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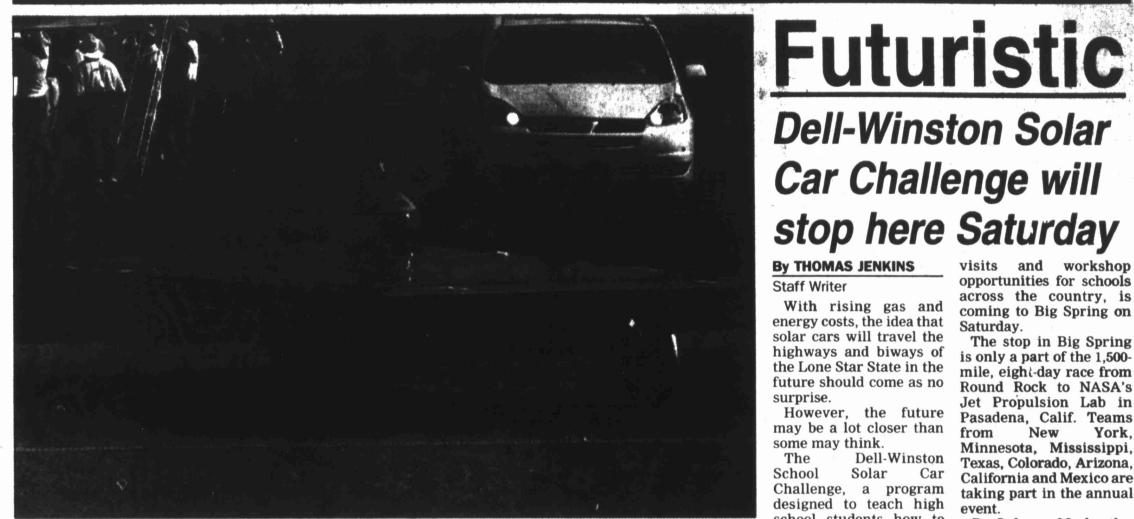
Car Challenge will

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It's all about the sun as this solar car zips along the highway. The Dell-Winston School Solar Car Challenge, a program designed to teach high school students how to build roadworthy solar cars, is coming to Big Spring on Saturday.

stop here Saturday By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer With rising gas and energy costs, the idea that solar cars will travel the highways and biways of the Lone Star State in the future should come as no

surprise. However, the future may be a lot closer than some may think.

Dell-Winston The School Solar Challenge, a program designed to teach high school students how to build roadworthy solar cars while providing curvisits and workshop opportunities for schools across the country, is coming to Big Spring on Saturday.

The stop in Big Spring is only a part of the 1,500mile, eight-day race from Round Rock to NASA's Jet Propulsion Lab in Pasadena, Calif. Teams from New York. Minnesota, Mississippi, Texas, Colorado, Arizona, California and Mexico are taking part in the annual event.

Dr. Lehman Marks, the

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BSHS band staying busy with fundraising

Approximately \$400,000 needed to cover 2006 trip to perform at Carnegie Hall

By STEVE REAGAN

Staff Writer

The Big Spring High School band has excelled at performing at a number of pressure-packed situations, as evidenced by a long row of trophies on display at the band hall.

performing at But Carnegie Hall? That should be quite a different kettle of fish.

The BSHS band has been invited to perform at the legendary New York concert venue on June 4. 2006, and band personnel are understandably excited at the prospect of performing in the Big Apple.

"We've been on pins and needles since we heard." BSHS Band Director Rocky Harris said. "This is a first for us and the people of Big Spring. It's been a lifelong dream to perform at Carnegie Hall.'

The band qualified for the Debut Series for Young Groups Carnegie Hall after submitting a recording of its Spring 2004 concert performance to event officials. Harris said the band received word of its acceptance in June.

"We have worked hard to put together a quality performing group here at Big Spring," Harris said. "This is kind of the culmination of a lot of hard work on the part of the people in this program."

The bad news, if there is any, is that financing a trip to New York will not be cheap. Harris estimated that it will cost between \$1,500 and \$1,700 per person, meaning that band members will have to raise about \$400,000 before next June to secure their date at Carnegie Hall.

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Big Spring High School band members Kaleb Digby, far right, and Sarah Babcock, second from right, sell food and drinks at Sunday's Pops in the Park event. The BSHS band is raising funds to finance a trip to Carnegie Hall in New York City

Lawmakers, attorneys prepared for school funding debate

By APRIL CASTRO

Associated Press Writer

AUSTIN — A measure that would change the way Texans pay taxes for public schools won't do enough to satisfy previous court rulings, Republican House Speaker Tom Craddick says.

Nonetheless, lawmakers on vide Wednesday will begin debating the legislation in the statehouse. And in a courtroom less than a block away, attorneys for more than 300 school districts will make their cases to the Texas Supreme Court that the state's school funding system is flawed and does not pro-

required "general diffusion of knowledge.'

Attorneys for the state are appealing a previous ruling in the case. They will argue that the system does, in fact, meet the minimum constitutional requirements and the burden to change the system lies with the

the constitutionally Legislature, not the courts.

Craddick, who presides over the House, said Tuesday that the measure before the chamber does not solve the legal problems facing the state.

State District Judge John Dietz last year agreed with plaintiffs, ruling that the system is "financially inefficient, See FUNDING, Page 3A

inadequate and unsuitable."

Many districts, which now tax property owners at the maximum legal amount — \$1.50 per \$100 of property value — don't have room to raise more money and still don't have enough money to meet basic education-

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DRUGS THAT HARMED



When Tami Melum hugs her heartshaped pillow. she can feel the pain of the past three years seep into the surgical scar on her chest.

"It reminds me of how the kids and my husband suffered," Melum said of the pillew, given to her after open-heart surgery. See Page 6A

COMING THIS WEEKEND



Cover Story: For 67 years, competition has attracted youthful drivers to the All-American Soap Box Derby, in which hundreds of com-

petitors race non-motorized cars down an 954-foot track in Akron, Ohio, in hopes of capturing the national title.

G-8 SUMMIT

Compromise appeared within reach today among the world's most industrialized nations on relieving Africa's crushing poverty and combating global warming.

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Obituaries

Ozella Neill Long

Ozella Neill Long, a lover of life, learning and family, passed away on Friday, July 1, 2005, surrounded by her children. She was preceded in death

by her husband of 59 years, Al Long in 2001.

Memorial services will be held at 4 p.m. Wednesday, July 6, 2005 at the Kerrville Church of Christ, Kerrville, with the Rev. Dr. Greg Cummings, officiating.

Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Friday, July 8, 2005 at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel, Big Spring,

with the Rev. Ralph Anderson, minister of Birdwell Lane Church of Christ, officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday, July 7, 2005 at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home, Big Spring.

Ozella was born in Waco on Dec. 20, 1925, the first daughter and one of four children of Frank and Lucile Bridges Neill. She spent her childhood south of Big Spring, graduating from high school at age 16 with a group of less than 20.

Married to Al Long in 1942 at the young age of 16, she courageously took trains and followed him to his World War II assignments across America, toting a new baby, Alice, canned milk, and cloth diapers. After the war, Al and Ozella returned to West Texas, and

had their second daughter, Fran. Ozella's life revolved around her faithfulness to God, family and friends. Known for her quick laughter, a listening ear and a sparkle in her eye, she collected friends instead of possessions and worked steadfastly for her causes. Her godly spirit and sensitivity to other's needs led to countless hours of visits, cooking and sharing. She cooked and gardened to perfection and defended her love of the desert beauty of West Texas. Blessed with a small but strong family, her two granddaughters were most exceptional to her and she was tireless in doing special things for them.

Ozella worked more than 20 years for the Soil Conservation District, Webb Air Force Base and the VA Hospital in Big Spring. After retirement, she enjoyed a new career in Mary Kay Cosmetics. Books, research of any subject, words and language were a big part of Ozella's pleasure. She excelled with 4.0 grade point averages in college courses and certification in Professional Secretarial training. Her commitment to the Lord led to countless hours of work with the deaf ministry, prison ministry and World Bible School. Her community activities included timely investments in the Howard County and Permian Basin Historical Commission, where she generously gave time to scholarship programs and preservation of

Ozella's cancer diagnosis came abruptly and aggressively, but like all of her difficult life endeavors, she grimaced and took Romans 8:18 in stride: "But what we suffer now is nothing compared to the glory He will give us later."

