



## Tow-away zone on city council's mind

By **THOMAS JENKINS**  
Staff Writer

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

Council members are expected to consider final reading of the ordinance, which passed in

its first reading unanimously during a meeting two weeks ago.

According to the ordinance, it will amend Chapter 18 of the Code of Ordinances to read: No parking from 7:30 a.m. until 4 p.m. on the north side of 11th Street from Goliad to State Street, and on the south side of 11th Street from Austin to Owens.

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

"There has been some serious problems with that area, and it's only a matter of time before someone gets hurt," said Councilwoman Jo Ann Knox. "There are people in the morning that just stop in the middle

of the road to let their children out, and you have cars trying to go around and get by them."

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

"It just seems to me making

one side of the street a no parking zone isn't really going to make things any safer," said McEwen during a recent council meeting. "The only way I can see us making things safer for the people trying to get through that area and those trying to cross the street is to make the whole area in front of

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## Lock 'em up

*Safety program joins with local agencies to provide free gun locks for Crossroads residents*

By **THOMAS JENKINS**  
Staff Writer

The nation's largest firearm safety program will be joining forces with state and local law enforcement agencies this week to help prevent accidental shootings.

Touting special gun locks designed to fit every make and model of firearms from shotguns to revolvers, Project ChildSafe, an expansion of Project HomeSafe, will distribute 20 million free firearm safety kits this year as part of a nationwide initiative to raise awareness about safe and responsible firearm ownership and storage.

Howard County Sheriff Dale Walker said this year marks the fourth year his department has participated in the annual program, which has been a tremendous success in the county.

"We've participated in the program over the last three years," said Walker.

"We keep a box of the free gun locks in our office for the public, and over the past year we've handed out approximately 250 of them to gun owners. We also give them out at community events, such as neighborhood watch meetings and the annual fair."

According to Project ChildSafe officials, the combination of free gun locks and education is having a positive impact on the nation.

"Project ChildSafe has become the most comprehensive firearm safety education program in America," said Doug Painter, president of the National

Shooting Sports Foundation. "The combination of free gun locking devices, an in-depth safety education component and distribution efforts in all 50 states will significantly enhance public awareness of the importance of proper gun storage in the home."

Designed to make homes with firearms safer, Project ChildSafe is funded by a \$50 million grant from the U.S. Department of Justice and managed by the National Shooting Sports Foundation.

The safety kits include a cable-style gun lock and a safety brochure that discusses safe handling and proper storage procedures. Last year, Project HomeSafe distributed 2.4 million such firearm safety kits at local events in 43 states.

"I think this program is very important," said Walker. "The locks can go on any firearm, so no one has the excuse that it won't fit, and if a child gets access to the gun somehow, you know it will be unloaded and unusable."

"This can prevent a lot of accidental shootings."

And while the locks are a definite step in the right direction for gun owners, Walker said it's important to remember the law.

"It is a criminal violation to leave a fire arm within the reach of a child," said Walker.

For more information, contact the Howard County Sheriff's Office at 264-2244.

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HERALD photo/Thomas Jenkins  
Caleb Choate, left, and Lance Tissue arrange clothing for sale during a weekend garage sale in the 2200 block of Lynn Street.

## Have fun with garage sales but abide by city ordinances

By **STEVE REAGAN**  
Staff Writer

Ah, summer. Time for vacations, sun tans, swimming — and garage sales.

The summer months have traditionally been the peak times for garage sales in this area. In fact, one would be hard-pressed to drive around town and not spot several posters advertising such sales.

For those who intend on holding a garage sale, however, there are a few ordinances they should keep in mind, said Kenny Davis, chief building official for the city of Big Spring.

For starters, garage sales can only be held for two days or less duration no more than twice a year, Davis said.

The reason the city is cracking down on both the frequency and duration of garage sales is that many such operations were turning into unli-

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Davis

censed businesses, he said.

"Some people were holding sales at least once a month. It was like they were becoming little Ma and Pa trinket shops," Davis said. "That was the major reason behind the ordinance ... If they want to do something like that, they need to get a business license and get it out of the neighborhood."

Persons found in violation of this ordinance could find themselves lighter in the wal-

let area. Fines of between \$5 and \$500 a day can be levied against offenders, Davis said.

And what would a garage sale be without garage sale advertisements? Even there, though, people need to be aware of certain regulations, Davis said.

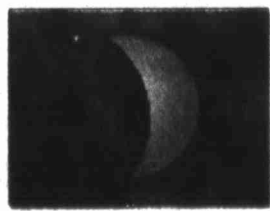
Posting garage sale advertisements on houses, walls, buildings, poles or other public or private property without the owners' consent is a misdemeanor and can result in even more fines, Davis said. This part of the ordinance also covers structures on a public right of way, including telephone or light poles.

Davis said city officials are looking into drafting an ordinance banning posters more than four blocks away from the site of the garage sale. This is in response to many instances of garage sale

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### UPCOMING PARADES

The Coahoma Patriotic Parade begins at 10 a.m. Saturday.

The celebration will continue in Coahoma Park with a car show, food booths and vendors. Free set up space for interested vendors. Contact Paulette Lindsey at 394-4975 or 270-0875 to secure space.

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 The Highland Fourth of July Parade begins at 10 a.m. Saturday.

Line up starts at 9:15 a.m. at the corner of Stonehaven and Highland Drive. Call Shayla Seymore at 267-4854 or Linda Kay at 267-8427 for more information.

### CHILD'S LIFE SAVED

Jennifer Thoden waits with daughter Kelley, 7, before her surgery at Cook Children's Medical Center in Texas. An implant to replace her cancerous femur will keep her from having to undergo repeated surgeries.



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### GRAHAM'S LAST?

The Rev. Billy Graham concluded a three-day revival meeting by raising spirits and leaving open a question that was on the mind of most who attended: Will this be the last time the celebrated evangelist preaches a mass meeting?

Graham had all but indicated this would be his last revival in the United States, but hedged as he began his final sermon at a New York City park near Shea Stadium.

"We hope to come back again someday," he told New Yorkers. "Never say never."

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Obituaries

Melvin A. Korchenko

Melvin A. Korchenko, 85, of Shallowater, formerly of Big Spring, died Friday, June 24, 2005. Graveside services are Tuesday, June 28, 2005, at 4 p.m. at Mount Olive Memorial Park with The Rev. Mitch Wilson officiating. Viewing will be at Myers & Smith Funeral Home from 8 a.m. Tuesday until service time.

He was born Feb. 6, 1920, in Plaza, N.D. He served in the United States Army during World War II as a combat engineer. He received the Purple Heart while serving in France and retired from the Army after 26 years of service. He married Frances Malone Dec. 5, 1942, in Medford, Ore. She preceded him in death May 1, 2001.

Survivors include two daughters, Sandy Sparks of Big Spring and Susan Cowart of Shallowater; a son, Dan Korchenko of Lubbock; a sister, Jo Bates of Eastpointe, Mich.; six grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and his special friend and caregiver, Meredith Janutolo.

Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at [www.myersandsmith.com](http://www.myersandsmith.com).

Andrea R. Gonzalez

Andrea R. Gonzalez, 54, of Snyder died Saturday, June 25, 2005, in a Snyder hospital. Her services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

Hildred White

Hildred White, 85, of Big Spring died Sunday, June 26, 2005, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Felix Gonzales

Felix Gonzales, 89, of Big Spring died Saturday, June 25, 2005, at the Hospice House of Odessa. Vigil service will be at 7:30 p.m. today at Myers & Smith Chapel, with Teresa Rocha and Manuel Rubio officiating. Funeral Mass will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday, June 28, 2005, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church with the Rev. James Plagens, pastor, officiating. Burial will be at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

He was born Feb. 10, 1916, in Waco. She married Domingo Ochoa in 1935 and he preceded her in death in 1940. She married Pablo Gonzales in 1955 and he preceded her in death in 1960. She worked a number of years as a cook at the Liberty Café and also a number of years at the Desert Sands Motel. She is a member of the Sacred Heart Catholic Church.

She is survived by one daughter, Sara Rubio and her husband, Raul of Big Spring; one brother, Margarito Duran of Amarillo; four grandchildren, Patricia Meridoza, Raul Rubio Jr., Tony Rubio and Marvin Rubio; and 12 great-grandchildren.

Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at [www.myersandsmith.com](http://www.myersandsmith.com).

Support groups

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

**THURSDAY**  
• Narcotics Anonymous, non-smoking discussion meeting, 8-9 p.m., at St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 1001 Goliad.

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

Fire/EMS

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

- MEDICAL was reported on the 1800 block of N. Highway 87. One person was transferred to the VAMC.
- MEDICAL was reported on the 1800 block of N. Highway 87. One person was transferred to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported on the 600 block of Caylor. One person was transferred to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported on the 600 block of E. 15th. One person was transferred to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported on Village Road. Service was refused.
- MEDICAL was reported on the 1600 block of Lancaster. Service was refused.
- MEDICAL was reported on the 2500 block of N. Birdwell. One person was transferred to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported on the 1800 block of N. Highway 87. One person was transferred to VAMC.
- MEDICAL was reported on the 900 block of W. Second. One person was transferred to SMMC.
- TRAUMA was reported at the intersection of Tenth and Gregg. Two persons were transferred to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported on the 2700 block of Wright Avenue. One person was transferred to SMMC.
- GRASS FIRE was reported on the 1600 block of Wren. The fire was out upon arrival.
- MEDICAL was reported on the 1100 block of E. 14th. One person was transferred to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported on the 1900 block of N. Highway 87. One person was transferred to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported on the 3600 block of Tingle. One person was transferred to SMMC.
- TRAUMA was reported on the 3200 block of Parkway. One person was transferred to SMMC.
- TRAUMA was reported on the 1800 block of Tucson. Service was refused.
- TRAUMA was reported on the 1100 block of N. Lamesa Highway. Service was refused.

