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SPORTS

Big Spring's Steers 7-on-7 football team saw its hopes of a second straight trip to the state tournament dashed with a second-place finish in its pool at Abilene.

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President Bush's plan for formation of a Palestinian state draws fire even before its released.

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WHAT'S UP...

TODAY

Senior Circle, 4 p.m., SMMC. Sit and Be Fit Chair Aerobics. People 50 and over invited to participate. Call 267-4721.

TUESDAY

Intermediate Line Dance classes, 9 a.m., Senior Citizens Center. Call 267-1628.

Evening Lion's Club meets at noon every Tuesday at the Senior Center in the Whipkey Room.

Big Spring Rotary meets at noon at the Howard College Cactus Room.

WEDNESDAY

Optimist Club meets at 7 a.m. at the Howard College Cactus Room. Senior Circle Sit and Be Fit Chair Aerobics meets at the SMMC cafeteria at 10 a.m.

Downtown Lions Club meets at noon at the Howard College Cactus Room.

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

Line dancing, 1 p.m., Senior Citizens Center. Call 398-5522 or 267-1628.

Fraternal Order of Eagles Aerie Ladies Auxiliary meets at 7 p.m. at the Eagles

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Committee releases schedule for Funtastic Fourth

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The Downtown Revitalization Committee has released the schedule for its planned Funtastic Fourth Festival on July 4.

The festival will include an entire block for children's activities including a climbing wall, jumping houses, an obstacle course, a boffer-style boxing ring and jousting, a giant slide, clowns, train rides, a

dunking booth and more.

There will be prize giveaways throughout the day.

The festival committee has already sold more than 100 vendor booths, including 26 that will be offering food for festival-goers.

An all-day "Battle of the Bands" at the Heart of the City Park pavilion will feature 13 bands from around West Texas. Gospel groups and singers at Rotary Park will alter-

nate with the battling bands.

Bands include Polished, Crimson Soul, Spyder, La Famia Leos, Texas Pride, Broken Spoke, Barely Legal, Trojan, Origin, Rustic Circle, 50/50, Derailed and Automatic Earth.

Gospel performers include The Tylers, New Covenant, Legacy, 3-N-1, Roger Huff, Stan Hanes Group, Suzanne Cranford Trio, Robert Pruitt, Jim Boyd, Susy Gonzalez, Big Spring Quintet and Heart &

Soul.

Other events throughout the day will include:

- Chainsaw art exhibitions at 11 a.m., 2 p.m., 5 p.m. and 8 p.m.
- Low Rider Hydraulic exhibitions at noon, 3 p.m. and 6 p.m.

Prize giveaways will be announced from the bandstand at 45-minute intervals, with the first slated at 10:30 a.m. Festival-goers must be present to win.



HERALD Photo/Andrea Medlin

Kyle Gerstenberger, left, and Asa Wheeler 'explore' the swimming pool aboard their raft at Comanche Trail Park Thursday afternoon. The city pool features slides, water spouts and cascading fountains for local sun worshipers. The pool is open every day but Monday from 1 p.m. to 6 p.m. Family nights are Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. The entry fee is \$2 per person and it is available for private parties on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays.

Council to discuss litter problem

By ROGER CLINE

Staff Writer

Is there a solution to Big Spring's litter problem?

That question is up for discussion at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday during a meeting of the Big Spring City Council. The council will meet in its chambers, 307 E. Fourth St. in Big Spring.

The item is listed near the end of the meeting on the agenda as a discussion item. Mayor Russ McEwen requested it be placed on the agenda.

"I just want to have a discussion with the city council in open meeting about what we want to do," he said. "What direction we want to take as far as litter in our community. That's all."

McEwen said he has some ideas about the problem, but wants to discuss them with

the council before releasing them.

"I've got a lot of different ideas that I'm thinking about, but I want to talk to the council and get their input and see how important they feel like it is and see if we want to make any effort as far as looking at possible ordinances or possible things we might be able to do," he said. "It's just a discussion at this point."

Otherwise, the meeting should be routine, McEwen said.

"I feel like it is a very routine agenda," he said. "It's just one of those almost housekeeping type of city council meetings that we have to have to keep things going — pass things on second readings and everything to make sure we're doing what needs to be done."

The council will:

- Hear final readings of resolutions authorizing an agreement with Covenant Health Care Systems for employee physicals and McMahon-Wrinkle Airpark

agreements with the Vietnam Memorial Committee and carpenter/cabinetmaker Lawrence Martinez.

- Reject a bid for a deacont basin transfer pump at the Water Treatment Plant. The total probable cost of the project is about \$376,000, while the city has only \$290,000 available for the project.

- Approve specifications and authorize bid advertising for an oil and gas lease at McMahon-Wrinkle Airpark.

- Consider an amendment to the Howard County Appraisal District's 2002 budget. The \$11,000 increase to buy a scanning system for filing at the district office would come from a projected budget excess and from the sale of county maps.

- Hear the first reading of a resolution urging the Texas Legislature to amend Article 11, Section 11 of the Texas Constitution. The law says that city officials such as council members who declare they are running for

another elected office automatically resign their old post. The requested amendment would exempt cities with a population of less than 50,000 from the law.

- Hear the first reading of a resolution authorizing a three year agreement with West, Davis and Co. for audit services.

- Hear the first reading of a resolution amending the city's representatives for the TexPool Local Government Investment Pool. The amendment will name Finance Director Peggy Walker and Assistant Finance Director Debbie Green, as well as McEwen, as city representatives to the pool. Walker and Green were appointed to their positions earlier this year following the retirement of longtime Finance Director Tom Ferguson.

- Hear input and concerns from interested citizens.

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Lockup

MDA to hold its jail event Wednesday

By ROGER CLINE

Staff Writer

Muscular dystrophy patients are imprisoned within a body that relentlessly breaks down and fails to work properly.

The Muscular Dystrophy Association will throw more than 240 local volunteers into a far less serious lockup, the MDA Jail, on Wednesday to help raise money to combat the disease.

"It's all going to be held at the Big Spring Mall," said Shaundi Tolbert of the MDA office in Midland. "We are going to have drivers from Shroyer Motors. They are providing us with the cars and drivers. They are going to be going out all day and picking up all of our jailbirds and bringing them in to the Big Spring Mall."

Once at the mall, the "jailbirds" will do about an hour of hard time.

"Most of the jailbirds will already have started raising their bail, which I think is set at \$1,000," she said. "If they haven't raised their bail when they get there, we're going to have cell phones from Cingular Wireless for our jailbirds to call while they are there and they can get pledges or get people to come and bring money. Then the Shroyer Motors drivers will take them back to work. We're asking for an hour of their time."

The inmates will earn extra incentives for good behavior, Tolbert said.

"We have drinks and food available," she said, adding that Santa Fe Sandwiches at the mall will provide the eats. "They get their picture taken behind bars with a little striped shirt on and handcuffs and all that. We give them the picture, and we have incentives. People that raise \$100 get a T-shirt, and if they raise their whole bail they also get, it's a framed drawing from the kids from our summer camp."

The MDA Jail has been active in Big Spring for three years, while Odessa has been running the program for five years.

This is the third year for Big Spring. We've been doing them here in Odessa

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Landers column ending with death of longtime writer

From staff and wire reports

Esther Lederer, who won a contest to become the second Ann Landers after the column's creator died, didn't want the column to continue after her own death.

It will not. After nearly 50 years of being written by Lederer, who died Saturday at the age of 83, the venerable Ann Landers advice column will cease to exist.

Lederer died of multiple myeloma came less than two weeks before her July 4 birthday. Her daughter, Margo Howard, said the Ann Landers column will be ending because that is what her mother wanted.

"She owned the copyright and she did not wish for the name to continue," Howard told The Associated Press. "She felt it was very much

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associated with her."

The columns Lederer completed before her death will run through July 27, Richard S. Newcombe, president of Creators Syndicate, distributor of the column, said.

Howard said her mother's longtime editors will write a new column called Ann's Mailbox in Lederer's style.

"Combining the generational dif-

ference and their breadth of experience working with my mother, Kathy Mitchell and Marcy Sugar will meld the Ann Landers approach with a new-century, modern spin," Howard said in a statement. "They are the perfect pair to continue the tradition of a sound, sparkling, tell-it-like-it-is advice."

A farewell column will be written by Howard.

In 1955, Lederer beat out 30 other candidates the Chicago Sun-Times was considering to replace Ruth Crowley, the first writer of the Ann Landers column. She switched syndication companies in 1987 and the column moved to the Chicago Tribune.

Howard, of Cambridge, Mass., said her mother's columns resonated with readers because she wrote about topics that others shied away from while dispensing advice that

was never stale.

"She was very brave about what she chose to get behind and she went public about some issues that other people wouldn't have," Howard said. "She was able to change with the times. There was nothing dated about her opinions."

Lederer, who was known as Eppie, tackled issues such as homosexuality, abortion and AIDS in the column.

"She was the gold standard for advice columnists because she took it seriously," Howard said. "She made it her business to be very serious."

Lederer's twin sister, Pauline Esther "PoPo" Phillips, also known as Abigail Van Buren, followed her into the profession as writer of the Dear Abby column.

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OBITUARIES

Annie D. Adams

Celebration of life service for Annie D. Adams, 75, of Bellaire will be 2 p.m., Tuesday, June 25, 2002, at Earthman Bellaire Chapel with the Rev. Bill Lipps officiating. Graveside service will be 11 a.m. Thursday, June 27, 2002, at Trinity Memorial Park in Big Spring.

Mrs. Adams died Friday, June 21.

She was born Sept. 26, 1926, in Big Spring and married Alfred G. Adams who preceded her in death. She was a Girl Scout leader, a member of the Neighborhood Planning Committee, PTA, Executive Board on Health and Safety Committee, HHS, a Red Cross Volunteer, ESL through the "Friends" program of First Baptist Church of Houston and various offices, duties and service in church and Sunday School for 50 years. She was also an Active Life member of Clan Douglas Society of North America.

Survivors include her children, Cynthia Ann Cobb, Valerie Adams Stranski, Rebecca Lynn Czarnek, Tom Douglass Adams, Hope Adams Warner, a sister, Cornelia Francis Gary, and seven grandchildren.

Visitation will be today, June 24, at Earthman Bellaire Chapel from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Arrangements are under the direction of Earthman Funeral Directors in Bellaire.

Vernon Johnson

Graveside service for Vernon Johnson, 81, of Tow and formerly of Big Spring, will be 2 p.m. Tuesday, June 25, 2002, at Mt. Olive Memorial Park with the Rev. Walter McCall, Odyssey Hospice chaplain, officiating.

Mr. Johnson died Friday, June 21, at his daughter's home following a long illness.

He was married to Bobbie Jean Nash on Dec. 3, 1946, in Stamford and she preceded him in death on Jan. 6, 1951. He later married Finette Rankin on April 12, 1958, in Stamford and she preceded him in death on April 8, 2002. He was a veteran of World War II, serving in the U.S. Army. He had worked for many years as a heavy equipment operator for Wilson Construction.