She is survived by her daughters and sons-in-law, Alice and George Kolb, Fredericksburg, and Fran and Mark Patterson, Austin: her granddaughters and grandson-in-law, Alisa and Andy Nelson, Oklahoma City, Okla., and Teal Patterson, Austin; one sister and brother-in-law, Frances and Bill Ramsey, Phoenix, Ariz.; and cousins, nieces, a nephew and a new greatniece. Her family, friends and co-workers have been enriched and blessed to be called her children, friends and companions. We love you forever, Mom.

"Find rest, O my soul, in God alone, my hope comes from Him. He alone is my rock and my salvation; he is my fortress, I will not be shaken. My salvation and my honor depend on God; He is my mighty rock, my refuge." — Psalms 62:5-7.

Special thanks are extended to Vista Care, and especially Shirley Higdon, R.N., who provided excellent hospice assistance and support during Ozella's fight with cancer. Remembrances may be given to the Church of Christ landscape or library fund, 1900 Memorial Parkway, Kerrville 78028 or to Vista Care Hospice, 1001 Water Street, Kerrville 78028, or to the Medina Children's Home, 21300 State Hwy 16 N., Medina 78055.

Arrangements under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring. condolences can be Online made www.npwelch.com. Paid obituary

Lottery

The jackpot in the multistate Mega Millions lottery

drawing has grown to \$88 million.

None of the tickets sold for Tuesday's \$73 million drawing matched all five lotto numbers and the Mega Ball. The next drawing will be Friday.

The winning numbers from Tuesday's drawing were: 22, 38, 48, 50, and 55. The Mega Ball number was 29.

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Tuesday night: Winning numbers drawn: 1-2-7-19-32 Number matching five of five: none. Next Cash 5 drawing: Tonight.

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Tuesday night, in order: 5-0-9

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Tuesday afternoon, in order: 5-8-6

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Teresa Marie Sundy

Teresa Marie Sundy, 48, of Eubbock, formerly of Big Spring, died on Monday, July 4, 2005, at her residence

in Lubbock. Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday, July 7, 2005 at the East Fourth Street Baptist Church, Big Spring with the Rev. Rex Clayton, pastor, officiating. Entombment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park Mausoleum. The family will receive friends from 6

p.m. to 7 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral

Born on June 15, 1957, in Big Spring, Teresa was raised in Big Spring and graduated from Big Spring High School in 1976. She had worked as a nurse's aide and in the laundry department at the VA Medical Center for nine years and at the Big Spring State Hospital for four years. She had also worked at Sam's in Midland and at Palex in Lubbock for a number of years.

Teresa was an answer to prayer and was heaven sent. She was compassionate and loved people, always putting others above herself. She was an avid dog lover.

She was baptized at East Fourth Street Baptist Church and was a member of Highland Baptist Church in Lubbock. Teresa is survived by her mother, Beverly Sundy of Big Spring and several aunts, uncles and cousins.

She was preceded in death by her father, Jimmy Lee Sundy, her brother, Daniel Wayne Sundy and her grandparents, Ray and Marie Nichols and Mac and Ola Sundy.

The family suggests memorials to the American Cancer Society Memorial Program, c/o Lucy Bonner, P. O. Drawer 2121, Big Spring 79721-2121.

Arrangements under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring. condolences can be www.npwelch.com.

Maria Christina Ybarra

Maria Christina Ybarra, 66, died Tuesday, July 5, 2005, at Medical Center Hospital in Odessa. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Virginia Faye Gray

Virginia Faye Gray, 80, of Big Spring, died Tuesday, July 5, 2005, at her residence. Services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

Margie Villa

Margie Villa, 66, of Stanton died Wednesday, July 6, 2005, at her residence. Services are pending with Gilbreath Funeral Home of Stanton.

Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity between 8 a.m. Tuesday and 8 a.m.

· JIMMY GARRARD, 31, of 1503 Scurry, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of assault class c/family vio-· SALLY HAIR, 25, of 9001 Longshore, was arrested

Tuesday on a charge of public intoxication. THEFT was reported in the 700 block of Interstate

Highway 20.

CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported:

- in the 1000 block of Birdwell Lane. - in the 700 block of Runnels.

• BURGLARY OF A HABITATION was reported in the 500 block of Westover Road.

ASSAULT CLASS C/FAMILY VIOLENCE was

reported in the 1500 block of Scurry.

Weather

Today - Partly cloudy. Chance of showers and thunderstorms in the morning. Highs in the upper 90s. North winds 15 to 20 mph shifting to the southeast 10 to 15 mph in the afternoon. The chance of rain is 50 percent.

Tonight — Partly cloudy with a 40 percent chance of thunderstorms. Lows in the upper 60s. Southeast winds 10 to 15 mph.

Thursday — Partly cloudy. Isolated thunderstorms. Highs in the upper 90s. Southeast winds 10 to 15 mph.

Thursday night — Partly cloudy with a 30 percent chance of thunderstorms. Lows in the lower 70s. Southeast winds 10 to 15 mph.

Friday — Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of thunderstorms. Highs in the mid 90s. South winds 10

Friday night - Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of thunderstorms. Lows in the lower 70s. Saturday — Partly cloudy. Isolated thunderstorms.

Highs in the lower 90s. Saturday night — Partly cloudy with a 20 percent

chance of thunderstorms. Lows in the lower 70s. Sunday — Partly cloudy. Highs in the lower 90s. Sunday night — Partly cloudy. Lows around 70. Monday — Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 90s.



Sheriff's report

The Howard County Sheriff's Office reported the following activity:

 SAMANTHA LEIGH CASTILLO, 20, was arrested Tuesday by the HCSO on a charge of theft by check.

• KEVIN E. LAMB, 33, was transferred to the county jail Tuesday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while license invalid.

 PABLO CONCHO FLORES, 52, was arrested Tuesday by the HCSO on a parole violation.

 AARON WAYNE HENSLEY, 21, was transferred to the county jail Tuesday by the BSPD on charges of no liability insurance, failure to yield the right-of-way to an emergency vehicle, violation of a promise to appear and theft.

 ANDY FRANCO JR., 23, was transferred to the county jail Tuesday by the BSPD on charges of speeding and aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.

 MARK ANTHONY HICKMAN JR., 18, was arrested Tuesday by the HCSO on a charge of driving under the influence by a minor.

Fire/EMS

The Big Spring Fire Department reported the following activity:

• MEDICAL was reported in the 300 block of E. 23rd Street. One person was transported to SMMC.

 MEDICAL was reported in the 1400 block of W. Second Street. One person was transported to SMMC.

· MEDICAL was reported in the 1600 block of Harding. One person was transported to SMMC.

• MEDICAL was reported in the 1000 block of Stadium. One person was transported to SMMC. · MEDICAL was reported in the 700 block of

Interstate Highway 20. One person was transported to SMMC. • TRAUMA was reported in the 700 block of

Johnson. One person was transported to SMMC. MEDICAL was reported in the 1400 block of W.

Second Street. One person was transported to SMMC. GRASS FIRE was reported in the 1000 block of W. Fifth Street.

 STRUCTURE FIRE was reported in the 1500 block of Vines.

Take note

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Sex Offenders

The following information has been released by the Big Spring Police Department and/or Howard County Sheriff's Office in keeping with laws regarding notification to the public of sex offenders residing within a community or county. The individuals below do not represent all sex offenders in Howard County. For a complete list of sex offenders residing in Big Spring, access the BSPD Web site at:

www.police.big-spring.tx.us

For a list of sex offenders in Howard County, find the link to the Texas Department of Public Safety on the BSPD Web site.

Sowell, John

W/M AGE: 23

2912 Cherokee

Attempted Indecency With A Child-**Sexual Contact**

Risk Level: Moderate - Poses a moderate danger to community and may continue to engage in Criminal Sexual Conduct

W/M EDAD: 23

2912 Cherokee

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Johnson, Howard

W/M AGE: 20 500 S. Goliad

Sexual Assault Of A Child

Risk Level: High — poses a high danger to the community and will likely continue to engage in criminal sexual conduct.

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G-8 trying to reach compromise on Africa, global warming

By MARTIN CRUTSINGER

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GLENEAGLES, Scotland — Compromise appeared within reach on Wednesday among the world's most industrialized nations on relieving Africa's crushing poverty and combating global warming.

President Bush and other leaders of the Group of Eight nations were to begin arriving at this posh golf resort. Their three days of annual discussions were beginning over dinner at the Gleneagles hotel.

Protesters who have vowed to disrupt the summit were already in place. A group of about 100 activists smashed car windows, threw rocks and attempted to blockade one of the main roads leading to this luxury resort, prompting police to call off a rrotest march in a nearby village on the grounds public safety could not be guaranteed.