Police blotter

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

- WILLIAM JAMES DUVALL, 23, Lubbock, was arrested on a Lubbock County warrant.
- AMANDA GAIL EGGLESTON, 26, 605 N. Scurry, was arrested on a local warrant.
- PHILLIP GARCIA, 28, 2516 Langley, was arrested on a charge of assault/family violence.
- RODNEY STEVEN GARZA, 49, 1410 E. 11th Pl., was arrested on a charge of theft.
- VICTOR HUGO PEREZ, 39, Dallas, was arrested on a charge of theft.
- RAMONA OLIVAREZ, 24, 1511 Bluebird, was arrested on charges of driving while license suspended and failure to identify.
- AMBER DAWN MACKIE, 21, 2619 Langley, was arrested on charges of theft and possession of a controlled substance.
- JULIE ANN MINCE, 32, 16 Kinley Lane, was arrested on a hold for the Howard County Sheriff's Office.
- COURTNEY ROWLETT, 19, 1322 Lincoln, was arrested on a charge of possession of marijuana.
- ASHLEY ANNA BURT, 17, 611 E. 16th, was arrested on a charge of possession of marijuana.
- ZABRINA FREEMAN, 18, 1302 Tucson, was arrested on a charge of possession of marijuana.
- SHEILA EISENBACH, 21, no address given, was arrested on a charge of disorderly conduct.
- ASSAULT/FAMILY VIOLENCE was reported on the 4200 block of Calvin.
- BURGLARY OF A BUILDING was reported on the 1500 block of Fourth, the 4800 block of Old Highway 80 and the 800 block of Interstate 20.
- BURGLARY OF A HABITATION was reported on the 1900 block of Runnels.
- DEADLY CONDUCT was reported on the 1800 block of FM 700.
- DISORDERLY CONDUCT was reported on the 1800 block of FM 700.
- DRIVING WHILE LICENSE SUSPENDED was reported on the 2300 block of W. Highway 80.
- POSSESSION OF A CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE was reported on the 1000 block of Birdwell.
- POSSESSION OF MARIJUANA was reported on Johansen Lane.
- THEFT was reported on the 900 block of Willia (three times), the 1100 block of Lamesa Highway, the 1800 block of FM 700, the 400 block of Birdwell and the 1700 block of FM 700.

Sheriff's report

The Howard County Sheriff's Office reported the following activity between 8 a.m. Saturday and 8 a.m. Monday:

- DANIEL MONTEZ VIERA, 17, was arrested on a bench warrant.
- MICHAEL SHAE JACKMAN, 19, began serving sentence for driving while license suspended.
- COURTNEY LORRAINE ROWLETT, 19, was arrested on a charge of possession of marijuana.
- ZABRINA FREEMAN, 18, was transferred from the BSPD after her arrest on a charge of possession of marijuana.
- ASHLEY ANN BURT, 17, was transferred from the BSPD after her arrest on a charge of possession of marijuana.
- AMBER DAWN RUSSELL, 21, was transferred from the BSPD after her arrest on a charge of possession of a controlled substance.
- RAMONA OLIVAREZ, 24, was transferred from the BSPD after her arrest on a charge of driving while license invalid and failure to identify fugitive from justice.
- JIMMY DALE MCDONALD, 57, began serving sentence for driving while intoxicated, third or more offense.
- RICKY JAY EDWARDS, 21, was arrested on a charge of burglary of a habitation.
- RUBEN GUILLERMO REY, 22, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication and possession of drug paraphernalia.
- DAVID ANDREW BELEW, 29, was arrested on a charge of driving while intoxicated.
- NATASHA MICHELLE MORRIS, 18, was transferred from the BSPD after her arrest on a charge of consumption of alcohol by a minor.
- PAT DEWAYNE SAVELL, 21, was transferred from the BSPD after his arrest on a charge of interfering with an emergency call.
- BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE was reported on the 100 block of Shifflett Drive.
- SHOTS FIRED was reported on the 100 block of Shifflett Drive.
- DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE was reported on the 3200 block of Collins Road.
- CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported at the Coahoma ballpark.

Take note

- CONCERNED CITIZENS COUNCIL meets at 7 p.m. today at 500 S. Main St., in the Dorothy Lamb Meeting Room of the Howard County Library to discuss bringing a hot air balloon festival to Big Spring. The public is welcome.
- COMANCHE TRAIL NURSING CENTER presents a free seminar, "Learn How To Protect Your Home And Life Savings," at noon Tuesday at the Spring City Senior Citizens Center covering Texas Medicaid Estate Recovery Program, Basic Medicaid Eligibility, Spousal Impoverishment Act and the Miller Trust. For more information, call 263-4041.
- THE BIG SPRING HIGH SCHOOL OLDTIMERS (those who graduated before 1940) are planning a reunion for the annual BSHS Homecoming Sept. 16-17. Anyone able to attend a reunion Sept. 17 should call 432-267-2900 and leave phone and address information.
- HIGHLAND FOURTH OF JULY PARADE is set for Saturday at the corner of Highland Drive and Stonehaven. Line-up at 9:15 a.m., parade begins at 10 a.m. For more information, call Shayla Seymore at 267-4854 or Linda Kay at 267-9427.

Bulletin board

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

- TODAY**
- Senior Circle meets at 4 p.m. at Scenic Mountain Medical Center for Sit and Be Fit Chair Aerobics. Those 50 years and older are invited to attend. Call 268-4721.
  - Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) No. 21 meets at 5 p.m. in the Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center, 306 W. Third, for weigh-in. The meeting begins at 5:30 p.m. Call 1-800-392-8677 or 263-0391 or 263-1758.
  - Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) No. TX 1756 meets at 5:30 p.m. Monday in the 11th and Birdwell Lane Church of Christ. A different program is offered every week, and anyone 7 years old or older is welcome to attend. Please enter through the northwest door. Call 263-2786 for more information.
  - Evening Lions Club meets at 6:30 p.m. in La Posada Restaurant.
  - Concerned Citizens Council meets at 7 p.m. at 500 S. Main St., in the Dorothy Lamb Meeting Room of the Howard County Library to discuss bringing a hot air balloon festival to Big Spring. The public is welcome.
  - Prospector's Club work night begins at 7 p.m. at 606 E. Third.

- TUESDAY**
- Intermediate Line dance classes begin at 9 a.m. in the Spring City Senior Citizen's Center. Call 267-1628.
  - Big Spring Rotary Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room.
  - The Multiple Sclerosis Support Group meets at 7 p.m. in the College Baptist Church Fellowship Hall, 1105 Birdwell Lane. For more information, call Tracey Pounds at 268-4948.

- WEDNESDAY**
- Optimist Club meets at 7 a.m. in the Howard College Cactus Room.
  - Senior Circle meets at 11 a.m. in the Scenic Mountain Medical Center classroom for Stretch and Tone. Call 268-4721.
  - Downtown Lions Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room.
  - Line dancing begins at 1 p.m. in the Spring City Senior Citizen's Center at the Industrial Park. Call 267-6966 or 267-1628.
  - Duplicate Bridge Club meets at 1 p.m. in the Big Spring Country Club.

- THURSDAY**
- Gideon International Big Spring Camp U42060 meets at 7 a.m. in Herman's Restaurant.
  - Coffee Club meets at 10 a.m. in Gale's Sweet Shoppe.

Weather

Today — Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 90s. South winds 10 to 15 mph.  
Tonight — Mostly clear. Lows in the upper 60s. South winds 10 to 15 mph.  
Tuesday — Mostly sunny. Highs around 100. South winds 10 to 15 mph.  
Tuesday night — Mostly clear. Lows in the lower 70s. South winds around 10 mph.  
Wednesday — Mostly sunny. Highs around 100. South winds 10 to 15 mph.  
Wednesday night — Mostly clear. Lows around 70.  
Thursday — Mostly sunny. Highs in the upper 90s.  
Thursday night — Mostly clear. Lows in the lower 70s.  
Friday — Mostly sunny. Highs in the upper 90s.  
Friday night — Mostly clear. Lows in the lower 70s.  
Saturday — Mostly sunny. Highs in the upper 90s.  
Saturday night — Mostly clear. Lows in the lower 70s.  
Sunday — Mostly sunny. Highs around 100.

Lottery

Results of the Lotto Texas drawing Saturday night: Winning numbers drawn: 15-17-24-34-40. Bonus Ball: 16. Number matching five of five, plus Bonus Ball: 0. Estimated jackpot for Wednesday night drawing: \$15 million.

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Saturday night: Winning numbers drawn: 13-20-23-31-35. Number matching five of five: 0. Next Cash 5 drawing: Tonight.

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Saturday night, in order: 0-6-9

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# Delegates talk of reform during United Nations' 60th anniversary

By GARANCE BURKE  
Associated Press Writer

SAN FRANCISCO — Dozens of international leaders celebrated the 60th anniversary of the United Nations' birth, but warned that the organization must institute significant reforms to remain an effective global peacekeeper.

The Bush administration signaled its discontent with the world body by sending a single representative to the commemoration. Delegate Sichan Siv, who represents the U.S. on the U.N. Economic and Social

Council, did not speak at the anniversary celebration.

While officials gave emotional addresses about human rights and the organization's successes in forging global peace, speakers emphasized that the U.N. must restructure and redefine its goals to counter terrorist threats.

Several delegates said it would be a mistake for the U.S. to give up on the world body at a time when the U.N. is poised to institute major reforms.

"In today's world, no state can protect itself alone," said Mary Robinson, former U.N. high

commissioner for human rights and president of Ireland, in a speech at Grace Cathedral. "A transparent and accountable United Nations is in the United States' interest. We know the U.N. needs reform, but it also needs resources."

Representatives gathered Sunday to celebrate the U.N.'s anniversary in the city where the global organization was signed into being. They were greeted at the Fairmont Hotel by volunteers wearing 1940s Red Cross uniforms and newsboys hawking mock papers from June 26, 1945, the day 50

member states signed the charter that established the world body, now based in New York City.

Delegates said the next few months will be crucial in revealing the United States' position toward the organization.

The U.S. has not had a delegate at the United Nations for five months. President Bush's nominee to the U.N., John R. Bolton, is locked in a confirmation battle with Senate Democrats. Concern about allegations of fraud in the U.N.'s Oil-For-Food program and the

organization's inability to enforce its policies has fueled a backlash against the U.N. led by House Republicans.

While delegates discussed the Bolton nomination among themselves, the House of Representatives' vote last Friday to withhold dues until the U.N. implements reforms generated the most talk.

"You can't join a club and say you won't pay your dues but you want changes," U.N. Undersecretary-General Shashi Tharoor said. "The U.S. simply has to engage with other countries."