Survivors include one daughter, Sandra Heffington of Tow; two sons, David Johnson of Apple, N.M., and

Harry McDowell of Three Rivers; three brothers, R.T. Johnson of Big Spring, Morgan Johnson of Stamford and Robert Johnson of Abilene; one sister, Bessie Cobb of Stamford; 24 grandchildren; and 30 great grandchildren.

Arrangements are under the direction of Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Lawrence Kerr

Memorial service for Lawrence "Sonny" Kerr, 74, of Big Spring will be 6 p.m. Monday, June 24, 2002, at the VA Medical Center Chapel with Chaplain Carroll Kohl officiating. Burial will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday, June 25, at Trinity Memorial Park.

Mr. Kerr died Saturday, June 22, at a local hospital. He was born on March 17, 1928, in Colorado City and married Ruby Faye Hale in 1953 in Lubbock. She preceded him in death in May 1992. He was raised in Big Spring and moved to Denison where he lived for almost 30 years. He returned to Big Spring in 1995. He was a roofing contractor for most of his life. He was in the Army and was a member of the VFW. He was a Baptist.

Survivors include one son, Dickie Wolfenden of Denison; one daughter, Katy Lahey of Denison; two sisters, Mable Wilson of Big Spring and Viola Smith of Malakoff.

Family will receive friends after the memorial service at 1408 Nolan Street. Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

Marla Nall Olyer

Marla Nall Olyer, 47, of Odessa and formerly of Big Spring, passed away on Thursday, June 20, 2002, at the Hospice House in Odessa.

Memorial service will be at 3 p.m. Sunday at Spring Tabernacle Church, 1209 Wright, Big Spring with Arnold Tonn, pastor of Spring Tabernacle, officiating.

Marla was born on March 29, 1955, in Colorado City. Survivors include two sons, Zzane Olyer of Big Spring and Zack Ray Olyer of Big Spring; one sister, Teri Nall of Big Spring; two brothers, Boyd Nall of Texas City and Steve Nall of Big Spring; four nephews, Robert Nall of Texas City, Mike Nall of Big Spring, Cody Nall of Big Spring and Baby Gary of Big Spring.

She is preceded in death by her father, Fred Nall of Fort Worth and mother, Jackie Sue Nall of Colorado City.

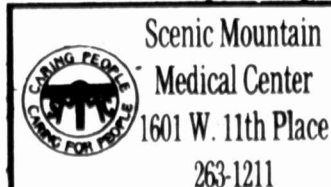
W.L. Thompson

Funeral service for W.L. (Squeaky) Thompson, 87, of Big Spring is pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home. Mr. Thompson died Sunday, June 23, 2002, in Stephenville.

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for five years now. "It's just gotten better and better every year," Tolbert said. "They didn't used to have the drivers, people used to just drive themselves in. But it's getting bigger and better." Last year, Big Spring's



MDA jailbirds raised \$13,530 to fight muscular dystrophy, she said.

"All the money stays in West Texas and eastern New Mexico," she added. "We have a district of 19 counties, and it all stays in those 19 counties. We have approximately 300 families in those 19 counties that we help."

For more information or to make a donation, call the MDA-Midland office at (915) 570-4970.

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Sun-Times film critic Roger Ebert remembered Lederer as a personable friend who gave him much-needed advice when the two worked in the same newsroom.

"I remember when I went to work at the Sun-Times in 1966, she was still in the city room, at a desk like all the other desks, with an assistant next to her," Ebert said. "She had other staff in an office elsewhere in the building, but she personally wanted to be right there in the middle of the action."

Conjoined twins arrive for possible separation

DALLAS (AP) — One-year-old conjoined twins arrived from Egypt on Saturday so a team of Dallas medical experts can determine whether separating them is possible.

Mohamed and Ahmed Ibrahim were born June 2, 2001, by Caesarean section to the wife of a laborer in a remote village about 500 miles south of Cairo. Connected at the crown of their heads, the boys have been in the care of doctors at the University of Cairo Hospital since shortly after their birth.

After nearly a full day of travel, including a six-hour layover in New York, the babies reached Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport on Saturday afternoon.

They will be taken to North Texas Hospital for Children at Medical City Dallas for evaluation by Dr. Kenneth Salyer, a craniofacial surgeon, and a team of specialists. Their first tests will be Monday.

The babies have separate brains, but they share the sagittal sinus, the main vessel that drains blood from the brain. Doctors must determine if enough of the vessel exists to share, said Sue Blackwood, director of the nonprofit World Craniofacial Foundation.

The foundation, founded by Salyer and based in Dallas, is paying for the twins' trip and organizing the doctors volunteering to work with them.

Blackwood said Salyer has been doing intense research to prepare for the babies' arrival.

"We feel that this is a bridge of peace and unity,"

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Blackwood said. "We want to help."

Doctors will assemble July 1 to review test results and decide whether surgery is feasible. The doctors have said that if they determine that the risk of separating the boys is so high that both may die, they will skip the surgery and return them to Egypt.

If the doctors determine the surgery can be performed, the babies would undergo tissue expansion, in which the skin on their skulls is stretched so the incisions can be closed. That process takes six to eight weeks, Blackwood said.

BRIEFS

FORSAN EX-STUDENTS ASSOCIATION IS attempting to get 911 addresses on former Forsan students.

Please call Boyce Hale at 2267-6957 to receive a newsletter.

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY of Howard County are requesting donations of books in good condition for their book sale in September. Donations can be taken to the Howard County Library Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Friends of the Library is a non-profit organization which provides supplemental support for the Howard County Library, outside of the budget furnished by Howard County.

MEETING

COAHOMA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
7 p.m. TUESDAY

A short agenda is scheduled for the special meeting called by the Coahoma ISD trustees. The only action item planned is consideration of employment of personnel. Trustees will discuss information about the upcoming July 15 meeting.

Trustees will also hold another special meeting on Thursday at 6 p.m. for level III school board training.

The board will meet in the board room for both meetings located in the district's administration building, 600 Main St., Coahoma.

FIRE/EMS

The following is a summary of EMS and Fire Department activity:

SUNDAY
7:02 a.m. — 1400 block of East 14th, medical call, one patient transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
7:45 a.m. — 2300 block of Wasson, medical call, one patient transported to SMMC.

5:36 p.m. — 1800 block of Lancaster, medical call, one patient transported to SMMC.

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9:16 p.m. — 2900 block of Wasson, trauma call, service refused.

RECORDS

Sunday's high 98
Sunday's low 73
Record high 107 in 1990
Record low 56 in 1940
Average high 94
Average low 69
Precip. Sunday 0.00
Month to date 0.31
Year to date 4.61
Sunrise Tuesday 6:41 a.m.
Sunset Tuesday 8:56 p.m.

MARKETS

Noon quotes provided by Edward Jones & Co.
AT&T 98.98
Archer-Daniels 13.18
Atmos Energy 22.78-32
BP PLC ADR 48.33+68
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Citigroup 38.93-87
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IBM 68.6-.15
Intel Corp 18.64-.09
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Pepsico Inc 50.46-.14
Phillips Petro 56.46-.09
SBC Comms 30.71-.64
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TXU Corp 51.43-.55
Texas Instrument 22.91-.02
Total Fina 75.37+.62
Unocal Corp 36.2+13
Wal-Mart 55.3+32
Wal-Mart/Mexico 28.6-28.9
AMCAP 14.22-.28
Europacific 25.48-.08
Prime Rate 4.75 %
Gold 325.4-327.75
Silver 4.84-4.91

POLICE

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity from noon Saturday until 8 a.m. today:

The police department received a report of an **AGGRAVATED ASSAULT WITH A DEADLY WEAPON** on Sunday in the 400 block of NE 10th.

"It was a domestic disturbance type (of situation) that became inflamed," said Sgt. Roger Sweatt, public relations officer of the BSPD. "There seems to have been a verbal argument that became more violent."

A female victim reported that a male subject struck her on the head and shoulder or body with an aluminum pipe that was 1/2 a diameter wide and a foot long, Sweatt said. Sweatt added there appeared to be no life-threatening injuries.

"The victim came to the police department and it appears the incident happened a couple of hours before (she made the report)," Sweatt said. "She

said she was going to the emergency room and then she did."

No arrests have been made and the case is currently under investigation, Sweatt said.

• **ROBERT MARIO OVALLE**, 28, of 1105 Lamar Avenue was arrested for a U.S. Marshall warrant.

• **ISA CASTELLANO MOHICA**, 29, of 1708 Young St. was arrested on a charge of Class C/family violence.

• **DEBRA MOLINA**, 37, of 538 Westover was arrested on charges of driving while license invalid and no insurance.

• **JEFFREY PAUL CARTER**, 39, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.

• **SANDRA MINCE PAYNE**, 36, of 1310 Mobile was arrested for a local warrant.

• **JAMES DEWAYNE HEADRICK**, 28, of 1300 Lindbergh was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.

• **SCOTT ANTHONY FOWLER**, 45, of 1603 Owens was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.

• **THOMAS RIOS**, 20, of 1208 S. Main was arrested for local warrants.

• **LIZA LIEGH OVALLE**, 17, of 1105 Lamar was arrested for local warrants.

• **TIMOTHY ADAM COLE**, 22, of 605 E. 12th was arrested for local warrants.

• **BURGLARY OF A HABITATION** was reported in the 1400 block of Bluebird and at a residence in the 2000 block of South Johnson where electronic equipment worth \$49, jewelry/precious metals worth \$573, other items worth \$20 were reported stolen and \$58 of damage was reported done to the structure of the house.

• **ASSAULT BY THREAT** was reported at the Barcelona Apartments.

• **DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE** was reported at the Barcelona Apartments, in the 1700 block of Young St., in the 800 block of West 17th, in the 1500 block of Stadium Avenue, in the 800 block of Anna St., in the 400 block of Armstrong, in the 10,000 block of Moss Lake Road, in the 1300 block of College Avenue, in the 1900 block of Morrison and in the 1000 block of North Main St.

• **THEFT OF MORE THAN \$50 BUT LESS THAN \$500** was reported at a 7-11 store in the 300 block of Owens where \$82.23 of alcohol was reported stolen and in the 10,000 block of East Moss Lake Road were \$60 of items were reported stolen from a camper.

• **DISTURBANCE/FIGHT** was reported in the 500 block of West Eighth, at Barcelona Apartments.

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TEXAS BRIEFS

Perry helps Islamic leader open cultural center

SUGAR LAND — Texas Gov. Rick Perry joined the 49th descendant of the Prophet Muhammad, Prince Karim Aga Khan, in opening a new Ismaili Muslim worship and cultural center Sunday just south of Houston.

Aga Khan is considered a progressive Muslim leader of the world's 15 million Ismaili Muslims. The new Houston center houses the national offices of the Ismaili Council for the United States and will serve the 15,000 Ismailis who call Houston home.

"Nine eleven has scarred America, but not just America. It has scarred the Islamic world," Aga Khan said before he unveiled a plaque officially opening the center. "It is in this context that I request that you view the Ismaili Jamatkhana and Center as much, much more than a place of congregation and a home for administrative offices.