Police with armor, helmets and shields formed a

chain across the closed highway main Gleneagles from capital f of Scottish Edinburgh.

Leaders' aides, meanwhile, met behind closed doors on the two issues British Prime Minister Tony Blair has made the main focus of this year's summit.

Bush cleared the way for one compromise when he pledged last week to double U.S. support for Africa to more than \$8.6 billion by 2010, up from the \$4.3 billion the United States provided last year. That amount wouldn't nearly meet Blair's target for summit nations to increase Africa aid to 0.7 percent of their gross national product, but still would be far higher than any previous U.S. administration's commitment.

Bush, stopping in Denmark on the way to Scotland, warned that he would emphasize the need for African nations to commit to good gover-

"I don't know how we

can look our taxpayers in bat it. the eye and say, this is a good deal to give money to countries that are corrupt," he said. "What were interested in ... is helping people and, therefore, we have said that well give aid, absolutely, well cancel debt, you bet. But we want to make sure that the governments invest in their people, invest in the health of

fight corruption." Compromise has proven even tougher on Blair's other key issue, developing a plan to curb emissions of greenhouse gases, with U.S. officials lobbying behind the scenes against setting any specific goals or timetables for emission reductions as called for in the 1997

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Kvoto Protocol. Sir Michael Jay, Blair's representative in the discussions, called the negotiations "pretty intense." He predicted the G-8 would reach an accord that recognized the problem and the need to com-

The United States is the only G-8 country that has not ratified the Kyoto Protocol. The United States has been at odds with most of the other nations regarding global warming, saying further study is needed about scientific findings on climate change.

Bush said in Denmark that "the surface of the Earth is warmer and that an increase in greenhouse gases caused by humans is contributing to the problem."

However, he made plain that mandatory targets are off the table. He referred repeatedly to the Kyoto treaty in the past tense, even though it took effect in February, and said the goal for his plan is to control greenhouse gases merely "as best as possible."

Bush said he "can't wait" to talk with summit colleagues about the United States' alternative proposed approach, which stresses spreading cleanenergy technologies to

both developed and developing nations.

"I think there's a better way forward," Bush said. "I would call it the post-Kyoto era, where we can work together to share technologies."

Blair was expected to try to salvage the climate change issue by shifting debate away from disagreements with the United States and toward gaining support for emission controls in China. The country's surging economy has made it the world's second biggest producer of greenhouse gases after the United

States. In addition to boosting aid for Africa, the G-8 leaders were expected to endorse a deal their finance ministers reached in June to wipe out \$40 billion in debt that 18 poor countries — 14 of them in Africa — owe lending international agencies including the World Bank.

Blair also was pushing the rich nations to reach agreement on cutting the

farm subsidies that they give their farmers but which depress imports from poor nations.

Bush has said the best way to deal with agricultural subsidies is for Europe and the United States to jointly agree to : get rid of them through the Doha Round of global trade talks.

This year's G-8 talks at an 850-acre resort marked the third consecutive summit held at remote. sealed-off locales. Those decisions followed the 2001 summit in Genoa, Italy, when hundreds of thousands of protesters clashed violently with police.

In addition to the two key issues Blair selected. the discussions expected to cover the world's political hot spots, from Iraq to the Middle East peace process and the nuclear ambitions of Iran and North Korea.

Energy was also expected to occupy discussion time as leaders grapple with ways to halt a surge in global oil prices.

RACE

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race coordinator, said he drove approximately 6,000 miles throughout the United States to choose the route for the race in an effort to make the trip as educational for the youth participating as possible.

"When I set up this

race, my goal was to take the students through communities that were representative of their states," said Marks. "I drove 6,000 miles during this set up process, met hundreds of people and looked at too

"I decided on Big Spring because of the kindness of its citizens, the central focus of the Heart of the City Park and the history of the community. I'm

many parking lots.

very impressed with Big Spring.'

The race will make its way into the Heart of the City Park Saturday between 4 p.m. and 5 p.m. Mayor Russ McEwen and Dale Coates are slated to restart the race at 9 a.m. Sunday.

Solar race drivers will leave Big Spring, travel-184.2 miles to Carlsbad, N.M., where they will stop for the

night.

Marks said the race alternates between a track-style race, held at Texas Motor Speedway on even-numbered years, and a cross-country race on odd-numbered years.

"The first Challenge in 1995 attracted 90 schools, leading to nine teams actually building cars for the 1995 race," Marks. "Three cars qualified to run. Eight cars

qualified for the 1997 race, a 600-mile cross-country event from Dallas to San Antonio. The Dell-Winston Solar Challenge now hosts annual events based on the speedway's support."

In 2002, Dell Computers became the title sponsor of the Winston Solar Challenge. Dell hosted the 2002 closed-track race at the Texas Motor Speedway, the 2003 race

to Florida's Solar Energy Center, the 2004 race at Texas Motor Speedway, and this year's 1,500-mile

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al needs. Dietz ruled that the school property tax cap amounts to a statewide property tax, which is unconstitutional in Texas.

The tax bill being debated in the House on Wednesday doesn't satisfy that part of Dietz ruling, Craddick said.

"It would temporarily give you some more room to move, but I don't think it solves the problem over the long haul." Craddick

The tax bill, which could change significantly during floor debate Wednesday, would lower property taxes but pay for

tax base also would be expanded to include bottled water, auto repair, goods and services. The deep budget cuts. bill would increase the cigarette tax by \$1.

The suing districts also argued that the current system violates the state's responsibility to provide an adequate education to Texas school children. Dietz agreed, ruling that the "constitutional mandate of adequacy exceeds the maximum amount of funding that is available under the state's current funding formulas."

Reducing the property taxes for homeowners has the districts that the

sales tax and by closing many Republican legislaloopholes in state's main tors. Critics argue that business tax. The sales the state can't afford to choke off the money stream that is used to pay for public schools when

> "While our ship is sinkholes in the boat, so ultimately we'll sink even faster," said Rep. Pete Gallego, D-Alpine. "We're not buying textbooks, not financing buildings, not paying our teachers ... so the educational system continues on sailing the way it is and as our ship continues to sink, we're drilling additional holes into the ship.'

Dietz also agreed with

it with a higher state been a rallying cry for state's failure to provide consistent and dependable funding for building construction means that property poor districts do not have substantially equal access to facilities and certain computer many districts are facing funding, also in violation of the state constitution.

> Dietz said the state must state appealed the ruling.

all-Republican The Texas Supreme Court could take weeks or months to make its decision and Perry made it clear he, too, wants the Legislature, not the courts, to decide the out-

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ing, they're drilling more stop funding public schools by Oct. 1 of this year if the constitutional violations are not corrected, although that deadline is on hold because the

Continued from Page 1A Members of the band and boosters already have hit the fundraising trail with vendors booths at the recent Pops in the

Park and Funtastic Fourth events. And several similar efforts are planned in the near future. Harris said persons wishing to donate money or help in the fundraising

> tact him at the BSHS band hall, 264-3641, ext. Contact Staff Writer Steve Reagan at 263-7331, ext. 234, or by e-mail at reporter@bigspringherald.com.

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"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."

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OTHER VIEWS

Supreme Court needs another like O'Connor

vacancy on the U.S. Supreme Court has always aroused considerable interest, but in recent years the process has become more politicized and nasty. Voters should be able to hope that the processing of replacing Sandra Day O'Connor could be handled with statesmanship and compromise.

President Bush got the process off to a decent start by announcing that he would not immediately put forth a nominee.

"I will be deliberate and thorough in this process," Bush said, announcing that we would not make any decision until he returns from a trip to Europe next Friday. An administration spokesman said Bush would consult with Republican and Democratic senators about his nominee.

That kind of mutual respect would be welcome, even if Democrats are junior partners in the discussion. The president deserves the chance to nominate someone who shares his philosophy, and Republicans hold a 55-44-1 edge in the Senate. Yet Democratic senators share the constitutional right of "advice and consent" and don't have to roll over for anyone.

Bush could avoid a bitter confirmation battle by nominating a respectable jurist, not an ideologue. If he does, Democrats should confirm him or her regardless of the nominee's views on abortion or any other issue. Bush doesn't have to nominate a woman, but at some point the court should have another woman besides Ruth Bader Ginsburg.

If the president is looking for a guide, he wouldn't go wrong in finding someone like O'Connor, the first woman to sit on the nation's highest court. She was nominated by President Reagan and generally voted as a conservative.