## U.S. officials saying solution in Iraq will come from within

By DOUGLASS K. DANIEL  
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — Insurgencies can go on for years, but the violence ravaging Iraq will eventually be quelled by homegrown forces rather than U.S. and other foreign troops, and negotiation rather than military action, U.S. officials said.

"We want to bring people into the political process because that is ultimately how this conflict is going to be resolved," Gen. George Casey, the U.S. commander of the multinational coalition in Iraq, said.

Deadly attacks are a daily reality in Iraq, where an AP count through Sunday showed 1,736 U.S. troops killed.

Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld said in television interviews Sunday that violence could even worsen as Iraqi officials draft a constitution and Iraqi citizens prepare to install a new government by the end of the year.

environment that the Iraqi people and the Iraqi security forces can win against that insurgency."

He and other senior military officials asked Americans to be patient and support their troops as the war progresses.

"It ebbs and flows," Rumsfeld told "Fox News Sunday." "The progress on the political side is so threatening to the insurgents that my guess is it could become more violent between now and the constitution referendum and the election in December."

Speaking generally, Rumsfeld said that those kind of meetings with various factions "go on all the time" and that Iraqis "will decide what their relationships with various elements of insurgents will be. We facilitate those from time to time."

Casey said additional troops were not needed to deal with the insurgents' attacks.

"I just want to assure you and the American people that if we need more troops we'll ask for them," Casey said. "Right now, we don't."

Recent polls have shown declining support for the Iraq war.

Gen. John Abizaid, the top U.S. commander in the Middle East, appealed for public support of the soldiers and their mission. "We don't need to fight this war looking over our shoulder worrying about the support back home," he said.

The Sunday Times of London reported that U.S. officials recently met secretly with Iraqi insurgent commander to try to negotiate an end to the bloodshed.

Asked about the reported negotiations, Casey said the situation in Iraq "will ultimately be settled by negotiation and inclusion in the political process."

"It will not be settled on the battlefield," Casey said.

Rumsfeld said the insurgency "could go on for any number of years."

"Insurgencies tend to go on five, six, eight, 10, 12 years," Rumsfeld said. "Coalition forces, foreign forces are not going to repress that insurgency. We're going to create an

Abizaid said U.S. and Iraqi officials "are looking for the right people in the Sunni community to talk to ... and clearly we know that the vast majority of the insurgents are from the Sunni Arab community." It

## States asked to continue covering certain drugs that new Medicare benefit won't

By KEVIN FREKING  
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — When the federal government's new prescription drug benefit kicks in next year, it will not cover a category of drugs commonly used to treat anxiety, insomnia and seizures.

That means those disabled and elderly people on Medicare who take Xanax, Valium, Ativan and other types of the drug benzodiazepine will have to look elsewhere for coverage or switch to a different, less addictive medication.

Finding other alternatives may not be easy for the 1.7 million low-income, elderly people who take the drug and will be automatically enrolled in the new prescription drug plan. They will depend on the states to continue paying for their benzodiazepines on Jan. 1, but with no guarantee.

The Centers for

Medicare and Medicaid Services recently urged state Medicaid directors to provide coverage of the drugs for the 6.3 million people who are "dual eligible" for prescription aid under the Medicaid and Medicare programs.

If states agree, they will continue to get federal matching funds when they pay for benzos.

But concerns remain among medical professionals and advocates for the elderly about what would happen if some states opt to save money by excluding benzos from their Medicaid program for the poor.

"Stopping the therapy abruptly can lead to seizures and dangerous, life-threatening problems," said Thomas Clark, policy director for the American Society of Consultant Pharmacists.

The American Medical Association took note of those risks when it passed a resolution Tuesday pledging to "work to end the exclu-

sion of medications of the benzodiazepine class from (federal) reimbursement."

When Congress approved the Medicare Modernization Act two years ago, it specifically excluded several categories of drugs, including drugs to promote weight loss, fertility or agents for cosmetic purposes, as well as benzos.

Basically, Congress excluded from the new benefit all drugs that states were entitled to omit from their Medicaid program. All states provide some level of coverage for benzos, even though they don't have to. Last year, they spent \$57 million on that category of drugs for the dual-eligible population.

Elderly people who don't qualify for Medicaid will have to pay for the drugs on their own as they do now, find a replacement that is part of the new Medicare benefit or pay higher premiums for additional prescription coverage.

In 2004, the entire benzodiazepine class accounted for about \$702.8 million in sales in the United States, according to IMS Health, a leading consultant to pharmaceutical companies. The 75.6 million prescriptions that year made it the 11th largest therapeutic class based on total dispensed prescriptions.

The Medicare Rights Center, an advocacy group, is asking Congress to amend the act to provide coverage or for Health and Human Services Secretary Michael Leavitt to intervene administratively. Aides to Leavitt say he lacks the authority to do that.

The group said the exclusion could be harmful for patients if it resulted in "rapid, unphased medication changes."

The drugs are not without controversy. Because they are so addictive, they are usually unsuitable for long-term treatments.

## USDA will do mad cow test it had called unnecessary

By LIBBY QUAID  
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — A third and more sophisticated test on the beef cow suspected of having mad cow disease would have helped resolve conflicting results from two initial screenings, but the U.S. refused to perform it in November.

That additional test, ordered up by the Agriculture Department's internal watchdog, ended up detecting mad cow — a finding that was confirmed on Friday by the world's pre-eminent lab, in England.

Only 18 months ago, the department had used the Western blot test to help uncover the first American case of the brain-wasting illness in cows.

The department is pledging that, from now on, it will conduct such testing on suspicious animals.

U.S. officials in November had declared the cow free of the disease even though one of two tests — an initial screening known as a rapid test — indicated the presence of the disease. A more sophisticated follow-up — immunohistochemistry, or IHC — came back negative.

"They had two diametrically opposed results which begged to be resolved," said Paul W. Brown, a former scientist at the National Institutes of Health who spent his career working on mad cow-related issues.

"If you had what they had, you would immediately go to a Western blot

and get a third test method and see which one of the previous two was more accurate," Brown said.

Consumer groups and scientists urged the department to perform a Western blot test and seek confirmation from the lab in Weybridge, England.

In a letter to Consumers Union last March, the department said there was no need for the British lab to confirm the results and that the Western blot test would not have given a more accurate reading.

"We are confident in the expertise of USDA's laboratory technicians in conducting BSE testing," wrote Jere Dick, an associate deputy administrator. Mad cow disease is medically known as bovine spongiform

encephalopathy, or BSE.

Troubled by the conflicting test results, the department's inspector general, Phyllis Fong, ordered the Western blot test this month.

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John Marino, 81, died Friday. Funeral Services were at 10 a.m. Monday at St. Paul Lutheran Church with burial at Trinity Memorial Park.

Felix Gonzales, 89, died Saturday. Vigil Service will be at 7:30 p.m. Monday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral Mass will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Sacred Heart Catholic Church with burial at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

Melvin A. Korchenko, 85, died Friday. Graveside services will be at 4 p.m. Tuesday at Mt. Olive Memorial Park. His body will be at Myers & Smith Funeral Home from 8 a.m. Tuesday until service time.

### COUNCIL

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the high school no parking."

Also on the agenda for Tuesday's meeting:

- Final reading of several changes to local roadways, including placing a

two-way stop at Sycamore yielding to Settles; placing a stop sign on the northwest corner of Mt. Vernon southbound at Washington Blvd.; and increasing the speed limit of the S. Service Road to 40 miles-per-hour.

- Acceptance of minutes from the McMahon-Wrinkle Airpark

Development Board and Howard County Appraisal District.

- Final reading of an ordinance prohibiting jake brakes in the city limits.
- Award of bids for a rotary mower for Comanche Trail Golf Course, wastewater treatment plant clarifier reha-

bilitation and sanitary sewer improvements for the Capehart Addition project currently in phase 3.

The meeting will get under way at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday in the City

Council Chambers, located at 307 E. Fourth Street.

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posters being found across town from the actual site, he added.

"We did have a major problem with that ... We were finding garage sale posters everywhere," he said, adding that a recent crackdown by city officials have mitigated the

problem somewhat.

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## OUR VIEWS

## Let's do our best to make a dream become a reality

It's time for Big Spring and Howard County residents to come through and make a difference for another group of our community's best young people.

The Big Spring High School band recently received an invitation to perform at Carnegie Hall, the legendary performance center in New York, on June 6, 2006.

What an opportunity! Who wouldn't want for these high school musicians to have such a once-in-a-lifetime experience?

However, such a trip carries a hefty price tag. For the band to make that such a dream reality, it's going to have to come up with between \$260,000 and \$350,000 to finance the trip.

So, much like the Forsan High School band did in raising money to finance its upcoming trip to Washington, D.C., the BSHS musicians are about to become experts in the art of fund-raising.

For much of the next month, the band and its booster organization are going to be knee-deep in bake sales and car washes and other drives to raise the necessary cash for the trip to the Big Apple.

Boosters have already begun fund-raising efforts with a couple of bake sales at Wal-Mart.

The band and boosters club will average at least one fund-raiser a month between now and next summer, including planned activities at the coming holiday weekend's Pops in the Park and Fantastic Fourth events.

We here at the Herald encourage all who can to help support them in these efforts.

For more information, call Mindy Whittenburg at 432-213-3651.

Let's all do our part to make an entire group of young peoples' dreams come true.

## YOUR VIEWS

## To the Editor:

I am writing this letter to express my frustration over the Wright Amendment that forces consumers to pay higher priced airline fares to "protect" the third largest airport in the world, DFW, and the biggest air-

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## 'Super-size' obesity super bummer

By ANNE WOLF

In the coming decades, the average American lifespan is expected to drop by as much as five years!

That's right — for the first time, the average lifespan is due to drop, and obesity is a major culprit. This will play out, unless the nation works aggressively to slow the rate of obesity, say researchers supported by the National Institute on Aging.

Lead author of the recent NIA report on obesity, Jay Olshansky, observes, "We think today's younger generation will have shorter and less healthy lives than their parents for the first time in modern history unless we intervene."

An obese child is at higher risk to become an obese adult, according to a report from the National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion.

