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Dewhurst issues warning: Fix school finance first

By APRIL CASTRO

Associated Press Writer

AUSTIN (AP) - Republican Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst turned up the pressure on lawmakers Thursday, declaring that the Texas Senate won't approve any pending House-Senate comlegislation until promise they've tackled school finance.

Education funding is the issue that brought legislators back to the Capitol for a 30-day special session, which ends

Wednesday.

If lawmakers don't complete school finance, that would leave undone legislation that would increase judicial pay and lawmakers' pensions and potentially a bill that would limit the government's ability to seize personal property for the purpose of economic development.

"That's why we're here," said Dewhurst, who presides over the Senate. "Once we get school finance done ... then I'm going

The 30-day special session to restructure the way Texans pay for public schools ends Wednesday.



... other pieces of legislation." That's a good call, leading to permit us to take up and pass House negotiators said when

asked about Dewhurst's direc- SBC and Verizon to sell

"Good," said Republican Reps. Kent Grusendorf of Arlington and Dianne White Delisi of Temple.

Republican Gov. Rick Perry called the special session to restructure the way Texans are taxed to pay for public schools. Perry later gave the Legislature the go-ahead to consider five other issues, including a measure that would make it easier for phone companies such as See FINANCE, Page 3A

enhanced TV services.

During a special session, lawmakers are only allowed to take up issues specified by the gov-

Republican House Speaker Tom Craddick has said lawmakers would need to have a compromise ready to be voted on by the full chamber by Monday or Tuesday because the session ends Wednesday.

GET WITH THE GUIDELINES

Scenic Mountain Medical Center teams with heart association to reduce heart attacks

By STEVE REAGAN

Staff Writer

Scenic Mountain Medical Center officials believe that the best way to treat heart attacks is to prevent them from rappening in the first place and the American Heart Association agrees with them.

SMMC and Cardiologist Manish Shroff Thursday received recognition from the heart association naming thehospital a Get With The Guidelines nospital.

Get With the Guidelines is an AHA initiative that is designed to reduce the risk of recurrent heart attacks by helping hospital staff follow proven guidelines and procedures while coronary patients are under their care, said Angela Watson, AHA corporate marketing director.

The program includes quality improvement measures such as care maps, discharge protocols, standing orders and

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-- Dr. Manish Shroff

measurement Watson said these guidelines will enable SMMC to improve the quality of care it provides cardiac patients and consequently save more lives.

Dr. Shroff is a firm believer in the program's goals.

"The key is prevention," he said. "There's not a heart condition that isn't preventable, but you have to take certain steps to prevent them."

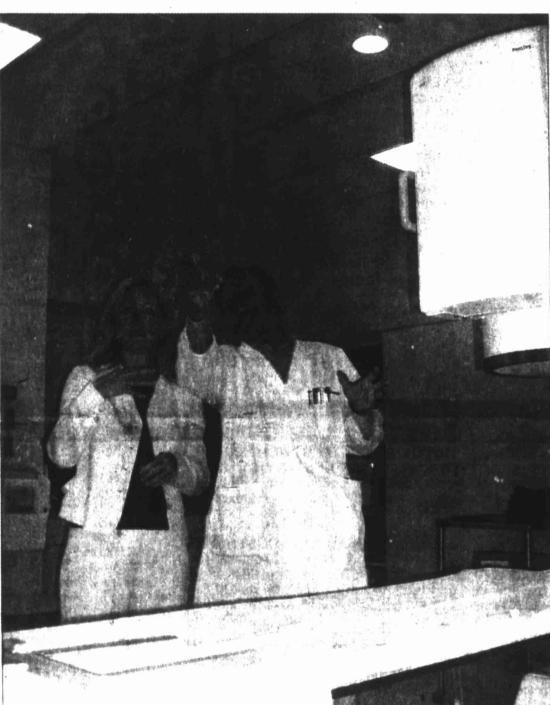
Addressing risk factors such as smoking, weight and hereditary conditions could go a long way toward prevention of second heart attacks, \$hroff said.

"In addition to thinking about treatment for heart attacks, we should think about preventing them," he said. "And to do that, we have to address risk factors."

Watson said that projections show that if the Get With the Guidelines program was instituted nation-wide, more than 80,000 lives would be saved each year.

Contact Staff Writer Steve Reagan at 263-7331, ext. 234, or by e-mail at reporter@bigspringherald.com.

Herald photo/Steve Reagan Cardiologist Dr. Manish Shroff, right, shows off Scenic Mountain Medical Center's Cardiac Cath Lab to Angela Watson of the **American Heart Association** Thursday morning.





Diana Newton, center, and her fellow members of the Howard County A&M Club will hold their sixth annual Scholarship Auction July 23 at the Big Spring Country Club. She and past scholarship recipients Brennan Bailey, left, and Crystal Wingert display some of the auction items.

Aggies to auction memorabilia to finance local scholarship fund

By STEVE REAGAN

Staff Writer

The Howard County A&M Club can get you tickets to see Paul McCartney or the Rolling Stones — and that isn't an

Aggie joke. Area residents will have a

chance to buy the aforementioned tickets and all kinds of autographed sports memorabilia when the county A&M Club holds its sixth annual Scholarship Auction at 5 p.m. July 23 at the Big Spring Country Club.

The club uses the auction to scholarships for finance Howard County students to attend Texas A&M University Last year's event raised \$35,000.

said Diana Newton.

The top item at this year's auction will be the naming of an endowed scholarship at Texas A&M. If you'd like your name emblazoned on that item, the bidding will open at \$5,000, Newton said.

Opening bids of \$1,300 will be accepted for concerts in Houston featuring McCartney and the Rolling Stones. The package includes air fare from Midland, and motel accommodations for two.

A week of snow skiing at Pagosa Springs, Colo. will be up for bid, as will a vacation at Treasure Island, Fla. and a dove hunt for two.

There will be plenty of auto-

What: Howard County A&M Club scholarship fund auction.

Where: Big Spring Country

When: 5 p.m., July 23.

the event, including framed photographs of John David Crow, Leroy Jordan, Tom Landry, Gene Stallings and Bobby Knight.

The popular music enthusiast will also find something to bid for, as autographed albums by ZZ Top, Chicago and Aerosmith will be for sale.

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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.

COMING THIS WEEKEND



Cover Story: Volunteer 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).

MAKING A DIFFERENCE

The father of a 7-year-old Iraqi boy Thursday nervously thanked the Texas



soldiers who helped his son come to Houston for a lifesaving operation. "Today is a very happy day," said Jawad Kathem, a 33--year-old mechanic from southern Iraq. See article, Page 3A.

Obituaries

Anna Marie 'Sally' Mills

Anna Marie "Sally" Mills, 79, of Midland, formerly of Big Spring, died at 9:50 a.m. Thursday, July 14, 2005, at Midland Memorial Hospital. Funeral services are 2 p.m. Monday, July 18, 2005, at Myers & Smith Chapel with the

Rev. Elwin Collom of Coahoma and the Rev. Harold Mills of Plano officiating. Burial will be in Trinity Memorial

The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. Sunday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

She was born March 3, 1926, in Hugo, Colo., and married Royal Mills in 1950 at St. Thomas Catholic Church in Big Spring. She worked as a nurse at the VA Medical Center, Malone Hogan Clinic and hospital, the Big Spring State Hospital and as a school nurse for the Big Spring school district for 18 years.

She is survived by her husband, Royal Mills of Midland; one son, Bobby Mills of Midland; and three grandchildren.

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

Troy Blocker Munn

Troy Blocker Munn, 89, died July 14, 2005. Her services are pending with Gilbreath Funeral Home of Stanton.

Take note

- ODYSSEY HEALTH CARE HOSPICE CARE GIVER DINNER is 6 p.m. Tuesday at Christ Community Church, 1008 Birdwell Lane. Open to all caregivers, past and current. Call Sadie Watkins at 263-5999 for more information.
- 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.
- GROUP PHOTOS TAKEN BY BRUCE SCHOOL-ER AT BIG SPRING DAY IN AUSTIN are available for purchase from the chamber of commerce through today. Cost is \$10 for an 8x10 and \$5 for a 5x7. For more information, call Schooler at 264-7728 or 213-1760.
- THE BIG SPRING HIGH SCHOOL OLDTIMERS (those who graduated before 1940) are planning a reunion for the annual BSHS Homecoming Sept. 16-17. Anyone able to attend a reunion Sept. 17 should call 432-267-2900 and leave phone and address information.
- HOWARD COUNTY CHILD WELFARE BOARD is seeking financial donations to provide support for children in Howard County who have been removed from their home due to abuse or neglect. Contact Patti Richard at 432-559-6953 or mail donations to HCCWB P.O. Box 3101 Big Spring, 79721.
- LEGAL AID OF NORTHWEST TEXAS is accepting appointments for 2 p.m. until 5 p.m. the first and third Wednesday of each month. Individuals seeking legal advice for matters concerning family law, divorce, custody and child support issues, social security cases, employment and housing may contact the office to schedule an appointment. Criminal cases are not accepted. Anyone recently served with legal documents should call the office immediately at 800-926-5630 or 432-686-0647.
- A SAVINGS ACCOUNT TO BENEFIT LOVE FROM HOME has been established at Citizen's Federal Credit Union. Love From Home is a local effort to provide personal items needed by the soldiers serving in Operation Iraqi Freedom. Contact the credit union at 267-6373 to contribute funds to offset the cost of postage for the packages mailed to the soldiers.
- THE FAR WEST BOYS HOME is in need of donations of household, office and recreational items to benefit boys 5-17 who are unable to live with their families due to abuse or neglect. Items needed include dressers, bunk beds, mattresses, cookware, recreational and exercise equipment, and a maintenance pickup, can or car. Cash donations to purchase these items are also appreciated. Far West is a non-profit, tax-exempt organization. To arrange pick up of items or for more information, call 432-353-4464.
- CHRIST'S COMMUNITY CHURCH is looking for infant cars seats to be given to needy families. Call Karen at 263-3517 or the church at 263-5683.
- THE MOBILE MEALS PROGRAM, which delivers to the elderly and homebound, needs volunteers to deliver meals. If you can spare one hour per week to deliver eight or 10 meals, you are needed. About 85 to 90 meals are prepared, packaged and delivered to recipients within the city limits of Big Spring. If you can volunteer, please call 263-4016 before 3 p.m.
- SPRING TABERNACLE CHURCH, 1209 Wright, has free food for the area needy. Distribution is scheduled from 10 a.m. to noon every Thursday.

Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity Thursday:

ASSAULT BY THREAT was reported on the 500

block of Birdwell and the 2500 block of Hunter. • THEFT was reported on the 900 block of Willia, the 1800 block of Gregg and the 1800 block of FM 700.

NOTE: The arrest log was unavailable Friday morn-

Sheriff's report

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

ROGELIO JOSE PERCHES, 34, was arrested on a

charge of driving while license invalid. • ERIK BRYAN SELLERS, 22, was arrested on a charge of criminal mischief.

• BRANDON JOE ROBINSON, 19, was arrested on two motions to revoke probation for burglary of a building.

· SHAWNA GRAYSON, 34, was arrested on charges of theft, failure to identify fugitive from justice and failure to appear.

 JIMMY ANTHONY CANTU, 18, was arrested on a charge of failure to identify.

• THOMAS BRADLEY CATES, 37, was arrested on charges of violation of protective order and possession of marijuana.

· PHONE HARRASSMENT was reported on the 6600 block of Craig Road.

Fire/EMS

The Big Spring Fire Department/Emergency Medical Service reported the following activity Thursday:

· MEDICAL was reported on the 5700 block of

Nichols Road. One person was transported to SMMC. MEDICAL was reported on the 1600 block of Martin Luther King. One person was transported to Luboock Heart Hospital.

· MEDICAL was reported on the 2100 block of Runnels. One person was transported to SMMC.

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• MEDICAL was reported on the 7000 block of Longshore Road. One person was transported to

• **RUBBISH FIRE** was reported on the 4000 block of

• **AUTOMOBILE FIRE** was reported on the 1100 block of Ridgeroad.

Support groups

FRIDAY

• AA open discussion meeting from noon until 1 p.m. at 605 Settles. Noon open Big Book study meeting, 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.

SATURDAY

· Alcoholics Anonymous open discussion meeting, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. Open podium/speakers meeting 615 Settles 8-9 p.m. Open birthday night, no smoking meeting the last Saturday of each month at 8

• West Texas Gluten-Free Support Group (Celiacs Helping celiacs) meet from 3 p.m. until 5 p.m. Jan. 15 in the Odessa Regional Hospital. For more information, contact Barbara at 432-694-3614 days, or 432-520-2119 evenings.

SUNDAY

 Alcoholics Anonymous meets from 11 a.m. to noon at 615 Settles. Open meeting 5 p.m. until 6 p.m.

 Encourager's Support Group — All widows and widowers are invited to a covered dish dinner beginning at 6 p.m. in the First Presbyterian Church, Seventh and Runnels streets. Enter through the north door. For more information, call 398-5522.

 The Multiple Sclerosis Support Group meets at 6 p.m., a new time, the last Tuesday of each month in the College Baptist Church Fellowship Hall, 1005 Birdwell Lane. Call Tracey at 263-4948 for more information.

- · Narcotics Anonymous, non-smoking discussion meeting, 8-9 p.m., at St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 1001 Goliad.
- Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m.; women's meeting; 6:30-7:30 p.m. Non-smoking closed discussion meeting, 8-9 p.m.
- Alzheimers Support Group meets at 2 p.m. on the third Thursday of each month at The Texas State Veterans Home, 1809 N. Hwy 87. For more information call Orand Carroll 268-8387.

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Bulletin board

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

TODAY

- AMBUCS meet at noon in La Posada Restaurant. Greater Big Spring Rotary Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell
- 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.

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

MONDAY

more information.

 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.

Weather

Tonight—Partly cloudy with a slight chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the mid 60s. East winds 10 to 15 mph in the evening becoming light and variable. The chance of rain is 20 percent.

Saturday-Partly cloudy with a slight chance of thunderstorms. Highs in the upper 90s. Light and variable winds becoming east around 10 mph in the afternoon. The chance of rain is 20 percent.

Saturday night—Partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 70s. Southeast winds around 10 mph.

Sunday-Partly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the upper 90s. South winds 10 to 15 mph.

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Wednesday night—Partly cloudy. Lows in the lower

Thursday—Mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and Thunderstorms. Highs in the mid 90s.

Lottery

Results of the Texas Two Step drawing Thursday

night: Winning numbers drawn: 12-18-24-34. Bonus Ball: 9.

Number matching four of four, plus Bonus Ball: 0. Number matching four of four: 10. Prize: \$1,007. Number matching three of four, plus Bonus Ball: 31. Prize: \$40.

Number matching three of four: 972. Prize: \$17. Number matching two of four, plus Bonus Ball: 563. Prize: \$20.

Number matching one of four, plus Bonus Ball: 3,527. Prize: \$7.

Number matching Bonus Ball alone: 6,255. Prize: \$5. Estimated jackpot for Monday night drawing: **\$225,000**.

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Thursday night: Winning numbers drawn: 8-11-20-26-33. Number matching five of five: 1. Prize per winner: \$32,843. Winning tickets sold in: Dallas. Matching four of five: 113. Prize: \$131. Matching three of five: 3,256. Prize: \$11. Matching two of five: 33,859. Prize: \$2. Next Cash 5 drawing: Friday night.

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Thursday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 9-5-3

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Texas Army National Guard helps Iraqi boy get surgery

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Associated Press Writer

HOUSTON (AP) - The father of a 7-year-old Iraqi boy Thursday nervously thanked the Texas soldiers who helped his son come to Houston for a lifesaving operation.

"I am very grateful to everybody, to American troops back in Iraq, to all Houstonians and I'm very grateful to the doctors who did the surgery" this week, Jawad Kathem, a 33-yearold mechanic from southern Iraq, said in Arabic. spoke to The **Associated Press through** a translator.

His son, Kadhem, began suffering from a congenital heart defect about eight months ago. The abnormality was obstructing blood flow to the lungs, preventing his blood from being oxygenated and turning his skin a blueish hue. If the defect were not repaired, Kadhem might have died by his teen years.

The boy's condition came to the attention of soldiers with the 56th Brigade Combat Team, 36th Infantry Division of the Texas National Guard

when he was brought for treatment at the hospital at Tallil Air Force Base near Nasiriyah.

The soldiers were able to arrange for military transportation out of Iraq and sought private and corporate donations to pay for Kadhem's hospital, travel and other expenses.

The boy and his father arrived in Houston last week. Kadhem underwent five-hour open heart surgery on Tuesday at Children's Texas Hospital, the nation's largest pediatric hospital.

By Thursday, Kadhem was alert, eating and recovering in the intensive care unit, his father

"Today is a very happy day," said Jawad Kathem. Kadhem's younger brother and two sisters stayed with their mother in Iraq.

Jawad Kathem did not attend a news conference held Thursday by Texas Children's Hospital and the Texas Army National Guard because they feared pictures of the boy and his father might easily identify them as targets for violence when they



Photo by Master Sgt. Lek Mateo, 56th Brigade public affairs office

Maj. (Dr.) Megan M. O'Brien, a pediatrician at Walter Reed Army Hospital currently assigned to the U.S. Army 36th Area Support Medical Company, examines an Infant as the child's mother looks on. The checkup was part of a medical civic action program with the Texas Army National Guard's 56th Brigade Combat Team, 36th Infantry Division, at Ash Shumali, Iraq.

month.

But Jawad Kathem told the AP how he had struga visa from the U.S. his son became weaker, return to Iraq in about a unable to walk and barely

able to breathe.

Meanwhile, the soldiers with the Texas Army gled for months to obtain National Guard in Iraq raised money to help send embassy in Kuwait while Kadhem to Houston so he could be treated at Texas Children's. Army officials

did not wish to identify the various donors who helped Kadhem or how much money was raised.

"All of us have children," Lt. Col. Stephen Bentley, with the 56th Brigade Combat Team,

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said by telephone from Iraq during the news conference. "It is very satisfying we were able to do what we did. We had a great day (on Wednesday) after we learned" the surgery was successful.

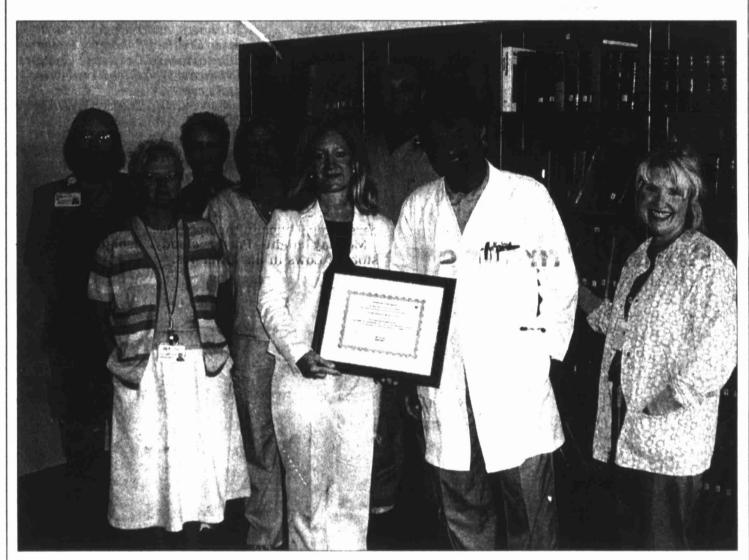
Dr. Charles Fraser Jr. said Kadhem would still have to be seen by a cardiologist in the future to evaluate his progress. But Kadhem would have much more energy and he would be able to do things other children could do. His surgery was designed to minimize the need for more operations, he said.

Fraser said he would not forget talking to Kadhem's father after he told him the surgery was successful.

"I don't know if I've ever had a thank you like I had from this father. He grabbed me by the face, he kissed me all over the face, he kissed my hands and he fell down on the floor and kissed my feet.' he said. "I've never had such a thing happen."

Jawad Kathem said he plans to throw a big party for his family and the U.S. soldiers who helped him when he and his son return to Iraq.

GET WITH THE GUIDELINES



Angela Watson, center, corporate marketing director for the American Heart Assocation, presents the AHA Get With The Guidelines recognition award to Dr. Manish Shroff during a ceremony at Scenic Mountain Medical Center Thursday morning. Also picture are, front row, left to right: Susan Woods and Leslie Williams; back row, left to right: Dana Steffer, Stacey Parum, Teresa Williams and Heath White.

