

TWC: Fraud cases will be pursued aggressively

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

If you think unemployment insurance fraud is a laughing matter, you may want to think again.

Johnny R. Dupree of Howard County was recently convicted of misdemeanor unemployment insurance fraud and ordered to pay \$10,527 in restitution to the Texas Workforce Commission, in addition to receiving two years probation.

According to Larry Jones, a spokesperson for TWC, Texans who fraudulently benefit from unemployment insurance or other TWC programs will find out the state agency isn't the least bit shy about wanting its money back — and in a hurry.

"TWC warns those who have applied fraudulently for unemployment insurance benefits that criminal convictions for these offenses are pursued aggressively," said Jones. "The **TWC** Regulatory Enforcement

"Fraud is a serious crime, and conviction results in a criminal record."

-Larry Jones, TWC spokesman

Division detects and prevents fraud, waste and abuse, and enforces all regulatory statutes within the jurisdiction of the agency, including unemployment insurance, Workforce, Trade Act, Skills Development, Self-Sufficiency, Child Care and all other programs administered by TWC.

"TWC administers unemployment insurance benefits to workers who are unemployed through no fault of their own and actively are seeking work. TWC discovers that If claimants have received unemployment insurance benefits through fraudulent applications, the agency seeks immedi-

Tax, ate reimbursement of overpayments."

> Jones said unemployment insurance fraud may seem like a small crime, but those convicted will most likely disagree.

> "Fraud is a serious crime, and conviction results in a criminal record," said Jo es "TWC may seek penalties (: .der applicable laws, which may include a Class A misdemeanor and a felony charge for each offense.

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COOL WAY TO BEAT THE HEAT



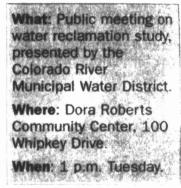
CRMWD to detail water reclamation study for citizens

Special to the Herald

The Colorado River Municipal Water District hopes to embark on a plan it says will provide an additional 13 million gallons a day of bottledquality water to its customers.

CRMWD officials will discuss the details of the water reclamation study during a public meeting set for 1 p.m. Tuesday at Roberts the Dora Community Center. The public is encour-

aged to attend. The project under con-



al manager. "The projects under consideration by the Colorado River Municipal Water District examine the feasibility of applying the same purification treatments used in many bottled water plants

HERALD photo/Thomas Jenkins

Beating the summer heat isn't tough if you're 13-year-old Mildred Sandridge, left, or 9-year-old Paige Palmer, as the stepsisters have an endless supply of tasty sno-cones at their fingertips. The girls help operate American Shaved Ice, located at the corner of Fourth Street and Young and open from 2 p.m. until 8 p.m. during the week.

Coahoma ISD officials begin budget process

By STEVE REAGAN

Staff Writer

Coahoma school officials have begun work on a budget that officials say will be very similar to last year's package.

like other But, school districts across Texas, CISD

personnel know things could change very quickly. The Texas Legislature is currently wrangling with school finance reform, and any-

McEndree

of Austin will have a definite impact on local budgets.

Also unknown at this point is what impact the proposed \$11.9 million bond issue will have on the 2005-06 budget. The bond, which will finance construction and renovation projects at all CISD campuses, will be decided by district voters on Sept. 10. With all that in mind, school

trustees will begin work on the 2005-06 budget within the next few weeks, Business Manager Gina McEndree said. "Until we get something

thing that eventually comes out

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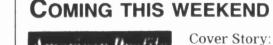
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WTO PUBLIC FORUM

West Texas Opportunities Inc. will conduct a public forum at 6 p.m. Monday in the county library meeting room to discuss the unmet needs of low-income people in Howard County. Topics will include a determination of available services and if they are adequate, as well as possible alternatives to meet citizens' needs. The tabulations will be forwarded to the Texas Department of Housing.

Howard County Library is located at 500 S. Main. Anyone with questions may call 267-9536.





Emergency Medical **Technicians** (EMTs) are not as common as they used to be in rural areas and small towns. Still, they're the first

to respond during medical emergencies in places such as Nowata, Okla. (pop. 3,971) and Browns Valley, Minn. (pop. 690).

sideration is the feasibility of recovering surplus waste water effluent from Big Spring, Odessa, Snyder and Midland.

"Currently, treated wastewater typically travels through streams or is absorbed into the groundwater table. It eventually becomes part of the raw water supplies pumped out of surface reservoirs or water wells for treatment and consumption," explained Chris Wingert,

to the effluent

According to Wingert. treatment technologies have improved and their cost has dropped signifi cantly during the past 10 years.

"This process produces water of the same quality as bottled water and is even more economical in the long run, since it saves transmission costs by virtue of the fact that it is located at the point of

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Lift-off scrubbed

Fuel-gauge reading leads to delay of first shuttle flight in 2-1/2 years

By MARCIA DUNN

AP Aerospace Writer

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) NASA scrapped Wednesday's launch of the first shuttle flight in 2 1/2 years because of a fuel gauge that mistakenly read full instead of empty, a frustrating setback to the agency's bid to get back into space after the Columbia tragedy.

"All I can say is shucks." deputy shuttle program manager Wayne Hale said at a news conference as he and other grim-faced NASA manager outlined the potentially fatal flaw The launch was delayed until

at least Saturday, and the post ponement could last much longer, depending on the repairs needed.

The disappointment came just a day after an embarrasing turn for NASA: A plastic cock pit window cover fell off the shuttle and damaged its fragile

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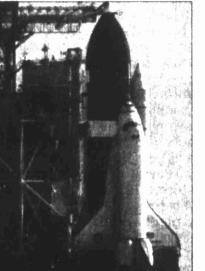
HUMMER BUMMER

LOS ANGELES (AP) - Shannon Castillo was less than pleased when she took possession of the new Hummer she won in a radio contest.

Instead of the muscular Hummer H2 vehicle she expected, Castillo got a radio-controlled toy model.

It was an April Fool's Day prank. "I just couldn't believe that they would actually humiliate someone like that." Castillo said.

Castillo, 25, has sued radio station KBDS over the weeklong "contest" in which listeners were supposed to track the number of miles two H2s traveled around town.



KRT photo/Bill Sikes, Orlando Sentinel The Space Shuttle Discovery sits on the launch pad at Kennedy Space Center. NASA aborted Wednesday's launch because of a fuel gauge that mistakenly read full instead of empty.

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Obituaries

Richard Haro Jr.

Richard Haro Jr., 20, of Big Spring died after a short battle with cancer, Tuesday, July 12, 2005, at his resi-



dence. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Friday, July 15, 2005, at the St. Thomas Catholic Church with the Rev. James Plagens officiating. Interment will follow at Mount Olive Memorial Park. A vigil service will be held today, July 14, 2005, at 7 p.m. at St. Thomas Catholic Church.

He was born April 27, 1985, in Big Spring.

Richard was a lifelong resident of Big Spring and attended Big Spring High School.

He was a member of St. Thomas Catholic Church. Survivors include his mother, Sylvia Herrera Milan

of Big Spring; his father, Richard Haro Sr.; two sisters, Michelle Haro Fierro and husband, Roger and Neomi Marie Haro, all of Big Spring; his grandmother, Eustolia Haro of Big Spring; his grandfather, Jose Herrera and wife, Amy of Corpus Christi; his greatgrandparents, Manuel and Maria Cervantes of Big Spring; two nieces, Emilie Shae and Kailie Anissa Fierro of Big Spring; his aunts and uncles, Michael and Irene Herrera, Belinda and Pablo Yanez, Joey Herrera, Jesse and Priscilla Haro, Joseph and Frances Haro, Johnny Haro, Margarita and Juan Robles, Bobby and Isabel Haro, Tony Haro, David and Katie Haro and Henry and Delma Haro; and numerous cousins.

He was preceded in death by his grandmother, Naomi Herrera; his grandfather, Juan Haro, one cousin, Amy Haro; and his great-grandparents, Jose and Fermina Herrera.

Richard, the 20 years you gave me were and will continue to be the most wonderful years I shared with you. You were and will always continue to be Mama's Boy. "I Love You Tuti." Love, Mom

The family wishes to thank Midland Memorial Hospice and Odyssey Hospice for their care and support.

The family suggests memorials be made to the American Cancer Society, in care of Lucy Bonner, P.O. Box 2121, Big Spring 79721. Arrangements under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring. Online condolences can be made at www.npwelch.com.

Paid obituary

Around Town

• **RAILROAD MUSEUM** at the corner of Second Street and Main Street is open from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. every Saturday. Free admission. Call 432-559-3409 for more information.

• **POTTON HOUSE**, 200 Gregg, a restored historic home, is open from 1 p.m. until 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. An admission fee, which includes entry into Heritage Museum, is \$2 for adults and \$1 for children and senior citizens.

LOCAL

Police blotter

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

• ROSS LOYD MCCORD, 38, of 1602 Harding, was arrested Wednesday on four local capias warrants.

Note: An activity log was not available at press time.

Sheriff's report

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

• **KENNETH MAURIZE DAVIS**, 31, was transferred to the county jail Wednesday by the BSPD on charges of driving while intoxicated and driving while license invalid.

• WILLIS JAMES DUVALL JR., 23, was transferred to the county jail Wednesday by the BSPD on charges of assault with intent to cause bodily injury and unlawful restraint.

• **RICARDO MARINEZ GARCIA**, 40, was transferred to the county jail Wednesday by the BSPD on charges of speeding, failure to identify as a fugitive from justice and theft by check.

• **JERRY ALLAN SHANNON,** 56, was arrested Wednesday by DPS on a charge of assault/family violence.

• **BURGLARY OF A HABITATION** was reported in the 2100 block of S. Moss Lake Road.

Fire/EMS

The Big Spring Fire Department reported the following activity:

• **MEDICAL** was reported in the 1900 block of N. Highway 87. One person was transported to the VAMC.

Lottery

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Wednesday night: Winning numbers drawn: 4-10-15-16-35. Number matching five of five: none. Matching four of five: 105. Prize: \$450. Matching three of five: 3,214. Prize: \$450. Matching two of five: 32,663. Prize: \$2. Next Cash 5 drawing: Thursday night.

Results of the Lotto Texas drawing Wednesday night: Winning numbers drawn: 1-19-22-23-29. Bonus Ball: 33.

Number matching five of five, plus Bonus Ball: none. Number matching five of five: 1. Prize: \$45,347. Number matching four of five, plus Bonus Ball: 8.06 Prize: \$2,417.

Number matching four of five: 386. Prize: \$107. Number matching three of five, plus Bonus Ball: 394. Prize: \$94.

Number matching three of five: 16,224. Prize: \$5 Number matching two of five, plus Bonus Ball: 4,515. Prize: \$5. Number matching one of five, plus Bonus Ball: 20,151. Prize: \$3. Estimated jackpot for Saturday night drawing: \$23 million.

