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## WEATHER

Tonight:



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## Home school workshop set at parish tonight

Is home schooling for you? If you answered "yes" to this question, you're in luck.

A free home schooling workshop for anyone interested in home education as an alternative to public or private school will be held at 7 this evening in the parish hall of St. Paul Lutheran Church, 900 Gregg Street.

The event will feature a panel of local home school parents who will be available to answer questions and address concerns about home schooling.

Catalogs with Web sites and phone numbers will be available free of charge at the event.

Home schooling is not regulated by the state of Texas and is considered private school by the Texas Supreme Court. Parents who teach home school are required to include reading, math, grammar, good citizenship and spelling.

For more information about the workshop contact Suzanne Haney by phone, 263-7147 or by e-mail at rshaney@ccom.net.

## WHAT'S UP...

### WEDNESDAY

Optimist Club meets at 7 a.m. at the Howard College Cactus Room.

Senior Circle Sit and Be Fit Chair Aerobics meets at the SMMC cafeteria at 10 a.m.

Downtown Lions Club meets at room at the Howard College Cactus Room.

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

Line dancing, 1 p.m., Senior Citizens Center. Call 398-5522 or 267-1628.

Fraternal Order of Eagles Aerie Ladies Auxiliary meets at 7 p.m. at the Eagles Lodge, 703 W. Third.

### THURSDAY

Gideons International, Big Spring Camp U42060 meets at

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## County crews battle grassfires; caution urged

By ROGER CLINE

Staff Writer

Two grass fires and another blaze involving the old Fairview Cotton Gin kept the Howard County Volunteer Fire Department busy Monday. Another combination grass fire/structure fire Sunday caused about \$7,500 damage to a barn.

HCVFD Chief Tommy Sullivan said the county is under "extreme fire danger."

Sunday's fire, located on East County Road 24, appeared to have been ignited by a catalytic converter as someone drove through high grass.

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SULLIVAN

"It looked like someone drove out there with a catalytic converter and started a grass fire," he said. "Then it ran up to this house. It's a barn that looks like a house. It moved up the back side of it. We got the fire extin-

quished on the back side of the structure before it actually burned all the structure. It just had outside damage on it."

The fire at the Fairview Gin was contained to an oily floor pit.

"They were cutting some equipment out of there apparently, and one of the old pits in the floor where the press was had a bunch of oil and stuff burning in it and we had to go put it out," Sullivan said.

Grass fires Monday broke out near the Howard/Mitchell county line near Interstate 20 mile marker 195, and in Coahoma on Culp Road, he added.

"We're in extreme fire danger," he said. "Our index and our rainfall, we got enough to get the grass up pretty high, and now, no rainfall, so it's dry and tin-

der. On top it looks green, but if you put some heat to it it will burn like wild."

People need to use common sense to prevent fires, Sullivan said.

"Do not throw their cigarettes or smoking materials out the windows, because the high wind will help start fires," he said. "Do not drive their vehicles through the high grass with the catalytic converters."

Keeping land free of high weeds is also a good idea.

"We'd really advise people to mow their grass down or clean the weeds away from

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## Lawsuit

### Court ruling could limit contractor's liability in junior high school case

By LYNDEL MOODY

Staff Writer

A contract clause limiting accountability may leave the Big Spring Independent School District collecting just \$50,000 if it wins its lawsuit against Terracon Construction Inc.

The clause limiting Terracon's accountability to \$50,000 in damages was upheld in a ruling by 118th District Court Judge Robert Moore III on June 13.

"The judge denied our motion for partial summary judgment at this time but

has indicated he may revisit the issue later in the proceedings," said Ben Bancroft, the district's local attorney.

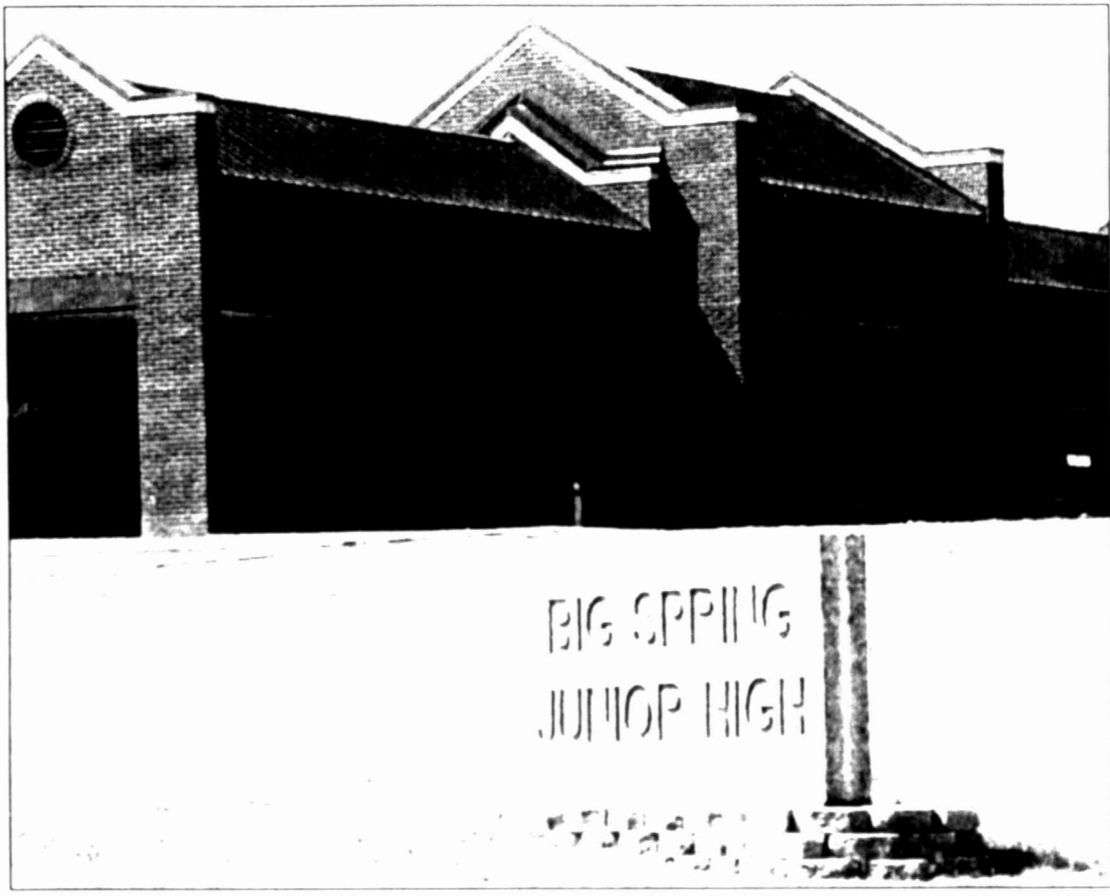
Bancroft and Matt Burns of the Austin-based law firm of Walsh, Anderson represented the district during the hearing.

Currently the cost for repairing structural damage at the junior high is more than \$1.1 million. That figure excludes attorney, expert witnesses, consultants and other legal fees, Bancroft said.

The district petitioned the court to exclude the clause based on the argument that the liability limit does not meet regulations outlined by the Texas Supreme Court necessary to avoid limited liability for negligence, Bancroft said. The original contract



BANCROFT



A ruling by 118th District Court Judge Robert Moore III could limit the amount of restitution the Big Spring Independent School District could recover in its lawsuit with Terracon Construction Inc. over the Big Spring Junior High School.

with Terracon was signed by Ron Logback, the district's assistant business manager before he retired in 2000.

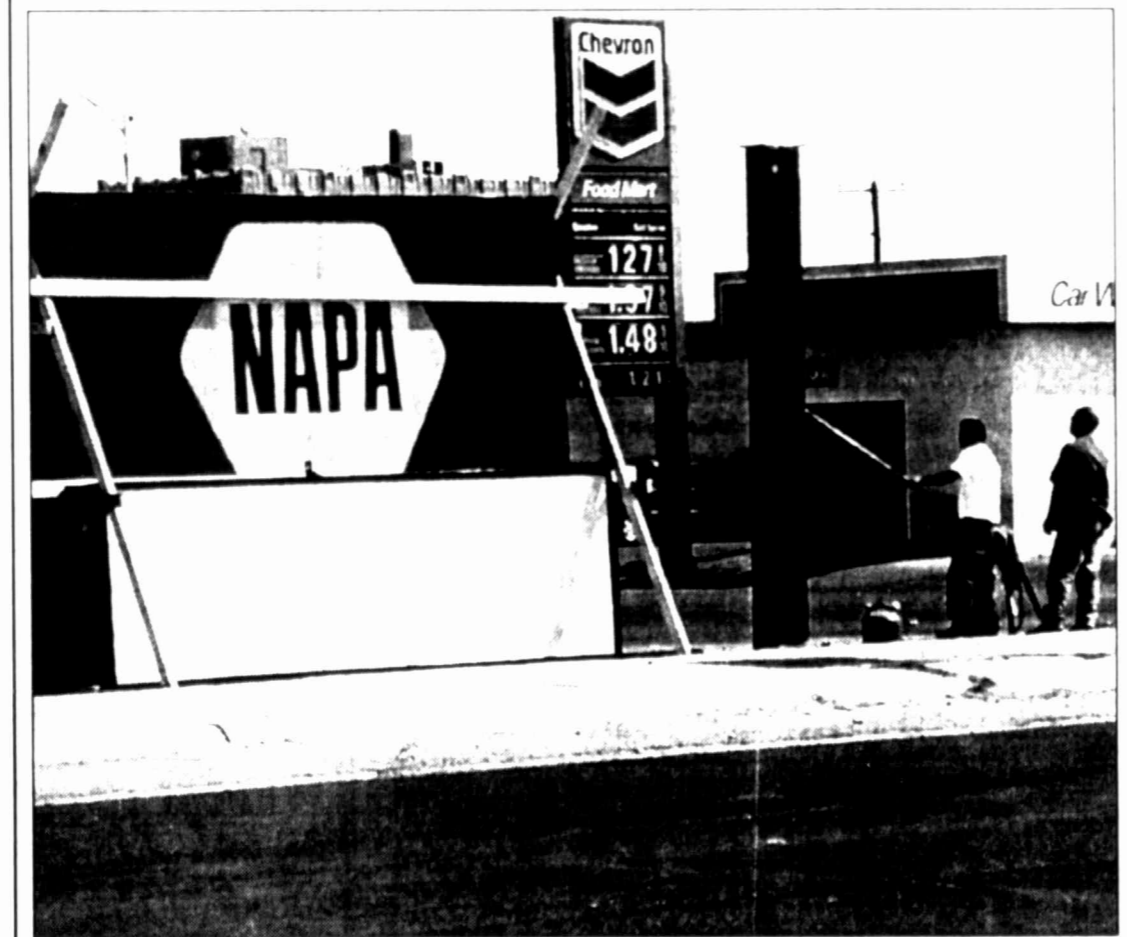
Logback said he signed several contracts for the

construction of the building and cannot remember signing the document.