That child also becomes at higher risk for certain types of cancer, asthma, osteoarthritis, stroke, heart disorders and disease, high blood pressure (hypertension), and ob-gyn complications. These and other problematic health conditions are associated with obesity in adults and have been reported in the medical literature for the last two decades.

Sadly, the U.S. public health and medical system have been slow to address and intervene on adult obesity, and it continues to increase.

On an individual level, an obese person typically suffers because of discrimination, greater physical pain and lower energy levels. What is the problem with becoming an obese nation if, in many cases, it boils down to personal

choices? The problem is that we are all affected.

More obesity equals a greater prevalence of disease, disability, lost productivity and higher health-care costs. Dr. Ken Thorpe, Emory University health policy expert, compared data from the 1987 and 2001 Medical Expenditure Panel Surveys, and found that inflation-adjusted per-capita health care spending rose by \$1,110.

Twenty-seven percent of this growth was attributed to obesity

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— 12 percent to the increase in the number of obese people and the remainder to faster growth in the health-care expenses among obese people compared to normal-weight people.

The government through Medicare and Medicaid — hence, you and I through taxation — are paying 50 percent of this bill, says Dr. Eric Finkelstein from North Carolina's Research Triangle Institute. As our nation ages, the problems related to obesity will only grow.

Something must be done — now. Parents, health professionals, schools, employers and government agencies will have to work together to reverse problems stemming from obesity. Of course, people need to take responsibility for their own health and weight, too, but we must begin to address overweight and obesity as a public health and medical issue rather than a social issue.

The battle against obesity is gaining force. The University of Virginia Health System in Charlottesville has added more healthy choices to its vending machines and marked these in green; medium-healthy choices were marked in yellow and the junkiest choices in red. In the past year of this approach, more healthy choices have been purchased.

Blue Cross and Blue Shield in North Carolina is the first insurer to add coverage for the treatment of obesity since the federal Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services changed its legal language and now considers obesity a disease.

Worksites are changing cafeterias, vending machines and offering some weight-related programs that support a healthy body weight. Connecticut recently implemented the most far-reaching ban in schools on sugary soda and junk food of any state in the nation. Similar proposals have been introduced in at least 17 states this year, according to the National Conference of State Legislatures.

Obesity is a very real health problem. Without any action, we will see the longevity gains of more than 200 years, quite literally, go to pot.

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## Phony figures hype obesity crisis

By DENNIS AVERY

Obesity will soon be America's No. 1 killer. Sue your local McDonalds. Limit restaurant portions. Put a nagging bureaucrat at every supermarket checkout stand.

Oops! That was last year.

The newest advice, from a variety of medical sources, says don't overeat, get more exercise, kick your kids off the couch more often — but don't panic about a couple of pounds.

A year ago, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention was clamoring that obesity was one of the biggest killers of Americans, accounting for more than 400,000 deaths per year. CDC predicted that overweight would soon become America's leading cause of death.

Embarrassed, the CDC has now recalculated, and says obesity racks up fewer than 26,000 U.S. deaths annually. That's only 6.5 percent as dangerous as they rated it last year when they claimed 365,000 annual deaths. How can this be?

The reduced death estimates are partly a result of using more recent data. In addition, "this analysis is far more sophisticated," says University of Chicago biostatistician Mary Grace Kovar, who wasn't involved in either study. "They are very careful and are not overstating their case."

In other words, last year CDC wanted big death numbers to justify a big public anti-obesity campaign.

Another new study, done by the National Cancer Institute and the CDC, tells us that the high-death risks from being overweight are found mostly among the extremely obese — which includes only 8 percent of Americans. In fact, this study found that people who are somewhat overweight — but not really hefty — have a lower death risk than people with "normal" weights.

Still another new study published in the Journal of the American Medical Association says that even overweight Americans are healthier than ever, thanks to better con-

with TVs and computers — and don't even walk to school any more. Women no longer hoe big gardens or split wood for the stove.

On the other hand, no one in the 1940s would have predicted that downtown gyms would become the trendy 1990s meeting spots, or that TV car ads would show off their vehicles forging into the wilder hiking spots.

CDC Director Julie Gerberding says the CDC is not going to use the new lower death figure in its public awareness campaigns, and is not going to scale back its fight against obesity. That's probably a good tack, even though it's partly driven by embarrassment. Dr. Gerberding was a co-author on CDC's previous off-the-wall overestimate of obesity deaths.

There was more than a whiff of nanny-state crusading and finger pointing emanating from the whole obesity crisis campaign.

At least the new studies should spare us the tawdry spectacle of McDonalds and General Mills being hauled into court for providing Americans with exactly the cheeseburgers and frosted cereals they demanded.

We're back to living in a consumer society again. Eat, drink and make merry, but do so wisely.

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# Billy Graham winds up what could be his last revival meeting

By RICHARD N. OSTLING  
AP Religion Writer

NEW YORK — The Rev. Billy Graham concluded a three-day revival meeting by raising spirits and leaving open a question that was on the mind of most who attended: Will this be the last time the celebrated evangelist preaches a mass meeting? Graham had all but indicated this would be his last revival in the United States, but hedged as he began his final sermon at a New York City park near Shea Stadium.

"We hope to come back again someday," he told New Yorkers, then perhaps more seriously noted he had told journalists asking if this is the end, "never say never."

Among the 90,000 who turned out despite blistering heat was an Anglican rector from London, part of a committee that wants

Graham to preach a meeting there in November around his 87th birthday.

He'll discuss that with Graham now that the New York event is over. But Graham had said previously he doubted he would accept.

The evangelist demonstrated he's still up to the task.

Despite various ailments, he looked reasonably fit and was firm of voice, though he seemed to tire and after only 23 minutes in the pulpit rather abruptly delivered the invitation for listeners to step forward and commit to Jesus.

There were slight signs of age when Graham put D-Day in 1945 instead of 1944 and confessed that he forgot to thank Mayor Michael Bloomberg and U.S. Sen. Charles Schumer for attending the Saturday meeting.

Sen. Hillary Clinton

also attended then with husband Bill, who spoke briefly in appreciation of Graham's ministry.

Graham's staff said 2,691 "inquirers" registered decisions for Jesus on Sunday, bringing the total for three days to 8,273 out of a cumulative attendance of 230,000.

The expectation that this might be Graham's farewell, and thus a milestone for American religion and world evangelism, hovered over the event.

Noting his own advanced age, he said, "I know it won't be long."

"We are celebrating the end of 60 years of ministry with Billy Graham," said the Rev. A. R. Bernard, crusade chairman and pastor of Brooklyn's booming Christian Cultural Center.

Ismael Rivera, a New York City firefighter in

the throng, couldn't bring himself to believe this was the windup.

"Hopefully, praise God, I'm sure he will go on."

Joe Lin, a Brown University graduate student from Singapore, said "I just wanted to see Billy Graham preach the last time... This is a historic moment. Nobody has had such impact on the people."

"It's a little bit sad if this is the last one," said Bertha Astor, an usher who went forward to recommit herself to Jesus at the first rally Friday night.

Graham suffers from fluid on the brain, prostate cancer and Parkinson's disease.

He uses a walker due to a pelvic fracture and is largely confined to his home in Montreat, N.C.

He rested up before the sermon in an air-conditioned tent, with aides

nearby in case of a medical emergency.

The pulpit had a movable seat hidden from view, enabling him to sit down after the sermon as people responded to his invitation.

Sociologist William Martin, Graham's biographer, traveled from Rice University to witness the weekend.

He said he expected to see a largely white Anglo turnout but was struck by the "amazingly diverse crowd. I wonder if a crowd this large and this diverse has ever assembled."

Simultaneous translations were offered in 20 languages, far more than at Graham's previous New York-area meetings.

Martin recalled that in 1953, Graham ended racially segregated seating at his crusades in the U.S. South, even before the Supreme Court's school integration ruling.

"There he took the ropes down. And now all

the barriers seem to be down."

The program mingled contemporary Christian bands with emceeing by Cliff Barrows, 82, and a nostalgic "How Great Thou Art" sung by George Beverly Shea, 96. Barrows and Shea have appeared continually at Graham's meetings for decades.

Graham called his colleagues up for a round of applause and said he's grateful "they put up with me" for 60 years.

Graham has preached to more than 210 million people in 185 countries.

He has been sought out for counsel and friendship by U.S. presidents and leaders worldwide.

Appearing at the Saturday night rally, Bill Clinton called the evangelist the only person he has known who has always lived according to his faith.

"God bless you friend," Clinton said. "Bless you."

## Texas Briefs

### Woman kept alive 20 years after someone tried to strangle her

DALLAS (AP) — Peggy Railey has been in a persistent vegetative state since someone tried to strangle her at her Lake Highlands home nearly 20 years ago.

Her mother never lost hope she would wake up. But since Peggy Railey's mother died about five years ago, Railey's younger brother has kept his mother's wish to keep his sister alive. It has been a difficult promise to keep.

"There are some things worse than death. This is one of them," Ted Nicolai said, standing at Peggy's bedside at a Tyler nursing home last week. "Peggy would not have wanted to live like this."

Peggy Railey's husband, Walker Railey, was accused of trying to kill her in 1987 to make way for his mistress, Lucy Papillon. Walker Railey was senior minister of First United Methodist Church in Dallas while Papillon was a Dallas psychologist.

He was acquitted in 1993 and later became a vice president at the Union Rescue Mission in Los Angeles.

### High-tech robotic open-heart surgery found in Odessa

ODESSA (AP) — At 83 years old, James Bawcom

didn't want to face months of recovery as his friends had suffered after open-heart surgery. Quality of life was more important.

But doctors had told him without the surgery, he would have six months to live.

Bawcom unexpectedly found his alternative in Odessa, a city of about 90,000, where a hospital offers recently developed robotic surgery.

"There were three hospitals that offered this sort of surgery," said Bawcom's daughter, Martha Brown, 54, of Katy. "They were New Delhi, New York City and Odessa. The very idea of coming to Odessa instead (of nearby Houston) for surgery surprised me."

Bawcom's procedure, called Totally Endoscopic Coronary Artery Bypass, took place last week at Alliance Hospital.

### Greyhound Lines to announce overhaul in three cities

DALLAS (AP) — Greyhound Lines Inc. plans to announce Monday improvements in three Midwestern cities including refurbishing buses and updating terminals.