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Bulletin board

If you have items for the Bulletin board, contact the Heraid news room at 263-7331 or email editor@bigspringheraid.com

TODAY

• Kiwanis Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane. Call 267-6479.

• Big Spring Main Street meets at noon in the Railroad Museum located at Second and Main streets.

• American Legion Auxiliary meets at 6 p.m. at 3203 W. Highway 80.

• The Prospector's Club meets at 7:30 p.m. at 606 E. Third St. The public is invited to these meetings. For more information contact Lola Lamb at 263-3340 or Doyle and Virginia McClain at 263-8407.

• Neighbors and Newcomers Club meets. New members are welcome. Call 263-2005 for more information.

FRIDAY

• Signal Mountain Quilting Guild meets from 9 a.m. until about 3 p.m. at 1019 Nol an St. Call 267-1037 or 267-7281 for more information

• AMBUCS meet at noon in La Posada Restaurant.

• Greater Big Spring Rotary Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.

• Spring City Senior Citizen's Center country and western dance from 7:30 p.m. until 10:30 p.m. featuring Monroe Casey and the Prowlers. All area seniors are invited.

SATURDAY

• American Legion Post 506 fish fry from noon until 3 p.m. \$7 per plate. Carryout available. Call 263-2084 or stop by the American Legion at 3203 W. Highway 80.

• Big Spring Shrine Club meets at 6:30 p.m. at Goliad and First streets for a meal with a meeting to follow.

Eagles Lodge Dance at 8:30 p.m. at 703 W. Third.
Big Spring Squares. Call 267-7043 or 263-6305 for more information.

MONDAY

• Senior Circle meets at 4 p.m. at Scenic Mountain Medical Center for Sit and Be Fit Chair Aerobics. Those 50 years and older are invited to attend. Call 268-4721.

• Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) No. 21 meets at 5 p.m. in the Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center, 306 W. Third, for weigh-in. The meeting begins at 5:30 p.m. Call 1-800-392-8677 or 263-0391 or 263-1758.

• Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) No. TX 1756 meets at 5:30 p.m. Monday in the 11th and Birdwell Lane Church of Christ, A different program is, offered every week, and anyone 7 years old or older is welcome to attend. Please enter through the northwest door. Call 263-2786 for more information.

• Evening Lions Club meets at 6:30 p.m. in the La Posada Restaurant.

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• **HERITAGE MUSEUM**, 510 Scurry, is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. on Saturday. An admission fee, which includes entry into the Potton House, is \$2 for adults and \$1 for children.

• HANGAR 25 AIR MUSEUM is open from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday and from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. Saturday.

• FRIENDS OF THE MARTIN COUNTY LIBRARY have scheduled a used book sale from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. every Thursday in the new building across from the White Ford Motor Company, near the post office. The sale benefits the restoration of a library building. For more information contact Bud Lindsey at 756-2306.

Take note

• PUBLIC FORUM ON NEEDS OF LOW-INCOME RESIDENTS OF HOWARD COUNTY is set for 6 p.m. Monday at the Howard County Library in the downstairs meeting room. Call Becky at 267-9536 with questions or for more information.

• **ROAD TO RECOVERY,** sponsored by the American Cancer Society, seeks volunteers to drive cancer patients to treatment in Midland. This requires just a few hours commitment each month. To volunteer, or to request a ride for treatment, call LaWanda

Hamm at 263-7827.

• CLASS OF 1970 35th ANNIVERSARY HOME-COMING set for September. All classmates should send an e-mail address to Clarinda Harris Wright at richardwright@cox.net. For more information, visit www.bshsalumni.com/SiteMap/htm.

• SPRING TABERNACLE CHURCH, 1209 Wright, has free food for the area needy. Distribution is scheduled from 10 a.m. to noon every Thursday.

• GROUP PHOTOS TAKEN BY BRUCE SCHOOL-ER AT BIG SPRING DAY IN AUSTIN are available for purchase from the chamber of commerce Tuesday through July 15. Cost is \$10 for an 8x10 and \$5 for a 5x7. For more information, call Schooler at 264-7728 or 213-1760.

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Weather

Tonight—Partly cloudy with a 40 percent chance of thunderstorms Lows in the lower 70s. Light and variable winds.

Friday—Partly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the upper 90s. East winds around 10 mph. The chance of rain is 20 percent.

Friday night—Partly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the lower 70s. Southeast winds 10 to 15 mph. The chance of rain is 20 percent.

Saturday—Partly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the upper 90s. South winds around 10 mph. The chance of rain is 20 percent.

Saturday night—Partly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the mid 70s. The chance of rain is 20 percent.

Sunday—Partly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the upper 90s. The chance of rain is 20 percent.

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• DAV and Auxiliary Chapter 47 meets at 6:30 p.m. at 610 Abrams St.

Christian Singles Fellowship meets from 7 p.m. until 9 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church Youth Hall. All singles in the community are invited for an evening of fellowship, food and table games.
Prospector's Club work night begins at 7 p.m. at 606 E. Third.

TUESDAY

• Intermediate Line Dance classes begin at 9 a.m. in the Spring City Senior Citizen's Center. Call 267-1628.

• Big Spring Rotary Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.

• Big Spring Band Boosters meets at 5:30 p.m. in the high school band hall. All band parents are invited to attend.

• Big Spring Art Association meets at 7 p.m. in the Howard County Library. All working artists and those interested in art are invited to attend.

• Concerned Citizens for Big Spring meets at 7 p.m. in the meeting room of the Howard County Library, 500 S. Main.

WEDNESDAY

• Optimist Club meets at 7 a.m. in the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.

• Senior Circle meets at 11 a.m. in the Scenic Mountain Medical Center classroom for Stretch and Tone. Call 268-4721.

• Downtown Lions Club meets at noon at the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.

• Line dancing begins at 1 p.m. in the Spring City Senior Citizen's Center in the Industrial Park. Call 267-6966 or 267-1628.

• Duplicate Bridge Club meets at 1 p.m. in the Big Spring Country Club.



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Associated Press Writer

AUSTIN (AP) — With a week left in the special legislative session, lawmakers advanced negotiations Wednesday in search of a school funding compromise that has eluded them four times in the past three vears.

Republican Gov. Rick Perry called the 30-day special session to restructure the way Texans are taxed to pay for public education. Both the House and Senate have approved their versions of school funding packages, which consist of two bills each — one that makes education changes and the other that overhauls the tax code to pay for public schools.

"I think we're going down to the wire," said Republican

House Speaker Tom Craddick, a restructured business tax Arbrister, D-Victoria. who presides over the House. 'We'll have to have a bill on the floor by, I would say Tuesday -

Monday or Tuesday." gives lawmakers That through the weekend to come up with a compromise on the two measures.

Both bills would lower school property taxes for homeowners, but to varying degrees. Money would instead be raised from increasing the sales tax, though both chambers also disagree on how much to raise that levy and by closing loopholes in the state's business tax. While both want to raise the cigarette tax by a dollar, the Senate wants to raise alcohol taxes by 20 percent. Higher alcohol taxes have been repeatedly shot down in

the House.

under pressure from Perry and opposition from the House.

"The fact of the matter is, during this short special session, coming up with a new business tax wasn't going to go anywhere, it wasn't going to pass the House," Perry said.

With revenues from business dramatically scaled back, proposed property tax cuts have dwindled.

Each chamber appointed five members to a conference committee to negotiate the differences in the bills and draft one compromise plan that each body can vote on.

From the Senate, the negotiators are Sen. Steve Ogden, R-College Station; Sen. Chuy Hinojosa, D-McAllen; Sen. Kim Brimer, R-Fort Worth; Sen. Kip Already, the Senate has ceded Averitt, R-Waco and Sen. Ken

off.

The House will be represented by Rep. Jim Keffer of Eastland, Rep. Warren Chisum of Pampa, Rep. John Otto of Dayton, Rep. **David Swinford of Amarillo and Rep.** Charlie Geren of Fort Worth. All are Republicans.

Another conference committee will address the proposed changes to education. Those House lawmakers, all Republicans, are Rep. Kent Grusendorf of Arlington, Rep. **Dianne White Delisi of Temple**, Rep. Bill Keffer of Dallas, Rep. Dan Branch of Dallas and Rep. Rob Eissler of The Woodlands. Senators are Sen. Florence Shapiro, R-Plano; Sen. Robert Duncan, R-Lubbock; Sen. Leticia Van de Putte, D-San Antonio; and Sen. Judith Zaffirini, D-Laredo.

That panel met behind closed

Oregon Museum Science and Industry

Similar fuel-gauge problems cropped up intermittently during a test of Discovery back in April. The external fuel tank, cables and other electronics were replaced, and even though NASA could not explain the failure, officials thought the problem was resolved and pressed ahead with launch.

Hale defended that deci-

"We became comfortable as a group, as a management team, that this was an acceptable posture to go fly in," he said, "and we also knew that if something were to happen during a launch countdown, we would do this test and we would find it. And guess what? We did the test, we found something and we stopped. We took no risk. We're not flying with this.'

Shuttle managers said it was unclear whether Discovery could be fixed at the pad or would need

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Wednesday morning, but seemed stumped on funding formulas that determine how much each school district will get and how much would be spent on teacher pay increases. "I think it's slow, but it's

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always been slow. They're down to the last major issues they have before them," Perry said.

"I think there's obviously still the will. They still have time although the clock is clicking,' he added.

Meanwhile, the Texas Supreme Court is considering an appeal of a previous court ruling, which declared the current school financing system unconstitutional. More than 300 school districts sued, arguing that the school funding system is inadequate.

of hangar for more extensive repairs. They expected to have a better idea on

Thursday.

NASA has until the end of July to launch Discovery; otherwise it must wait until September. The launch windows are dictated by both the position of the space station and NASA's desire to hold a daylight liftoff in order to photograph the spacecraft during its climb to orbit.

When the shuttle finally takes off, the astronauts will test new techniques for inspecting and repairing cracks and holes similar to the damage that doomed Columbia in 2003. Thousands of people had descended on the space center for the launch, including John Glenn, the first American to orbit the Earth, members of Congress, and family members of the seven fallen Columbia astronauts. Lawmakers and others refrained from second-guessing NASA's decision to press ahead before it had gotten to the

AUSTIN (AP) - A bill effect until they expire.

designed to make it easier for phone companies such as SBC and Verizon to sell enhanced TV services won passage in the Senate on Wednesday.

Approved on a 25-3 vote, it allows phone companies to get a TV franchise from the state rather than require them to go to each city for a franchise, which cable companies have to do under existing law.

The bill also allows phone companies to offer TV service in only the areas in a city they choose to serve. Current law generally forces cities to require cable franchise holders to offer service to all homes.

Companies that receive a state franchise would be required to pay a fee based on their gross revenues and would be subject to other requirements. Agreements between cities and compa-

Cable companies domi-

Senate passes telecom bill

nate TV service now but phone companies are trying to get into the business by offering video service over fiber-optic networks that could also carry voice and highspeed data transmission.