Eight West Texans charged in counterfeiting operations

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And there will be an Aggie Joke of sorts up for bid, as well, Newton said. Ronnie Hipp of Quality Glass and Mirror etched a mirror in the shape of Texas., with the catch

LUBBOCK (AP) - A

federal grand jury has

indicted eight people on

charges that they made

counterfeit money and

tried to use it at West

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Monique Garcia, Dejuan

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Herman Brent Brooks were charged with con-

spiring to manufacture,

pass and possess counter-

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Texas Tech fans won't be left out, she said; ticket packages to Red Raider football games this autumn will be up for bid.

And these will be many more items for bid and door prizes, Newton said,

the U.S. Attorney's Office

Garcia, Smith and

Brooks also were charged

Prosecutors said Garcia

and Brooks tried to pass a

fake \$50 bill at a

Levelland convenience

The cashier realized the

counterfeit U.S. bills.

manufacturing

in Dallas said.

store in June.

all for a worthy cause. "If I could introduce you

to all these great kids and let you read their scholarship essays, you would definitely agree with me that we are supporting a winning group of young people," she said.

Donations for the event can be delivered to ald.com.

ing counterfeit currency, bill was fake and told charges Brian Jake

Brooks she was calling

and drove off at a high

rate of speed, ripping a

nozzle from a gas pump

as they drove away, the

prosecutors said. Police

officers who pulled them

over found \$983 in vari-

ous counterfeit bills.

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For more information, contact Newton at 263-4204.

Contact Staff Writer Steve Reagan at 263-7331, ext. 234, or by e-mail at reporter@bigspringher-

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More than 300 school districts sued the state, arguing that the school funding system is inadequate.

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That gives lawmakers through the weekend to come up with an agreement on the two measures.

In the Senate particularly, time is of the essence as Democrats have threatened to filibuster any school funding measure if they deem a sales tax increase too steep.

Both chambers adopted proposals that would lower school property taxes for homeowners, but to varying degrees. Money instead would be raised by 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 chambers 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.

Already, the Senate has ceded a restructured business tax under pressure from Perry and opposition from the House.

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

Another conference committee will address

That panel met behind closed doors late Thursday but seemed mulas that determine how much each school district will get and how much would be spent on teacher

Meanwhile, the Texas Supreme Court is considvious court ruling that declared the current school financing system

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CINEMA 4

Charlie And The Chocolate Factory (PG) Daily: 1:50, 4:30, 7:10 Fri. & Sat. 9:20

> *Dark Water (PG-13) Daily: 2:10, 4:50, 7:20 Fri. & Sat. 9:50

Bewitched (PG-13) Daily: 2:00, 4:40, 7:30

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We salute:

Each week, the Herald salutes individuals and groups from our community and area who have been recognized for special achievements or accomplishments.

We recognize these special people for working to help make our region a better place to live, work and play

This week we salute:

- Martian Countians on their annual Old Settler's Reunion.
- Participants in the Dell-Winston School Solar Car Challenge, which made their way through Big Spring last week.
- The Texas Workforce Commission, on aggressively pursuing those who have fraudulently applied for benefits.
- The Salvation Army, but holding its annual back-to-school supply drive in an effort to make sure area children have the materials they need to start the school year.

Is there an individual or organization in our community that you feel should be saluted? If so, please send us their name and why you think they should be recognized. We must have your name and telephone number and you must provide it in writing

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'Gotcha journalism' taken to new heights

ust as the New York Times reported that Bush guru Karl Rove disclosed to a Time magazine reporter that Bush-hater Joseph C. Wilson was married to a CIA operative - without naming her - the Times had a real

scoop: Valerie Plame "prefers" to be known as Valerie Wilson. Funny, for years, the Times and her husband referred to Mrs. Wilson as Valerie Plame. Now that reports say Rove mentioned that Wilson's wife worked for the CIA, Plame is Valerie Wilson — a fact that conveniently



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further damns Rove. America now knows that Rove told a reporter that former ambassador Wilson, an official in the Clinton administration, was sent to Niger to investigate reports that Iraq had tried to obtain uranium for nuclear weapons — and on the recommendation of his wife, who worked for the CIA. After Wilson wrote an op-ed for The New York Times about his mission, Rove questioned his credibility.

I understand the front-page treatment in the Times and The San Francisco Chronicle when it came out that Rove spoke about Plame with Time's Matthew Cooper. President Bush made the mistake of saying he would fire any staffer who leaked 'classified' information a Clintonesque pledge and hedge. Bush owes the public an explanation. If he doesn't fire Rove, he should explain why.

There is no evidence, however, that Rove broke the law, as he seemed completely unaware that Plame was a covert operative. He wasn't out to punish Plame, but rather to discredit her husband,

who discredited the Bushies. Now, Rove critics argue that Rove was wrong to leak anything to the press, not because he might

have broken the law, but because those White House denials undermine the Bushies' credibility. This is funny, because Wilson has been caught in some truth-

twisting himself. While the media focus on White House discrepancies, discrepancies in Wilson's story go underreported. While Wilson denied that his wife recommended him for the Niger trip, a Senate bipartisan Select Committee on Intelligence found a memo in which Plame recommended sending her husband to Africa.

More important, Wilson's report did not debunk the Niger story, as he asserted, but instead bolstered the story's credibility to the CIA, although State Department officials were skeptical.

Spare me the hand-wringing about 'the national security of our country,' as Sen. John F. Kerry put it. I agree that the White House is too lofty a perch for badmouthing a federal employee that's what the Republican National Committee is for. Be it noted, however, that America is no less safe with Valerie's name — be it Plame or Wilson — in the spotlight.

Besides, surely Wilson knew he was compromising his wife's anonymity when he wrote the piece for The New York Times.

If there were stories that endangered the lives of Americans serving abroad, they were the stories of prisoner abuse at Abu Ghraib prison, and later the overblown Quran stories that graced the Times' and The Chronicle's front pages in June - stories that incited anti-American sentiment across the globe. Rove critics aren't demanding an investigation to see who leaked those stories, although some on the right wanted an investigation to see who leaked the original (and inaccurate) **Quran-flushing report to** Newsweek.

Note how, after Newsweek got the Quran-flushing at Guantanamo Bay story wrong, The New York Times followed with we-told-you-so reports that there were abuses of the Quran at Gitmo. Stop the presses: A defense contractor stepped on the Quran, for which he apologized; a guard splashed urine on a Quran - by accident; the night shift tossed water balloons in a cellblock, Quran copies got wet. Somehow that non-story was front-page news.

That Times editors saw the Quran story as top-of-the-page material is a sign of pure hysteria. Torture at Abu Ghraib was frontpage news; a damp Quran is not.

Here's an example of how tonedeaf the Times has become: Its magazine wanted a photographer to depict the abuse of prisoners at Iraqi facilities and Gitmo, so the editors hired Andres Serrano, the photographer who angered America with his photograph of a crucifix in urine.

Call the Quran and Rove stories examples of a new trend: We-toldyou-so journalism. Gotcha journalism has a new name: Gotcha this time. No, gotcha this time. No, really, gotcha this time.

If a new story reinforces an old story that the public didn't care about before, it lands on page one. Guaranteed.

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Christian conservatists target smokers

then you think about Christian conservatives, you think of the many battles they fight: opposition to abortion, opposition to gay marriage and opposition to the teaching of evolution as fact, to name just a few.

Now, they have a new cause: opposition to smok-

A key figure in the national movement turns out to be an activist often associated with progressive public health causes, Vincent DeMarco, who led successful campaigns in his home state Maryland to get the legislature to adopt handgun control measures ,as well as



raise the tax on cigarettes. "The faith community played such a central role in our gun control work, that I thought maybe we could do the same with tobacco." DeMarco says.

DeMarco is the coordinator of Faith United Against Tobacco, and onsultant with the Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids, both groups working to prevent teen smoking and to get Congress to give the U.S. Food and Drug Administration the authority to regulate tobacco.

A bill giving the FDA that power passed the Senate, but has been languishing in the House. (The Supreme Court has ruled that the FDA cannot simply assume the power on its own.)

On Wednesday, faith leaders of a wide variety, including liberals and non-Christians, met in House Majority Leader Tom DeLay's district on the outskirts of Houston to urge him to back the legislation. DeLay knows well that people of faith have become a powerful force in American politics.

Southern Baptists, who number about 16 million and often champion conservative causes, adopted a resolution last month at their 2005 Southern Baptist Convention to 'add our efforts ... to work to reduce tobacco use, especially among teenagers."

For some, the anti-tobacco campaign has a scriptural foundation in the teachings of Paul in 1 Corinthians 6:19-20: "Or do you know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit ...?

And the Southern Baptist Convention resolution included the

clauses: "Whereas, being created in the image of God endows humans with great dignity and inestimable worth ... be it resolved that we encourage our churches to redouble their efforts to educate our youth about the dangers of tobacco use. ...

The faith leaders meeting outside Houston on Wednesday assembled 1,200 pairs of shoes to represent what they say is "the number of Americans who die each day from tobacco use and exposure to secondhand smoke."

The group will meet again in August to plot further strategy and determine how best to pressure DeLay into supporting the bill.

"The most interesting thing is how this issue has united the faith community," DeMarco says. "From left to right, they want to prevent tobacco addiction, particularly among children, and are willing to fight for it like David fought Goliath."

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Beginning Sunday from 6:30 p.m. until 9 p.m. through July 20 is Vacation Bible School for children 4 years thru sixth grade. Registration is 6 p.m. until 6:30 p.m. Sunday or call the church at 267-7157.

Worship services Sunday are at 10:55 a.m. and 5 p.m. The church is located at 1512 Birdwell Lane. For information on services or activities, call 267-7157 or 267-8214.

East Side Baptist Chruch

The public is invited for Sunday Fun Time at East Side Baptist Church each week at 9:45 a.m. The activity is a good time of learning, great crafts and fellowship. Following Fun Time is worship service at 10:45 a.m. Evening service is at 6 p.m.

A special concert is coming up Aug. 8 at 7 p.m. "The Dartt Family" will be here for one evening. This is some of the finest gospel music on the planet. Tracy Dartt has writen hundreds of songs, including "God on the Mountain.'

First United **Methodist Church**

First United Methodist Church invites children to Serengeti Trek: Where Kids Are Wild About God's Love.

"This year our church is crawling with excitement as we go on a Serengeti Trek," said the Rev. Dr. David Ring, church minister. "Our Serengeti Trek program will provide fun, memorable Bible-learning activities for kids of all ages.