"The center will be a place of peace, humility, reflection and prayer."

The \$10 million facility, which includes a community center, a prayer hall and classrooms for religious education, is surrounded by courtyards containing symbolic landscaping, a fountain and sculptures that embody teachings of Islam.

A&M seeks dismissal from bonfire lawsuits

COLLEGE STATION — Texas A&M University administrators want to be dismissed from federal lawsuits filed against them in the 1999 bonfire collapse, but those who filed the suit say administrators should not be released because they deliberately placed students in harm's way.

The recent court filings will be considered by a federal judge in Galveston who is reviewing whether six wrongful death and injury lawsuits can proceed against A&M administrators, including outgoing president Ray Bowen and four other school officials. A ruling is expected by the end of next month.

Plaintiffs in some of the lawsuits say that A&M administrators intentionally limited their oversight of the project and its design to avoid legal liability.

The administrators' defense attorneys claim collapse victims' families cannot prove their claims and that school officials are immune from the lawsuits.

Texas candidates target women voters

AUSTIN — Republicans point to Gov. Rick Perry's record of naming women to high-level state posts, while Democrat Tony Sanchez unveils a list of big-name women supporters.

Democratic attorney general nominee Kirk Watson stresses his pro-choice stance on abortion at "Women with Watson" events as GOP opponent Greg Abbott pledges to enforce child support laws and battle domestic violence.

Former Gov. Ann Richards instructs loyal Democrats to promote their party ticket, warning: "You've got to leave no woman unturned."

It's election season, and women voters — particularly, independent and moderate women who could vote for either party — are a key ingredient in the brewing Texas political storm.

"It's always important, with women being over half of the population. You just are always factoring women into campaign plans," said Texas Republican Party chair Susan Weddington.

But Weddington said issues of concern to women are also those important to men, such as economic security, education and crime and safety.

PTA survey addresses sex education, school prayer at annual conference

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Parents want their school-aged children to learn about safe sex, not just abstinence, according to a survey released Sunday at the National PTA's annual conference.

The survey, conducted by the Henry J. Kaiser Family Foundation, found that while 97 percent of the parents surveyed put abstinence at the top of their list, 85 percent said students should learn more about condoms and 84 percent said they should learn more about other forms of birth control.

Half of all high school students are sexually active, said Virginia Witt, a pro-

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gram officer with the foundation.

Witt presented the findings to parents during one of more than 90 workshops slated for the National PTA's annual conference, in San Antonio through Tuesday. About 2,500 parents are attending the conference.

Parents also stressed that sex education should teach

children about HIV, AIDS and sexually transmitted diseases.

One of the most effective methods of reaching students is to make them aware of the risks, Witt said.

Scare tactics should be followed up with sex education classes that encourage students to talk openly about their concerns and seek

solutions that are in their own best interest, said Gerald Davolt, an assistant professor of health at California State University in Fresno.

Dewalt said he tells teens to delay parenthood for as long as they can, and if they are sexually active, he tells them to use a condom "the first time and every time."

In a separate session, Steven Green, associate professor of law at Willamette University in Salem, Ore., talked to a group of parents about the current status of prayer in school, including a Supreme Court ruling two years ago that ended student-led prayer at high school football games.

Houston ISD officials say charter schools drain funds

HOUSTON (AP) — School district officials say they're losing funds because of Harris County's high concentration of charter schools.

One of every four charters approved in Texas is located in the Houston area, and officials say the impact on the district has been "significant."

School officials argue their case in an impact statement to the State Board of Education every time a new Houston charter is proposed.

According to the nonprofit Charter School Resource Center in San Antonio, there are 46 state charters in the Houston area, some with multiple campuses. This compares with 23 in Dallas-Fort Worth, 21 in San Antonio, 11 in Austin and five in Corpus Christi.

School officials in Houston say they have lost about 12,000 students last year to state charters, costing the district roughly \$50 million in state revenues paid on a per-pupil basis. They estimate they'll lose

about 13,000 next school year, at a cost of \$53.5 million in state revenues.

Ronald M. Wilson, HISD's assistant superintendent of budgeting and financial planning, said the loss of students creates serious budgeting problems.

When a school loses students to charter schools, he said, that school loses state revenues. But, he said, the principal cannot always cut costs by eliminating a teacher because no one grade level may lose enough students to justify it.

"(The students) don't leave in nice neat packages of 22, all from the same grade, all from the same school," he said. "If I lose two students from first grade and two from fourth grade and let's say six from fifth grade, you haven't cut anything. But I've lost on average about \$4,000 a kid."

The district, in its impact statement to the Board of Education, has asked the state to consider the concentration of charters in Houston before approving any additional ones.

Pecos River water priority call averted for time being

CARLSBAD, N.M. (AP) — A priority call on Pecos River water has likely been averted for now, but officials remain concerned about meeting the state's water debt to Texas.

Fearing a severe shortfall, the state engineer late last year put water users in the Pecos River Basin on notice that he would issue a priority call on the river to meet the federal water delivery mandate.

"We tried to make our forecast based on what the situation looks like," said Bashker Rao, the New Mexico Interstate Stream

Commission's Pecos River Basin manager.

"We planned for the worst case scenario," he said.

If the state cannot meet its water obligation to Texas and the state engineer issues a priority water call, junior water-right holders — those whose water rights were most recently acquired — would lose water first.

A federally appointed river master has completed his account of the state's mandated water delivery, and his figures show New Mexico under-delivered 1,400 acre-feet of Pecos River water in 2001.

Rao said the state still has a water credit that it will draw from to make up the shortfall.

Both states have appealed the finding because they objected to some data used.

Rao said the water master is expected to issue official calculations no later than the first week in July.

The state could retain up to 600 acre-feet in its water credit if the special master accepts New Mexico's objection, Rao said. An acre-foot, about 326,000 gallons, can meet the annual water needs of one to two U.S. homes.

"We may have averted a priority call this year, but we are not out of the woods yet. We are in 2002 (water to be accounted), and it's not comfortable," he said.

Under the 1949 Pecos River Compact with Texas and a 1988 Supreme Court decree and court injunction, New Mexico is required to deliver Pecos River water to Texas and to take whatever actions necessary to assure sufficient water is delivered to the state line.

Carlsbad Irrigation District farmers last week sent 1,400 acre-feet to the state line.

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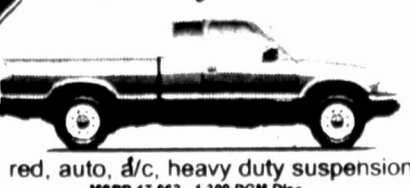
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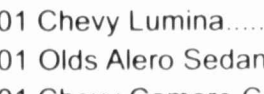
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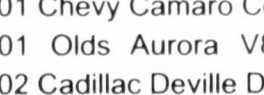
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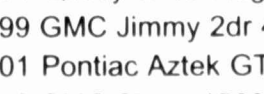
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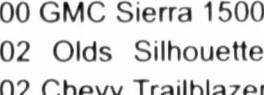
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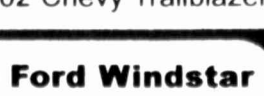
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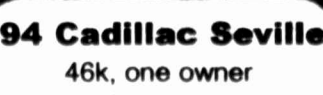


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OTHER VIEWS

Litigation
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in California

A \$20 million fine levied on R.J. Reynolds tobacco company at the behest of California Attorney General Bill Lockyer for advertising in certain magazines illustrates the take-no-prisoners approach of the current campaign against a product that is still legal, the overreaching of state attorneys general and the shortcomings of a settlement reached among tobacco companies and 46 states.

R.J. Reynolds, says it wasn't targeting youth, that the ruling misreads the settlement, that it violates what's left of the company's free speech rights and that the court made no effort to apply the magazines national readership statistics to California. ...

In California, beyond a few token programs and some obnoxious ads, hardly any of the (tobacco) settlement money has gone to repay the state for treating tobacco-related illnesses or for anything remotely related to health. Instead, the money has been a windfall or slush fund for politicians.

The settlement included restrictions on tobacco advertising alleged to be targeted at young people. In the current case Lockyer's office argued that by advertising in magazines like Spin, Vibe, Hot Rod and Rolling Stone ... R.J. Reynolds was "targeting" teens. The basic argument is statistical. Teen-agers make up about 10 percent of the general population and 20 to 25 percent of the readership of these magazines.

It seemed obvious to San Diego Superior Court Judge Ronald Prager that "the likely effect of these efforts was to cause significant exposure to youth." He authorized the fine of \$20 million and a ban on tobacco advertising in 50 different magazines. ...

R.J. Reynolds plans to appeal on the narrower ground that Judge Prager misunderstood or expanded the contract that the 1998 settlement represented. Too bad. A broader challenge might not just win, but also be an important first step in reigning in the current wave of litigation overkill.

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Learn to shake off negative comments

You may be familiar with the saying, "Sticks and stones may break my bones, but words can never hurt me." This is one of the biggest untruths I have ever heard. We should never underestimate the power of words, because if we let them, words can literally destroy our lives. As the English critic and essayist William Hazlitt once said, "Words are the only things that last forever."

One of the best pieces of advice I've ever heard is to "live our lives so we wouldn't mind selling the family parrot to the town gossip." I'm sure you can see the wisdom of this thought. While there is no way to control the negative things other people may say about us, we should live our lives

in such a way that no one would believe them.

While I never like to hear negative comments about me, those I love or the things I believe in, they do come along from time to time. When they do however, I can either shake them off and go on pursuing the goals that are important to me, or I can let them defeat me. You see, the choice is mine. Do you have trouble shaking off negative comments or negative things that happen to you? If you do, I believe this story I'd like to tell you will help you shake off negative comments in the future.

A farmer had a faithful old mule that had served him for years, but now it was becoming apparent with the passing of time, the old mule had just about reached the end of his days. As the farmer saw his old mule beginning to suffer, he realized he had to find a way to put him out of his misery. Being a kind, soft-hearted man, he couldn't stand the thought of just taking him out and shooting him, so instead,

he devised what he thought was a good plan.

Since he was going to have to bury the mule anyway, he decided to lower him into an old, abandoned well and cover him with dirt. He thought this would "kill two birds with one stone," as the old well was a hazard and needed to be filled in anyway. At this point, the farmer rigged up a tripod with a pulley and a hoist and lowered the mule into the well. While it was a very sad day, he thought it was the best way, so he got a shovel and a wheelbarrow and went to work.

As he poured load after load of dirt into the old abandoned well, a strange thing began to happen. As the dirt fell on the old mule's back, he shook it off and trampled it down. This process went on for several hours, with each load of dirt being treated the same way. The old mule would just shake it off and trample it down. Finally, the old well was completely filled in and the mule was standing on level ground. Then,

he just walked away free from the prison that was to be his grave.

Obviously, this is not a true story, but it does make a wonderful point. The dirt thrown on the old mule's back could be compared to the negative comments and the negative experiences we all have from time to time. When they do occur, we can either shake them off or let them bury us. The choice is ours.

