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# **BSISD Superintendent not pleased with legislators**

By STEVE REAGAN

Staff Writer

At least one area school superintendent is not impressed with the Texas Legislature's school finance reform efforts.

Although the Texas House recently passed a finance package during its current special session, Big Spring School District Independent Superintendent Michael Downes said it does next to nothing for schools in

"It is a property tax relief bill, and there's no help at all for education."

"It is a property tax relief bill, and does nothing to alleviate the school finance crisis. Not only is there no big help in the bill, there's no help at all for education."



finance crisis," Downes said Friday. "Not only is there no big help in the bill,

does nothing to alleviate the school

The tax bill, which sharply divided the House, was approved by a 70-69 vote Thursday. House officials changed the vote count after it was initially announced, blaming electronic voting machines malfunctions for switched votes. Overall, Democrats and a handful of Republicans opposed the measure.

Each version will likely end up before a panel from each side to try to negotiate a compromise before the July 20 end of the 30-day special session called to restructure the state's public school funding system.

Like the House version, the Senate's See DOWNES, Page 3A

proposal also would reduce the property taxes Texas homeowners pay and would increase other consumer taxes. Both measures increase the cigarette tax and sales tax, but the Senate version also raises the taxes on alcohol by 20 percent. Both also close loopho'es in the business tax that allow thousands of Texas companies to avoid paying state

The House bill would lower property taxes from \$1.50 per \$100 of property value to \$1.23 in 2006 and \$1.12 the fol-

# Light sensitive race

#### **Participants** finding Solar Challenge is 'a good time'

By THOMAS JENKINS Staff Writer

While some fairly strange looking vehicles have made their way through Big Spring over

the years, it might be difficult to find any stranger than those that converged on Heart of the City Park Saturday afternoon. Eight solar-powered cars, resembling every-

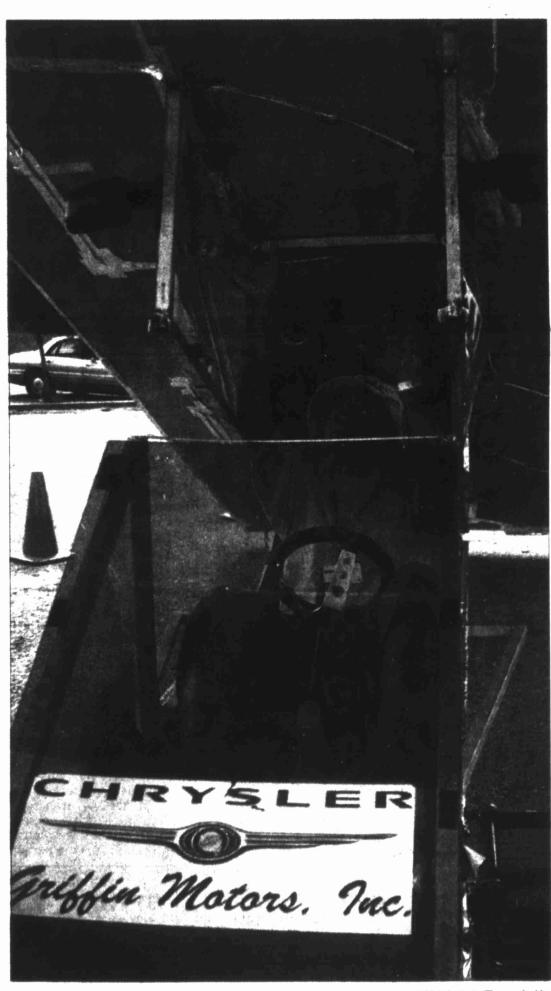
thing from soap box racers to flying saucers, made their way into the park during the second day of the Dell-Winston School Solar Car Challenge, a program designed to teach high school students how to build roadworthy solar cars while providing curriculum materials, onsite visits and workshop opportunities for high schools across the country.

The stop in Big Spring was only a part of the 1,600-mile, 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.

Keith Reese, sponsor for the Houston Sundance Solar Car Team from Houston, Miss., said the program is designed to teach high school youth the value of solar energy, while allowing them the experience of a crosscountry trek.

"The program allows high school students to build alternative energy cars and to race them, Reese said. "They com

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**HERALD** photo/Thor Roderick Wiley, a senior at Houston High School in Houston, Miss., climbs out of his team's solar racer at the Heart of the City Park in downtown Big Spring after a long day

# Senate gives its tax reform package OK

By APRIL CASTRO

**Associated Press Writer** 

AUSTIN - Texans would shell out more for booze and cigarettes, but slightly less in school property taxes under a school finance proposal Senate Texas approved early Monday.

The chamber struggled behind closed doors, delaying floor debate for about six hours before finally bringing the measure to the chamber for public debate. The proposal passed 20-8.

The bill still must be negotiated with members of the House in a conference committee before the session ends July 20.

Democrats in the 31member chamber were opposed to increasing the sales tax rate by more than half of a percent, but Republicans opposed a voter referendum that would allow a business tax that includes a calculation of a company's payroll. That provision was later stripped from the bill, under pressure from Republican Gov. Rick

Perry. crunchers Number struggled to find a tax mix that would raise enough money to give Texas homeowners a property tax cut and could still garner enough votes to adopt the measure.

One provision in the legislation would have allowed voters to approve a restructured and expanded business tax in exchange for additional property tax relief. That provision was removed, but barely. After a 14-14 vote, Republican Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst cast a rare tie-breaking vote. It was Dewhurst's first vote since being elected to lead See SENATE, Page 3A

the Senate almost three years ago.

"I would like to have seen a reform of our business tax system. But in reality, that's not possible today in light of the governor's comments and the House's position,' Dewhurst said.

Instead, senators added a measure that would end the franchise tax as it now exists in two years and create a 15-member task force to explore modernizing Texas' system of taxing businesses.

Republican Sen. Steve Ogden, who crafted much of the legislation, said the proposal would stimulate economic activity in Texas.

"The cost of owning a piece of the American dream just went down,' Ogden said, when asked what he would tell voters when the measure passes.

Critics say the tax bill unfairly taxes middleand low-income Texans, while only wealthy homeowners would receive a net tax cut.

Property taxes would be cut from the current maximum \$1.50 per \$100 of property value, to \$1.30 in 2006 and \$1.25 in 2007. Future property tax cuts would written into law, though no funding measure was included. That would leave future lawmakers to raise taxes or find other money to pay for property tax cuts.

The property tax cuts were significantly less than originally planned. Dewhurst and senators had hoped to reduce property taxes by a third down to \$1 per \$100 of property value.

The bill would pay for those immediate property tax reductions — without

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# Council to consider tow-away zone ordinance

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

Parking on 11th Place in front of Big Spring High School may become a thing of the past, as the Big Spring City Council considers an ordinance that would make the street a tow-away zone.

Council members are expected to consider final reading of the ordinance, which passed in its first reading unanimously during a meeting a month ago, but was tabled during the following meeting.

According to the ordinance, it will amend Chapter 18 of the Code of

Ordinances to read: No parking from the road to let their children out, and 7:30 a.m. until 4 p.m. on the north side of 11th Street from Goliad to State Street, and on the south side of 11th Street from Austin to Owens.

Todd Darden, director of public works for the city, said the ordinance began as a recommendation from the city's traffic commission.

"There has been some serious problems with that area, and it's only a matter of time before someone gets hurt," said Councilwoman Jo Ann Knox during an initial discussion of the problem a month ago. "There are people in the morning that just stop in the middle of you have cars trying to go around and get by them."

While several suggestions were made to alleviate the problem, including designated drop-off areas and no parking on just one side of the street, Mayor Russ McEwen said it only made sense to stop parking in that area altogether.

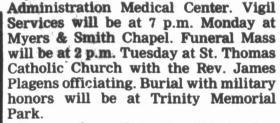
"It just seems to me making one side of the street a no parking zone isn't really going to make things any safer," said McEwen during a recent council meeting. "The only way I can see us making

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## **Obituaries**

Guadalupe R. Molina Sr.

Guadalupe R. Molina, Sr., 84, of Big Spring, died at 9:45 a.m. Friday, July 08, 2005, at the Veterans



He was born Oct. 15, 1920, in San Francisco De Conchos, Chihuahua, Mexico. Mr. Molina was a lifetime resi-

dent of Big Spring. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army, having served during World War II in the Pacific, and was awarded the Bronze Star Medal. Guadalupe farmed in the Knott community and later was a sheet metal worker for Kasch Brothers Construction.

He was a member of St. Thomas Catholic Church for more than 30 years, and was a member of the St. Joseph's Society and a Cursillista.

He is survived by three sons, Guadalupe Molina Jr. and his wife Anna of Bedford, Roberto Molina and his wife Linda of Houston, and Rosendo Molina and his wife Janie of Austin; four sisters, Ramona Molina of Big Spring, Isabel Escovedo and her husband Alifonso of Big Spring, Agustina Vejil and her husband Henry of Odessa, and Petra Leos of Big Spring; five brothers: Emilio Molina, Sr. of Big Spring, Francisco Molina and his wife Donna of Ocala, Fla., Felipe J. Molina and his wife Maria Elena of Corpus Christi, Valentin Molina and his wife Maria of Holland, Mich., and Amado "Lolo" Molina and his wife Claudette of San Angelo; six grandchildren: Bryan Molina and his wife June of Dallas, Joey Molina and his wife Windy of Dallas, Clinton Molina and his wife Natalie of Houston, Patricia Molina of Austin, Stephanie Plant and her husband John of Plano, and Lionel Molina of Austin; and two great-grandchildren, Victoria Molina of Austin and Noah Plant of Plano.

He was preceded in death by his father, Jesus Molina in 1987; his mother, Nicolasa Molina in 1988; a brother, Tereso Molina in 1994; and two sisters, Luisa Molina in 1927, and Marciala Macias in 1997.