"Each day, kids will sing catchy songs, play teamwork-building tinues games, nibble watering hole snacks, take on daily challenges to let God's

love grow into their Andrew will have its homes, experience electrifying Bible adventures, collect Bible memory verses to remind them of God's word and create Bible point crafts they'll take home and play with all summer long.'

"Serengeti Trek is an exciting way for kids to learn more about God's love," said Ring. "We'll be studying stories about Bible characters who were wild about God. Each day concludes at the Main Event — a celebration that gets everyone involved in living what they've learned. Family members and friend are encouraged to join us daily for this special time at 11:30 a.m. We hope Serengeti Trek will leave a little bit of God's love in our community."

Serengeti Trek begins Monday and continues through July 22. Meet at First United Methodist, 400 Scurry, each day from 9 a.m. until noon. For more information, call 267-6394.

Friends of Unity

The higher consciousness study group which meets at noon Tuesdays offers an opportunity to grow in awareness of the presence of God. The group welcomes all sincere truth seekers.

Course in Miracles group also welcomes new comers regardless of how far along they are in their study. This groups meets at 5:30 p.m. Thursdays.

Call 267-8783 for more information or come by the center at these times.

St. Mary's **Episcopal Church**

Everyone is invited to attend worship service at St. Mary's Sunday. The summer time change conwith Holy Eucharist celebrated at 9:30 a.m. Sunday.

The Brotherhood of St. Calvary Baptist

monthly meeting and breakfast Saturday at 8 a.m. in the chapel. St. Mary's Vestry meets at 6

p.m. Monday in the Parish Hall.

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For more information St. Mary's about Episcopal Church, call 267-8201 or visit our Web site www.stmarysbst.org. St.

Mary's is located at 1001

Catholic Churches of Howard County

Weekly sessions about the Catholic faith are Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, 1009 Hearn St., in the house between church and the the school.

Catholics and non-Catholics are invited to learn more about the Catholic faith, traditions and how these are based on holy scripture. Also, sessions are held for baptized Catholics who need to receive one of more of the sacraments of Holy Eucharist, confirmation or marriage.

Fully initiated adult Catholics are also needed as sponsors.

For more information, call Elfi Tucker at 816-6247 or 393-5313. You may also call any of the church offices: Thomas Church at 605 N. Main St., 263-2864; Sacred Heart Church, 263-7884; Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, 267-4124; or St. Joseph Church on South Street in Coahoma, 267-4124.

YoungLife

A golf tournament is scheduled for July 30-31. YoungLife is a non-profit Christian organization for high school students. For more information or to contribute to YoungLife,

New Covenant

Christian Worship

Christian Worship Center has an exciting experience planned for July. The Rev. Michael and First Lady Bella Willard and staff personally welcome everyone to any of the worship services offered at New Covenant.

Wednesday service is at 6 p.m. The doors open at 5:45 p.m. and Sunday morning worship services is at 11 a.m. The doors open at 10:45 a.m. The church is located at 1607 E. Third street. For more information, call 264-0015

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First Church of the **Nazarene**

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Family ministries night is Wednesday. The family night meal is in the fellowship hall from 5 p.m. until 6:15 p.m. The cost is \$5 for adults; kids ages 3-10 are \$3; and 2-years-old and younger eat free. Maximum cost per family is \$20.

Several activities are planned from 6:30 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. Wednesday which are: a women's Bible study in the gym classroom under Salt Shaker; gym games for the senior and junior high age; adult class one with Leonard Hadley in the Commons; adult class two with Bob Goodwin in the Fellowship Hall's northwest classroom; discipling class with Paster "B" in the conference room; home builders' fellowship with Tommy and Teresa Welch in the Fellowship Hall's northeast classroom; and Wednesday Night Kids in the Kid's Building.

Choir rehearsal is in the sanctuary from 7:30 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Worship begins at a new time Sunday. Coffee, donuts and fellowship time is 9 a.m. until 9:45 and Sunday Celebration is at 10 a.m. sanctuary. the in Children's Church and KinderChurch is in the Kid's Building.

night Sunday Celebration of Praise is at 6 p.m.

VBS photographs sought for July issue The life! section of the Big Spring Herald is seeking photographs of Vacation Bible Schools for a special VBS

in late July. Photographs should be of good quality of activities taking place during VBS week. Individuals in the photographs must be identified.

lifestyle cover to publish

To submit photographs for the publication, contact Marsha at 263-7331 e-mail life@ bigspringherald.com.

Church and Club News policies

The Big Spring Herald submissions accepts from churches and clubs for publication Friday.

Church News should be concise and may not be written in first person. The goal of Church News and is to inform the public about upcoming church events and opportunities.

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A Pastor's Message

Calvary... Man's Only hope

The Bible is positively clear about Salvation. In order to be saved and

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This experience is more than being christened as a baby, becoming a church member, receiving water baptism, participating in the communion service or observing any church ritual. '

The "New Birth" is the beginning of a new life; it is an impartation of Divine Nature.

The word of God tells us in 11 Corinthians 5:17;

in Christ, He is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things become new."

Just as the branch is a part of the vine, so are we joined to the Lord. The Apostle Paul writes in Galatians 2:20; "I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live: vet not I. but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me..."

And all of this comes through the blood of Jesus Christ. For there is no redemption by any other means. If Jesus had not died on Calvary's

"Therefore if any man be Cross, we would have no hope and no savior.

The blood of Jesus Christ actually cleanses from sin. This is a proven fact, not just a theological dogma.

I have watched men and women from every walk of life and every status of society; when they were brought face to face with their sins and they saw their need of God, the blood of Jesus Christ made God's salvation a living reality to them.

Unsaved people may try in many ways to free themselves from sin, all in vain. But when they come under the influence

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of the gospel of Christ, conviction grips their hearts and immediately they cry for mercy: and God always hears and saves them because of Christ's work on Calvary.

What a great emancipator Christ is...He made it possible for "Whosoever Will" to be saved.

The blood of Christ not only saves but better yet, it continues to cleanse us from sin. His precious blood is always available and is in reach of all.

During the times of war, the blood of one person was carried thousands of miles and saved the life of another on some foreign battlefield. If human blood can help save human life, "How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal spirit offered himself without spot to God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?" Hebrews 9:14.

"Without shedding of blood is no remission." Someone may ask, "why the blood?" my answer would be that is God's own Divine Plan.

I refer you to Leviticus 17:11; "For the life of the flesh is in the blood and I have given it to you upon the altar to make an atonement for your souls: for it is the blood that maketh an atonement for the soul."

The word "Atonement" when broken down spells "at one ment," and that is what the blood of Christ will do, it will put us "at one" with God. Only the blood of Christ can redeem us from the power of sin and from the power of Satan.

And if we continue to walk in the light after we have been saved, the blood will continue to cleanse us from all sin.

1 John 1:17; "But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his son cleanseth us from all sin."

How we should praise God for Jesus, the Lamb of God, who came to take away the sins of the whole world!

Some make Salvation seem difficult; when it is so simple that even a small child can understand.

Consider John 3:16; "For God so love the world..." that word world means the mass of unsaved humanity: and think, he loved us when we were still sinners, and through his love for us gave his only begotten son...that is God's part.

The next phrase shows what we must do - "that whosoever believeth in him." You say, isn't there something else I can do besides believe? The Jews asked Jesus a

similar question, "What shall we do, that we might work the works of God?"

Jesus simple says, "Come unto me, all yea that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest."

And to the thirsty he invites. "Let him that is at thirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely."

Yes, he who shed his precious blood bids all men to come, for only the blood-sprinkled way leads home.

The Rev. R.T. Havener is the pastor of First Assembly of God Church.



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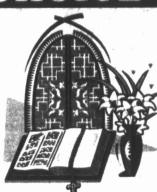
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General Federation of **Women's Clubs Texas Western District**

The General Federation of Women's Clubs Texas Western District presents the Women's Healthcare Wellness Forum beginning at 10 a.m. Saturday at the Music City Mall, Grand Stage Room in Odessa.

President Mary Vongsavath said, "We are excited to present this event for the benefit of members and guests. This is a great opportunity to ask the questions and get answers from medical specialists who will speak at this forum."

An exhibit and display and screening on key health issues will be available to everyone in attendance. Education materials will be distrib-

Snacks and a light lunch will be provided. Healthcare is an issue that affects everyone and will never go away. Women's Healthcare in the 21st Century is designated as a special project of Western District.

Registration at the door

and fellowship will start at 10 a.m. The medical specialists begin speaking at 11 a.m., followed by questions and answers.

Clubwomen of the Western District will also give a brief presentation on their clubs. All members and guests are encouraged to attend.

For further information, e-mail gfwctexaswd@yahoo.com.

Unity in Diversity is the club slogan. General Federation of Women's Clubs Texas Western District covers 25 counties: Andrews, Brewster, Crockett, Crane, Culberson, Ector, El Paso, Glasscock, Howard, Hudspeth, Irion, Jeff Davis, Loving, Martin, Midland, Pecos, Presidio, Reagan, Reeves, Sterling, Terrell, Tom Green, Ward Upton, Winkler.

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Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce officers for the 2005-2006 year, above, include Dale Coates, left, Cynthia Scott, Debbye ValVerde, Terri Davis, Brett KinmanLee George and Dana Steffer, and back row, Carl Condray, left, Mark Morgan, Walter Brumley, Scott McLaughlin, Pam Welch, Roy Worthy and Troy Tompkins. Debbye ValVerde, chamber executive director, received the Carl Bradley Service Award for her service to the community and to the Rotary.

Greater Big Spring Rotary Club installs officers, recognizes award recipient

The Greater Big Spring Rotary Club installed officers for 2005-2006 and presented the Carl Bradley Service Award at the annual installation banquet. Walter Brumley will serve as president and Terri Davis will serve as vice president.

The club recognized Debbye ValVerde with the Carl Bradley Service Award. A donation of \$1,000 was made in her honor by the club to the Rotary Foundation, earning her the Paul Harris Fellowship. The award is given for outstanding service to the club, the community and Rotary.

Other officers inducted include ValVerde, secretary; Mark Morgan, treasurer; Troy Tompkins, pastpresident; Carl Condray, foundation; Pam Welch, public relations; Lee George and Dana Steffer, membership; Dale Coates and Roy Worthy, community service; and Scott McLaughlin, club advisor.