Earlier, I mentioned we should live our lives in such a way we wouldn't mind selling the family parrot to the town gossip. This is, perhaps, the best way on earth to keep from having too many negative comments said about us. The next time this happens to you — and it will happen — I hope you will remember the story about the farmer and the old mule...just shake it off.

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Why don't we try waging peace first?

"Jaw, jaw," said Winston Churchill, "is better than war, war."

I bring up the not-often-contested notion that peace is better than war only because it seems the Bush administration is incapable of grasping the self-evident.

According to The New York Times, President Bush has directed his top security people — a happy nest of neo-con hawks — "to make a doctrine of pre-emptive action against states and terrorist groups trying to develop weapons of mass destruction." This means, we declare war first. This dogma "will be the foundation of a new national security strategy."

Let's see, we already have our military in Afghanistan, Pakistan, Uzbekistan, Kazakhstan, Tajikistan, Georgia and the Philippines. We are also deeply into Colombia as part of the Drug War and have fairly regular deployment by special ops in Somalia, Iraq, Syria and Yemen.

Good thing for India and Pakistan they made it into the Nuclear Club before the deadline, eh? Let's see, add Iran, North Korea and

some of the nuttier princes, kings, sheiks, presidents-for-life — I make that between 20 and 30 wars we'll have to fight under the new doctrine.

Then you have to add in all the "failed states." The administration says it is "fine-tuning" the doctrine to include joint operations with other powers: "Potential targets include weak states that have become, in the words of one official, 'petri dishes' for terrorist groups." You can't exactly have a war between, say, Sierra Leone and the United States. When there's no actual government, we end up trying to control a bunch of warlords — and, as we have learned in Somalia and Afghanistan, it ain't easy. The trouble with such non-wars is that there's no exit strategy; we're in for indefinite occupation.

Do we really think this is a good idea?

OK, what we're really trying to do here is set up some policy rationale for attacking Iraq and possibly the other Axes of Evil, as well. It's not that easy to argue against taking out Saddam. But as Joshua Marshall points out in the current issue of The Washington Monthly, the people who are urging us to attack Iraq are either dishonest or simplistic, or both, in their arguments.

They are failing to ask, much less answer, some basic questions about the risks. Their cheerful premise that it will rela-

tively easy to take out Saddam is based on their equally cheerful ignorance.

Ken Adelman was recently asked on television one of those major "what if" questions and actually replied, "Don't worry about that."

That is not an answer. As Jonathan Kwitny once observed, "Anyone who has ever been in a war knows nothing goes according to plan from the moment the first shot is fired." Or as they say in the military, "Hope is not a plan."

What the hawks hope is that the Iraqi people hate Saddam Hussein and will be delighted to see us show up and liberate them. Unfortunately, we'll have to bomb them first. In case you hadn't noticed, this tends to make us unpopular.

Marshall reports, "When asked what would happen if America encountered an embittered civilian population after fighting a grisly battle for Baghdad, Perle replied with a question, 'Suppose the Iraqis are dancing in the streets after Saddam is gone?'" That non-answer is based on the false premise that if the Iraqis hate Saddam, they're bound to love us, which is nonsense.

Asked about the possibility that an attack on Iraq would so upset Arab peoples they would overthrow now-friendly governments in Jordan, Egypt and Saudi Arabia, the neo-cons dismiss the question. "All the better if you ask me,"

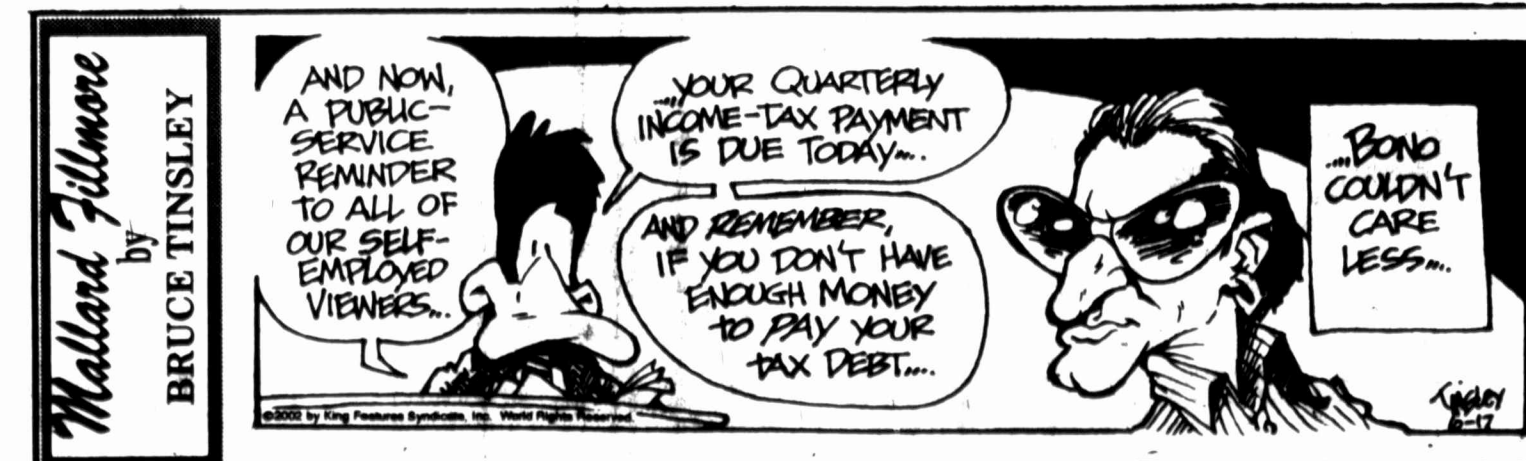
Adelman told Marshall. What's better about having Islamist fanatics running Egypt and Saudi Arabia?

If we're going to do this, I suggest the administration prepare the country for exactly how big the risks are. Unfortunately, it seems more inclined to question the patriotism of anyone who asks questions.

As for the longer menu of war and near-war under the Bush Doctrine, why not try peace instead? The hope of the world has been the slow growth and development of international law. Announcing that we will declare war "pre-emptively" whenever we feel like it does nothing to promote peace. What makes us think our intelligence is good enough to learn if and where such weapons are being developed? When Clinton tried to go after Al Qaeda, he missed Osama bin Laden by an hour and destroyed a harmless pharmaceutical factory in Sudan. The FBI, the CIA and the rest of them managed to ignore the warning signs on 9-11. We're not competent enough to go around declaring "pre-emptive war."

Why not announce in advance that we plan to work with other countries on solving the problem of terrorism. Why not try waging peace first?

A.J. Muste said, "There is no way to peace: Peace is the way." What can this doctrine possibly achieve except creating more hatred of the United States?

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Blaze stops short of Arizona town, but threat remains

SHOW LOW, Ariz. (AP) — A mammoth 300,000-acre blaze formed by the union of two wildfires edged closer to this evacuated mountain town without overrunning it, but firefighters said it was only a matter of time.

"The fire has abated a little but we're still in a lot of danger here," fire spokesman Jim Paxon said today on NBC's "Today" show. "We think it's an inevitability that the fire is going to enter Show Low."

Firefighters planned to pull back, let the fire hit and then fight it where they can.

"A lot of us who have been doing this game for over 30 years and this is the biggest and meanest fire we've been on," Paxon said on CBS' "The Early Show."

The fire has burned about 300,000 acres — or 480 square miles — since it began as two blazes last week. The fires merged on Sunday. As many as 25,000 people have fled homes from more than half a dozen towns.

The fire has destroyed at least 186 homes, Paxon said, including 116 homes in towns just west of Show Low. The other 70 were in Heber-Overgaard, a community 35 miles west of Show Low that was overrun Saturday.

"Many homes up here have been built board by board. We didn't just walk into a subdivision where a home was already built. We built from scratch," said 61-year-old Sue Aldrete, who was evacuated from her Pinetop-Lakeside home Saturday.

"It was a labor of love."

Favorable weather slowed the advance of the fire on Sunday. "This day was a pretty good day to

us," Paxon said.

Fire crews planned to resume work on a fire-break in a nearby canyon to try to cut off an eastward route for the fire. Work had been abandoned earlier because of dangerous conditions.

Show Low, population 7,700, was mostly empty as the flames approached the town's outskirts. All the new cars at Show Low's Hatch Toyota were off the lot, while RVs, pickups and cars abandoned by evacuees covered the parking lot at the Kmart and Family Dollar.

Show Low residents were ordered out late Saturday after the flames jumped a fire line that crews were building about eight miles west of town, and the 3,500 residents of neighboring Pinetop-Lakeside followed Sunday.

The wildfire has burned through parts of the evacuated towns of Linden, Pinedale, Clay Springs and Heber-Overgaard.

"Obviously, the waiting is the worst part — and not knowing. You try not to speculate too much, and you try not to be optimistic prematurely, but what is there to do?" said Rick Honsinger, 37, a high school math teacher who evacuated Heber-Overgaard last week with his wife and four children.

The larger of the fires that came together Sunday was thought to have been caused Tuesday by people, although authorities didn't know whether it was an accident or arson. The other was started Thursday by a lost hiker signaling for help.

Some relief could come over the next few days, said Tom Wordell, a fire analyst at the National Interagency Fire Center.

Bush plan for Palestinian state questioned before announcement

WASHINGTON (AP) — As President Bush prepares to roll out his Mideast peace blueprint, members of Congress and Palestinian leaders are already expressing doubts about its core goal — provisional Palestinian statehood.

"A state is a state, and you cannot be provisionally pregnant, and you cannot have a provisional state," Palestinian Cabinet Minister Nabil Shaath said on Sunday on CNN's "Late Edition."

Administration officials said today they tentatively planned the address for the afternoon, but were waiting for Bush to make a final decision. They also cautioned that events in the Middle East could again force a change.

Israeli tanks encircled Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat's badly damaged headquarters and barricaded the front gate with debris as the army seized control of Ramallah on Monday. In the southern Gaza Strip, Israeli helicopters fired missiles at two cars, killing six Palestinians and injuring five, Palestinians said. Four of the dead belonged to the militant group Hamas, the movement said.

A senior White House official reaffirmed Sunday that Bush would outline a step-by-step proposal for estab-

lishment of a Palestinian state contingent on democratic reforms. The plan would create the state within provisional borders late this year or early next year, provided that enough measurable progress has been made in reforming the Palestinian Authority and stemming terrorism.

The thorniest issues — such as final borders, the control of Jerusalem and the return of refugees — would be left to negotiations between Israel and the provisional state.

Bush delayed an announcement last week after two suicide bombings in Jerusalem killed 26 Israelis and the Israeli army began seizing Palestinian territory in the West Bank.

Ahead of the official announcement, influential lawmakers and a Palestinian official challenged the administration's proposal.

Shaath said his people would greet Bush's proposal for interim status "positively," but he was skeptical about its central provision.

"There is no such a thing as a provisional state," he said on "Fox News Sunday."

Shaath said he was eager for the United States to lay out a peace plan soon. "The important thing is to have the United States involved with the international com-

munity because we cannot do it on our own with the Israelis. We need a third party, and there's no better than the Americans," he said.

"I don't know what a provisional state means," Sen. Joseph Lieberman, D-Conn., said on CBS' "Face the Nation." "Either you're a state or not a state."