Yet she showed an independent streak too and wasn't afraid to confound predictions. Another jurist who could carry on her legacy of thoughtfulness and reverence for the law would serve the nation well.

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Pot bellied hunting blinds selling

company in Eldorado makes fiberglass tanks for oil fields and ranches. A few years ago a new product was added. Pot bellied hunting blinds.

"They're small on both ends and bigger in the middle,"

says Doug Garvin, one of the partners in G & G

Manufacturing. "They give you the elbow room you need when you're swinging your gun around. There's a safety factor there, too."

Doug and his partners got the idea for the unusual looking blind just by talking about what the hunters needed.

They wanted something that was convenient.

"It'll all break down so it'll fit in the back of a pickup. You can

actually haul three blinds in a

pickup. The tower and blind break down. All the pieces fit inside the top of the blind."

Doug says the extra room in the middle is one feature that makes the blind appealing to hunters.

"It's 5 feet, 10 inches at the center and 4 feet on the floor. It's 6 feet, 2 inches tall. A normal size person can stand up in it."

You can set one up in about 45

"All the holes are pre-drilled and the nuts are already in the parts and all you do is run a bolt in there. All you need is one sevensixteenth socket and a punch. That'll pretty well do it. The blinds are lightweight, only about 180 pounds."

Response to the pot bellied blinds has been good.

"We've sold them all over. Up into Canada and down into Mexico. And they're good for where it's cold because they have good insulating properties. We've had people use them for ice fishing and photography platforms as

well as hunting. We've sent them up to Colorado where they use them to watch for fires. We have shelves in the corners and gun rests and all kinds of little extra features. Sliding Plexiglas windows and indoor-outdoor floor carpeting come standard. The blinds have a 360 degree viewing area."

Most of the blinds are olive drab in color, but they have been made in other colors. When they send them down in the Pandale area, they have to be sort of a brownish gray color to blend in with the rocks.

The blinds don't have to be mounted on a tower. Some hunters use them as a ground blind. Some even mount them on the back of a jeep.

They came up with the name pot bellied blinds just from kicking around names. Doug is pleased with the way the blinds are being received.

"It's pretty good to be able to stay in your hometown and do what you enjoy doing."



What was the court thinking?

s one who cares a whale of a lot more about personal rights than property rights, let me leap right into the fray over a Supreme Court decision on the side of the property rights advocates, many of whom I normally consider nutballs. But at least

they're more in touch with reality than a majority of the Supreme Court.

The justice who nailed this one was Sandra Day O'Connor, bless her. She wrote in dissent: "The beneficiaries are likely to be those citizens with disproportionate influence

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and power in the political process,
including large corporations and
development firms. As for the victims, the government now has
license to transfer property from
those with fewer resources to
those with more. The Founders
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verse result."

The court ruled 5-4 that local governments may use the power of eminent domain to confiscate private homes and turn them over to private developers, who will make more profitable use of them, taxwise. The case came out of New London, Conn., a city that had lost tens of thousands of jobs and had an unemployment rate twice that

of the rest of the state.

In the late 1990s, the Pfizer drug company decided to build a \$300 million research campus next-door to 32 acres the city had acquired after the Navy closed a facility there. The state pledged \$7 million to open the waterfront to the public, fill in the flood plain and clean up the area, which has environmental hazards. The city also came up with a redevelopment plan that includes marinas, parks, private offices, condos and a hotel.

But seven of the 90 landowners in the area refused to sell.

The court essentially extended the use of eminent domain — the right by which the government can seize private property to use for public purposes in exchange for fair market value — to include for-profit development.

Well, sure, that sounds just dandy — parks, marina, riverfront walk — all a lot nicer than some blighted area. "Public purposes" usually means roads, schools, bridges and — if you are George W. Bush — a baseball stadium in Arlington, Texas. But the five justices in the majority on this decision clearly know little to nothing

about local government.

The majority noted that "economic development" has long been considered a public good.

considered a public good.

"Jobs, jobs, jobs," is the eternal cry of the economic development lobby, which always stands to profit from whatever abomination is about to be foisted on the public. I'm not arguing that bigger is better or worse, I'm arguing that local governments are likely to seize on any chance to increase their tax base. We've got places in Texas that beg for prisons, chemical complexes, even nuclear waste dumps.

dumps.
What it doesn't mean is a better place to live, which I gather is what the Supreme Court majority had in mind with this decision. Those who naively trust local governments to make wise decisions clearly haven't been paying attention. The main difference between the feds and the locals is that it costs more to buy the feds. And I don't like cynics.

don't like cynics.

Many, many "economic development" decisions are made after an all-expenses-paid jaunt for local officials to the home location of a corporation, or after a pleasant discussion over lunch after a round of golf at a country club.

Too cynical for you?

Look, a Wal-Mart brings in more

tax dollars than 10 mom-and-pop stores. A chemical plants brings in more than the local shrimpers, especially after it kills off all the shrimp. Just like Monopoly, your property is worth more with a hotel on it than a house. Sure, you can get fair market value for your house — although fair, as was the case with George Bush's baseball stadium — is often in the eye of the beholder.

If you can convince any elected official in Texas that there is a higher good than "a healthy bidness climate," you let me know about it. The rivers and bays, the aquifers, the air we breathe—none of that has ever stood in the way of economic development in this state.

People have the most remarkable ability to convince themselves that what they are doing is for the greater good if they are also making a great deal of money out of it. Or, as Upton Sinclair put it, "It is difficult to get a man to understand something when his salary depends upon his not understanding it."

People excuse this kind of thing by saying, "You can't stop progress." "Progress" of this sort doesn't happen through some inexorable law, it usually happens because the law and the political system have been bought by huge economic interests. Corporations can file lawsuits and defend lawsuits longer than a normal human can live, and they can make more generous campaign contributions than any seven homeowners will ever be able to come up with.

I repeat: I am not a cynic. But I am a realist.

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Border sheriffs to discuss security issues

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Sheriffs along the Texas-Mexico border say they're exhausted with dealing with the overflow of illegal immigration.

The toll on manpower, fuel and equipment has reached such an alarming level, they say, that the sheriffs from the 16 Texas counties along the border formed an alliance and planned to discuss the problem Wednesday and Thursday in Del Rio, a border town about 150 miles west of San Antonio.

Calling themselves the Texas Border Sheriff's Coalition, the group formed in May and is seeking more federal and state funding to pay for the costs of illegal immigration that county budgets can't afford, coalition members said.

"The coalition feels the federal government is not adequately protecting the border," said Zapata County Sheriff Sigifredo Gonzalez, coalition president. "If anything happens along the border, we'd be the first ones to respond."

The U.S. Border Patrol doesn't have enough resources to secure the entire 1,200-mile Texas-Mexico border, especially from the influx of suspected illegal immigrants who hail from countries other than Mexico, including Arab nations where terrorist cells are known to exist, said Webb County Sheriff Rick Flores. His county's border with Mexico extends about 80 miles.

Woman wants softball rules changed

BEAUMONT (AP) — The mother of a 21-year-old Beaumont man who died after a freak softball accident wants to see helmets required for players in amateur softball leagues.

"He'd have been the first one to gripe, but they all need to wear helmets," Kerry Ehrensberger said in a story in Wednesday's Beaumont Enterprise. "Maybe if he'd have worn a helmet, he'd still be here."

Adam Wade Ehrensberger was hit in the head by a softball while running for home plate during a game June 29. He collapsed in a coma in his brother's arms after the ball thrown by the shortstop hit him behind his left ear. He died Saturday.

"The bone chip severed a vein, which resulted in internal bleeding, and the impact of the ball shifted everything in the brain to the right," his sister Kristi Gallander said. "After surgery, when everything shifted back, it had just been too much shifting, too much swelling and blood flow was cut off."

Friends and family gathered Tuesday night to share stories about the young man.

The player's heart was donated to a 50-year-old Texas man. Other organs also were donated.

San Antonio police officer arrested

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — A San Antonio police officer has been arrested on an allegation of aggravated sexual assault.

The arrest of Dean Gutierrez was announced Tuesday by Police Chief Albert Ortiz at a news conference.

According to a police attidavit, the officer is accused of forcing a man to engage in sexual acts on June 10. The victim was at a bus stop when the officer asked him if he had any warrants, according to the affidavit.

After discovering that the man had a warrant, the officer told him to get in the car or go to jail, the affidavit stated. The officer then took the man to another location and forced him to have sex, according to the affidavit.