The Greater Big Spring Rotary Club meets noon Fridays at Howard College. The club serves the community through a variety of projects.





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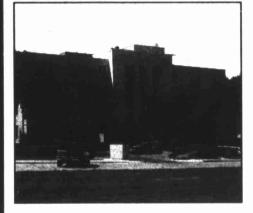
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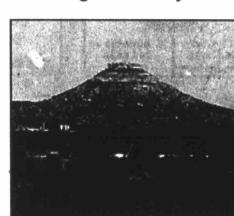


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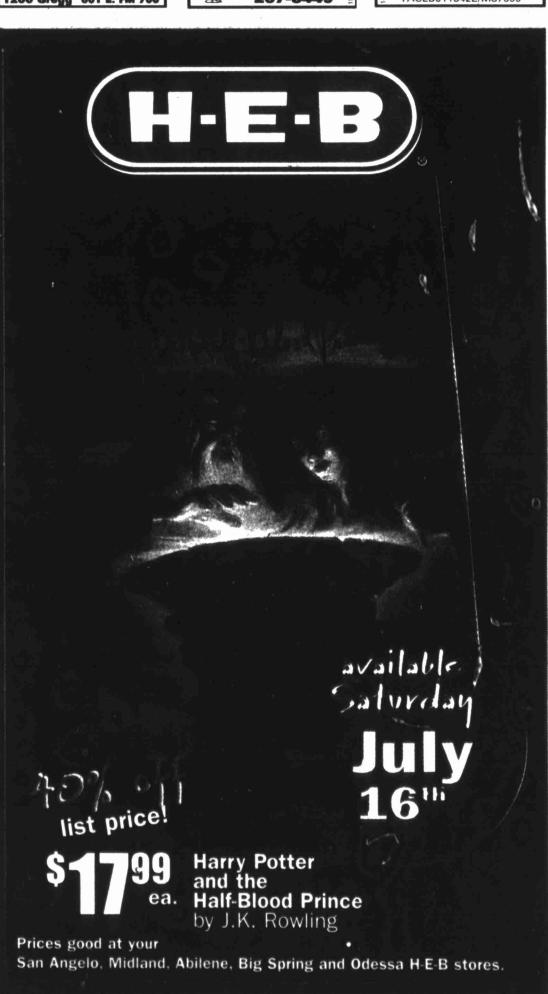
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Pair convicted in plot to kill mother, put son up for adoption

NEW BRAUNFELS (AP) - A man and woman were convicted on charges they conspired to kill the mother of the man's son so he could escape child support payments and put the boy up for adop-

A jury found Jon Benavides and guilty Samantha Kaderli-Childs Thursday of criminal conspiracy to commit capital murder.

Prosecutors said Kaderli-Childs, 24, had asked a friend, Tina Lawson, if she knew a hit man to kill Benavides' exgirlfriend.

Benavides, 31, wanted Stacy Satterfield dead so he could get custody of their son and put him up for adoption, prosecutors said. The goal was to eliminate his \$320-per-month child support payments.

The plot was thwarted when Lawson called police.

An undercover officer posed as the hit ting next to each other at a campground man and taped Benavides offering to pay him to kill a woman.

Prosecutors argue for death penalty for man who pleaded guilty to murders

MUSKOGEE, Okla. (AP) - A man shadowed a Texas couple as they were camping in the Ouachita National Forest, then methodically killed them and stole their possessions as an afterthought, federal prosecutors alleged Thursday.

Edward Leon Fields Jr. already has pleaded guilty to two murder charges and four related counts in the July 2003 deaths of Charles Glenn Chick, 47, and Shirley Chick, 50, but federal law requires a sentencing phase be conduct-

Prosecutors are seeking the death penalty for Fields, 38, who also could receive life without the possibility of

The Hurst, Texas, couple had just finished watching a sunset and were sitpicnic table when a .22-caliber bullet ripped through Charles Chick's head, U.S. Attorney Sheldon Sperling said.

Fields fired the rifle shot from 50 to 70 feet away, an Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation agent theorized on the witness stand.

Shirley Chick was struck in the foot as she ran to their nearby van, officials said. As she tried to crawl into the van. a second shot fired at much closer range hit her head. Fields shot her once more in the head to make sure she was dead. jurors were told.

Fields stole a camera, credit cards, binoculars and cash from the couple at least six hours after the murders, Sperling said.

Retired sergeant charged with downloading child pornography

BROWNSVILLE (AP) - A retired South Texas police sergeant is accused of downloading child pornography on a city-owned computer while he was on

Santiago Salinas, 48, was indicted on child pornography charges by a state grand jury on June 22, court records show. He has until Aug. 10 to surrender to authorities, the Brownsville Herald reported in its Friday editions.

Salinas, a 21-year veteran of the Brownsville Police Department, retired in January after being accused of inappropriate computer use.

Authorities discovered that the computer was used to access pornography after Salinas crashed an unmarked police car in October in San Antonio.

He told police administrators that he used the city-owned vehicle to take his wife and children on a trip. Salinas was suspended for two days for the incident, Brownsville Police Chief Carlos Garcia

But the crash prompted an investigation of other city-owned property Salinas used.

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The investigation revealed that Salinas' computer was used to access pornographic Web sites while on duty. Some of the access involved child pornography sites, Garcia said.

WORLD BRIEFS



Protesters gather in front of The White House to demand that President Bush fire Karl Rove for allegedly outing an undercover CIA operative.

Rove told grand jury he learned of CIA operative's identity from reporters

WASHINGTON (AP) — Chief presidential adviser Karl Rove testified to a grand jury that he talked with two journalists before they divulged the identity of an undercover CIA officer but that he originally learned about the operative from the news media and not government sources, according to a person briefed on the

The person, who works in the legal profession and spoke only on condition of anonymity because of grand jury secrecy, told The Associated Press that Rove testified last year that he remembers specifically being told by columnist Robert Novak that Valerie Plame, the wife of a harsh Iraq war critic, worked for the CIA.

Rove testified that Novak originally called him the Tuesday before Plame's identity was revealed in July 2003 to discuss another story.

The conversation eventually turned to Plame's husband, Joseph Wilson, a former ambassador who was strongly criticizing the Bush administration's use of faulty intelligence to justify the war in Iraq, the person said.

Rove testified that Novak told him he planned to report in a weekend column that Plame had worked for the CIA, and the circumstances on how her husband traveled to Africa to check bogus claims that Iraq was trying to buy nuclear materials in Niger, according to the source.

Rehnquist says he'll stay on Supreme Court

WASHINGTON (AP) — Chief Justice William H. Rehnquist's pledge to continue working despite his

thyroid cancer leaves the White House with just one Supreme Court seat to fill, suddenly changing the dynamic of the summer confirmation battle.

The prospects of a double high court vacancy had much of Washington in a frenzy. Justice Sandra Day O'Connor announced earlier this month that she was stepping down, and the retirement of 80-year-old Rehnquist was thought to be next.

"I want to put to rest the speculation and unfounded rumors of my imminent retirement," Rehnquist said in a statement first disclosed by *The Associated Press* late Thursday and later confirmed by the court.

Rehnquist said he would "continue to perform my duties as chief justice as long as my health permits.' Richard Garnett, a Notre Dame law professor and former Rehnquist law clerk, said "the chief justice's decision liberates the president."

U.K. bomb probe focuses on chemist, Briton

LONDON (AP) — FBI agents helped in the search for an Egyptian-born chemist who studied briefly at a North Carolina university as the British bombing investigation focused on a possible al-Qaida connection.

London police released security camera footage showing one of the four suicide bombers — 18-year-old Hasib Hussain — wearing a backpack as he passed through Luton train station north of London on his way to the capital.

Peter Clarke, head of the Metropolitan Police's antiterrorist branch, asked anyone who may be able to help police trace Hussein's movements before he boarded a double-decker bus in central London to

"Did you see this man ...? Was he alone or with others? Do you know the route he took ...?" were some of the questions Clarke fired off at a news conference on Thursday.

In the northern city of Leeds, where investigators believe the bombers lived, authorities searched another address in an effort to unravel the network behind the attacks.

Engineers scrambling to understand fuel gauge failure on shuttle

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — Hundreds of engineers are scrambling to figure out why a fuel gauge on the space shuttle Discovery failed right before its scheduled launch. Meanwhile, NASA is clinging to the possibility that it might be able to make another attempt Sunday.

Deputy shuttle program manager Wayne Hale said the fix would have to be fast and simple, though, to have Discovery ready by then. Most likely, NASA's first mission since the 2003 Columbia disaster will require more complicated repairs and be delayed into next week or even September, depending on the extent of work needed.

"Everybody is tremendously disappointed," said Michael Wetmore, director of space shuttle processing. "But everybody was also here 2 1/2 years ago and

saw that we failed in our mission to protect the crew. So there's no one who wants to go forward with a potential risk to the crew that hasn't been appropriately analyzed and addressed."

NASA remains stumped as to why one of four hydrogen-fuel gauges in Discovery's external fuel tank malfunctioned during a routine pre-launch test Wednesday.

Palestinian police, Hamas exchange fire

GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip (AP) — Palestinian police and Hamas militants exchanged fire in a crowded Gaza City neighborhood Friday, and at least two people were killed and nine wounded in some of the worst fighting among Palestinians in recent years. Palestinian security forces were placed on high alert.

The escalation, set off earlier by a suicide bombing that killed five Israelis this week, is threatening to collapse a five-month-old truce. If fighting spins out of control, it could also endanger the rule of Palestinian leader Mahmoud Abbas and overshadow the planned Israeli withdrawal from Gaza next month. Israel has said it would not pull out of Gaza under fire. The cease-fire has been the main achievement of Abbas.

The tough police action suggested a possible shift in Palestinian policy. Abbas has been reluctant to confront militants despite intense pressure from Israel and the United States to crack down.

The clashes erupted in Gaza City's Zeitoun neighborhood after security forces searched for militants suspected of firing rockets at Israeli towns. Militants burned down a police station and set a police armored personnel carrier and three jeeps on fire. Thick black smoke from burning tires rose from the neighbor-

Some of the wounded were rushed to hospitals in private cars. One young man, his shirt bloodied, was carried away by a group of people. A teenager and a child were killed in the fighting, hospital officials said, adding that the victims' exact ages were not immediately available.