What's needed is a permanent Palestinian state, Lieberman said, and the way to start is for Bush to send Secretary of State Colin Powell back to the region and have him bring the parties together around the plan offered by Saudi Arabia — Arab peace with Israel in exchange for a Palestinian state on land Israel won in the 1967 war.

"It's important that the president get back on the field here," Lieberman said. "The problem here is that this is going nowhere." He proposed substantial U.S. economic aid to Palestinians. He also would allow more Palestinians into America as part of an effort to improve ties and separate them from the culture of suicide bombing.

Sen. Richard Shelby, R-Ala., called the idea of an interim state "a dicey proposition right now. I don't know how you can create a Palestinian state at the moment with all of the vio-

lence that's going on, all of the terrorist attacks," he told ABC's "This Week."

Israeli Defense Minister Benjamin Ben-Eliezer said "the offer of President Bush will be welcomed if this will be under the feeling that all of the terror activities is somehow calmed, or at least someone (does) something in order to bring it lower than it is right now."

Israeli Foreign Minister Shimon Peres said he would embrace an interim-state proposal. "I think the whole region is awaiting the speech of the president. As a matter of fact, things are being (delayed) because there is this expectation for the announcement by the president," he said.

Several of those interviewed Sunday expressed growing skepticism about Yasser Arafat's ability to lead the Palestinians.

"I think he's at a point where he has lost control," Lieberman said. "It's time for a change."

Shaath said Arafat is the elected leader of the Palestinians and will face elections again in January.

Sen. John Kerry, D-Mass., accused the administration of a "catastrophic" mismanagement of the Mideast crisis by engaging only fitfully there. "There is no continuity, there is no fundamental plan," he said.

Fossett skirts disaster, continues balloon trek

ST. LOUIS (AP) — American adventurer Steve Fossett said he had narrowly avoided disaster on the most difficult day so far of his around-the-world ballooning quest.

Bidding to become the first solo balloonist to circle the globe, Fossett and his Spirit of Freedom had descended below 1,000 feet Sunday to duck turbulent weather. But periodic squalls, packing severe

downdrafts took the balloon as low as 400 feet, perilously close to the south Pacific.

Fossett, 58, used all of his balloon's three gas burners to ascend and counter the downdrafts, keeping him out of the sea east of New Zealand.

"The margin for error was razor thin," Fossett told his mission control center Sunday at St. Louis' Washington University, describing the events as

"the most crucial day" in his sixth solo around-the-world attempt, which began last Tuesday from western Australia.

At one point, Fossett told his flight center by satellite telephone that he looked to simply make it safely to South America, and that completing his quest appeared impossible.

"I couldn't sleep," Fossett added. "Although I have warning alarms, I was wor-

ried that my reaction time when a rain squall and downdraft hit would not be quick enough. So I only had two hours sleep last night, none today and the ascent back up to catch the jet stream will take half of tonight, so I'm anxious to get some sleep."

Hours later, Fossett appeared free and clear. As of Sunday evening, Fossett was cruising at 28 mph at 26,800 feet above the sea.

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The Down and Dirty Softball Tournament is scheduled to take place June 28-30 at Tommy Walker Field in Stanton. The top three teams will receive awards. The top three individuals will be awarded t-shirts. In addition, an MVP and Gold Glove will be named as will a 10-players all-tournament squad.

The tournament will be played under USSSA rules using .47 core balls. A three home run rule will be used.

The entry fee for the event is \$115 per team. Deadline to enter is 7 p.m. June 27.

For more information, call Michael Paul Martinez at 756-2603 or Raul Ochoa at 889-6994.

Big Spring Softball Camp set for June 24

The 2002 Big Spring All-Skills Softball Camp will begin today at the Big Spring High School Softball Complex. The camp runs through June 28.

The camp, which is divided into groups for players in grades 3-6 and 7-8, is an all-skills fundamental camp dealing with the basics in hitting, fielding and pitching.

Campers in grades 3-6 will workout from 8 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. during the three-day event. Seventh and Eighth graders will go from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. daily.

The cost for the camp is \$50 per player. The fee, which includes a camp T-shirt, is due on the first day of camp. Campers should come dressed in shorts, a t-shirt, tennis shoes, socks and bring a glove.

For more information, contact Big Spring head softball coach Dan Arista at 267-1714 or 264-3662.

Local seniors sought for all-star game

The promoters of the 2002 All Americas basketball game are looking to add a few Crossroads area athletes to the roster. Any high school seniors that graduated in May from Big Spring, Klondike, Sands, Grady that would like to participate should contact Tommy Wells at (915) 816-6336 or (915) 263-7331.

Ragball touney is set for July 5-6

Booths are available for the 10th Annual Ragball Tournament, sponsored by the Coahoma United Girls Softball Association.

For more information call Laura Martin at 267-8660, or Candy Parrish at 394-4034, or Neasa Iden at 399-4443.

Wynn benefit scramble set July 13

A four-man scramble with proceeds to benefit the Matt Wynn family of Coahoma will be held July 13 at Comanche Trails Golf Course.

Entry fees are set at \$200 per team. A 2002 F-150 Ford supercab pickup will be presented for a hole-in-one.

For more information or for tee times, call Denise Coates at 393-5584.

USSSA qualifier scheuled for Midland

The Permian Basin USSSA will be hosting the A-1 Last Chance Qualifier Softball Tournament at the Bill Williams Complex in Midland on July 13-14.

USSSA registration is required. Men's Class D NIT with World Tournament berth to Disney World.

To enter call (915) 816-5589.

Steers fall short in quest for state berth

By TOMMY WELLS

Sports Editor

For the Big Spring Steers, there is only one tomorrow left in their quest to land a return trip to the 7-on-7 state tournament.

And that tomorrow comes this weekend as Big Spring heads into the Brownwood 7-on-7 state qualifier trying to earn one of only two remaining tickets to the state finals. In all, Big Spring will be competing

against 16 squads in Brownwood.

The Steers' efforts to clinch a tournament berth this past weekend came up just short in the Abilene state qualifying meet. Big Spring, despite an impressive performance from backup quarterback Wesley Smith, finished second in their respective pool with a 2-1 mark.

Abilene High won the tournament and joins teams from Brownwood, Brady

7-on-7 Qualifying Tournament

June 29
in Brownwood

and Copperas Cove in qualifying for the state meet, which is set for July 19-20 on the campus of Texas A&M University in College Station.

Big Spring hit on all cylinders in their opening game of pool play Saturday morn-

ing. The Steers, playing without starting quarterback Tye Butler, hammered out a 50-28 win over Lake Dallas.

Butler missed the tournament while attending a collegiate camp at the University of Miami.

Big Spring continued to roll in the second round despite receiving a scare from Winters. The Steers advanced to the Pool 3 title game by downing Winters 46-45.

The Hico Tigers ended Big Spring's hopes of reaching the tournament playoffs by claiming a 28-19 victory.

Hico's run came to an end one round later when Brady dealt them a 41-21 setback in the quarterfinals.

Abilene High won the tournament with a 42-6 rout of Brady in the championship. Copperas Cove downed Odessa High in the consolation finals.

Herald sports editor Tommy Wells can be reached at (915) 263-7331.

Texas stars steamroll Oklahoma in Oil Bowl

WICHITA FALLS (AP) — Travis Wilson of Carrollton Creekview caught two touchdown passes to lead Texas high school all-stars to a 28-7 victory Saturday night over Oklahoma high school all-stars in the 65th Oil Bowl Classic.

But there was a consolation prize for Oklahoma. The wide receiver, who had three receptions for 71 yards and was named the game's offensive most valuable player, has signed to play college football for Oklahoma.

Wilson caught a 41-yard TD pass from Mesquite's Mark

Hodges in the second quarter and a 17-yard TD catch from Southlake Carroll's Ricky Lay in the third quarter. He also had a dazzling 102-yard kickoff return in the third quarter that was called back because of an illegal block.

"When you are around each other for five days, people were just going after each other a little bit, and it was all fun," said the Texas head coach, Rhudy Maskew of Wichita Falls Rider. "It looked like an all-star performance. At times we looked really good and at times it looked like we hadn't been together very long."

After a scoreless first quarter, Texas drove 81 yards in a dozen plays. Texas gambled on 4th-and-three at the Oklahoma 22, and Lay converted by scrambling to his right and finding Marc Halpin of South Garland with a 15-yard pass for a first down.

Broussard burst straight up the middle on the next play for a 7-yard touchdown run. Just three minutes later, Wilson ran a post pattern from the right side, and Hodges threw a perfect pass for a 41-yard scoring play.

Lay found Wilson wide open in the end zone from 17 yards out with 7:56 to go in the third quarter to build the lead to 21-0.

Oklahoma drove 71 yards in eight plays in the third quarter for its only score. On third-and-16 from the Texas 34, quarterback Matt Warren of Putnam City North escaped the rush of Kadimah Duncan of Fossil Ridge to complete a 33-yard pass to Garrett Mills of Jenks at the 1. T.J. Rushing of Pauls Valley then swept the right side for the touchdown.

"We played about as hard as we could play," said Virgil Terry of Sallisaw.

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Oil Bowl Classic

Texan 28
Oklahoma 7

2002 Best of the Rest Tournament



DeSoto's Clay Spangler chips the ball onto the 18th green Saturday afternoon during first round action of the Best of the Rest Golf Tournament at Comanche Trails. In all, 176 golfers from throughout the state participated in the two-day event.

Ward, Bryant race to easy win in Best of the Rest Tournament

By TOMMY WELLS

Sports Editor

Steve Ward and Larry Bryant did their best impressions of Muhammad Ali and George Foreman Sunday afternoon. Both hammered out shot after shot and left the rest of the Best of the Rest Tournament field staggering.

Ward and Bryant pounded out an impressive victory in the annual two-person scramble. They combined to shoot a 25-under par 117 on the Comanche Trail course. The opened with a 13-under par 58 on Saturday and never looked back.

In all, 176 golfers from throughout the state participated in the tournament, which began almost two decades ago under former Comanche Trails golf pro Al Patterson.

Charlie Garcia and Adolf Garza finished second in the Championship

Best of the Rest Tournament

Final results	
Championship Flight	
1. Ward-Bryant	58-59 — 117
2. Garcia-Garza	61-61 — 122
3. Hartman-Long	62-61 — 123
First Flight	
1. Stewart-Leonard	64-64 — 128
2. Villalobos-Cabellero	63-67 — 130
3. Griffin-Erwin	67-64 — 131
4. Nichols-Nichols	65-66 — 131
Second Flight	
1. Hammonds-Stimson	64-63 — 127
2. Glaspele-Gonzales	65-65-63 — 128
3. Summersell-Palmer	65-63 — 128
Third Flight	
1. Roberts-Roberts	65-64 — 129
2. Smith-Fields	66-64 — 130
3. Palmer-Palmer	65-66 — 131
Fourth Flight	
1. Hall-Heidelberg	68-67 — 135
2. Battle-Battle	67-70 — 137
3. Leuschner-Ringner	68-70 — 138
Fifth Flight	
1. Marquez-Pinera	70-69 — 139
2. Olsen-Weaver	73-72 — 145
3. Diaz-Diaz	72-73 — 145
4. Brown-Moring	71-75 — 146

flight. They shot a 10-under 61 on

both days and finished five strokes off the winning pace, at 122.

