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## Engineer: Jail's smoke evac system may not need replacing

By THOMAS JENKINS  
Staff Writer

It may not be back to the drawing board after all.

Bobby Bradshaw, an engineer with Crim & Bradshaw, told Howard County commissioners Monday that scrapping the jail's existing smoke evacuation system may not be the answer to problems identified during a recent fire drill at the facility, which is located in the county courthouse.

"Our initial feelings were that the volume of the exhaust, the

way it's set up and the lack of supply to the system essentially would lead to replacement of the system," Bradshaw told commissioners. "However, after further evaluation, I think what we have at this point is two items with the existing system that are rendering it non-functional. And these are confirmed by the smoke tests that have already been done.

"Within one minute of the smoke being introduced, the system has to kick in and go to a smoke evac mode. When the

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Bobby Bradshaw, engineer

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spend \$100,000 on new equipment, and if it doesn't turn on, you haven't done any good."

Bradshaw said the second problem the existing system

has is an obvious one, as the smoke evacuation system is forced to compete with the facility's air conditioning system.

"The second item that renders it non-functional is, even when it turns on, there's no interlock with your air handling system," said Bradshaw. "You have one central unit that serves the jail and one central return and the air from that is distributed throughout the

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### TRAFFIC ACCIDENT



HERALD photo/Thomas Jenkins  
Law enforcement officials attempt to sort out the aftermath of this traffic accident at the intersection of Gollad and 11th Place which occurred at approximately 6 p.m. Monday. According to witnesses at the scene, this silver Neon was traveling east on 11th Place when a Buick LeSabre, traveling west on 11th Place, attempted to make a left turn in front of the other driver. Two people were transported with minor injuries as a result of the accident.

## Taking control

Commissioners consider regulating unrestrained comments from citizens

By THOMAS JENKINS  
Staff Writer

Howard County commissioners discussed a new procedure for citizen input during their Monday morning meeting, drawing the ire of at least one Big Spring resident.

The discussion, which was an attempt to adopt a procedure much like that used by the Big Spring City Council and other local governing bodies, revealed a plan that would allow citizens to fill out a form prior to speaking and give them approximately three minutes to speak their mind.

Commissioner Bill Crooker said the new procedure, which is taken from the 2006 Open Meetings Act Handbook published by the Office of the Texas Attorney General, is necessary to restore order to the court.

"They were developed primarily to maintain control of the meeting," said Crooker. "When we're meeting as a body, we're trying to think through the problems and the processes and interruptions have a tendency to get you off track. Your thinking isn't as sharp as it should be.

"Some of the folks in the public don't feel this way, but these meetings aren't necessarily held for an open forum on their part. It's a meeting for the commissioners and the judge to sit and discuss, learn and work through

the process of making decisions without having the influence of individuals interrupting the process."

"By allowing them to speak at the end of the meeting, they still have the opportunity to get their input into the problem or situation," said Crooker. "We're not denying people the right to speak. However, if a commissioner feels he should find out how the public feels, he can go out and do his own canvassing and make his own phone calls and talk to people. He doesn't have to rely on the general public coming into the courtroom, standing up and telling him what he should do. That's just not the way we operate."

Crooker explained it to the crowd gathered during commissioner's court Monday.

"If you desire to participate with input, there are cards that the judge's secretary has for you to fill out," said Crooker. "On the last part of the agenda there is a place for any input regarding commissioner's court meetings or any subject you, as individuals, feel they should address county government and its operation. We encourage you to voice your thoughts and ideas concerning county

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## Pay increases dominate BSISD trustees agenda

By BILL MCCLELLAN  
News Editor

Money. That was the primary topic for Big Spring Independent School District administrators and trustees Monday, as they improved employee raises, discussed future teacher incentive awards and even touched on tax dollars.

Trustees had already given tentative approval to raises between \$3,500 and \$4,400 for teachers, librarians, nurses and counselors. Some \$2,500 of that was passed down from the Texas Legislature during its special session earlier this year. In addition, the local school district is giving those personnel a step increase if they have

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—Superintendent Michael Downes



less than 20 years service to the district, plus an additional \$500 in annual salary.

Trustees also approved more than \$166,000 in raises for administrators, paraprofessional personnel and auxiliary employees.

Superintendent Michael Downes said, the raises would help bring Big Spring ISD's pay scale more in

line with area districts, but still below others, primarily because of inequities in the school financing system.

"The property rich districts are able to pay a significant amount above what we can," said Downes. "We are working to change that

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### BLOOD DRIVE THURSDAY

United Blood services will be at the Alon USA Refinery from 8 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. Thursday conducting a blood drive.

The location of the Bloodmobile will be in front of the main office building, under the flag poles.

As a method to increase blood donations during the summer months, United Blood Services will be conducting a monthly drawing for a trip for two to Las Vegas, Nev. This includes roundtrip air transportation and hotel accommodations for two nights. You must be 21 or older to win.

To donate blood you must be 17 or older and weigh at least 110 pounds.

### OHIO COW A FOREIGNER

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) — Ohioans might be surprised to learn that the State Fair's famous butter cow is an out-of-towner.

The ton of butter used to make the cow sculpture has come from Keller's Creamery in Winnsboro, Texas, for the past five years. That might be hard to stomach for Ohio State football fans still hurting from the Texas game last fall, a 25-22 defeat.

Butter sculptures must be made with unsalted butter. The Land O'Lakes plant in Kent is the only big butter producer in the state, and it doesn't make the unsalted variety.

### BEST OF THE BAD

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) - Jim Guigli writes the kind of stories that you simply can't not put down.

Here's how he started one recent attempt: "Detective Bart Lasiter was in his office studying the light from his one small window falling on his super burrito when the door swung open to reveal a woman whose body said you've had your last burrito for a while, whose face said angels did exist, and whose eyes said she could make you dig your own grave and lick the shovel clean," Guigli wrote.

That piece of prose won Guigli the San Jose State University's annual Bulwer-Lytton Fiction Contest for bad writing.

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Obituaries

Ray McKinnon

Ray McKinnon, 86, died Monday, in San Angelo. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Vernard Rigdon

Vernard "Smokey" Rigdon, 73, died Monday, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Take Note

• **NEW LIFE MINISTRIES** Church of God In Christ is holding a soup kitchen every second and fourth Tuesday from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at 204 N.W. 10th. The meal is free. Call 264-0771 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.

• **THE PET PATROL** helps locate lost pets and owners of found pets. To volunteer or for more information, call Melanie Gambrell at 267-PETS (7387).

• **BIG SPRING HIGH SCHOOL STEER BAND 10-YEAR REUNION** for classes 1970 to 1980 is planned July 28-29. Send name and addresses to Steer Band Reunion P.O. Box 103 Big Spring, 79721 or go to the Web site www.bigspringsteerband.org. For more information or to leave a message, call 263-2205.

• **THE COAHOMA ALUMNI REUNION WILL BE HELD AUG. 5** in the Coahoma Elementary School Cafeteria.

9:30 a.m.- Coffee and donuts  
10 a.m.- Business meeting  
10:30 a.m.- Visitation  
Noon- Lunch with keynote speaker C5 Galaxy Pilot Major Helm (Class of 86)  
2:30 p.m.- Awards and memorials  
3 p.m.- Auction to benefit the community scholarship fund for High school seniors  
4 p.m.- Concert by Jody Nix (Class of 70) and the Texas Cowboys  
5 p.m.- Class meetings  
Tickets covering the meal and all activities are \$10 for alumni, \$7 for spouses and \$5 for children.  
Early ticket sales will end July 22, but tickets will also be available at the door.  
Send check to Rae Nell Best, PO Box 77, Coahoma 79511  
Updates are available at www.coahomaisd.com. For more information, contact Bob Fishback at 457-2264.

• **BIG SPRING HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1986 20th REUNION** needs addresses and contact information for classmates. Call Kelly at 816-4540.

• **BIG SPRING HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1996 10th YEAR REUNION** needs addresses and contact information for classmates. Call Mindy at 267-6524 or 267-7631.

• **FORSAN EX-STUDENT ASSOCIATION ANNUAL ALL-CLASS REUNION** is Aug. 5. Names, addresses and class years for Forsan exes are needed. Submit information or pictures for a newsletter before June 15 to Ida Lou Raney, 5216 Dawson Dr., Big Spring or call 432 267-2414, Jimmy Anderson at 432 267-6143 or Opal Stout at 325 574-2150, or e-mail hiraney@crcom.net.

• **BIG SPRING HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1977** is gathering addresses for the 30th reunion. Mail contact information to Emily Boyd, 10817 Sandpiper Lane, Dallas or e-mail emilyboyd1@aol.com.

Support Groups

MONDAY

• Encourager's Support Group for all widows and widowers meets the first and third Monday of the month. The next meeting is scheduled for June 5. For more information, call Nancy Hale at 398-5239.

TUESDAY

• The Multiple Sclerosis Support Group meets at 6 p.m. the last Tuesday of the month in the College Baptist Church Fellowship Hall, 1005 Birdwell Lane. The next meeting is March 28. Call Tracey at 263-4948 for more information.

WEDNESDAY

• RSD (Reflex Sympathetic Dystrophy, a chronic pain disease), a new support and informative group meets at 213 Circle. Call Tena at 267-1883 or Lucy at 264-1213 for more information.

Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity between 7 a.m. Monday and 7 a.m. today:

- **MANDA MEEKS**, 36, of N.M., was arrested Monday on an Ector County warrant.
- **VIRGINIA STORY**, 21, of 1317 Tucson, was arrested Monday on a charge of Class C assault - family violence.
- **JOSHUA STIFFLEMIRE**, 26, of 1317 Tucson, was arrested Monday on a charge of Class C assault - family violence.
- **BURGLARY OF A HABITATION** was reported in the 1000 block of Main Street.
- **ASSAULT CLASS C/FAMILY VIOLENCE** was reported in the 1300 block of Tucson.
- **ASSAULT WITH INTENT TO CAUSE BODILY INJURY** was reported in the 500 block of Johnson.

