event, which is called a bolide or a fireball. It is similar to the shooting stars you see spo-
radically at night in its appearance, but as far as the physical nature of this different from the periodic meteor showers we get, U.S. Naval Observatory spokesman Geoff Chester
said.
"This is a random piece of the misfortune of being in
the same part of space occupied by the Earth at the same time," he said. "In
this particular case, the Earth won."
In Buffalo
Weather Service observers received reports of a bright
meteor in westen meteor in western and
southern New York state southern New York state.
"We got our first call a "We got our first call at about 6:25," meteorologist
Dave Sage said. "Then the
calls just started coming In Wellsboro, a town in the northern Pennsylvania mountains, Patrick Kane was on a porch with friends
about $6: 30 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. when they saw a bright yellow streak move rapidly across the
sky. It was trailed by a sky. It was trailed by a long
plume of white smoke. Less than a minute after the fireball was gone, a loud boom shook the windows, Kane said.
"It almos
when you're at the fire works and they send out the one to just kind of mak noise," he said.
At McGuire
nters to be flooded with calls


$\begin{array}{ll}\text { Base in Wrightstown, N.J., } & \text { bound streak was gone, seen } \\ \text { Airman Sharon Carpenter } & \text { by no other air traffic or } \\ \text { was on break around } 6 \text { p.m. } & \text { radar controllers in the }\end{array}$ was on break around $6 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$.
in the air traffic control tower when she looked up
and saw an orange and saw an orange streak $\begin{aligned} & \text { night trying to prove to }\end{aligned}$
north of the base. In less them then then north of the base. In less them that I wasn't going
than a second, the west- crazy," Carpenter said.

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Couple who locked girl in closet indicted Monday DALLAS (AP) - ADallas being held in Dallas $\begin{array}{lll}\text { County grand jury has } & \text { coung held in Dail in lieu of } \\ \text { indicted } \\ \text { the mother and } \\ \$ 100,000 & \text { bond and Kenneth }\end{array}$ former stepfather of an 8 . Atkinson is being held $\begin{array}{ll}\text { former steppather of an } 8 \text { - } & \text { Atkinson is being held } \\ \text { year-old girl locked in clos- without bond because of a }\end{array}$ $\begin{array}{lll}\text { et and severely malnour- } & \begin{array}{l}\text { warrant from Ellis County. } \\ \text { ished. }\end{array} & \text { They each face five to } 99\end{array}$ ished.
Barbara Atkinson, 30,
3 Barbara Atkinson,
and Kenneth Atkinson, 33,
were indicted Monday on were indicted Monday on
felony charges of injury to felony charges of injury cued the girl, who weighed only 25 pounds and had
been locked in a feces- and urine-covered closet in
Hutchins mobile home. The girl was released from the hospital last week to Bill and Sabrina
Kavanaugh, a Van Zandt County foster couple that
hope to adopt her. Last month, Barbara Atkinson suid that she would relin.
quarental rights. Authorities say the girl
was was sexually abused and
locked in a filthy locked in a filthy closet or
other confined space for other confine
to four years.
Barbara Barbara Atkinson is
Bears. years in prison if convict-
ed.
The girl's five siblings remain in state custody. According to a Hutchins
police report the Atkinsons pold police that abuse of the
told girl began more than four
years ago and was years ago and was trig-
gered by the girl's eating gered by
disorder.
Steve Tokoly, felony trial bureau chief for the Dollas
County district attorney County district attorney,
said that prosecutors have said that prosecutors have
not decided which of the couple will be tried first.
An investigation is contin An investigation is contin-
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ual abuse, he said. The Atkinsons authorities that abuse
the girl began shortly the girl began shortly after child durin
January 1997.

