

THURSDAY

July 25, 2002

**WEATHER**

Tonight:



**TONIGHT** 68°-70° **TOMORROW** 97°-101°

**BRIEFLY**

**BSISD TRUSTEES**

Big Spring Independent School District trustees convene at 5:15 p.m. today with potential and current litigation issues expected to take up much of their time.

The board plans to go into executive session to discuss possible litigation over the district's method of electing trustees.

Currently the board is represented by four single-member districts seats and three at large. It's been suggested that seven single-member districts should be considered.

Trustees are also expected to meet in closed session with lawyers regarding the district's lawsuit against companies involved in engineering and construction of Big Spring Junior High. The building began to develop cracks in the walls and flooring almost immediately after it opened in 1999.

The board will meet in the high school board room, 707 11th Place.

**FORSAN REUNION**

The Forsan All-School Reunion will be 9 a.m. Aug. 3 at the Forsan High School cafeteria. Ex-students, students, spouses and friends of the school are welcome. \$15 per person and \$7.50 per student. Dress is casual. Catering will be by Big John's Feed Lot.

For more information contact Boyce Hale at 267-6957 or send an e-mail to txablo@yahoo.com.

**COMING SUNDAY**

**AMERICAN PROFILE**



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## Police search for suspects in rash of auto burglaries

By **ROGER CLINE**  
Staff Writer

Police are in search of suspects in a rash of auto burglaries perpetrated Tuesday night.

The burglaries all took place in the Kentwood area of Big Spring, said Big Spring Police Sgt. Roger Sweatt.

"There were about four of them," he said. "All of them, the cars were unlocked. There was no forced entry."

The burglaries occurred in the 2500 block of Merrily Drive,

the 2400 block of Lynn Drive, the 2700 block of Central Drive and the 2500 block of Ann.

Sweatt said it appears the burglar or burglars went down the street trying handles on car doors.

"That's exactly what it looks like," he said. "They were all basically in the same area, same time frame and appears that they just went along popping door handles and these were open so they took whatever they could find."

**"I would be willing to bet that 60 or 70 percent of all the auto burglaries we have occur out of unlocked cars."**

Sgt. Roger Sweatt,  
Big Spring Police Department



"A lot of stereo stuff, like stereos and some CDs. A rifle in one case. Some cash and credit cards and stuff like that."

Smart drivers will use common sense

with their cars and valuables, Sweatt said. "Lock their doors and take the valuables out," he said.

"In some of these cases, there were wallets and things like

that left in the cars, and that's where the cash and the credit cards came from."

A large portion of all auto burglaries involve unlocked cars, he said.

"People have a tendency to leave valuables in their cars and leave them unlocked," he said.

"You're just hanging on, waiting for it to happen, you know. People do it all the time. I would be willing to bet that 60 or 70 percent of all the auto burglaries we have

occur out of unlocked cars. The best defense to that, there's two of them. Either lock your doors or take your valuables out. Or both."

Anyone with information about the Kentwood auto burglaries should call Crimestoppers at 263-TIPS or 264-TIPS.

Contact Staff Writer Roger Cline at 263-7331 ext. 232 or by e-mail at [johnmoseley@bigspringherald.com](mailto:johnmoseley@bigspringherald.com).

**STEP RIGHT UP!**



Big Spring Herald employees Bob Rumpff and Ellen Talbot, foreground, and Isabel Subia, background second from left, help crowds of new and repeat subscribers sign up to take advantage of a one-day-only promotion this morning. Until 5 p.m., local delivery subscribers can get a full year of the Herald for only \$25. The Herald office is located at 710 Scurry.

## Construction crews hard at work resurfacing roads in Martin County

Special to the Herald

Highways in northeast Martin County will be a bit slow and sticky for the next couple of weeks as construction crews put a new asphalt surface in the area around Ackerly and Flower Grove southwest of Lenorah and Tarzan.

"Drivers should always use caution and drive carefully to avoid inflicting windshield and paint damage on other vehicles," said Jerry McGuairt, Texas

Department of Transportation's seal coat project manager for the Odessa district.

Contractor Ronald R. Wagner Inc. of Spring Branch began putting down the new asphalt surfacing this morning. Motorists will encounter workers who will direct them through the work zone and there will be brief lane closures in those areas where seal coat work is being done.

The work will start on FM 2002 from the intersection

with FM 829 to the Howard County line.

Martin County highway work zones will be:

- Farm to Market Highway 2002 from FM 829 intersection to the Howard County line.

- State Highway 137 from the Dawson County line to just south of the intersection with FM 846.

- FM 846 from SH 137 to the Howard County line.

- FM 2212 from FM 26 to

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## No swimming

Repairs to city pool expected to continue for a few more days

By **ROGER CLINE**  
Staff Writer

Problems at Comanche Trail Park Swimming Pool have put a damper on wet summer fun for Big Spring children.

Work on the pool started Monday, the facility's regular down day. The closure will continue until at least Sunday," said Big Spring Public Works Director Todd Darden.

"We had been experiencing filter problems on the swimming pool," Darden said. "We had the Ruba-rock that

was put down last year, and it has lost its adhesion. It's coming up in big chunks and getting down into our filtering system and stopping up the filter and recirculation lines going to our swimming pool and to our new toys."

Using a prison work crew, the city is removing the Ruba-rock and putting down a new surface, Darden said.

"We took the surface material out that was in the zero-depth entry and the shallow end, and we're

replacing it with water carpet," he said. "It's like what goes in the bottom of a boat deck. It's put down with adhesion glue, and it's guaranteed by the factory to work in water conditions."

Installation of the new carpet surface is costing just under \$2,000, Darden said.

Darden said the city anticipated having the work finished by now.

"The manufacturer called the installer back yesterday and said he wanted at least a four-day cure time on it," he said. "We're having to

rearrange parties that we had scheduled on nights that we schedule private parties. We're moving those parties to the YMCA or scheduling them on a family night."

The problem with the Ruba-rock is probably an installation problem, not a problem with the product.

"I found another company out of Austin that came down and looked at it, and he was disappointed in the installation that was done," Darden said. "It was not at

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## Salvation Army taking applications for school supplies

By **ROGER CLINE**  
Staff Writer

Big Spring's Salvation Army started taking applications Wednesday for area students that need school supplies. The application period runs through Wednesday, July 31.