Sheriff's report

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

- **LISA YBARRA**, 37, was arrested Monday by the HCSO on charges of driving while license invalid and failure to identify as a fugitive from justice - intentionally giving false information.
- **EDWIN JAMES DEAN**, 41, was transferred to the county jail Monday by the BSPD on a charge of criminal mischief.
- **JUAN LUIZ VALBUENA**, 28, was transferred to the county jail Monday by the BSPD on a charge of speeding - 77 mph in a 70 mph zone.
- **ROSALINDA FLORES**, 41, was arrested Monday by the HCSO on a charge of theft with two or more previous convictions.
- **BULLET J. BURCHETT**, 28, was arrested Monday by the HCSO on charges of bail jumping and failure to appear.
- **TERRELL CHARLES FRYAR**, 36, was transferred to the county jail Monday by the BSPD on a charge of evading arrest or detention.
- **CHRIS LAMAR AUSTIN**, 42, was transferred to the county jail Monday by the BSPD on a charge of theft.
- **AUDREY LAYNE SHERRILL**, 22, was transferred to the county jail Monday by the BSPD on a charge of theft.
- **ELIS D. CENTERS**, 47, was arrested Tuesday by the HCSO on a charge of burglary of a habitation with intent to commit other felony.

Fire/EMS

The Big Spring Fire Department and Emergency Medical Services reported the following activity:

- **TRAFFIC ACCIDENT** was reported near the intersection of 11th Place and Goliad. Two people were transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 2600 block of Albrook. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **TRAUMA** was reported in the 2000 block of Virginia. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 4000 block of Parkway. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **TRAFFIC ACCIDENT** was reported near the intersection of 11th Place and Goliad. Service was refused.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 500 block of North Johnson. Service was refused.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 1200 block of Mesa. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 3200 block of Parkway. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **GRASS FIRE** was reported in the 400 block of Sgt. Paredes.

THURSDAY

• Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m.; women's meeting; 6:30 until 7:30 p.m. Non-smoking closed discussion meeting, 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.

FRIDAY

• AA open discussion meeting from noon until 1 p.m. at 605 Settles. 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 p.m. until 9 p.m. Open birthday night, no smoking meeting the last Saturday of each month at 8 p.m.

Bulletin Board

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

WEDNESDAY

- Optimist Club meets at 7 a.m. in the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.
- Senior Circle meets at 10:30 a.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.
- Senior Circle meets at 11 a.m. at Scenic Mountain Medical Center classroom for Stretch and Tone. Call 268-4721.
- Downtown Lions Club meets at noon at the Howard College Cactus Room.
- Duplicate Bridge Club meets at 1 p.m. in the Big Spring Country Club.
- Eagles Lodge Ladies Auxiliary meets at 7 p.m. in the Eagles Lodge, 703 W. Third.

THURSDAY

- Gideon International Big Spring Camp U42060 meets at 7 a.m. in Herman's Restaurant.
- Coffee Club meets at 10 a.m. in Gale's Sweet Shoppe.
- Kiwanis Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane. Call 267-6479.
- Friends of the Library meets at noon in the Howard County Library, 500 S. Main.
- Big Spring Main Street meets at noon in the Railroad Museum located at Second and Main streets.
- American Legion Auxiliary meets at 6 p.m. at 3203 W. Highway 80.
- The Prospector's Club meets at 7:30 p.m. at 606 E. Third St. The public is invited to these meetings. For more information contact Lola Lamb at 263-3340 or Doyle and Virginia McClain at 263-8407.

Weather

Tonight...Partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 70s. South winds 10 to 15 mph.  
Wednesday...Partly cloudy. Highs around 100. South winds 10 to 15 mph.  
Wednesday night...Partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 70s. South winds 10 to 15 mph.  
Thursday...Partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 90s. South winds around 10 mph.  
Thursday night...Partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 70s.  
Friday...Partly cloudy. Highs in the lower 90s.  
Friday night...Partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 70s.  
Saturday...Mostly cloudy. Highs in the mid 90s.  
Saturday night...Partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 70s.  
Sunday...Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 90s.

Lottery

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Monday night:  
Winning numbers drawn: 11-26-33-36-37.  
Number matching five of five: 1.  
Prize per winner: \$31,681.  
Winning tickets sold in: El Paso.  
Next Cash 5 drawing: Tuesday night.

Results of the Texas Two Step drawing Monday night:  
Winning numbers drawn: 5-27-31-34. Bonus Ball: 3.  
Number matching four of four, plus Bonus Ball: none.  
Estimated jackpot for Thursday night drawing: \$450,000.

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Monday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 9-6-2

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space. When you go to a smoke evac mode, that air handler still operates that way.

"So what it essentially does is draw the smoke to a central return and spreads it over the whole space. So your exhaust fans are being overwhelmed by the air handler, which does the reverse of what you want a smoke evac to do. It's grabbing all the smoke and spreading it over the whole jail."

Bradshaw said both problems can be solved by contractors at a much lower cost than replacing the entire system; however, there is no guarantee the system will perform to state standards once

it's fully functional.

"My first recommendation is that you retain the services of a good controls contractor to add sensors as required so that you meet the one-minute code, because that's going to be required whether you buy new equipment or not," said Bradshaw. "You also need to get a qualified air conditioning contractor. The controls contractor would interlock it with the smoke evac so when it kicks in, the air conditioning could still run, but goes to 100 percent outside air."

"At that point, with the system you already have, it would work as good as it works. And I would recommend that once you get those two items fixed, you do another test and see how it works."

Bradshaw, who was joined by project architect

Phil Furqueron during Monday's meeting, said designs are being developed to solve the stand pipe, which would provide firefighters with water on the jail floor in the event of an emergency.

"We believe we can run the stand pipe vertically up the stairs from the yard where your water main comes in," said Furqueron. We'll produce a drawing for you to get ready for bid purposes."

Furqueron said a third problem identified by the fire drill — a door that swings in the wrong direction — can also be fixed fairly inexpensively.

"I talked with Lee George from Lee George Construction, and he estimates the cost of materials at \$850," said Furqueron. "Installation would be an additional

\$200, and if you want him to paint it, that would be another \$250. However, I would expect the county could take care of the painting."

Commissioners gave the project the go-ahead — minus the paint job — during the meeting.

According to Commissioners Jerry Kilgore and Bill Crooker, Monday's meeting is proof-positive of progress being made on bringing the existing facility within state standards.

"I think we're making good progress," said Crooker. "The meeting today was fruitful and we're going to have to prepare for our appearance before the Texas Jail Commission in Austin the very first part of August, and I think we'll have some noteworthy information and progress

to report to them."

"The judge has to go back to the state jail commission Aug. 4 and this is the progress they wanted to see," said Kilgore. "Of course, we can't get the construction work done by then, but we can show the progress we've made and the stages we're in. We're taking each item at a time and trying to keep the jail open."

Commissioner Gary Simer said he's glad to see the progress.

"I'm glad to see us doing some things to the existing jail to upgrade it," said Simer. "The jail count, I believe, for today is 48 inmates, and we're fixing to get two more out to make it 46. So we're almost in compliance with population of the old jail."

Commissioners are considering a new jail — a

process that began more than two years ago when commissioners identified jail overcrowding and non-compliance with state jail laws as an ongoing and long-term problem.

Earlier this year, following a meeting between commissioners and representatives of the Texas Commission on Jail Standards, the county was given a 90-day deadline to present the commission with a detailed plan for correcting the items currently out of compliance.

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government, and we encourage you to use these cards to do so."

Local resident Wayne Burns questioned the commissioners' reasoning in instituting the rule.

"Has the decision regarding this already been made?" asked Burns. "Is there any public input on the decision that you're considering? I have something I would like to say about it, but what I'm asking is if the

court has already decided this is going to be the rule, I'd be wasting my time to talk. Has the court already decided this is going to be the rule?"

"I haven't been to that many meetings," he continued. "Is it that big of a problem, people coming up here and filibustering?"

"Yes, we feel it is," said Crooker. "We feel it's disruptive to our meeting."

According to the 2006 Open Meetings Act Handbook published by the Office of the Texas Attorney General, "A meeting that is 'open to

the public' under the Open Meetings Act is one that the public is permitted to attend. The act does not entitle the public to choose the items to be discussed or to speak about items on the agenda. A governmental body may, however, give members of the public an opportunity to speak at a public meeting."

"It sounds a little bit anti-democratic," said Burns. "Unless you've had tremendous problem with it — and I'm not aware that you've had a tremendous problem with it. Generally, we encour-

age people to participate in governmental activities, take an interest and be active, and this is the opposite of that."

"How many people have spoken for a total length of time that wasn't regular business?" Burns asked. "If someone gets that and wants to filibuster, how much time has been used by the public doing that? I'd just like to get an idea if it's been abused."

"It's being abused right now," Commissioner Jerry Kilgore said firmly. "What the act is saying

and what we're trying to do is, at the end of the meeting the public be given the right to say something. All we're doing is going by the law."

Commissioners Emma Brown and Gary Simer both expressed their desire to discuss the new procedure among the court, but no steadfast decision was reached during the meeting.

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over the next few years." Trustees approved the raises with minimal discussion.

What did draw some discussion was the Educator Excellence Award Program (EEAP), an incentive pay raise program for teachers that is sure to bring dollars — and some heartache — to the district.

What is positive is that Big Spring High School will receive \$180,000 and Goliad Intermediate School will receive \$100,000 for teacher incentive awards for 2006-2007. The incentive "grants" were awarded to the schools based on academic performance.

"I'm really pleased both campuses are getting this money, it reaffirms the gains they have made," said Downes.

Not so positive is that some teachers will not be eligible to receive the funds — especially those who split their time between campuses. There are no guidelines yet as to determine which teachers would "deserve" the pay raises, and the board of trustees has no say over which teachers would be considered for the raises.

"It's going to be complicated," panned Downes. "The most critical parts are building a plan and actual handing out of the money."

"It is not just going to be a feel good day where everybody get a piece of the pie."

The EEAP is one of several state mandates school districts such as BSISD are preparing for. Others include public schools accountability rating systems becoming more stringent, new graduation requirements

which will require extra lab space for instruction and earlier school start dates beginning in 2007-2008.

Also discussed briefly was an Aug. 10 public hearing on the tax rate and proposed budget. The maintenance and operation rate is expected to be \$1.37005 per \$100. Tentatively, the debt service rate is calculated at .0763 per \$100.

In other "money matters" —

Trustees approved an increase in elementary school lunch prices from \$1.60 to \$1.80 and OK'd board travel fund increase from \$1,500 to \$1,800, due to increases in fuel and lodging.

The board also approved

the following employment recommendations:

— Isabella Garcia, sixth grade teacher at Goliad,  
— Kirsten Joslin, reading, theater arts teacher at Big Spring Junior High School,  
— D'Carlon Mata, special education teacher,  
— Christina Watson, sixth grade teacher at Goliad,

— Kristen Willis, eighth grade teacher at the junior high,  
— And Kazushige Yaguchi, biology teacher at Big Spring High School.