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## Bill McClellan News Editor

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Managing Edtor
OUR Views

## Trying

 to beat the heatHTot enough for you? Seems like everywhere we go, the topic is the heat. frequent topic out in West Texas, of
freather is a Nequent topic out in West Texas, of
Nothing fuels conservation like the course. Nothing fuels conservation like the of which we have had precious little.
It's a fact that tempers tend to rise with the temperature. The problem becomes worse when a string of hot days isn't occasionally broken.by a cool front or rain. According to our unofficial records, Big Spring has experienced 18 consec-
utive days with temperatures of 100 -degrees or utive da
more.
Should we point out that it's not even August yet? What we should point out is that in these days of excess heat it is important to try and take better care of ourselves and othensiof yourseany
dress in loose-fitting, light-colored clothing. dress in loose-fitting, light-colored clothing. sun for more than a few minutes at a time, and drink plenty of liquids.
Check on your neighbors, especially if they are elderly. Make sure they are as comfortable as they can be.
Don't leave anything that can suffer heat damage in a vehicle - including CDs, cassettes,
floppy diskettes, children and pets. floppy diskettes, children and pets.
Finally, do the best you can to keep your cool.
Try to be a little more understanding, a little more patient.
Eventually, this heat wave will break and we'll get some relief. It might even rain.
Then we can complain about how Then we can complain about how stifling the
humidity is. humidity is.

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Immigration policy complicated


Meanwhille, many of our Institutions are drowning,
as well The federal court system is swamped. Between 1994 and 2000, bor-
der drug prosecutions douder drug prosecutions dou-
bled and immigration case increased seven-fold. The. five federal court districts on the borders of
California, Arizona and Texas hande 27 percent of
all federal court criminal all federal court criminal
filings in the United States filings in the United States,
That's just 6 percent of the judicial districts with more than a quarter of the work Meanwhile, those who
benefit most from the curbenefit most from the cur
rent mess are American rent mess are American part of the answer is to pu
agricultural workers under agricultural workers under
the aegis of the National the aegis of the National
Labor Relations Act, which would at least allow them
to get the minimum to get the minimum wage:
The old labor argument was that immigrants take jobs away from Americans Now, "Taking jobs Americans don't want" has
become a commonplace of immigration discussion. The reason Americans.
don't want them is because don't want them is becaus
they pay so little. they pay so little. According to Schlosser's.
article, "Thirty years ago article, Thirty years ago,
meatpacking was one of the highest-paid industrial jobs in the United States, with
one of the lowest turnover one of re"
In the 1960s, employers
broke the unions, brough broke the unions, brought
in Mexican workers and wages fell by as much as 50 percent. Today meatpack-
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lowest paid industrial jobs lowest paid industrial jobs,
with one of the highest witroner rates.
Nativists, meet the unions.

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Society dangerous without religion, morality

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other words,
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on the basis
of reason,
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regard for any moral con-
sideration. And those deci-
sions will be enforced by
the power of governmen
the power of government.
People cannot be trusted to
People cannot be trusted to
make their own decisions,
the modern liberal
inevitably concludes.
Well, go ahead with being yourself perfectly aligned
with the communists. Does
anyone out there think that
> it is not more economical
to execute the hopelessly disabled than hopelessly them? Of course it's more economical to kill them.
Abortion and euthanasia place economics, conve. nience and productivity
ahead of human life. ahead of human life. You
know, of course, that the know, of course, that the
Holocaust had its beginning in the euthanasia of the hopelessly insane and I warn it warn you, however, that that point to deciding that certain people are simpl
surplus, economically surplus, economically
unproductive and theref a drain on society's
> resources. Let's take someone who's been on welfare
for three decades. He or she will never be self-supporting, so why not execute
him or her and free the him or her and free the
productive members of productive members of
society from the burden of supporting that person? Why continue to arrest and
imprison a chronic crimi. imprison a chronic crimi-
nal? Kill him or her and be nal? Kill him or her and be
done with it. A bullet only done with it.
> A society without religion
and morality is a and morality is a danger.