"I have been away from the school district for a long time, almost two years," Logback said this morning.

"I would have to look at that information before I could comment. I left all that stuff with the district when I left."

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Tony Flores of Burcham Signs paints the post for a new sign at Napa Auto Parts, 306 S. Gregg St., as co-worker Joe Lopez looks on. The pair were working on the signpost this morning.

## Drop in unemployment may not be true picture this month, manager says

HERALD Staff Report

Unemployment dropped just slightly for Howard County in May, although the Workforce Network of Big Spring cautioned that the rate is actually probably higher.

The Texas Workforce Commission reported that unemployment for the county dropped from 3.8 percent in April to 3.7 percent in May.

"Although we experienced a whole one-tenth of a percent decrease, it is safe to say at this time unemployment is higher due to the

temporary layoffs by Solitaire Homes," said Virginia Belew, Workforce Network area manager.

A fire on May 16 shut down operations at Solitaire, causing the layoff of approximately 100-130 people. On Thursday, Garland Gandy, Solitaire general manager, said renovation of the plant was on hold, pending meetings with the company's insurance carrier.

The employees laid off by Solitaire are not reflected in the May unemployment fig-

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	May 2002	April 2002	May 2001
Civilian labor force	14,388	14,342	13,895
Employment	13,855	13,802	13,365
Unemployment	533	540	530
Unemployment rate	3.7	3.8	3.8

## Farm Service Agency: Friday is deadline to apply for EQIP funds

By LYNDEL MOODY

Staff Writer

Agricultural producers may be eligible for more monies through the Environmental Quality Incentives Program but they need to take advantage quickly.

According to the Farm Service Agency, the 2002 Farm bill signed into law on May 13, further extends the

U.S. Department of Agriculture's allocation of monies targeted for conservation practice application on private lands.

Producers have through Friday to apply for the program with the National Resource Conservation Service located at 302 W. Interstate 20 next to Rip Griffins Truck/Travel Center.

The recently passed bill gives the conservation program a more flexible approach for agricultural producers, according to a press release.

**INFORMATION**  
Contact the Farm Service Agency at 267-2557 or FSA's Web site at <http://www/fsa.suda.gov>

Producers can treat specific resources concerns without locking their entire farm into a long-term contract and eliminates preference in funding for geographic priority areas or areas deemed to be more conservation fragile. The new bill eliminates

the "bid-down" option that enables producers to make their applications more competitive by shouldering a higher percentage of the total cost of practice implementation.

"This (EQIP) assists farmers and ranchers to follow conservation practices that they would find hard to do on their own," said Howard County FSA Director Rick Liles. "Everyone one likes conservation, everyone wants to practice conservation but it may not be cost effective for the producer." The EQIP was estab-

lished under the 1996 Farm Bill to address significant agricultural natural resource concerns, but Liles added conservation programs have been around for more than 30 years.

For more information call the local NRCS office at 267-2557. Information is also available on the FSA's Web site <http://www/fsasuda.gov>.

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OBITUARIES

Joe A. Davidson

Joe A. Davidson, 88, of Springdale, Ark., formerly of Big Spring, died Saturday, June 22, 2002, at his home. No services will be held at this time.

He was a U.S. Army veteran and an office manager in the petroleum industry.

Survivors include his wife, Trudy Davidson, three sons, Algin Pavatt of Bull Head City, Ariz., Clint Pavatt of Jay, Okla., Aaron Pavatt of Garfield, Ark., two sisters, Berta Davidson of Fort Worth, Mary Green of Oregon, and five grandchildren.

Cremation arrangements are under the direction of Nelson-Berna Funeral Home and Crematory of Fayetteville, Ark.

W.L. (Squeaky) Thompson

W.L. (Squeaky) Thompson, 87, of Big Spring, died on Sunday, June 23, 2002,

in Stephenville. Funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday, June 26, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with Dr. Jimmy Watson, pastor of First Christian Church, officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

He was born on Aug. 14, 1914, in Hico and married Marguerite Parker on Dec. 3, 1939, in Brownwood. She preceded him in death on Nov. 21, 2001.

Squeaky moved to Big Spring in 1927 with his family and graduated from Big Spring High School in 1934. In 1933 he started to work for Barrow Furniture Company and then opened Thompson Furniture and Carpet in 1956, operating it until retiring in May of 1987.

He attended First Christian Church. A member of the Evening Lions Club since 1956, he served as the president for four terms. He was a recipient of the Melvin Jones Award for his many contributions to the Lions Club and also served in many capacities in District Lions club. He had served as city commissioner from 1962 to 1966 and was also a past president of the Eagles Lodge and Big Spring Jaycees.

Survivors include one son and daughter-in-law, William L. and Cookie Thompson of Stephenville, one daughter and son-in-law, Martha Ann and Marvin Simmons of Houston, two grandchildren, Scott Simmons of Port Aransas and Catherine Thomas of Houston, three

great-grandchildren; and one sister and brother-in-law, Lucy Bob and Paul Turner of Brownfield.

He was also preceded in death by his parents, Oscar and Annie Thompson and by two sisters, Lois Wiswell and Jane Anderson.

Pallbearers will be R.H. Carter, Bill Birrell, Jerry Currie, Jerry John Currie, E.C. Bell, George Weeks and Danny Kirkpatrick. Honorary pallbearers will be all past and present Lions Clubs members.

The family suggests memorials to the Lions Club, P.O. Box 247, Kerrville 78029-0247 or to the First Christian Church, 911 Goliad, Big Spring 79720.

The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. Tuesday, June 25, at the funeral home.

Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home www.npwelch.com

Willis LeVier

Funeral service for Willis LeVier, 82, of Big Spring is pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home. Mr. LeVier died Monday, June 24, 2002, at a local nursing home.

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their house where if there is a grass fire started either at their house or somebody elses, they have some protection until fire units can get there," Sullivan said. "That's what's killing them in Colorado and Arizona, is all this timber is right up against the houses and you can't protect them."

The Howard County Commissioners instituted a burn ban June 20 which prohibits outdoor burning and shooting fireworks which include sticks or fins. Violating the burn ban is a class C misdemeanor and may be punishable by a fine up to \$500.

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According to Bancroft, there may be some dispute whether Logback had authority to sign the disputed contract.

"That's a bone of contention — that he had the authority of the board," Bancroft said.

Cracks in the walls and flooring appeared just after the junior high building opened in 1999. It has since been determined that the building was constructed on a site that was once a canyon.

Terracon was hired by the district to perform soil samples to determine if the site was suitable for the project. The suit charges that in 1996, Terracon reported it had found the site to be suitable.

In 2000, the district filed suit against Terracon seeking payment for all past and future damages, as well as interest, attorney fees and court costs.

Also involved in the lawsuit are engineer Eric Cleveland, Huckabee and Associates, engineer Charles F. Terry Inc. and Monterey Construction General Contracting.

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The BSISD officials met with the other parties for mediation hearings on March 28 and set a second round of hearings for Sept. 24-25. A court date of Jan. 6 has been set if an agreement cannot be reached.

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JOB

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ures, which projected a civilian labor force of 14,388 people, of which 13,855 were employed. The remaining 533 people who were seeking jobs, make up a 3.7 percent unemployment rate.

"The Workforce Network office continues to see a steady stream of both applicants and job orders coming in," said Belew. "Job seekers are encouraged to visit the office to receive job leads, job search assistance and career testing and assessments.

"At this time, we are enrolling new customers in the Workforce Investment Act training programs. Dislocated workers and the economically disadvantaged may apply for training assistance to attend occupationally in-demand training programs," she said.

At 3.7 percent, Howard County's unemployment rate is well below most of the Permian Basin, and, in fact, the state and nation. According to Texas Workforce Commission statistics for May, unemployment is at 5.8 percent statewide and 5.5 percent across the United States.

The rate averages 5.3 percent in the Permian Basin. It is 6.3 percent for Ector County, 5.5 percent for Dawson County, 5.3 percent for Andrews County, 4.3 percent for Midland County, 4.2 percent for Martin County and 1.9 percent in Glasscock County.

Compound may help brain recover from stroke, lab study suggests

WASHINGTON (AP) — Injections of a naturally occurring compound can prompt the growth of new nerve fibers and restore some functions lost after a stroke, according to researchers who have tested the chemical on rats.

Researchers in Boston found that injections of inosine, a natural chemical, caused the undamaged side of the brain to develop new nerve circuits that helped to restore function in rats who lost the ability to control their legs after induced strokes.

The study appears this week in the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences.

"Inosine stimulates the damaged nerve cells to form new connections that partially take the place of the ones lost in the stroke," said Larry Benowitz, a researcher at Boston's Children's Hospital and an associate professor of neurology at Harvard Medical

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School. In effect, said Benowitz, inosine causes the brain to at least partially "rewire" itself to compensate for the loss of function caused by the stroke.

The most common form of stroke occurs when a blood vessel is blocked, shutting down blood flow to brain tissue. Brain cells die, leading to a loss of the function that those cells once controlled. Stroke patients commonly lose control of limbs, speech or other body functions. A massive stroke can kill.

Stroke strikes about 750,000 Americans annually and is the third leading cause of death, claiming about 160,000 lives annually. Rehabilitation and treatment for survivors costs about \$30 billion a year.

Benowitz said that inosine may work by boosting a feeble tendency by the brain to repair the damage of a stroke.

"After a stroke, humans do show some recovery," he said. "There is a hint in the literature that there is some compensatory growth in the intact part of the brain that allows (some recovery). We think that inosine is amplifying that type of growth."

In the study, the researchers induced strokes in a group of laboratory rats by cutting blood flow to specific areas of the brain. The researchers then put the animals through tests that determined how well they could control the movement of their paws. The tests involved paw placement, reaching and grasping and leg movements during swimming.

The researchers then injected about half the rats with inosine and retested the animals. Benowitz said that after 19 days, the treated rats were nearly normal in paw placement, while only about half of the untreated animals recovered some function.