Downes informed the board that Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst will not be able to attend the Aug. 7 2006-2007 school year kickoff party as planned.

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## OUR VIEWS

### Commissioners must adopt new public input rule

Howard County commissioners need to do more than simply discuss a new procedure for allowing citizen input during their meetings. They need to implement the procedure they suggested during Monday morning's meeting.

The procedure, which would require citizens wishing to speak to fill out a form and be limited to approximately three minutes to express an opinion, is much like that employed by many other governmental entities including the Big Spring City Council.

While Howard County Democratic Party Chairman Wayne Burns questioned the need for adopting the procedure at length during Monday's meeting, his lengthy argument served as a perfect example of why commissioners need to adopt a different format for public comment.

The simple fact is that commissioners court meetings are not public forums. Neither are school board or city council meetings. They are business meetings and need to be conducted as such.

We elect our commissioners and county judge to oversee the smooth operation of our county government, not to enter into debates with the public during their sessions.

It should be noted that the procedure commissioners discussed is taken from the 2006 Open Meetings Act Handbook published by the Office of the Texas Attorney General.

According to that handbook, "A meeting that is 'open to the public' under the Open Meetings Act is one that the public is permitted to attend. The act does not entitle the public to choose the items to be discussed or to speak about items on the agenda. A governmental body may, however, give members of the public an opportunity to speak at a public meeting."

It is clear that commissioners, in implementing the procedure, would be providing the public an opportunity to express its opinion, even though the law does not require them to do so.

While we certainly think the Howard County Commissioners Court needs to allow citizens an opportunity to address the court, it simply cannot continue to allow its meetings to become open debates with the public — something that has become all too common in recent months.

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## A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

Our faith in You, Lord, can be mountain moving.

Amen

## Global warning fever not science

There is a conceit among the American left that the American right cleaves to bad science out of deference to religion, while the left is all-science, all-the-time. Former Veep Al Gore's new movie, "An Inconvenient Truth," however, shows how unscientific — and downright faith-based — the left has become.

Is global warming human-induced? Gore says that it is, and he may well be right. Last month in The New York Times, Gregg Easterbrook of the Brookings Institution announced that he had converted from global-warming "skeptical to convert."

Easterbrook noted that a 1992 survey found that a mere 17 percent of members of the American Geophysical Union and American Meteorological Society believed in greenhouse-gas climate change. Since then, scientists have found more evidence of the phenomenon.

Gore was wrong in 1992 when he wrote that 98 percent of scientists agreed with him on global warming. Witness the survey cited above.

Now, he is wrong when he argues in his movie that there is a complete consensus on global warming today. As proof Gore cites a 2004 study that looked at 928 climate abstracts and found none that refuted global-warming dogma. That says more about the researcher than the scientific community.

There are a number of well-known scientists who don't believe that global warming is human-induced, or who believe that if it is, it is not catastrophic. Hurricane expert William Gray of

Colorado State University believes the Earth will start to cool within 10 years. Neil Frank, former director of the National Hurricane Center, told The Washington Post that global warming is "a hoax." Climate scientist Robert Lindzen of MIT believes that clouds and water vapor will counteract greenhouse gas emissions.

So you have to ask yourself: Why does Gore pretend that apocata does not exist? Scientists acknowledge contradictory data. But the faith-driven Gore argues that all scientists agree with him — well, except for those who are bought and paid for by big polluters.

Because this is a crusade — and not about science — Gore is drawn not to the most reasoned scenarios, but the most apocalyptic.

Consider this exchange with ABC's George Stephanopoulos — formerly of the Clinton-Gore administration — who questioned Gore's prediction that global-warming could cause sea levels to rise 20 feet. "But the consensus is several inches over the next century. Right?" asked Stephanopoulos on June 4. "Not 20 feet?"

"Not at all," Gore replied. He added that the scientists he talks to — his disciples, if you will — see it his way. He ignores the less catastrophic theories, which predict a rise of an inch per decade, or 3 feet over the next century. To Gore, the worst-case scenario is the only scenario.

I thought Gore's chart comparing carbon-dioxide increases to temperature spikes was dramatic. But because Gore omits what he does not want to see, I have to listen to former NASA scientist Roy Spencer of the University of Alabama, when he tells me: "It is an alarming chart, but there are so many alternative explanations for what he's showing. He's giving

it one possible explanation and making it sound like the only explanation." Spencer says it is "more likely" that the higher temperatures increased carbon dioxide levels.

Spencer, who also writes for TCS Daily (which receives some funding from ExxonMobil), believes that some global warming is human-induced, but "I don't believe in climate catastrophe. And, 'It comes down to whether you believe the climate system is fragile or resilient.' It all comes down to belief — and that is the problem. Global warming has become so politicized that scientists must believe in it. If they predict dire consequences, they win praise from true believers and grants for their important research. Scientists who question the prophecies of doom can expect to be marginalized.

Oddly, Gore begins "An Inconvenient Truth" discussing a young classmate who wondered if South America and Africa once had been connected. Their teacher ridiculed the friend, who turned out to be right. Sometimes the know-it-alls are wrong.

Now Gore is the know-it-all teacher — and woe to any scientist who does not agree with him, not just on global warming, but on a 20-foot rise in sea level. It is this alarmism — this extremism — that has led many a thinking person to question global warming. It's hard to trust those who believe only the most extreme scenario.

Besides, whenever the establishment says you have to believe something, you want people who question the establishment. Or as global cooling guru Gray once said, "Consensus science isn't science."

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## Public education an easy target

Everybody likes to complain about the public schools. Why not? It's easy to do, especially for those who don't have children in them, or children at all. You rail against the terrible test scores and point out how we suffer at the international comparisons, and then, at least if you're a Republican, you point a long finger at the teachers unions and stop right there.

It works because Democrats, particularly Democrats running for president, depend on teachers for support, particularly in caucus states, for the same reason that Republicans rely on church leaders. Jimmy Carter discovered in Iowa in 1976 what Pat Robertson learned in 1988. It's all about who has access to buses. For Democrats, they are school buses. For Republicans, church buses. So the fight ends up being about unions, not about kids, about the right of teachers to higher salaries and not about how to get kids higher test scores, and it never gets beyond that.

Ann Coulter's recent bestseller, the much-talked-about "Godless," is a classic example of the genre. When you get past her attacks on the "sobbing hysterical women" (the nicer way she describes the 9-11 widows who were otherwise headlined as enjoying their husbands' deaths), you find the usual chapter on education titled, "The Liberal Priesthood: Spare the Rod, Spoil the Teacher." The only thing that differentiates it from hundreds of other attacks on teachers unions is that it's more vicious: "Most public schools are — at best — nothing but expensive babysitting arrangements, help-

fully keeping hoodlums off the streets during daylight hours. At worst, they are criminal training labs, where teachers sexually abuse the children between drinking binges and acts of grand larceny."

It's worth pointing out that there are no footnotes supporting these allegations, no proof to support the allegation that the kind of criminal misconduct Coulter alleges is anything other than an extremely rare occurrence that tends to be punished severely.

But what's just as troubling, in the end, is that Ann has absolutely nothing to offer to parents who are searching for answers except bile. She attacks what she calls the "class size" shibboleth, claiming — again without any support from studies — that "reducing class size doesn't improve educational achievement; it reduces the workload for each teacher." And her ultimate conclusion, other than eliminating evolution from the curriculum, is that "there's nothing the matter with teachers that a little less unionization and more competition couldn't cure."

That's it? A little less unionization and more competition, after page after page of nasty ranting?

My friend Steve Barr has a better approach. Like Coulter, he got his start in politics. He knows how to rant. One of the co-founders of Rock the Vote, he worked in numerous Democratic presidential campaigns, before deciding to really do something political: try to make change happen in our schools. So he founded Green Dot Public Schools, with the goal of transforming public education in Los Angeles by building charter schools that prove it can be done. I serve on Steve's board, and there's nothing I do that makes me prouder.

Today, Steve is announcing the formation of a different kind of union than the ones Ann so thoroughly castigates: The Los Angeles Parents Union (LAPU), a parent-run, parent-operated coalition dedicated to ensuring that the Los Angeles Unified School District is transformed into the best school district in the nation within the next 10 years.

Currently, Green Dot Public Schools runs five exceptional small charter high schools in Los Angeles' highest need areas. All five of the schools outperform the public schools in the same area on every measure. What makes them different is the Green Dot model: Small Schools; A Culture of High Expectations; Giving Power to Employees (the principal is the CEO); Neighborhood Ownership (parents are expected to be actively involved); World Class Management Practices (including the best from the private sector); Independent Unions as Partners in Management (yes, Ann, there can be a positive role for unions); and a Commitment to Green Dot Core Values: 1) unwavering belief in all students' potential, 2) passion for excellence, 3) personal responsibility, 4) respect for others and community, and 5) all stakeholders are critical in the education process.

We're planning to expand even further. My pet project will be the first single-sex schools in the city (other than one for pregnant girls), because of my belief is that for some girls — and maybe boys, too — separate isn't just equal, it's better. But the larger agenda is to empower parents to ensure that the values and practices that Green Dot has proven can work in charter schools are brought to the public schools as a whole. It beats ranting.

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# Bird Poop: The often heard, seldom seen yellow-billed cuckoo

On her way to the country club, the bridge player was frustrated by the delay caused by a delivery truck as it started into the large curve. Already 20 minutes late, she glanced away from her watch to see two feathers cast high above the truck cab. Since she was so close to the rear of the van, she did not notice a bird standing in the middle of the road until she looked in the rear view mirror.



BEBE McCASLAND

Across town, a woman who was gardening heard a noise while planting flowers underneath her live oak. She heard it several more times. As she leaned forward to press the soil around the plant, something bumped the crown of her head and slid down her hair into the flowers. It was a young bird. Looking up, the woman could see a nest near the top of the tree. Apparently, as this fledgling had tried to fly from limb to limb, it had worked its way to the lowest limb. Having succeeded in these attempts, the bird had decided to fly again. With undeveloped muscles in the wings, it instead found itself falling into the lady's hair. With her gardening efforts on hold, the woman carried the bird inside and called us.

While she was bringing the youngster to us, the phone rang again. Finally arriving at the country club, the bridge player related that she had

stopped, turned around, and gone back to see if the bird in the middle of the road was injured. As she walked up to it, she noticed it stared straight ahead. It did not seem to recognize her presence. Picking it up, she carried it to her car. Once inside the vehicle, she emptied the contents of her purse. Placing the bird in the handbag, she left the sides slightly ajar so it would have air. She called to inquire if she could bring it to us.