Who will become its ultientirely on who wields the power and what their dices happen to be. It migh be ironic, but it is not surprising that the Israelis
learned from the Holocaus hat it is better to be like the Germans than to be like the Jeww. They are now the murdering bully
boys to the Palestinians. boys to the Palestinians.
I think it is ridiculous f people who have already decided that it is moral to kill babies in the womb to
show some squeamishness about destroying humian embryos in a petri dish. That's like some guy saying year-olds, but he wasn't sure about 2 -year-olds. Hell, man, once you decide. to become a child-killer, their ages no longer matter. Nor of your soul is completed with the first one.
American liberals are
likely going to get every likely going to get everyand then they will discover that what they've created is a hellish, nightmarish soci-
ety devoid of compassion or
kindness or love or mercy.
All of these áre religious and moral concepts. They have nothing to do with
reason or science or ecoThomas Jefferson wanted to replace an ariston wanted of
birth with an aristocracy mirth with an aristocracy of
merit. Today's liberals want an
aristocracy of mediocrity. aristocracy of mediocrity.
Having discarded religion, Having discarded religion,
they really can't think of any reason why a sodomite should not share a tent
with a 12-year-old Boy with a
Scout.
Science doesn't condemn
sodomy Science is morall science doesnt condemn
sodomy. Science is morally
neutral. It views sodomy as neutral. It views sodomy as just another of the human race's many aberrations,
like necrophilia (a sexual preference for dead bodies)
or sadism or masochism. or sadism or masochism.
Having decreed egalitari
anism, having discarded religion and morality, modern liberalism's only, answer to nature's obvious
inequality is to lower staninequality is to lower stan-
dards on everything and to declare everything is per-

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Indlos softhall toumey schoduled The Indios Soffbial Tournament has returned
to Bis Spring and will be
hild to sid Pring ay through
held
Sunday at Cotton Mize Sunday at Cotton Mize
Field in Comanche Trail Park,
Trophies will be given to the top four teams and by the first-place team. by the first-place team.
The second-place team
wins T -shirts while 10 All wins T-shirts while 10 All-
Tournament Team memTournament Team me
bers will be honored. bers will be honored.
The entry fee is $\$ 115$ an
more information is ava
more informanion
able by calling 263-3096.

## YMCA swim team seeks compettors

The Big Spring YMCA
Swim Team is currently competing in long course meets. held Monday through YMCA pool.
To be eligible to com-
pete, youngsters must be pete, youngsters must be
able to complete a lap of the YMCA pool. are encouraged to contact the YMCA and compete in
the long course "swimming meets.
For more call the YMCA at 267-8234,

## ACS still offering

## Texas Golf Pass

 The American CancerSociety is again offering Society is again offering entitites holders to more
than 680 rounds of goif al than 68 rounds of goif at
289 courses throughout the state.
The passes are $\$ 35$ each.
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Country Club and Comarse are participating in the progran and order
forms are available at the iorms are avalinabe
two local golf courses. For more information, call 1 1-800-ACS-2345 or
check the society's web site at www.acs-tx.org
Finley stays with Dallas Mavericks
$\underset{\text { Dichael Finley }}{\text { DAP-signed }}$ With the etting a
Mavericks, gettile
seven seven-year contract worth more than $\$ 100$ million.
Finley became a free Finley became a free
agent when he opted out
of season.
Finley has been with sons, made the All-Star He made the All-Star
team for the second
straight season this year
and helped the Maverioks and a3-29 record, their to a s3-29 record, heir
best since 1988. Finley, 6 -
foot-7, led the NBA in foot-1, led the NBA in
minutes played (42 a
a gecond-leading scorer, at
seand
21.5 points per game. He also averaged 5.2
rebounds and 4.4 assists rebounds and 4.4 assists.
The Mavericks are looking for Finley to make a
big difference for the big difference for the
team next season.

## Houston signs

 $\$ 100$ million pact NEW YORK (AP) AHouston re-signed winththe New York Knicks for the New York Knicks for
$\$ 100$ million for six years. Houston averaged, 18.7
Hoints last season, his points last season, his
fifth with the Knicks. Eleven other NBA shoot-
ing guards had a higher ing guards had a higher

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Orioles at Texas Rangers, Onoles am Texas
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Ch. 11 .