Sen. Troy Fraser, R-Horseshoe Bay, said the state franchise provision is meant to streamline the process for companies to be able to offer video services.

He said the bill would spur competition, bring high technology investment to Texas and potentially cut prices for consumers. He said Texas would be the first to offer state video licenses.

"There's a lot of other states that are going to be watching us," Fraser said.

"Cable has operated in most cities without competition."

Both the cable industry nies would remain in as well as a group of may- said in a statement.

ors opposed the bill and noted that phone companies already can offer video services.

The Texas Cable and Telecommunications Association said the phone companies should not seek special favors from the Legislature.

"Phone companies, which continue to receive millions of state dollars in subsidies, don't need incentives in order to invest in Texas," the association said in a statement Tuesday.

SBC Texas President Jan Newton applauded the Senate passage and said it would mean more choice and more competitive prices.

"If the debate continues to center around consumers, we are confident that the final legislative product during this special session will again position Texas as a national leader in communications policy," she

Continued from Page 1A thermal tiles before the spacecraft had even taken

SHUTTLE

The seven astronauts had barely climbed aboard Discovery for their journey to the international space station when NASA halted the countdown with less than 2 1/2 hours to go. Up until then, the only threat to

the mission was thunderstorms, which rained on the astronauts as they made their way to the launch pad. From Cape Canaveral,

where congressmen and astronaut families had come to witness the aweinspiring sight of a rocket launch, to museums across the country where schoolchildren had gathered, the delay of the long-awaited return to space was disheartening. "I wanted to see it really, really, really bad," groaned 8-year-old Michael Schamtin of

sion.

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OUR VIEWS

Consider nominating a deserving family for Samaritan award

o you know a family in our community that deserves to be considered for Family of the Year honors? If you do, the Samaritan Counseling Center of West Texas wants to hear all about them.

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The center honors one family from each of its primary service areas - Big Spring, Midland and Odessa — at an annual banquet on Oct. 20.

Last year's Family of the Year recipient from the Big Spring area was the Henry and Patsy Sanchez family.

Applications forms can be obtained by calling the Samaritan Counseling Center at 492-563-4144 or 1-800-329-4144.

The deadline to receive nomination forms is U.S. Senator Aug. 18. Nominations can be sent to: Samaritan

It's time for a latino on the supreme court

n the airwaves, the conservative talking heads are charging that **President Bush would** "betray his base" if he appoints a moderate like Alberto Gonzales to the Supreme Court.

They are holding the president's feet to the fire, insisting that he must replace retiring Sandra Day O'Connor with a much more conservative justice, one who would dramatically shift the balance on the high court.

If he follows their advice, the president is likely to face a much bigger battle

from Senate Democrats and a slew of special interest groups than if he goes with Gonzales, who already went through Senate confirmation to become attorney general only a few months ago.

By most accounts, Gonzales would be one of the swiftest nominations the president could make and certainly one of the least controversial.

But not for conservative extremists who expect Bush to go to war for their principles.

They don't really know where Gonzales would stand on abortion and the other issues that obsess them. But they know that at least on some of them, he is not a rightwing extremist. And to them, that's enough to disqualify him.

Of course, the appointment of Gonzales would also serve to boost the Republican Party among Latinos, who have spent years pleading with both political parties to name the first Hispanic to the Court.

But then again, the right-wing extremists don't seem to care

much for diversity within their ranks, even if their insolent attitude costs them dearly in future elections.

The question is, how much does Bush care about Hispanic voters, not only the ones that got him elected president twice, but the many more he needs to recruit for

his party to stay in power? Naming the first Hispanic

Supreme Court justice would go a long way toward robbing **Democrats of the Latino support** they have enjoyed, and taken for granted, for so long.

Democrats — even Latino **Democrats following marching** orders from their party bosses will oppose the nomination of a conservative Latino, as they did when they thwarted the nomination of Miguel Estrada to an appeals court during Bush's first term. And unless Democrats can prove that the nominee would be another Clarence Thomas - one who rules against the interests of his own people on most issues they are likely to lose even more Latinos.

Already, instead of taking a more positive position, perhaps by calling for the nomination of a moderate Latino justice like Gonzales, Democrats are so sure they will attack the Bush nominee that they are already getting ready for the Latino backlash they will receive if the nominee is Hispanic. One liberal group, the Alliance for Justice, has reportedly already set up a "Hispanics for a Fair Judiciary" committee to fight accusations that they are being anti-Latino when they oppose Hispanic nominees.

And things could get even more complicated, for both Democrats and Republicans, if suddenly the president has to fill two Supreme Court vacancies. Speculation that **Chief Justice William Rehnquist**

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may soon retire - he is 80 and fighting cancer — has court watchers predicting that one of the president's two appointments will have to go to a Latino.

If Bush gets two shots and still fails to name a Latino, Republicans can forget about the Hispanic vote in 2008. But if he appoints one, a moderate Republican like John McCain or Rudy Giuliani could actually win a majority (Bush got 40 percent last November) of the Hispanic vote in 2008.

So where will Bush stand on this one? Will he disappoint his conservative extremist base and appoint Gonzales to the high court?

And if he appoints another Latino with a more conservative record than Gonzales, can both sides be appeased, or will the conservatives still have problems with a brown-skinned justice?

If he appoints a more conservative Latino - one who would be clearly detrimental to Hispanic interests — can Latinos really appreciate the appointment?

Regardless of who he names, the president is bound to lose many supporters and gain many new ones. The only question is which ones Republicans will need more in 2008. I say the answer is clearly Latinos.

Considering the alternative someone like Hillary Rodham Clinton — conservatives will have no choice but to vote for the GOP nominee. Yet, Latinos could go either way, becoming the swing vote that could determine the next president.

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The high and mighty tones of the rule of law

omething very serious is going on in Cleveland, where editors, operating in the chill of New York Times reporter Judy Miller's imprisonment, are withholding two stories based on confidential sources that could expose their reporters to similar treatment.

According to the editor of The Plain Dealer, one of the oldest and finest newspapers in the country, stories that he believes the public should know are not being printed because of the advice he has received on this score.

I don't doubt that advice. There is an old saying: Hard cases make bad law.

I would amend it: Special Prosecutors make terrible law. And in this case, what makes it most serious is that no one is screaming bloody murder.

The press has never been more unpopular than it is in America right now. It has never needed support more. But even liberals, who usually defend the press, are mad enough at Judy Miller for her reporting on the war in Iraq, or at Karl Rove on behalf of the whole Bush administration, that they are happy to see this play out. As for the press itself, instead of standing up for Judy, some of the noisiest among them have appalled even those who thought themselves beyond shock by placing themselves above the profession of journalism, preferring the high

and mighty tones of the rule of law. The rule of law is made by human

beings. A regular prosecutor and a regular grand jury would not be still looking at this case, much less ordering anybody to jail to get testimony, at least based on the hard-earned evidence we finally learned this week from Time, which Matt Cooper was prepared to go to jail to protect. In that case, the rule of law would be whatever we thought it used to be.

The last time I saw Ambassador Wilson and Valerie Plame, it was in a picture coming out of a glamorous party at Morton's in Hollywood. Karl Rove was at the White House working, of course. The person who is not where she belongs is my old friend Judy, and that is the travesty in this.

The National Review Online summarized the critical e-mail from Matt Cooper to his boss at Time, based on a conversation he, Cooper initiated, on the subject of welfare reform:

"Spoke to Rove on double super secret background for about two mins before he went on vacation ..." Cooper said that Rove had warned him away from getting "too far out on Wilson," and then Rove said that neither Vice President Dick Cheney nor CIA Director George Tenet had picked Wilson for the trip. "It was, KR said, Wilson's wife, who apparently works at the agency on wmd issues who authorized the trip."

Finally - according to the Newsweek report - Cooper's e-mail said that "not only the genesis of the trip is flawed an(d) suspect, but so is the report. He (Rove) implied strongly that there's

still plenty to implicate Iraqi interest in acquiring uranium fro(m) Niger ..." On the basis of that e-mail, Cooper co-wrote an article headlined, "A War on Wilson?" that appeared on Time's website. The story began: "Has the Bush administration declared war on a former ambassador who conducted a fact-finding mission to probe possible Iraqi interest in African uranium? Perhaps."

The story continued: "Some government officials have noted to Time in interviews (as well as to syndicated columnist Robert Novak) that Wilson's wife, Valerie Plame, is a CIA official who monitors the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction. These officials have suggested that she was involved in her husband's being dispatched to Niger to investigate reports that Saddam Hussein's government had sought to purchase large quantities of uranium ore, sometimes referred to as yellow cake, which is used to build nuclear devices.'

What's interesting, Karl's lawyer points out - fairly, I think - is that Matt burned him on the story. There was no war on Wilson; he was warning him off a story that wasn't going to hold. But the fact that it was Cooper who called him on another subject totally undercuts the legal requirement that Rove have intended to disclose Plame's identity.

If you're the prosecutor, and this is the central hard evidence in the case, and everything else is he-said and shesaid, his defense lawyer will be all over you, pointing out that there is no crime and no case. He just intended to hold

him off a bad story, not to leak an agent's name. He didn't even call. He took a call on welfare reform. On super super secret background, no less.

What's more, as Bob Luskin, Karl's lawyer, points out, there actually was a press conference that very night in which George Tenet, the director of central intelligence, undercut a number of elements in the Wilson report, which is of course precisely what Rove was warning of.

With this kind of proof, you're never going to convict the president's top aide of intentionally disclosing the name of a CIA agent. That's not what this law is about. Karl Rove didn't go out to destroy Valerie Plame's career. He's right.

But it is what the special prosecutor law is about. You point out an incident or a person, and you eliminate the discretion that normally restrains the almost unlimited power of a prosecutor, so that if it is even possible that a crime has been committed, he's on the trail. Until someone stops him.

Meantime in Cleveland, they're paying the price. And in Alexandria, Judy's sitting in jail. And why some journalists are still debating whether the government needs to know a name it already knows, in a case where it will never get a conviction, I don't know, but there are certainly a lot of frustrated law professors out there.

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Bus driver killed after his bus rolled over him

SAN ANTONIO (AP) - A bus driver who had stopped at a convenience store for a cup of coffee was killed when he fell under the bus after he saw it moving and tried to stop it.

A spokeswoman for VIA Metropolitan Transit said officials didn't immediateknow what caused Santiago Rodriguez's bus to start rolling.

Rodriguez, 43, was following his normal routine Wednesday by stopping for a cup of coffee before he started his route, the San Antonio Express-News reported in its online edition.

Witnesses said Rodriguez struggled to open the doors and stop the bus, which hit a car.

Then, as several customers watched, Rodriguez fell under the bus, a wheel crushing his body.

Passers-by tried to move the bus off of him, but were unsuccessful.

"You could see the weight of it just crushing him," Cheryl Anderson said. 'But there was nothing we could do."