Brad Hammonds and Johnny Stimson claimed the top spot in the Second flight. The two recorded a first round score of 64 and then won a card playoff to gain the upper hand. They carded a 63 the following day and tool a one-stroke win.

Gary Roberts and Reggie Roberts also had to battle to win the Third flight. They shot a 65 in the opener and turned in a 65 on the final 18 holes to finish at 129 and earn a one-shot victory.

Bennie Marquez and Darrell Pinera finished atop the Fifth flight with relative ease. They shot a 69 in the final round and finished with a six stroke win.

Herald sports editor Tommy Wells can be reached at (915) 263-7331.

Texas wins fifth national crown

OMAHA, Neb. (AP) — Chris Carmichael hit a three-run homer in his first start in almost a month as Texas beat South Carolina 12-6 to win the College World Series.

Augie Garrido the first coach to win national titles with two schools.

In winning their fifth national title — and first since 1983 — the Longhorns tied Louisiana State and Arizona State for second on the list of CWS champi-

College World Series

Texas 12
S. Carolina 6

onships.

Freshman Huston Street, was selected the Most Outstanding Player. He became the first player with four saves in a CWS.

He pitched 1 2-3 innings Saturday, allowing one hit and a walk. He got pinch-hitter Jared Greenwood to

ground out to first for the final out, then Street and first baseman Jeff Ontiveros started a celebratory dogpile next to the mound.

It was the fourth national title for Garrido, who won three at Cal State Fullerton before coming to Texas in 1996. He took the Longhorns to Omaha two years ago, but they were eliminated in two games.

The Longhorns (57-15) See CWS, Page 7A

SPORTS

AMERICAN LEAGUE

East Division		
	W	L
New York	47	28
Boston	45	27
Baltimore	35	38
Toronto	30	42
Tampa Bay	24	49
Central Division		
	W	L
Minnesota	42	33
Chicago	36	39
Cleveland	35	40
Kansas City	26	46
Detroit	26	47
West Division		
	W	L
Seattle	46	28
Anaheim	43	29
Oakland	43	31
Texas	32	41

Today's Games
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Chicago White Sox (Garland, Kinney 2-6), 7:05 p.m.
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NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division		
	W	L
Atlanta	46	25
Montreal	40	34
Florida	39	35
New York	38	36
Philadelphia	31	41
Central Division		
	W	L
St. Louis	40	32
Cincinnati	38	35
Houston	32	42
Pittsburgh	32	42
Chicago	31	41
Milwaukee	26	46
West Division		
	W	L
Los Angeles	46	25
Arizona	45	26
San Francisco	41	33
Colorado	37	38
San Diego	32	41

Today's Games
Philadelphia (Padilla 9-4) at St. Louis, 7:05 p.m.
Atlanta (Milwood 4-5) at Cincinnati, 6:10 p.m.
Cincinnati (Dessens 4-4) (Prior 2-1), 7:05 p.m.
Colorado (Hampton 3-8) at St. Louis, 9:10 p.m.
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8. Carroll-McCormick	65-65-63 — 128
9. Williams-Rodriguez	65-63 — 128
10. Richbourg-Wyatt	68-67 — 135

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AMERICAN LEAGUE

East Division	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	47	28	.627	—
Boston	45	27	.625	1/2
Baltimore	35	38	.479	11
Toronto	30	42	.417	15 1/2
Tampa Bay	24	49	.329	22
Central Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Minnesota	42	33	.560	—
Chicago	36	39	.480	6
Cleveland	35	40	.467	7
Kansas City	26	46	.361	14 1/2
Detroit	26	47	.356	15
West Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Seattle	46	28	.622	—
Anaheim	43	29	.597	2
Oakland	43	31	.581	3
Texas	32	41	.438	13 1/2

Today's Games
 Anaheim (Sale 6:4 and Lackey 0:0) at Texas (Burke 3:4 and Benoit 1:0), 2, 5:05 p.m.
 Chicago White Sox (Garland 6:5) at Minnesota (Kinney 2:6), 7:05 p.m.
 Oakland (Lidle 1:6) at Seattle (Garcia 10:4), 9:05 p.m.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlanta	46	29	.613	—
Montreal	40	34	.541	5 1/2
Florida	39	35	.527	6 1/2
New York	38	36	.514	7 1/2
Philadelphia	31	41	.431	13 1/2
Central Division	W	L	Pct	GB
St. Louis	40	32	.556	—
Cincinnati	38	35	.521	2 1/2
Houston	32	42	.432	9
Pittsburgh	32	42	.432	9
Chicago	31	41	.431	9
Milwaukee	26	49	.347	15 1/2
West Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Los Angeles	46	28	.622	—
Arizona	45	29	.608	1
San Francisco	41	32	.562	4 1/2
Colorado	37	38	.493	9 1/2
San Diego	32	43	.427	14 1/2

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 Cincinnati (Dessens 4:4) at Chicago Cubs (Prior 2:1), 7:05 p.m.
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9. Williams-Rodriguez	65-66 = 131
10. Richmond Wyatt	65-68 = 133

First Flight

Mariners slide past Astros

HOUSTON (AP) — Mike Cameron found a good way to end a road trip.

Entering the game with two hits in his last 22 at-bats, Cameron drove in four runs with his 100th career homer and a three-run double to lead Joel Pineiro and Seattle over the Houston Astros 10-5 Sunday.

Pineiro pitched seven strong innings to win his third straight decision, and the Mariners got 15 hits to

take two of three in the first series between these teams. John Olerud went 4-for-5 with two RBIs, and Jeff Cirillo also hit his 100th career home run — a two-run shot in the fifth inning.

Orlando Merced hit a pair of two-run homers for Houston, his fourth career multihomer game. Rookie Kirk Saarloos (0-2) took the loss for the Astros, his second in as many starts.

CWS

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 were perfect on this trip as they edged Rice, swept two games against Stanford and beat South Carolina, which hadn't played in the title game since losing to the Longhorns in 1975.

The loss ended an amazing run for the Gamecocks (57-18), who were shut out by Georgia Tech 11-0 in the opener last Friday, then won four straight elimination games to make it to the championship.

Texas was in its first championship game since 1989, and won the title for the first time since Roger Clemens and Calvin Schiraldi led the 1983 team.

The Longhorns had a team ERA of 2.80 entering the game. Justin Simmons (16-1), who won a 2-1 decision over Rice in the opening round, picked up his second victory of the CWS.

The Gamecocks took a 1-0 lead in the first, but never recovered after giving up three in the bottom of the first and Carmichael's homer in the three-run fifth.

Five of the Longhorns were on the 2000 team and three were starting Saturday, including Carmichael, who hadn't started a game since May 25 in the Big 12 tournament.

He was 0-for-1 in the CWS, but Garrido decided to start the senior in his final game. It paid off in the fifth when Ontiveros reached on an error and Brandon Fahey walked, then Carmichael hit a 1-2 pitch from Aaron Rawl (7-2) way out to right.

Carmichael leaped when the ball cleared and gave Texas a 7-2 lead. He pointed at teammates as he trotted down the third-base line and finished his celebration by spinning his arms in a windmill as he touched home and was swarmed by teammates.

The homer gave the Longhorns 68 for the season, one more than the school record set in 1988.

Fahey was 2-for-3 with three RBIs, including a two-run single in the eighth that put the Longhorns up 10-6.

Dustin Majewski drove in two runs with a triple in the first, and Omar Quintanilla was 4-for-5 with an RBI.

Justin Harris was 2-for-5 with two RBIs for the Gamecocks. South Carolina got two runs in the seventh and cut the lead to 8-6 in the eighth on Harris' bases-loaded grounder to second that could have been a double play but second baseman Tim Moss dropped the ball before he could throw it to first.

RHP Doug Nickle from Scranton/Wilkes-Barre of the International League.
 SAN DIEGO PADRES—Agreed to terms with LHP Sean Thompson and RHP Luke Steidtmayer.
 FOOTBALL
 HOCKEY
 NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE
 CHICAGO BEARS—Signed WR Marty Booker to a seven-year contract.
 NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE
 ATLANTA THRASHERS—Acquired F Slava Kozlov and the 41st overall draft pick in 2002 from Buffalo for the 31st and 82nd overall picks.
 CALGARY FLAMES—Acquired G Jamie McLennan from Minnesota for a 2002 ninth-round draft pick.
 EDMONTON OILERS—Traded C Jochen Hecht to Buffalo for the 31st and 36th overall picks in 2002.
 FLORIDA PANTHERS—Traded their 2002 first overall draft pick to Columbus for the 2002 third overall pick and the right to switch draft positions with Columbus in 2003.
 MINNESOTA WILD—Acquired the rights to C Cliff Ronning from Los Angeles for a 2002 eighth-round draft pick.
 MONTREAL CANADIENS—Acquired F Mariusz Czerkawski from the New York Islanders for C Aron Asham and the 149th overall draft pick in 2002.
 NEW YORK ISLANDERS—Acquired D Matthias Timander from Columbus for a 2002 fourth-round draft pick.
 PITTSBURGH PENGUINS—Traded LW Krzysztof Oliwa to the New York Rangers for future considerations.
 TAMPA BAY LIGHTNING—Acquired RW Ruslan Fedotenko and the 34th and 52nd overall draft picks in 2002 from Philadelphia for the 2002 fourth overall pick. Acquired D Brad Lukowich and a 2003 seventh-round draft pick from Dallas for the 34th overall pick in 2002. Traded D Josef Boumedienne to Ottawa for a 2002 seventh-round draft pick.
 TORONTO MAPLE LEAFS—Traded RW Jeff Farkas to Vancouver for C Josh Holden.