IRS investigating televangelist's operation

DALLAS (AP) — The Internal Revenue Service is looking into the operations and finances of televangelist Benny Hinn's organization, according to a published report.

The IRS wouldn't discuss the case, but a representative for Benny Hinn Ministries confirmed to The Dallas Morning News that the inquiry is under way, characterizing it as routine.

Critics have argued that Hinn improperly profits from a ministry that hasn't met the IRS definition of a church for years. The ministry is estimated to raise more than \$100 million a year.

But his public relations contractor dismissed the possibility that tax exemptions could be at risk. Hinn spokesman Ronn Torossian said the ministry has "fully cooperated with the IRS" and is not being audited.

Hinn's ministry, formally renamed the World Healing Center Church in 2000, has had its administrative and mail-processing headquarters in Grapevine since a year earlier. Hinn, 52, and his family live in California.

According to documents provided to the newspaper by a watchdog group, the inquiry into the ministry began a year ago and the IRS has asked for dozens of detailed answers. The Trinity Foundation has investigated Hinn for more than a decade.

Hinn ministry responses to IRS questions and a purported salary list for ministry officials are among documents that Trinity members said they salvaged from trash bins outside Hinn-related offices.

The salary document lists Hinn as CEO and his annual earnings as \$1.325 million. Attorneys for the ministry, in a letter to The News, said the document was either a fake or had been stolen.

The newspaper found that another watchdog group's complaint to the IRS — that the ministry lacks financial oversight and independent governance — may have led the agency to question the operation through what's called a church tax-inquiry letter.

Wall Watchers, a North Carolina-based advocacy

Wall Watchers, a North Carolina-based advocacy group for religious donors, recently issued an alert about the Hinn ministry through its Ministry Watch Web site.

Wall Watchers sent a letter to the IRS early last year calling for an investigation of the Hinn Ministry, said Rod Pitzer, Wall Watchers' research director.

Hinn and his attorneys, who declined to be interviewed, have maintained the ministry uses proper accounting.

Not quilty verdict in sugar cane deaths

EDINBURG (AP) — A jury determined Tuesday that sugar growers were not negligent in the deaths of illegal immigrants who died when a South Texas sugar cane field was set on fire to help clear it for harvest.

Relatives of three of the six people from Mexico and Guatemala killed near Raymondville in March 2003 sued Rio Grande Sugar Growers Inc. for \$20 million in damages. They claimed the co-op was negligent in its harvesting methods and knew immigrants might use the tall sugar stalks to hide.

The Rio Grande Valley Sugar Growers Inc. is a co-op of about 130 farmers with Texas' only sugar mill.

Attorneys for the relatives of Mauricio Perez Guzman, Rosa Perez Guzman and Angel Gabriel Pineda claimed the co-op's warning system and burning technique were flawed. Burning all four sides of a field leaves no escape, family attorney Juan Gonzalez said in a story in Wednesday's editions of The (McAllen) Monitor.

The co-op's attorneys, Charles Willette and Joe Hernandez, said burning all four sides of the field controls the fire.

The sugar mill should not be held responsible for choices made by the illegal immigrants, who were voluntarily hiding in the fields to avoid immigration officials, according to the co-op's attorneys.

"There is no doubt that this was a tragedy. No one at the sugar mill — no one — wanted these people to lose their lives," Willette said. "There is no doubt in our mind that the warnings were played, and that they were clear."

Hernandez went through a detailed timeline of the

events the day of the harvesting, from when sugar mill employees began warnings from their trucks to when the fire was out.

"I don't think anybody's going to know why these six individuals didn't get out of the field," he said.

The family's attorneys claimed that the people stayed in the field either because they did not hear the warning messages or the messages were not persuasive enough.

The sugar mill first began using its current warning system after a 1988 incident, when one man was killed and another injured during harvesting. Staff began posting orange flags on all four corners of the fields warning trespassers to keep out and get out.

Warnings in English and Spanish are now broadcast at two different times from trucks that canvass the fields, looking for signs of trespassers.

Progress made on big Davis Mountains fire

FORT DAVIS (AP) — Firefighters battling hot, windy conditions had a lightning-ignited blaze in the Davis Mountains mostly contained early Tuesday evening.

The fire has scorched about 2,000 acres since Saturday at the Caldwell Ranch in Jeff Davis County. The incident commander declared the fire 75 percent contained, said Ron Perry, a spokesman for the Texas Forest Service.

About 80 firefighters were battling the fire, which got within 4 to 5 miles of the McDonald Observatory. The observatory and visitor center were open.

"There's been no injuries, no structures lost and there have been no evacuations ordered," Perry said.

Texas Army National Guard Blackhawk helicopters dropped 77,000 gallons of water mixed with firefighting foam on the hottest spots of the fire Monday. Figures weren't available on Tuesday's drops.

Meanwhile, crews Tuesday continued to monitor the site of a 500-acre fire on Chinati Peak south of Marfa. The fires were among several to break out over the weekend in parched West Texas.

State and federal forestry officials warned of an extremely high fire danger throughout Texas. Drought conditions have left most of the state with severe fire danger warnings.

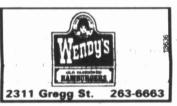
Outdoor burning bans were in effect in at least 105 of Texas' 254 counties. The Tarrant County Commissioners Court approved a 90-day ban on Tuesday.

"For our residents in the rural areas, we suggest that you make sure that you keep an area of about 30 feet mowed around your home and outbuildings to prevent a fire from reaching your structures," said Randy Renois, fire marshal for the county, which includes Fort Worth.

In national forests and grasslands in the state, fires are allowed only in gas and propane grills, lanterns, and stoves in developed recreation areas. Smoking is limited to enclosed vehicles and buildings, developed recreation sites or in 3-foot circular areas cleared of flammable material.

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Weight-loss drugs did more harm than good

By Susan Kelleher

The Seattle Times SEATTLE

When Tami Melum hugs her heart-shaped pillow, she can feel the pain of the past three years seep into the surgical scar on her chest.

"It reminds me of how the kids and my husband suffered," Melum said of the pillow, which was given to her after openheart surgery and usually sits on a bedroom dresser in her home. "I keep it there as a reminder.'

Melum, 39, took weightloss drugs so she could feel healthier and keep up with her two boys, now 11 and 13. The drugs nearly killed her.

After being prescribed Redux and a drug combination known as "phenfen," Melum developed heart damage so severe that in 2002 surgeons had to cut open her chest and heart and install an artificial valve.

She is a tragic testament to what can go wrong in a system where the powerful pharmaceutical industry influences what constitutes a disease, who has it, and how it should be treated.

Before taking the drugs, Melum was overweight but healthy: Her cholesterol, blood pressure and blood sugar were all normal.

But that wasn't enough. By the mid-1990s, the medical establishment had changed its mind about people such as Melum. Some of the world's most prominent obesity experts, with backing from the drug industry and medical societies, defined obesity as a stand-alone "disease" that caused premature death and needed to be treated with drugs.

Suddenly, Tami Melum and millions like her were, by definition, sick.

In making obesity a disease, these experts helped create a billion-dollar market for the drugs that maimed Melum, killed hundreds, and damaged the hearts and lungs of tens of thousands.

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Tami Melum, of Sedro-Woolley, Washington, holds a pillow that was signed by friends and family and given to her after she underwent open-heart surgery to repair severe damage caused by weight-loss drugs. The drugs were pulled from the market. In the background is her husband, Glenn.

The story of obesity weighed 209 pounds or shows how it became acceptable for doctors to the nation's adults are risk killing or injuring people on the premise that it would save them standard was being profrom illnesses they might never get.

How did the fight against fat reach this point?

It started more than a decade ago as drug companies and their scientific consultants increasingly promoted using a Body Mass Index (BMI) of 30 as the trigger point for when someone should be treated for obesity, including being prescribed weightloss drugs.

The BMI is a height-toweight ratio that provides a rough estimate of body fat. Adapted from lifethe BMI not only measures obesity but also sets ranges for "ideal weight"

and "overweight." With the dividing line between being overweight and obese set at a BMI of 30, a 5-foot-10 person would be obese once he

more. About 30 percent of estimated to be obese.

At the time the BMI moted as a disease, only two prescription weightloss drugs were available in the United States: phentermine, approved by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) in 1959, and fenfluramine, sold Pondimin, as approved in 1973.

In the early 1990s, doctors began prescribing them together for weight loss, and a diet craze took

The FDA had not signed off on the safety of the two being used together. This "off-label" use of phen-fen therefore carried insurance company mea- unknown risks for sures three decades ago, patients and their prescribing doctors.