With one bird delivered and another on the way, I waited on our front porch for the next delivery. From the top of a neighbor's tree came a familiar sound of summer, a guttural kuk-kuk-kuk-kuk, kow-kow, kowlp-kowlp-kowlp-kowlp. After receiving the second casualty of the afternoon, I could easily see that both birds were yellow-billed cuckoos. This was the species I had just heard. It was an opportunity to study a fledgling and an adult at the same time.

The older bird was a grayish brown above and white underneath. Its long tail, with white spots on the underside, was as distinctive as its rust-colored primaries. Its beak, from which part of its name is derived, curved downward, with the lower mandible a deep yellow. The upper beak had a partial coloring of yellow as well. No obvious injury was found. The cuckoo needed time to get its bearings and to recover from the downdraft of the van.

The fledgling was a dull version in comparison. Its tail had faint spots of white, and its beak had not developed the adult coloration. What it lacked in color, it more than made up for in personali-

ty. Mealworms were offered to our hungry guests. After having to hunt for tent caterpillars,

grasshoppers, ants and dragonflies, they relished the free meals.

To some, the bird's song is an announcement of

impending showers. It indicated to me that infestations of what West Texans call "web worms" had begun. Cuckoos frequent trees that seem overwhelmed with layers of white silk. With thousands of worms stripping mulberry trees of every leaf, sections of town could resemble the middle of winter. The birds would have plenty of food this nesting season.

After a few days, the slender adult was ready for release. It would con-

tinue its secretive hiding in trees. Learning that the wildlife center had other young cuckoos, we took the personable fledgling to a more natural setting until it could be released with its own kind.

Our summers since then have been filled with memories of the two yellow-billed cuckoos every time we hear the distinct voice of a "Rain Crow."

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## Barrett, troubled genius of Pink Floyd, dead at 60

LONDON (AP) — Syd Barrett, the troubled genius who co-founded Pink Floyd but spent his last years in reclusive anonymity, has died, a spokeswoman for the band said Tuesday. He was 60.

The spokeswoman — who declined to give her name until the band made an official announcement — confirmed media reports that he had died. She said Barrett died several days ago, but she did not disclose the cause of death. Barrett had suffered from diabetes for many years.

Barrett co-founded Pink Floyd in 1965 with David Gilmour, Nick Mason and Rick Wright, and wrote many of the band's early songs. The group's jazz-infused rock made them darlings of the London psychedelic scene, and the 1967 album "The Piper at the Gates of Dawn" — largely written by Barrett, who also played guitar — was a commercial and critical hit.

However, Barrett suffered from mental instability, exacerbated by his use of LSD. His behavior grew increasingly erratic, and he left the group in 1968 — five years before the release of Pink Floyd's most popular album, "Dark Side of the Moon." He was replaced by David Gilmour.

Barrett released two solo albums — "The

Madcap Laughs" and "Barrett" — but soon withdrew from the music business altogether.

He spent much of the rest of his life living quietly in his hometown of Cambridge, England, where he was a familiar figure, often seen cycling or walking to the corner store.

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West led the four of clubs, which East had no trouble diagnosing as a singleton, not only because West had led dummy's suit, but also because the four was the lowest missing club. Had West started with, say, the 7-4, he would have led the seven initially.

When South played the queen from dummy, East played his jack on it! This was intended to show that East had the ace of spades as an entry card. Accordingly, when declarer next led a diamond from dummy, West took the ace and returned a spade. East won and led a club, and South went down one.

Note that without the suit-preference signal, West would have been hard-pressed to guess the right suit to return at trick three. As can be seen, a heart return would have handed South the contract.

The signal is easy enough to use. In a potential ruffing situation, the play of an unnecessarily high card is a signal indicating an entry in the higher-ranking of the two side suits. (There are ordinarily only two suits to choose from, since the trump suit and the suit to be ruffed obviously are not considered.)

Conversely, the play of a very low card indicates a preference for the lower-ranking side suit. Here, if East had held the ace of hearts instead of the ace of spades, he would have played the deuce of clubs at trick one to suggest a heart return.

Tomorrow: The science of card-reading.  
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Tomorrow's Horoscope

Mercury has joined the procession through Cancer, vowing not to shy away from emotional matters, but to embrace them wholly, enthusiastically and often. If those emotional matters have to do with home and family, especially mom, all the better. Now through Aug. 10, engage in a dialogue about issues that were swept under the rug.



HOLIDAY MATHS

**A R I E S** (March 21-April 19). Though you enjoy interesting and new people, today it's more relaxing to have family around you. They have your back, so to speak, and help you deliver on your responsibilities.

**T A U R U S** (April 20-May 20). Your boss seems to have an ever-changing agenda, and you're beginning to wonder if this person actually knows what he or she is doing. It's a fine time for applying Zen principles to your job.

**G E M I N I** (May 21-June 21). Money and investment advice is featured, as is planning and discussing financial moves. Compare the results from the past before making decisions about the future. Tonight, love is expressed in passionate declarations.

**C A N C E R** (June 22-July 22). You're lucky when you read between the lines, peek behind the curtain, think beyond the obvious. Intriguing secrets are revealed. Also, you have exceptional stars for romance; consider a trip to an exotic locale.

**L E O** (July 23-Aug. 22). Take charge! You're right, but what counts is convincing others. If you have to build an argument or dare a confrontation, it's OK. This leads to a positive breakthrough.

**V I R G O** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Hard-to-live-up-to expectations are pressing in on you; tell bosses and family you'll do your best, but don't overcommit. Truly, when your intentions are in the right place, the planets give you that extra boost.

**L I B R A** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). It's as easy to do something new as it will be to show up at the same old scene. The bonus for venturing into the unknown is the sense of sophistication and accomplishment you'll get at the end of the day.

**S C O R P I O** (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Being comfortable in relationships is what's important today. It's the little errands and conversations you have together throughout the day that build your love bond. A Gemini cracks you up.

**S A G I T T A R I U S** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Someone with your best interest in mind

is nonetheless getting annoying. Diplomacy is a must. Legal, tax or custody matters are eventually solved in your favor, so relax and try not to think about it for now.

**C A P R I C O R N** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Impulsive, quick decisions are featured. You also have luck opening your mouth when you normally would have kept it shut. There are some things that really should be said out loud.

**A Q U A R I U S** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). The stars suggest you won't be in the mood to do anything that's good for you, but try this: Exercise for the sheer joy of it, read for the fascination factor, dance because dancing is who you are.

**P I S C E S** (Feb. 19-March 20). Speculative ventures should be scrutinized. Luckily, your sign is streetwise and can scam a mile away. In those gray areas where you're just not sure, trust the time-honored and reliable.

**ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS:** "My parents were always strict with me and raised me in a certain religion, which I won't mention. I don't want to follow that church or those beliefs anymore. I still love my family, but it seems like if I'm not in their fold, they don't feel

the same way toward me. Can I still have a relationship with them and follow my own beliefs? My birthday is May 27, 1973."

Yes! There's something in you that wants to be acknowledged for being right, being smart and being independent — that warrior Aries moon in your chart! Are you willing to let that part of you go around your parents? Let them be right in their world, you can be right in your world, and everyone wins. Give up the need to discuss your differences. You're an excellent communicator with sound arguments for your position, but you also recognize the futility of trying to change your parents' belief systems. Mars in Pisces allows you to feel compassion for your parents even though you're frustrated and hurt. Spend time with your parents in group situations and with other relatives around. Controversial subjects are less likely to arise, and the social atmosphere is an excellent setting for you.

**CELEBRITY PROFILES:** She's a sultry singing/acting/accessories-designing star — it's like the world can't get enough of Jessica Simpson. She and other multitasking;

Cancer women will be paring life down to a single focus this upcoming year. Simpson chooses her first love — singing. Her upcoming release

"And the Band Played On" reminds fans why they were originally drawn to her.

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**Bedtime Stories**

**WHERE WERE YOU**

**D**id your mommie or daddy ever ask the question, "Where were you?" Do you remember where you were when they asked the question? Okay, where were you? This story is about a little boy who loved to play outside. Do you love to play outside? What is your favorite game to play?

Spike was his name. It wasn't his real name, but it was a nickname. What is a nickname? His real name was Harry, but one day someone called him "Spike." He liked the name. So did his friends. So from then until now, everyone calls him by his nickname. Do you have a nickname? Tell me what your nickname might be.

Spike was outside, playing with his dog, Pike. Spike and Pike were good friends. They even loved each other. They would run and play all day long, enjoying the beautiful weather and each other. Spike loved to run. So did Pike. Spike loved to jump. So did Pike. Spike loved to throw sticks.

Pike loved to chase them and bring them back to Spike. Pike loved to bury



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bones. Spike didn't! Spike and Pike had a lot of fun that day. But, that was about to change! They were playing, and chasing each other and running. Running farther and farther away from home. They did not think they were in any danger until Spike and Pike stopped to rest for awhile. They had been running for a very long time. Spike looked around and saw that they were not in their neighborhood anymore. He looked for a house that he might know but could not find one. He had lots of friends in his town, but his mommie or daddy had always driven him to his friend's homes and he did not know where he was or how to find his way back home.

Pike was a dog and dogs can almost always find their way home but he did not want to leave Spike all alone in this strange neighborhood. And he could not talk human talk to tell Spike how to find his way home. All Pike could do was bark and bark. But that was dog talk, and Spike could not understand dog talk.

Have you ever been lost? I hope not. Always be sure you know where you are going and know how to find your way back home again. Spike wishes he had watched where he was going. Do you know what Spike and Pike should do right now? What do you think they should do? Did you say they should find a policeman or a fireman? That was right! Always find a policeman or a fireman if you are in any kind of danger. They will help you, won't they?

It was getting later and later in the day. The sun would be going down very soon. It would be very dark. And Spike's mommie and daddy would be worrying

about him. He did not want them to worry for he loved them, too!

Spike and Pike looked at every car that came up and down the street, hoping one of them would be a policeman. Every time they heard a big truck engine roar, they looked, hoping it might be a fireman in his big firetruck. It was getting darker. Spike began to get really scared now. Pike even looked like he was scared, too!

All it once it happened, a police car came by, going really fast. Spike screamed and screamed at the police car and the policeman inside. Pike barked and barked at the same car. The car went racing on by. Poor Spike and Pike. Just as they were getting really frightened, they saw the brake lights on the police car. The lights lit up. That means the policeman was stopping. He did! He started backing up his police car, towards Spike and Pike. He stopped.