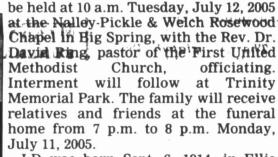
Pallbearers will be Tony Molina, Henry Molina, Richard Molina, Elizabeth Smith, Ramona Lisa Molina, Rachel Ysasi, Carlos Jesus Molina, and Amado Molina, Jr.

The family suggests memorials to St. Thomas Catholic Church, P. O. Box 627, Big Spring 79721.

Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at www.myersandsmith.com. Paid obituary

J.D. Thompson

J. D. Thompson, 90, of Big Spring, died Thursday, July 7, 2005, in a local hospital. Funeral services will



J.D was born Sept. 6, 1914, in Ellis County and married Leona Owen on Jan. 4, 1934 in Fort Worth. She preceded him in death Sept. 18, 2001. Mr. Thompson moved to Big Spring in 1947 from Fort Worth to work as a bus driver for Continental

Trailways Bus Lines' American Division. He worked for 45 years, retiring in 1987 as the top seniority driver in the division. He was a member of First United Methodist Church and had been a longtime member of Wesley Methodist Church and the Men's Sunday School Class.

He was a member of Staked Plains Lodge No. 598 A.F. & A.M. for more than 50 years. He was also a member of the Masonic Lodges in Stanton and Coahoma. He was also a 50-year member of the Suez Shrine Temple of San Angelo. The Masonic Lodge was his passion along with his family, especially his grandchildren and great-grandchildren. He was proud of all his grandchildren's accomplishments. He was able to attend the Army/Navy football game this past year and enjoyed it because it involved a grandson. He also enjoyed Howard College sports.

Survivors include two daughters and sons-in-law, Lucy and Paschal Odom of Big Spring, and Jane and Bob Glover of Abilene; a sister, Johnnie Riggs of Godley; a grandson and wife, Jack and Laura Odom of Early; two granddaughters and their husbands, Jill and Mark Spannaus of Midland, and Shannon and Morgan Cruthirds of Fort Worth; a grandson, Lt. Joel Glover of West Point, N.Y.; and three great-grandchildren, Lindsay and Carrie Spannaus of Midland, and Jessica Odom of Early.

He was also preceded in death by his parents, John Henry and Fannie Mae Thompson, and three brothers, Floyd, Garland, and Charles Thompson.

The family suggest memorials to: Scottish Rite Learning Center of West Texas, Inc., P.O. Box 10135, Lubbock, 79408 or to the donor's favorite charity.

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

Paid obituary

# Lottery

Results of the Lotto Texas drawing Saturday night: Winning numbers drawn:3-13-37-39-43. Bonus Ball:

Number matching five of five, plus Bonus Ball: 0. Estimated jackpot for Wednesday night drawing: \$21

#### Dane Lee

Dane Lee, 83 of Andrews passed away Saturday, July 9, 2005 at his home. Funeral services will be 2 p.m. Tuesday, July 12, 2005 at McNett Funeral Home Chapel in Andrews with the Rev. Bill Melton officiating. Burial will be at 4:30 PM Tuesday at Trinity Memorial Park in Big Spring. Services are under the direction of McNett Funeral Home.

Dane was born March 28, 1922 in Regency. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II. He married Dorothy "Aleene" Padgett, July 27, 1948 in Kermit. He worked for El Paso Natural Gas for 36 years, and he was a plant superintendent.

They moved to Andrews in 1983 after his retirement. Dane Loved to golf and enjoyed traveling to places like Las Vegas to play in golf tournaments with his wife and friends. He enjoyed camping and traveling with their RV, and he loved to work in the yard. He was a member of Calvary Baptist Church in Andrews and the Masonic Lodge in Jal, New Mexico.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Benjamin Isaac and Effie Jane Lee, and a sister, Vernell Maples.

Dane is survived by his wife, Aleene Lee of Andrews; a son, Jim Berringer of Big Spring; a brother, Floyd Lee of Jal, N.M.; two grandchildren, Paul Berringer of Big Spring, and Amy Fields of Coahoma; and four great-grandchildren, Kolby and Tailor Fields, and Brett and Cortney Berringer; and a nephew, O.B. Calder of Jacksboro.

The family would like to express their gratitude to Home Hospice, and the doctors and nurses at Permian Regional Medical Center in Andrews for all that they

To register, send condolences, or view the obituary, go to www.mcnettfuneralhome.com.

#### Anita B. Wood

Anita B. Wood, 74, a homemaker, passed away Saturday, July 9, 2005, at her residence in Odessa. Services will be held at 10 a.m. Tuesday at Bethany Christian Church with Joe Harker officiating. Burial will follow at Trinity Memorial Park in Big Spring.

She was born June 2, 1931, to Thomas Jefferson and Ethell Burr Bennett in Belton. She married Harry E. Wood on Oct. 22, 1967, in Big Spring.

Survivors include her daughter, Nancy Hall of Sherman; a sister, Earlene Bartlett of Nacona; and four grandchildren.

Services under the direction of Hubbard-Kelly Funeral Home.

#### Mike Marion

Mike Marion, 41, of San Angelo, formerly of Big Spring, died Sunday, July 10, 2005, in San Angelo. Services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

# Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity between 8 a.m. Saturday and 8 a.m. Monday:

• CARMEN BROWN, 30, Fort Worth, was arrested on a hold for the Howard County Sheriff's Office.

• KEMBERLY BROWN, 28, Fort Worth, was arrest-

ed on a hold for the HCSO.

• TRACY GONZALES, 19, 509 S. Aylesford, was arrested on a hold for the HCSO. • BRANDON EDWARDS, 19, 807 E. 16th, was arrest-

ed on local warrants and a Texas Youth Commission • DANIEL RIOS, 19, 1009 N. Gregg, was arrested on

charges of criminal mischief and aggravated assault. • DAVID RIOS, 19, 1009 N. Gregg, was arrested on a charge of criminal mischief.

 CHEYENNE ARGUELLO, 24, 1603 Canary, was arrested on a charge of criminal mischief.

• JOHNNY RIOS, 19, 710 Creighton, was arrested on a charge of criminal mischief. EDWARD MARTINEZ, 18, Sweetwater, was

arrested on a charge of criminal mischief.

• JUAN CORDONA, 18, 907 E. Interstate 20, was arrested on a charge of criminal mischief.

• MICHAEL CORDONA, 18, 1313 Mesquite, was

arrested on a charge of criminal mischief. • RUTH SOLEDAD CANO, 33, Abilene, was arrest-

ed on a Taylor County warrant. JAVIER PAYEN, 35, 1108 E. 13th, was arrested on charges of possession of marijuana and possession of

drug paraphernalia. • RENE RODRIGUEZ, 17, 1108 Lloyd, was arrested on a charge of forgery.

• LUIS MIGUEL LOPEZ, 21, 1401 Mesquite, was

arrested on local warrants. • TITO MENDEZ RAMIREZ, 18, Mexico, was arrested on a hold for the Immigration and

# Weather

Tonight — Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the upper 60s. Light and variable winds.

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Sheriff's report The Howard County Sheriff's Office reported the fol-

lowing activity between 8 a.m. Saturday and 8 a.m. Monday: PATRICIA MCINTIRE, 49, began serving sen-

tence for theft. SAMANTHA LEIGH CASTILLO, 20, was arrested on a motion to revoke probation for harboring a runaway child.

 DWAIN A. PAPE, 55, was arrested on a motion to revoke probation.

 JOHN HENRY CHAPPELL, 28, was arrested on a charge of driving while intoxicated. VADEN HANK WENNIK, 29, was arrested on a

charge of public intoxication. • HENRY RICHARD CHAPPELL, 30, was arrested

on a charge of public intoxication. TERESA LYNNE CHRISTON, 42, was arrested on a charge of theft by check.

of no insurance and no driver's license. JAMES PHILLIP RINGENER, 46, was arrested on

CRISELDA ROBLES, 30, was arrested on charges

a charge of keeping a gambling place. VINCENT FERNANDEZ JR., 59, was arrested on a charge of theft by check.

 IRMALINDA MORIN, 32, was arrested on a charge of driving while license invalid. APRIL JEANETTE MCGEE, 24, was arrested on

a charge of driving while license invalid. ANGELA ANN MCGEE, 22, was arrested on a

charge of failure to give identifying information. · TINA INGRAM, 25, was arrested on charges of theft by check and gambing promotion.

 JESSE ACOSTA TARIN, 44, was arrested on a charge of parent contributing to non-attendance. AARON PAUL DELEON, 19, was arrested on a

charge of burglary of a habitation. · ANDREW MARTINEZ, 39, was arrested on a

charge of assault/family violence. GARY DON FEASTER, 28, was arrested on a charge of driving while intoxicated.

JOSEPH GERALD HOFFMAN JR., 32, was arrested on a charge of possession of drug parapher-

• LANDON GARRETT WEGNER, 24, was arrested on a charge of driving while intoxicated.

LINDA ANN FOSTER, 27, was arrested on a charge of theft of service.

• ERIK PAUL QUALLS, 39, was arrested on a charge of criminal trespass. • DOMESTIC DISPUTE was reported on the 2500

block of N. Birdwell and the 1200 block of Rockhouse Road. ASSAULT was reported.

SHOTS FIRED reported on the 7600 block of Brandon Road.

# Fire/EMS

The Big Spring Fire Department/Emergency Medical Service reported the following activity between 8 a.m. Friday and 8 a.m. Monday:

· MEDICAL was reported on the 4500 block of Parkway. Service was refused.

• TRAUMA was reported on the 2500 block of Hunter. Service was refused.

• MEDICAL was reported on the 1600 block of Lark. One person was transported to SMMC.