With the patent on Pondimin soon to expire, a drug company formulated a blend of molecules in the two drugs and created Redux, dexfenfluramine. Like phen-fen, it gave its users the feeling of being

With a new drug in the pipeline, the industry and its experts demonstrated a new urgency to define obesity as a chronic disease that should be treated with its own drug.

In May 1995, the National Institutes of Health (NIH) asked 24 experts to write guidelines for diagnosing and treating obesity.

The expert panel officially defined obesity as a BMI of 30 or higher, and overweight as a BMI above 25 and below 30. The panel, which included the pharmacologist



who created the phen-fen combo, was criticized for its ties to the drug and weight-loss industries. In fall 1995, the FDA

first took up the approval of Redux, owned at the time by Interneuron Pharmaceuticals. approved,

At the hearings, Interneuron presented data showing an obesity pandemic and said desperate measures were required to stop it from prematurely 300,000 Americans a year.

That controversial figure came from weightloss experts and



researchers who used epidemiological data from decades-old health studies to build the case that excess body fat was a crisis more urgent than even AIDS. They estimated the economic cost in health care, including associated heart attacks, diabetes and other diseases, to be more than \$60 billion a year.

The high costs and daunting death toll bolstered support for physicians to apply risky treatments to the obese, such as gastric bypass surgery, stomach banding or longterm courses of drugs that would be too dangerous to give to healthy people.

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Although phen-fen and Redux were billed as life, savers, they also were known to have fatal side effects in certain cases.

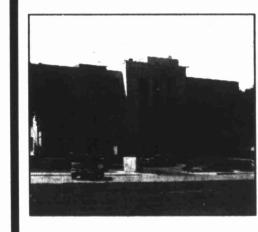
At the FDA hearing, Interneuron and its experts presented grisly calculations in support of Redux's approval: For every nine people who died from the drug in a given year, 280 people would be saved from premature deaths.

The company's chief scientific officer, Dr. Bobby Sandage, told the FDA panel that, despite expected deaths, the drug had "a highly favorable safety profile given the morbidity and mortality of obesi-

Dr. JoAnn Manson, a Harvard medical professor, making a presentation on behalf of the drug maker, said her research showed that even modest weight loss - as little as 11 pounds - would "substantially reduce morbidity and mortality."

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By ELAINE GANLEY

Associated Press Writer PARIS (AP) — A hush fell over a crowd of thousands of Parisians gathered expectantly outside City Hall on Wednesday as rival London defeated the French capital in a hotly contested battle to host the 2012 Olympics.

Raindrops began falling just before the announcement, and dejected spectators folded up French flags and streamed away from the square after

Paris failed in its third They prefer the English." attempt since 1992 to bring the games back to the city, which hosted the Olympics in 1900 and 1924.

Tony Parker of the NBA champion San Antonio Spurs said Paris' loss proved the IOC had an Anglo-Saxon bias.

"It's been three times now that Paris has been refused — 1992, 2008 and 2012. I find that bizarre," Parker said. "We did everything we had to do. I don't know what more we could have done.

"It proves that the committee is Anglo-Saxon.

French President Jacques Chirac, who had

traveled to Singapore for the city's final presentation to the IOC, learned of the defeat aboard the plane carrying him to the G8 summit in Scotland.

Chirac congratulated London and wished "good luck and full success to authorities and the British people," his office said.

Chirac "thanked the whole Paris 2012 team for the formidable work it accomplished."

In Paris, onlookers had stood with their fingers

crossed for good luck, watching on two giant screens set up outside the ornate building as the International Olympic Committee announced the decision in Singapore.

As the announcement many looked stunned. Some cupped their faces in their hands; others stood silently watching scenes of jubilation erupting in the British capital or staring vacantly for up to 20 minutes at the empty podium — a stark contrast to the carnival atmosphere that was evident earlier in the

"We are very disap pointed," said 34-year-old Vilarino, Alexis Parisian salesman. think we deserved the games. But we have to congratulate London. It was fair play — the best one won.'

Paris had been considered a heavy favorite going into Wednesday's IOC voting.

Anne Hidalgo, the No. 2 official at City Hall, came up to the podium and thanked the crowd for coming.

"We believed until the

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Ramirez, Ortiz lead **Boston past Texas**

 Seven early runs enough for Red Sox against Rangers

By STEPHEN HAWKINS

AP Sports Writer ARLINGTON (AP) -Tim Wakefield knew what the Boston Red Sox needed when he took the mound for his 300th major league start. The knuckleballer's job was much easier after Manny Ramirez hit his 20th career grand slam, the second-most in major league history.

Given an early sevenrun lead, Wakefield pitched eight innings — a huge boost for the oftenused and roughed-up Red Sox bullpen in a 7-4 victory over the Texas Rangers Tuesday night.

"Knowing our circumtances here with our bullpen, it's just a matter of getting the job done," Wakefield said. "It wasn't something you talk about, but it's something you know about going into the game."

David Ortiz and Bill Mueller also homered for the AL East-leading Red Sox, all in the first three innings for a 7-0 lead. It was the third grand slam this season for Ramirez, who matched Texas' Mark Teixeira for the AL lead with 22 overall.

Wakefield (8-6), who won his fourth straight decision since a five-game losing streak, held Texas to four runs on eight hits. His career record is 136-

"That was a huge outing," manager Terry Francona said. "He knew going in that the bullpen, our arms had been used a lot."

With struggling closer Keith Foulke scheduled to return Wednesday to Boston to have MRI exams on both knees, and Wakefield already at a season-high 115 pitches, Mike Timlin worked the See RANGERS, Page 2B

ninth instead. He needed just six pitches for his second save in three chances.

"It was just another inning," Timlin said. "I'm proud of Wake, that was the whole story.'

Foulke took the loss Monday night when the Rangers scored twice in the bottom of the ninth. It was the fourth blown save of the season and his second in a week; he is 5-5 with a 6.23 ERA and 15 saves this season after a dominant postseason last year.

The Red Sox signed Foulke in the wake of their meltdown in Yankee Stadium in the 2003 playoffs, giving him a contract that could pay him \$26.5 million over four seasons. He earned it last year, when he was 5-3 with 32 saves and a 2.17 ERA, closing out all four games when Boston swept St. Louis for its first World Series title since

Boston also is uncertain about when ace Curt Schilling will return to its rotation even though he rejoined his teammates Tuesday.

When Ramirez and Ortiz hit the way they did Tuesday, the pitching isn't as much of a concern.

Boston never trailed after Ortiz hit a two-run shot in the first, his 20th homer. That scored Johnny Damon, whose leadoff single extended his career-best hitting streak to 21 games and matched the longest in the majors this season.

The grand slam came with no outs in the third off Chris Young (8-5) after an error, a single and a walk. Ramirez took a few steps out of the batter's box and stood and admired the hit, putting his arms in the air before starting a slow trot around the bases after the



The Yankees' Jason Glambi slides home with a run on a hit by Ruben Sierra in the third inning of the team's game against the Orioles at Yankee Stadium Tuesday. Glambi homered and had two doubles to lead the Yankees at the plate as they blew out Baltimore 12-3. Giambi has three home runs in his last two games.

Armstrong takes over lead at Tour, doesn't wear jacket out of 'respect'

By JAMEY KEATEN

Associated Press Writer CHAMBORD, France (AP) — Lance Armstrong set off Wednesday with the Tour de France lead, but decided against wearing the yellow jersey that he earned a day earlier.

The six-time Tour champion took the race lead when his Discovery Channel team won a time trial Tuesday, wrestfing the jersey from fellow American David Zabriskie, a Team CSC rider who tumbled in a dramatic crash in the final moments of the stage.

Citing "respect" for Zabriskie, Armstrong opted to forego the privilege of wearing the yellow jersey for the fifth stage — a flat 113.46-mile trek from Chambord Castle to the industrial town of Montargis.

of the last 30 or 40 years. no one really takes it if there is a crash" involving the race leader, Armstrong said. "We decided to leave it empty

today." "For me, it wouldn't be right to wear it," Armstrong said.

Armstrong and his Discovery Channel mates set a record of 35.54 mph Tuesday while winning the team time trial, edging CSC by 2 seconds. The 33-year-old Texan won the yellow jersey for the 67th time.

Armstrong chiseled out a 1 minute, 21 second lead T-Mobile's Alexandre Vinokourov, while CSC's Ivan Basso was 1:26 back. Germany's Jan Ullrich, the 1997 Tour winner, was 1:36 behind the leader.