Banks calm about taking over Cowboys' quarterback spot WICHITA FALLS (AP) The new starting quarter-
back for the Dallas Cowboys back for he Dallas Cowboys chance to win games for limit."
Banks was a second-round wears No. 3 and has dia
mond studs in both ear Hond studs in both ears.
He's 10st more, 1 games
than Be's won and he's never completed a pass in a playoff game.
Tony Banks Tony Banks is no Troy
Aikman. And the Dallas Cowboys aren't expecting him to be. "We asked Troy on a num. ber of occasions to win the
football game for us. We're not asking our quarterbacks o do that now," coach Dave Campo said. "They're going
to manage games, do what


The Big Spring Division I Ail-Stars took second place in the gold bracket of an Abliene softball tournament, July 12-15. The 7 -to 9 -year-old glirls were coached by John Roemer and the assistant coach was Carrie Fox. Their manager was Cindy Jones. Their chaparone was Maria Garcia and Terry Sage was the scorekeeper. Front row, from left are: Emily Hicks, Crystal Carillo, Adrianna Garcia, Noelle McDoyell, Elena Robles, Alysha Yanez and Brittney Roemer. Back row: Amanda Longoria, Briandi Herrera, Baylea Fox


## Ripken Show is hottest baseball tic

BALTIMORE (AP) - Baseball's helped attract a sellodt crowd of
Iron Man has become solid gold at $50,069^{\circ}$ on July 14 for his Iron Man has become solid gold at
the box office.
Since Cal Ripken Jr. announced on June 19 that he would end his 21 year career after this, season, his nonstop parade to the ticket window in Baltimore and ballparks throughThe Orioles
the day of the announcement, and more than 200,000 tickets, over, the
past month. The team usually sells past month. The teem usually sells about 30,000 tickets a week. said Matt Dryer, the Orioles direc tor of sales. "People are excited
about this young team, but Cal is about this young team, but Cal is
the major factor in our inoreased numbers.",
Ripken's
Ripken's popularity long ago
extended beyond Baltimore, and for that reason the future Hall of For Four days after huge draw. home run in his final All-Star game
in Atlanta.
The Ripken Show arrived in
Miami the next day, and the Florida Miami the next day, and the Florida Marlins drew 25,285 fans - some
8,000 more than their average this season. The Orioles play the Rangers at The Ballpark this week.
Everyone, it seems, wants to see CEvery
Cal
"His Marl presence definitely helped," Ripken has received standing ovaRipsen has received standing ova-
tions at every stadium he's appeared in since the announcement. "You don't often get that
sort of treatment at other ballparks," Ripken said. "To have the crowd ask for curtain calls on the good one, but itrange strange at. the
same time. So far, it's been just same time. So far, it's been just one
btg celebration." Ripken hasn't been this popular at
the box office since 1995; when the the box office since 1995, when the

## reached Iron Man status by break ing Lou Gehrig's remarkable recor

 of playing in 2,131 straight games. Ripken went on to play in 2,632 consecutive games before voluntarilyending the streak in 1998 ending the streak in 1998.
Now, as he enters Now, as he enters the final stage again a major drawing card.
The Orioles spent million The Orioles spent millions of dol-
lars this season promoting "The
Kids" on a revamped roster yet the Kids", on a revamped roster, yet the
team's oldest playe team's oldest player remains its
most marketable attraction The Orioles sold out the final home series of the season, Sept. 21 23 against the New York Yankees,
on the day on the day of R
announcement.
"As the window of opportunity
closes, people closes, people are looking to take
their third and fourth choices," said Bill Stetka, the Orioles director of public relations. "We normally sell
a lot of weekend dates over the suma lot of weekend dates over the sum-.
mer, but every game is picking up." It's become a nationwide phenom-
enon. Within 24 hours of Ripken's

## retirement announcement, Yankee

 Stadium sold out for Sept. 3nke theOrioles' last scheduled game of the season.
For at For at least one day, the most coveted ticket in the Big Apple won't be
for Broadway's "'The Producers." The Orioles are working out plans to celebrate Ripken's career during his final 21 home games, a number that coincides with the years he's
been in the majors, all with Baltimore. Stetka said the tribute will intensify during the last eight
games (Ripken wears No. 8), and games (Ripken wears No. 8), and
will reach a climax for the final home series.
Barring an injury, Ripken most Barring an injury, Ripken most
certainly will play in all three certainly will play in all three
games against the Yankees. But there will be times before then
when Ripken will spend the entire game on the bench.
"The days I'm not
"Tre days I'm not playing, I just try to do the best I can to be more
visible before the game. I'll sign autographs or throw near the
dugout before the game," he said.