Second Flight
 1. Hammonds-Stinson 64-63 = 127
 2. Glaspe-Gonzalez 65-63 = 128
 3. Summers-Palmer 65-63 = 128
 4. Spivey-Caperton 68-63 = 131
 5. Smith-Spangler 67-65 = 132
 6. Soliz-Dimas 67-66 = 133
 7. Birdwell-Burnett 69-65 = 134
 8. Hickey-Burchell 66-68 = 134
 9. Alvarez-Sasser 72-63 = 135
 10. Decker-Chrane 66-69 = 135
 11. Brock-Schaffer 68-67 = 135
 12. Hooper-Collingsworth 70-68 = 138
 13. Pollard-Petrie 69-69 = 138
 14. Plumlee-Wagner 73-72 = 145

Third Flight
 1. Roberts-Roberts 65-64 = 129
 2. Smith-Fields 66-64 = 130
 3. Palmer-Palmer 65-66 = 131
 4. Thompson-Garcia 66-66 = 132
 5. Hernandez-Rodriguez 67-65 = 132
 6. Williams-Waldrop 67-66 = 133
 7. Hedges-Stephens 71-62 = 133
 8. McEwen-Hennedy 70-68 = 138
 9. Howell-Howell 69-70 = 139
 10. Gilbreath-Gilbreath 73-68 = 141
 11. Gomez-Jimenez 73-70 = 143
 12. Bauer-Bauer 71-76 = 146
 13. Reyna-Garcia 75-72 = 147

Fourth Flight
 1. Hall-Heideburg 68-67 = 135
 2. Battle-Battle 67-70 = 137
 3. Leuchner-Ringner 68-70 = 138
 4. Ramirez-Sany 72-68 = 140
 5. Flaherty-Flaherty 69-71 = 140
 6. Bailey-Ditto 74-69 = 143
 7. Cantrell-Latta 73-71 = 144
 8. Key-Key 71-73 = 144
 9. Wash-Miller 73-72 = 145
 10. Moses-Sparks 71-75 = 146
 11. Phernetton-Hopkins 72-75 = 147
 12. Phillips-Phillips 74-73 = 147

Fifth Flight
 1. Marquez-Pinera 70-69 = 139
 2. Olsen-Weaver 73-72 = 145
 3. Diaz-Diaz 72-73 = 145
 4. Brown-Morrissey 71-75 = 146
 5. Norman-Darling 74-76 = 150
 6. Fowler-Hilger 76-76 = 152
 7. Hughes-Beal 78-75 = 153
 8. Lee-Brown 77-77 = 144
 9. Forsythe-Lemard 77-77 = 144
 10. Bruney-Phillips 84-82 = 166
 11. Campbell-Campbell 83-85 = 168

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL

American League
 CLEVELAND INDIANS—Signed INF Micah Schilling. Placed OF Todd Dunwoody on the 15-day disabled list. Recalled 1B-OF Ben Broussard from Buffalo of the International League.
 TEXAS RANGERS—Named Orel Hershiser pitching coach.
 TORONTO BLUE JAYS—Optioned RHP Brandon Lyon to Syracuse of the International League. Activated RHP Chris Carpenter from the 15-day disabled list.
National League
 CINCINNATI REDS—Recalled RHP Luis Pineda from Louisville of the International League. Optioned OF Austin Kearns to Louisville.
 PHILADELPHIA PHILLIES—Placed RHP Ricky Bottalico on the 15-day disabled list. Recalled

TEXAS LEAGUE

Eastern Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Wichita (Royals)	4	0	1.000	—
Shreveport (Giants)	2	2	.500	2
El Paso (Rangers)	2	2	.500	2
Arkansas (Angels)	0	4	.000	4
Western Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Midland (Athletics)	3	1	.750	—
El Paso (Diamondbacks)	2	2	.500	1
San Antonio (Mariners)	2	2	.500	1
x-Round Rock (Astros)	1	3	.250	2
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Today's Games
 Round Rock at Shreveport
 San Antonio at Arkansas
 Tulsa at Midland
 Wichita at El Paso
Tuesday's Games
 Round Rock at Shreveport
 San Antonio at Arkansas
 Tulsa at Midland
 Wichita at El Paso

WNBA

Eastern Conference	W	L	Pct	GB
Washington	9	2	.818	—
Orlando	7	3	.700	1 1/2
New York	7	6	.538	3
Charlotte	5	5	.500	3 1/2
Indiana	5	6	.455	4
Cleveland	3	6	.333	5
Miami	2	8	.200	6 1/2
Detroit	0	11	.000	9
Western Conference	W	L	Pct	GB
Los Angeles	9	1	.900	—
Houston	9	3	.750	1
Utah	7	3	.700	2
Phoenix	6	3	.667	2 1/2
Seattle	6	6	.500	4
Minnesota	4	7	.364	5 1/2
Portland	4	7	.364	5 1/2
Sacramento	2	8	.200	7

Today's Games
 Miami at Cleveland, 7 p.m.
 Indiana at New York, 7:30 p.m.
 Houston at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
 Portland at Utah, 9 p.m.
 Washington at Sacramento, 10 p.m.
 Phoenix at Los Angeles, 10:30 p.m.

Cardinals begin tough job of mourning, moving on

CHICAGO (AP) — Some of the St. Louis Cardinals gathered in small groups, remembering Darryl Kile and trying to understand how he could be dead at just 33.

Others went off by themselves at the team hotel, preferring to work through their grief and anger on their own.

"They're all doing it in their own individual way," Brian Bartow, spokesman for the Cardinals, said Sunday. "It'll be a long grieving period. Especially coming so shortly on the heels of Jack Buck's passing."

An autopsy was performed Sunday morning by the Cook County medical examiner, but the office said more study was needed before a cause of death could be determined.

As the Cardinals mourned their teammate, they also began the process of moving on a day after Kile's death.

The team held a 30-minute memorial service for Kile on Sunday morning at the team hotel. Several members of the St. Louis Chapter of Baseball Chapel — including former Cardinals pitcher Rick Horton — came to Chicago to lead the service.

Kile's wife, Flynn, spoke to the players at the end of the service, and many stayed afterward to share their memories of the veteran pitcher.

A few hours later, they were back to work, playing the Chicago Cubs in a game Kile was scheduled to start.

"It's a part of life. I understand that," pitcher Woody Williams told the St. Louis Post-Dispatch. "Darryl was a special friend and a great father. You look at him. He's in great health. He's 33. How do you explain something like that? You really can't. But I have faith in God and believe he has a purpose for everything."

Kile was found dead in his

Autopsy: Blocked artery likely caused the death of former Astros pitcher

CHICAGO (AP) — St. Louis Cardinals pitcher Darryl Kile likely died from a blocked coronary artery, the Cook County medical examiner said Sunday prior to the Cardinals' game against the Chicago Cubs at Wrigley Field.

Kile, 33, was found dead in his hotel room Saturday

after failing to show up for a afternoon game.

Dr. Edmund Donoghue said initial findings of an autopsy showed Kile had "80-to 90 percent narrowing of two of the three branches of the coronary artery."

Donoghue said the blockage was the "likely cause of death."

hotel room Saturday afternoon after teammates became concerned he hadn't shown up at Wrigley Field. Hotel security forced their way into his locked room and found him in bed. There was no sign of a disturbance or foul play, police said.

"It looked like he was asleep," said Dr. Jim Loomis, the Cardinals assistant team physician.

Though there was some talk of postponing Sunday night's game out of respect for Kile, the Cardinals voted unanimously at a team meeting Saturday night to play the game in his honor. A fierce competitor, Kile spent almost 12 years in the majors without ever going on the disabled list.

BOWL

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 the Oklahoma head coach. "These guys were a little more than we could handle, but we tried our best."

The game was marred by 20 penalties, including six personal foul calls against Oklahoma in the second half. Larry Dobbles of Lancaster, Texas, and Nick Cole of Lawton (Okla.) Eisenhower were ejected in the first half for fighting.

"I think some of it was about us being too close all week long. This is a pretty heated rivalry. Us being the underdog, maybe people do

things on purpose sometimes, and things don't go our way," Terry said.

Oklahoma was flagged 14 times for 138 yards, and Texas had six penalties for 55 yards.

Michael Brisco of Childress, Texas, was the leading rusher with 50 yards on 7 carries. Rushing led Oklahoma with 31 yards on 9 carries. Linebacker Marvin Byrdson of Longview, Texas, was named the defensive MVP.

The win extends Texas overall series lead to 40-16-1.

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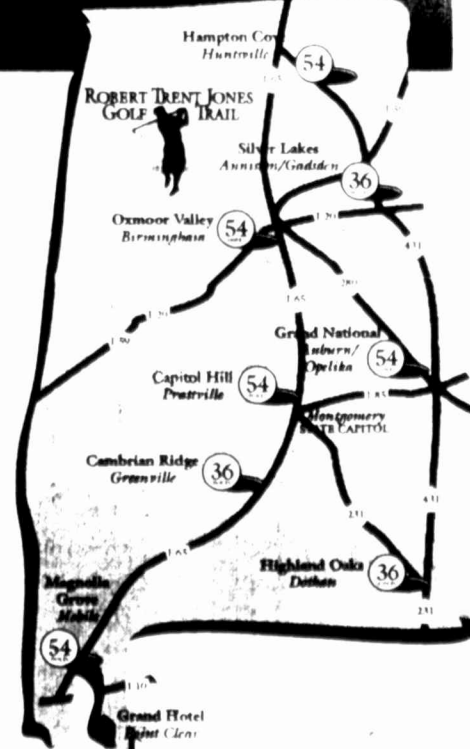
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HAPPY BIRTHDAY Tuesday, June 25:

You have an unusually strong drive and direction. Knowing what works for you could make a big difference in how you focus your energy. You're an unstoppable force as you aim for more of what you want. Others often make offers that might be too good to be true. Understand that sometimes your knee-jerk reaction could be overly sensitive. Be careful of how you express your frustration, because you could be more temperamental than in past years. If you are single, a relationship could heat up considerably. You might want to take another look at this person. You often feel challenged by others. Know that this might have more to do with you than with the other person. If you are attached, don't automatically chime in with a "no." Think carefully. Evaluate situations more openly. ARIES could trigger you.

The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult

ARIES (March 21-April 19) *** Your fiery side emerges when dealing with a boss or key associate. Whether you have been swallowing too much anger or reacting to the immediate moment, you could easily act like Mt. Vesuvius! Do you really want this? Find

more appropriate ways of expressing your anger. Tonight: Work late.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ***** You easily could be overwhelmed by all the communication and by what you hear. Clear up each detail one at a time. You might want to discuss a change in menu or plans that comes up. Others could be touchy. You might feel as if you're walking on eggshells. Tonight: Relax to a favorite pastime.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) *** An associate could become difficult when you least expect it. Imagine what might be happening with this person. His or her temper could erupt unexpectedly. Flow with an opportunity. Carefully consider your options. Tonight: Togetherness works.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ***** You might find others challenging. Part of the reason might be that yesterday's eclipse drained you more than you realize. Be as easygoing as you can be. Consider your options before you lose your temper. Tonight: Anything goes.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) *** Stay even, if you can.

However, if you feel anger boiling up inside, try to express this strong feeling in a way that others can hear. Don't make yourself sick over an issue. Think through a decision, taking

as much time as you might need. Tonight: Wind down.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ***** You might need all your energy and creativity to deal with the hurdles that others toss into your path. Carefully consider your alternatives before you follow another's suggestion. Your imagination helps you enlist others' help. Tonight: Where the action is.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) *** Understand what motivates another. Take charge with your family. Others will choose to follow your lead, even at work. Tension and stress mount. You will find solutions because of your strong insistence and need. Allow a boss to have a little more say-so. Tonight: Happy at home.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ***** Speak your mind with others, but don't be surprised at how someone else might respond. Curb your temper and detach. If possible, avoid being one-sided in your perspective. Work with others and allow change to happen. Tonight: At a favorite spot.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) *** How you share a financial question could have much to do with how someone responds. You might not be as sure of yourself as you would like to be. Another might pick up on this, whether you realize it or not. Tonight:

Your treat.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ***** You help someone leap over a problem. Don't allow a crabby friend to get to you. Rather, listen to his or her complaint and evaluate whether there might be something legitimate in what is being said. Your openness separates you from many. Tonight: Whatever makes you happy.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ** Sometimes actions speak louder than words. That extra effort could make all the difference in how others see you. Drop all pretence, and just do it. Later, you might opt to vanish or go elsewhere. Play it low-key. Tonight: Get some extra rest.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) **** A friend knows what it will take to make what you need happen. Don't back off; rather, recognize what is needed here. Your creativity helps find solutions when another might be stumped. Know that anything is possible. Tonight: Follow your pals.