Those applying for supplies need to stop by the Salvation Army Main Office at 811 W. Fifth Street. They should be able to provide information about their children's school and grade, Social Security cards for all household members, picture IDs for all household members over 18, proof of income and a copy of expenses.

Keeney said donations of supplies are going well, but could be better.

"We're doing pretty good," said Capt. Russ Keeney, co-commander of the local Salvation Army post. "We need more donations, monetary or supplies. However people feel like they can help."

The corps is collecting donations of all types of school supplies and using monetary gifts to fill in the

**INFORMATION**

**Applicants need to bring information about their children's school and grade, Social Security cards for all household members, picture IDs for all household members over 18, proof of income and a copy of expenses.**

gaps, Keeney added.

Among the supplies needed are crayons and markers; map colors; red, blue and black ink pens; number 2 pencils; watercolors; school boxes; highlighters; pocket folders; liquid and stick glue; plastic protractors; notebook paper; construction paper; and husky pencils.

Boxes of quart and gallon resealable plastic storage bags, boxes of facial tissue and rounded, child-safe scissors are also needed, Keeney said.

Donations of school supplies should be brought to the Salvation Army main

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HERALD photo/Braden Wagner  
Capt. Russ Keeney, co-commander of Big Spring's Salvation Army, displays a portion of the school supplies donated for the corps' annual Back To School program. Last year, the Salvation Army provided school supplies for 232 Big Spring students.

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**First United Methodist Church members fed 146 Big Spring Work Camp prisoners and 16 prison guards this month in a gesture of thanks for the work the inmates perform for the community. Pictured are Joe Winnick, left, Scott Van Pelt and Catherine Wiseman, who along with Jackle Henry and Debbie Van Pelt (both not pictured), sang spiritual songs.**

HERALD photo/Lyndel Moody

## Support groups

### MONDAY

• TOPS Club TX No. 21 (take off pounds sensibly), weigh-in 5:30 p.m. and meeting at 6 p.m., Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center, 306 West Third.

• TOPS Club TX No. 1756 (take off pounds sensibly), weigh-in 5:30 p.m. and meeting at 6 p.m., College Heights Christian Church, 21st and Goliad.

• Military support group meets at 6 p.m. at the VA Medical Center in room 212 the first Monday of every month. Contact Wanda Gamble at 263-7180 or Treva Hall at 263-8106.

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

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

• Surviving Pregnancy Loss meets the second Monday of each month at 7 p.m. at the Howard County Library Committee Room. Call 631-4430 for more information.

• AL-ANON open discussion meeting, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. Open meeting fourth floor at VA Medical Center 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

### TUESDAY

• The Greater West Texas Chapter of the Alzheimers Association meets the first Tuesday of each month in the community room of the Howard County Library at 2 p.m. Our support groups are for all caregivers of anyone no matter what the disease or disability. All meetings are confidential and are for your support. For more information you can call our office at 264-2397 or go by 501 Runnels (RSVP office).

• Open Discussion Meeting, 615 Settles 12 p.m. to 1 p.m. Noon podium closed podium meeting, 615 Settles 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

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

• Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon open meeting and 7 p.m. 12 and 12 study.

• AL-ANON, 615 Settles, 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

### WEDNESDAY

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

• Alcoholics Anonymous, Open Discussion Meeting 615 Settles 12 p.m. to 1 p.m. Noon Open 12 and 12 Study Meeting, 615 Settles 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

### THURSDAY

• Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, 12 p.m. to 1 p.m. Noon women's Meeting 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Non-Smoking closed discuss meeting, 615 Settles 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

• Al-Anon support group, 7 p.m. 615 Settles.

### FRIDAY

• AA Open discussion Meeting, 615 Settles 12 p.m. to 1 p.m. Noon Open Big Book Study Meeting, 615 Settles 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

• Al-Anon support group, noon, 615 Settles.

### SATURDAY

• Open Discussion Meeting, 615 Settles 12 p.m. to 1 p.m. Open Podium/Speakers Meeting 615 Settles 8 p.m. to 9 p.m. Open Birthday Night No Smoking Meeting Celebrating AA Sobriety Yearly Birthdays, 615 Settles the last Saturday of every month covered dish supper at 7 p.m. Birthday meeting at 8 p.m.

### SUNDAY

• Closed discussion meeting, 615 Settles 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. Open discussion meeting, 615 Settles 7 p.m. to 8 p.m.

• Narcotics Anonymous 8 p.m., St. Mary's Church, 1001 Goliad. Call 268-4189 (pager).

## Police investigating sexual assault report

By **ROGER CLINE**

Staff Writer

Big Spring police are investigating a report of a sexual assault that allegedly happened several years ago.

"A woman reported that several years ago, she was sexually assaulted by someone that she knows and did not report it until now," said Police Sgt. Roger Sweatt.

Sweatt said he doesn't know why the victim, now 17, waited before coming forward.

"We're not real sure," he said. "That's one of the questions that we have, is why it took her this long to come forward. It happened while she was a juvenile, so I don't know if she was

frightened, or what."

Sweatt said the victim was less than 10 years old when the assault occurred.

"She was pre-teens when it went on," he said. "It happened when she was under 10, I think."

The assault allegedly occurred at a home on the east side of Big Spring. The teenager is still a Big Spring resident.

The suspect is an adult male, Sweatt added, but it is not known whether he still resides in Big Spring.

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## ROADS

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the Howard County line.

• FM 26 from Dawson County line to FM 846.

• FM 3263 from FM 26 to FM 846.

• State Highway 176 from SH 349 to the Howard County Line.

The project is expected to be complete in 10 days barring cold weather or rain, McGuairt said.

## POOL

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the proper thickness according to him, and he felt there was evidence that he didn't use the right product on the glue to put it in."

The city hasn't decided whether to pursue legal action against the original installer, he added.

"We'll be visiting with the attorney and decide what the city's position is going to be and see what kind of recourse we have in getting it done right," he said.

Darden said the carpeting might be a temporary solution.

"We hope to put down Ruba-rock," he said. "The installer that I talked to told me that when you put that stuff down, it should be like getting it up with a jackhammer. The patches that he did for us this summer, it was. We liked to never get it up. We were hoping to get it up fast, because some of the patches I pulled up were

coming up in sheets. The area that he patched, we had to scrape very hard to get that stuff up."

Darden said he would like to see the city get what it paid for in the first place.

"We paid a lot of money, almost \$15,000, for Ruba-rock and we're having to take it up because it's not sticking," he said.