"Are you two lost," he asked, "Do you need my help?" "Yes, yes, we do,"

said Spike. "Bark, Bark," said Pike. That meant "Yes, yes" in dog talk.

So, into the police car they went, so happy that this policeman found them. "Where is your home?" asked the kind policeman. Spike could not tell the kind



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policeman how to get to his home, but he did know his address and telephone number and that is all the policeman needed to know. For now he can find Spike's home very easily. Do you know your address and telephone number? Always remember them. It is a good idea to know, isn't it?

Very soon, they were in Spike and Pike's neighborhood again. Spike knew all these homes and who lived in them and he felt so much safer now. So did Pike! There was Spike's home. His front door never looked so good to him. All the

lights were on inside his home. They sure did look nice. Spike, Pike, and the friendly policeman walked up to the pretty front door at the same time that Spike's mommie and daddy were coming out. They all cried, but these were tears of joy, not sadness. Everyone was safe again. Even the policeman seemed to have a tear in his eye, too!

"Where were you?" asked Spike's mommie and daddy at the very same time," said Spike. "Bark, bark," said Pike, which means "I do know but I could not leave Spike all alone." Spike did promise that he would never do that again. He never did!

All was well again for Spike and Pike. They still run and play and chase sticks and jump, but now, they always know where they are running to and how to get back home. And the friendly policeman said to tell you, "Good night!"





# Sports

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## IN BRIEF

### Softball tourney set for this week at Cotton Mize Park

The first-ever Ball Busters Softball Tournament will take place Saturday and Sunday at Cotton Mize Field inside of Comanche Trail Park.

The tourney costs \$125 per team and trophies and T-shirts will be awarded to the top three teams. There is also a six home run limit.

For more information, contact Amador Rios at 432-466-1128, Pete Carrillo at 432-816-1245 or Abel Rios at 432-213-2115.

### BSHS announces softball camp for middle of July

Big Spring head softball coach Jennifer Reyes, along with her assistant coaches, will be having a softball skills camp Monday through Friday.

The camp will run from 8 a.m. to noon daily and is for first through ninth graders. It also costs \$25 per participant.

For more information, call 263-8527 or 270-2711.

### Forsan sets all-skills tennis camp for this week

Forsan High School has announced an all-skills tennis camp will take place Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday at the Forsan High School tennis courts.

The camp is open to junior high and high school students. It costs \$25 for junior high players and \$35 for high school players and the cost of a new can of tennis balls.

The camp for junior high players will go from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. on all four days and high school players will go from 7:45 p.m. to 9:45 p.m.

For more information, contact coach Eggleston at 267-6913 or 432-517-0749.

### Hunter education course scheduled

A hunter education class has been scheduled for July 22-23 at the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce building.

The cost of the class, which will be held at 8 a.m. each day, is \$15 per person.

All persons born after Sept. 1, 1971, who want to hunt in Texas are required to successfully complete the course.

Successful completion of the course is good in all 50 states, as well as Canadian provinces and Mexican states which require hunter education.

For more information or to register, contact Steve Poitevint at 264-7033 during the evening hours.

## Another Philly slugger wins home run derby

By ALAN ROBINSON  
AP Sports Writer

PITTSBURGH — Down to his last few swings in the Home Run Derby and still not assured of being in the final, Ryan Howard remembered the advice Phillies teammate Bobby Abreu gave him.

After all, what better player to ask for guidance than Abreu, whose 41 homers a year ago in Detroit are by far the most in derby history?

"Basically, he told me to pretend that no one else was out there, that it was just Ramon and myself," Howard said, referring to batting practice pitcher Ramon Henderson. "Just get locked in that way. Just take pitches and try not to tire yourself out too early."

Howard, the 2005 NL rookie of the year, couldn't have followed Abreu's suggestions any better in becoming the Phillies' second Home Run Derby winner in as many seasons. Howard topped David Wright of the Mets 5-4 in the final round Monday night despite having five outs remaining when his decisive homer deflected off a "Hit It Here" sign in right field.

Right about then, Howard was nearly as happy as the fan who won 500 free round-trip air tickets because Howard hit the sign. Earlier, Howard found the Allegheny River on the fly behind PNC Park's right-field stands, a feat accomplished only once during regular-season play.

Not only did Howard hit them far — 13 of his 23 homers traveled 440 feet

or more — he hit them with great accuracy.

"I'm glad to be here, I'm having fun — I'm loving it," Howard said.

No doubt it helped having Henderson pumping pitches to him exactly where he wanted, just as Henderson did for Abreu a year ago.

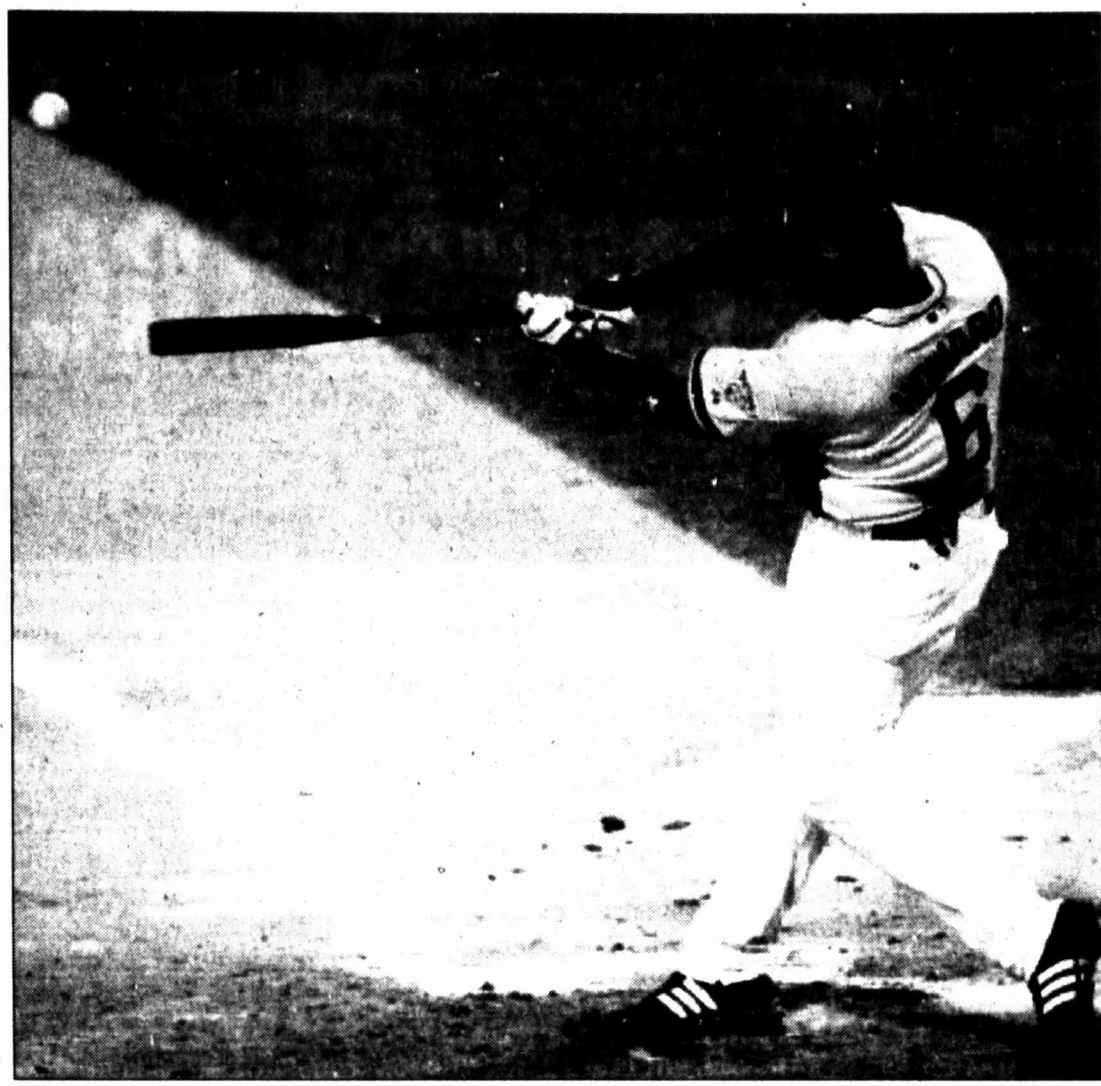
"I really didn't have to do a whole lot," Howard said. "It was really Ramon. He put it pretty much to where I could try to hit it to right-center. Some of them, I just kind of got out in front of and was able to hit."

After hitting eight homers in the first round, half as many as Wright, Howard came from behind late in the second round to hit 10 homers and beat out AL home run leader David Ortiz of Boston and Florida's Miguel Cabrera and reach the final round.

There, Wright had trouble elevating the ball to reach PNC Park's distant walls in left field and left-center and finished with four homers. Wright had six homers in the final two rounds following his 16-homer first round, which has been surpassed in derby history only by Abreu's 24 and Ortiz's 17 last year.

"Once you get past that first round, you want to win, so it's a little disappointing," said Wright, whose 20 homers at the break are only the fifth most among the NL All-Stars.

In a major rule change this year, homers from the first two rounds were combined to determine the finalists; previously, first-round totals didn't carry into the second round. That allowed



MCT photo/Mauricio Rubio  
Ryan Howard wins the Home Run Derby with this shot at PNC Park in Pittsburgh, Penn. Monday night.

Wright to gain the final despite homering only twice in the second round.

"I liked it," Howard said of the rule change. "It allows you to have one good round and one bad round and not necessarily be punished for that bad round."

The Phillies probably don't need to worry about Howard going into a home-run slump after the derby, as Abreu did last year.

Howard is a natural power hitter who didn't need to significantly alter his swing for the contest.

Abreu is more of a line-drive hitter, and some in baseball feel he altered his swing for the derby and has never gotten his natural swing back.

Marlins owner Jeffrey Loria, for example, discouraged Cabrera from competing, pointing to how Abreu's power has fallen off. Abreu has 14 homers since that contest, six last year and eight this season.

By contrast, All-Star teammate Paul Lo Duca of the Mets encouraged Wright to enjoy a big derby, pitching batting practice to him Sunday

and Monday before also doing so during the contest.

"I was a pitcher in high school," Lo Duca said. "Now you see why I'm not."

Unlike last year, when the Pirates' Jason Bay failed to homer in Comerica Park, each of the eight competitors homered. Troy Glaus of Toronto hit one in the first round, but the other seven hit at least three.

Eliminated after the first round were Jermaine Dye (7), Miguel Tejada (3), Lance Berkman (3) and Glaus.