If the overhauls are successful, the Dallas-based bus company plans to implement the changes nationwide.

The transformation will begin in Chicago,

Minneapolis and Milwaukee and will include adding greeters and improving customer service training.

The improvements are part of a plan to restore profitability at Greyhound, which lost \$23 million last year.

Greyhound has canceled routes and stops, sped up service and focused on customers who travel less than 450 miles to increase profits.

"We are not ready to declare victory, but we have been very pleased with the results," said Stephen Gorman, Greyhound's chief executive and president. "We're very confident it's the right thing to do."

### Lanning wins Miss Texas USA title

LAREDO (AP) — Miss Houston Lauren Lanning was crowned Miss Texas USA 2006 Sunday.

Lanning, 21, was one of 131 contestants in the pageant.

Miss Harris County Crystle Stewart was first runner-up.

Miss Beaumont Kendahl Beal was second runner-up. Miss South Central Texas Cassandra Meyer was third runner-up and Miss North Texas Candace Campfield was selected as

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Lanning is a student in radio/television communications at the University of Houston Clear Lake. She has volunteered for several organizations and founded "Coins for the Cure," a program to raise awareness and help find a cure for breast cancer. The disease runs in her family.

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# Plastic 'bone' saves leg of child with cancer

By JAN JARVIS

Knight Ridder Newspapers

ARLINGTON — Seven-year-old Kelley Thoden was sure that after surgery she would be able to walk, run and ride her bicycle, just as she did before a tumor was discovered on her left femur.

The only question was whether it would be on a prosthesis inside her leg or in place of it.

"It's a matter of a plastic bone or a robot leg," her mother, Jennifer Thoden, explained to her. "With the robot leg it would mean amputation."

After nearly six hours of surgery at Cook Children's Medical Center last month, Kelley woke up with the plastic bone where her femur once was. Surgery saved her leg; an expandable prosthesis that will grow as she does is expected to spare her numerous surgeries and weeks of rehabilitation throughout her childhood.

"Within the first 10 minutes of waking up she understood that her leg was still there, and she was happy," said Kelley's father, Brent Thoden.

Cook Children's is the first facility in northern Texas to use the Repiphysis prosthesis, a titanium and polymer implant that was inserted into Kelley's remaining bone, giving her a leg that moves naturally. Only about 125 of the proce-

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dures have been performed nationwide.

During the surgery, Dr. Mayme Richie-Gillespie, an orthopedic oncologist, used an electrocautery pencil to cut through layers of tissue with little bleeding. After about two hours, she reached the bone. It was removed and replaced with the expandable prosthesis made by Wright Medical Technology in Tennessee.

As Kelley grows, the prosthesis will be lengthened through a noninvasive procedure that takes about 20 seconds. Heat created by an electromagnetic field is transmitted to the implant, which softens the polymer and releases a spring.

For young children, the prosthesis is particularly important because they have so many more years of growth ahead of them, Richie-Gillespie said.

Most prosthetic devices are titanium rods that do not expand, so as a child grows, one leg is often shorter than the other. Until maturity, multiple surgeries are needed to accommodate growth.

In Kelley's case, her age



KRT photo/Ron T. Ennis, Fort Worth Star-Telegram  
Jennifer Thoden waits with daughter Kelley, 7, before her surgery at Cook Children's Medical Center in Texas. An implant to replace her cancerous femur will keep her from having to undergo repeated surgeries.

and tiny bones would have meant repeated surgeries to extend the rod, Jennifer Thoden said.

"After 12 years of surgery, her little leg wouldn't be able to take it," she said. "We could still end up having to amputate."

That is exactly what happened to Mike Orlie of Arlington, Texas, who was 16 when he was diagnosed with osteosarcoma. Nine years and three bone-salvaging surgeries later, he asked doctors to amputate the limb because it did not function well.

An expanding prosthesis like the one Kelley received is the perfect solution, Orlie said.

"It sounds awesome," he said. "Anything to avoid surgery and keep her leg."

Amputation initially seemed the most likely treatment for Kelley because the tumor was large. But that would have meant removing two-thirds of her thigh, a few inches below her hip, so Richie-Gillespie began looking for alternatives.

"This was a very big tumor and a very little girl," she said.

The Thodens found out that the bump on Kelley's

leg was cancer right after Christmas. They had just moved to Fort Worth, Texas, when Kelley woke up one Saturday screaming in pain. Bone scans, MRIs and a biopsy followed before Kelley's parents were told she had osteosarcoma, a type of bone cancer that most often occurs between the ages of 10 and 30.

"When you find out your child has cancer, it's the biggest punch in your stomach you can imagine," Jennifer Thoden said. "But you get past that, you do what you have to do."

Kelley immediately began chemotherapy, which was followed by the surgery. The chances of saving her leg did not seem good at first, but there was always the hope, Jennifer Thoden said.

"In the end, what is most important is her life," she said.

After about two weeks' rest, Kelley will finish her chemotherapy and could begin attending classes at Eagle Mountain Elementary School in August.

But for now, the first challenge is getting through the pain and spasms that are common after this type of surgery.

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Jennifer Thoden, right, walks with her daughter, Kelley, 7, between pre-op procedures at Cook Children's Hospital. Kelley will undergo a new surgical procedure to remove a cancerous bone tumor.

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## IN BRIEF

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

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

The camps will both take place July 18-21. The first camp is open for kindergarten through third grade boys and girls. Registration will take place from 8:30 a.m. to 9 a.m. July 18.

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

The second camp is for fourth through sixth grade girls. Registration for this camp will take place from 12:30 p.m. to 1 p.m. July 18.

The camp runs from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. and costs \$60 per person.

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

### Quarterback Club meeting scheduled

The Big Spring High School Quarterback Club will have its next meeting at 7 p.m. Tuesday, July 5, at the BSHS Athletic Training Center.

Parents of all junior high and high school football players are encouraged to attend.

For more information, contact Gene Piercefield at 816-1134.

### Meeting slated for volleyball

Jason McAden, the new head coach of Big Spring High School's Lady Steers volleyball program, has scheduled a 6 p.m. today meeting at Steer Gym for prospective players.

All girls interested in playing high school volleyball are invited to attend.

### Ragball tournament scheduled July 8-9

The second annual Big Spring Ragball Tournament will be held Friday and Saturday, July 8-9, at the Roy Anderson Complex.

Entry fees for the co-ed tournament will be \$110 per team.

For more information, call Rodney at 213-3750 or Ricky at 267-2006. Or register by going online to [www.bigspringsoftball.com](http://www.bigspringsoftball.com).

### Coahoma sets dates for baseball camp

Coahoma High School has set its annual baseball camp for today through June 30 at Bulldog Field in Coahoma.

The camp costs \$75 per athlete and will run from 8:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. all four days.

It is also for ages 6-18, but no Coahoma High School students can attend as mandated by UIL rules.

Proper techniques in hitting, fielding, pitching and baserunning will be taught.

The camp will be led by Coahoma coach Brad Harman.

For more information, contact Harman at 816-3258.

## Texas beats Florida to win sixth CWS title

By RICK GANO

AP Sports Writer

OMAHA, Neb. — A year after watching another team celebrate at the mound, Augie Garrido's Texas Longhorns punctuated their sixth College World Series title with a pileup of their own.

"It's mandatory for us to be here and it is a relief," the Texas coach said. "If we fall short of being here, we've fallen short of our first level of expectations."

Blending power pitching from

closer J. Brent Cox and starter Kyle McCulloch with an unlikely spark from No. 8 hitter David Maroul, Texas beat Florida 6-2 on Sunday to win the national championship.

Texas (56-16) won five elimination games just to qualify for a berth at Omaha and then swept five straight, including two from the Gators in the best-of-three championship round.

"We got hot at the right time. It was hard to stop us. It all came together at the end for us," said

Cox, who got the final five outs Sunday, including a title-clinching strikeout to end the game. "It definitely wasn't easy. It was tough."

Maroul homered and drove in four runs for the Longhorns, who last won in 2002 and fell short last season when they lost to Cal State Fullerton in the championship series.

"It's a lot better than last year's outcome, of course. A great way to end a season," Maroul said after being named the series' out-

standing player. "To come out and help your team out as much as you can feels good. I just didn't think as much. I relaxed more."

Texas is used to winning on college baseball's biggest stage, with more CWS appearances (32) and victories (78) than any other school. The Longhorns' six titles are second only to Southern California's 12.

"You can't be a national cham-

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## A birdie for Birdie Kim makes her Women's Open champion

By DOUG FERGUSON

AP Golf Writer

CHERRY HILLS VILLAGE, Colo. — She gave herself the nickname "Birdie" to distinguish herself from the other girls on the LPGA Tour. All it took was one shot — one spectacular birdie from the bunker — to make Birdie Kim a most unlikely U.S. Women's Open champion Sunday.

Going shot-for-shot with 17-year-old Morgan Pressel in a tense duel at Cherry Hills, the 23-year-old South Korean was trying to get close for par when she holed a 30-yard bunker shot from across the 18th green, raising her arms as the ball disappeared in the back of the cup.

Pressel, poised to become the youngest major champion in golf history, was walking up the fairway in the group behind when she saw the reaction of the record gallery. She put both hands over her head in disbelief, realizing her dream of winning was all but gone.

"It was like, 'I can't believe that actually just happened,'" Pressel said when asked for her reaction.

Kim's victory put an end to Annika Sorenstam's pursuit of a Grand Slam, and it put the kids in their place.

Even so, her victory might have been even more shocking than teenagers in contention at the most prestigious event in women's golf. In two years on the LPGA Tour, she had made only 10 cuts in 34 starts and only once had finished in the top 10. Her career earnings were a meager \$79,832.

One shot that ranks among the most dramatic in a major changed everything.

Kim finished at 3-over 287 and earned \$560,000, the biggest payoff in women's golf.

She closed with a 1-over 72 to win by two shots over a pair of teenage amateurs — Pressel, who went for broke on her birdie chip at the 18th and made bogey for a 75;



Michelle Wie watches her shot on the 18th hole in the final round of the U.S. Women's Open on Sunday at Cherry Hills Country Club. Wie had a disastrous final round of 82 after having been tied for the lead after 54 holes.

and 19-year-old Brittany Lang, who missed an 8-foot par putt on the final hole for a 71.