BORN TODAY

Actor Scott Terra (1987), comedian/actor Jimmie Walker (1947), writer George Orwell (1903)

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Mild violence normal behavior in toddler years

Editor's Note: Ann Landers answered her readers' letters up to her death on June 22. The following was one of her last columns.



ANN LANDERS

Dear Ann Landers: My 3-year-old grandson is in day care while his parents work. When he came home the other day, he had bite marks on his arm. The skin was not broken, but there were obvious teeth marks.

When I called the day-care center, I was told it is perfectly normal for kids to bite each other. The worker told me that the kids also hit, push, shove and scratch each other and this is "normal behavior." She made sure I understood

that my grandson probably provoked the biting.

The worker told me the children will eventually learn better coping skills and stop biting, but I am concerned that this is taken so lightly. She gave me no indication that there would be better supervision in the future, and I am worried that my grandson could develop an infection from the next bite. What should I do? - Englewood, Fla. Grandma

Dear Grandma: Toddlers often bite, scratch, hit, shove and kick. This is indeed within the bounds of normal behavior for children this age. Of course, that does not make it acceptable behavior. I assume the day-care center has employees who supervise the activities and teach the children that biting is inappropriate. If you are concerned about how these

situations are handled, pay a visit to the day-care center, and see for yourself.

Dear Ann Landers: This is in response to "Sleepless in Atlanta," whose boyfriend, "Trent," refuses to fall asleep at her apartment. While he occasionally spends the night, he won't actually close his eyes. He also has a tendency to leave suddenly and not return. You may be right that he has an embarrassing physical problem, but I suspect he is a two-timing rat.

Trent leaves "suddenly" because he has another girlfriend on the side and has promised to see her. He doesn't like to fall asleep because he may not wake up in time for his other date. They rarely stay at Trent's apartment because the girlfriend is likely to drop by unexpectedly or call late at night. When he stays over at her house, he probably tells his other girlfriend that he is working the night shift or that he is out of town.

"Sleepless" should hire a detective and find out what is really going on.

Know Better in Augusta, Ga.

Dear Augusta: You may be right, but I still say there's more to it. If Trent can stay at her place until morning, he may as well get some sleep.

Any man who would take such pains to stay awake needs to remain in control. I wonder why.

Dear Ann Landers: My neighbor has an 18-year-old daughter who attends prestigious high school. She was recently notified that the girl will not graduate because she has missed too many days and no longer meets the graduation requirements. She has been given ample opportunity to make up the missed work but has chosen not to.

Her parents informed me today that they still plan on throwing her a graduation party the afternoon her classmates graduate. They have asked me not to tell anyone their daughter did not actually finish school.

This family has always been generous with my children, and I want to reciprocate. Should I attend the party and bring a gift? - San Jose, Calif., Neighbor

Dear San Jose: The girl still has the opportunity to get her high school diploma, either by attending summer school or applying for her GED. While the parents should not be rewarding her with a party, I see

no reason to embarrass anyone. Attend the festivities, and hope she straightens herself out.

Dear Ann Landers: I was disappointed in your response to "Free in Washington State," who said an unhappily wed, overweight mother should divorce her husband. You said you are reluctant to tell anyone to get a divorce when there are young children involved. Let me tell you about it from a child's perspective.

My parents displayed no physical affection toward each other and argued and yelled constantly. My mother finally divorced my father when she realized the example she was setting for her children. I hated her to think her daughters might someday enter into loveless and unhappy marriages like her own.

I was 8 years old when my parents divorced, and I wouldn't have it any other way. I developed strong relationships with both. My mother is now engaged to a wonderful man. Finally setting a good example for us.

Children are not oblivious to what is going on around them. Parents should live their lives the way they want their children to live theirs. Ithaca, N.Y.

Dear Ithaca: Most readers agreed with you. I concur that in some instances, children are better off if the parents are divorced. Thank you for making it clear.

Is that Ann Landers column you clipped years ago yellow with age? For a copy of her most frequently requested poems and essays, send a self-addressed, long, business-size envelope and a check or money order for \$5.25 (this includes postage and handling) to: Gems, c/o Ann Landers, P.O. Box 11562, Chicago, Ill. 60611-0562. (In Canada, send \$6.25.) To find out more about Ann Landers and read her past columns, visit the Creators Syndicate web page at www.creators.com.

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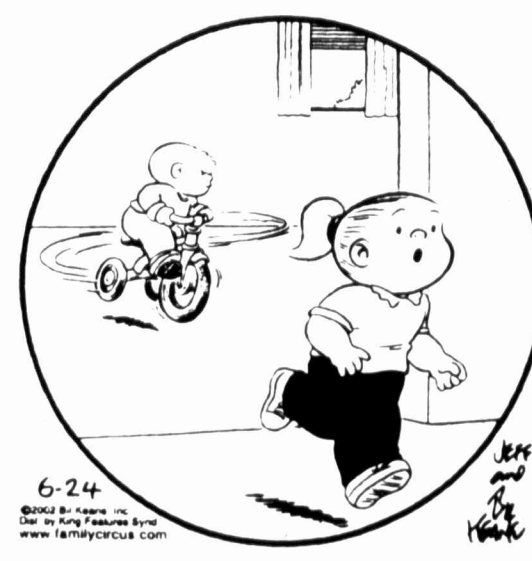
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"I'll bet he's trying to remember where he left his clothes."

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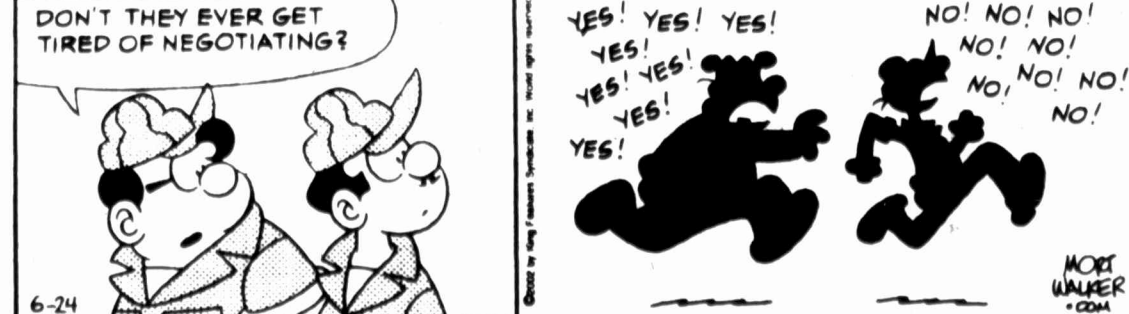
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THIS DATE IN HISTORY

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Today is Monday, June 24, the 175th day of 2002. There are 190 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On June 24, 1908, the 22nd and 24th president of the United States, Grover Cleveland, died in Princeton, New Jersey, at age 71.

On this date: In 1314, the forces of Scotland's King Robert I defeated the English in the Battle of Bannockburn.

In 1497, the first recorded sighting of North America by a European took place as explorer John Cabot spotted land, probably in present-day Canada.

In 1509, Henry VIII was crowned king of England.

In 1647, Margaret Brent, a niece of Lord Baltimore, was ejected from the Maryland Assembly after demanding a place and vote in that governing body.

In 1793, the first republican constitution in France was adopted.

In 1940, France signed an armistice with Italy during World War II.

In 1948, Communist forces cut off all land and water routes between West Germany and West Berlin, prompting the western allies to organize the massive Berlin Airlift.

In 1968, "Resurrection City," a shantytown constructed as part of the Poor People's March on Washington D.C., was closed down by authorities.

In 1975, 113 people were killed when an Eastern Airlines Boeing 727 crashed while attempting to land during a thunderstorm at New York's John F. Kennedy International Airport.

In 1987, comedian-actor Jackie Gleason died at his home in Fort Lauderdale, Fla., at age 71.

Ten years ago: The Supreme Court, in a 5-4 decision, strengthened its 30-year ban on officially sponsored worship in pub-

lic schools, prohibiting prayer as a part of graduation ceremonies.

Today's Birthdays: Actor Al Molinaro is 83. Comedian Jack Carter is 79. Movie director Claude Chabrol is 72. Actress Michele Lee is 60. Musician Mick Fleetwood is 60. Actor-director Georg Stanford Brown is 59. Rock musician Jeff Beck is 58. Singer Arthur Brown is 58. New York Governor George Pataki is 57. Rock singer Colin Blunstone (The Zombies) is 57. Actor Peter Weller is 55. Rock musician John Illsley (Dire Straits) is 53. Actress Nancy Allen is 52. Reggae singer Derrick Simpson (Black Uhuru) is 52.

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Newsday Crossword

PAY YOUR DUES by Sally R. Stein
Edited by Stanley Newman

- ACROSS

1 Doll's word

5 Stir to action

9 Camera setting

14 Trucker with a transmitter

15 Singer Home

16 River of France

17 TV's "Warrior Princess"

18 Letters on a phone

19 Major artery

20 Beef cut

22 They're prohibited

23 Made in the

24 Bogie's role in Casablanca

26 What something is worth

30 Beef cut

32 Highway: Abbr.

35 Carry to excess

37 Baseball great DiMaggio

38 Aspirin target

39 Protest formally

42 Buster Brown's dog

43 Pavement goo

44 Legal (cash)

45 Citrus drink

46 Flowerless houseplants

48 Not at all neat

49 Nothing at all

50 Money player

52 Attach, as a button

55 British flag

61 Oscar or Emmy

62 Eastern European

63 Lotion ingredient

64 Literary category
- 65 Lake near Niagara Falls

66 Drake or rooster

67 Fur magnate John Jacob

68 A whole bunch

69 Something simple
- DOWN

1 1190, in old Rome

2 Adam's second son

3 Restaurant list

4 Egyptian or Jordanian

5 Schemes

6 Say again

7 Highest draft rating

8 Where photos are developed

9 Revolutionary War ally

10 Trembled

11 Ripped

12 Not fooled by

13 Carrots' partners

21 Jacket fabric

25 Bumbling

26 Upper (former name of Burkina Faso)

27 Keep away from

28 Window sill

29 Stir to action

31 Borg of tennis

32 Incursions

33 Fork parts

34 Sweepstakes submission

36 Horse opera

38 Glass sheet
- 40 Amusement-park ride

41 45 Across flavor

46 bender (minor accident)

47 Enthusiasm

49 Masked swordsman of fiction

51 Judges' garb

52 Long story

53 Rams' mates

54 Long for

56 Infamous Roman emperor

57 Bread spreads

58 Astronaut Shepard

59 Carbonated drink

60 Retain

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