Rodriguez had been a bus driver with VIA for 22 years.

Shark bites girl swimming in Gulf

PORT BOLIVAR (AP) - A 14-year-old North Carolina girl was injured Wednesday when a shark bit her left foot while she was swimming in waistdeep water off the Texas coast, officials said.

Lydia Paulk suffered lacerations on the top of her foot and was in fair condition Wednesday night after surgery, said Cathy Nall, a spokeswoman for the

University of Texas Medical Branch in nearby Galveston. Nall said additional surgery is planned for Friday to reat-

tach tendons. Lydia, whose family lives near Charlotte, N.C., was swimming with family and friends when she felt something hit her leg and grab her foot. She saw the 4-foot-long shark swim away after it had bitten her.

Galveston County Sheriff's Maj: Ray Tuttoilmondo said in a statement that officials believe the shark was feeding at the time. Sharks are believed to be feeding closer to shore because of the large number of smaller fish in the water that are part of their diet.

Marine experts have said sharks are on the move during summer months and frequently mine the shallow Gulf of Mexico waters for fish.



KRT photo/Moises Saman, Newsday Former WorldComm CEO Bernard Ebbers leaves Manhattan federal court in New York after being sentenced to 25 years in prison.

Former WorldCom CEO gets 25-year sentence

cried openly Wednesday when a judge ordered him to prison for 25 years for engineering the nation's worst corporate scam.

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The once brash WorldCom billionaire wept moments after Manhattan Federal Judge Barbara Jones tagged him with a sentence that will keep him behind bars until he's at least 85.

"Anything less would not reflect the seriousness of this crime," Jones told the fallen corporate titan. "This was not a minor fraud."

Ebbers, 63, earned the stiffest punishment so far in the wave of corporate fraud scandals for his \$11 billion bookcooking scheme in the company that later re-emerged as MCI.

Investors and former WorldCom employees who lost everything when Ebbers' house of cards collapsed in 2002 cheered the tough sentence.

"We want to see him pay for his crimes," said Gino Cavallo, 57, of Brewster, N.Y., whose retirement savings were wiped out when the company's stock plunged from \$60 a share to just pennies.

Ebbers, who splurged on fancy homes, marinas and even a hockey team, pushed a photographer on his way into the lower Manhattan courthouse. Inside, he did not plead for mercy.

The closest thing to an apology came when Ebbers' lawyer said his client "has grieved" over the massive scam.

But the lawyer. Reid Weingarten. went on to blame the scheme on WorldCom underling Scott Sullivan and issued an emotional defense of Ebbers' good deeds, including \$100 million in charitable donations.

When Weingarten called him an "angel" for using some of his ill-gotten gains to anonymously fund kids' education, Ebbers pulled out a napkin and wiped away tears.

Even with time off for good behavior. Ebbers should remain locked up until 2027.

10K reward offered for polygamist church leader

PHOENIX (AP) - The attorneys general for Arizona and Utah on Wednesday announced a \$10,000 reward for information leading to the arrest of the reclusive leader of a polygamous church based in communities along the states' common border.

Warren Jeffs, who has not been publicly sighted in months but is reputed to head a compound in Eldorado, was charged in Arizona in early June with counts that include conspiracy to commit sexual conduct with a minor.

"I find it hard to believe (Jeffs is) the active leader of 10,000 and no one knows where he is," Arizona Attorney General Terry Goddard said.

Jeffs is accused of arranging the marriage of a 16-year-old girl to another man. If convicted, he could face up to two years in jail.

Colorado City, Ariz., and Hildale, Utah, are dominated by the Fundamentalist Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, a sect that broke away from the Mormon church and practices polygamy.

Capturing the 49-year-old Jeffs is considered to be a key in ending the turmoil in the two towns, where polygamist men marry one wife legally and then take on other women as so-called "spiritual" wives.

"It is because he is the leader. It is because he is the role model for literally thousands of people," Goddard said of the extensive efforts to locate Jeffs. "It is particularly, perhaps uniquely, important that he have to answer these charges before a court of law."

Autopsy finds toddler was killed by LA police during shootout with father

By GREG RISLING

Associated Press Writer

LOS ANGELES – An autopsy found that a toddler whose father held her as a shield during a gun battle with authorio nation to determine ties died of a single gun-shot to the head, fired from a police officer's rifle.

Angeles County Los coroner's spokesman Craig Harvey released the autopsy reports Wednesday of 19-monthold Suzie Pena and her father Jose Pena, 34, who were both killed Sunday during a shootout at

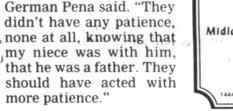
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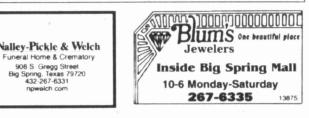
the first instance in which an innocent life in didn't have any patience, nation to determine a hostage situation was none at all, knowing that whether Pena had drugs taken by them," Bratton my niece was with him, or alcohol in his system said. "That situation is compounded by the age of should have acted with this young child."

The two were Sunday evening after a nearly three-hour standoff in which Pena exchanged gunfire with officers three separate times. One officer was wounded in the shoulder during the third and final exchange between SWAT officers and Pena. Officer Daniel Sanchez, 39, has been released from a hospital and was recovering at home, police said. Police said Pena told them during the standoff that he was not going to go to jail and shot at the officers repeatedly Pena's 17-year-old stepdaughter, who escaped during the shootout, told police Pena had threatened to kill his toddler daughter. Earlier in the day, Pena's wife had called 911 to report that he had threatened her life.

plained Tuesday about the police handling of the standoff.

"It's been cruel what's of SWAT. I believe this is happened to my brother," German Pena said. "They that he was a father. They







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A toxicological examiwill take several weeks, Harvey said.

Luis Carrillo, one of the attorney's representing the girl's family, said the autopsy results did not come as any surprise. "It only confirmed their worst fears," Carrillo said. "The family has been in Pena's auto repair busishock since their little angel was taken from them, and it's compounded by the fact by those officers who are there to protect us weren't able to protect this girl." Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa said there will be a community meeting on Friday and urged people to reserve judgment until the investigation is completed. "I am asking for the public's patience," he said. "It was a terrible night that ended in a terrible tragedy for this city." Ultimately, the police

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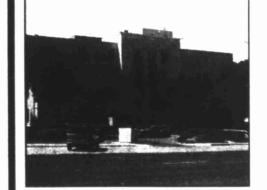
Police Chief William Bratton sent his condolences to the girl's family but adamantly maintained that Pena was responsible for his and his daughter's deaths. Bratton said the realization that it was a police officer who actually shot the girl was hard to take, for both himself and his officers. "Believe me, as chief of

police, and for the officers involved, it is very tough

chief said, he expects an investigation now under

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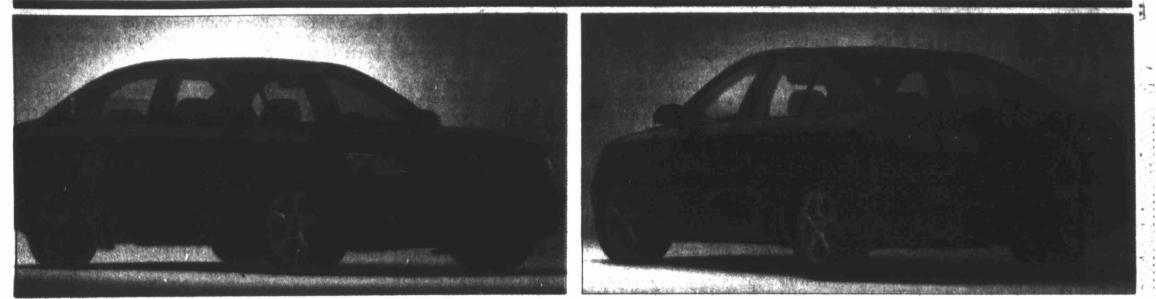


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The 2006 Hyundai Sonata for 2006. Looking good coming or going.

The '06 Sonata in harmony with midsize market

By JIM MATEJA

Chicago Tribune

It would have been so simple if Hyundai had just abandoned the United States after its sales slipped into the toilet in the 1980s, when it was found that its Excel not only offered low cost. but low quality as well.

But Hyundai decided to save face, and it went back to the engineering studios in South Korea to prepare for a comeback.

The result, the 2006 Sonata, a midsize sedan, is the poster child for the adage: "If at first you don't succeed, you still can do better than Yugo." Hyundai is back — with

a vengeance. Sales in 2004 rose 9.6 percent, to 418,615 units, and expectations for `05 are 485,000 units.

And for the first time a Soun Korean has accomplished what the Japanese have become expert at: building an assembly plant in the United States to produce vehicles in the country where it sells them.

Of course, some may point out that the plant is in Alabama, but, the last we looked, that state qualifies for U.S. status.

Hyundai also followed the Japanese lead by

vehicle, with which it shares a platform, in February of next year. The plant can build 300,000 vehicles annually.

Hyundai has boasted for years that Sonata is just as good as the midsize Toyota Camry or Honda Accord and offers all the same features for \$2,000 to \$4,000 less.

In other words, Hyundai says: Why pay \$2,000 to \$4,000 more for the Camry or Accord name?

The reason is that Camry and Accord have the reputation for quality, durability and dependability. Low-cost, highcontent Hyundai, you see, was still working on building an image as a solid vehicle worth taking the risk to purchase.

Power and J.D. Associates confirms that Hyundai has succeeded in the latter. Sonata has received the title of Most Appealing Entry Level Midsize Car for two years in a row in the annual Performance, Execution the commotion that and Layout study (Power has a study for everything, don't you think?) as well as the top ranking in its segment in the Power Initial Quality Survey last vear. That makes Sonata less of a gamble.

If you buy based on and putting up with

Sonata for `06 is offered in GL, GLS and top-of-theline LX editions, all of which have a 1-inchlonger wheelbase but are 2 inches longer and taller and a half-inch wider than its predecessor produced in South Korea. Those dimensions mean

more wiggle room in the cabin, especially in the back seat, which is so spacious the Cadillac folks should copy the blueprint for their next update of their midsize STS luxury sedan.

The trunk is also surprisingly ample for luggage or groceries. If more cargo room is needed, the split rear seat backs flip and fold flat at the pull of a handle.

The LX comes with a new 3.3-liter, 235-horsepower V-6 as standard along with a 5-speed automatic with Shiftronic, or manual-mode shifting. The V-6 is alert and lively, but more important, it's quiet without a lot of Hyundai engines have made over the years.

For some, the \$2,000 to \$4,000 difference between Sonata and Camry/Accord wasn't as important when stepping hard on the accelerator

Camry and Accord is in ride and handling, though mostly the latter. The suspension is tuned to deliver boulevard-smooth ride without lots of gyrations and pronounced movement while providing adequate handling. The new, standard, 17-

inch radial tires help Sonata cling to its path better than in previous years, but there's still some lean in corners.