Boston Life Sciences, a biotechnology company, partially financed the study and holds the development rights to inosine. Benowitz said he is a paid consultant of the company and has some stock interest in the firm.

BRIEFS

BIG SPRING AND SURROUNDING counties are in critical need of foster families. Foster parents are the caretakers of the children in the community who have been abused and neglected.

For more information on becoming foster/adoptive families call Children's Protective Services office at 263-9669 or 1-800-233-3405.

ARE YOU PREGNANT? DO you have a baby? WIC serves pregnant and breast-feeding women and children younger than 5.

To see if you or your child qualifies for free food, nutritional counseling and

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medical screening, contact your nearest WIC clinic or call 263-9777.

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY of Howard County are requesting donations of books in good condition for their book sale in September. Donations can be taken to the Howard County Library Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Friends of the Library is a non-profit organization which provides supplemental support for the Howard County Library, outside of the budget furnished by Howard County.

FORSAN EX-STUDENTS ASSOCIATION IS attempting to get 911 addresses on former Forsan students.

Please call Boyce Hale at 2267-6957 to receive a newsletter.

THE MOBILE MEALS PROGRAM, which delivers to the elderly and homebound, needs volunteers to deliver meals.

If you can spare one hour per week to deliver eight or 10 meals, we need you.

About 85 to 90 meals are prepared, packaged and delivered within the city limits of Big Spring. If you can volunteer, please call 263-4016 before 3 p.m.

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Europacific	25.43 - 05
Prime Rate	4.75 %
Gold	320.5 - 322.75
Silver	4.78 - 4.85

POLICE

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity from 8 a.m. Monday until 8 a.m. today:

• ALFRED LYNN

EVANS, 46, of Ballinger was arrested on a Hockley County warrant.

• DEADLY CONDUCT — DISCHARGE OF A FIRE-ARM AT AN INDIVIDUAL was reported in the 800 block of Creighton Street.

• ASSAULT CLASS C was reported in the 1600 block of Virginia Avenue.

• ASSAULT BY THREAT was reported in the 300 block of West Seventh Street and in the 200 block of West Fourth Street.

• DISTURBANCE OR FIGHT was reported in the 2500 block of Hunter Circle, the 1600 block of Sycamore Street and the 1400 block of Sycamore Street.

• CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported:

- In the 700 block of N.W. Seventh Street. A black 2001 Pontiac reportedly received \$49 damage.

- In the 1600 block of South Lancaster Street. A green 1991 Chevy Lumina reportedly sustained \$265 damage in the incident.

• THEFT was reported in the 700 block of South Bell Street. A pizza worth \$16.99 was reported stolen.

• BURGLARY OF A HABITATION was reported in the 1700 block of Jennings Street. Someone reportedly entered the home through an unlocked front door and stole a microwave oven worth \$100.

• BURGLARY OF A BUILDING was reported in the 600 block of North Benton Street. Someone reportedly inflicted \$150 on three metal doors at the building before stealing \$2,500 cash and \$50 in checks.

• FORGERY and CREDIT OR DEBIT CARD ABUSE were reported in the 900 block of South Main Street.

FIRE/EMS

The following is a summary of EMS and Fire Department activity:

MONDAY

10:30 a.m. — 1800 block of North Hwy 87, medical call, one patient transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

11:44 a.m. — 1200 block of Pennsylvania, trauma call, service refused.

1:14 p.m. — 2000 block of Gregg, trauma call, service refused.

3:07 p.m. — 300 block of East Third, medical call, service refused.

9:44 p.m. — 1300 block of Utah, medical call, one patient transported to SMMC.

10:36 p.m. — 400 block of Northeast 11th, medical call, one patient transported to SMMC.

7:11 p.m. — 1900 block of Simler, structure fire, extinguished.

MYERS & SMITH FUNERAL HOME & CHAPEL  
24th & Johnson 267-8288  
Vernon Johnson, 82, died Friday. Graveside services are 2:00 PM today at Mt. Olive Cemetery.

NALLEY-PICKLE & WELCH Funeral Home  
Trinity Memorial Park and Crematory  
906 Gregg St. (915) 267-6331

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Bus crashes into concrete pillar

DALLAS (AP) — Young survivors of a deadly bus crash were among those who gathered at a Garland church to sing, pray, and mourn for the five lives cut short on the way to a Louisiana church camp.

Hundreds gathered at Metro Church Monday evening, after a swerving bus carrying more than 40 children and adult chaperons slammed into a concrete pillar off Interstate 20 that morning, killing four youths and the driver and injuring at least 36.

"You can see that there's healing," said Bob Mulima, the church's associate pastor of evangelism. "We have other days to go. The whole week is going to be a time of grieving, but I think we're holding on well right now."

Church officials planned to have counselors at the church today, he said. At Louisiana Tech, where the bus was destined, victims were remembered as the camp got under way.

Authorities said they hadn't determined what caused the bus to veer off the highway and smash into a concrete pillar. But since there were no skid marks, they were investigating the possibility that the driver fell asleep.

An autopsy was scheduled for the driver, 51-year-old Ernest Sheldon Carter

of Dallas, who had a criminal record for theft and escaping custody, Dallas County court records show.

The youths killed in the crash east of Terrell, about 30 miles east of Dallas, were Michelle Chaney, 14, of Garland, Michael Freeman, 12, of Wylie, Lindsay Kimmons, 16, of Rowlett and Amanda Maxwell, 13, of Plano, said Department of Public Safety spokesman Tom Vinger.

The injured were taken to several hospitals in Dallas, two in Tyler, and hospitals in Terrell and Kaufman. Fifteen went to Medical Center at Terrell, none with life-threatening injuries.

Airman accused of mailing bomb

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — A sergeant recalled peering inside a package that was delivered to her desk at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio.

She said when she peered into the package she saw coins, metal objects, a canister and some wires. Then there was an explosion.

First Sgt. Janet McWilliams testified Monday on the first day of the federal trial of a discharged airman accused of mailing the bomb to his former sergeant.

McWilliams lost her left hand and three fingers from her right hand in the blast.

Accused of mailing the

bomb is Brandon L. Waters, 30, a former airman in the 344th training squadron.

After an instructor complained about Walters, McWilliams recommended that the airman be examined at Wilford Hall Medical Center. There, he was diagnosed with a personality disorder, a condition characterized by grandiose behavior and lack of empathy. The Air Force then discharged Walters.

He faces up to life in prison if convicted of charges.

Man faces jail, maybe deportation

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — A man accused of harassing the woman who shot and killed Tejano singer Selena has been sentenced to 90 days in jail and faces possible deportation.

Andres Guijarro thought he was appearing in court Monday in San Antonio to face misdemeanor charges for allegedly harassing the family of Yolanda Saldivar, who is serving a life prison sentence for killing Selena Quintanilla Perez.

But when he entered the courtroom for what he expected would be a routine appearance, two armed agents from the Immigration and Naturalization Service handcuffed and detained him, alleging he has been in the United States illegally.



HERALD photo/Roger Cline  
Lois Thomas of Big Spring and Luther Pete White of Malta, Idaho, joined with about 160 of their relatives Saturday at Comanche Trail Park's Old Settler's Pavilion for the Cunningham-Fort-White Reunion. The clan, spread from Tennessee to California, hadn't held a reunion since 1992.

Schools will not get ratings next year

AUSTIN (AP) — Texas public schools will not be rated next year because the state wants time to adjust to a new, harder accountability system that includes a tougher standardized exam, Education Commissioner Felipe Alanis said Monday.

Instead, the school districts will get the same ratings they earned this year as the state develops the rest of the accountability system that will be fully implemented in 2004, Alanis said after speaking to a group of school administrators.

When asked if it was fair to use the test to decide the academic fate of students and not rate schools, Alanis said, "I think everybody is held accountable." Individual campuses will get an evaluation report next year with test results that will include student results, he said.



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## OUR VIEWS

# Bail someone out of jail for a good cause

It's time to go a little bail. These "jailbirds" aren't guilty of any crimes, though. No, they are guilty only of wanting to help sufferers of a disabling disease — muscular dystrophy.

The annual MDA lockup takes place Wednesday at the Big Spring Mall. According to the Muscular Dystrophy Association, about 240 or so local volunteers will be "jailed" until they can be bailed out. That's where you come in.

Your donation not only gets someone out of the lockup, but it works for MDA in a 19-county area that includes Howard County. According to the association, there are some 300 families within that region who receive help. Your dollars go toward making life better for them, to help educate others about the disease and to help find a cure.

We hope you'll respond if that phone call comes asking you to "go the bail" for them. Or just drop by the mall and donate. You'll be glad you did.

Last year, Big Spring raised \$13,530 to fight muscular dystrophy. That's pretty impressive. Let's see if we can do just a little better this time.

## OTHER VIEWS

... In many ways, Smokey Bear is just wrong.

Not the part about "only you can prevent forest fires." That's right.

... Smokey misleads by portraying forest fires as something to be feared and prevented at all costs. That suppression philosophy, prevalent from the 1940s to 1990s, literally fuels the fires that devastate U.S. forests summer after summer.

Periodic small fires rejuvenate forests by clearing debris, enriching soils, and curbing insect infestations. They're nature's equivalent to cleaning out a messy closet. ...

Humans must now do what nature used to do:

Sweep the forest floor.

"Prescribed fires," in which limited areas are burned preventively, make the most sense. ...

Another option should be "thinning," removing brush and small trees that act as ladders that spread fire. ...

Homeowners and developers need better education on fire-resistant building materials and landscaping near forests. And communities should consider restrictive zoning to create defensible buffers.

Taking sensible steps can reverse the cycle of catastrophic forest fires and restore the ecosystem that Smokey so wants to protect.

THE PHILADELPHIA INQUIRER

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# There go your tax dollars again

President George Bush recently did a photo opportunity in which he announced the United States would contribute \$500 million to fight AIDS in undeveloped countries.

Another example this is of phony philanthropy. The \$500 million isn't Mr. Bush's money, it's the American people's money, and did he ask the American people if that is how they want to spend their own money? Of course not.

Aside from the fact that 32 million Americans are living below the government's poverty level, aside from the fact that there is nothing whatsoever in the Constitution authorizing the federal government to give the people's money away to foreigners, Mr. Bush counts on the American people to be so mush-headed that they will

say, "Oh, isn't he compassionate?"