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### MYERS & SMITH FUNERAL HOME & CHAPEL

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Jesus "Raymond" Ruiz-Esparaza, 67, died Monday. Funeral mass will be 4:00 PM, today at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, with burial at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

Jesse F. Hernandez, 78, died Tuesday. Funeral mass will be 10:00 AM, today at Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church. Burial with military honors will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

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## Diageo agrees to sell Burger King for \$2.26 billion

LONDON (AP) — Diageo PLC announced Thursday it has agreed to sell its fast-food business Burger King Corp. for \$2.26 billion in cash.

The buyer is a consortium of U.S. venture capital firms led by Texas Pacific Group. The consortium's other members are Boston-based Bain Capital and the private equity arm of U.S. investment bank Goldman Sachs. The long-awaited deal, reached after days of intense negotiations, is crucial to Diageo's strategy of focusing on its more lucrative business of making and selling alcoholic beverages. The company's best-known brands include Johnnie Walker scotch, Guinness beers and Bailey's Irish Cream liqueur.

London-based Diageo, the world's largest liquor company, has long said it planned to unload Burger King in a sale or spinoff.

Diageo confirmed in May

that it was in talks with potential buyers of Miami-based Burger King, but refused to identify them.

The Texas Pacific Group-led consortium emerged as the sole contender to buy Burger King after two rounds of bidding, said a source familiar with the talks leading to the sale.

Texas Pacific is believed to have close ties with senior executives at Burger King, and Bain has practical experience with the fast-food franchise business from its ownership of the Domino's Pizza chain. These contacts and knowl-

edge about the fast-food industry appear to have given the consortium a competitive edge against other would-be buyers of Burger King, the source said.

Diageo said it plans to invest money from the sale in its premium drinks brands.

Diageo's predecessor company, Grand Metropolitan PLC, acquired Burger King in 1988 as part of its purchase of Pillsbury Co.

Diageo sold its Pillsbury foods unit to General Mills Inc. in October. Except for a 22 percent stake in cereal maker General Mills,

Burger King is Diageo's only remaining non-liquor business. It contributes 6 percent to Diageo's group sales and profits.

Second only to McDonald's, Burger King has more than 11,435 restaurants worldwide.

Burger King's franchise owners had supported splitting off from Diageo, complaining of thin profit margins on flat domestic sales and ineffective marketing. They pressured management to take the business private rather than put it under Wall Street's scrutiny in a spinoff.

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## EDITORIAL

"Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances."

-FIRST AMENDMENT

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## OUR VIEWS

Welcome home,  
Rose, good to  
have you back

It's called giving something back. That's what Rose Magers-Powell offered her hometown and alma mater this week by conducting a volleyball camp for Big Spring youngsters.

Magers-Powell, a Lady Steers standout while a Big Spring High School student who later went on to play on the U.S. volleyball team that earned a silver medal at the 1988 Olympics, is now a well-respected collegiate volleyball coach.

As a result of her professional reputation and rapport with young people, high school and college coaches all over the country ask her to conduct camps and she complies with as many as possible.

But one that has become a mainstay is the session she offers in Big Spring each summer.

This year's camp, which divided participants into grades levels of 2-5, 6-8 and 9-12, concludes tonight. And to our way of thinking, Magers-Powell deserves a thank you from our entire community.

It's fair to say a great many of us might not want to spend virtually the entire week we've come home to visit friends and family spending three sessions a day working.

But for Magers-Powell, it's a labor of love — both for the sport and for her hometown.

We here at the *Herald* appreciate her dedication and commitment to both.

Welcome home, Rose, and thanks.

## OTHER VIEWS

It was a bad idea from the start. And thanks to the U.S. Postal Service official rejection of Operation TIPS, the Homeland Security Official program will hopefully get some much-needed revamping.

Here's how the government program is apparently supposed to work: people with jobs that put them in others' homes, neighborhoods, on the highways and in other businesses are asked to report suspicious activity to the government. So, the cable guy at your house could be checking out things and reporting anything he thinks is amiss.

The Justice Department had to know this would not go over well with the public, let alone the slew of liabilities it could bring. It creates an unfortunate situation for

everyone, especially those hard-working people just trying to deliver the mail or packages or get through the workday. What if their "spying" put them in a dangerous situation? Would they be compensated for this extra work? How would it impact their jobs? So much for customer service. The impact on businesses likely would be negative. ...

The Justice Department should focus its coordination and communication efforts on making sure all law enforcement agencies are working together to sort information. Homeland security will be most successful if the people paid to protect us know what's going on in their towns and across the country.

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EVERETT, WASH

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## Need to start trusting our presidents

Have we become so cynical that we now suspect the worst of anyone who occupies the Oval Office, but are willing to give them a pass so long as we think they're doing their job well? One could certainly draw this conclusion based on a recent New York Times/CBS News poll on President Bush's business dealings and his presidency.

A majority of those polled said they believed that President Bush is hiding something (48 percent) or lying (9 percent) about the circumstances of his sale of Harken Energy stock options when he was a director of the company more than a decade ago. But they still give him high marks as president, with 70 percent approving overall. The Washington Post's Howard Kurtz described the phenomenon as Bush's being "Clintonized." If so,

it's a shame.

"Remember when big majorities in the polls would say that Bill Clinton was lying about Lewinsky, had lousy ethics and couldn't be trusted. And then his approval rating would somehow top 60 percent," writes Kurtz. The same thing is going on now, says Kurtz, with the public giving President Bush a pass. "They may not like the MBA president's coziness with business, and the dumping of the Harken stock may smell funny to them. But they believe Bush is a decent man who has done a terrific job in the war on terrorism."

Liberals would love to turn George W. Bush into Bill Clinton. It's part of the "everybody does it," moral relativity defense. I'm sorry, I'm not buying it. If Bush engaged in "insider trading" when he was on the Harken board, then he doesn't deserve to be president. But I don't for one minute believe he did anything of the sort. And there has never been any evidence to suggest he did.

So what is it that "smells funny," in Kurtz's words? Bush cashed in more than \$800,000 in stock options in

order to become a part owner of the Texas Rangers baseball team in 1990. Shortly after he cashed out his options, the company released quarterly earnings that showed big losses in the company, so the stock price predictably fell. But it didn't stay down — it rebounded and went even higher than the price at which Bush sold his stock. Had he held onto his options a while longer, he'd have made more money.