As long as you accept that Sonata is designed to deliver smooth ride with optimum mileage and not pinpoint maneuvering like a sports sedan, you'll enjoy it. Expect more, and you'll be disappointed.

If you insist that your vehicle make a fashion statement, Sonata will fall short. Clean yet conservative styling. If it weren't for the Hyundai logo in the grille, many would say it looks just like most midsize Japanese sedans, which means the sheet metal isn't memorable.

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Sonata, however, is that it delivers a lot for the money. Electronic stability control with traction control is standard to prevent wheels from slip-sliding away. And four-wheel anti-lock brakes are standard as well. You typically don't find standard stability control in a vehicle that starts at less than \$23,000.

Sonata is big on safety features. from side-impact bags for front-seat occupants side-curtain air bags front and rear – and they're standard.

Appreciated features include buttons to open the fuel filler door and trunk that are easy to reach below the driver's door armrest; small and large stowage compartments in the center console under a sliding armrest; and a pair of small coin, key or even I-Pass holders in the instrument panel.

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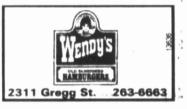
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Minuses: Styling lacks flash or flair



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By IRA PODELL

AP Sports Writer NEW YORK (AP) - The

NHL and the players' association reached an agreement in principle Wednesday on a six-year labor deal, ending a lockout that wiped out last season.

The sides met for 24 hours starting Tuesday afternoon to hammer out the collective bargaining agreement that will return the NHL to the ice on time in the fall. In February, commissioner Gary Bettman canceled the season, making the NHL the first North American sports league to lose a year because of a labor dispute.

Both sides still need to ratify the deal, a pact that is expected to contain a salary cap — something players' union executive director Bob Goodenow never wanted. That process is expected to be completed next week, the league and the union said in a joint news release.

"To be totally honest, I really don't care what the deal is anymore. All I care about is getting the game back on the ice," Flyers star Jeremy Roenick said in a telephone interview during a celebrity golf event in Nevada. "I think the deal is not great for the players. It is definitely an ownerfriendly deal. For the last 10 years, the players have made a lot of money and now we are in a position where everybody is going to make money," he said. "Unfortunately, it had to take a whole year to get to a point where we could

Bettman warned in February that the offers the union passed up were better than any it would see once a year of hockey was lost.

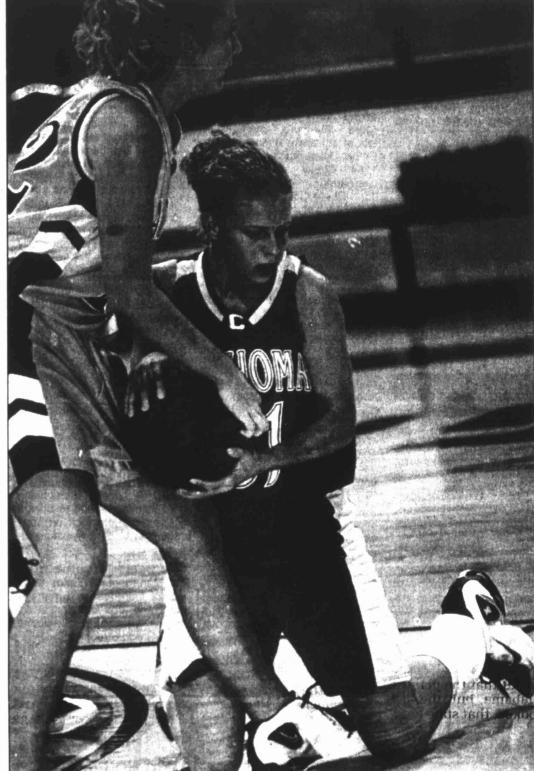
Just days before the season was wiped out, the players' association said for the first time it would accept a salary cap if the league dropped its desire to link player costs to revenues.

That started a wild week that included the cancellation of the season on Feb. 16 and a false hope three days later that it would be saved. Even Wayne Gretzky and Mario Lemieux - superstars turned executives couldn't resurrect it during an emergency bargaining session in New York.

Negotiations resumed in mid-March.

Bettman promised "cost certainty" in the form of a hard salary cap to the owners and he has gotten it.

The landscape of the NHL will be quite different than it was back in June 2004 when the Tampa Bay Lightning skated off with the Stanley Cup in the league's last game before the lockout. For the first time since a flu epidemic in 1919, there was no



The Crossroads Youth Association will begin its annual signup session July 22. Signups will take place at the Big Spring Mall Fridays from 5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The cost to play football is \$70. Flag football costs \$30, while cheerleaders should expect to pay \$75. For more information, call Daphne Castilaw at 264-7205 or

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quarterback meeting The Big Spring football booster club has set a quarterback club meeting for Monday at 7 p.m. in the Big Athletic Spring Training Center. All parents of athletes in the football program are encouraged to attend. For more information, contact Gene Piercefield at 816-1134.

C.G.A. sets golf tourney to benefit **B.S. golf teams**

The Chicano Golf Association has set up a golf tournament fund-raiser to benefit the Big Spring golf teams. The tournament will take place Sunday at Comanche Trail Park and it will be a fourperson pick your own team low-ball tourney. The tournament starts at 10 a.m. and all teams must be registered by 9:45 a.m. For more informa-tion, contact Billy Pineda at 264-7116.

have been last year." While the NHL seems to have gotten what it wanted, there is no way to measure the damage done to a sport that already was the least popular of the four major leagues in the United States.

"That's going to be our next big step - winning back the fans," said Nashville Predators forward Jim McKenzie, a 15year NHL veteran. "We'll have our work cut out for us."

If all goes according to plan, a scaled-down draft is expected to be held later this month and training camps will open from Vancouver to Miami in September. Real NHL games will be back on the schedule come October.

Selling the sport might take a while longer.

It took all night and then some for the final round of negotiations to produce an agreement.

The sides met for 10 straight days in New York, and it became clear Wednesday morning the 301st day of the lockout -- that they weren't going to leave the room without an agreement in hand.

The expected salary cap will likely have a ceiling approaching \$40 million and a minimum somewhere between \$20 million and \$25 million.

Player salaries will not exceed 54 percent of league-wide revenues

Stanley Cup champion in 2005.

Now when the league relaunches in the fall, it will do so with a brand new salary structure that keeps high-spending teams such as Toronto, Philadelphia and the New York Rangers in line.

The first order of business after the deal is ratified will be to get a majority of the players signed. The belief is that last season's contracts will be wiped from the books, leaving many players without deals.

Those who are still under contract will have their salaries reduced by 24 percent, a concept first proposed by the union last December. Some expensive players will also be on the market as teams pare payrolls to get down to the cap.

There will also be several rules changes that could run the gamut from the size of goaltender equipment to the installation of a shootout to eliminate tie games.

The draft was supposed to be held last month in Ottawa, but the Canadian capital might get to host the event soon.

phenom Canadian Sidney Crosby is the consensus choice to be the No. 1 pick.

He will certainly be part of the NHL's campaign to win back fans that were disenchanted by the lockout.

The deal finally came down during sport's biggest lull of the year baseball All-Star the break.

The NHL's All-Star game in 2006 is expected to be replaced by an Olympic break, allowing for players to represent their countries in Turin, Italy.

File photo/Troy Hyde

Coahoma's Mendy Morgan, right, battles Grady's Kelsey Tubb for a loose ball during last year's basketball season. Morgan and several other local athletes will be playing in the fourth-annual small school All-Americas basketball game in Garden City Friday. The girl's game starts at 6 p.m., while the boy's contest tips-off at around 8:15 p.m. The 10th-annual All-Americas six-man football game will be played Saturday at 7:30 p.m. in Garden City.

Just another day for Armstrong in Alps

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Six-time champion continues to lead at Tour de France

By JEROME PUGMIRE

AP Sports Writer BRIANCON. Armstrong's main chal-France lengers when the three-(AP) - Lance Armstrongtook it easy during a tough mountain stage at 2. But that changed in the the Tour de France. It first was a sure sign the six-Tuesday, Armstrong surged away time defending champ was in total control.

While Alexandre day 6 minutes and 32 sec-Vinokourov outpaced Santiago Botero to the finonds ish line in Wednesday's American. That deficit 11th stage, Armstrong meant Armstrong wasn't overly concerned when saved energy, minimized any serious time losses Vinokourov rode off into and maintained the overthe distance Wednesday, all lead. his sky-blue Kazakh national champion's jer-

"Our objective today was to stay together,' Armstrong said. "We wanted to be as conservative and relaxed as possible, and I think we did it."

Fans packed the roadside Thursday to celebrate Bastille Day, France's national holiday, year at 8,677 feet. as the 12th stage began. With 12 days done and 11 left, Armstrong is aiming to wear his prized race leader's yellow jersey all the way to Paris July 24 and retire with his seventh consecutive win.

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over the Tour's highest five Tours. His first was ascent and going on to in 2003. win the 11th stage in the Vinokourov earned a Alpine town of Briancon.

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time bonus for winning Armstrong finished sixth. and cut his deficit to Vinokourov, third in Armstrong to 4:47, climb-2003, was seen as one of ing to 12th overall.

With 1997 Tour winner and five-time runner-up Jan Ullrich of Germany 4:02 behind in ninth place and Ivan Basso of Italy in fourth spot, 2:40 adrift, an unexpected face is emerging. Mickael Rasmussen of Denmark is 38 seconds behind in second place.

"He is riding strong, climbing very well,' Armstrong said. "He is now a threat in the race."

However, Rasmussen's Rabobank team is much weaker than Discovery, which severely limits his chances.

Armstrong needs do little more than shadow Rasmussen, knowing any small gains the Dane takes will likely be eliminated in the penultimate stage time trial – where Armstrong shines.

Thursday's final Alpine climb is a 116.2-mile route from Briancon to Digneles-Bains and takes the riders over five lesser ascents. The Tour then races across southern France before entering the Pyrenees on Saturday. Once safely over those. Armstrong will have the Champs-Elysees in his sights.