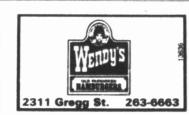
Hurricane Emily strengthens dangerously in Caribbean, one killed in Grenada

ST. GEORGE'S, Grenada (AP) — Hurricane Emily blasted out windows, flooded two hospitals and tore roofs from homes as it blew over Grenada and gathered force in the eastern Caribbean. At least one person was killed.

The storm strengthened to a dangerous Category 4 after it cleared the Windward Islands, unleashing heavy surf, gusty winds and torrential rains on areas hundreds of miles away: Trinidad in the south, nearby Venezuela, to the west and Hispaniola in the middle of the Caribbean Sea.

The storm, the second major hurricane of the Atlantic season after Dennis, was packing sustained winds of 135 mph. "That makes Emily a very rare Category 4 hurricane in the Caribbean Sea in the month of July," said Stacy Stewart, a meteorologist with the U.S. National Hurricane Center in Miami.





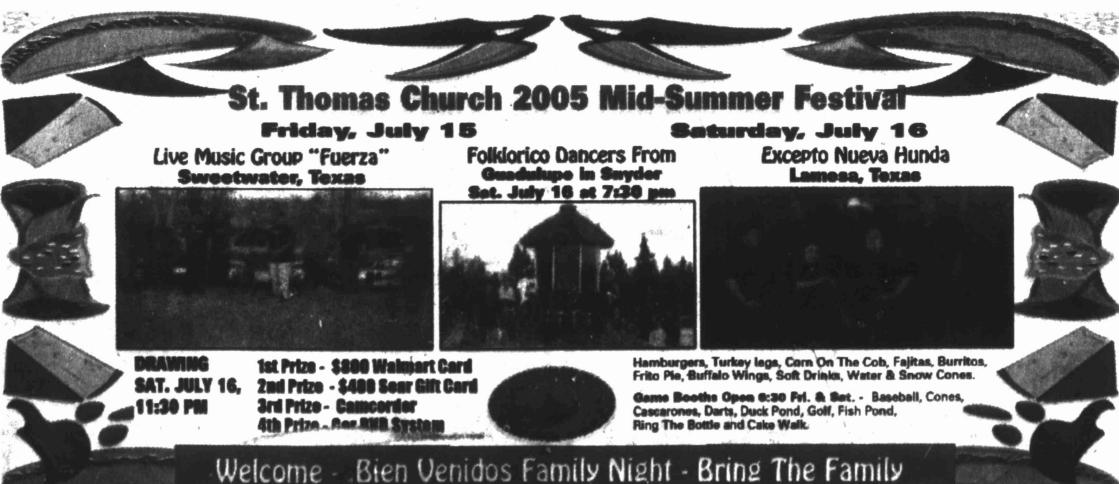








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Howard announces

men's basketball

camps in mid-July

The Howard College

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will host two week-

long camps in the

The first camp will

take place Sunday through Thursday, while the second camp

starts July 24 and ends

Both camps will cost

\$250 per player who

wants room and board

and \$175 for a com-

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will take place at

Sign-ups for the first

camp will take place Sunday from 4 p.m. to

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ond's camp sign-up will be July 24 from

Both camps run each

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ing two more camps

The camps will both take place Monday through Thursday.

The first camp is

open for kindergarten

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Registration will take

place from 8:30 a.m. to

The camp runs from

9 a.m. to 11 a.m. and

The second camp is

for fourth through

sixth grade girls.

Registration will take

place from 12:30 p.m.

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to 4 p.m. and costs \$60

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KRT photo/Stuart Robinson, Expres Jack Nicklaus tees off on the Old Course during the first round of the British Open at St. Andrews, Scotland, Thursday. Nicklaus is playing in his final major and is in danger

of making the cut after shooting a 3-over first round. Tiger jump out to early lead, Nicklaus suffers poor start

By PAUL NEWBERRY

AP Sports Writer ANDREWS, Scotland (AP) — Even with a few forays into the dreaded Old Course

bunkers, Tiger Woods was right where he expected to be. Leading the British

Open. Jack Nicklaus' sentimental farewell providthe backdrop Thursday as Woods got off to an even better start than he did five years ago on the way to this a record-setting victory at St. Andrews.

Woods put together seven birdies in a stretch of nine holes and the last three holes.

finished with a 6-under 66 — even though he put three balls in the sand, leading to his only two

bogeys. "A great start to the tournament," Woods, who took advantage of a relatively light wind rustling off the North Sea in the morn-

year. Australian shot 67 and the claret jug. made a run at the lead, barely missing 12-foot birdie chances on two of

But Hensby was realistic about his chances against Woods.

"He's not even close to Hensby said. "People are scared to say it, but it's true. If he's playing well, we're all playing for second."

In 2000, Woods opened with a 67, made it, through all four days Ditto for Mark Hensby, without going in a the only player other bunker — no small feat than Woods and Vijay on a course with 112 of Singh to finish in the top them — and finished 10 of the first two majors meight shots ahead of The everyone else to claim

This time, the world's No. 1 player wrapped up the opening round with a birdie at 18, driving just short of the "Valley of Sin" and getting down with two putts.

Two-time U.S. Open champion Retief Goosen was part of a big group at 68 that included twotime Masters winner Jose Maria Olazabal and English star Luke Donald.

As for the rest of the "Big Five," Vijay Singh shot 69, but Ernie Els and Phil Mickelson struggled with 74s.

Woods gladly shared the spotlight with the 65year-old Nicklaus, playing the final major of his storied career. The Golden Bear started with a flourish, clearing the Swilcan Burn with a short iron on his second shot and rolling in a 4foot birdie.

It didn't last.

Nicklaus struggled to a 75 and will probably need to improve by at least seven strokes in the second round to put off his last stroll across the Swilcan Bridge.

"I'd like to walk across the bridge Sunday instead of Friday," he

Five years ago at St. Andrews, Woods set a major championship record at 19-under 269, running away with his first Open title and going on to an unprecedented "Tiger Slam" four straight major titles, though not all in the same calendar year.

Another ominous sign for the rest of the field: When Nicklaus said goodbye to the other three majors — the 1999 PGA Championship, thet 2000 U.S. Open, this won each time.

Armstrong loses key partner, still has overall lead

 Discovery team's Beltran crashes, forced off course

By JOHN LEICESTER **Associated Press Writer**

DIGNE-LES-BAINS, France (AP) - Not everything went according to planned for Lance Armstrong Thursday at the Tour de France.

The American retained his overall lead on the last of three days in the Alps. The loss of Manuel Beltran, however, could be critical in the upcoming Pyrenees.

David Moncoutie won the 12th stage, becoming the 15th Frenchman since World War II to win on Bastille Day, France's national holiday.

Beltran, one of several riders Armstrong relies on to lead him up the Tour's brutal climbs, touched wheels with another racer and crashed on the day's first ascent, hitting his head. He was so dazed he didn't know where he was.

"He was asking, 'Where is the peloton? Where is the peloton?" said team manager Johan Bruyneel, adding the Spaniard gingerly picked himself up off the sun-baked tarmac.

Beltran, who goes by the nickname "Triki" and has been part of Armstrong's Tour-winning team since 2003, difficulty and pedaled on in ninth. for about 6 miles until a Moncoutie is way down said.

"We could see that he really didn't know where he was. There was no power at all and after a while he didn't even realize that he had crashed." Bruyneel said. "So we forced him to stop."

of serious injury, although he was being kept overnight for observation.

Not since 2001 has Armstrong finished in Paris without all of his teammates. Beltran's role has been to lead the American on mountain ascents, using his uphill speed to shake off rivals. His loss "could be very

critical with the days that we have coming up,' Armstrong said. "Three tough days in the Pyrenees. We don't want to lose any climbers and climbers."

The mountains that sep-repeatedly tested.

arate France and Spain come Saturday after a mostly flat stage Friday from Miramas Montpellier in southern France.

Armstrong still has several strong climbers among his remaining seven support riders. They include Yaroslav Popovych, who helped Armstrong leave rivals behind with brutal acceleration on the first Alpine stage, and Jose Luis Rubiera, known as "Chechu."

"I feel very confident that with those seven guys we can manage," Armstrong said.

Moncoutie took the lead on the Col du Corobin, the fourth of five ascents on the 116.2-mile trek from Briancon, and cycled alone into Digneles-Bains past cheering crowds. The Cofidis team rider completed the route in 4 hours, 20 minutes, 6

Armstrong cruised in with his main rivals in a group more than 10 minutes back. Armstrong was

His lead over secondplace Mickael Rasmussen of Denmark stayed at 38 seconds, with French rider Christophe Moreau still third, 2:34 behind the six-time champion.

Italian Ivan Basso remains 2:40 back, fourth overall, with Jan Ullrich remounted his bike with of Germany 4:02 behind

race doctor said he in the overall standings, should stop, Bruyneel so Armstrong did not lay chase when he and a group of other racers far from him time-wise rode off ahead.

French television hailed Moncoutie as a "clean" winner, echoing suspicions that other Tour riders may be doping. The Beltran, 34, was taken to furious racing speeds so a hospital where a brain far this year and the scan found no initial sign arrest Wednesday of Italian rider Dario Frigo have renewed such doubts. Frigo's wife was caught with suspected doping products in her car.

> Moncoutie placed sixth at the Dauphine Libere before the Tour. Even with the time made up with his win Thursday, he is 40th overall at the Tour, 32:06 behind Armstrong.

Cycling's governing body said Thursday that all blood and urine doping tests from the first week of the three-week Triki is one of our pure race were negative. Armstrong has been

Cowboys trade disgruntled Hunter to Jets for draft pick

NEW YORK (AP) — The ceptions, nine passes cornerback Pete Hunter to the New York Jets Thursday for a condition- N.J., native who likes the al draft pick.

Hunter played in only three games last season after tearing the anterior at cornerback. cruciate ligament in his left knee.

He asked for a trade following the 2004 season, after sliding on the depth chart behind Terence Newman and free-agent acquisitions Anthony Henry and Aaron Glenn.