## Clemens rockets past Seaver on career strikeout list

The ASSOCIATED PRESS
Whatever Tom Seaver taught
Rogerclemens, it's working And it has been for a long, long time. Clemens rocketed past Seaver into
fourth place on the career strikeout list, winning his 10th straight decision as the New York Yankees beat sion as
the Toro
night. night
As As teammates with the 1986
oston Red Sox, Clemens often sat beside Seaver in the dugout, trying o absorb everything the aging ace Maybe the most imp
he learned was staving pant lesson "Longevity," the 38 -year-old have to have when you's what you downguys so rich in history." Cleinens, in the 18 th yeary of a sto
ried career, won the first of his five ried carreer, won the first or Seaver, a first ballot Hall of Famer, during a 20 -year career that ended Pter that ' 86 campaign. Power pitchers with similar
styles, both right-handers relied on explosive leg drive and textbook
mechanics to stay strong for so
long. name, a tremendous pitcher and a
tremendous person," Clemens said
"I was able to take some things Tom
told me on the bench. He was a told me on the bench. He was a
teammate, and in the short time he teammate, and in the short time he
was, I was able to learn a lot from him.:" In other American In other American League games,
it was Anaheim 9, Baltimore 4; Seattle 3, Minnesota, 2, Cleveland 2,
Chicago 0; and Oakland 7, Kansas Chicago 0; and Oakland 7, Kansas
City 2. In National League games, it was
Montreal 3, Philadelphia Cincinnati 5, Atlanta 4; Chicago Cubs 6, Houston 2; Colorado 8, San Francisco 2; and San Diego
Arizona 2. The New York Mets were rained
out at Florida. The teams will make up the game in September.Clemens for most wins in the majors. His 274th- victory put him ahead of
Yankees Hall of Famer Red Ruffing Yankees Hall of Famer Red Ruffing
for 2 音h place. Clemens is unbeaten in 11 starts, the longest streak by a Yankees
pitcher since Jiminy Key won 11 -
straight in 1994 . He improved straight in 1994 . He improved to 9.0
this year at Yankee Stadium, draw ing sear at Yankee Stadium, draw-
inding ovations when he ing standing ovations when he left after 6.2 .3 innings.
"I hate to think where we'd be-
without him," manager Joe Torre
said. Clemens caught Luis Lopez look-
inning for his sixth strikeout and
No. 3,641 lifetime, one more than No. 3,641 lifetime, one more that
Seaver. The Rocket struck out eigh
to finish the night with Seaver. The Rocket struck out eig
to finish the night with 3,643,
"I've only seen him on TV ", "I've only seen him on TV," Lopez said. "It's OK, though. There are
4,000-some odd other guys with me" 4,000-some odd other guys with me."
The ball was saved as a souvenir, and Clemens stepped off the rubber
to wave his glove and tip his cap to to wave his glove and tip his cap to
the fans. the fans.
Next up
Next up on the strikeout list is Nolan Ryan holds the career record with 5,714 and Steve Carlton is second with 4,136. when Nolan Ryan and Steve Carlton pitched into their 40s," Torre said. "Roger hasn't had to back off." home run, and Paul O'Neill, Jorge Posada ánd Shane Spencer also connected for New York, home runs.
For the second straight day For the second straight day
against Toronto, the Yankees tied a
season high for homers.
Steve Parris $4 .-6$ ) took the $7-2$ loss against the Yankee

## Indians 2,

Rookie C.C. Sabathia took a shutout into the seventh inning and
Juan Gonzalez hit his 26 th homer lifting Cleveland into first place in
the AL Central.

Sabathia (10-3) allowed two hits as
he host Indians won for the sixth the host Indians won for the sixth
time in seven games and moved two percentage points ahead of Minnesota, taking the division lead for the first time since June 26. The
Indians trailed by five games as recently as July 16 and are trying to play catch-up in the standings.