But

"In light of the tradition important time following his accident and now trails the Texan by 1:26, falling to ninth place overall.

As for Armstrong, the victory marked the third straight year his squad won the team time trial, clocking 1:10:39 seconds in the 41.85-mile trek from Tours to Blois.

Discovery Channel has seven of the top 15 spots in the standings, with Armstrong sidekick George Hincapie in second.

Now, Armstrong and Discovery must decide strategy: maintain the race lead or relinquish the yellow jersey, and the resulting pressure, for now, in hopes of regaining it by the July 24 finish in Paris.

As he crossed the finish line, he showed no visible Zabriskie lost signs of fatigue.

Major League Baseball - current league-wide standings

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All-star Swoopes leads way as Comets roll past Detroit

AUBURN HILLS, Mich. Conference, gave herself Tuesday night.

It didn't change things much.

The slumping Shock blew a 10-point lead in the second half, letting the Houston Comets post their fifth straight win, 75-66.

Laimbeer's team has four players going to this weekend's All-Star game, but he isn't sure why.

Cash, who is scheduled to start for the Eastern

(AP) — The Detroit Shock a C+ in her first game got Swin Cash back since tearing a ligament in her right knee last September.

Houston (9-5), which got 22 points from Sheryl Swoopes, hasn't been beaten since June 15.

Detroit's other All-Star starter, Ruth Riley, was limited to nine minutes by foul trouble, opening the door for rookie Kara Braxton's career-best 20 points.

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Horry plans to re-sign with champion Spurs

• "Big Shot" Rob also considered Mavericks

SAN ANTONIO (AP) -San Antonio Spurs forward Robert Horry has agreed to a three-year deal with the NBA champions, according to reports.

Horry's agent, Robert Barr, told Houston television station KRIV and the San Antonio Express-News Tuesday that the three-year deal would allow the Spurs the right to buy Horry out of the third year.

No contract can be signed before July 22 when the free agent signing period begins.

He told KRIV that while Horry considered signing the **Dallas** with Mavericks, "Robert's love for the Spurs organization, head coach Greg Popovich and the city of San Antonio was too much for him to walk away from."

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ball fell just beyond the wall in right-center field.

The 20 grand slams trail only Lou Gehrig's 23 in major league history.

Four other sets of Boston teammates have had 20 homers each before the All-Star break, but Ramirez and Ortiz also 1-2 in the AL in RBIs

with 77 and 70, respectively — are the first to accomplish the feat in consecutive seasons. The only other current teammates with 20 homers each are Teixeira and Alfonso Soriano (20).

Young lasted just 2 1-3 innings, the shortest outing in 24 career starts, 17 this season. He gave up seven runs and his ERA increased from 3.33 to

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end. We were proud of our work and ... the strength of our presentation," she said. "I think everything was done that could be. The coming days and hours will be sad ones for us."

As she extended congratulations Londoners, the crowd responded with jeers and boos.

gling with high unemployment and a lackluster economy, had hoped a victory would lift the nation out of its doldrums. That the loss was to London was even harder to take for a country with a history of testy relations with its neighbor across the English Channel.

The French capital, which hosted soccer's World Cup final in 1998 and the world track and field championships in 2003, had pinned its hopes

ready-to-go venues, such as the 80,000-seat Stade de France and the Roland Garros complex, which hosts the French Open. "I feel disappointment; a

game, 3-2.

w York Mets left fielder Cliff Floyd w

by Washington's Vinny Castilla caron

and back over his head Tuesday. Washington won th

bit of anger, too," said 27year-old Loyola Ranarison, who works for an Internet company. "In London, they don't even have all the infrastructure yet. I don't understand at all what happened."

French Baron Pierre de Coubertin is considered the father of the modern Many in France, strug- on its glamor and its Olympic movement. His respectively.

heart is entombed in a marble pillar near the stadium at Greece's Ancient Olympia.

"It's too bad," said Jacqueline Commissaire, who waited outside City Hall with her husband for what they hoped would be a victory celebration. "We hoped until the end."

Moscow was eliminated in the first round, while New York and Madrid were taken out in the second and third round,

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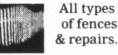
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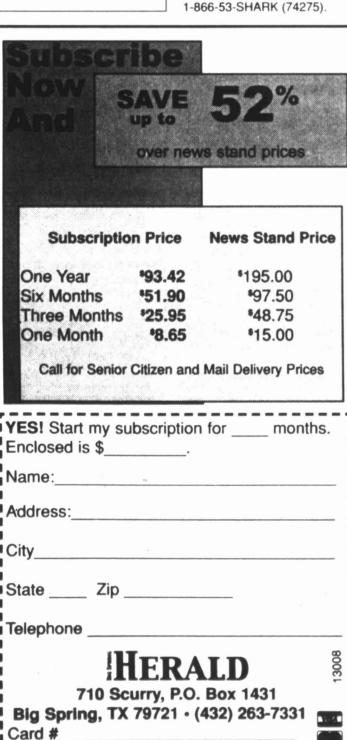
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Tomorrow's Horoscope

BY HOLIDAY MATHIS The new moon in

Cancer is an emotional recharge. Whatever has kept you from feeling good in the -

past few weeks can be forgiven and forgotten - or not. Some choose to hang on to the drama, mistakenly thinking that their

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of = brand troubles makes them more interesting. But renewal is available for all who choose to let go of the grief.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Take time for the small things and the big ones handle themselves. Some of the habits that make you feel accomplished, enriched and stronger only take about five minutes - like reading an inspirational article or doing sit-ups.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Assert your independence. You're not controlled by anyone, but you are heavily influenced by loved ones who see you in a certain role and don't want to let go of that image.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You have no time for petty thinkers who magnify tiny errors and turn them into big issues. Everything you stand for is the exact opposite of that way of being. Set the tone by ignoring matters of little consequence.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Who needs conversation when you can speak with another equally powerful communicator your actions. If you hesitate, your rewards are delayed, so move it!

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Fighting too hard to hold on to what you already have is a sign that you're not as secure as you could be. Focus on building a more empowering thought process. What's

yours is yours for a reason.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). No need to be intimidated by works in progress and groups of people who all seem to know one another. Even if you are "the outsider," you are also exactly the fresh breath that a project requires to make it to the finish line.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). There is a Japanese proverb that says luck is like having a rice dumpling fly into your mouth. Today, you are caught off guard by a similar sensation. This kind of luck is difficult to absorb in one swallow!

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Profound events come off as another part of the ordinary day — and ordinary events are somehow made profound. You've carried someone through the trials of life, and for that you are rewarded, albeit in small doses.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). It's hard to go

back to the office once The Dalai Lama is the you've glimpsed paradise. It's time to once again reinvent your job to fit the fantastic image you have in your head about the way things could be.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You don't mind making sacrifices for those you love and will be asked to do so now. When the success of those you teach is your greatest achievement, you are truly a leader.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). The best things happen to you because you're listening quietly. At such a time, someone will hand you the opportunity to shine. These gifts don't come every day, so be sure to step up.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Throw out the rule book. Your love life sparks when you become a rebel. Try something new, make mistakes, and have more fun than if you had done it right the first time.

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Annie's Mailbox : Advice for those in need

Dear Annie: I am a 47year-old woman, married almost 30 years, and I have two grown sons. For the past 10 years, I have been having an affair with my 27-year-old nephew, "Steven."

It began shortly after the death of my father. In the beginning, it was a matter of seeing similarities between my father and nephew, and I was drawn to that. Now, I realize that I am in love with Steven. I also have been sending money regularly to Steven because he's had some legal problems, and I am hoping it will help him straighten out his life. My husband has no idea this has been going on.

I care deeply for my husband, but I am in love with my nephew and dream of running away with him. I have tried counseling, but it just doesn't seem to be working. I guess that's because part of me doesn't want things to change.

I don't want to give up what I have with Steven, but if I tell my husband, he'll divorce me, and I don't want that, either. Please, please help. – Aunt in Agony

Dear Aunt: Unless you truly want to get out of this mess, no counseling is going to help. You MUST break it off with Steven NOW. A sexual relationship between aunt and nephew is considered incest. Not only that, if you started this mess when he was only 17, you may be guilty of statutory rape as well. You are risking your marriage and could estrange the entire family. Steven is probably the same age as your sons, and their resent-



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ment will be enormous. There is the additional unpleasant possibility that Steven is stringing you along because you are providing him with

We know having a fling with a 27-year-old must make you feel young. Nonetheless, you are sapeat lector." ly, and also to Steven. You are preventing him from finding someone more appropriate and available. So far, you have been selfish and immature, but you need to find the strength to tell him it's over before your world comes crashing down around your ears.