Kim made the only birdie on the 18th hole in two days, a 459-yard par 4

that requires a daunting tee shot over water and an uphill climb the final 180 yards.

"I can't believe it," she said. "I don't think I was going to make it. I was

trying my best to make par."

Sorenstam, the dominant player in golf, was never a factor. She tried

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## Gatlin sweeps sprints at nationals

By BETH HARRIS

AP Sports Writer

CARSON, Calif. — Justin Gatlin went from despair to triumph in 48 hours at the U.S. track and field championships.

He won the 200 meters Sunday, becoming the first man in 20 years to sweep the sprints.

"This year is going very well and I want to do the same thing in Helsinki,"

said Gatlin, who qualified for the world championships in Finland in August.

Gatlin, the Olympic gold medalist in the 100 and bronze medalist in the 200, was disqualified for a false start in the 100 preliminaries Friday. He was reinstated after a protest, and was unstoppable from there.

"I had to turn it around and make sure it was a very positive experience,"

he said. "I feel like I'm back in my zone, like I was in college, doubling and hopefully dominating as well."

Running into a head wind, Gatlin won the 200 in 20.04 seconds. The last man to win both races at the U.S. meet was Kirk Baptiste in 1985. Tyson Gay was second in 20.06, followed by Olympic 200 champion Shawn Crawford in 20.12.

Wallace Spearmon, who

has the world's fastest time this year in 19.91, finished fourth at 20.16 and failed to make the U.S. team for the world championships.

Teenagers Kerron Clement and Allyson Felix continued the youth movement that is propelling American track and field by winning their events.

Clement won the 400

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## Ward, Bryan claim 'Best'

Herald staff report

Steve Ward and Larry Bryan posted a round of 63 on the Comanche Trail Golf Course on Sunday and held on to take first place in the championship flight of the Best of the Rest Golf Tournament.

Ward and Bryan were two strokes off the pace set by Todd Henderson and Abel Alvarez on Sunday, but the 58 they'd posted in blistering heat on Saturday allowed them to claim a four-stroke margin.

Henderson and Alvarez finished with a 64-61, 125 to finish in second place, while the tandem of Ben Garcia Jr. and Adolph Garza finished third at 67-64, 131.

In president's flight play, the team of Simmons and Cole combined for a 62-60, 122 to take a one-stroke win over Kygar and Kirkland (61-62, 123). Weaver and Williams finished with a pair of 62 rounds and a 124 total to finish third.

In first flight play, Sanchez and Silen carded a 63-63, 126 total to take a two-stroke win over Hammond and Stinson, who finished at 63-65, 128. Cook and Mathews were another stroke back in third place with a 129 total.

The team of Aldridge and Cobb rebounded from an opening round of 67 to post a 62 and take a one-stroke win in the second flight with a 129 total. Castro and Villalobos finished tied for second place with Palmer and Rosson.

A 67-65, 132 total was good enough to give the Compton and Owens pairing first place in the third flight, while Hernandez and Ramirez were one stroke back at 67-66, 133. Powell and Epperson finished third with a 67-67, 134 total.

The fourth flight saw Williams and Williams post a 65-66, 131 total and take a three-stroke win over the team of Bauer and Brown, who finished the 36-hole event with a 65-69, 134 total. Thweatt and Thweatt combined for a 66-70, 136 to finish third.

And in fifth flight action, Harrison and Nunez put together a 69-66, 135 total and take a two-stroke margin of victory over the Battle and Battle pairing, which finished 71-66, 137. Conway and Harris were third with a 71-69, 140 total.

# Prior superb in return; Giambi saves Yanks from sweep

By The Associated Press

Mark Prior was almost perfect in his dazzling return from the disabled list.

Back on the mound just one month after a line drive fractured a bone in his pitching elbow, Prior retired 18 of his 19 batters Sunday in the Chicago Cubs' 2-0 victory over the White Sox.

"I felt pretty good," he said. "Most athletes know if they're ready or not."

The right-hander allowed only one hit in six innings, outpitching Jon Garland and dominating the White Sox, who have the best record in baseball.

After allowing a single to Pablo Ozuna in the third, Prior retired his final 10 batters and erased any doubts about whether he was fit to come back so soon. While he was out, he threw two simulated games but didn't make any minor league rehabilitation starts.

"After the first simulated game, I didn't feel ready. After the second

one, I did," said Prior, who threw 71 pitches — 50 for strikes. "I just tried to go out there and throw a good game."

The New York Yankees played another sloppy game, but Jason Giambi bailed them out with a big hit.

Giambi capped a ninth-inning rally with a two-run single, and the Yankees avoided an embarrassing three-game sweep with a 5-4 victory over the Mets.

In other interleague games, it was: Boston 12, Philadelphia 8; Atlanta 8, Baltimore 1; Toronto 9, Washington 5; Cleveland 4, Cincinnati 3; Houston 3, Texas 2 in 10 innings; Minnesota 5, Milwaukee 2; Florida 1, Tampa Bay 0; Colorado 9, Kansas City 4; San Diego 5, Seattle 4; Oakland 16, San Francisco 0; the Los Angeles Angels 5, the Los Angeles Dodgers 3; and Arizona 13, Detroit 7.

In the only NL game, Pittsburgh beat St. Louis 5-4 in 10 innings.

Taking advantage of more sloppy defense by their crosstown rivals,

the Mets scored three unearned runs in the seventh off Randy Johnson to take a 4-1 lead.

Derek Jeter, who went 1-for-3 on his 31st birthday, and Alex Rodriguez began the comeback with RBI singles in the bottom half off Aaron Heilman, and the Yankees came through in the ninth against Braden Looper (2-3).

With the Mets three outs away from their first Yankee Stadium sweep, Looper walked pinch-hitter Tino Martinez leading off the ninth.

"You can't walk the leadoff hitter. There's no excuse for that," Looper said. "We had a one-run lead and we should have won the game. I didn't do my job. I stunk."

Rodriguez doubled just inside the third-base line for his fourth hit, and Hideki Matsui was intentionally walked to load the bases. Giambi's single to the gap in right-center gave the Yankees a split of their six games against the Mets this year.

Mariano Rivera (4-2) worked a perfect inning

for the win, which improved the Yankees to 2-35 when trailing after eight innings.

Making his first start since May 27, Prior (5-1) struck out three and didn't walk a batter.

With one ace back and Kerry Wood (strained right shoulder) expected to come off the disabled list this week, the Cubs think they can start a winning streak soon.

"When those guys were hurt, we battled as a team," Corey Patterson said. "We don't want to forget that. But having those guys come back is definitely going to be a great addition. It'll help us move ahead."

Patterson's solo homer in the sixth broke a scoreless tie for the Cubs, who took two of three on the road to split the Windy City season series at three games apiece. The White Sox won two of three at Wrigley Field in May.

Jerome Williams pitched two scoreless innings, and Ryan Dempster got three outs for his 11th save in 12 chances. The White Sox

haven't scored in 16 innings, and Prior is a big reason why.

"When he's locating like that, it doesn't matter if we would have swung the bat well," Paul Konerko said. "That's it — he's pretty good."

Trying to become the first 13-game winner in the majors, Garland (12-3) gave up two runs — one earned — and four hits in 7 1-3 innings.

### Braves 8, Orioles 1

At Atlanta, Andruw Jones hit his major league-leading 24th home run and John Smoltz (8-5) pitched his second consecutive complete game to hand Baltimore its fifth straight loss.

### Red Sox 12, Phillies 8

At Philadelphia, Manny Ramirez hit his 19th grand slam, tying Eddie Murray for second place on the career list, and drove in five runs. Mike Timlin (2-1) pitched two scoreless innings and Boston won its season-high seventh straight.

### Blue Jays 9, Nationals 5

At Washington, Orlando Hudson hit two homers, including a tiebreaking, two-run shot in the eighth inning, to snap the Nationals' 12-game home winning streak. Justin Speier (1-1) got two outs in the seventh, and Miguel Batista pitched two innings for his 14th save.

### Indians 4, Reds 3

At Cleveland, pinch-hitter Victor Martinez singled home the go-ahead run in the eighth inning, and the Indians completed interleague play with a major league-best 15-3 record and improved to 22-10 overall since May 21.

### Astros 3, Rangers 2

At Houston, Andy Pettitte pitched nine strong innings and Morgan Ensberg singled home the winning run in the 10th, giving the Astros their second win in the six-game Lone Star series.

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hurdles in 47.24, the fastest time in seven years. Bershawn Jackson was second in 47.80.

"I went out pretty hard and I charged every hurdle," Clement said. "It was perfect."

Clement, a 19-year-old born in Trinidad but a U.S. citizen, burst onto the scene by breaking Michael Johnson's

decade-old world indoor record in the 400 at the NCAA championships in March. He won the NCAA 400 hurdles title outdoors two weeks ago for Florida, then turned professional.

Clement ran the 11th-fastest time in the event's history. Only six runners have been faster, and the last to do so was American Bryan Bronson, who ran 47.03 in 1998.

Felix, the 19-year-old

Olympic silver medalist in the 200, took the lead with 20 meters to go and won in 22.13, fastest in the world this year. Rachelle Smith was second at 22.34. LaTasha Colander was third at 22.34.

"Normally, I have trouble with the first part, so I wanted to attack that and come home strong," Felix said. "I saw a lot of things to work on."

Gatlin and Felix were especially happy for each other.

"She was the only one who brought emotion out of me after the DQ. She looked to me for advice and guidance," said Gatlin, who acknowledged having a close relationship with Felix, although he wouldn't call her his girlfriend.

Felix, meanwhile, called Gatlin "my sidekick."

"We made all our teams together," she said. "He's looking out for me, and I know I'm doing the same thing for him."

Christian Cantwell had the best throw in the world last year, but fell apart at the Olympic trials and failed to make the team in Athens. This time, though, he won the shot put with a throw of 71 feet. Two-time Olympic silver medalist Adam Nelson was second at 70-7 1/4. Three-time world champion John Godina was third at 68-10 1/2.

Michelle Perry, an Olympian in the heptathlon last year, beat

Olympic gold medalist Joanna Hayes in the 100 hurdles. Running into a head wind, Perry won in 12.66. Hayes was second in 12.77.

Hayes accidentally smacked Perry with her arm during the race.