The Securities and Exchange Committee (SEC) investigated Bush's stock sale at the time and said there was no evidence that insider information influenced his decision. And it's hard to imagine otherwise. Any corporate director knows that his or her actions in buying or selling company stock are going to be carefully scrutinized. The SEC and outside investor watchdog groups carefully monitor such activity, looking for evidence that insiders might be trying to profit unfairly. Because George W. Bush's father was in the White House at the time, he was even more likely to be targeted for careful scrutiny. It's disheartening to

believe that so many Americans have so little faith in their leaders. Sure, some executives act unethically, and hurt their investors and their employees. And some politicians are scoundrels. However, they generally get caught — eventually.

But if we begin to believe that everybody bends the rules, or breaks them, it will become a self-fulfilling prophecy. If I think everybody around me lies, steals and cheats, I'm more likely to do it as well. That's the danger in the growing cynicism among the public.

Our system — both political and economic — is built on trust. When we stop trusting one another, and especially when we stop believing those who occupy positions of trust, the system begins to fall apart. In some sense that is what's happening on Wall Street right now. It's a dangerous trend.

You'd think the American public would know by now that George W. Bush is no Bill Clinton. He doesn't need a pass on his "private" dealings with Harken Energy. Americans need to start trusting our presidents again.

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## YOUR VIEWS

## TO THE EDITOR:

Having some experience in both higher education and public school education, it appears to me that three things happen when a school board micromanages an independent school system. Micromanagement by the board of the Big Spring Independent School District took place recently in the decisions surrounding the appointment of a principal for one of our schools. Three things took place at once. First the office and the person of the superintendent were denigrated. Second, it has been observed that wherever school boards micromanage the system, disruption in good order begins and continues to take place. Third, all decisions after the first one are made on the basis of political expediency rather than on the basis of a philosophy of education.

JACK HARRISON  
BIG SPRING

like to clearly state that the opinions expressed in the following letter are solely my beliefs and viewpoints.

Gathering from the past weeks of activity within the school board and administration, I can't help but wonder if some of the members of the board have forgotten their role as representatives for our community. The school board's purpose is not to grant the wishes of a small group of spoiled teachers who, in the words of Mr. Furqueron, "threatened to retire, transfer or leave the district." If those teachers did indeed threaten with such measures, it would be the district's benefit to let them leave. There is no room for that type of immaturity in a classroom, especially when these teachers are being expected to teach and lead our children.

Furthermore, I would like to comment on a few questions raised by Mr. Dawson to Mr. Murphy during Monday's board meeting. This is not verbatim, but I believe the question followed the lines of "Why

was the voting for Mrs. Rocha made public? Didn't you consider her feelings?"

Mr. Dawson, you should ask yourself and your three cohorts, Mr. Furqueron, Mr. Partee and Mr. Sharp, the same question.

You certainly did not take into consideration the feelings of Mrs. Rocha when you humiliated her in front of a roomful of her peers and onlookers. I must admit that the questions you directed toward Mr. Murphy were tactful in trying to turn the tables to your advantage, but if you think you are fooling everyone, you should think again, sir.

Another point that I feel needs to be addressed is the idea of a bomb threat. Is it really a coincidence that a bomb threat was made just weeks after the unjust decision of these four? Is it another coincidence that the abundance of letters criticizing the school board are being published left and right?

I find it very peculiar that these issues, that have not been factors in the past,

are surfacing as an effect of the so-called "control" issue.

Mr. Furqueron, I'd like to personally thank you for your response, which stated, "It's more of a vote for, basically, control." The response in which you chose to justify your decision substantiates my belief that the board members do not know their role as representatives. When your power hunger gets in the way of the district's progress, you openly insinuate that your interest is in a hidden agenda, not in the advancement of our educational system.

The public has seen and compared the qualification and credentials of Mrs. Rocha to the qualifications and credentials of the final choice for Moss principal. The public also knows the real reasons for Mrs. Rocha's rejection. These factors will be remembered when election time rolls around. I will personally be sure to remind everyone.

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by  
BRUCE TINSLEY

## Children/elderly most at risk when the mercury rises

While my family and I were waiting in line at a swimming pool earlier this summer with hundreds of other people in 100 degree heat, I watched as an approximately 9-year-old child collapsed in front of us.

We had been standing in line for more than an hour on that blisteringly hot day and it reminded me of how children (and the elderly) can quickly succumb to the heat especially when they have had little or no fluids. Fluids were provided and she recovered, but the situation could have been easily prevented.

As we watch our children play with seemingly endless and boundless energy, it is easy to forget that they are not indestructible.

Summer time can be especially hazardous and fluid intake by the very young and the very old should be closely monitored.

Before we take our children or our elderly loved ones out and about, fluids should be provided before, during and after the activity.

Frequent breaks and a cool place to rest should also be provided to prevent possible heat exhaustion or worse, heat stroke.

Heat stroke occurs more commonly in the elderly, according to the Encarta Encyclopedia, but can happen to anyone at any age if a person has an underlying disease or is obese or is just careless.

Due to their age, the temperature regulation center of the very young and the very old does not adapt to changes in temperature very well.

Heat stroke or "sun stroke" is the body's response to extreme heat or long exposure to the



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sun. Symptoms of heat stroke include hot, red and dry skin, dizziness, fainting, and tingling and confusion before the person loses consciousness.

If left untreated it is often fatal. First aid must be immediate to bring down the body temperature which will be around 106 degrees. This high temperature can cause brain damage, shock, heart or kidney failure.

Rub the persons skin with cold water or alcohol, but do not give an ice bath because this can cause shock.

Heat exhaustion is less severe and is characterized by excessive sweating, feeling tired, dizziness and nausea. In some cases cramps in the arms and legs may also occur.

Sweating is the body's way of cooling itself, but at the same time the body is losing precious fluids and salts.

These fluids and salts have to be replaced frequently and in an adequate supply for the body to continue to function properly.

If food and fluids are not provided as needed, blood circulation will slow down, affecting the brain, heart and lungs, resulting in heat exhaustion.

First aid for heat exhaus-

tion should begin with moving the person to a cool place where he can lay down and have his feet propped up. Preferably above the level of his heart. Have someone hold them up in the air if necessary.

Place ice packs under the arm pits, the groin area and behind the neck if they are available.