No. Bill Gates and Ted Turner are compassionate. They give away their own money. Politicians who give away our money without our permission and in defiance of the Constitution are not being compassionate. They're being phony-baloney, image-conscious, substance-lacking office seekers.

The money the government so easily confiscates in taxes and so easily spends by the trillion is not so easily earned by the American people. You would think the politicians in Washington would have some respect for the working men and women whose sweat and labor provides those tax dollars. You would think they would respect the risk and the stress entrepreneurs have to endure to make money Congress will take in the form of taxes.

The word that has passed out of the English language, at least in America, is "frugal." The very idea that government at all levels should be frugal is an anathema to the modern politician. They like to

spend lavishly, whether it's on a county courthouse or some foreign-aid program. They especially like to spend lavishly on their own salaries, perks and pensions.

Well, sooner or later, all of this lavish living and lavish spending is going to come to a crashing halt. When debt, public and private, is measured in the trillions — meaning that trillions of dollars of future income have already been spent — then common sense tells you a bad day of reckoning is coming. I don't see how people, corporations and the government are going to earn the trillions necessary to pay for past consumption and fund future needs.

It hasn't been that long since Congressmen made about \$40,000 a year and took the summer off because their offices in Washington weren't air-conditioned. One of my old colleagues always enjoyed telling the true story of a Kansas farmer who was elected to Congress. On his first trip home, my friend asked him how he liked being a Congressman. "Why, Don," he said. "It's

the greatest job in the world. It pays \$40,000 in salary alone." Now, of course, it pays more than \$130,000 in salary alone, plus perks that would have made that old Kansas farmer think he was the king of Saudi Arabia.

Harry Truman was the last president in the American tradition. When his term ended, he and his wife rode in a cab to the train station, where they bought, with their own money, tickets to take them home to Missouri.

Truman had gotten the usual offers of being on this board or that board, but he turned them all down. He said the corporations didn't want him, they wanted presidency, and that belonged to the people and was not for sale.

Contrast that attitude with these recent bums who cost us as much money after they leave office as they did when they were in.

What I think of politicians, with rare exceptions, cannot be said in a family newspaper.

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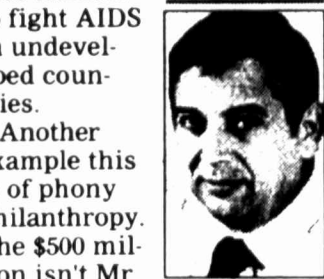
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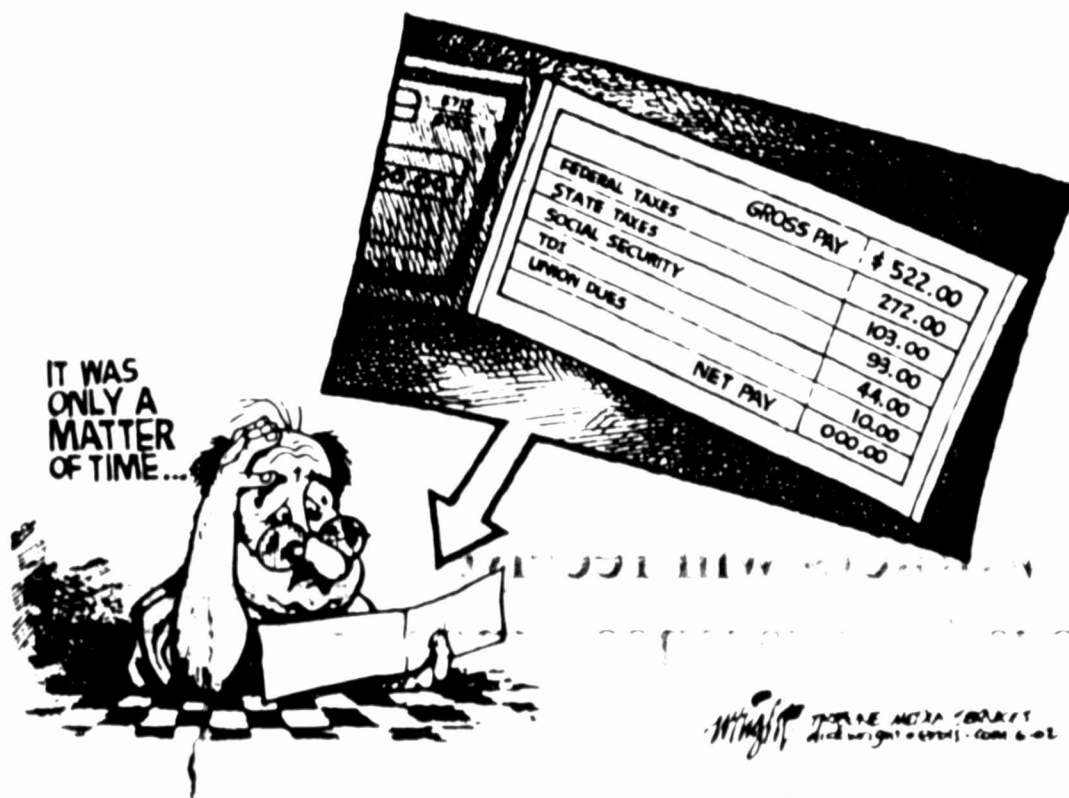
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# When and where will Israel strike back?

Israel's population is approximately 5.8 million people.

Approximately 8 million people live in New York City and 3 million live in the Washington, D.C., metropolitan area. These statistics place in perspective the magnitude of the near-daily onslaught being waged by terrorists against Israel. It allows us to ask what we would do if New York or Washington were enduring the same situation.

This has nothing to do with the claims of Palestinians who seek nationhood or basic human rights. This only has to do with terrorism.

America has declared a war on terrorism, a war that Israel has been fighting for decades. And the only unusual aspect of Israel's fight has been its

patience. It is a patience America did not show, and should not have shown, when Al Qaeda terrorists attacked on Sept. 11. America struck back. America struck at the source, Afghanistan, where the Taliban regime shielded and encouraged the terrorists.

But Israel has not gone to the sources of its problem — yet. Iraq's Saddam Hussein pays \$25,000 to the family of each suicide bomber. Syria is host to numerous terrorist organizations, including Hamas, which claims responsibility for several of the recent attacks. Iran hosts the anti-Israeli terrorist organization Hezbollah. Southern Lebanon is a haven for terrorists and a marshalling area for their attacks. And terrorist money trails often lead to Saudi Arabia. Ever duplicitous, the Saudi royal family straddles the fence, claiming friendship for America, while it turns a blind eye to the terrorist funding that flows across its borders.

New York and Washington would not survive such attacks. The pop-

ulation would flee. Similarly, Israel cannot survive. The attacks — most of which are against Israeli civilians — cannot be allowed to continue. Economic disruption will ensue, and the population will decline. Under the circumstances, Israel can either make concessions that will lead to more concessions or it can fight back.

America made no concessions after Sept. 11. Yet President Bush has made concessions for Israel, announcing the possibility of an interim Palestinian state. While the creation of such a state may be reasonable, the timing of the announcement is not.

This brings us back to the question about what America would do if suicide bombers were regularly striking New York or Washington. If our reaction to Sept. 11 is a guide, it is reasonable to assume that ultimatums would be issued to those governments engaged in the shielding and financing of terrorists. When those ultimatums were rejected, military action would follow. Can Israel behave different-

ly?

The terrorists are brazen. They often acknowledge their actions and operate at will under the protection of host nations, just as Al Qaeda terrorists did in Afghanistan. America and its allies ousted Afghanistan's Taliban, and it is reasonable to assume that Israel is on the verge of doing likewise against its tormenting neighbors, beginning with Syria.

The alternative of rounding up the usual suspects in various raids on Palestinian cities and camps cannot work. The alternative of building a wall will help, but not be decisive. The alternative of seizing Palestinian-held land smacks of ethnic cleansing. This last alternative is what America did to Native Americans, what the English did to the Highland Scots and what the Serbians did to ethnic Muslims. It works, but it isn't right.

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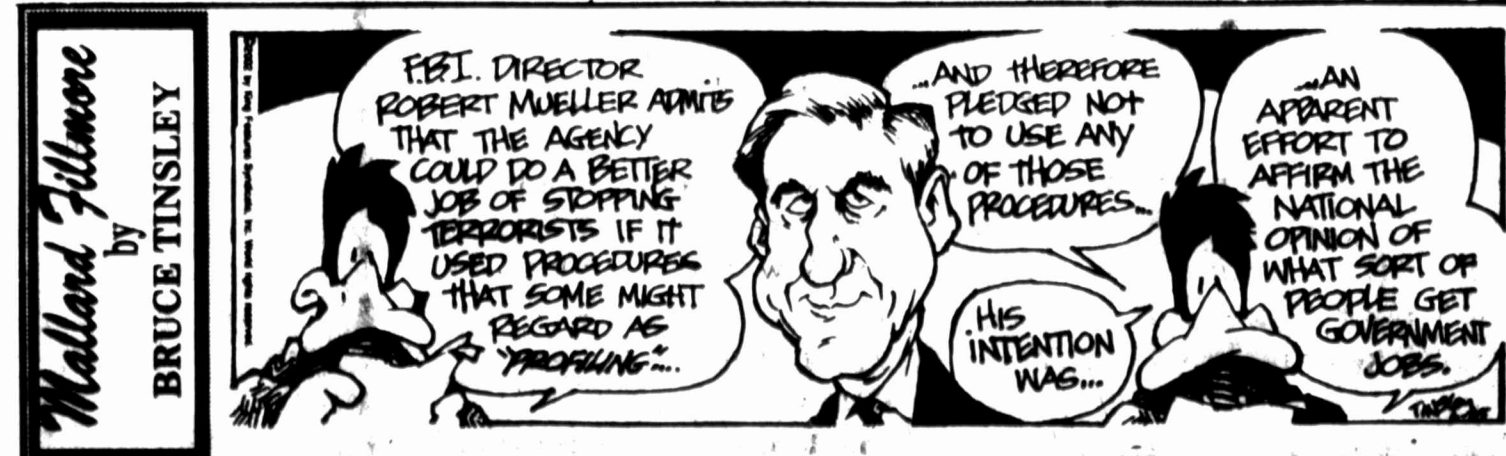
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JACK ANDERSON



# States

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# States scrambling to determine effect of Supreme Court ruling

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. (AP) — A Supreme Court decision that juries, rather than judges, must decide whether defendants should be sentenced to death has officials in nine states scrambling to determine the future of their sentencing laws — and of their death row inmates.