## Rogers to oppose Penny in major league all-star game

By ALAN ROBINSON

AP Sports Writer  
PITTSBURGH — Kenny Rogers has gone from all-star scourge to All-Star starter.

One year after being one of the most scrutinized players at the glamour game — and for all the wrong reasons — the Detroit lefty was chosen by AL manager Ozzie Guillen to start Tuesday night against the NL.

"He's the best pitcher right now in the American League," Guillen said Monday. "That's why he's there."

Rogers (11-3, 3.85 ERA) will oppose Brad Penny (10-2, 2.92 ERA) of the Los Angeles Dodgers as the American League tries to extend its nine-year unbeaten streak (8-0-1).

Rogers also got plenty of attention at last year's game in Detroit, several weeks after knocking down a cameraman during a tirade.

Then with the Rangers, Rogers was charged with a misdemeanor in Texas after videotape of the June 29, 2005, tantrum showed him walking onto Ameriquest Field in Arlington and pushing a television camera to the ground. He agreed to attend an anger management class to avoid further punishment.

"It was very difficult," the 41-year-old Rogers said Monday. "I'd be lying if I said it wasn't hard, but I think I grew up with it and it made me a little better. ... Every

challenge in my life that's come my way, I try to take advantage of anything I can learn from it and try to be better."

He couldn't have pitched better for the team with the best record in the majors, going 11-3 with a 3.85 ERA. Rogers will be well-rested — he hasn't started since Wednesday, lasting 5 2-3 innings in a victory against Oakland.

"Kenny Rogers will be my starting pitcher, and he will pitch 10 innings," Guillen, the White Sox manager, said in a joking reference to the Tigers-White Sox race in the AL Central.

That won't happen — starting pitchers are limited to three innings, and it's all but certain neither Rogers nor Penny will last that long. The last All-Star pitcher to go three innings was Greg Maddux of the NL in 1994.

Houston's Phil Garner will guide the NL, and the managers can't empty their benches or bullpens to get every player into the game in the first nine innings. With the outcome determining home-field advantage in the World Series, Garner said it's important to win and he must preserve bench players and relievers for extra innings.

The 28-year-old Penny also made his last start Wednesday, allowing two runs in seven innings against Arizona. He got one out in relief Sunday in the Dodgers' 3-1 win

over San Francisco. Penny, traded by the Marlins to the Dodgers in 2004, has rebounded from a nerve problem in his right biceps that bothered him late in 2004 and into the 2005 season.

Guillen was limited in his choices as three top AL starters pitched Sunday: the Blue Jays' Roy Halladay (12-2), the White Sox's Jose Contreras (9-0) and the Twins' Johan Santana (9-5). Contreras was pulled off the AL team Monday and replaced by Twins rookie Francisco Liriano.

Garner unveiled a batting order that finds the Nationals' Alfonso Soriano leading off and playing left field, followed by CF Carlos Beltran, Mets; 1B Albert Pujols, Cardinals; RF Jason Bay, Pirates; SS Edgar Renteria, Braves; 3B David Wright, Mets; 2B Chase Utley, Phillies; C Paul Lo Duca, Mets and Penny.

Bay will be playing out of position in his own ballpark. Normally a left fielder with occasional stunts in center, he has played right only once in his four-season career.

Guillen will lead off with Seattle's Ichiro Suzuki, RF, followed by SS Derek Jeter, Yankees; 1B David Ortiz, Red Sox; 3B Alex Rodriguez, Yankees; LF Vladimir Guerrero, Angels; C Rodriguez; CF Vernon Wells, Blue Jays; 2B Mark Loretta, Red Sox and Rogers.



Courtesy photo  
This Big Spring all-star baseball team placed third in the District 3 all-star tournament in Midland recently. Front row, from left: Austin Gibson, Saul Cantu, Jeremy Gutierrez, Toby Rodgers, Sergio Molina and Foster Burchett. Back: Coach Randy Phillips, Bryson Phillips, Ty Johnson, Mathew Salgado, Payton Parker and coach Tommy Gibson.

## Royals' prospects lead U.S. past World in futures game

By MIKE FITZPATRICK  
AP Baseball Writer

PITTSBURGH — At last, the lowly Kansas City Royals have something to get excited about.

A pair of their prospects — Billy Butler and Alex Gordon — led the United States to an 8-5 victory over the World team Sunday in the All-Star Futures Game, the eighth annual showcase for top minor leaguers.

Butler hit a two-run homer and singled to earn MVP honors. Gordon added two RBIs for a U.S. squad managed by Hall of Famer Gary Carter, opening All-Star festivities at beautiful PNC Park.

"We've got a lot of young talent that can mature and turn this organization around,"

said Gordon, a highly touted third baseman drafted No. 2 overall out of Nebraska in 2005.

Maybe he and Butler, teammates at Double-A Wichita, can soon provide a boost for one of baseball's most moribund franchises. The small-budget Royals closed the first half with the AL's worst record at 31-56 — but there is hope.

"The future to me looks bright for Kansas City, and I just want to be a part of that," said the 20-year-old Butler, a sweet-swinging outfielder.

Several talented youngsters have jumped quickly from this showcase to the big leagues recently, including Detroit pitcher Justin Verlander and Cleveland All-Star Grady Sizemore.



Wacky Facts

■ Until the 20th century, people named storms after saints. In 1953, only women's names were used for hurricanes, but by 1978, men's names were added.  
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# KID NEWS

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Chatter Box

"It is not light that we need, but fire; it is not the gentle shower, but thunder. We need the storm, the whirlwind, and the earthquake."  
—Abolitionist and civil rights activist, Frederick Douglass, thinkexist.com.

In The News

## Protecting Hawaii's marine life

This summer, President Bush announced the creation of a new marine sanctuary along the Northwestern Hawaiian Islands. The area measures 1,400 miles long and 100 miles wide. It will be the largest marine sanctuary in the world, just ahead of Australia's Great Barrier Reef.

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"To put this area in context, this national monument is more than 100 times larger than Yosemite National Park," Bush said. "It's larger than 46 of our 50 states, and more than seven times larger than all our national marine sanctuaries combined. This is a big deal."

Bush, left, named the sanctuary the nation's 75th national monument at a White House ceremony. The designation of the area as a national monument gives the government more power to protect it.

**World's largest marine reserve**  
President Bush declared the Northwestern Hawaiian Islands a national monument and nature sanctuary.

The habitat: 135,000 sq. mi. (349,000 sq. km)  
 ■ More than 7,000 marine species  
 ■ Breeding area for more than 14 million seabirds  
 ■ Includes 70 percent of U.S. tropical coral reefs

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### INSIDE THE SANCTUARY

The marine sanctuary protects an archipelago of atolls, coral reef colonies and underwater mountains called seamounts. More than 7,000 different species, including endangered monk seals, sharks, green sea turtles and gold and black corals live in the sanctuary. There are at least four species in the sanctuary that are not found anywhere else in the world.

Much of the sanctuary will be used for educational and scientific expeditions. Sections of the area will be reserved for native Hawaiian interests and tourist activities such as scuba diving and photography.

"It's the single-largest act of ocean conservation in history," said Conrad C. Lautenbacher, head of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. "It's a large milestone."

### UNHAPPY FISHERMEN

Not everyone is happy the area has been declared a national monument. One reason is that all fishing in the area must stop within five years. For more than 30 years, many fishermen have made their living from the area's waters. Studies show that there may have been too much fishing in the area over the past 16 years.

—Pavan Shamdasani

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# Blowin' in the wind

By AMANDA ROGERS  
McClatchy Newspapers

Hurricane season began last month, but September marks the peak of the season in the Atlantic Ocean. A storm with devastating winds and rain can level a home, a city block or even a town. Last year in late August, we saw the destructive effects of a hurricane as Katrina swept through the Gulf Coast.

On Sept. 8, 1900, the deadliest hurricane in U.S. history decimated Galveston Island, claiming an estimated 8,000 lives. Since then, weather-tracking systems have been developed to warn coastal residents when it's time to board up, pack up and get out.

### WHAT IS A HURRICANE?

Hurricanes are tropical storms that develop over the ocean with winds of at least 74 miles per hour that spin counterclockwise around the eye, or center, of the storm. The eye is a relatively calm place in the middle of the storm, surrounded by the eye walls, which are the most dangerous part of the hurricane. The eye walls are so strong that they suck the clouds out of the eye of the storm.

Hurricanes start out as tropical depressions and become tropical storms when their winds reach 40 mph. They're caused by a combination of low pressure and wind.

Many hurricanes produce tornadoes, too.

### HURRICANE OR TYPHOON?

They're the same thing, just in different parts of the world. Hurricanes form east of the international date line. Typhoons are spawned west of the line. These storms are known as cyclones in the Indian Ocean.

### HOW ARE HURRICANES CLASSIFIED?

Meteorologists use the Saffir-Simpson scale to measure the strength of a hurricane and give it a rating. A Category 1 hurricane will have winds of 74 to 95 miles per hour and cause minimal damage. A Category 2 will have winds of 96 to 110 mph and do moderate damage. A Category 3 will have winds of 111 to 130 mph and do extensive damage. A Category 4 will have winds of 131 to 155 mph and cause extreme damage. A

Category 5 will have winds greater than 155 mph and do catastrophic damage.

### HOW ARE HURRICANES NAMED?

In 1953, the United States Weather Service began giving hurricanes women's names. After women's rights groups protested the naming, men's names were added in 1978.

Today, the Earth is divided into eight different regions, which recycle sets of names. The National Hurricane Center has six sets of names, from A to Z, that it rotates for hurricanes that develop in the Atlantic.

If a hurricane does significant damage, like Floyd or Katrina, its name will be retired — like the jersey number of a memorable athlete — and a new one is added to the list.