Do not give alcohol rubs in this case or any medication, especially Tylenol, aspirin, Motrin, Excedrin or analgesics, because this can cause the person to go into shock which can quickly lead to death.

If the person is suddenly very nervous, pale, cool, clammy, has a weak and rapid pulse and feels like they are going to faint, these are signs of shock and 911 should be called immediately.

As Benjamin Franklin said, "An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure."

If you and your family are planning to do something this summer that involves outdoor activities, be sure to fill them up with fluids before you go, buy or bring lots of sports drinks or bottled water for them and make sure they have plenty to eat as well.

And please don't for any reason leave a child or pet in the car for any reason. As many young mothers and families have discovered the most tragic way possible, the temperature inside a car rises to 200 degrees or more within minutes.

Before you step out of the car without your child or leave home with your pet, ask yourself are the possible consequences worth the momentary convenience to you.

Contact Andrea Medlin, features editor at 263-7331.

## Appreciation expressed for Evelyn Burchett

I would like to say a big thank you to the community. We had an overwhelming response for the shoe boxes and crafts.



KATIE WALKER

I have shoe boxes stacked to the ceiling and bags of crafts and materials covering the floor.

We received enough materials to complete the community service project. The 4-Hers started working on the receipt boxes for Canterbury North and Canterbury South on Monday. We are hoping to

be done with the receipt boxes by July 31.

If you donated supplies for the project, please know that we greatly appreciate your help in gathering the supplies that we needed.

As many of you might know Evelyn Burchett passed away on July 10. I want to say a special thank you to the Burchett family.

After I announced the community service project and talked about it on the radio, she was the first member of the community to call me to let me know she had some supplies.

She donated a box of material and several boxes. Due to her health she could not bring the items to the courthouse. On the afternoon of July 9, I went to the her home to pick up

the supplies.

On Wednesday she died. On Thursday I was reading the Herald and read the notice that she had passed on. I will not be able to tell her how much I appreciate her loyalty to the community and helping with this community service project, so I decided to write this article to let the community know that she was a wonderful lady and will deeply be missed.

To the Burchett family, my prayers are with you in your time of sadness.

Once again, thank you to everyone that participated and donated supplies.

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# Fishing report

Here is the weekly fishing report as compiled for the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department for July 25. (Report also available on Web as www.tfwishing.com.)

**CENTRAL**  
**BROWNWOOD:** Water muddy; 78 degrees; 2 over spillway; black bass are slow. Striped bass are slow. White bass are slow. Crappie are slow. Channel and blue catfish to 4 pounds are slow on Canadian night-crawlers in 2.6 feet. Yellow catfish are slow.

**BUCHANAN:** Water murky; 74 degrees; 1019 (inflows falling, conditions easing); black bass are slow to fair slow rolling 1 1/2 oz. white/chartreuse Heavy T spinnerbaits, crankbaits and Sliding Weight Craw Fish along channel breaklines. Striped bass are slow to fair and seem to be repositioning with the changes in the water. White bass are slow. Crappie are slow. Channel catfish are very good on rod & reel, set lines and trotlines. Flathead and blue catfish are very good on live bait.

**PROCTOR:** Water stained; 85 degrees; 1162.46; Due to recent rains caution is advised on the lake - boating hazards, such as floating debris, may be present. Black bass are slow. Striped bass are good on perch or 2-3" slicks 17 feet deep in 21-28 feet on windy days. White bass are slow. Crappie to 10 inches are good on minnows in the Sowell Creek bridge area in brushpiles in 8-10 feet. Channel and blue catfish to 14 inches are good on cheesebait in the Sowell Creek swimming areas... Yellow catfish are fair on shad and perch.

**SOUTH**  
**AMISTAD:** Water fairly clear; 83 degrees; black bass to 6 pounds are good on chartreuse/white spinnerbaits, watermelon seed worms, and jigs with trailers over grass in 10-15 feet. Striped bass are fair on steeper jigs. White bass are fair on slabs. Crappie are slow on live minnows. Channel and blue catfish are good on cheesebait in 3 feet. Yellow catfish are slow.

**WEST**  
**ALAN HENRY:** Water clear; 80 degrees; black bass are fair on topwaters and soft jerkbaits around brush. Crappie are fair on minnows and jigs under lights.

**ARROWHEAD:** Water stained; 78 degrees; 6.3 low; black bass to 5 pounds are fair on purple worms Carolina-rigged. Crappie are good suspended 12 to 15 around derelict on minnows and jigs. White bass are good on Rattle-L-Traps while trolling near Pawnee Point. Catfish are slow.

**COLORADO CITY:** Water clear; 85 degrees; 9.5 low; black bass are slow. Crappie are slow. White bass are slow. Redfish are slow. Catfish are slow. Fishing is extremely slow due to a toxic golden algae bloom - some fish caught in creek channels.

**FT. PHANTOM HILL:** Water clear; 83 degrees; 5 low. Black bass are fair. Crappie are fair. White bass are good on minnows and jigs. Catfish are fair on minnows.

**HUBBARD CREEK:** Water lightly stained; 80 degrees; 16 low; black bass are good suspended 7-13 feet on worms, crankbaits and Rattle-L-Traps. Crappie are fair. White bass and hybrids are good on chrome Rattle-L-Traps. Catfish are slow.

**MASWORTHY:** Water lightly stained; 82 degrees; black bass are fair on minnows and topwaters. Crappie are good on minnows and jigs. Redfish are fair. White bass and striped bass are fair on minnows. Catfish are good on minnows and perch.

**OAK CREEK:** Water lightly stained; 82 degrees; No boat ramps open. Black bass are fair. Crappie are good near docks on minnows and jigs. Catfish are fair on trotlines baited with minnows and stinkbait.

**OH. IVE:** Water lightly stained; 82 degrees; 19 low; black bass are fair on minnows and topwaters. Crappie are good under lights at night. White bass are good on minnows at dusk and dawn. Smallmouth bass are fair. Catfish are very good on trotlines baited with goldfish, chicken liver, shrimp and perch.

**POSSUM KINGDOM:** Water lightly stained; 80 degrees; 2.3 low; black bass are fair. Crappie are fair. White bass are fair. Striped bass are fair on upper end of lake and near incoming water.

**SPENCE:** Water stained; 79 degrees; 56 low; black bass are fair. Crappie are fair. White bass, striped bass and hybrid bass are fair on minnows. Catfish are fair on trotlines baited with shad. Fishing is generally slow due to a golden algae bloom.