The 7-2 ruling Monday overturns death penalty laws in five states, calling into question whether 168 death row inmates in those states will be put to death. The ruling could also affect some or all death sentences in four other states, including Florida, where 370 inmates await execution.

"These cases have 20 years of appeals, and all of a sudden, after this practice has been in place for years, they decide the world is different," Nebraska Gov. Mike Johanns said. Nebraska had its death penalty law thrown out, and its lawyers were trying to determine the consequences for its seven condemned inmates.

The high court's decision applies in Arizona, Idaho and Montana, where a judge decides the sentence, and in Colorado and Nebraska, where a panel of judges makes the decision.

It was not immediately clear what will happen to the death row inmates in those states.

Some lawyers said the inmates' sentences could be commuted to life in prison, as was done when the Supreme Court put a temporary halt to the death penalty in the 1970s. Or they predicted the inmates could be resentenced by juries, with some possibly being condemned to death again. Some officials, however, argued that the ruling is not retroactive and does not automatically apply to all death row inmates in their states.

The reaction to the case among prosecutors and defense attorneys in Idaho offers some sign of how the ruling may be up for interpretation.

The state Attorney General's

Office says only six of the 22 people on death row come close to qualifying for the ruling. And Deputy Attorney General Michael Henderson said many of the six won't win appeals based on the Supreme Court decision because they were found guilty of aggravating factors when convicted.

Public defenders say the ruling may lead all the death sentences in the state to be overturned.

In Colorado, where death sentences are imposed by three-judge panels, officials were reviewing the cases of three death row inmates. Peter Weir, executive director of the Colorado District Attorney's Council, said it may take weeks to sort out the impact of the ruling.

The three men sentenced to death could end up with life sentences, he said.

"We're not conceding that at this point. These three involved very heinous crimes," Weir said.

In Montana, Attorney General

Mike McGrath said the decision won't apply to the six inmates on death row in his state because they have exhausted all their appeals.

"As I read this opinion, it applies only to cases pending now," he said. "The court did not make this ruling retroactive and, therefore, it applies to only pending or future cases."

Michael Donahoe and Ed Sheehy, two Montana defense attorneys experienced in handling death penalty cases, said some of the six may be able to convince judges that the decision should be applied to their cases.

"It will take other courts to decide if ruling can apply to any inmates," said Sheehy, a lawyer in Helena.

It also remained unclear whether the ruling will have a spillover effect in four other states where juries recommend whether a defendant should receive the death penalty, but judges make

the final decision: Florida, Alabama, Indiana, and Delaware.

Defense attorneys in Florida say the decision could cause all 370 condemned inmates in the state to have their sentences overturned.

"It's definitely a victory for justice and a victory for people concerned about fairness," said Abe Bonowitz, director of Floridians for Alternatives to the Death Penalty. "There is no question that some of these people have done awful things, but you don't have to kill them."

Prosecutors and some legislators said only nine cases would be affected — cases in which a judge sentenced an inmate to death after the jury recommended life in prison.

In some states juries determine guilt or innocence, but a judge then bases a death sentence on aggravating factors such as the heinous nature of a murder or whether it was committed for monetary gain.

# Bush looks to Arabs to help him reform Palestinian Authority

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush is looking for support from Arab leaders in his unprecedented campaign to remove Yasser Arafat and overhaul the Palestinian Authority.

The incentive, Bush made clear in a historic speech Monday, is propelling the Palestinian people to "a life of hope for your children" in a state committed to democracy and the rule of law.

That state, Bush said hopefully, could stand alongside Israel in three years' time, with an open society and a thriving economy.

Bush is depending on soundings American diplomats have taken in the Arab world. Determined to see a Palestinian state and Israel driven off the West Bank and out of Gaza, Arab leaders are said to be quietly backing reform.

The Arabs appear to have a different agenda. Egypt

and Jordan, considered closest to the United States, are putting their emphasis, now at least, on urging the Bush administration to reverse the drive Israel has undertaken against Arafat and the Palestinians on the West Bank in response to recent suicide attacks.

This administration refuses to do. Again on Monday, State Department spokesman

Richard Boucher supported Israel's right to defend itself although he urged the Israeli government to consider the consequences of its actions. Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon pledged to widen his military offensive against Palestinian extremists to the Gaza Strip.

Both Arafat and Sharon welcomed the president's remarks, finding favorable elements.

Arafat said the speech represented "a serious effort to push the peace process for-

ward," while Sharon's office said "genuine reforms and a new leadership" could clear the way to a diplomatic settlement.

Former Senate Majority Leader George Mitchell, who headed the commission that developed the peace-making plan the administration has been following, suggested replacement of Arafat could backfire.

"There's a risk that someone from Hamas or Islamic Jihad could succeed Arafat, which would make it much, much worse than the current situation," Mitchell said on NBC's "Today."

Bush intends to lobby the European, Russian and Canadian leaders for support at a meeting this week in Canada.

The Europeans have called for Israel to give up all the land it captured in the 1967 Mideast war, but they pointedly also have stopped their public backing of Arafat.

The democracy Bush hopes to bring to the Palestinians is largely unknown in the Arab world, where only a handful of governments permit the kind of elections, constitution and legislature Bush is backing as preconditions of Palestinian statehood.

Bush is the first U.S. president to publicly call for a Palestinian state. And he did not retreat from that stand in his speech in the White House Rose Garden.

His prescription was tough medicine, beginning with a call on the Palestinians to remove Arafat from power.

"Peace requires a new and different Palestinian leadership so that a Palestinian state can be born," Bush said, without mentioning Arafat by name.

Bush left it to the Palestinians to remove Arafat. A senior Palestinian official agreed only Palestinians can choose their leadership.

And, he said, they have chosen Arafat.

"President Bush must respect the choice of the Palestinian people," Saeb Erekat, a senior Palestinian negotiator, said.

In his long-anticipated speech, the president said "reform must be more than cosmetic changes or a veiled

attempt to preserve the status quo" if the Palestinians are to fulfill their aspirations for a state alongside Israel.

Elections should be held by the end of the year for a legislature with normal authority and there also must be a constitution, Bush said.

## JASON P. MILLER

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# Laid-off Enron workers will receive \$29 million more in severance funds

NEW YORK (AP) — Workers laid off by Enron Corp. will get additional severance money after a bankruptcy judge ruled they were eligible for more money.

The 4,200 workers stand gain an additional \$29 million because of the ruling.

The former employees are eligible to receive even more, according to the terms of the ruling made Monday by Judge Arthur J. Gonzalez. Lawyers for the laid-off workers hope to recover tens of millions of dollars in bonuses that Enron paid to top employees to prevent them from leaving the crumbling energy company in the 90 days pre-

ceding its Chapter 11 bankruptcy filing.

The ruling comes after several months of negotiations between Houston-based Enron's lawyers and those representing the laid-off workers. The former employees originally had been seeking an additional \$68 million, or a maximum of \$30,000 per employee, while lawyers for Enron claimed the company's severance policy legally terminated on the day it filed for bankruptcy. Had the severance policy been paid in full to the 4,200 workers, lawyers estimate it would have amounted to nearly \$150 million. The final hearing is scheduled for Aug. 12.

The severance agreement is voluntary and give former employees the option of opting out and suing the company on their own.

A lawyer for the former employees discouraged them from opting out. "There's a substantial amount of money here," said Lowell Peterson, who was involved in the negotiations.

The former workers have already received severance payments totaling \$29 million, or \$5,678 each. Under the terms of Monday's agreement, they will be paid up to \$13,500 each, depending on their salary, years of employment and other factors.

# Firefighters work through the night

SHOW LOW, Ariz. (AP) — In a sign of progress against one of the worst wildfires ever to burn in the West, firefighters took advantage of calmer, cooler weather to slow the blaze as it crept within a half-mile of this mountain town.

The improved weather on Monday allowed fire crews to strengthen and complete two fire lines, then burn the area between them to create a blackened buffer zone to protect Show Low, a town of 7,700 in eastern Arizona.

"We're back to fighting this fire," fire spokesman Jim Paxon said. "It's been beating us up for a week,

and we're back to fighting this monster."

The 330,000-acre fire, the largest in the state's history, has destroyed at least 375 homes in the White Mountains. Embers fell as far away as three miles from the fire.

President Bush planned to view the fire from the air on Tuesday, then make a stop on Arizona soil to be briefed on the fire, visit firefighters and meet with evacuees.

Although no more homes were lost, the number confirmed destroyed was revised upward from 329 based on a house-by-house count. Hundreds of fire-

fighters were heading to the scene, with the total force expected to reach 5,000 to 6,000.

"A lot of things happened today and none of them were bad," Paxon said. "This is the first day in five that we didn't lose any structures."

Frustration and impatience was growing among the 30,000 evacuees, many of whom have spent days in shelters without any word about their homes. Navajo County planned to set up a telephone number residents could call to find out whether their homes were still standing.



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### IN BRIEF

#### Down & Dirty touney scheduled for June 28

The Down and Dirty Softball Tournament is scheduled to take place June 28-30 at Tommy Walker Field in Stanton. The top three teams will receive awards. The top three individuals will get T-shirts. In addition, an MVP and Gold Glove will be named as will an all-tourney team.

The tournament will be played under USSSA rules using .47 core balls. A three home run rule will be used.

The entry fee for the event is \$115 per team. Deadline to enter is 7 p.m. Thursday.

For more information, call Michael Paul Martinez at 756-2603 or Raul Ochoa at 889-6994.

#### Local seniors sought for all-star game

The promoters of the 2002 All Americas basketball game are looking to add a few Crossroads area athletes to the roster. High school seniors that graduated in May from Big Spring, Klondike, Sands or Grady that would like to participate should contact Tommy Wells at (915) 816-6336 or 263-7331.

#### Ragball touney is set for July 5-6

Booths are available for the 10th Annual Ragball Tournament, sponsored by the Coahoma United Girls Softball Association.

For more information call Laura Martin at 267-8660, Candy Parrish at 394-4034 or Neasa Iden at 399-4443.

#### Wynn benefit scramble set July 13

A four-man scramble with proceeds to benefit the Matt Wynn family of Coahoma will be held July 13 at Comanche Trails Golf Course. Entry fees are set at \$200 per team.

A 2002 Ford supercab pickup will be presented for a hole-in-one.

For more information, call Denise Coates at 393-5584.

#### USSSA qualifier slated for Midland

The Permian Basin USSSA will be hosting the A-1 Last Chance Qualifier Softball Tournament at the Bill Williams Complex in Midland on July 13-14.