 TRAUMA was reported on the 1400 block of Bluebird. One person was transported to SMMC. MEDICAL was reported on the 500 block of W.

17th. One person was transported to SMMC. MEDICAL was reported on the 1300 block of Tucson. One person was transported to SMMC.

 TRAUMA was reported on the 500 block of Aylesford. One person was transported to SMMC. GRASS FIRE was reported on the 1900 block of

Hale. GRASS FIRE was reported on the 1700 block of Eubanks.

• AUTOMOBILE FIRE was reported on the 174 mile marker of Interstate 20. MEDICAL was reported on the 2300 block of

Wasson. One person was transported to SMMC. GRASS FIRE was reported on the 1300 block of W.

 GRASS FIRE was reported on the 1000 block of Jeffrey Road.

• MEDICAL was reported on the 900 block of E. Second. One person was transported to SMMC. · MEDICAL was reported on the 1500 block of

Runnels. One person was transported to SMMC. MEDICAL was reported on the 1800 block of N. Highway 87. One person was transported to VAMC.

 MEDICAL was reported on the 176 mile marker of Interstate 20. One person was transported to SMMC.

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# Monday, July 11, 2005 Local/Nation 3A Gulf Coast avoids widespread damage from Dennis

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**Associated Press Writer** 

NAVARRE BEACH, Fla. With a sigh of relief. Gulf Coast residents began hurricane cleanup - again.

Hurricane Dennis hit the storm-weary Florida Panhandle and Alabama coast on Sunday with less force than forecasters feared, sparing the region the widespread destruction caused by Ivan last September.

There was scattered flooding in Florida and Georgia, and more than 550,000 customers in four states were without power, with some likely

or more. However, officials reported little major structural damage.

"I think we dodged a pretty large bullet," said Nick Zangari, a restaurant and bar owner in Pensacola. "I think people took more precautions the second time around."

It was already business as usual Monday morning casinos along Mississippi's Gulf Coast. Florida Gov. Jeb Bush

planned to tour the area. By 5 a.m. Monday, Dennis had weakened to a tropical depression centered over northeast Mississippi with 35 mph wind. As it moved north-

to be out for three weeks northwest at 14 mph and by AIR Worldwide Corp. ing the morning, rain fell across parts of the mid-Mississippi, Tennessee and lower Ohio valleys and into the Carolinas.

> One band of rain stalled Georgia Peachtree City, a suburb of Atlanta, got more than 6 inches in 18 hours, the **National Weather Service** said. "We could still see another few inches; it's just not moving," weather service meteorologist Eric

Avila said Monday. Dennis caused an estimated \$1 billion to \$2.5 billion in insured damage in the United States, according to a projection

became disorganized dur- of Boston, an insurance risk modeling company. Munich Re, the world's biggest reinsurance company, estimated the insured loss at \$3 billion to \$5 billion.

Michael Brown, director of the Federal Emergency Management Agency, said Monday that while damage wasn't as widespread as expected, the storm was still devastating to those whose homes were damaged.

"We have to get help to them," he said on NBC's "Today." FEMA crews planned to be out Monday distributing emergency supplies and then will relief, he said.

One death was reported, a man electrocuted in Fort Lauderdale when he stepped on a fallen power line, police spokesman Bill Schultz said. Dennis was responsible for at least 20 deaths in the Caribbean.

A fast-moving Category 3 hurricane when it came ashore with 120 mph winds, Dennis was smaller than Ivan and weaker than when it churned through the Gulf of Mexico as a potentially catastrophic Category 4 storm.

"We're really happy it was compact and that it

begin providing long-term lasted only so long," said Mike Decker, who lost only some shingles and a fence at his Navarre home, near where the storm came ashore. "It was more of a show for the kids."

A show it was: Striking less than 50 miles east of where Ivan came ashore, Dennis generated whitecapped waves spewing four-story geysers over sea walls. Boats broke loose and bobbed like toys in the roiling ocean. Roofs went flying, power lines fell and rain blew sideways in sheets.

The wind forced the shutdown of Escambia Bay Bridge.

#### **SOLAR**

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pete against one another and, hopefully, learn something in the end.

"Only the students can drive the car. They have to build the car, which includes designing it and researching it. They do all the work. The sponsors are here to facilitate and support them, make sure they are safe and have the things they need to get across the country."

Reese said the race, which was in its second day Sunday, is going according to plan.

"We have really good competition this year,' said Reese. "Most of these cars are built on the same technology. There are a lot of great teams from all across the nation. They

are all very capable. There are some new teams that are just learning and some old teams, but they all appear to be doing quite well."

Looking at the oneseater solar cars, they may not appear very comfortable, especially in 100degree heat, but according to 18-year-old Jesse Lal of Houston, Miss., it's just a "ride in the park."

"The heat's not really a problem for us when we're going down the road," said Lal. "The air comes through the car really good, so it stays nice and cool in the car. But it's definitely an experience. I mean, until you drive a solar car I really can't explain it to you. It's definitely a different experience."

While the heat may not hinder the progress of the solar racers, Lal said one

atmospheric condition certainly can.

"Clouds can be a real pain in the rear," he said with a laugh. "It's like driving a car with no gas. The sun's our gas, so if we don't have the sun, we don't have the fuel to get where we need to go.

"We've had a great trip so far. No problems, really. We've had pretty good sun. We had some clouds this morning, which really got on our nerves. But other than that, it's been a really good race for us

While he cars may look almost "toyish" in nature, Reese said they can travel at speeds that might surprise most people.

"It depends on cloud cover, but normally we would run anywhere from 30 mph to 60 mph," said Reese. "Our average speed, which includes all your stops and everything else is anywhere from 21 mph to maybe 35 mph on a good day.'

Reese said there's make no mistake about it these cars are totally dependent on Mother Nature.

"Our car is basically made out of all aluminum," said Reese, pointing to the car. "It's 5 meters long and about 1.5 meters wide, and we have around 8 square meters of array, which is our source of energy.

"We truly run off the sun's energy. It has batteries onboard, but those batteries can only get you 30 or 40 miles.

"The batteries are used to let us get up the steep hills at a legitimate speed, as well as through wide cloud covers. And our race is some 1,600 miles long, so you truly run off

the sun."

Much like driving a race car, Lal said the solar cars can get pretty tough to handle when they reach high speeds, making it a very physical job to keep it on the road.

"The more experienced drivers will get a heavier load, probably about 400 miles altogether," said Lal. "The rest of the miles will probably get split up between the rest of the drivers after that. Having so many drivers is a good thing for us. It gives us more time to rest. It can really be work. It can get really hard to control the car if we get it going too fast."

Solar race drivers left Big Spring Sunday morning, traveling 184.2 miles to Carlsbad, N.M., where they were expected to stop for the night.

The race alternates

funded," he said. "There's still going to be a local property tax, and it's still going to be held at the maximum level."

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under way at 5:30 p.m.

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ed at 307 E. Fourth Street.

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between a track-style race, held at the Texas Motor Speedway on evennumbered years, and a cross-country race on oddnumbered years.

In 2002, Dell Computers became the title sponsor of the Winston Solar Challenge.

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#### **DOWNES**

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lowing year,

The sales tax rate would increase from the current 6.25 percent to 7.25 percent and would be expanded to include bottled water, auto repair, and certain computer goods and services. The bill would increase the cigarette tax by \$1 from its current 41 cents per pack. Money from the new taxes would only go to property tax reduction,

not to schools.

Downes sees the tax bill as a case of robbing Peter to pay Paul.

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#### COUNCIL

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things safer for the people trying to get through that area and those trying to cross the street is to make the whole area in front of the high school no parking.'

The issue was tabled after the wording of the action-item on the agenda was questioned.

The council is also expected to award a bid for rehabilitation of a waste water treatment plant clarifier to B.W. Environmental, another

item that was previously tabled.

Also on the agenda for Tuesday's meeting is:

 Final reading of a resolution accepting offer to purchase property for less than the amount of judgment or appraised value.

 Final reading of a resolution authorizing the mayor to execute an agreement with Insituform Technologies Inc. for sanitary sewer

improvements. · Final reading of a resolution authorizing the public works director to execute a change order for the sanitary sewer

about 10,000 businesses

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improvements TCDP Project.

· Award of bid for construction of the Northside Community Center building and first reading of a resolution authorizing the mayor to execute a conwith Johnston Construction Group for

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#### OTHER VIEWS

# Everyone needs to use retiring justice as model

Until Chief Justice William Rehnquist's failing health made his resignation from the U.S. Supreme Court a day fo-day expectation, two other names had provided the leading rumor fodder about President Bush's first opportunity to make an appointment to the high court John Paul Stevens and Sandra Day O'Connor

Odd, then, that it caught so many by surprise when O'Connor did decide to step down.

But then, it wasn't the first time O'Connor had provided surprises. Appointed by President Reagan in 1981 to replace Potter Stewart, she came out of Barry Goldwater's Arizona and was expected to be a reliable conservative. She became, instead, a staunchly indegenders exing vote. Yes, she was a conservative, but she was anything but predictable.

That they with a keen legal mind, made her an In the Senate and Bush would be wise in the weeks ahead to remember that O'Connor is regarded so warmly not because of the extremist expectations when she joined the court, but because of the measured thoughtfulness she demonstrated after she got there.

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# London will weather the storm

he United Kingdom was in top form earlier this week. London won its bid to host the 2012 Olympics - after Parisian poorsport Jacques Chirac dissed British cuisine -- as the G8 Summit convened in Gleneagles, Scotland, where all eyes were on Prime Minister Tony Blair and his bid to make Africa, and thereby the world, a better place.

Then came the brutish message -bombings on three buses and four Underground stations - from malcontents who never earned a place at the table. These terrorists don't believe in persuasion or elections or the rights of other people to live their lives. They believe in hate and fear and death. It is all they have, so they use it against the innocent, in the hope that their violence will cause others to fall into their miserable abyss.