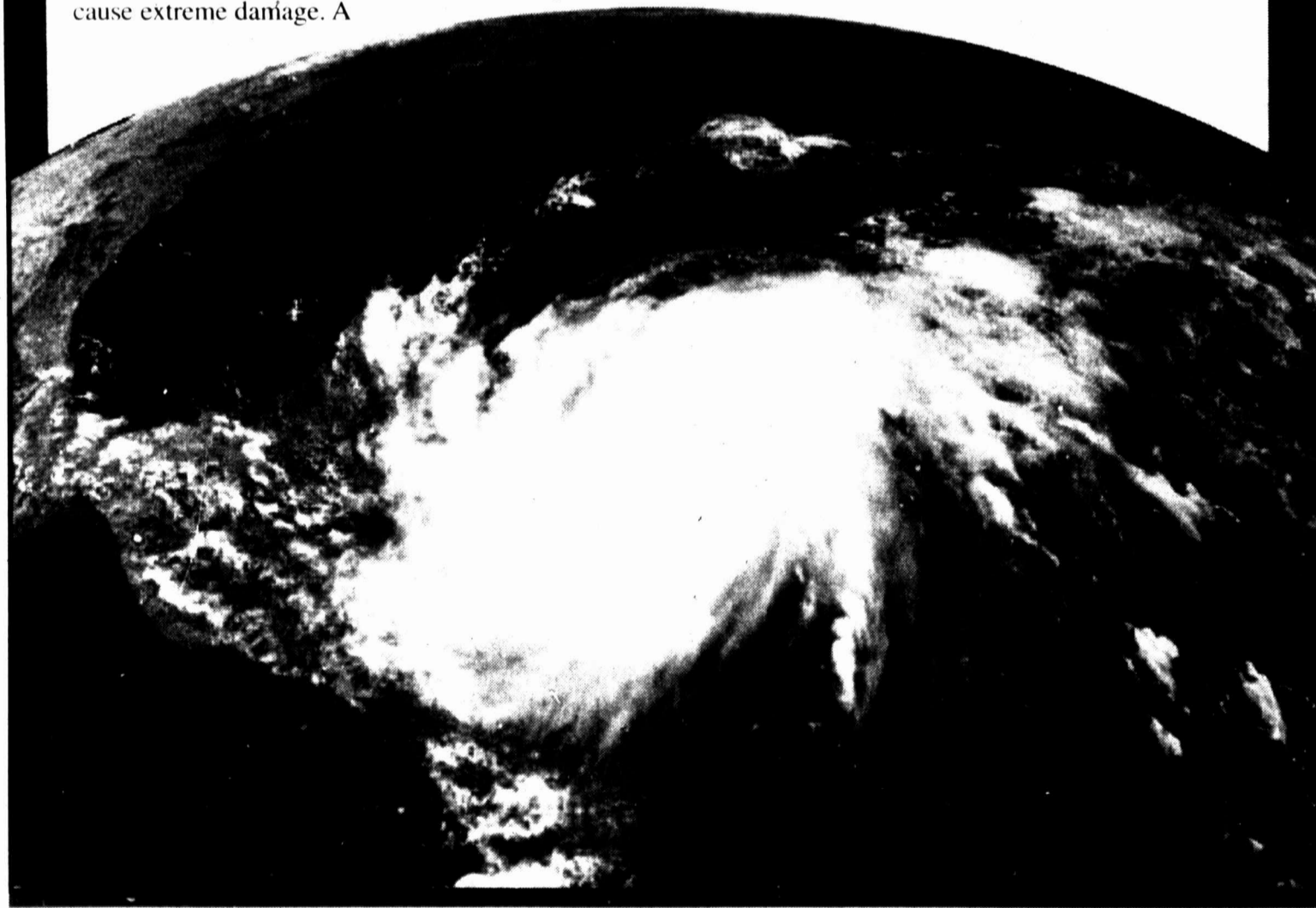
### WHERE DO HURRICANES OCCUR?

Hurricanes, typhoons or cyclones blow up on coasts all over the world. The most common place is in the Western Pacific Ocean, where the Philippines can be hit by more than 20 in one season. What was the worst hurricane? The deadliest hurricane hit Bangladesh in November 1970, when 300,000 people were killed. Another struck Bangladesh in 1991, killing 70,000.

The most expensive hurricane in history was Hurricane Katrina, which hit the Gulf Coast in September, causing an estimated \$75 billion in damages. More than 1,300 people were killed.

Only three Category 5 hurricanes have hit the U.S. mainland. One tore through the Florida Keys on Sept. 3, 1935, killing more than 400 people. Hurricane Camille ripped through the Gulf Coast in August 1969 with 200-mph winds and a 25-foot storm surge; 143 people were killed. The devastating Hurricane Andrew reached wind levels of 165 mph.

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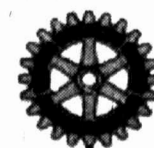
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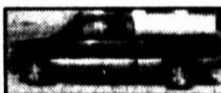

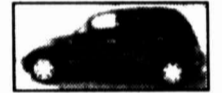
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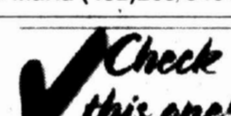
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11 PM	Live (CC)	Extra (CC)	Sonadoras	My Wife-Kids	Show The Insider	Maria Celeste	Conan O'Brien	Update/Israel Booker			Dirty Jobs (CC)	Movie: The Rare Breed	MXC	NYPD Blue	Comicview (CC)	Sister, Sister	Funk Master	Tonight SportsCenter	Twilight Zone
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THERE! I'M FINISHED!

OOOPS! THAT JUST FINISHED ME!

**This Date In History**

Today is Tuesday, July 11, the 192nd day of 2006. There are 173 days left in the year.

**Today's Highlight in History:**

- On July 11, 1804, Vice President Aaron Burr mortally wounded former Treasury Secretary Alexander Hamilton during a pistol duel in Weehawken, N.J.
- On this date: In 1533, Pope Clement VII excommunicated England's King Henry VIII.
- In 1767, John Quincy Adams, the sixth president of the United States, was born in Braintree, Mass.
- In 1798, the U.S. Marine Corps was formally re-established by a congressional act that also created the U.S. Marine Band.
- In 1864, Confederate forces led by Gen. Jubal Early began an abortive invasion of Washington, D.C., turning back the next day.
- In 1934, President Franklin Roosevelt became the first chief executive to travel through the Panama Canal.
- In 1955, the U.S. Air Force Academy was dedicated at its temporary quarters, Lowry Air Force Base in Colorado.
- In 1977, the Medal of Freedom was awarded posthumously to the Reverend Martin Luther King Jr.
- In 1979, the abandoned U.S. space station Skylab made a spectacular return to Earth, burning up in the atmosphere and showering debris over the Indian Ocean and Australia.
- In 1980, American hostage Richard I. Queen, freed by Iran after eight months of captivity because of poor health, left Tehran for Switzerland.
- In 1995, the United States normalized relations with Vietnam.

**Today's Birthdays:** Actress Brett Somers is 82. Actor Tab Hunter is 75. Actress Susan Seaforth Hayes is 63. Singer Jeff Hanna (Nitty Gritty Dirt Band) is 59. Actor Bruce McGill is 56. Singer Bonnie Pointer is 56. Actor Stephen Lang is 54. Actress Mindy Sterling is 53.

Actress Sela Ward is 50. Reggae singer Michael Rose (Black Uhuru) is 49. Singer Peter Murphy is 49. Actor Mark Lester is 48. Jazz musician Kirk Whalum is 48. Singer Suzanne Vega is 47. Rock guitarist Richie Sambora (Bon Jovi) is 47. Country singer Scotty Emerick is 33. Rapper Lil' Kim is 31. Rapper Lil' Zane is 24. Pop-jazz singer-musician Peter Dinkoff is 23. Actor David Henri is 17.

Thought for Today: "You come into the world alone and you go out of the world alone yet it seems to me you are more alone while living than even going and coming." — Emily Carr, Canadian artist and author (1871-1945).

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**ACROSS**

- 1 Addition totals
- 5 Run-down neighborhood
- 9 Wheel of Fortune host
- 14 Source of shade
- 15 Walking stick
- 16 Display, as charm
- 17 "Winning everything!"
- 18 Probability quote
- 19 Put to rest
- 20 Anjelica Huston's hubby in *The Addams Family*
- 22 Appears to be
- 23 Propelled a kayak
- 24 Greeting for the villain
- 25 Army officer
- 28 Outfield material
- 29 Spinach or broccoli, for short
- 32 Burden
- 33 Tick by
- 36 Abel's mom
- 37 Stare at
- 38 *Sounds of Music*
- 39 On the house
- 40 Inventor Whitney
- 41 Folklore tale
- 42 Country hotels
- 43 Scooby- (cartoon dog)
- 44 Expert pilot
- 45 Greek island
- 46 Brief blast of wind
- 48 Dealer's deck
- 51 Graceful birds
- 53 Gypsy composer

**DOWN**

- 6 Soup server
- 7 Opened, as a tie
- 8 Phoenix suburb
- 9 Oceanfront
- 10 Car's wheel bars
- 11 Captain Nemo's creator
- 12 Abel's dad
- 13 Door openers
- 21 Mayo holder
- 24 Cheated, slangily
- 25 Bellowed, as a bovine
- 26 -Saxon
- 27 California winemaker
- 28 Wheel of Fortune turn
- 30 Major happening
- 31 51 Across relatives
- 33 DVD player button
- 34 Winter Olympics sled
- 35 British brew
- 39 Medic's treatment
- 41 Rodeo ropes
- 45 S&L offerings
- 47 Not illuminated
- 48 Knickknack
- 49 Author Horatio
- 50 Oscar winner
- 51 Witherspoon
- 52 Patronize a mall
- 52 Rural water source
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- 54 Neighborhood youth org.
- 55 Require
- 56 Makes a mistake

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## News briefs

**Math teacher arrested for sexual assault**

ARLINGTON (AP) — A Duncanville High School math teacher has been charged with aggravated sexual assault and could be linked to a string of rapes, police said.

Nicholas Demont Wilborn, 32, was arrested Monday and charged with aggravated sexual assault, burglary of a habitation with intent to commit sexual assault and two counts of attempted burglary of a habitation with intent to commit sexual assault.

Arlington police say DNA evidence linked Wilborn, of Arlington, to the crimes. He was being held on \$600,000 bail.

"This guy was a sexual predator who was going into peoples homes," Arlington police spokesman Lt. Blake Miller said. "He was threatening to kill them and their families, including their small children. This was a guy that we needed to get off the street."

A woman who answered the door at Wilborn's home on Monday declined to comment.

Wilborn has taught ninth grade math at Duncanville High since 2004, according to school officials. He was placed on administrative leave pending the outcome of the police investigation.

"We will take all appropriate measures to assure student safety," Assistant Superintendent Sandra Burks said.

The investigation into Wilborn began on June 27 when a woman called 911 to report that she heard someone opening a window to her home. The intruder fled when the woman called out, police said.

A police officer responding to the 911 call stopped Wilborn's car when he ran a nearby stop sign. Officers searched Wilborn's car and found child pornography, as well as still cameras, a video camera, a screwdriver, condoms, rope and duct tape.

Wilborn was arrested on a child pornography charge and released three days later on \$10,000 bail.