USSSA registration is required. To enter call (915) 699-5559.

#### Caprock league to hold open touney

The Caprock Summer League will be holding its first Men's Open Basketball Tournament on June 28 through June 30 at Monterey High School in Lubbock.

The tournament, which will be played under a 3-game minimum format, is open to all high school graduates. Entry fee is \$175 per team.

For more information contact Karen Moeller at (806) 793-6836 or Jerry Avery at (806) 795-8719.

#### Youth International camp set for June 28

Youth International will be tip-off its Summer Basketball tournament on June 28 at Monterey and Coronado high schools in Lubbock. The event is divided into seven age groups and limited to the first eight teams to enter each division.

Fee is \$175 per team. For more information contact Karen Moeller at (806) 793-6836 or Jerry Avery at (806) 795-8719.



Big Spring's Chris Brooks takes a shot at a disc golf "hole" while practicing at Birdwell Park recently. Brooks, the son of Greg and Lisa Brooks, is the defending world junior champion in disc golf. He is scheduled to defend his title next month in Miami.

## Big Spring youth looking to repeat as world champion

### Brother tandem sweep recent New Mexico state tournament

By TOMMY WELLS

Sports Editor

Country music star Shania Twain may be more popular, but she'd be hard pressed to have as many hits as Chris Brooks last year in Nashville.

Brooks, you see, hit on almost everything he threw up en route to walking away from the World Disc Golf Championships last July with the world junior title. He rallied from a one-stroke deficit in the final round to force a sudden death playoff with Shane Lynch of Newport News, VA.

"It was amazing to watch them," said his father, Greg Brooks. "At the end of every round they were either tied or Chris was ahead. Then in the third round, he (Lynch) came back to tie it."

Disc golf is similar to traditional golf with the exception that the golfer throws a frisbee-shaped disc at a "hole" — a chain-encircled platform located roughly three feet above the ground. Score is kept in the same manner as the regular golf game.

Brooks will the chance to defend his junior crown next month at the 2002 world championships, which is sponsored by the Professional Disc Golfers Association. The world meet is scheduled for July 22-29 in Miami.

The World Championships were the farthest thing from Brooks' mind last week, however. He was more interested in making sure the family could enjoy a double dose of gold on the slopes.

The 11-year-old phenom joined his older brother, David, in winning the 2002 New Mexico state amateur championship, which were played on the ski slopes at Sipapu, New Mexico. The course was played at an elevation of 8,200 feet above sea level.

For David, a world-class disc golfer who has competes in the world championships in each of the past few years, the win at Sipapu marked the second straight year in which he had won the New Mexico crown.

The New Mexico title was a landmark for the youngest son of Greg and Lisa Brooks. It marked the first time he has held three titles at one. Earlier this year, he added the Texas Junior Disc Golfing honors to his resume.

Despite being just 11 years of age, Brooks' rise



Brothers David (left) and Chris Brooks brought home the New Mexico state disc golf titles recently. For David, the win marked the second straight year he had won the NM crown.

to the top of the disc golfing ranks has taken several years of hard work and dedication. He took to the sport at the ripe young age of 18 months of age and earned his first invitation to the world championships at the age of eight.

Now, nearly 10 years after starting, the Goliad Elementary sixth grader is

ranked among the best in the world in the 16 & Under division.

Only one Brooks will be competing this July in Miami. David, now 16, has decided to sit out this year's tournament, but indicated he would return next summer to compete in the new 16-19 division.

Herald sports editor Tommy Wells can be reached at (915) 263-7331.

## Garrido first to win national title with two teams

OMAHA, Neb. (AP) — Texas knew what it wanted when it went after Augie Garrido.

The Longhorns hadn't won a College World Series title in 13 years and were intent on ending the drought. Garrido had won three national titles with Cal State Fullerton.

On Saturday, everything came together. Texas captured its fifth title by beating South Carolina 12-6.

"The mark for coaching this team is coming to the College World Series," Garrido said. "That's where

it starts. And the real mark is when you win it."

Garrido is the only coach to win the CWS with two schools. He won national championships with the Titans in 1979, '84 and '95, and has the third most CWS titles. Only Southern California's Rod Dedeaux (10) and Skip Bertman of LSU (5) have won more.

Garrido came to Texas

Year	Team
1979	Cal State Fullerton
1984	Cal State Fullerton
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1995	Texas

after the 1996 season to replace Cliff Gustafson, who had more wins (1,427) than any other Division I coach.

Garrido has 1,379 career victories in his 34 seasons, second only to Gustafson.

Garrido took the Longhorns to the CWS in 2000 and went 0-2. Texas returned to the CWS this year as one of the favorites.

The orange-clad fans finally got their first chance to sing "The Eyes of Texas" in celebration since Texas' 1983 national title.

Garrido was not the only Longhorn to reach a milestone. One of his 18-year-old freshman, reliever Huston Street, became the first player to save four games in a CWS and was voted Most Outstanding Player. Only three other freshman have received the honor.

The son of former Texas football and baseball player

### WIMBLEDON '02

## Agassi, Capriati advance

WIMBLEDON, England (AP) — Andre Agassi opened play on Centre Court at Wimbledon by overwhelming Israel's Harel Levy in straight sets Monday as the championships got underway without a rain cloud in sight.

Serena Williams and Jennifer Capriati also advanced to the second round without dropping a set. And seven-time champion Pete Sampras, who had been questionable with a rib strain, came out to play his first-round match.

With 2001 champion Goran Ivanisevic absent following shoulder surgery, Agassi was given the honor of playing the first match on Centre Court — and he didn't waste any time in underlining his title credentials.

The third-seeded American, who won Wimbledon in 1992, took 1 hour, 29 minutes to beat Levy 6-0, 6-4, 6-4.

Playing his first grass-court match of the year, Agassi ripped through the opening set in just 18 minutes.

Agassi, who is known more for his returns than his serves, had a surprising 16 aces and 10 service winners. Playing mostly from the baseline, he had 46 winners and 17 unforced errors.

Williams followed Agassi on Centre Court and needed only 42 minutes to dispose of 103rd-ranked Evie Dominikovic of Australia 6-1, 6-1.

Serena's sister, top-seeded and two-time defending champion Venus, plays her first-round match Tuesday against British wild card Jane O'Donoghue.

Capriati, meanwhile, opened her bid for a first Wimbledon title with a comfortable 6-1, 6-4 win over Janette Husarova.

The third-seeded American, who has won the Australian Open twice and French Open once, played unspectacular tennis but did just enough to get past the 41st-ranked Slovakian in the opening match on Court 1.

## Gee fifth at Snyder golf tournament

Big Spring standout Rachel Gee continued to tear up the West Texas golf circuit this past weekend, racing to fifth at the North Texas Junior Professional Golf Association's Snyder Invitational.

Gee, who tipped off a busy two days of activity yesterday in Colorado City, carded an 88 on the Snyder Country Club course and finished just four shots off the lead.

The Big Spring High School sophomore teed off a busy two-day golfing spree Monday by playing in the Colorado City tournament. Following her appearance in the West Texas Junior PGA event, she is scheduled to return home to compete in a tournament today at Comanche Trails Golf Course.

## BS youth rodeo begins Thursday

The annual Big Spring Youth Rodeo is slated to get under way Thursday evening in the Howard County Rodeo Bowl. The rodeo is scheduled to run through June 29.

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Rangers post sweep of Angels in twinbill

ARLINGTON (AP) — The Rangers face a long, hard climb to rejoin the AL West race. But, finally, they are showing signs of life.

Dave Burba allowed one run in 6 2-3 innings and Alex Rodriguez hit his 22nd homer Monday night as Texas completed a doubleheader sweep by beating the Anaheim Angels 3-2. The Rangers won their season-high seventh straight game.

"We're playing with good energy now," Rodriguez said. "Our starting pitching is setting the tone."

In the opener, rookie Joaquin Benoit pitched five innings to lead Texas to an 8-5 win before being sent back to the minors for the third time this season.

Burba (4-4) had lost his previous four decisions and hadn't won since May 11 amid speculation he was in danger of being dropped from the rotation.

Burba gave up eight hits but didn't allow a run until Bengie Molina's RBI double in the seventh. Jay Powell came on and struck out pinch-hitter Scott Spiezo with runners on first and third to preserve the Rangers' 3-1 lead.

"It's been a long time since I won a game," Burba said. "There's nothing in the world that can compare with winning a big league game."

Orel Hershiser, hired as the pitching coach last weekend after the firing of Oscar Acosta, made several trips to the mound during the doubleheader.

"I thought he was going to come out in pom-poms at one point," Burba said. "Orel kept encouraging me. It's great to get that positive feedback."

Garret Anderson's RBI groundout in the eighth off John Rucker pulled the Angels within 3-2, but Rucker struck out Tim Salmon with the tying run on third. Hideki Irabu got three outs for his 14th save.

Anaheim had beaten Texas in six of the first eight meetings this season. The Angels wasted a chance to gain ground on Seattle in the AL West.

"Anyone you drop a twin bill, it's a bad night," Angels manager Mike Scioscia said. "But we'll bounce back."

Benoit kept the Rangers in the first game before he was optioned to Triple-A Oklahoma as Texas called up right-hander Aaron Myette to add bullpen depth.

Rafael Palmeiro and Herbert Perry drove in two runs apiece in the opener and Rodriguez scored four runs.

Palmeiro had two hits and the go-ahead sacrifice fly in the fifth, and Perry went 3-for-5 as the Rangers snapped Anaheim's four-game winning streak. Darin Erstad homered twice for the Angels.

Benoit (2-0), called up from the minors before the game, trailed 3-0 after two innings in his second big league start before settling down. He allowed two earned runs and five hits over five innings.

Texas' bullpen allowed two runs and two hits over the final four innings. Francisco Cordero recorded the first out in the ninth on a grounder to first baseman Mike Lamb, with Cordero covering first. Cordero was lifted with a shoulder strain after throwing one pitch to the next batter.

The Rangers said Cordero, their most recent in a series of closers, is day to day.

Irabu, who got the last two outs, allowed Erstad's second homer of the game. He has six homers this season.

The Angels scored twice in the second inning of the opener when Jorge Fabregas doubled and Erstad homered.

Texas reduced the deficit to 3-2 in the second on Michael Young's two-run single, then made it 3-3 in the third on Palmeiro's RBI single off Aaron Sele (6-5).