London will weather this storm. It is a city committed to being livable in every way. It is both modern and cozy. Its long history whispers momentous events in old halls, while new voices add spice to the city landscape.

London will survive, but some families will not. The bombs that blew holes in the underground blotted out the lives of parents, spouses, friends. One can only send condolences for their coming months and years of pain and loss.

This is also the moment to give thanks to law enforcement officials who have prevented other such attacks. In March 2004, for example, British security services arrested eight suspects in North London, netting in the raid a halfton of bomb-making material.

Then there are the politics. Blair hastened to London, where he

announced that he recognizes these bombings, for which the Al Qaedalinked group in Europe has taken credit, are designed to "use the slaughter of innocent people" in order "to cow us" and change British policy.

Blair also promised that there will be no such change: "It's important, however, that those engaged in terrorism realize that our determination to defend our values and our way of life is greater than their determination to cause death and destruction to innocent people in a desire to impose extremism on the world."

Already, leftist darling George Galloway, a member of Parliament, released a statement reminding Brits that his RESPECT (Respect **Equality** Socialism Peace **Environment Community Trade** Unionism) Party had argued "that the attacks on Afghanistan and Iraq would increase the threat of terrorist attack in Britain. Tragically, Londoners have now paid the price of the government ignoring such warnings."

Galloway then urged the government to remove British troops, "as the Spanish government acted" by "ending the occupation of Iraq." After complete capitulation, Galloway concluded, "Only then will the innocents here and abroad be able to enjoy a life free of the threat of needless violence."

This seems so obvious that I shouldn't have to write it but: There were no U.S. troops fighting in Iraq or Afghanistan on Sept. 11, 2001, and yet innocent people were killed.

Step back for a minute and imagine that anti-abortion terrorists had been responsible for similar bombings. Imagine if they set off

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bombs in New York or Atlanta and demanded that abortion be made illegal or they would keep killing

In such a horrific event, I cannot imagine the left arguing that Americans should look to the "root causes" of the attacks, as happened after Sept. 11.

If anti-abortion terrorists tried such tactics. I cannot imagine the left arguing that the government should capitulate by outlawing abortion in order to prevent further senseless violence.

I suggest this scenario because, if leaders capitulate to Islamic terrorists, that cave-in sends the message that terrorism works.

Antiwar types might think about this -- what Galloway is now doing -- as they are tempted to pronounce these vicious murders inevitable, the natural consequence of world leaders not listening to their dire warnings. . If these attacks were inevitable, it

is because this modern world provides a berth for mass murderers. If they can hide under a banner of anti-Americanism, there's always a stooge who will pronounce their cause legitimate, and that crude imprimatur gives them a sense of courage. Emboldened, they walk into crowded buses or the Underground stations and slaughter good people.

They must not win.

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# Justice O'Connor set precedent for women

templates the replacement for retiring Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O'Connor, he's liable to find pundits insisting that he must, in the name of equality, fill the spot with a woman.

Of course, I'd love to see another woman on the Supreme Court. We just don't need to designate that slot on the bench specifically for a woman.

Particularly as a former State Bar of Texas president, I'm proud of how - over the last quarter century — the legal profession has accepted =

women as judges. Ignore gender and assemble a list of qualified Supreme Court candidates. It will naturally contain a large percentage of women. There are so many experienced, capable women readily available.

LYNNE

LIBERATO

That's a startling contrast to when Justice O'Connor got tapped to join the court.

Women in the legal profession have flourished since Justice O'Connor was confirmed in 1981. Her nomination was pivotal to gains made by women not just in

s President Bush con- the justice system, but across soci- the gender of those presiding over ety.

> Replacing Justice O'Connor with a male justice could never erase the advancement made by all women during her 24-year tenure.

When Ronald Reagan nominated O'Connor to the Supreme Court, it was big news that a woman might ascend to the highest court in the land. Earlier that year, the mere idea of a woman Supreme Court Justice had formed the plot of a big Hollywood movie with Walter Matthau and Jill Clayburgh ("First Monday In October").

When they confirmed Justice O'Connor, the men responsible for the first female on the Supreme Court did more for women in the legal profession than they could have ever foreseen. Since that time, women lawyers have grown in number and stature, and now fill lots of judgeships.

In Harris County, in fact, 39 percent of the state district court judges are female. Antonio's Fourth Court of Appeals,

all seven of the justices are women. For most of my 25 years as an appellate lawyer, I would get excited if I had a case in front of a female judge. There was something reassuring, if novel, about it. Now there are so many women judges, I'm not even conscious of

my cases. As likely as not, the judge is a ma'am, not a sir.

At least in the administration of justice, we are approaching what should be a societal goal of becoming gender-neutral. Both symbolically and literally, this is largely a result of the opportunities created when Justice O'Connor joined the men of the Supreme Court.

Since then, seeing women in a position to make decisions about life, liberty and property has enhanced the perception that women can do everything men can.

The long-reaching effects of one nomination 24 years ago illustrates how the law leads the way in social and economic justice for the larger community.

And that, more than mere political gains or outdated diversity benchmarks, should always be a consideration for a president when he - or she - names a new justice.

Lynne Liberato, an appellate specialist for the international law firm Haynes and Boone LLP, has argued before Justice O'Connor in the Supreme Court. She was the first woman president of the Houston Bar Association and later served as president of the Texas State Bar.

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# Teen-focused doctors bridging gap for adolescent patients

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**Associated Press Writer** 

DALLAS - When 16-year-old Marissa Skembo sees her doctor, she jokes that their conversation can go beyond typical ailments to include anything a teen might encounter - "drugs, sex, rock 'n' roll."

For about two years, Skembo has been seeing a doctor who specializes in treating patients ages 11 to 21.

"I think that there's a special art to caring for a teenager from earning their trust to being able to understand their behaviors," said Skembo's doctor, Laura Scalfano, assistant professor of pediatrics and the director of adolescent medicine at the University of Texas Southwestern. Her practice is at Children's Medical Center Dallas.

While some teens are sent to

doctors who specialize in adolescents for specific problems, others use them as their primary care doctors - a bridge between their pediatrician and finding a doctor as an adult.

"I think that people are realizing more and more that teenagers aren't just big kids," said Dr. James Fitzgibbon, director of adolescent medicine at Akron Children's Hospital in

Doctors who specialize in teens will often make a point of spending an extended amount of time talking to their patients.

"Sometimes it takes a long time to get the information out of the young adult. Sometimes you have to hear a lot of information before you really get down to the root cause," said Dr. Deborah Poteet-Johnson, who has a private adolescent medicine practice with another doctor in Chattanooga, Tenn.

She said that while some patients are direct about their concerns, some are more eva-

"Others will come in and say 'I've got this bad cold. Oh, by the way, can we talk about birth control?" said Poteet-Johnson, whose practice has been steadily growing, mainly word-of-mouth, since it opened in January 2003.

While the specialization began in the 1950s, an actual subspecialty certificate in adolescent medicine has only been offered since 1994 to those who have passed the board in pediatrics and internal medicine and since 2001 to those in family medicine.

It's something that few officially pursue, however, with only about 550 people currently holding the designation. Others have focused on teens for their entire careers, not bothering

with the subcertification. It requires extra training and doesn't guarantee more money, said Dr. Charles Irwin, editor of the Journal of Adolescent Health and a past president of the Society for Adolescent Medicine.

Basically, doctors say, physicians of adolescents are more focused on issues that might be on the minds of teens. And they are careful to balance their young patient's need to maintain some autonomy with the parent's need for information.

Many times the doctor will talk separately to each and then both parent and teen together. said Dr. Bret J. Rudy, associate chief of the adolescent medicine division at the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia.

"It's a little bit more of a juggling act," he said.

And at times, a doctor needs to help a teen talk to her par-

ents, said Dr. Rana Pascoe, who has a family and adolescent practice at the Baylor Family Health Center at Mesquite, a Dallas suburb.

"Sometimes you are a media-

tor between them," she said. Of course, finding a teen specialist can be a challenge, especially in rural areas, and many teens are happy with their pediatricians.

But Marissa Skembo's mother, Consie, said she really appreciates the time that Scalfano devotes to her daugh-

"We really like her style, she treats the whole person, not just the physical — the emotional and social person too," Consie Skembo said.

"She talks about anything and everything." On the Web:

Society for Adolescent Medicine: http://www.adolescenthealth.org

# Battle over embryos opens new front: In vitro fertilization

By JUDY PERES

Chicago Tribune

Illinois judge declares an early embryo is a human being, allowing a couple to sue a clinic for destroying a fertil-

A U.S. senator suggests couples seeking fertility treatment should not be allowed to produce more embryos than they wish to implant simultaneous-

Anti-abortion activists picket a fertility clinic in Virginia, proclaiming, "IVF kills babies."

These and other developments have some reproductive health experts wondering if opposition to embryonic stem cell research may broaden to include in vitro fertilization, a mainstream medical procedure used by millions of people

tacted by the Chicago Tribune said they were not aware of any lobbying to ban or restrict IVF but they'd happily support such legislation.

"IVF requires killing," said Bill Beckman, executive director of the Illinois Right to Life Committee. "They choose? which (embryos) implant, and they create spares that will die."

The cells used in embryonic stem cell research come from IVF embryos, which critics believe deserve the same ethical treatment as living children. The debate has raised awareness that this procedure typically creates more embryos than are used to make babies.

Many experts believe IVF is now far too commonplace to be drastically restricted. The American Society for Reproductive Medicine estimates that one of every 100 children born in the U.S. is conceived this way.

Beckman agreed that trying to limit IVF would be difficult, adding that abortion and euthanasia are higher priorities. "There are too many battles to fight, and IVF is not at the top of the priority list," he said.