**STAMFORD:** Water lightly stained; 80 degrees; 2.75 low; black bass are fair on minnows. Crappie are good on minnows and jigs. White bass and striped bass are fair on crankbaits and minnows. Catfish are good on trotlines baited with shad and stinkbait.

**SWEETWATER:** Water lightly stained; 82 degrees; 19.5 low; black bass are fair on topwaters and minnows. Crappie are good on minnows and jigs. White bass are good on minnows. Catfish are good on trotlines baited with minnows and chicken liver.

**WHITE RIVER:** Water murky; 85 degrees; 20 low; black bass fair. Crappie are good on minnows and jigs. Walleye are fair. Catfish are good on minnows.

**WICHITA:** Water stained (from wind); 85 degrees; at pool; black bass are slow. Crappie are slow. White bass are slow. Hybrid striped are slow. Catfish are fair near Wichita Park area using around the cattails using large shiners, worms, liver and shrimp.



By BETTY DEBNAM

There's a long, long trail a winding...

## The Appalachian Trail

Up and down mountains from Georgia to Maine winds a 2,169-mile path known as the Appalachian Trail. It is the longest marked hiking-only trail in the world.

Hikers like it for many reasons:

- to see the view from the top of mountains.
- to spend the night under the stars.
- to picnic in the outdoors.
- to look for animals such as bears, deer and moose.
- to find plants such as ferns and mushrooms.
- to get away from city life.
- to discover more about themselves.

### Short hikes

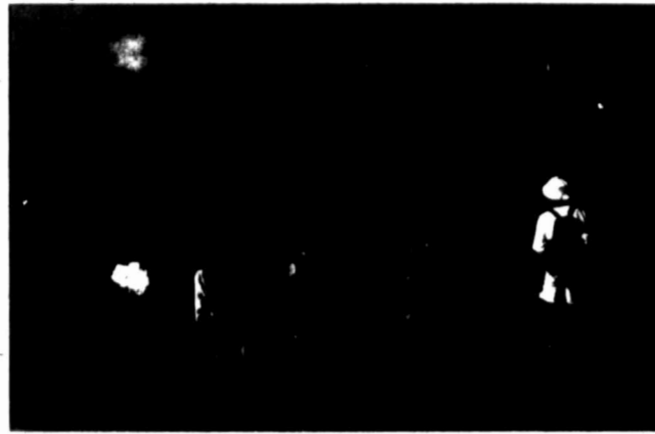
Each year, 3 million or 4 million people hike part of the trail in their home state. They might go on weekend hiking and camping trips.

### Long hikes

Hiking the entire trail in one trip with a backpack and camping along the way is called a " thru hike."

As many as 2,800 people try to do this each year. Only about 250 to 400 make it. This hike can take from five to seven months.

A grandmother, Emma Gatewood of Ohio, hiked the trail in sneakers in 1952.



A group of hikers view the Hudson River along the trail in New York state.

The youngest person to hike the entire trail was a 6-year-old boy, Michael Cogswell, who hiked with his parents in 1980.

The first man to report a thru-hike was Earl Shaffer in 1948. He walked it again in 1965 and, at the age of 79, again in 1988.

A blind man, Bill Irwin, hiked the trail with his Seeing Eye dog, Orient.

### Building the trail

The idea to build a trail began with a man named Benton MacKaye. He was a forester and planner. He dreamed of a trail stretching the entire length of the

Appalachian Mountains. These mountains are the oldest chain in the United States.

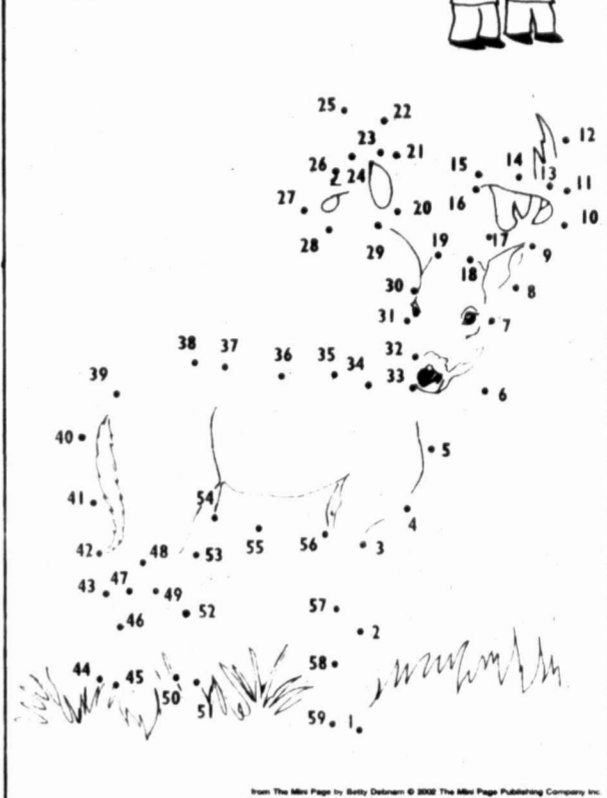
Benton MacKaye hoped people who lived in cities and towns would use the trail to see the forests. It took 15 years to build.

### Looking after the trail

A group called the Appalachian Trail Conference, made up of thousands of volunteers, helped plan and build the trail. Today its members protect and take care of it, working closely with local clubs, the National Park Service and the USDA Forest Service.

A site to see: Find out more about the Appalachian Trail by visiting the Web site at [www.appalachiantrail.org](http://www.appalachiantrail.org).

Go dot to dot and color this animal you might see on the Appalachian Trail.



## Rookie Cookie's Recipe Hiker's Bars

You'll need:

- 1 (16-ounce) box powdered sugar
- 3/4 cup melted butter
- 2 cups peanut butter
- 3 cups crisp rice cereal
- 1 (6-ounce) bag chocolate chips
- 1 (6-ounce) bag semisweet chocolate chips

### What to do:

1. Combine first 4 ingredients in a medium bowl. Mix well. Press evenly in bottom of a greased 9-by-12-inch pan.
  2. Place contents of both bags of chocolate chips in a medium saucepan. Cook over medium heat until melted. Stir often.
  3. Spread melted chocolate evenly on top. Cool in refrigerator and then cut into bars. Makes about 24. Seal in plastic bags for hiking trips.
- Recipe from "The Appalachian Trail Food Planner" by Lou Admsmond.