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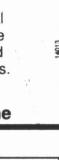
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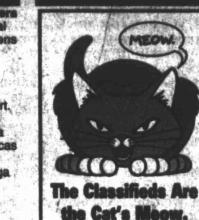
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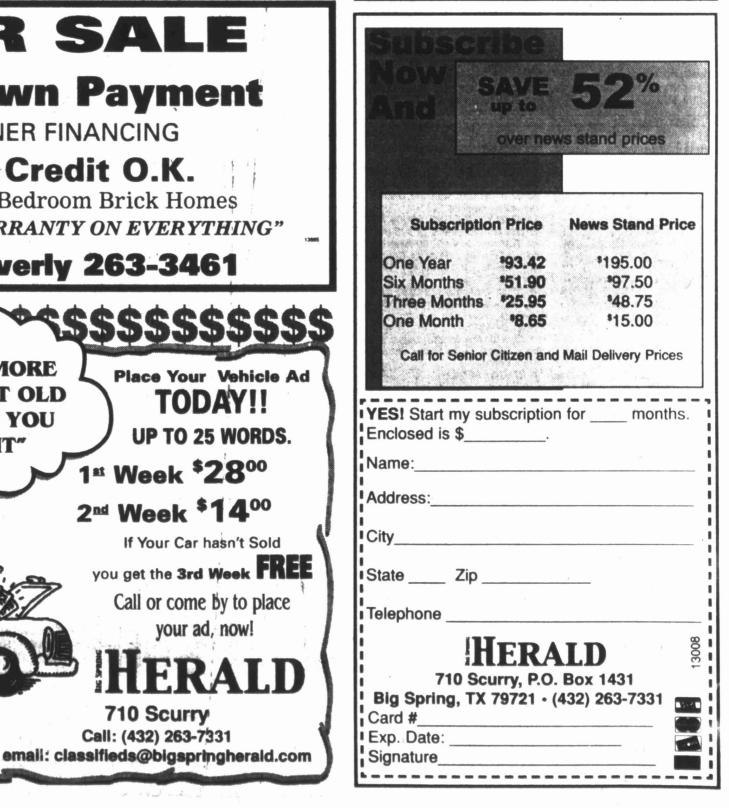
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Maybe it's all because the Libra vibes remind us to ask for help when we need it and chip in where we can.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Be the person only you can be. Originality is not just important now, it's vital to doing your job well. The late-great Aries blues artist Billie Holiday said, "If I'm going to sing like someone else, then I don't need to sing at all." **TAURUS (April 20-May** 20). Relationships demand attention. Here's how you can be in two places at once. You love and appreciate the one you're with so consistently that this person can feel your pres-

miles away. **GEMINI** (May 21-June 21). If birds of a feather

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fomorrow's Horoscope flock together, you'll be hanging out with the peacocks today. You're in the

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mood to show your many beautiful colors and also to take in the vibrant energy of those with just as much to give!

CANCER (June 22-July 22). At some point today you'll look at the person standing next to you and wonder how you attracted this person. Think and feel positively about Don't be surprised if romance. With guidance, you can grow through a dilemma.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Sure, material things are only symbols that you want in order to fill a spiritual need. But knowing that doesn't make you want them any less. Be mindful of what you buy and what it says about you.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). What you have accomplished will speak itself. Likewise, for beware of people who claim to have accomplished things. (If they have to tell you about it, then the accomplishment has not spoken for itself.) LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You're ready and eager to see more of the world. Take steps to do so! Make inquiries. After all, you don't get your expansive,

puttering around the house.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Your finger is on the pulse, which is why you come up with cutting edge solutions. Everyone notices, too. You're the go to person. Higher-ups may give you more responsibility.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You are so easy for others to read now. someone states exactly what you are thinking! Your success comes because you genuinely like the people with whom you are dealing.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You win the award for the most brilliant ideas of the day. Be careful not to put brain, brawn and muscle into a project without putting enthusiasm, soul and excitement into it as well - or all your work will be for nothing!

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Your skills of invention are desperately needed by someone, and most likely, that someone is you. Instead of being preoccupied with the need for more money, get your head into ways to make more money.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). When a colleague or generous point of view by employer doubts your hard for him to reach. As DICATE. INC.

work, you must act quickly. Sometimes you have to sell yourself to yourself before you can convince anyone else. Tonight, you'll find out who thinks you're cute.

LOVERS DOG ASTROLOGY SPECIAL: My mentor and friend Joyce Jillson, the great astrologer, had just finished writing "Astrology for Dogs" before her passing on October 1 of last year. Joyce said, "Every creature has a unique chart, just as every pet has its own personality. We love each of them and cater to their strengths and frailties.'

In response to the reader who asked, "What can you tell me about my new puppy, Frank? He was born on the Fourth of July ... " Joyce said:

"Your Cancer dog is a moody pup, but you'll appreciate his sensitivity when you're not at your best either. Keeping a positive outlook will help keep this dog's demeanor pleasant. Cancer puppy would like more time with you, and he enjoys the peaceful sound of running water. His favorite activity with his owner is receiving a scratch under the chin or on that spot behind the ear that's so

far as dating goes, he's a romantic. Your Cancer dog seeks a relationship with a top-of-the-line femme particularly interested in his company. No beating around the bush for this guy. His best feature is his sweet heart and integrity." (Quotes are courtesy of Bow Tie Press.)

BIG SPRING HERALD

Thursday, July 14, 2005

CELEBRITY PROFILES: Tommy Mottola is one of the most powerful names in the music business, having been involved in the careers of such divas Jennifer as Lopez, Destiny's Child and Celine Dion — not to mention ex-wife Mariah Carey. Cancer people love music for its healing properties. Music can help Cancer people let down their armor and allow life to strike to the core of their emotions.

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Annie's Mailbox -: Advice for those in need

Dear Annie: My wife and I recently moved to a new town due to a job transfer by my company. We have two sons, ages 7 and 10, who have quickly made new friends. It turns out two of their buddies are children of neighbors living two They houses away. recently have taken to playing in our backyard and get along extremely well. We really like their friends.

Two weeks ago, we were invited over to meet the parents of these



KATHY MITCHELL MARCY SUGAR

I differ in our opinions, so your answer will be – Mimi in helpful. Montana

Dear Mimi: Normally, leftover food remains with the hosts. However, potluck events tend to create huge amounts of food, and many hosts prefer that the guests take home their leftovers, in which case the host should say so before you leave.

business meeting with a male client - their dinner and conversation, as well as the details of her activities with him in her hotel room. I was totally shocked to read the things they had done.

Shelley was out of town, so for the next three evenings. I went through all of her logbooks. Each had details similar to the first, not only with that man, but with two others. She has been with these three men on a regular basis.

Should I tell her that I

means a diet of about 300 calories. His "moderate" food intake for the day is two or three pieces of lightly buttered toast, and tea with skim milk. That's it.

It is possible the doctor explained his diet in more detail, but Dad has only partial hearing (God forbid he get a hearing aid as the world would end), and he may have instructions. missed We've asked Dad to take notes or bring a tape recorder, but he is embarrassed to do so. It would have been so helpful if the doctor could have written down some diet suggestions in the postsurgery packet, and perhaps a listing of sample meals. Medical personnel may not realize that older patients come home to caregivers who are completely mystified by these bits and pieces of information.

back home with you, or do you leave it as a hostess gift? My husband and

Dear Annie: 1 am YO

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neighbors, and my wife and I were left gasping. It turns out they both are very heavy smokers. I mentioned that my wife is an asthmatic, but this made no difference to them. Without exaggeration, they smoked nearly a pack between them in

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MEETING NOTICE Colorado River Municipal Water District

Water Reclamation Project The Colorado River Municipal Water District is conducting a Feasibility Study for a Regional Water Reclamation Project. This project may involve recovering surplus wastewater effluent from existing wastewater treatment plants of the City of Big Spring, City of Odessa, City of Snyder and City of Midland, treating said water and blending some or all of it with the District's raw water supplies A PUBLIC MEETING will be held

to discuss the details of this study on Tuesday, July 19, 2005 at 1:00 p.m. at the Dora Roberts Community Center, 100 Whipkey Drive Big Spring, Texas

Further information on this meet ing is available from Mr. Chris Wingert of the District at (432)267-6341

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just over an hour. We finally had to make our exit, as I was afraid my wife would experience an attack.

Since that visit, we have begged off on subsequent invitations to get together and have curtailed our children's visits with flimsy excuses. We learned from another neighbor that this couple smokes incessantly in other people's homes, so asking them to come to our place is not an option. The bombshell in this

situation is this couple is tight friends with my new boss, and they get together frequently at their homes. My boss has invited us to dinner next month, and the human chimneys also will be there. (My boss smokes, but has never done so in our home or at work in my presence.)

How do I tactfully tell these folks that we cannot be with them due to their insidious addiction?

Breathe Free or Die Dear Breathe Free: First, it might help if you treat this as something over which they have little or no control. It will be easier for them to swallow if they don't think you are being judgmental. Then explain quite simply that you wish you could see them more often, since they are such pleasant company, but your wife's asthma makes it difficult for her to be around cigarette smoke for any duration. Offer to meet up with them at some outdoor event or at a smoke-free restaurant.

Dear Annie: It's another season of parties, barbecues and graduations, and I have a question about what to do with the food and drink you bring to a potluck.

Upon leaving, do you take what you brought

responding to the letter from "Nervous Mom in Nevada," who said her husband's 9-year-old nephew took great interest in the diaper changing of her 3-year-old daughter.

I agree with your response that "Mom" should tell the parents to talk with their son about the differences between girls and boys, but I am surprised that a 9-yearold doesn't already have this information. Also, why is a 3-year-old still in diapers? Parents today don't make the time or effort to discuss such issues and/or potty train their children. The same holds true for those 3- and 4-year-olds running around with pacifiers in their mouths. **Disgusted in Kansas**

Dear Kansas: Many readers thought it peculiar that a 3-year-old is still in diapers, but we can tell you that it is quite common. As long as the child is potty trained by the time he or she reaches school, we aren't going to take issue with this more lenient practice. Extended use of pacifiers, however, can lead to dental problems, so it is in the child's best interest if the parents can break this habit earlier.

Dear Annie: My wife and I have been married for 31 fantastic years. Six years ago, "Shelley" was promoted, and her new job required her to do a lot of out-of-state business travel.

Shelley is very efficient and keeps annual logbooks with the details of her business travel. While I was cleaning up the basement storage area a few weeks ago. I came across her old logbooks, dating back to 1998. Out of curiosity, I opened one, and it had details of a

know about her secret life or pretend I am still unaware of it? We are happily married, or so I thought. — Clueless in New York

Clueless: Dear Ignorance may be bliss, but you are no longer ignorant, and you are not going to simply forget the information in those logbooks. Tell Shelley what you found, and ask her to go with you for counseling. Your wife needs to put her marriage first, and that means making it more important than her job, which apparently provides too great a temptation.

Dear Annie: I am 12 years old, and my mom has a terrible habit. Whenever she relaxes, she picks at her armpit and leg hair. She claims it's because she is stressed. She started doing this about two years ago, and my family has been disgusted ever since. We have told her many times that this makes us sick, but she supposedly can't stop. What can we do? — **Disgusted** in California

Dear California: Yuck. Your mom probably has little control over this habit. It sounds like trichotillomania (compulsive hair pulling), and she may need therapy or medication to overcome it. You and your dad should contact the Trichotillomania Learning Center (www.trich.org), 303 Potrero St., Suite 51, Santa Cruz, CA 95060.