**Soldier's father supports son**

HUFFMAN (AP) — The father of a Texas soldier accused in the rape and murder of a young Iraqi woman said Monday night he supported his son but said he had few details about the case against him.

The military said Monday that Pfc. Bryan L. Howard, of Huffman, was among five soldiers charged after an investigation into allegations that soldiers from the 101st Airborne Division raped and killed the woman, then fatally shot her father, mother and sister at their home in Mahmoudiya, south of Baghdad.

A previously discharged soldier had been arrested in the case last month and charged with rape and murder.

"I'm proud of my son," Lynn Howard, 50, said Monday night as he stood outside the tan mobile home where he and his wife, Kathy, live. "My heart's broken."

When asked to talk about what he knew about the case or to describe his son, Howard spoke hesitantly and refused any other comment. He said he was waiting to speak to his son's attorney.

**School district bans mouth "grills"**

ARLINGTON (AP) — The Arlington school district has expanded its dress codes to include bans on mouth jewelry known as "grills" and the earlobe-stretching practice known as gauging.

"The district is having to respond to fads because they've become distractors or a safety hazard for those around them," said Malcolm Turner, the district's executive director of student services.

The nearby Irving, Grand Prairie and DeSoto districts also ban grills, and some also address gauging — the process of placing increasingly large items in the ears to stretch the lobes.

But students said the body modification is simply self-expression.

"Really, a grill is just like an earring. It's fashion," said Sam Houston junior Devonte Wright, 16.

Others said it was unfair to ban such jewelry after students had purchased the expensive items, such as a \$200, six-tooth white-gold diamond-cut grill. The price ranges from \$180 to \$3,000 at J's Grill in Arlington.

"If they bought it, they should be able to wear it," said Sam Houston senior LaVeda Antwine, 17.

But school officials said they hoped to teach students that life would require them to follow specific regulations in specific settings.

"We want to instill in them a sense of modesty and a sense of community," said school board trustee Gloria Pena. "We're preparing them for the work force, and in the work force there are rules."

**Convicted killer of Houston girls set to die**

HUNTSVILLE (AP) — Randy Ertman's been waiting for more than a decade to make the trip Tuesday to Huntsville.

"I'm going to be there with bells on," Ertman says of the scheduled execution of Derrick Sean O'Brien, condemned for killing Ertman's 14-year-old daughter 13 years ago in Houston.

Jennifer Ertman and her friend, Elizabeth Pena, 16, were tortured and strangled in the June 1993 attack.

O'Brien, one of six gang members convicted of their slayings, is the first to face lethal injection. He'd be the 14th prisoner executed this year in the nation's busiest capital punishment state.

O'Brien, 31, was spared a trip to the death house May 15 when his lawyers won a reprieve from the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals the day before he was to be executed. Days later, however, the same court rescinded its order, clearing the way for Tuesday's execution.

**Woman killed when part of ceiling falls**

BOSTON (AP) — Three-ton concrete panels fell from the ceiling of the city's Big Dig tunnel, killing a woman in a car and shutting down a section of the massive building project that has become both a central route through the city and a source of construction concerns and cost overruns.

The woman was a passenger in a car hit by debris from the ceiling late Monday, authorities said. A man believed to be the driver was able to squeeze out and was taken to a hospital with minor injuries, authorities said.

Authorities say safety has not been compromised by

problems with the \$14 billion Big Dig highway project, which buried Interstate 93 beneath downtown and extended the Massachusetts Turnpike to Logan Airport.

Massachusetts State Police said that stretch would be closed indefinitely while authorities clean up debris and inspect the area.

**Prisoners not entitled to minimum wage**

HOUSTON (AP) — Texas inmates working in the laundry of a state prison aren't entitled to earn at least the federal minimum wage of \$5.15 an hour, an appeals court has ruled.

Convicted sex offender Douglas R. Loving contended his job as a drying machine operator qualified him for protection under the Fair Labor Standards Act — meaning he should get minimum wage — because the act didn't specifically exempt prisoners.

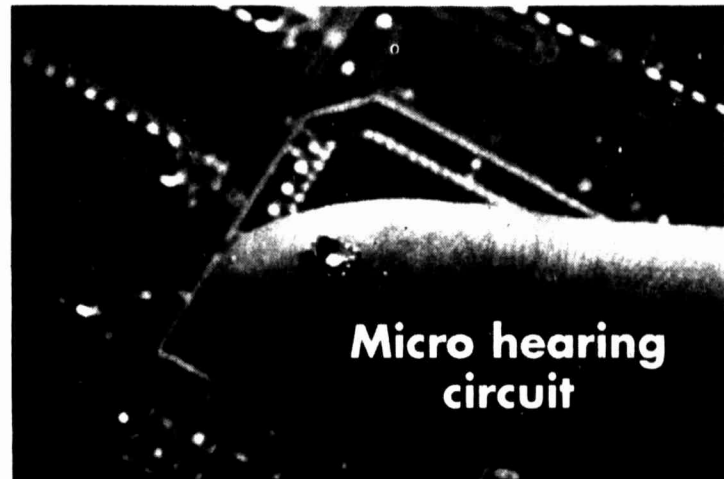
The New Orleans-based 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals disagreed, ruling that prisoners are not employees and not entitled to minimum wages. In Texas, inmates capable of working are expected to hold jobs but aren't paid, Texas prison spokeswoman Michelle Lyons said Monday.

"Compelling an inmate to work without pay does not violate the Constitution," a three-judge panel of the court said. "The failure of a state specifically to sentence an inmate to hard labor does not change this rule."

Loving, 54, serving a 20-year sentence from Dallas County for aggravated sexual assault of a child, argued in his lawsuit the state should credit his inmate trust fund with wages for his work.

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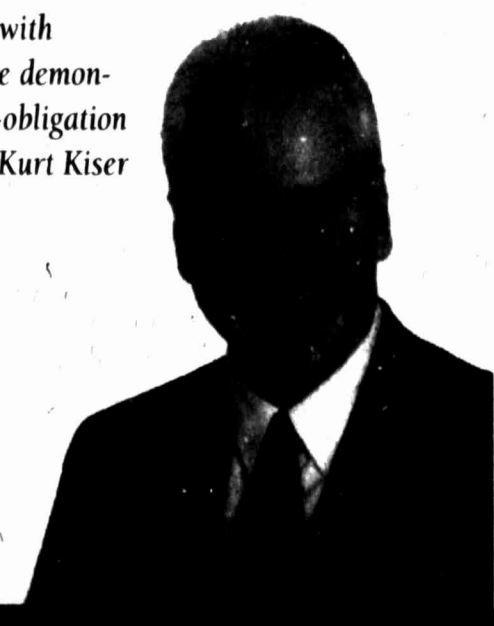
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**Jerusalem (I)**  
Whose city — whose "holy city" — is it?

It is thirty-nine years since Israel's victory in the Six-Day War in 1967, that the city of Jerusalem, which had been divided for nineteen years, has been reunited under Israeli rule. But there is still much talk, and many people insist, that solution of the "Middle East Problem" will not be possible until Israeli Jews relinquish their "occupation" and restore the holy city, — or, at the very minimum, its eastern part — to its "rightful owners", the Moslem Arabs

**What are the facts?**  
A city of many nationalities. Before the end of the 1967 Six-Day War, during which the Israeli Defense Forces reconquered Jerusalem from the Jordanians, claims to Jerusalem being a Moslem holy city were rarely, if ever, asserted. Jerusalem had always been a city in which many religions and nationalities lived side by side. It was only after the old city was back in Jewish hands that the Moslem Arabs declared their willingness to wage "jihad" (holy war) to bring the city back into Arab possession.

The notion to call Jerusalem an Islamic holy city has only come about in modern times, especially after the Arabs lost the city to Israel in the Six-Day War. It now has gained currency by dint of constant repetition. The basis for the claim is that Jerusalem does indeed contain an Islamic holy site, namely the Temple Mount (sacred to both Moslems and Jews) with its two mosques, El Aksa and the Dome of the Rock. It is the place from which Mohammed is believed to have ascended to heaven. Mohammed never set foot in Jerusalem. But aware that it was the holy city of Christians and Jews, and wishing to convert them to his new religion, he commanded his followers to build a mosque in Jerusalem. But never in Moslem history did this mosque compare in significance to the Moslem holy cities of Mecca and Medina — cities that no "infidel" may visit.

**A tenuous Moslem claim.** It's on the basis of this religious tradition that the Moslems designated the entire Jewish Temple Mount to be their holy site. The Israeli Government, in its constant spirit of accommodation to Moslem sensibilities, has largely acceded to this tradition and has put the area in and around the two mosques entirely under Moslem control. But how would Christians feel it, instead of from the Temple Mount, Moslem tradition had Mohammed ascend from the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, and if the Moslem Arabs were to claim that site as their property? The Christian world, often ready to consent to Moslem claims against Jews and Israelis, would be greatly astonished and would certainly resist such claim. But Moslem Arab assertiveness doesn't end there. On the tenuous claim of their right to the Temple Mount, they have construed a claim to the entire city of Jerusalem (or at the very least to its eastern part), which they have declared to be their "third holiest city". And it would be an insult to all Moslems and all Arabs to leave the city in the hands of the "infidel Jews".

**Jerusalem: Never an Arab capital.** But the city of Jerusalem — in contrast to Baghdad, Cairo, and Damascus — has never played any major role in the political and religious lives of the Moslem Arabs. It was never a political center, never a national or even a provincial or sub-provincial capital of any country since biblical times. It was the site of one Moslem holy place, but otherwise a backwater to the Arabs. The passion for Jerusalem was not discovered by the Moslem Arabs until most recent history.

**A center of Jewish life.** Jerusalem has stood at the center of the Jewish people's national life since King David made it the capital of his kingdom in 1003 BCE. It remained the capital until the kingdom was conquered by the Babylonians 400 years later. After the return from Babylonian exile, Jerusalem again served as the capital of the Jewish people for the next five and a half centuries.

**Jews are not the usurpers in Jerusalem.** They have been living there since the Biblical era and have been the majority population since the 19th century. Jews have synagogues and other holy sites in most cities of the world. But do they claim sovereignty over those cities because of it? Of course not! It would be preposterous and people wouldn't accept it. And the Moslem Arab claim to Jerusalem, based on the mosques on the Temple Mount, is just as untenable. Jerusalem has been the center of Jewish life, of Jewish yearning, and of Jewish thinking for over 3000 years. That is the reason that the State of Israel has rededicated the Jewish holy city to be its indivisible capital.

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