The Rangers knocked out Sele with two runs in the fifth. Palmeiro hit a sacrifice fly and Perry's RBI single made it 5-3.

Sele allowed five runs and nine hits over 4 1-3 innings.

In the second game, the Rangers got a first-inning solo homer from Rodriguez off rookie John Lackey.

Texas made it 3-0 in the fourth on Palmeiro's RBI groundout and Bill Haselman's RBI double.

Lackey (0-1) allowed three runs and six hits over seven innings.

"I wasn't that nervous," he said. "I felt comfortable but they're a great hitting team. I thought I pitched well."

SPORTS EXTRA

AMERICAN LEAGUE

Table with columns: East Division, West Division, Monday's Games, Today's Games. Lists teams, wins, losses, and percentages.

Simon, Anaheim, 23; Jones, Minnesota, 21; STRIBLES, Seattle, 6; Lofton, Chicago, 6; Kennedy, Anaheim, 5; Winn, Tampa Bay, 5; Damon, Boston, 5. 11 are tied with 4.

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NL LEADERS

BATING—Helton, Colorado, 353; Bonds, San Francisco, 349; L. Walker, Colorado, 342; Castillo, Florida, 335; Vidro, Montreal, 339; Lowell, Florida, 329; C. Jones, Atlanta, 329.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Table with columns: East Division, West Division, Monday's Games, Today's Games. Lists teams, wins, losses, and percentages.

STOLEN BASES—L. Castillo, Florida, 25; Pierre, Colorado, 24; A. Sanchez, Philadelphia, 19; D. Roberts, Los Angeles, 18; P. Wilson, Florida, 17; Owens, Florida, 17; V. Guerrero, Montreal, 16.

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL Major League Baseball MLB—Suspended Boston Red Sox RHP Frank Castillo five games and fined him an undisclosed amount for making contact with his base umpire Bill Welke during a June 19 game against the San Diego Padres.

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Table with columns: Eastern Conference, Western Conference, Monday's Games, Today's Games. Lists teams, wins, losses, and percentages.

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AMERICAN CONFERENCE Central Division: Chicago 6, 4,600, 537, 473; Grand Rapids 6, 4,600, 547, 542; Indiana 4, 6,400, 465, 452; Detroit 1, 9,100, 338, 505. Western Division: San Jose Bay 10, 01,000, 658, 478; Arizona 7, 7,700, 496, 439; Dallas 6, 4,600, 547, 541; Los Angeles 6, 4,600, 528, 501.

RODEO LEADERS Through June 23 All Around: 1. Forst, Steamwell, Pagosa Springs, Colo., \$97,637; 2. Athens, Texas, \$97,637; 3. Jesse Ball, Camp Creek, S.D., \$84,626; 4. Trevor Brazier, Anson, Texas, \$63,445; 5. Robert Bowers, Brooks, Alberta, \$40,108; 6. Chad Klein, Clinton, La., \$35,252; 7. Tee Woodman, Liano, Texas, \$33,986; 8. Brent Lewis, Pilon, N.M., \$33,173; 9. Kyle Hughes, Monte, Colo., \$32,885; 10. Cody De Mers, Boulder, Alberta, \$29,762; 11. Cody De Mers, Boulder, Alberta, \$29,762; 12. Herb Bert, Theriot, Poplarville, Miss., \$25,696; 13. Jason Evans, Huntsville, Texas, \$24,956; 14. Chad Lewis, Gillette, Wyo., \$18,340; 15. Daniel Johnston, Gustine, Texas, \$17,280; 20. B.J. Zeffie, Consort, Alberta, \$13,819.

STEER RIDING 1. Cody Hammyne, James, Athens, Texas, \$54,627; 2. Molly Powell, Sims, Mont., \$32,449; 3. Delores Toole, Manter, Kan., \$31,909; 4. Kay Blanford, Sutherland, Springs, Texas, \$30,797; 5. Tanny, Kay, Texas, \$30,201; 6. Tam Fontenot, Ethel, La., \$30,088; 7. Melanie White, Killeen, Texas, \$28,396; 8. Heather Henderson, Middleburg, Fla., \$25,273; 9. Rachel Sproul, Anson, Texas, \$25,094; 10. Amy Dale, Graham, Wash., \$23,214; 11. Danylee Campbell, Washington, \$21,971; 12. Kristie Peterson, Eubank, Colo., \$21,282; 13. Gloria Freeman, Galena, Ga., \$19,955; 14. Julie Leubert, Fugher, Ariz., \$18,819; 15. Janae Ward, Addington, Okla., \$17,780; 16. Kelly Cassidy, Bellville, Texas, \$17,247; 17. Cheryl Schriener, Nampa, Idaho, \$16,638; 18. Jana Riley, Paige, Texas, \$15,759; 19. Carol Barr, Cowley, Alberta, \$15,665; 20. Tona Wright, Moriarty, N.M., \$14,791.

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Doctors say Kile's condition is common and preventable

CHICAGO (AP) — The heart condition linked to the death of St. Louis Cardinals pitcher Darryl Kile is common and treatable, and should have been suspected, given his family history, doctors said.

An autopsy showed the 33-year-old pitcher had 80 percent to 90 percent narrowing of two of three main arteries to his heart.

While such extensive blockage in someone so young is unusual, the disease process that leads to it — atherosclerosis, or hardening of the arteries — is common and can begin as early as childhood, said Dr.

Robert Bonow, president of the American Heart Association.

Atherosclerosis contributes to nearly three-fourths of all U.S. deaths from cardiovascular disease, the nation's leading killer. Atherosclerosis kills more than 15,000 Americans each year.

While most Americans who die of heart disease are 65 or older, research shows that 80 percent of heart disease deaths in younger people occur during the first attack. In 50 percent of men who die suddenly of heart disease, there were no previous symptoms.

left field and have him hit in the No. 7 spot.

Carmichael, who sat out last season with a wrist injury and was 0-for-1 in his only CWS appearance, hit a three-run homer that put Texas up 7-2 in the fifth.

"It was just an intuition," Garrido said. "I knew he would play hard, that's the whole criteria for our team."

TEXAS

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James Street pitched 6 1-3 innings in his four appearances, allowing one run on two hits, struck out five and walked three.

Garrido's fourth title included one of his most memorable decisions. Shortly after batting practice he decided to start senior Chris Carmichael in

AL LEADERS

BATING—Suzuki, Seattle, 369; M. Swiney, Kansas City, 352; A. Soriano, New York, 323; K. Konerko, Chicago, 323; Damon, Boston, 322; H. Hillenbrand, Boston, 315; O. Lincecum, Seattle, 315.

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ARIES (March 21-April 19) \*\*\*\* Understand what motivates a boss, and you might be able to avoid a problem. Kowtow if need be, but understand just where you're going. Others prove to be far more responsive if they see you as a friend rather than someone challenging. Tonight: A midweek get-together.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) \*\*\*\* Detach from immediate reactions to the past few days and take an overview. Someone offers you a deal. You won't want to say no to an associate who means a lot to you. Accept responsibility for a final decision. It is how you say no that counts. Tonight: Go till the wee hours.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) \*\*\*\* Listen to an associ-

ate, and help this person sort out his or her options. You might not be exactly sure what is acceptable. Listen carefully to feedback that comes your way. Important news heads in late in the day. Prepare to work late, or at least be on the phone. Tonight: Do what you must.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) \*\*\*\* You finally feel justified, as others confirm a similar experience or perspective. Your positive attitude helps others understand where you have been coming from. Effective communication is a must. Schedule a late meeting. Tonight: Talk turkey.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) \*\*\*\* Get into work, clearing out paperwork. You will find that staying focused could take a lot of talent. Don't push limits with an associate. Be easygoing. Give that extra 100 percent with another. A secret you hear or that someone lets out should be kept mum. Tonight: Accept an invitation.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) \*\*\*\* A meeting proves to be strategic and/or lucky. Run with the ball once it's dropped in your lap. You have the wherewithal now to make what you want happen. A key individual in your life supports you and cheers you on. Tonight: Clear out your errands first.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) \*\*\*\* Deal with your family, but also make time for an important authority figure in your life. Your diplomatic talents are tested. You know what you want and where you're heading. Carefully consider your options with a child or loved one. Tonight: Make

time to enjoy a loved one. SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) \*\*\*\* How you see a variable situation could change because of news from a distance or, perhaps, because of some office gossip. You feel optimistic about a trip or vacation in the near future. Start talking about possibilities with someone you care about. Tonight: A relaxing night at home.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) \*\*\*\* Know what you want when discussing a ballpark figure for work. Another might be too extravagant. Be willing to discuss what is workable for you. Others might need some time to think through a decision. Give it to them. Tonight: Join a pal.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) \*\*\*\* Your personality draws others to you. You have many more options

than you might be aware of. Work with others and help them establish more of what they want. A financial matter gets tossed onto your plate. Who is surprised? Tonight: Pay bills.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) \*\*\*\* You might be unusually discreet, for you, during the early day. You're also focused on getting your job done. A lot seems to be happening quite quickly. Remain comfortable with your talents and abilities as you clear out work. Tonight: You're top dog.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) \*\*\*\* Others get together. You're more than happy to join your pals, be it work associates or personal friends. A loved one or a child does whatever he or she can to make your path easier. Get as much done as possible. Tonight: Do your thing!

A farewell tribute for 48 years of a job well done

Dear Readers: I write to you today in my mother's stead. She had wanted to write her farewell column herself, but things did not work out that way. We talked about it, though, and she was quite clear about what she would have said. So I shall say it for her. She felt profoundly privileged to have been able to shed some light and offer guidance for 46 years... more than half her life. This column was her mission, her raison d'etre, and she worked on it, daily, until the end.

She believed she got as much sustenance from you, her readers, as you got from her. The chance to come into your homes and into your lives meant the world to her. And she was convinced that if any one thing could serve as a solution to all manner of problems, it was kindness.

The more senior among you might remember when she announced that she and my father were parting after many years. In that shorter-than-usual column, she asked her editors to leave a white space at the bottom, as a memorial to quite a good marriage that didn't make it to the finish line. I would ask her editors again, today, to leave a white space... this time in honor of a gutsy, old school newspaper dame who believed there was no better job in all the world and who would, if she could have, wished you a fond and grateful farewell herself. And she wanted you to know that hers had been "a simply wonderful ride."

Margo Howard

Editor's Note: Ann Landers answered her readers' letters up to her death on June 22. The following was one of her last columns.