Dear Annie: My 75-yearold father recently had surgery, which went extremely well. Dad was able to move comfortably and seemed reasonably at ease upon arriving home. The problem is, the doctor told Dad to "eat moderately." Dad thinks this

Right now, we're hoping that Dad's hunger pangs will force him into the kitchen for a more realistic diet. — Connecticut

Dear Conn.: You are right that older patients often are too embarrassed to ask for clarification when they cannot hear instructions, and it is a good idea for adult children or caregivers to inform the doctor's office of this before surgery.

Don't wait for those hunger pangs. Call Dad's doctor immediately and explain the problem. Your father is starving himself on 300 calories. He will lose weight and weaken, and that could undermine his recovery. Ask the doctor to send you written instructions or refer you to a nutritionist who will put Dad on an appropriate diet.

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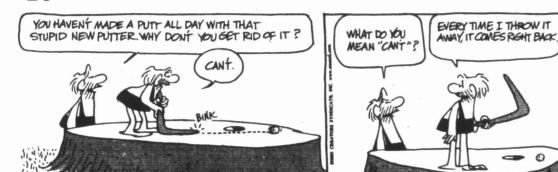
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| 7 | :PM | Extreme Makeover | | Apuesta por un Amor | 70s Show 70s Show | Big Brother 6 (CC) | La Mujer en el Espejo | Joey (CC) Joey (CC) | at New York Mets (CC) | Update/larael J.R. Church | West Tax Jini. TX Mnthly Talk | Secret Subs: Cuben Missile | Manle: The Great Escape | CSI: Crime Scene Invstgin | Law & Order (CC) (DVS) | Cousin Jeff College Hill | Movie: The Cheetah Girls | Announced (CC) | Streetball Streetball | |
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This Date In History

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RAPHAEL SAID HE WANTS TO RESTYLE MY HAIR FOR OUR

BIG ANNIVERSARY PARTY

By The Associated Press

Today is Thursday, July 14, the 195th day of 2005. There are 170 days left in the year. Today's Highlight in

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History: On July 14, 1789, during

the French Revolution, citizens of Paris stormed the

Bastille prison and released the seven prisoners inside. On this date: In 1798, Congress passed the Sedition Act, making it a federal crime to publish false, scandalous or malicious writing about the

United States government. In 1853, Commodore Matthew Perry relayed to Japanese officials à letter

Party, were outlawed. In 1958, the army of Iraq overthrew the monarchy.

HE SAID A NEW LOOK WOULD MAKE

HOW MUCH DOES

SOMETHING LIKE _ THAT COST?

BOSWORTH CUNNINGHAM THE THIRD!

In 1965, the American space probe Mariner 4 flew by Mars, sending back photographs of the planet.

In 1966, eight student nurses were murdered by Richard Speck in a Chicago dormitory.

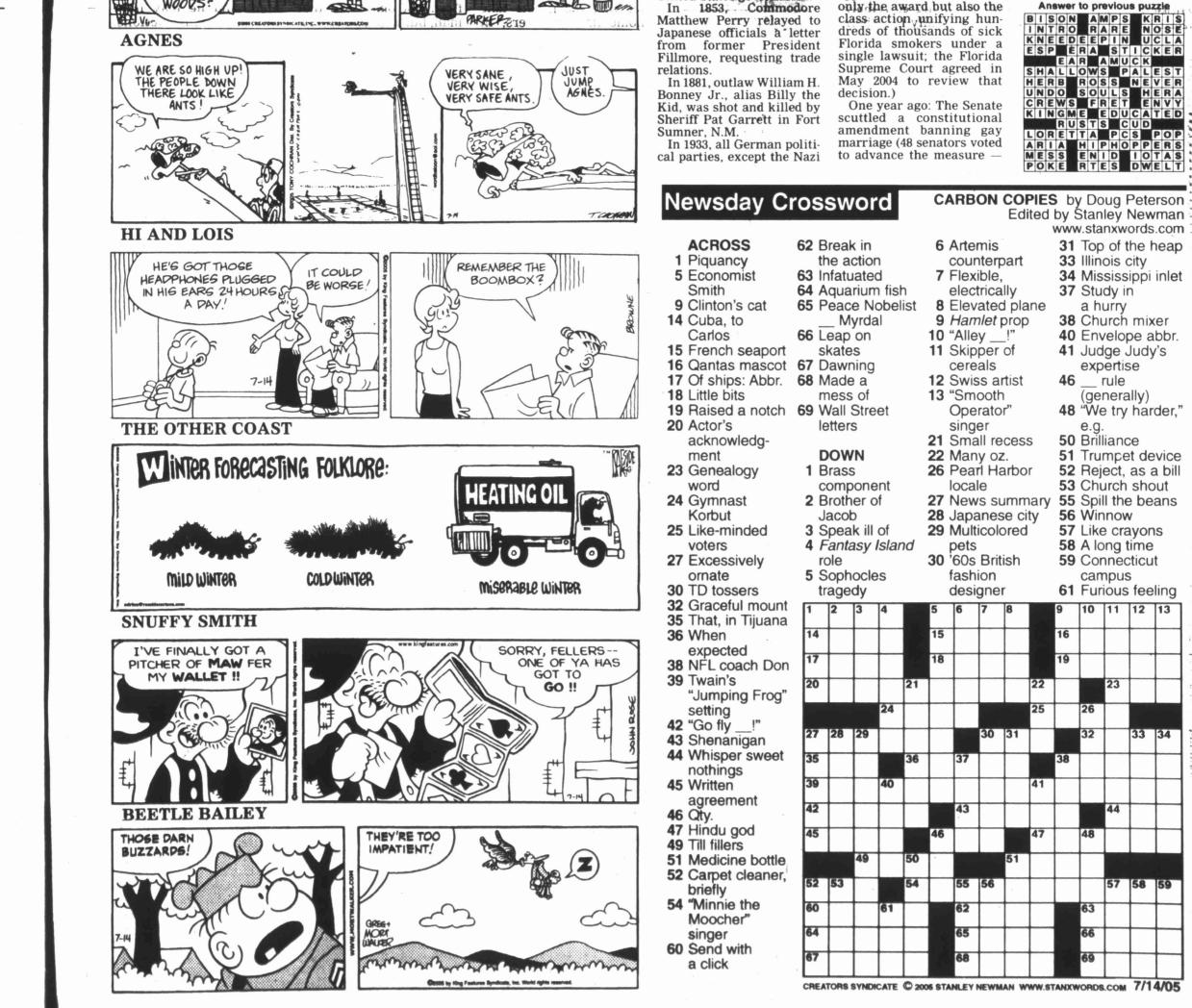
In 1978, Soviet dissident Natan Sharansky was convicted of treasonous espionage and anti-Soviet agitation, and sentenced to 13 years at hard labor. (Sharansky was released in 1986.)

Five years ago: A Florida jury ordered five major tobacco companies to pay smokers a record \$145 billion in punitive damages. (However, in 2003, a state appeals court reversed not only the award but also the 12 short of the 60 needed and 50 voted to block it).

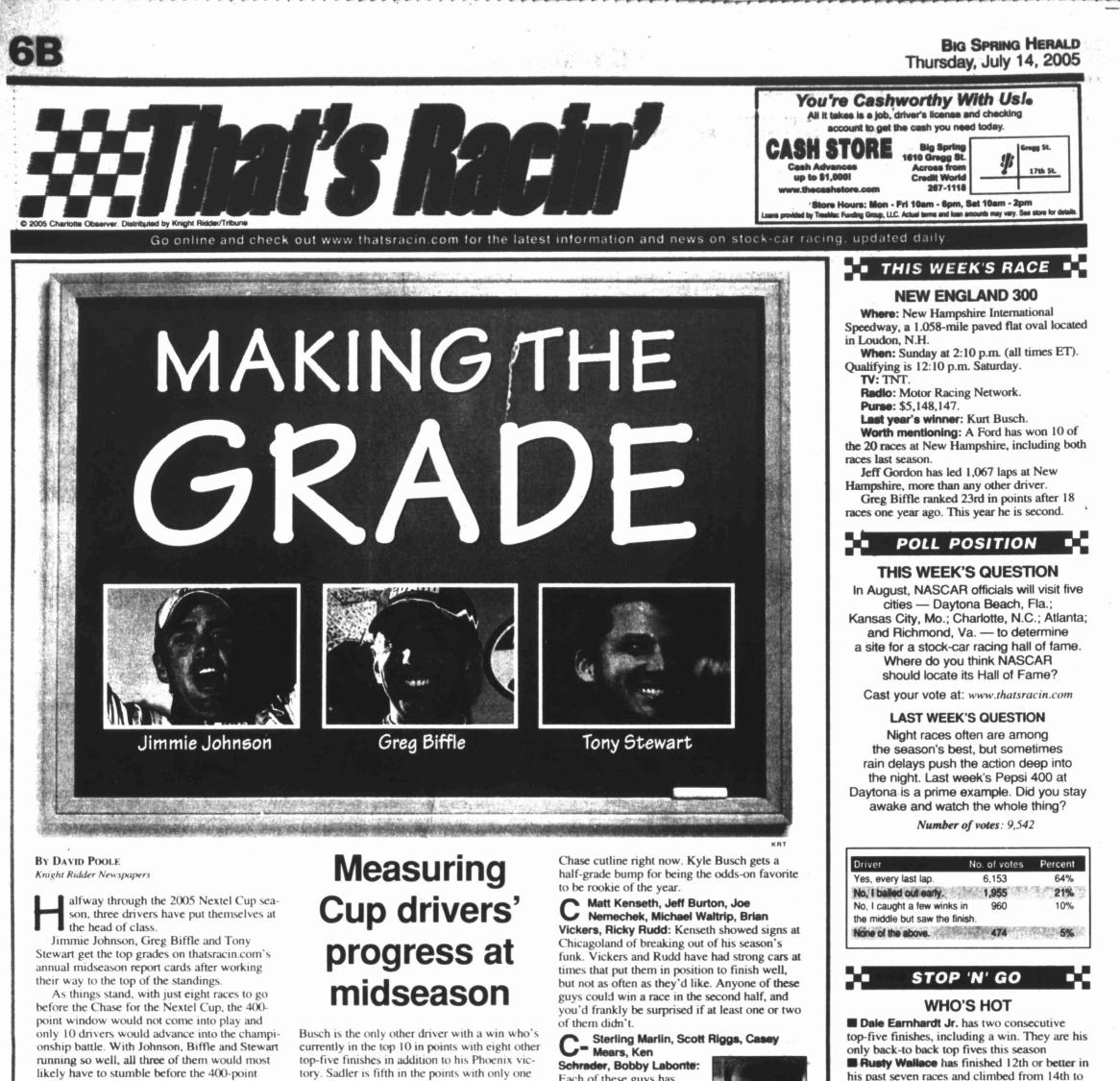
OUT TO ABOUT

Today's **Birthdays**: Actress Gloria Stuart is 95. Former President Gerald R. Ford is 92. Movie and stage director Ingmar Bergman is 87. Actor Dale Robertson is 82. Former football player Rosey Grier is 73. Actordirector Eric Laneuville is 53. Movie producer Scott Rudin is 47. Rock musician Ellen Reid (Crash Test Dummies) is 39. Rhythmand-blues singer Tameka Cottle (Xscape) is 30. Hiphop musician taboo (Black Eyed Peas) is 30.