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**Goldie Goodsport's Report**  
**Supersport: Venus Williams**

Height: 6-1 Birthdate: 6-17-80  
Weight: 160 Birthplace: Lynwood, Calif.

Venus Williams grew up playing tennis and today is one of the best players in the world. Last year, and in 2000 and 1999, she was ranked third in the end-of-the-year rankings. She turned pro in 1994. Among the many tournaments she has won are the U.S. Open in 2000 and 2001, Wimbledon in 2000 and 2001, and the Olympics in 2000.

She lives in Palm Beach Gardens, Fla. Her full name is Venus Ebony Starr Williams. She has four sisters, including tennis star Serena. Some of Venus' favorites are fashion design, horror movies, surfing, and the musical groups Green Day, Our Lady Peace and the Jackson Five.

**Meet Garth Brooks**

One of the most popular musicians of all time is Garth Brooks. Garth, 40, was born Troyal Garth Brooks in Tulsa, Okla. He has three brothers and two sisters. His mother was a country singer in the 1950s.

In high school, Garth was a top athlete. He was on the football, basketball, baseball and track teams. He dreamed of being a football player or a forest ranger.

He went on to be on the track and field team at Oklahoma State, where he studied advertising. He joined his first band at 17 and later decided to be a solo singer.

Garth has three daughters.

**Mighty Funny's Mini Jokes**

All the following jokes have something in common. Can you guess the common theme or category?

**Hugh:** What do you get if you cross a chef and a rooster?  
**Emma:** Cook-a-doodle do!

**Winton:** What do roosters pay when they join clubs?  
**Louisa:** Chicken feed!

**Peter:** What do you get when you cross a rooster and a wolf?  
**Janis:** An animal that howls when the sun rises!

**Appalachian Trail Try 'N Find**

Words and names that remind us of the Appalachian Trail are hidden in the block below. Some words are hidden backward. See if you can find: APPALACHIAN, TREES, HIKE, MAINE, VERMONT, MASSACHUSETTS, CONNECTICUT, MARYLAND, VIRGINIA, TENNESSEE, GEORGIA, PATH, CAMP BOYTS, TENT, WOODS.

A HIKING WE WILL GO!

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**Mini Spy ...**

Mini Spy and Alpha Betty are hiking along the Appalachian Trail. See if you can find:

- duck
- snail
- word MINI
- letter A
- pumpkin
- mushroom
- whale
- heart
- strawberry
- two fish
- number 6
- lemon slice

**A few highlights**

**1 Georgia**  
Most hikers who try to hike the entire trail start at Springer Mountain. According to legend, the Cherokees and Creeks fought a terrible battle at nearby Blood Mountain.

**2 Tennessee and North Carolina**  
Along part of the trail, hikers can have one foot in Tennessee and another in North Carolina. The trail reaches its highest point at Clingmans Dome in the Great Smoky Mountains National Park.

**3 Virginia**  
One-fourth of the entire trail, about 550 miles, lies in Virginia. Beautiful rhododendrons and azaleas bloom in June and July.

**4 West Virginia**  
Only about 3 miles of the trail is entirely in this state. The town of Harpers Ferry is the home of the Appalachian Trail Conference, the group that takes care of the trail.

**5 Maryland**  
This section of the trail is popular with Boy Scouts who earn a merit badge for a 50-mile hike.

**6 Pennsylvania**  
Along some sections, hikers can find rocks with fossils, or skeletons of plants or animals dead for more than 400 million years.

**7 New Jersey and New York**  
The trail reaches its lowest point (124 feet above sea level) near Bear Mountain. Near Pawling, N.Y., hikers can see a 300-year-old oak tree.

**Appalachian Trail**

**8 Connecticut and Massachusetts**  
In Connecticut, one section of the trail is for people in wheelchairs. Lots of beaver dams can be found in Massachusetts.

**9 Vermont**  
Benton MacKaye climbed a tree on Stratton Mountain and was so inspired by what he saw that he started the Appalachian Trail.

**10 New Hampshire**  
Snow can fall on Mount Washington any month of the year.

**11 Maine**  
Mount Katahdin, which stretches a mile high, marks the end of the trail.

**Animals**

A black bear in the Great Smoky Mountains National Park.

White-tailed deer are often sighted along the trail.

Moose might be sighted in Vermont, New Hampshire and Maine.

**Plants**

In the summer, a carpet of ferns covers the forest floor.

Azalea Mushroom

Next week, read all about animals at night.

Thanks to Kathleen Mallow-Sager and Brian King of the Appalachian Trail Conference for help with this issue.

## The Mini Page/NIE

Tomorrow's workforce is in today's classrooms.

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JULY 25

Table with 20 columns representing different TV stations and their respective programming for Thursday, July 25, 2002. Columns include station call letters (e.g., KMID, KPEJ, KERA), time slots (e.g., 6:30 PM, 7:00 PM), and program titles (e.g., News Fortune, Beyond Belief, Antiques-UK).

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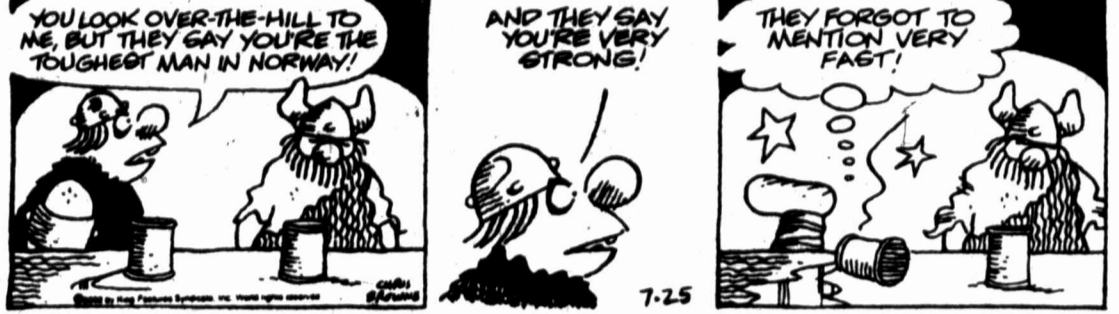
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"Is it all held up with just those strings?"