In three seasons, Hunter has played in 30 games with three inter-

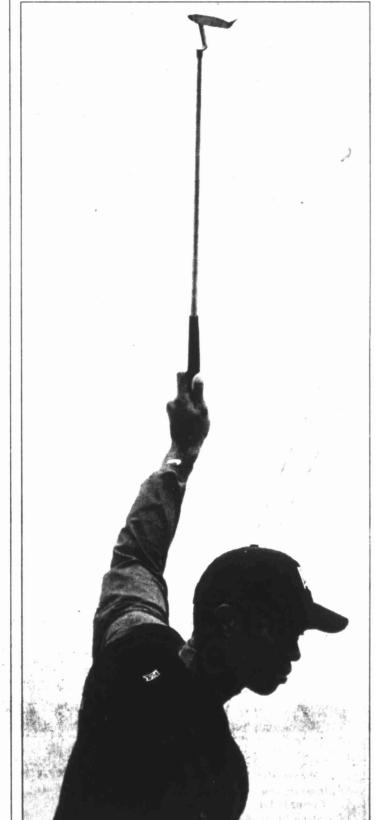
Dallas Cowboys traded defended and two fumbles recovered.

He is an Atlantic City, idea of playing closer to

The Jets also need depth

Hunter will play out the one-year, remaining **\$656,000** deal he has now. Players report to training camp July 28.

"After talking to him and realizing he had passion and he wanted an opportunity to start, we spoke to the Cowboys," said Hunter's Raymond Savage.



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Tomorrow's Horoscope

BY HOLIDAY MATHIS Venus and Mars lend their star power to the love cause, making sure that the plot

twists. enough to bring romantic hopefuls together. The Scorpio moon and a Friday night are a dangerous combination. Other water

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sign influences further intensify emotions, guaranteeing that smoldering glances will turn into red hot flames by the end of the

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Orders that you do not agree with are handed down. Detach yourself play it like a game. Suppressive forces are a fact of life. Never surrender! You're especially attractive to Leo or Sagittarius tonight.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Though you try to fight a so-called "lack mentality," you are still feeling restricted and deprived. Go first class even if you can't afford it, find a way. Virgo people are lucky associations.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You're terrific in Remember, however, that

groups. By your example, you teach others to be this way, too. Someone is wrongfully hogging the glory. It's up to you to make sure that everyone's hard work gets recognized.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Someone in your family is setting a terrific example for you - how annoying. Conquer sibling rivalry and family favoritism by doing your own thing without a worry about what the others think.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Try to be courageous even though you'll be dealing with the core inevitabilities of being a human fear of life, fear of death, fear of taxes. Give yourself permission to focus on what interests you the most.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Where people are walking around without much purpose, you are needed. Your role is to inspire others. If you make someone feel that they can become great, you've done the job that only a great person can

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). A loved one professes to want the same things you do — but is it so? You see a logical path to this supposedly shared goal.

people are not logical creatures. They are emotional. Try praise.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You will encounter someone who interests you at first sight, before a word has been uttered. Don't worry about whether or not you have the outside trappings to equally attractive. Shine your light from within.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Refuse to believe in circumstances. What if everything that is in your life is there because you put it there? You'll feel empowered this afternoon and just might have the gumption to get rid of a persistent problem.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Your whole being, conscious and unconscious, is devising a plan to get to your shimmering vision of the future. The happier you are right now, the more likely you are to attract the right helpers. Virgo is one of them.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Those whose opinions matter to you seem to be impressed with you ... but this is only the beginning of what you can do. Push yourself. Being a little uncomfortable is only proof that you are grow-

PISCES (Feb. 19-March manners. CAPRICORN: DICATE, INC.

20). Relationships stretch you to the limit and teach you what you are made of in the process. Love doesn't have to be challenging to be true, but it sure is fun anyway.

WEEKEND

LOVE

FORECAST: Pay attention to body language. The Scorpio moon makes sure that intentions under the surface do all the talking. ARIES: Love might be easier if everyone wore a sign specifying their likes and dislikes, but where is the fun in that? Commit yourself to the process of discovery. TAURUS: Friends give unreliable advice. Be direct with the object of your affection, and find out firsthand. GEMINI: Getting acquainted with someone new is awkward but exciting. CANCER: If you know what you want, you can get the complete package. LEO: Romantic invitations are offered in subtle (and not so subtle) terms. VIRGO: Decide what interests you, and you'll be surprised who is happy to oblige. LIBRA: Your self-created aura of sensuality is honey to the flies. SCORPIO: The stars align to make you even more irresistible than SAGITTARIUS: usual. Romantic feelings begin with good old-fashioned

Love resembles a choreographed dance number. the execution of which can be aided by having a partner who knows the moves. AQUARIUS: You give the very best to the ones you love. PISCES: Once you determine your requirements for happiness, you're better able to obtain the complete pack-

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COUPLE OF THE WEEKEND: Scorpio and Leo are both "fixed" signs, meaning they like to perfect and finish things. It's a quality the world needs more of. But these signs must be reminded that people are not "things" to be perfected and finished. This weekend, Scorpio and Leo find the path to love through accepting each other's different style and approach. When they connect with no strings attached, it's sensational.

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Annie's Mailbox .: Advice for those in need

Dear Annie: Every summer, my husband and I go away to our beach house for several weeks. My husband leaves the key to our suburban home with a neighbor in case of an emergency. The problem is, when we arrive back home after our vacation, I find things not the way I left them. I would never go out of town and leave spills on the kitchen floor and a mess in my oven.

My husband denies it, but I'm pretty sure the neighbor is letting my mother-in-law use the key. I suspect Mom and her friends come in and make themselves right at home. (My mother-in-law always refers to our home as, "my son's house.")

I feel my privacy has been violated, and worse, that my husband is betraying me by being loyal to his mother at my expense. I'm not sure what to do aside from changing the lock and giving the key to one of my friends with instructions not to give it out to anyone. We have had many arguments over this, and he is losing all credibility with me. Please help. -Frustrated in the



KATHY MITCHELL MARCY SUGAR

Northeast

Dear Frustrated: What are you waiting for? Get that key away from your unreliable neighbor and give it to someone you trust. Leave your motherin-law out of the problem. Obviously someone has been in your house, and that's reason enough to let the neighbor know you want your key back. If you think there is a copy floating around, change the locks.

Dear Annie: I don't want to open up the great spanking debate. I don't think spanking is always child abuse, but I firmly believe parents can spare the rod and not spoil the

all parents.

That said, I have two nieces, ages 6 and 7, who often are left in the care of their grandmother — who hits them with a fly swatter. This strikes me as wrong, especially considering the frequency with which it occurs. The children's mother thinks Granny's behavior is fine, and although their father nothing.

I would offer to baby-sit my nieces, but I live 400 miles away. Is this child abuse? What can I do? -Too Far from Stockton,

Calif. Dear Stockton: If a parent chooses to spank a child (and we are not in favor of this), a weapon should never be used. A fly swatter may seem harmless, but applied with sufficient force, it can scratch the skin and cause bruising and welts. Is there physical damage from this form of discipline? If so, it may consti-

tute child abuse. to your brother and see

child. Never hitting your if he is not in favor of door. child should be a goal for Granny's behavior, he should have the gumption to speak up and say so.

Dear Annie: My mother will be 90 next month, and I want to have a small gettogether for family and friends. We will serve coffee and Italian cookies.

I don't know how to address the invitations to let people know that we'd like them to stop in and say hello, have a snack, doesn't like it, he says and then leave. Too much company wears Mom out. We'd like people to stay long enough to share a few memories, but that's it. How do we word that?

Thanks for the advice. I read your column every day in the upstate New

York Leader-Herald. — D. Dear D.: The way to keep people from staying too long is to make the duration of the party short. "Please join us for coffee and memories to celebrate our mother's 90th birthday. Time: 2-3:30 p.m." At 3:30, promptly stand up, tell your guests how lovely it was to see them, but Mom needs her We assume you are the rest, and you are looking father's sister. Please talk forward to having them visit again another time. how serious this is. Also, Then usher them to the

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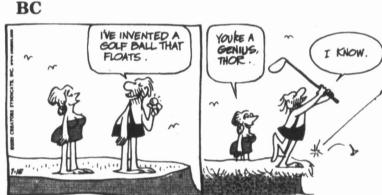
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This Date In History

By The Associated Press

Today is Friday, July 15, the 196th day of 2005. There are 169 days left in the year. Today's Highlight in History:

On July 15, 1975, three American astronauts blasted off aboard an Apollo spaceship hours after two Soviet cosmonauts were launched aboard a Soyuz spacecraft for a mission that included a linkup of the two ships in orbit.

On this date: In 1870, Georgia became the last Confederate state readmitted to the Union.

In 1916, Boeing Co., originally known as Pacific Aero Products, was founded in Seattle. In 1965, U.S. scientists dis-

close-up played photographs of the planet Mars taken by Mariner 4.

In 1971, in a surprise announcement, President Nixon said he would visit the People's Republic of China. In 1976, a 36-hour kidnap

ordeal began for 26 schoolchildren and their bus driver as they were abducted near Chowchilla, Calif., by three gunmen and imprisoned in an underground cell. (The captives escaped unharmed.) In 1979, President Carter

delivered his "malaise" speech in which he lamented what he called a "crisis of confidence" in America. In 1985, a gaunt-looking

Rock Hudson appeared at a news conference with actress Doris Day. (It was later revealed Hudson was suffering from AIDS). Five years ago: The United Nations launched a successful military opera-

peacekeepers and 11 military observers break out of a rebel stronghold in Sierra One year ago: President Bush signed into law a mea sure imposing mandatory prison terms for criminals

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Kia Thornton (Divine) is 24. Thought for Today: "Love is indescribable and unconditional. I could tell you a thousand things that it is not, but not one that it is." Duke Ellington, American jazz artist (1899-1974).

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Golf Insider

IT'S GOOD FOR YOUR GAME

Call her Annika 'slot-enstam'

By T.J. TOMASI Universal Press Syndicate

nnika Sorenstam is a member of the Swedish "54" club, a group that believes it A Swedish 54 Club, a group can be is possible to birdie every hole on the course to shoot 54. And sometimes (especially to her opponents) it seems as if she's going to do just

Champions have a mind-set filled with "cando's," making peak performance as much percep-

tion as it is perfection.

On target to break Mickey Wright's tour record of 13 victories set in 1963, Sorenstam profiles a champion's mind-set: "Why should you limit yourself? The sky is the limit. Once you get it in your head that it's OK, then you can perform. When you say, 'It (the record) may never be broken,' then you might start to believe it. I don't believe in those things. It's possible. That's what keeps me going forward."

Of course, positive thinking works best when you have the technique to back it up, and Annika has one of the best swings in the business, as the photos below show.