## Mariners

Jamie Moyer (10-5) allowed both runs and seven hits in 62.3 innings, striking out seven as Seattle com-
pleted a four-game sweep at the Metrodome.
Minnesota has lost nine of 12 Minnesota has lost nine of 12
since the All-Star break. Brad Radke (10.7) dropped his third con-
secutive start, giving up all three runs - one was unearned and nine hits in eight innings.
Kazuhiro Sasaki got four straight
outs for his major league-leading outs for his major league-leading
33rd save. Angels 9,
Orioles 4
Troy Glaus had three RBIs and Anaheim scored all its runs with two outs in winning for the seventh two outs in winning for the seventh
time in eight games. Baltimore has lost seven of eight and 14 of 17. .
Ismael Valdes $(7.5)$ runs and eight hits in 52.3 imnings
at Camden Yards.
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 optimistic as you, but he
follows your lead. Tonight: Do only what you want!
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22.
Jan. 19) Your Run with the ball. Your intuition tells you
exactly how to reach the goal line. Don't leave details to chance, as you need to follow through with a key
project. Capricorn identifies project. Capricorn identifies larly true now. Tonight: Make a must appearance.
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb.
${ }^{8 \text { 8**** }}$ Your ability to see what others can't distinsuishes clearly share a vision as clearly as you can.
Friends give constructive advice. A meeting proves to ee unusually important as well. A child or a special ularly somber. Tonight: Listen to favorite music. ${ }_{20 \text { 20) }}^{\text {PISCES }}$ (Feb. 19-March from a partner or a special riend. What this person wants is to make your life to your liking. A boss helps point you in the right direction. Don't test your limits.
Zero in on what you want. zero in on what you want.
Tonight:
Togetherness counts.

## BORN TODAY

## Alcoholic father "messing up" life of pro-teen

 have been divorced for years and have joint cus-tody. Since the divorce, my tody. Since the
father has E.

e. His girlfriend has herown apartment, but she usually drinks until she They have a lot of company, and it seems like 1
never get enough rest. It's not unusual to find strangers sleeping
sofa or on the floor.
My mother works all the overtime she can, but she and cannot afford a lawyer Do you think if I told a judge about the situation, I could live with my mother
full time? I love my father but his drinking is messing up my life. I am tired all the time and worry a lot. Please tell me what to do. Dear Scared: Do you know the lawyer or judge who handled your mother's
divorce? If so show the perdivorce? If so, show the per-
son this column and say you wrote it. Also, mail a copy to your father, and Alcoholics Anonymous. (You might also check out Alateen's Web site at www.alateen.org.) Talk to other adult family members
and ask for their help. You must be permitted to stay with your mother .- the
sooner the better. sooner the better.
sound extremely grown up for a 12 -year-old $\cdots$ very you're and compassionate. You're going to do well in
life. $\Gamma m$ sure of it.
Dear Ann Landers: You Dear Ann Landers: You
ecently printed a letter recently printed a letter
from "Portland, Ore." who et to the dry cleaners, and when he picked it up, the
hand-carved ivory buttons hand-carved ivory buttons
were missing. Your advice

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## to remove the buttons

 efore sending garnients ot but you should have said more. Some years ago, a friend handmade afghan to be cleaned. It disappeared. The cleaners said they "couldn't explain it." My friend sent the cleaners a bill for sever-al hundred dollars with a letter citing the value of the afghan and the legal responsibility of the cleaners to
replace it. Within a week, the afghan mysteriously
I hope "Portland" has a photograph of her brother
wearing that jacket. She should send a copy of the picture, along with a bill, to her dry cleaners by regislet her friends know about this cleaning establishment, and tell them to take their
business elsewhere. Minneapolis
Dear Minneapolis. received so many letters omplaining about cleaning compelled to give this warning: Beware, cleaners who see yourselves in oday's column. Your cusaren't going to take it any-
meare. Ann: My new hus-
Dear Dear Ann: My new hus-
band's son recently became engaged to a lovely young woman. "Willbur" and his nother shopped for the engagement ring, and it is a certified gemologist, but I could tell at a glance that he "diamond" is not real. plays it with such pride hat I'm sure she has no dea it's a fake have decided it is best to myself. My husband feels that I should tell the young
woman the truth about her woman the truth about her
ring, but I'm not so sure he is right. What do you say, Ann? Sign me -- Mum in New York
Dear Mum: I agree with you. It's possible the bride-
to-be already knows. Jf not, when she goes to a jeweler for an appraisal (for insur-
ance purposes), the jeweler ance purposes), the news."
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remain Mum in New York.




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