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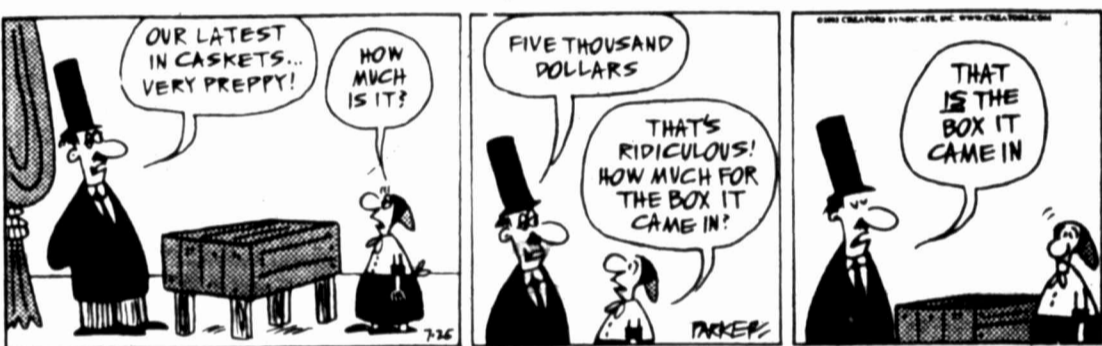
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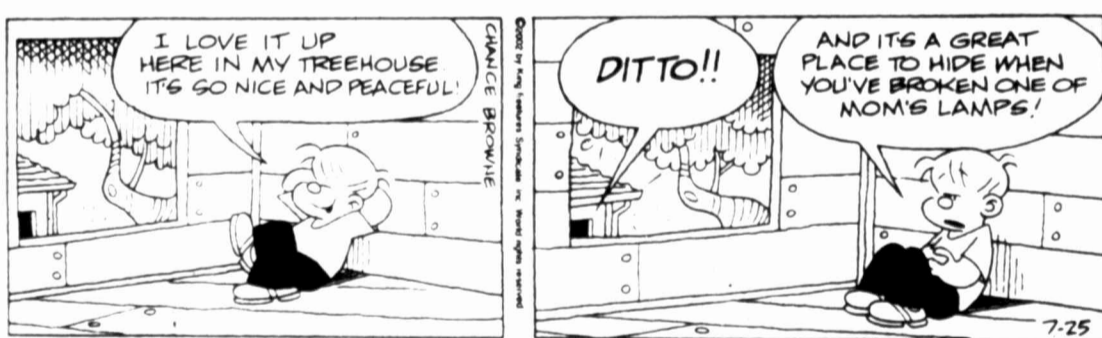
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THIS DATE IN HISTORY

The ASSOCIATED PRESS Today is Thursday, July 25, the 206th day of 2002. There are 159 days left in the year. Today's Highlight in History: Fifty years ago, on July 25, 1952, Puerto Rico became a self-governing commonwealth of the United States. On this date: In 1593, France's King Henry IV converted from Protestantism to Roman Catholicism. In 1866, Ulysses S. Grant was named General of the Army, the first officer to hold the rank. In 1868, Congress passed an act creating the Wyoming Territory. In 1909, French aviator Louis Blériot flew across the English Channel in a monoplane, traveling from Calais to Dover in 37 minutes. Ten years ago: Opening ceremonies were held in Barcelona, Spain, for the 1992 Summer Olympics.

Fence Me In" in Los Angeles for Decca Records. Today's Birthdays: Actress Estelle Getty is 79. Actress Barbara Harris is 67. Rock musician Verdine White (Earth, Wind & Fire) is 51. Model-actor Iman is 47. Cartoonist Ray Billingsley ("Curtis") is 45. Rock musician Thurston Moore (Sonic Youth) is 44. Actress Ileana Douglas is 37. Country singer Marty Brown is 37. Actor Matt LeBlanc is 35. Actor Brad Renfro is 20. Thought for Today: "I have always believed that God never gives a cross to bear larger than we can carry. ... No matter what, God wants us to be happy. He doesn't want us to be sad. Birds sing after a storm. Why shouldn't we?" - Rose Kennedy (1890-1995).

Answer to previous puzzle: A crossword grid with the following words filled in: JUNTA, MILD, PEER, ASIAN, ONOR, NIVE, METRO, UNDECIDED, PRESSGALLERY, ODDSARE, EMI, RYE, BEE, KATTI, SET, ELBA, TRIP, NAPES, STUDIO, PART, MIT, EATEN, PURE, BADA, SAD, PALO, RUG, AMI, RES, KIBLES, MUSEUMPIECES, ILLATEASE, RIFLE, NCAR, ATIT, ODIST, OHMS, NESS, NEXUS.

Newsday Crossword

THE BEE GEES by Sally R. Stein Edited by Stanley Newman

Crossword puzzle grid with clues for Across and Down. Clues include: 1 Cavalry weapon, 6 Get ready to fire, 9 Uninteresting, 14 Get away from '50s, 15 White House monogram, 16 Entertain, 17 Spring month in Madrid, 18 By way of, 19 Pioneer's vehicle, 20 Jazz clarinetist, 23 Operatic highlight, 24 Squid relatives, 25 Actress Thurman, 28 Train depot: Abbr., 29 Khan, 30 Cotton gin inventor, 32 Droop, 33 Ringlet of hair, 35 Telegram, 36 Eminent evangelist, 41 Be next to, 43 Lugosi of filmdom, 44 Congressional contributor: Abbr., 47 Auntie Mame star, 51 Half of an umlaut, 52 Slangy suffix, 53 Fireplace residue, 54 Like lava, 56 Asian inland sea, 57 "Ode to Billy Joe" singer, 59 Allow inside, 62 Shade tree, 63 Bit of philately, 9 Popular honeymoon spot, 10 Arab League member, 11 Warm greeting, 12 WWII troupe group, 13 Guys, 21 Russian novelist, 22 Speedometer letters, 25 Trivial, 26 Sea, to Marie, 27 Sailor's assent, 29 Completely, 31 Airline bought by American, 34 Frequent 007 foe, 37 "Not for Me to Say", 38 Cashed in, 39 Tag with (accompany), 40 Something to check, 41 Coach Parseghian, 42 Kramden drove one, 45 One who cries wolf, 46 West Indies music, 48 Overacted, 49 Soft throw, 50 Eddie Bauer competitor, 55 Portuguese mark, 56 Opponents, 57 Small taste, 58 Are, to Pilar, 59 Poisonous snake, 60 Twosome, 61 Wire measure.