Perfect downswing

Of all her perfections, perhaps the most outstanding is Sorenstam's slotting of the club at the start of the downswing. Of course, in order to slot the club on the way down, you must be in position to do so at the top of your backswing, as she is in the first photo.

When you are in the correct position at the top, "slotting" the club on the way down is easy. Let's look at the necessary features in the photo.

First, Annika arrives at the top with her back leg flexed, which keeps her "levels," meaning that her hips turn level to the ground and her head stays at the same level it was at address - no bobbing up or down. Turning the hips on a level plane is a key component because it keeps the hip joints active, avoiding the locked-up condition that occurs when the back knee goes ram-rod straight.

Second, her hands are over her right shoulder with her left arm at the same angle as her shoulders (relative to her spine), a perfect on-plane position. Third, the club face and the back of her left hand are matched in the "square club face" position, giving her the best chance to hit a straight

Slotting

To practice slotting the club, place a mirror behind you so you can see the club at the top of vour swing. First, match Annika's position at the top. Then simply shift your weight to your front leg and let the club fall directly downward until it slots, as Sorenstam's is in the second photo.

To make sure you're there, check the following: Is there a separation of the hands from the right shoulder as the club head closes in on the ball? Is the club shaft bisecting your trail arm? Does the shaft of the club point at the ball?





If you can match Annika's position at the top, you can then simply shift your weight to your front leg and let the club fall directly downward until it slots.



ALLEN EYESTONE / Cox News Service

While Todd Hamilton had some previous success in international competition, he was a relatively unknown when he won the Claret Jug last year after a playoff with Ernie Els.

Major letdowns

Americans' surprise British wins have not translated into success on the PGA Tour

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By ALAN TAYS Cox News Service

West Palm Beach, Fla. hey were long shots going in, surprises coming out. Ben Curtis and Todd Hamilton, the unlikely winners of the past two British Opens, both learned the same lesson: enjoy the

"Just because you win doesn't mean you should win every week," Curtis said recently. "If I could take one victory per year for the rest of my life, I'd be a happy

"Just because you win a major event does not guarantee you success," Hamilton said last week at the John Deere Classic. "Especially success without prac-

Going into this week's British Open at St. Andrews, it has been a relatively rough road for the two Americans since they got their hands on the Claret Jug. Neither has won since. Between his victory at the 2003 British Open and his third-place finish a week ago at the Western Open, Curtis has had only one top-10 finish, a tie for eighth at the 2004 Memorial. During that stretch, he made only 16 out of 42

Hamilton, winner of last year's British, has been steadier. He has made 19 of 25 cuts since defeating Ernie Els in a four-hole playoff at Royal Troon. His best finish was a tie for sixth at the 2004 American Express Championship.

"All you need is a couple good weeks, decent weeks, to get your game going and get your confidence up, and you never know what can happen," Curtis said during the Western Open. He knew what he was talking about - he had just opened with a 64 that gave him the first-round lead on the way to his third-place finish.

Hamilton expressed similar optimism last week 'Obviously, after last year, I expected a lot," he said, "and

things haven't turned out this year

like I anticipated they would. Now

we're only maybe just past halfway

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victory at the 2003 British Open week ago at the Western Open, Ben Curtis has

and his thirdplace finish a had only one top-10 finish on Tour.

to myself that I won it." Nothing in his past identified Curtis as a potential major champion. He had played in only 15 PGA Tour events, making nine cuts. The only hint of what he would accomplish had come the previous week, when he had his best career finish, a tie for 13th at the Western Open.

The British was Curtis' first start in a major. Not since Francis Ouimet in the 1913 U.S. Open had a player won in his first start in a major. Curtis began the final round tied for third but took the lead with birdies on six of the first 11 holes.

Still, he needed help. Four backnine bogeys left him three shots behind Bjorn on the 18th tee. But Bjorn squandered four shots on the last four holes — including a double-bogey on No. 16 when he needed three shots to get out of a bunker — to hand the title to Curtis.

"I was just trying to keep my Tour card," Curtis said. "I wasn't really thinking about winning a golf tournament until Sunday, and I knew there were still parts of my game that I needed to improve. So I knew there were going to be setbacks, but hopefully in a couple more years' time I'll have a few

more wins."

In 2004, Hamilton was much more of a known commodity than Curtis. He had spent the previous decade playing primarily in Japan and had 14 international victories. In his rookie year on the PGA Tour, he broke through with a victory at the Honda Classic, taking a four-shot lead after three rounds at Mirasol and hanging on for a oneshot win despite a final-round 74.

Hamilton also led at the 54-hole mark at Troon but had major champions Ernie Els (one back) and Phil Mickelson and Retief Goosen (two back) breathing down his neck. A 72nd-hole bogey dropped Hamilton into a tie with Els, but in the playoff, the American parred all four holes while Els blinked, with three pars and a bogey.

Bringing the Claret Jug home to Texas, Hamilton took it to a Dallas restaurant one night for dinner with several friends. Another patron came over to have a look — Dallas Cowboys owner Jerry Jones.

"Obviously, I was in the right place at the right time to finally meet Mr. Jones," Hamilton said.

Neither Curtis nor Hamilton blames lingering British Open euphoria for their inability to win

"It's just been a struggle with the game," Curtis said. "I mean, there's no other way to explain it."

Hamilton said the most important lesson he learned from his post-British Open experience was to better manage his time, to not let other obligations get in the way of practicing.

"Some guys, they don't need to practice much," Hamilton said. 'Some guys, they need to practice more. I'm a person that I really need to be near a golf club or near a golf course to continue to have success.'

If that success should come in another British Open, Hamilton said, that's just fine with him.

"I've had a great time the last year," he said. "I hope I've been a good ambassador for the Open Championship.'

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Course (7,279 yards, par Purse: \$7,028,640 (4 million

British pounds). Winner's share: \$1,265,155 (720,000 British pounds). TV: TNT (Thursday-Friday, 7 a.m.-7 p.m.; Saturday, 7-9 a.m.; Sunday, 6-8 a.m.) and ABC (Saturday, 9 a.m.-2:30 p.m.; Sunday, 8 a.m.-1:30 p.m.).

LPGA TOUR/ROYAL **CANADIAN GOLF ASSOC.** Canadian Women's Open Site: Hammond Plains, Nova Scotia. Schedule: Thursday-Sunday. Course: Glen Arbour G.C. (6,544 yards, par 72). Purse: \$1.3 million. Winner's share: \$195,000. TV: None.

PGA TOUR B.C. Open Site: Endicott, N.Y. Schedule: Thursday-Sunday. Course: En-Joie Golf Club (6,974 yards, par 72). Purse: \$3 million. Winner's share: \$540,000. TV: USA (Thursday-Friday, 4-6 p.m.; Saturday-Sunday,

NATIONWIDE TOUR Scholarship America Showdown

Site: Hudson, Wis. Schedule: Thursday-Sunday. Course: Troy Burne Golf Club (7,248 yards, par 72). Purse: \$525,000. Winner's share: \$94,500. TV: Golf Channel (Thursday, 5-7:30 p.m.; Friday-Sunday, 1:30-3 a.m., 5-7:30 p.m.; Monday, 1:30-3 a.m.).

CHAMPIONS TOUR · Next event: Senior British Open, July 21-24, Royal Aberdeen Golf Club, Aberdeen, Scotland.

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Player	Money
1. Vijay Singh	\$5,780,142
2. Tiger Woods	\$5,340,290
3. Phil Mickelson	\$4,251,253
4. David Toms	\$3,354,663
5. Jim Furyk	\$3,316,669
6. Kenny Perry	\$2,814,246
7. Fred Funk	\$2,393,425
8. Chris DiMarco	\$2,356,929
9. P. Harrington	\$2,288,406
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Player	Money
1. A. Sorenstam	\$1,587,794
2. Cristie Kerr	\$922,447
3. Lorena Ochoa	\$883,739
4. Paula Creamer	\$739,650
5. Natalie Gulbis	\$688,687

CHAMPIONS TOUR

Player	Money
1. Dana Quigley	\$1,380,840
2. Hale Irwin	\$1,105,887
3. Tom Jenkins	\$1,039,251
4. D.A. Weibring	\$989,780
5. Mark McNulty	\$963,509

DRILLS FOR SKILLS

The front wall drill

Imagine a horse and a rider approaching a 6-foot wall at full gallop. Just as they get to the wall, the horse stops dead in his tracks, sending the rider flying over the wall at a high speed.

In our analogy, the rider is the club head and the wall is your front leg. If you want a powerful swing, you need to put that wall in place so the club head will fly over it at impact.

To create the wall, simply turn your front foot (the one closest to the target) in so it points to the ball. Select a 7-iron and position the ball off the left cheek of your face (if you're right-handed). It may seem awkward, but since the knee works over the toe, the front leg will snap straight as you approach impact and that will assure that the club head flies past your body at maximum speed.

Make sure that when you snap your front leg straight, you also allow the front hip to go behind you. The whip action you are looking for only works when the leg and hip act together. -T.J. Tomasi **ASK THE PRO**



Dr. T.J. Tomasi is director of instruction at Lyman Orchards Golf Club in Middlefield, Conn. To ask him a question about golf, e-mail him @aol.com.

Q: At my course there are a lot of side hill lies, and no matter how much I practice on the range, I can't seem to handle them on the course. Help! — O.L., from the Web

A: While we do most of our practicing on the driving range from level lies, the golf course is replete with uneven terrain where the ball sits less than perfectly. The first rule of golf is to play it as it lies, so you've got to know how play from the awkward lies.

Keys to Awkward Lies: There are few instincts in the body stronger than the righting instinct, the body's evolutionary defense system that prevents you from falling down. When you lose your balance and trigger your righting instinct during your swing, you'll come up and out of your golf posture, a sure way to

hit a bad shot. Thus you need to find a stance that gives you the best balance, even if this means sacrificing distance or aiming away from the target.

· Make a predominately upper-body swing with very little weight transfer. Precarious slopes are not places for an active lower body. Your may not get maximum distance, but if you catch it solidly using only your arms and shoulders, you can hit it about

two-thirds of your normal distance. · Adjust your stance to level your hips. For an uphill lie, draw your front leg away from the target line. From a downhill lie draw your trail leg back.

Keep your knee flex. The most damaging error is to change your knee flex, and it's not a bad idea to focus on this key just before you start your swing.

BY THE NUMBERS

Thursday's **British Open** pairing of **Jack Nicklaus** and Tom Watson combines 67 Open appearances and 8 victories.