"It doesn't have the same priority for us as stem cell research," agreed Carrie Gordon Earll of Focus on the Family. "There are only so many man-hours to go around.'

Yet a variety of recent events are provoking anxiety in the field of assisted reproduction.

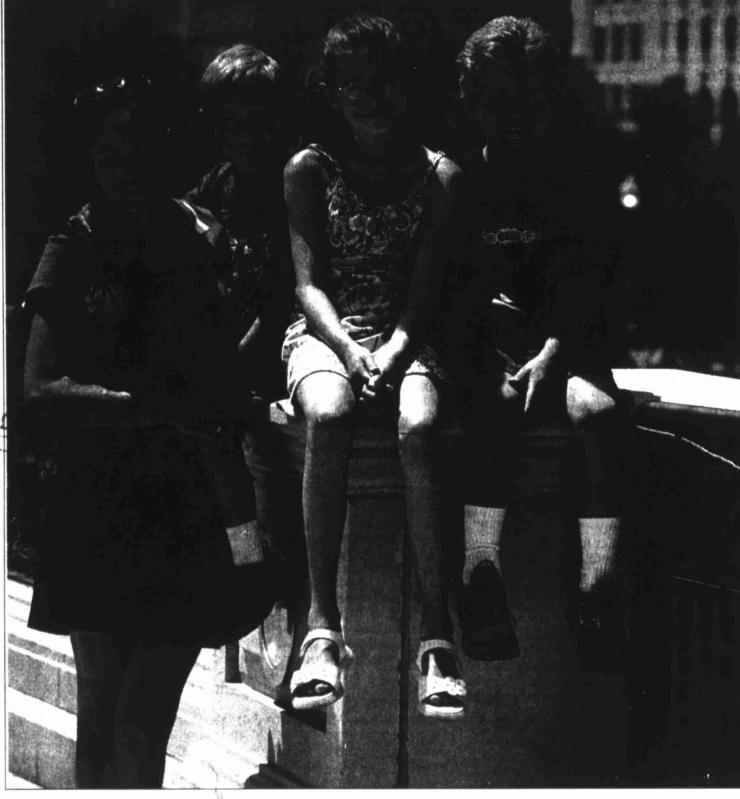
nillions of people.

Abortion opponents con- lation would force IVE acted by the Chicago practitioners to fertilize only one egg at a time. The usual practice is to fertilize multiple eggs and preserve some in case the woman doesn't get pregnant on the first try.

If the Kentucky bill passed, it "would dramatically lower pregnancy rates," said Dr. Richard director Scott. of Reproductive Medicine Associates on the East Coast. "Tens of thousands of people a year will go without a family."

President Bush and other politicians, meanwhile, are promoting "embryo adoption" as an alternative to destroying leftover embryos. spokesman for Americans United for Life said his

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Kristin Daus, of Golf, III., has three children, Marguerite, center, who was conceived by in vitro fertilization, Christopher, far right, who was conceived by embryo transfer and Stephen, second from left, who was conceived naturally.

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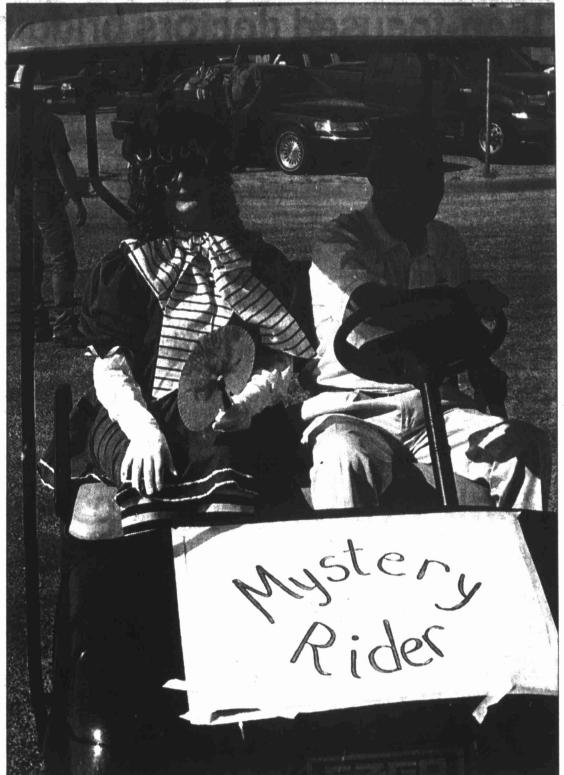
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**HERALD** phot **Members of the Stanton** High School Band (photo above) perform during the annual Martin County Old **Settlers Reunion Parade** held Saturday morning. And at right, it's not exactly the disguise a sleek spy or speclal agent might prefer, but the parade's "Mystery Rider" in the annual Martin **County Old Settlers** Reunion Parade, made do by just clowning around Saturday morning.



#### **IVF**

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group is researching model legislation for states that want to regulate reproductive technologies. Already, Louisiana bans the intentional destruction of a viable fertilized egg.

At the individual level, IVF raises complicated moral issues. Many patients who describe themselves as "pro-life" have no compunction about creating new life through the procedure, experts agreed. On the other hand, some "pro-choice" people find they can't destroy or donate their leftover embryos.

In IVF, a woman is given hormones so her ovaries will produce a large number of eggs at once. The eggs are removed and fertilized in a lab. After the fertilized eggs start dividing, one or more embryos are transferred to the woman's uterus in hopes that one will implant and develop into a fetus.

Remaining healthy embryos are usually saved for future pregnancy attempts. Frozen embryos have been accumulating since the late 1970s, creating a stockpile estimated at more than 400,000.

Those embryos are a potential source of stem cells, which researchers believe might be able to generate replacement tissues that could help people with cancer, diabetes and other diseases.

Whether doing that is morally acceptable hinges on the question of when life begins — the same question at the root of the abortion debate.

To those who believe a human life is created the moment egg meets sperm, abortion is murder. So is destroying a frozen embryo.

But Beckman estimates fewer than 10 percent of Americans hold that view. Many who oppose abortion are in favor of · IVF and embryonic stem cell research. And some who oppose stem cell research, such as Bush, support

"Being anti-abortion isn't necessarily going to make you (anti-IVF)," said Eleanor Nicoll of the society for reproductive medicine. "Many people are capable of making distinctions between removal of a fetus from the uterus and an embryo in a dish."

The feelings involved can be complex. Kristin Daus, a church-going Catholic, had two children through assisted reproduction and a third the old-fashioned way.

Daus, 38, knows she violated church teaching by going through IVF. She strongly supports stem cell research, and she believes abortion should be legal for those who choose it.

But once she was done having children, she said, she felt morally obligated to the six frozen embryos she and her

husband, Jerry, had left behind.

So, even though she dreaded the thought of having a fourth child, she went through the required hormone treatments to prepare her womb to receive the embryos. As it happened, when the embryos were thawed, none survived.

"I felt, I created them. It's my responsibility to go ahead and try to give them a chance — like we gave the others," said Daus, referring to the embryos that 9, and their son Christopher. 5.

Lynn Boughey, a lawyer from Minot, N.D., and his wife, Lanette, had twins through IVF two years ago. They agreed in principle to let another couple use their excess embryos — the "embryo adoption" option touted by Bush.

But the Bougheys do not oppose stem cell research. If no one wants the embryos, Lynn Boughey said, they would donate them to science.

"I cannot believe that a loving and merciful God would have a problem with us using the science He gave us to provide the joy and love we have in our house right now," said Boughey, who described himself as active in the Presbyterian church.

Dr. Edward Marut, director of the Fertility Centers of Illinois' Highland Park IVF facility, said he sees some patients who are clear from the outset that they don't want to have to dispose of any embryos.

"For those patients, we only try to fertilize a limited number of eggs, usually two or three, and implant whichever do fertilize," he said. "If they're not lucky ... then they have to do it all over

That's how IVF is done in Germany and Italy, where the law forbids freezing embryos, says a maximum of three embryos may be created at one time, and requires that every embryo be transferred simultaneously back into the woman who produced the eggs.

Recently, Sen. Sam Brownback (R-Kan.) said those countries might have the right idea. In an interview with ABC's "This Week," he suggested restricting the number of eggs that can be fertilized and requiring doctors to implant all the embryos that result.

Kentucky's bill would allow only one egg to be fertilized at a time. Experts said if that were the standard, many women - especially older ones - would never get pregnant.

For a 35-year-old woman, Scott said, only about 6 percent of inseminated eggs end up becoming babies — and the percentage gets smaller as the woman gets

"If you only inseminated one egg," Scott said, "it would take an average of 16 cycles to get a baby."

One IVF cycle involves four to six weeks of hormone injections, ultrasound tests, blood work and a minor

surgical procedure to retrieve the eggs; it can cost \$10,000 or more.

"If you really believe a (fertilized egg) is a person, it makes things very hard for infertile couples," Scott said.

Medical ethicist Nanette Elster said that although deciding what should be done with unused embryos is a big question, "the bigger question is who is going to decide.'

"Do we want government to say you can only make so many embryos (and) became their daughter Marguerite, now you man't destroy any embryos?" she asked.

Pamela Madsen, director of the American Fertility Association, said every couple is entitled to make their own decision.

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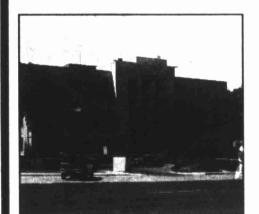
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"Many people believe the embryo has a special status," she said. "But how do you interpret that? That it should be handled with care? That it's a child? That it shouldn't be created at all because it's sacrilegious to create life outside a uterus?

"It will be very problematic if the government gets involved and forces us to make certain decisions."

Andrew Koppelman, professor of law and political science at Northwestern University, said regulating IVF would be difficult politically.