Dear Ann Landers - I have been dating "Rick" for three years. We moved in together last year. Rick was my high school sweetheart. I am planning to move out soon because I realize we have both grown and changed since high school.

Several weeks ago, Rick introduced me to a single friend of his, "Tony." We all work at the same place, and I have gotten to know Tony very well. We have a lot in common, and he is extremely attractive. I think we could be great together.

Here's the problem: I started to send Tony e-mail letters signed "From a Secret Admirer." He told me how excited he was about the letters and was curious who the woman was. I continued teasing him for a while and then stopped. I don't want Tony to know I am interested in him until I have broken off my relationship with Rick. Now I'm afraid that Tony

will think less of me because of the e-mails and won't date me because he is Rick's friend. He might reject me, and worse, he might tell Rick or my co-workers about it. Should I pursue him anyway? What do you think, Ann? Confused in the Midwest

Dear Midwest: If you are planning to break up with Rick, I suggest you do it sooner rather than later. There is no reason to keep the guy hanging on when you are no longer interested.

Wait at least two months before you tell Tony that you are his secret admirer. He needs to see you as a single, available woman. If he rejects you, at least you tried. If he tells everyone else about your e-mails, he's a skunk, and you are better off without him.

Dear Ann Landers: You recently printed a letter from my husband. It was signed "New York Blues." He said his wife refused tickets to the opera "Carmen" because they were an anniversary gift from her father-in-law, whom she dislikes.

We have been married 32 years, and he knows I do not care for opera. I suggested other activities we both would enjoy, but he wasn't interested. I decided to compromise and go to the opera after all. The weekend turned out to be lovely.

The opera was a lot longer than I would have liked, and the style of singing is not to my taste, but the music was pretty, and I admire the work involved.

My father-in-law is a difficult man who likes to be in control, and I am not fond of him. He doesn't like me either, and criticizes my children to the point that they no longer have any relationship with him. I figure it is his loss.

I went to the opera to please my husband, but I cannot promise I will do it again. Thanks, Ann, for letting me have my say. Upstate New York

Dear Upstate: I was surprised by the number of readers that responded to your husband's letter. Several believed your father-in-law gave him that gift in order to stir up trouble. Others were worried about those opera tickets and offered to go in your place. One woman said it sounded a lot better than your husband saying, "Honey, I know I forgot our anniversary, so I rented 'The Godfather,' and we'll have buttered popcorn."

I'm glad you decided to attend the opera after all, knowing how much it meant to your husband. My readers will be pleased to know the tickets did not go to waste. Too bad your father-in-law is so difficult, but after 32 years, I would hope you have worked out the necessary compromises. Thanks for telling us the rest of the story. All's well that ends well.

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8 PM	Midnight	Midnight	Midnight	Movie: The Next Betrayal	Guardian (CC)	Movie: The Next Betrayal	Scrubs (CC)	New York Mets (CC)	El Privilegio de Amar	Quints (CC)	WWE: Raw	Movie: Apocalypse	Chris Isaak	Real Sports (CC)	Light of the Southwest	Cold Case Files (CC)	New Detectives	Law & Order (CC)	Monster Hunters
9 PM	News	News	News	News	Judging Amy (CC)	Houston Medical (CC)	Scrubs (CC)	Movie: Desperate Measures (CC)	Aqui y Ahora	Neverending	Celebrity	Now Redux (CC)	Queer as Folk (CC)	Sex and-City Wire (CC)	100 Centre Street (CC)	FBI Files (CC)	Charm'd (CC)	Abominable Snowman	
10 PM	News	News	News	News	News (35) Late	News (35) Late	News (35) Tonight	Measures (CC)	P Impacto Noticiero Univ	Story II Next Chapter	Star Trek: Next Generation	Queer as Folk (CC)	Sex and-City Wire (CC)	Hour of Healing	Law & Order (CC)	New Detectives	Witchblade (CC)	Private Eye: True Stories	
11 PM	Politically Correct	Politically Correct	Politically Correct	Politically Correct	Show (CC) (37) Late	Ent Tonight Politically Inc.	Show (CC) (37) Late	(05) Movie: Hamburger	En las Mejores Familias	So Weed (CC)	Mad TV (CC)	Movie: Love	Movie: Promised	Dennis Miller	Update With Church	Biography (CC)	New Detectives	Wimbledon Movie: See	Monster Hunters
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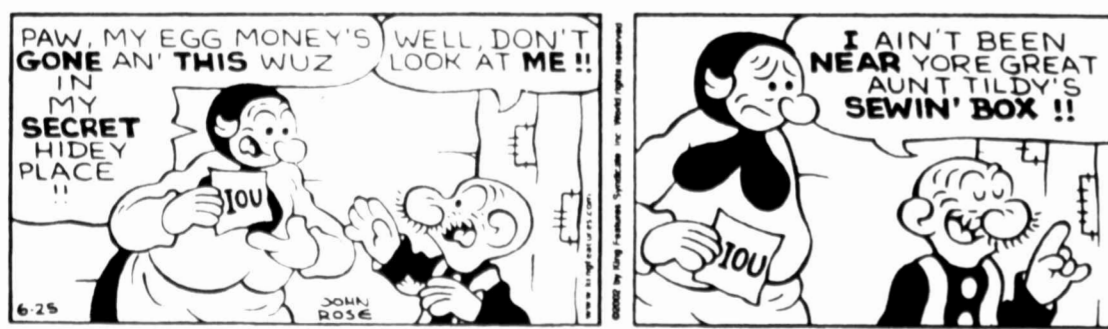
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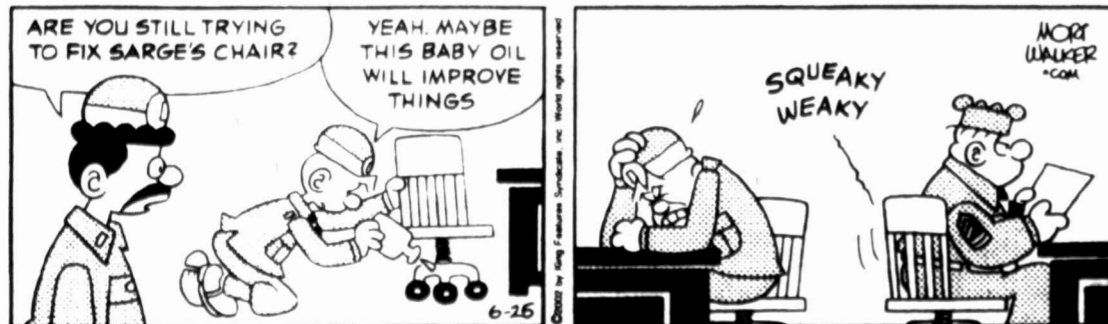
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THIS DATE IN HISTORY

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Today is Tuesday, June 25, the 176th day of 2002. There are 189 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On June 25, 1962, the Supreme Court ruled that the use of an unofficial, non-denominational prayer in New York State public schools was unconstitutional.

On this date:

In 1788, the state of Virginia ratified the U.S. Constitution.

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

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

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

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

In 1967, the Beatles performed their new song, "All You Need Is Love," during a live international telecast.

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

In 1991, the western Yugoslav republics of Croatia and Slovenia declared their independence.

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

In 1996, a truck bomb killed 19 Americans and injured hundreds at a U.S. military housing complex in Saudi Arabia.

Ten years ago: Both houses of Congress rushed to pass a back-to-work order ending a national rail strike.

(President George H.W. Bush signed it June 26.) The space shuttle Columbia, carrying seven

Today's Birthdays: Movie director Sidney Lumet is 78. Actress June Lockhart is 77. Rhythm-and-blues singer Eddie Floyd is 67.

Actress Barbara Montgomery is 63. Basketball Hall-of-Famer Willis Reed is 60. Singer Carly Simon is 57. Rock musician Allen Lanier (Blue Oyster Cult) is 56.

Rock musician Ian McDonald (Foreigner; King Crimson) is 56. Actor-comedian Jimmie Walker is 55. Actor-director Michael Lembeck is 54. TV personality Phyllis George is 53.

Rock singer Tim Finn is 50. Rock musician David Paich (Toto) is 48. Rock singer George Michael is 39.

Answer to previous puzzle

MAMA	PROD	FSTOP
CBER	LENA	RHONE
XENA	OPER	AORTA
CLUB	STEAK	NONOS
USA	RICK	
VALUE	TBONE	RTE
OVERDO	JOE	PAIN
LODGE	ACCOMPLAINT	
TIGER	TAR	TENDER
ADE	FERN	MESSY
ZERO	PRO	
SEWON	UNION	JACK
AWARD	SERB	ALOE
GENRE	ERIE	MALE
ASTOR	LOTS	SINAP

Newsday Crossword COLORFUL CLOTHING by Lee Weaver

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**ACROSS**

1 Maintained the piano

6 Completely confused

13 Wolf or fox

14 San Francisco neighbor

15 Depart secretly

17 Familiarizes (with)

18 Scholarly woman

20 Easter precursor

21 Yes, in Paris

22 Summer quaff

25 On tenterhooks

26 Special Forces member

30 Many mins.

31 Electrical connection

32 Capital of Taiwan

36 Salary, e.g.

37 Give a guarantee

38 Set a price

39 Kind of barracks inspection

42 Fisherman's maneuver

46 DC VIP

47 "How was \_\_\_ know?"

48 Involved with

49 Wasp type

54 Japanese warrior of old

57 Mrs. Smith rival

58 Pecan confection

**DOWN**

1 Postponed indefinitely

2 Not celebrated

3 Fine distinction

4 Baseball great

5 Small impression

6 Snack with milk

7 Mata \_\_\_

8 Similar

9 Designer Cassini

10 Sunbather's goal

11 Bankbook abbr.

12 High-tech recordings

13 Source of some TV

16 Entrances

19 Stick for Minnesota Fats

22 Folk singer

23 Form an opinion

24 Luncheon ending

26 Norwegian composer

27 Din

28 Shipboard bed

29 Catchall abbr.

30 At hand

32 Fancy marbles

33 Arthur of tennis

34 "The doctor \_\_\_"

35 Contribute, with "in"

38 Admits frankly

40 Easter flowers

41 Oklahoma Indian

42 Noisy insect

43 Short sock

44 Takes the rudder

45 Large bags

49 Christmas season

50 Ireland, in poetry

51 Come down to earth

52 They hold the mayo

53 Seed covering

54 Baden or Bath

55 French avant-garde artist

56 Tourist's need

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