Today: Thought for "There are two kinds of statistics, the kind you look up and the kind you make up.' Rex Stout, American author (1886-1975).



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MIDSEASON GRADES Johnson, Biffle and Stewart: Johnson A leads the circuit with eight top-five and 13 top-10 finishes in 18 races. Biffle is Nextel Cup's biggest story so far this year with five victories, while Stewart is unquestionably the hottest driver at the midpoint riding a streak of four straight top-five finishes, with two wins in that span. Rusty Wallace and Mark Martin: Neither A- of these veterans has won a points race yet - Martin did win the Nextel All-Star Challenge — but you've got to give them both a little extra credit for putting themselves in the thick of the race to the Chase with their solid first-half performances in their final full Nextel Cup seasons. Each has nine top-10 finishes, and Wallace is now fourth and Martin sixth in the standings

window opens back up.

top five, but he has finished between sixth and 10th eight times. While that strategy for making the Chase might not be terribly exciting, it has been effective so far.

Each of these guys has three top-10 finishes in the season's first half. Of the group, Schrader should get

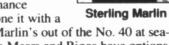
Carl Edwards, Kurt Busch, Elliott **B**+ Sadler: Even though he's slipped to 12th in the standings, Edwards does have two victories in the first half of his first full season in the Cup series. Aside from the top three,

Ryan Newman, Jamie McMurray, Jeremy Mayfield: They're in the top 10 with eight races left before the Chase. Newman does have five poles, but none of these guys has won a race. With so much emphasis on the Chase — too much, as opposed to winning races, if you ask us - it's hard to count that against them too much.

Jeff Gordon, Dale Earnhardt Jr., Kevin **Harvick:** Gordon has three wins, while Earnhardt Jr. joined Harvick on the victors' list at Chicagoland. But Gordon has been in a free fall that's lasted more than two months now. Harvick has had trouble putting together any stretches of good finishes. Earnhardt Jr.'s win Sunday pulls him up into this grouping.

C+ Kasey Kahne, Dale Jarrett, Kyle Busch: Kahne's struggle since he got his first win at Phoenix is one of the season's big mysteries. If Jarrett's team could find a way to get a win soon, that might be enough to break it out of the logjam that's around the

the most credit for that level of performance because he's done it with a



one-car team. Marlin's out of the No. 40 at season's end, while Mears and Riggs have options they'll be considering. Labonte has finally made it into the top 25 in points in what can only be considered a disheartening first half.

Dave Blaney, Travis Kvapil, Kyle Petty,

Mike Bliss, Jeff Green, Scott Wimmer, Mike Wallace, Kevin Lepage: Except for Lepage, each has done well enough to keep his team in the top 35 in owner points. That'll be an important race within the race as the season winds down, since that means guaranteed starting spots for the first few races next year. Although Lepage has made just more than half the races so far, he can't be given a failing grade for fighting the uphill battle against the lack of resources so gamely.

Jason Leffler, Bobby Hamilton Jr., Robby Gordon: Outside the top 35 and simply not getting the job done.



9. Kurt Busch (car No. 97): New Hampshire was very, very good to him last year — he won both Loudon races. Last week: 11.

10. Jeremy Mayfield (car No. 19): Don't look now, but he's back in the top 10. Have to admire this team's perseverance. Last week: 13.

> For the rest of the top-40 rankings, go online and visit www.thatsracin.com.

from here. Last week: 3. farewell. Last week: 6. 6. Elliott Sadler (car No. 38): Tire

RANKINGS THAT'S RACIN'S TOP PICKS

1. Greg Biffle (car No. 16): Keeps the top spot at season's midway point by virtue of his five race victories. Last week: 1.

2. Jimmie Johnson (car No. 48): It seems fairly obvious that the No.

N ASCAR drivers' contracts once seemed to be about as binding as

a rope made of Silly String.

3. Tony Stewart (car No. 20): The only downside of this team's recent run is that it didn't start with the 27th race. Last week: 2.

4. Rusty Wallace (car No. 2): If he wins the championship, is it possible that he could still stand to walk away? Last week: 5.

5. Mark Martin (car No. 6): 24 ought to be looking for a little help Hanging in tenaciously in his effort to Will McMurray's odd contract status join Wallace in looking for flashy

he's not about to bolt for

Last week, the news

until 2007. McMurray

year option left on his

of factoring going on

the end of this season.

deal in the No. 42 Dodges, and

Filling a top-tier Cup ride has

ver's availability now must be fac-

never been more complicated. A dri-

And right now, there's a whole lot

Roush Racing still needs a driver

for the No. 6 for next year after Mark

Martin leaves full-time competition at

McMurray was considered to be a

Rusty Wallace is leaving, too, and

Ganassi plans to pick that up.

tored in along with his ability.

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problems at Chicagoland cut into the cushion this team had in the race to the Chase. Last week: 4

7. Ryan Newman (car No 12): Maybe a trip to Loudon, site of Newman's first career win, will kick start this team. Last week: 7.

8. Jamie McMurray (car No. 42): distract from this team's bid to stay in

Cost of doing business changes team, driver relations for the No. 2 car, or for one of a handful of other teams who are supposedly considering a change for next

year But hang on. His current team, MB2 Motorsports, would also like to keep him. Riggs has a contract offer in hand and says he likes where he is, but still wants to know who the new sponsor will be.

Things change in Nextel Cup, and the pace of that change is accelerating.

More veterans will follow Martin and Wallace out of Cup competition in the next few years, opening more opportunities for new faces in new places

You hear drivers say all the time that winning races is all about putting yourself in the right place at the right time. More and more, that's beginning to apply long before races like the one Sunday at New Hampshire even begin.

Ricky Rudd has finished seventh or higher in two of the past three races.

fourth in points over the last eight races.

and fifth in his last four races.

Tony Stewart finished second, first, first

WHO'S NOT

Jeff Gordon has finished 30th or lower in six of his past eight races and fallen from fifth to 15th in points.

Bobby Labonte ranked sixth in points after 18 races last year. This year he is 24th. **Dale Jarrett** has led only two laps this sea-

son.

- Jim Utter

BY THE NUMBERS

NEXTEL CUP POINTS LEADERS

The top-40 drivers as of July 10:

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|--------------------|-------------|---------------------|--------|
| Rank/Driver | Points | Rank/Driver | Points |
| 1. Jimmie Johns | on . 2548 | 21. Kasey Kahne | 1800 |
| 2. Greg Biffle | 2440 | 22. Brian Vickers | 1781 |
| 3. Tony Stewart | 2397 | 23. Sterling Marlin | 1 1693 |
| 4. Rusty Wallace | 2300 | 24. Bobby Labont | e 1689 |
| 5. Elliott Sadler. | 2230 | 25. Casey Mears | 1683 |
| 6. Mark Martin . | 2202 | 26. Scott Riggs | 1681 |
| 7. Ryan Newman | n2196 | 27. Ricky Rudd | 1680 |
| 8. Jamie McMun | ray . 2190 | 28. Ken Schrader | 1644 |
| 9. Jeremy Mayfie | eld . 2179 | 29. Dave Blaney. | 1597 |
| 10. Kurt Busch | 2172 | 30. Kyle Petty | 1594 |
| 11. Dale Jarrett | 2139 | 31. Jeff Green | 1561 |
| 12. Carl Edwards | 2073 | 32. Mike Bliss | 1557 |
| 13. Dale Earnham | tt Jr. 2057 | 33. Travis Kvapil. | 1541 |
| 14. Kevin Harvick | 2052 | 34. Scott Wimmer | r 1476 |
| 15. Jeff Gordon . | 2046 | 35. Mike Wallace | |
| 16. Matt Kenseth | 1970 | 36. Jason Leffler. | 1287 |
| 17. Jeff Burton | | 37. Bobby Hamilto | |
| 18. Joe Nemeche | | 38. Kevin Lepage | |
| 19. Michael Waltri | | 39. Robby Gordon | |
| 20. Kyle Busch | 1886 | 40. Terry Labonte | 557 |
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| 1. Martin Truex Jr 2661 | 11. David Green 2039 |
| 2. Clint Bowyer 2589 | 12. Paul Menard 1971 |
| 3. Reed Sorenson 2555 | 13. Kevin Harvick 1857 |
| 4. Carl Edwards 2456 | 14. Johnny Sauter 1830 |
| 5. Kenny Wallace 2369 | 15.J.J. Yeley 1827 |
| 6. Denny Hamlin 2276 | 16. Randy LaJole 1803 |
| 7. Ashton Lewis 2198 | 17. Stacy Compton 1786 |
| 8. David Stremme 2176 | 18. Jon Wood 1784 |
| 9. Greg Biffle 2104 | 19. Justin Labonte 1705 |
| 10, Jason Keller 2086 | 20. Stanton Barrett 1699 |
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NEXT RACE: Saturday, New England 200, Loudon, N.H. The part is the

TRUCK SERIES POINTS LEADERS

The top-10 drivers as of July 9:

| Renk/Driver Points | Rank/Driver Points |
|---|-----------------------|
| 1. Dennis Setzer 1744 2. Bobby Hamilton 1706 3. Ted Musgrave 1691 | 6. Jimmy Spencer 1587 |
| 4. Ron Homaday 1610 5. Ricky Craven 1597 | 9. Mike Skinner |

NEXT RACE: July 23, O'Reilly 200, Memphis,

"Multiyear" deals vanished as came that Jamie though written in disappearing ink. If McMurray will leave a driver or car owner wanted to end Chip Ganassi Racing to things, they'd spit at each other drive the No. 6 Fords for through the media a few times then Roush Racing, but not

call a news conference to say they were parting "as friends." With more and more money involved in Nextel Cup racing these days, though, both drivers and owners have grown more serious about what

they're signing. Drivers don't want to have the rug pulled out from under them for having an off year in a sport where even great drivers can't do much without good cars. Team owners and their sponsors, who are paying the millions of dollars flowing through the sport these days, don't want to build their teams and marketing plans around a driver without being reasonably sure



Penske Racing South also made an offer to Martin

Truex Jr., the reigning Busch Series champion, Earnhardt Inc. Speaking of third

candidate to go there.

Motorsports plans to add one next year, one that will be sponsored by Valvoline, which has been

seasons in the Cup series. Riggs' contract also ends after this

season. In many ways, that makes him as popular as the hot-shot high school quarterback whose cheerleader girlfriend just got grounded the week before prom.

Valvoline and Riggs seem to have a fine relationship, so it's fair to assume he'd at least be considered for the new Evernham ride. Or, perhaps,

Scott Riggs' sponsor in his first two

but Truex will move up to a third Cup team at Dale teams, Evernham