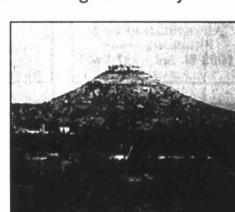
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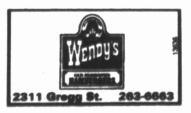
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Howard announces men's basketball camps in mid-July

The Howard College men's basketball staff will host two weeklong camps in the month of July.

The first camp will take place Monday through Thursday, while the second camp starts July 25 and ends

Both camps will cost \$250 per player who wants room and board and \$175 for a commuter. Both camps will take place at Garrett Dorothy Coliseum.

Sign-ups for the first camp will take place Sunday from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m., while the second's camp sign-up will be July 24 from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Both camps run each day from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The Hawk camp format consists of morning and afternoon sessions. All sessions specialized clinics on both the offensive and defensive phases of the game.

For more info, contact Mark Adams at 816-6957 or Jason Sautter at 816-3200.

#### Howard women's basketball sets three camp dates

The Howard College women's basketball program will be hosting two more camps this summer.

The camps will both take place July 18-21. The first camp is open for kindergarten through third grade boys and girls. Registration will take

9 a.m. July 18. The camp runs from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. and costs \$50 per person.

place from 8:30 a.m. to

The second camp is fourth through sixth grade girls. Registration for this camp will take place from 12:30 p.m. to 1 p.m. July 18. The camp runs from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. and costs \$60 per

For more information, call Earl Diddle at 264-5043 or Eric Rodewald at 816-4327.

#### B.S. sets second Quarterback meeting

The Big Spring football booster club has set a quarterback club meeting for Monday. July 18, at 7 p.m. in the Big Spring Athletic

Training Center. For more informaion, contact Gene iercefield at 816-1134.

# Rangers hang on at home, power past Toronto

ARLINGTON (AP) -The Texas Rangers expect power hitting from Mark Teixeira. Mark DeRosa is another story.

Teixeira hit his AL-leading 25th homer and DeRosa had a two-run shot in a four-run eighth inning as the Rangers completed a three-game sweep of the Toronto Blue Jays with a 9-8 victory Sunday.

DeRosa was making a rare start in place of All-Star second baseman Alfonso Soriano, who was in Panama to be with his wife, who is expecting the couple's second child.

With the game tied at 5, Sandy Alomar drew a one-out walk in the eighth from Jason Frasor (1-4). DeRosa, without a hit in his first three at-bats and carrying a .182 average at the start of the day, followed with his third homer of the season.

"After I struggled in my first three at-bats, there

were a couple of guys in the crowd calling for Soriano," DeRosa said. "I'm glad they stuck with

DeRosa, making his 14th start, knows how to handle a bench role after serving in that capacity for the Atlanta Braves last season. For Texas, he's the backup for Soriano, Teixeira and Michael Young.

"I got three All-Stars playing my positions, so my time out there is just to give them a rest," DeRosa said. "I understand my role."

David Dellucci followed with a single, went to second on a groundout and scored on Teixeira's tworun drive off Justin Speier to extend Texas' lead to 9-5.

Teixeira, the AL All-Star first baseman, has three homers in his last two games and seems ready for Monday's Home Run Derby in Detroit.

"This is a job. It's work," Teixeira said. "(Monday) will be fun. I just want to hang out there and whatever happens, happens."

Aaron Hill's two-run double in the ninth off Francisco Cordero pulled the Blue Jays within 9-7. Eric Hinske's run-scoring double made it 9-8, but Cordero struck out Alex Rios with runners on second and third before getting pinch-hitter Reed Johnson to ground to third to end it.

Hank Blalock had three RBIs for the Rangers. Kameron Loe (3-1) pitched a hitless eighth for the victory.

Vernon Wells' three-run double in the fifth gave the Blue Jays a 4-3 lead, knocking out Rangers starter Chris Young.

But Texas came back in the fifth against Toronto starter Josh Towers, getting consecutive singles Dellucci from and Michael Young.

After Teixeira walked to load the bases, Blalock singled to right to drive in Dellucci and Young. The Blue Jays tied it at

5 in the eighth on Rios' RBI groundout against Loe.

Gregg Zaun had three hits for the Blue Jays, who have lost 10 of their last 13 in Arlington.

Texas took a 2-0 lead in the second on Gary Matthews Jr.'s run-scoring double and Alomar's RBI single.

Blalock had an RBI double in the third, but Zaun cut the deficit to 3-1 with a run-scoring single in the fourth.

four runs and six hits



Texas Rangers starting pitcher Chris Young throws in early Inning action against the Toronto Blue Jays Sunday. The Rangers defeated the Blue Jays, 9-8, at Ameriquest Field in

8.10 ERA over his last five son, was a mistake. starts to raise his ERA from 2.78 to 4.01.

Buck Showalter said. "We're trying to be as careful as we can with him. I think Chris is probably a little weary right now."

Jays manager Blue John Gibbons said Chris Young allowed Frasor's walk to the 39year-old Alomar, the over four innings on a hot backup catcher making plate.

afternoon, and he has an his 20th start of the sea-

"You can't walk Sandy Alomar Jr.," Gibbons "A lot of people run out said. "That's the game of gas," Rangers manager right there. Those passes burn you."

Frasor made no excuses. "That certainly kickstarted things for them," Frasor said. "You get behind the next guy and in 30 seconds it's 7-5. I couldn't get my breaking ball over and I left the fastball out over the

# Red hot Astros get by Dodgers

#### Ensberg, Lidge help **Houston complete** rare sweep of L.A.

HOUSTON (AP) - Brad Ausmus said his key hit Sunday made the Houston Astros' recent surge that much sweeter.

Ausmus snapped an eighth-inning tie with an RBI single as the Astros rallied from four runs down to beat the Los Angeles Dodgers 6-5 and sweep the three-game series. It was Houston's first three-game sweep over Los Angeles since May 14-16, 1993.

Morgan Ensberg singled to lead off the Astros' eighth and Jason Lane walked. Two outs later, Ausmus slapped a single to right field to give the Astros their seventh win in eight games. They've won 16 of 20 to reach the All-Star break at 44-43, which is reminiscent of their 36-10 finish to win the wild-card spot last season.

"It was a great feeling to get the game-winning hit," said Ausmus, who went 11-for-30 (.367) the last eight games to raise his average to .241. "It would be in any game, but it was especially great because of the way we've been playing lately.

"To be over .500 right now, to me that's just as remarkable as the run we had last year. It just shows you how resilient this team is."

Astros manager Phil Garner agreed, recalling that the team was 15 games under .500 on May

"This is a good way to

go into the break," Garner said. "It makes you feel good about yourself. And today's win was really big for the way we came back. We have gotten close on a couple of big comebacks before but not quite made it. Wins like this really help your confidence."

This one ended when Oscar Robles was thrown out by center fielder Willy Taveras as Robles tried to stretch a single into a double.

"It took two nice plays to make that out," Garner said. "Willy got a good throw and Craig (Biggio) made a terrific tag. He threw his head down and I thought he was going to get spiked in the head. But Craig doesn't care."

Biggio wasn't surprised Robles tried to stretch the hit, even though it resulted in the final out of the game.

"Not at all," Biggio said. "In the same situation, I would have tried that. It had to be a perfect execution on our part and Willy made a strong throw to start it."

Dodgers manager Jim Tracy was dismayed, however.

of Oscar," Tracy said. "With (Brad) Lidge on the mound, you have to figure you're not going to get back-to-back hits. So he was aggressive and it took a perfect throw to get him."

That's the way things have gone lately for the Dodgers, who have dropped four straight and 11 of 16. That prompted a strong tirade from pitcher Odalis Perez.

The Dodgers' starter was removed Sunday after allowing the first four batters to reach in the sixth inning when Houston scored four times to tie it 5-5. He gave up five runs, four earned, five hits and four walks.

"When you see a team going in different directions, pitchers pointing fingers at position players and position players pointing fingers at pitchers, you know something is wrong," Perez said. "This team is doing that. The way to win games is to pull together as a team, not to be pointing fingers at each other."

Russ Springer (2-3) pitched a hitless eighth, and Lidge worked the ninth for his 20th save in 23 chances. Duaner Sanchez (2-4)

allowed two hits in the eighth inning and took the loss.

Houston starter Brandon Backe allowed five runs, three earned, eight hits and a walk in six innings.

Ensberg hit a two-run homer, his 24th of the year, to cut the Astros' deficit to 5-3. Ensberg is just one short of matching "I understand the intent the club record for home runs in a season by a third baseman, a mark he shares with Doug Rader.

After Jason Lane beat out an infield hit, Adam Everett tripled to deep left center to close the gap to 5-4 and chase Perez. Chris Burke followed with an **RBI** single off Franquelis Osoria to tie it.

Jason Phillips hit a tworun home run in the fifth to give the Dodgers a 5-1 lead.

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#### the Blue Jays, 9-8, at Ameriquest Field in Arlington Sunday. Rogers will most likely make trip to all-star game in Detroit

Mark Teixeira (center) of the Texas Rangers gets congrat-

ulated by teammate Kevin Mench after Teixeira hit a two-

run home run to drive in Michael Young (right) in the eighth

inning against the Toronto Blue Jays. The Rangers defeated

 Rangers ace wants to honor players' vote

By STEPHEN HAWKINS **AP Sports Writer** ARLINGTON (AP) -

Kenny Rogers left the Texas Rangers' clubhouse Sunday without saying whether he will participate in the All-Star game, but later told a newspaper that he is going to Detroit.

Rogers told team officials that he wasn't speaking to reporters after the Rangers beat Toronto 9-8 in their final game before the break. The 40-year-old left-hander didn't respond when asked questions while walking out of the club-

house. The Dallas Morning News reported Sunday night on its Web site that Rogers was going, and wouldn't be deterred by

"People are going to do whatever they are going to do," Rogers told the newspaper by phone. "I'm going because I was voted

in by the players and I earned it. I want the players to know their vote means a lot to me. I know how the players feel and if I thought it would benefit them if I didn't go, I wouldn't go."