"She runs with her arms out, and I felt her arm hit me," Perry said. "You can't let that bother you. Coming into the final, my legs didn't feel as fresh, but I couldn't let that stop me."

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to drive the first green and instead hit a tree and went into the creek, making bogey. She would up with a 77 to finish at 12-over 296, the first time in four years Sorenstam shot over par in a 72-hole event.

"Just didn't happen," she said.

Pressel's peers were not up to the challenge either. Fifteen-year-old Michelle Wie shot 42 on the front nine on her way to an 82, while 18-year-old Paula Creamer made two double bogeys and a triple bogey to shoot 79.

The U.S. Women's Open champion went by her given name, Ju-Yun Kim,

as a rookie last year, but decided to use "Birdie" this season to stand out from the other five players with Kim as a surname on the LPGA Tour.

"I wanted something different, something simple and easy," she said at the start of the season. "Birdie is good in golf, and it's good for me."

It was better than she ever imagined on a sun-baked afternoon at Cherry Hills, which ultimately came down to a battle for survival. This was the first time the Women's Open champion was over par since 1998 at Blackwolf Run, when Se Ri Pak won in a playoff after finishing at 6 over.

This one looked destined for a playoff. Separated by one group, Kim and Pressel were tied

at 4 over with two holes to play. Both gave themselves a good chance at birdie on the par-5 17th, missing from about 20 feet.

With Pressel in the fairway behind her, Kim needed to get up-and-down for any chance of a playoff — a tall order considering she ranked 141st in sand saves coming into the Open.

But the shot came out clean, checked slightly and rode the slope toward the hole.

Pressel, who stayed in contention as fellow teens Wie and Creamer wilted, chipped well past the hole. She tossed her wedge at the bag, removed her glove and slapped it against her thigh.

Crouching behind the

green after it was over, she wiped away tears. Sorenstam came out of the clubhouse and gave Pressel a long hug before she went to sign her card.

It was a stunning conclusion to a brutal final round in which the field averaged 76.1 and there was only one round under par, a 69 by Lorje Kane of Canada.

Arnold Palmer made Cherry Hills famous in the 1960 U.S. Open for his charge from seven shots behind. This was more of a retreat, a battle to see who could survive.

Lorena Ochoa of Mexico had cause to feel even worse than Pressel.

She was 3 under for the round and 3 over for the tournament — a likely winning score — until the pressure got the best of

her and she chunked her tee shot into the water on the 18th, making a quadruple-bogey 8 to finish four shots behind.

"I fought so hard for 71 holes and just the last one, you know," Ochoa said, as tears welled in her eyes. "I feel really sad. That's the way golf is."

Sorenstam had played conservatively all week, but drew cheers when she pulled driver from the bag on the 346-yard opening hole, the same one Palmer drove in the 1960 U.S. Open when he charged from seven shots behind.

Palmer hit the green and made birdie. Sorenstam clipped a tree and went into a hazard for a bogey.

"My game plan today was to be a little bit more

aggressive," she said. "It totally backfired."

It was a major bummer for Wie, who was coming off a runner-up finish in the LPGA Championship and was tied for lead going into the final round. The gallery lined both sides of the first fairway, eager to see if the 15-year-old could make headlines around the world.

What they saw was someone who played every bit her age.

She took double bogey on the opening hole, hitting into the rough and laying up in more rough. She missed putts inside 3 feet on consecutive holes. And trying to hammer a shot out of the thick grass, the ball dribbled only 25 feet. Wie went out in 42 and was never a factor the rest of the day.

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pion without the right things happening," Garrido said. "That's the spirituality of it all. You have to trust it will happen."

Maroul, who was 3-for-4, hit his second homer in as many games and finished the CWS 8-for-16 with a series-best eight RBIs. His final-game performance raised his season average to .251, lowest among Longhorns' starters.

"This is a guy that struggled all season and now is the MVP of the College World Series on a national championship team," Garrido said. "Here is a defining moment for him. It's won-

derful."

It was the fifth CWS title for Garrido, who has won two with Texas and three at Cal State Fullerton.

"We thought throughout the season we had a national championship-type team," Garrido said. "We all knew coming in this team was one with experience. But it's one thing to have experience and another thing to be able to use it."

Florida (48-23) was making its fifth overall appearance at the College World Series and first trip in the championship round.

The Gators couldn't get their offense going until they were behind 6-0 Sunday. They lost Saturday night's opener 4-2 when a late rally fizzled.

Florida coach Pat McMahon acknowledged that Texas' experience the the CWS — four straight — was a plus.

"When your players have been here, it is a help, an asset, because you know the expectations," McMahon said. "I do think it was a factor, but we were ready to play."

But the Gators batted just .212 during their six games at Rosenblatt Stadium.

"I was disgusted with myself for not showing up these last two games," said Gators star center fielder Jeff Corsaletti, who was 0-for-8 in the championship round.

"I thought we were a better club than we showed and we got away from our usual

approach," he said. "We didn't take advantage of the very few chances we did have."

McCulloch (12-4), a 6-foot-3 sophomore right-hander, struck out eight Sunday, walked one and gave up five hits in 6 2-3 innings, including a two-run homer to Brian Leclerc in the seventh.

"Once we got ahead and put up an early lead, the hitters tend to press and then I tried to extend the strike zone," McCulloch said.

Chance Wheelless, who hit a game-winning homer against Baylor earlier in the CWS, had a solo shot in the bottom of the sixth to put the Longhorns ahead 3-0 and drive out Florida starter Bryan Ball.

Taylor Teagarden dou-

bled off reliever Connor Falkenbach and, following a walk, Maroul hit a

three-run homer to left-center to put the Longhorns ahead 6-0.

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# Annie's Mailbox : Advice for those in need

Dear Annie: I'm a 23-year-old male and live in a state with a low women-to-men ratio. My problem is that I have a very hard time dealing with girls. I've been rejected too many times to count. I can approach them with no problem, but I somehow manage to mess it up along the way. I have heard some real truthful rejections, but at this point, I've heard so many that I can only assume there must be something horribly wrong with me.

I have tried many different tactics. I don't press too hard and always back off quickly if given the impression my advances are unwelcome. I know that I am a little weird and shy, but I figured over time I would find a girl who appreciates who I am. I don't think it's a good idea to change my personality just to be what someone else likes, although I am willing to make compromises.

I have decided to just stop trying. I really wanted to find someone to care about, but I can't take the hurt anymore. Am I crazy? What should I do? -- Giving Up in Alaska

Dear Alaska: You're not crazy, but you are too young to give up. If you have a quirky personality, it's more difficult to find someone who suits you, and fishing in a small pond compounds the problem. You aren't meeting enough women. Also, keep in mind that some people are late bloomers, and things might be better for you down the road.

First, go over those previous "truthful rejections" and decide if any of them provided some constructive criticism. Then ask your best friends and close family members to critique your appearance, hygiene, personality, approach, conversation, everything. You also might consider using a reputable Internet dating service that offers a wider pool of potential girlfriends, allowing one to get to know you fairly well before committing to a relationship. Good luck. Dear Annie: My husband

will not see a dentist. We have been married for 25 years, and in that time, he has seen a dentist only once, 20 years ago, when he broke a tooth. He gargles with Listerine every morning and night, and flosses religiously. He says that is good enough.

My husband regularly sees an eye doctor and has his internist give him a thorough physical every year. If I raise the subject of going to the dentist, he gets quite belligerent. Maybe if he sees a good enough reason in your column, he'll change his mind. -- Bewildered in Thousand Oaks, Calif.

Dear Bewildered: Many people have a phobia of dentists, even though today, dentists are knowledgeable about anxiety, offering relaxation techniques, audio headphones and sedatives for the more reluctant cases. Your husband also should be aware that gum disease is linked to heart disease. Neglecting dental care could lead to consequences more dire than morning breath.

Dear Annie: I read the letter from "Grossed-Out Grandchild," whose parents send overly detailed e-mails about her grandmother's medical status. You said her parents, as caregivers, probably found this to be a form of emotional support.

I have several years' experience working with long-term care and assisted living. While the information you provided is on the right track, I believe the details provided about Grama's "Activities of Daily Living" (ADLs, as they are known in health care circles) are a cry for help. Those parents want the family to recognize how much work even spry Grama is and are hoping

someone will step in to carry some of the burden. Caring for family members at home can become overwhelming, and the health and safety of the loved one can be jeopardized by not getting help soon enough. -- Kate in Louisville, Ky.



KATHY MITCHELL  
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Dear Kate: You may be right, and we hope other family members will step up to the plate and offer assistance. Thanks for your expertise.

Dear Annie: I am 24 years old and have been married to a great man for almost four years. "Justin" supported me financially through college and left it up to me as to whether or not I wanted to work. I worked part time in college, and since graduating, I have been working full time. Justin worked for three years to help me get through school, putting in 60-70 hours a week.

Last October, Justin, tired of his long hours, quit his job. He did not tell me first - he just quit. I do not get benefits with my job, so we lost those, as well. He finally started working part time, but it doesn't pay the bills. He went from making \$900 a week to \$175 a week. No matter what I say or do, he will not look for a full-time position.

I have sent in resumes and applications for him, but when employers call for an interview, he tells them he is not interested. He has been to the doctor, and we have tried counseling. He has all the right responses for the counselor's suggestions, but he won't put them into practice.

I have threatened to leave him, but he simply does not react, and I wouldn't follow through anyway. I really don't want our marriage to end. I love Justin, but he has changed, and I don't know what to do. Please help. -- Desperate Wife  
Dear Wife: Justin sounds

burned out and depressed. Don't send out any more resumes, because he isn't ready. If counseling isn't working, Justin may need to see someone else and possibly be put on medication. For a low-cost referral, check with United Way, the YMCA, local hospitals, universities and graduate schools, NAMI (www.nami.org or 1-800-950-NAMI, 1-800-950-6264), Samaritan Counseling Centers (samaritaninstitute.org), and Recovery Inc. (recovery-inc.com). Good luck.

Dear Annie: I was upset by the letter from "Dealing With Dementia in Canada," whose wife didn't want the children to see the grandparents in a nursing home. Please do not let her keep those children from seeing their grandparents.