Dear Annie: My husband will be retiring soon, and his staff recently threw a party for him. As a gift, they presented him with an enormous piece of artwork meant to displayed outside. Neither of us likes it. It is

definitely not our taste. The problem is that my husband insists on displaying the piece, because he feels guilty about the cost and doesn't want to offend his staff. He accepted the gift graciously and has thanked everyone for it. Is he obligated to use intense arguments about son ran away from college

Pennsylvania

Dear Desperate: No one is obligated to use a gift. The recipient can do whatever he likes with it, as long as he properly thanks the givers. Perhaps when your husband actually retires and no longer sees his staff on a regular basis, he will feel more comfortable about donating the piece to a museum or a charity. Until then, move the artwork into the backyard, and allow him to deal with it as he chooses.

Dear Annie: You recently printed a letter from Mr. Jack Custer, who thoughtfully alerted you to the error of another reader who had written the phrase "caveat lector." being unfair to your fami- Custer's correction, "sapiat lector," though erudite, was only partially correct. He erred in stating that "sapio" is a third conjugation verb. It is, in fact, a third conjugation "-io" stem verb.

While we Latin students were thrilled to see someone who cared about Latin grammar, we were distressed that he would shortchange the Latin language so. Please excuse our picayune pedantry. Thank you, and we love your column. — Several Vermont High School Latin Students

Dear Students: You have no idea what a kick we get out of these arcane intellectual arguments. Latin expertise begins and ends with "E Pluribus Unum." We'll let you know if any other scholars weigh in.

Dear Annie: I have raised four sons, mostly it? We have had several by myself. My youngest

this. — Desperate in to pursue his dreams, fell in love with a girl, and married her a year ago.

I always have welcomed my sons' significant others, but this one has me perplexed. When they first began dating, I flew out to meet her and told her how much I approved of her, which I do. I send cards and flowers on her birthday and ask to speak to her when I call, but she rejects me to the point where I am brokenhearted.

My son married in a civil ceremony, to which I was not invited, and it just about killed me inside. But this silent treatment has depressed. I bought them a nice wedding gift, but my son is the only one Mr. who responds. How can I get through to my newest daughter-in-law? — Can't Understand Wheaton, Ill.

Dear Wheaton: It's possible your new daughterin-law is terribly shy. Shy people can come across as snooty or rude, but she may be so intimidated by you that it is easier for her to avoid all forms of communication. You need to discuss this with your son. Ask him what you can do to warm things up between you. Whatever happens, keep trying, Mom.

Dear Annie: I'd like to respond to the letter from "Airhead's Dad," whose daughter, pre-teen 'Angel," is forgetful.

I am the husband of a 68-year-old "pre-senior" who is constantly losing her glasses because she wears them only to read, forgets where she puts them down, and refuses to develop any system for keeping track of them

except ask me to help her search. She has umpteen other similar foibles that drive me up the wall, but you know what? I love her because she is sweet and kind.

I think "Airhead's Dad" might be part of the problem. His daughter doesn't sound so bad to me, and maybe she needs a bit more love and understanding and less "guidance." All kids rebel in one way or another, and maybe she is rebelling against a father who is, perhaps, a bit too organized. It explains why girls who were absolute slobs when they lived at home compulsive become housekeepers when they marry.

Go figure. — F.L.

Dear F.L.: While it is possible Angel rebelling against a father who expects too much organization, it didn't sound like that to us. Here's more:

Dear Annie: The letter from "Airhead's Dad' sent me off the edge. I'm 13 and often forget things. Being scatterbrained is not a physiological problem, it's simply being human. It is condescending to make a problem out of something normal. As he said, Angel is "smart, caring, friendly and witty." Should we not focus on those things rather than this diminutive quirk? She doesn't need medical treatment. Nor does she need to be constantly reminded that there's something wrong with her when there isn't.

Dear Annie: You were right to suggest that Angel be checked by a pediatrician, but I think you were too subtle. Angel's behavior is typical of Attention Deficit in females. For kids with skills other and strengths, it's hard to notice ADD until organizational demands get more complex - right around the pre-teen years. Most girls are undiagnosed.

Madison, Wis.

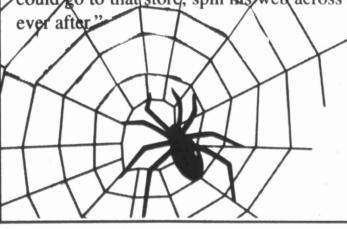
If folks label her an "airhead" or she begins to think she is stupid, permanent damage will be done. And it will get worse as school gets more organizationally and academically demanding. Please advise Dad to do some reading on ADD, and check with a knowledgeable pediatrician or specialist. We were told our daughter was irresponsible, lazy and "deliberately oppositional." She is now on the dean's list at a top liberal arts college. But it wouldn't have happened without the ADD diagnosis. -Been There

The Spider

During Mark Twain's days as a newspaperman, he was the editor of a small Missouri paper.

One day, he received a letter from a subscriber stating that he had found a spider in his paper and asked if this was an omen of good or bad luck.

Twain replied, "Finding a spider in your paper is neither good nor bad luck. The spider was merely looking over our paper to see which merchant was not advertising so that he could go to that store, spin his web across the door and lead a life of undisturbed peace



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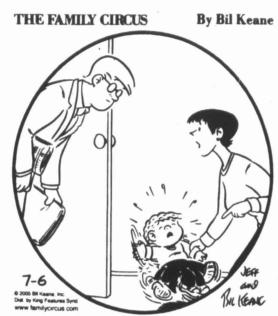
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This Date In History

By The Associated Press

Today is Wednesday, July, the 187th day of 2005. There are 178 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On July 6, 1945, President Truman signed an executive order establishing the Medal of Freedom. On this date:

In 1535, Sir Thomas More was executed in England for treason.

In 1854, the first official meeting of the Republican Party took place in Jackson, Mich.

In 1917, during World War Arab forces led by T.E. Lawrence captured the port of Agaba from the Turks.

In 1923, the Union of

Soviet Socialist Republics was formed. Nicaragua In 1945, became the first nation to

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In 1967, the Biafran War erupted in Nigeria. (The war, which lasted 2 1/2 years, claimed some 600,000 lives.) In 1989, the U.S. Army

destroyed its last Pershing 1-A missiles at an ammunition plant in Karnack, Texas, under terms of the 1987 Intermediate-range Nuclear Forces Treaty.

Ten years ago: The prosecution rested at the O.J. Simpson murder trial in Los Angeles.

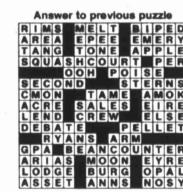
Five years ago: Venus Williams beat her younger sister Serena 6-2, 7-6 (3) to reach the Wimbledon final; their singles match was the first between sisters in a Grand Slam semifinal. One year ago: A U.S. fight-

er pilot who'd mistakenly bombed Canadian soldiers in Afghanistan killing four, was found guilty in New Orleans of dereliction of duty; Major Harry Schmidt was reprimanded and docked a month's pay.

Today's Birthdays: Former first lady Nancy

Reagan is 84. Talk show host Merv Griffin is 80. Singer-actress Della Reese is 74. Actor Ned Beatty is 68. Country singer Jeannie Seely is 65. President Bush 59. Actor-director Sylvester Stallone is 59. Actor Geoffrey Rush is 54. Country singer Nanci Griffith is 52. Country musician John Jorgenson is 49. Hockey player Ron Duguay is 48. Rapper 50 Cent is 29. Actress Tia Mowry is 27. Actress Tamera Mowry is 27. Actor Jeremy Suarez ("Bernie Mac") is 15.

Thought for Today: "On the outskirts of every agony sits some observant fellow who points." _ Virginia who points." _ Virginia Woolf, English author and critic (1882-1941).



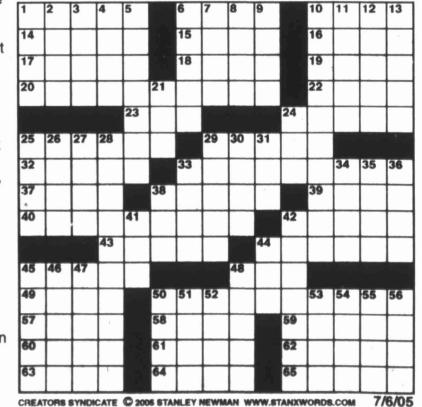
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