KRT photo/Jeffrey Washington, Fort Worth Star-Telegram

Rogers has continued to pitch while the players' association appeals his 20-game suspension and \$50,000 fine from commissioner Bud Selig for shoving two cameramen last month. Rogers' contract includes a \$50,000 bonus for being an All-Star.

spokesman Rangers Gregg Elkin said he didn't ask the pitcher what his plans were, and major baseball league spokesman Pat Courtney said as far as he knew,

Rogers would be in atten-

dance. Texas first baseman Mark Teixeira, the AL starter Tuesday night, expected to see his teammate in Detroit. Rangers shortstop Michael Young and second baseman

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# Earnhardt Jr. gets fortunate victory at Chicagoland track

 Gordon suffers wreck, another poor finish

By MIKE HARRIS

**AP Motorsports Writer** JOLIET, Ill. (AP) - Ajubilant Dale Earnhardt Jr. broke through for his first NASCAR Nextel Cup victory of the season Sunday, using a two-tire strategy and holding off Matt Kenseth to win at Chicagoland Speedway.

"I was worried I was going to go winless this the relieved year," Earnhardt said after smoking the tires on his No. 8 Chevrolet and celebrating with his crew in the infield grass. "Now, let's go out and do it again, win some more."

Kenseth led 176 of the 267 laps but wound up second after choosing to change four tires and falling behind on his final pit stop in the USG Sheetrock 400.

Earnhardt, NASCAR's most popular driver, has had a mostly miserable season and had little to smile about until he turned in a third-place finish last week

Daytona. He started 25th Sunday and spent most of the day hovering near the end of the top 10.

The last of 10 caution flags waved on lap 249, when Mike Bliss and Jeff Gordon crashed, giving all the leaders a last chance to pit on a day when right-side tires were blistering and causing numerous blowouts and crashes.

Scott Wimmer stayed on the track and took the lead, while Earnhardt and several other drivers took only two tires and moved ahead of both Kenseth and Tony Stewart, who took four tires after coming into the pits first and

The green flag came out on lap 255, and it took Earnhardt three laps to get past Wimmer, who then faded quickly. Meanwhile. Kenseth charged toward the front, grabbing second place from Brian Vickers on lap

But Kenseth couldn't catch Earnhardt, finishing about five car-lengths

Jeff Gordon (24) tangles with Mike Bliss (0) in the first turn. Gordon blamed Bliss for the accident saying "he (Gordon) had nowhere to go." Jason Leffler slides by on the bottom. Dale Earnhardt Jr., took the checkered flag at USG Sheetrock 400 at the Chicagoland Speedway in Jollet, Ill., Sunday.

Jimmie Johnson, the series points leader, came back from a lap down to finish third, followed by Vickers and Stewart.

"It's been a long time coming, man," Earnhardt. "It's a lot of emotion, more than I can handle right now. For these guys, all the darts they've had thrown at them this year. It's just awesome.

"I thought we had a top-10, maybe a top-five car," he added. "My guys on pit road won the race for me. Got me out front with two tires."

Kenseth, who has not won since March 2004 at

Las Vegas, was bitterly disappointed.

"Our car was awesome," he said. "I'm trying to be a gracious loser, but it's a tough one."

The call to take on four tires was made by his crew chief, Robbie Reiser, but Kenseth wouldn't criticize him.

"I can't really blame Robby. We were kind of a sitting duck. A lot of guys were going to either stay out or take two tires," Kenseth said. "Overall, it was a great day, just a tough one to lose.'

Stewart, still aching from a crash on Friday that forced him to go to a backup car and start from the rear of the 43-car field, was also disappointed that he couldn't pull off a third straight victory and defend his win here last

"If we'd have stayed out like I wanted to, we'd have won the race," said Stewart, who has now finished third, second, first and fifth in his last four starts at Chicagoland.

Greg Biffle, second in the season standings, finished 11th Sunday and fell from 73 to 108 points behind Johnson. With his 16th career victory and first since last November in Phoenix, Earnhardt moved up to 13th place, 115 points behind 10thplace Kurt Busch and 491 points behind Johnson.

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The top 10 drivers and any others within 400 points of the leader following the 26th race of the season will be eligible to race for the series championship over the final 10 events.

For four-time series champion Gordon, who finished 33rd, it was his sixth finish of 30th or lower in the last eight races. He fell to 15th place in the standings, 502 points behind Johnson, his Hendrick Motorsports teammate.

# Armstrong surrenders jersey, not worried as climb begins

By JOHN LEICESTER

**Associated Press Writer** MULHOUSE, France (AP) - Lance Armstrong is content to let someone else wear the yellow jersey at the Tour de France for now.

surrendered the overall lead in the ninth stage Sunday, taking the pressure off his team as main rivals. the Alps await and challenges with key rivals could begin in earnest.

Armstrong's ultimate goal, however, remains unchanged: a seventh straight title at the finish in Paris on July 24 before he retires.

"We don't need the yeljersev." low said Armstrong, who is in third place, 2 minutes, 18 behind the seconds leader. "We don't need to keep it in the Alps, we need to have it at the end.'

Germany's Jens Voigt not a contender to win in Paris — took the jersey by finishing three minutes ahead of the six-time champion.

Denmark's Mickael Rasmussen won the stage with a gutsy solo ride. He was first over the six climbs, covering the 106.3-mile route from Gerardmer to Mulhouse

in eastern France in 4 ready for the big climbs." hours, 8 minutes, 20 sec-

Voigt finished 3:04 later, just behind France's Christophe Moreau. who had Armstrong, worn yellow for five days, finished in 28th place, crossing the line comfortably in a pack with his

The riders rest Monday before the first of three Alpine stages — from Grenoble to the ski station of Courchevel. The route has two major climbs. Wednesday's stage is

one of the hardest this vear, with three ascents in quick succession peaking with the monstrous Col du Galibier, the Tour's highest point at 8,677 feet. The good news for

Armstrong is that his Discovery Channel teammates appeared to have recovered quickly from their collapse on a climb Saturday, when all eight abandoned him, unable to match the quick uphill pace. That left Armstrong alone to fend off his rivals.

"We better," were Armstrong said. "That's good going into the rest day: regroup and get Rivals said Discovery's

blowout probably was nothing more than a temporary bout of fatigue after a fast first week of racing, and Armstrong remains the man to beat.

Discovery rode hard Sunday at the front of the main pack, strategically allowing Rasmussen and then Voigt and Moreau to pedal off ahead, confident they cannot challenge Armstrong for the overall Tour title.

Armstrong teammate George Hincapie, the only Discovery racer to have ridden with the American for all of his six Tour wins, said the squad has become a victim of its own success.

Beyond the Alps come the Pyrenees, followed by a time trial on the next-tolast day of the Tour — an which at Armstrong excels.

Moreau is second overall, 1:50 behind Voigt.

Five riders dropped out Sunday. including American David Zabriskie of Team CSC. Zabriskie won the yellow jersey on the Tour's first day but lost it to Armstrong three days later when he fell in the team time trial.



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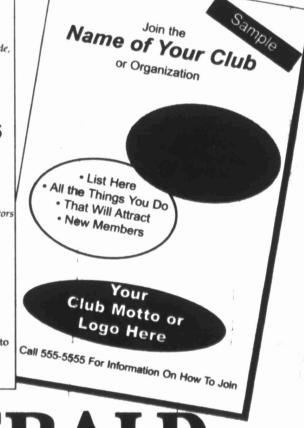
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#### **ROGERS**

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Alfonso Soriano are also All-Stars. "He made his own deci-

sion. He definitely wants to be there," Teixeira said. "That's great. The more Rangers, the merrier."

The newspaper reported that Rogers didn't make a formal announcement about attending the All-Star game because he didn't want to give the impression his decision was out of the ordinary.

After pitching seven innings to beat Toronto Saturday night, Rogers

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(10-4, 2.54 ERA) said he felt like he deserved to go. He was voted in by the players for the second year in a row, his third All-Star selection in his 17 seasons.

"I know that I belong there without a doubt,' he said. "Even though there's other opinions out there, I really don't give them much weight. But players put me in there. They voted me in there, so I know it's one thing I deserve without a doubt, and that has a lot of weight."

Rogers, speaking to a group of reporters after a game for the first time this season, also said he didn't want to be a distraction to the game and the other players there.

In his first start at home since his videotaped tirade June 29, Rogers was greeted by a mostly supportive response from Rangers fans. Cheers overwhelmed an audible chorus of boos.

Rogers said he didn't know what to expect and that the reaction surprised him. After getting through an emotionally charged first inning in which he gave up three runs, he didn't allow another run. The Rangers led 12-3 when he left after seven innings, and won 12-10.





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stories support what we already believe. long as the creativity is flowing, you may as well use it to believe the best in people!

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**ARIES** 21-April 19). (March You've thought yourself into a corner. Give your intellect a break while you rely on your intuition. Children bring you luck today, whether they're yours or someone else's, so pay attention to what they say and then act on it.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). It seems like every grumpy person in the city has found their way to before you send them on friend — call all of them! bighearted. their way. Remember Take a moment to say "pearls" start out as irritations to an oyster.

21). Let them think the joke is on you. You know better. Enjoy having the last laugh. At the moment, "lucky" is your middle name. A vacation? Buying the winning lottery ticket? Falling in **Everything** possible.

**CANCER** (June 22-July 22). It's nice to cozy down at home and shut the world out, but today is not the day. Adventure awaits — you might find it around the corner at your local minimart, or it might take the form of an unexpected trip.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). The check is not in the in the same direction. very conscientious collecting debts. People will take advantage if you're not on guard. Do something wonderful for yourself?