When my father was hospitalized with cancer, my daughter asked every day if she could go visit. My older sister convinced me that the kids should not see their grandfather "that way." I told my daughter she'd see Grandpa when he came home.

Well, Dad never came home. It is now six years later, and I still think about how my daughter never got to see the man she loved most before he died, and it kills me. And it hurts her, too, because she still tells me how she would have loved to see Grandpa before it was too late.

Seeing someone you love "that way" is better than not seeing them ever again. -- Regretting It Forever

Dear Regretting: Thank you for sharing your experience so our readers can learn from it. You made the decision you thought was best. Now it's time to forgive yourself.

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## Tomorrow's Horoscope

Mercury and Venus do a cosmic ballroom dance, inspiring romantic words and meaningful gestures. It feels so natural to communicate exactly what's in your heart - and if the communication is bigger than life, it's received even more readily. Mercury passes Venus, and then, they both make a dramatic entrance into Leo's grand stage.

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19). You're finding out what you can stand for. Practice is far more effective than preaching. People may debate semantics, but no one can argue against an honest, living, breathing example.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20). You'll be tempted again with luxuries that are outside of your spending plan. You think: Why shouldn't I have exactly what I want? But your impulses may be shortsighted. Real happiness is actually cheap.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 21). Someone has the wrong idea about you entirely! It could be due to your one bad habit. When your character is in question because of one habit, it's time to consider giving it up.

**CANCER** (June 22-July 22). What at first seems like a good idea may not turn out that way. Think of consequences before you act. You'll finally get proof that a relationship is worthy of your exclusive commitment.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22). You're magnetic today. All it takes is a few minutes of positive - no, radiant - thinking, and you start to attract the very things foremost on your mind, like better health. Your skin

begins to glow - it really does!

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Any work that has to be done is accomplished early in the day so you have time left over to stretch, play and create romance. Partnerships have tremendous benefits, both personally and financially.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You may know what loved ones are doing wrong, but getting them to understand this is nearly impossible. Being right doesn't matter if no one follows your advice. Use diplomacy to get others to meet you halfway.

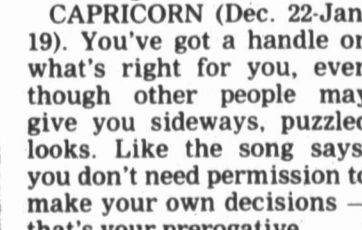
**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). People around you might be lazy and scattered, but you have an awareness of the bottom line at all times, and therefore, realize that there's no time to waste. You're busy doing what really matters.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Knowing what everyone stands to gain or lose in a situation is key to getting your own needs met. Luckily, you see through people as if they were made of glass. Share your insights with Virgo.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You've got a handle on what's right for you, even though other people may give you sideways, puzzled looks. Like the song says, you don't need permission to make your own decisions - that's your prerogative.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). The world is not exactly falling in line with your agenda. If you could observe the inner workings of a loved one's heart, you might find a new level of compassion for this person. So act "as if," and see what happens.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20). It's easy to know your next move when you don't think too much about it - just let your body and intuition show you where to go. Love is the focus. You spend equal time chasing it and



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"MR. WILSON'S CLOSE BEHIND ME, DAD! I'M GONNA LET YOU HANDLE THIS."

THE FAMILY CIRCUS



"Mommy, will you and Daddy have a second wedding someday so we can go?"

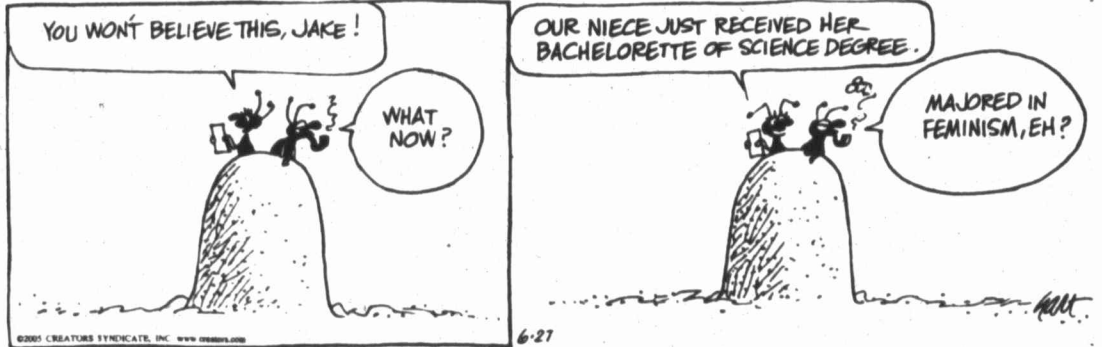
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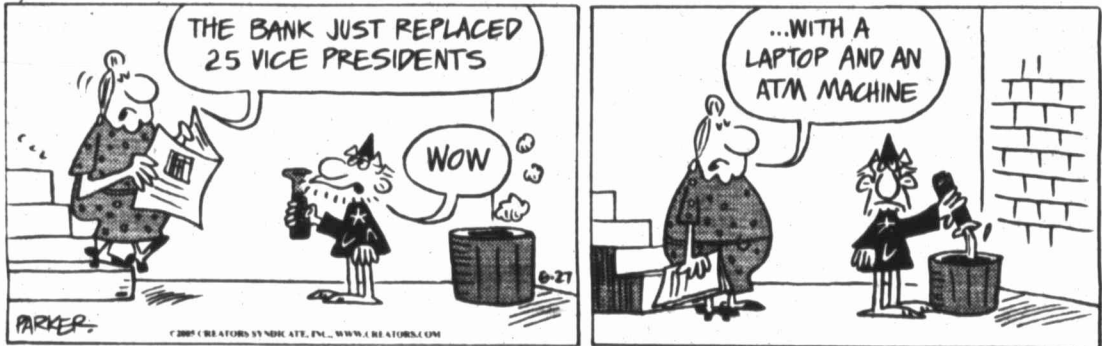
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This Date In History

**By The Associated Press**

Today is Monday, June 27, the 178th day of 2005. There are 187 days left in the year.

**Today's Highlight in History:**

On June 27, 1950, President Truman ordered the Air Force and Navy into the Korean conflict following a call from the U.N. Security Council for member nations to help South Korea repel an invasion from the North.

On this date:

In 1844, Mormon leader Joseph Smith and his brother, Hyrum, were killed by a mob in Carthage, Ill.

In 1880, author-lecturer Helen Keller, who lived most of her life without sight or hearing, was born in Tuscumbia, Ala.

In 1957, more than 500 people were killed when Hurricane "Audrey" slammed through coastal Louisiana and Texas.

In 1969, patrons at the Stonewall Inn, a gay bar in

New York's Greenwich Village, clashed with police in an incident considered the birth of the gay rights movement.

In 1973, former White House counsel John W. Dean told the Senate Watergate Committee about an "enemies list" kept by the Nixon White House.

In 1980, President Carter signed legislation reviving draft registration.

In 1985, the legendary Route 66, which originally stretched from Chicago to Santa Monica, Calif., passed into history as officials decertified the road.

One year ago: NATO leaders meeting in Turkey closed ranks on a pledge to take a bigger military role in Iraq; President Bush declared that the alliance was poised to "meet the threats of the 21st century." Insurgents threatened to behead Cpl. Wassef Ali Hassoun, a U.S. Marine who'd vanished in Iraq, in a videotaped that aired on Arab television. (However, Hassoun contacted American officials in his native Lebanon the following month; after being reunited with his family in

Utah, Hassoun disappeared last December.)

**Birthdays:** Business executive Ross Perot is 75. The former chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, retired Army General John Shalikashvili, is 69. Former Interior Secretary Bruce Babbitt is 67. Country singer Lorrie Morgan is 46. Actor Tobey Maguire is 30. Gospel singer Leigh Nash is 29. Actress Madylin Sweeten is 14.

**Thought for Today:** "A man, after he has brushed off the dust and chips of his life, will have left only the hard, clean question: Was it good or was it evil? Have I done well - or ill?" - John Steinbeck, American author (1902-1968).

Answer to previous puzzle

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Newsday Crossword

SEW IT UP by Gail Grabowski Edited by Stanley Newman www.stanxwords.com

- ACROSS**
- 1 Undersea vessels
- 5 Eyeglasses, slangily
- 10 "Stop right there!"
- 14 Brother of Cain
- 15 Poisonous
- 16 Middle East ruler
- 17 Director Ephron
- 18 Martini garnish
- 19 Bistro handout
- 20 "You betcha!"
- 22 Poker payment
- 23 Said
- 24 Low in fat
- 26 Tune for two
- 29 Let's Make
- 33 Jump
- 37 Banana covering
- 39 Lyricist's quest
- 40 Winfrey of TV
- 42 Floral necklace
- 43 Eiffel Tower's city
- 44 Take care of
- 45 Winter precipitation
- 47 Ties the knot
- 48 Educate
- 49 Break sharply
- 51 Party giver
- 54 Spanish celebration
- 59 Shredded side dish
- 62 Undo animosities
- 65 Crunchy Mexican treat
- 66 PC message
- 67 Rubbish
- 68 At any time
- 69 Orchard fruit
- 70 Double-reed instrument
- 71 Halloween wear
- 72 "Virginia" dances
- 73 Three feet
- DOWN**
- 1 Smoothies, as wood
- 2 WWII vessel
- 3 Yogi of baseball
- 4 Incline
- 5 Arose from a chair
- 6 Game on horseback
- 7 Leave the building
- 8 Courteous
- 9 Play unit
- 10 Be evasive
- 11 Congregation's response
- 12 Clothes-dryer debris
- 13 Factual
- 21 Kennedy or Koppel
- 25 50-and-over org.
- 27 Snakelike swimmers
- 28 Most high schoolers
- 30 Brontë's Jane
- 31 In the center of
- 32 Not as much
- 33 Didn't win
- 34 Fencing blade
- 35 Neighborhood
- 36 Hodgepodge
- 38 King of beasts
- 41 Sounds from Santa
- 46 Breakfast items
- 50 Dessert choice
- 52 Use finger paint
- 53 City near Phoenix
- 55 Have fun doing
- 56 Diver's gear
- 57 Male voice
- 58 Posed a question
- 59 Flower part
- 60 Volcanic flow
- 61 High cards
- 63 Back of the neck
- 64 Pickle flavoring

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