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. using his.

thank you to someone who's always been there GEMINI (May 21-June for you. The foundation you lay today will uphold you in the future.

> LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You want the sweetness of life to return and could be tempted to substitute sugar for Unfortunately, a cookie in each hand does not make a balanced diet. Ask for real love, big love and true love.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). There will be a moment this afternoon when absolutely everything is perfect. If only you had a time freeze machine! Don't worry — there's more of this if you keep walking

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22about Dec. 21). You continue to follow your own philosophy, which is a version of "live and let you owe yourself a good live." Everyone's days are time? How long has it numbered, so you may as been since you've done well not waste any of your time dwelling on how someone else is

your doorstep. Find out 22). Today's the day to CAPRICORN (Dec. 22- someone of your own sign Phair, Mariah Carey or

compliment someone tremendously by setting them free to make their own decisions, supporting them even if they are very unlike your own.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You can do your best work when you don't feel like it - and that's why you're a true professional. A Scorpio could teach you the art of seduction by making you a target for affection.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March Curiosity is a wonderful asset, much underused by people around you as of late. So lead the way by asking the interesting questions and being fascinated by the answers. The world will unfold for you.

ASTROLOGICAL SPECIAL -- AQUARIUS CELEBRITY LOVE MATCH — PART 11 OF 12: In a parallel universe (current romantic partnerships

notwithstanding), are you walking the red carpet with your celebrity soul mate?

If you are an Aquarius,

eclectic. Celebrity Aries Aquarians include Elijah Wood, Nolan Ryan, Alice Cooper and Axl Rose. Female Aquarians are Ellen DeGeneres, Jennifer Jason Leigh, Jennifer Aniston and

Sheryl Crow. Aquarians also are a brilliant match with fellow air sign Libra. Native Librans are peaceloving stars such as Will Smith, Catherine Zeta-Jones, Matt Damon, Avril Lavigne, Hilary Duff, Hugh Jackman and Gwyneth Paltrow.

the zodiac wheel is Leo. Though they sometimes pull each other's heart strings in the manner of a tug of war, the tension between these two signs is undeniably hot. The "it" list includes such Leos as Kevin Spacey, Sandra Bullock, Tom Green, Kate Beckinsale, David Duchovny and Charlize Theron.

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# Annie's Mailbox Advice for those in need

African-American female also and have never been faced with this problem, and I really do not know how to handle it.

Recently. an older Caucasian lady moved apartment our complex, and she has hung a black-faced doll on her patio, which faces the parking lot. This doll is of the Al Jolson variety that was used in times past to ridicule persons of African descent. I have to school versus a private pass her patio every day and look at this atrocity.

dehumanized every time that I see this doll. To me, this is the same as displaying a Nazi swastika. My question is, how do I approach this woman and tell her of my Upset in feelings? Louisville, Ky.

Dear Louisville: Let's assume this woman has no idea that this doll makes her seem racist. Knock on her door and explain it to her, nicely. Tell her, "I'm sure it isn't your intention to hurt anyone, so I though I'd let you know that the doll on your patio is quite offensive. Would you mind putting it inside

your apartment?" If she refuses, talk to landlord or the

Dear Annie: I am an apartment manager. You schools can file discrimination complaint Kentucky's Commission on Human Rights.

> Dear Annie: My daughter, "Alisha," is going to be 5 in a couple of months. She is advanced in reading (second-grade level) and math. She also is good at dance and piano.

I am struggling between Education), putting her in public or contact the school. I want the best for Department my daughter and wish of Education her to have a lovely, childhood. memorable But I also want to keep some challenge in her life.

What is your opinion on public schools private schools? Is there any special after-school program for an advanced kid her age in California?

-YiDear Yi: A private school may give Alisha more individual attention and possibly a more academically gifted group of students in her classes. However, she can miss out on some of the diversity of a public school, not to mention the various extracurricular activities and elective courses that private

a not offer.

Most school districts around country offer after-school enrichment programs. Ask about the **GATE** program (Gifted and

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(cde.ca.gov).

Dear Annie: I read the "Caring from Father," who thinks his son-in-law may have ADD. I am a 50-year-old female who started taking medication for ADDabout two years ago. It happened when I started working again after years as a stay-at-home mom, and I discovered I couldn't stay focused on one thing at a time. Within two months of starting medication, my boss saw a dramatic difference in my work.

I can tell you now that I must have had ADD when I was younger. I couldn't understand how school was so easy for my



KATHY MITCHELL MARCY SUGAR

while struggled so much. Now I know. My son has ADD and wasn't diagnosed until he was 17 years old. couldn't believe that one little pill could make much difference in a person. I think of all

for more information we did all of his life and amazing an difference medication made. He now is 30 years old and no longer seems to need any medical help. I would suggest "Caring Father" tell his daughter to talk to her husband and just see if he would talk to a doctor about this possibility. A lot of people with ADD or ADHD don't like to take medication because it makes them feel different than they are used to, but it's worth a try, isn't it? - Happy Cajun in Louisiana with

Dear Cajun: It can be quite difficult for those with Attention Deficit to recognize the problem and be willing to try

the results can be lifechanging. Thanks for writing.

Dear Annie: How can I get my husband to stop watching TV programs containing horror and violence when our 9-yearold daughter is around? --Ma Barker

Dear Ma Barker: If you cannot convince your husband that programming is not in his child's best interest, vour daughter should not be in the same room the fussing when he is watching TV. She can be in her own room, doing homework in the kitchen or chatting on the computer, or Dad can get a TV for his bedroom. You might also suggest that Dad tape his favorite programs and

> watch them later. You can discuss these programs with daughter she understands that the violence is acting, but in the real world, there would be tragic consequences for such behavior. (If you talk loudly enough, perhaps Dad will change the channel.)

Dear Annie: I read the letter from "Looking for Help in the Midwest," who said her friend's son

medication, but for many, had self-esteem issues and wanted to hurt himself.

That letter reminded me so much of myself. I'm 17 now, but when I was in grade school, I had extremely low esteem. I cried for hours and tried to hurt myself. It wasn't ADHD. It was because the kids at school teased and berated me.

When I was 13, the harassment became so intense that my parents transferred me to another school. I have flourished here and have great friends. This could be the boy's real problem. --**Happier Now** 

Dear Happier: Thank you for pointing out that teasing and bullying can cause all sorts problems and the parents may not be aware of the underlying cause.

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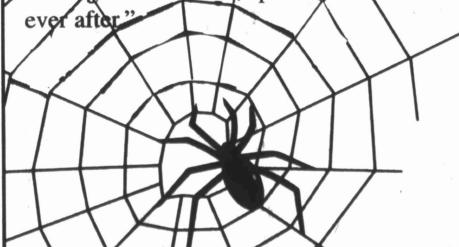
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# The Spider

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 pager to see which merchant was not advertising so that he to that store, spin his web across the door and lead a life of undisturbed peace



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Immediately following the closing time for receipt of bids, proposals will be publicly opened and read aloud. Any bid received after closing time will be returned unopened. Bids will be tabulated and presented to the City Council for award at a later date.

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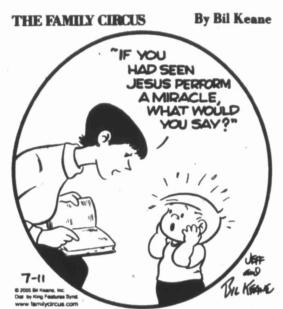
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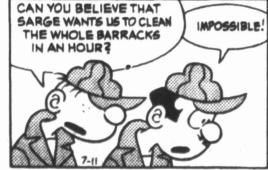


#### **SNUFFY SMITH**





#### **BEETLE BAILEY**





#### This Date In History

By The Associated Press

Today is Monday, July 11, the 192nd day of 2005. There are 173 days left in the year. Today's Highlight in History:

Fifty years ago, on July 11, 1955, the U.S. Air Force Academy was dedicated at its temporary quarters, Lowry Air Force Base in Colorado.

On this date: In 1533, Pope Clement VII excommunicated England's King Henry VIII. In 1798, the U.S. Marine

Corps was formally re-established by a congressional act that also created the U.S. Marine Band.

In 1804, Vice President Aaron Burr mortally wounded former Treasury lexander Hamilton during a pistol duel in Weehawken, N.J.

1864, Confederate forces led by General Jubal Early began an abortive invasion of Washington, D.C., turning back the next

In 1979, the abandoned U.S. space station Skylab made a spectacular return to Earth, burning up in the atmosphere and showering debris over the Indian

Ocean and Australia. In 1980, American hostage Richard I. Queen, freed by Iran after eight months of captivity because of poor health, left Tehran for Switzerland.

In 1985, Nolan Ryan of the Houston Astros became the first pitcher in Major League Baseball to strike out 4,000 batters as he fanned Danny Heep of the New York Mets.

Five years ago: The African Methodist African Episcopal Church, the nation's oldest black church. elected Reverend Vashti McKenzie of Baltimore its first female bishop. Robert Runcie, the former archbishop Canterbury, died in England, at Hertfordshire, age 78.

One year ago: International **AIDS** opened Conference Bangkok, Thailand, with U.N. chief Kofi Annan challenging world leaders to do

more to combat the raging

global epidemic.
Today's Birthdays: Actor Tab Hunter is 74. Singer Jeff Hanna (Nitty Gritty Dirt Band) is 58. Reggae singer Michael Rose (Black Uhuru) is 48. Singer Suzanne Vega is 46. Rock guitarist Richie Sambora (Bon Jovi) is 46. Rock musician Scott Shriner (Weezer) is 40. Country singer Scotty Emerick is 32. Rapper Lil' Kim is 30. Rapper Lil' Zane is 23.

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German-born English author and artist (1882-



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