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WEATHER

Tonight:



TONIGHT WEDNESDAY 65°-70° 95°-100°

Workforce Center to hold TDCJ seminar Thursday

The Texas Workforce Center will hold a seminar Thursday at 7 p.m. in the Howard County Library **Community Room for those** interested in becoming correctional officers.

The Texas Department of Criminal Justice has 2,000 vacant correctional officer positions currently open.

Information will be given about qualifications, duties, salary and benefits along with applications being provided during the seminar. The public is invited to attend. There will be auxiliary aides available for the disabled. Please call Lydia Perez at the TWC at 263-8373 for more information.

WHAT'S UP...

WEDNESDA Y Optimist Club, 7 a.m., **Howard College Cactus** Room

Senior Circle Big Soring Mall walkers meet 9:15 a.m. in front of movie theater

"Reflecting a Proud Community"

50 CENTS DAILY/\$1.25 SUNDAY

Hangar 25 Air Fair organizers planning something for everyone

By CARL GRAHAM Staff Writer

PRING



have things that will attract all ages, both young and old," said Lewis. "It will be something that the whole family can attend and have a good time. We are really excited about it."

Lewis said the day will begin at 10 a.m. with static air displays of military, private, agricultural and commercial aircraft. For the little ones, kiddie rides will be avilable all day. Concession stands will also be available from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m..

"We will have radio-controlled be flying their hot-air balloon airplane club demonstrations to include a buddy box to enable the public to fly a plane," said Lewis. "In addition, we will have antique tractors on display, the Rod and Custom Car Club will have cars on display, the National Guard Armory will have a display of their Humvee and their new sighting vehicle." Lewis said the Big Spring Harley Owners Group would also be paying a visit to Hangar

25. The Wells Fargo Bank will

during the morning hours. "As if that is not enough to

draw you in, we will also be having cake walks throughout the day to halp raise funds and a celebrite cake auction," said Lewis. "For the little ones, Quail Dobbs, our local renowned clown, Jody Nix and the rodeo queens will be visiting between 1 and 2 p.m."

Lewis said this year they decided to hold the Air Fair at a different time.

"We decided to celebrate our one-year anniversary (May 31,) in conjunction with Flag Day (June 14) and with our local rodeo (June 14-17)," said Lewis. "I think that will create a lot of extra traffic for us with all the visitors coming in from out of town.

"There's just going to be a whole lot of activities happening and you will want to be a part of our day of celebration." For any additional information, call Lewis at 264-2362.

Hundreds gather to remember those who served

By BILL McCLELLAN News Editor

More than 300 people gathered at the Big Spring Vietnam Memorial on Monday to pay their respects for those who died and those who lived, defending their freedom.

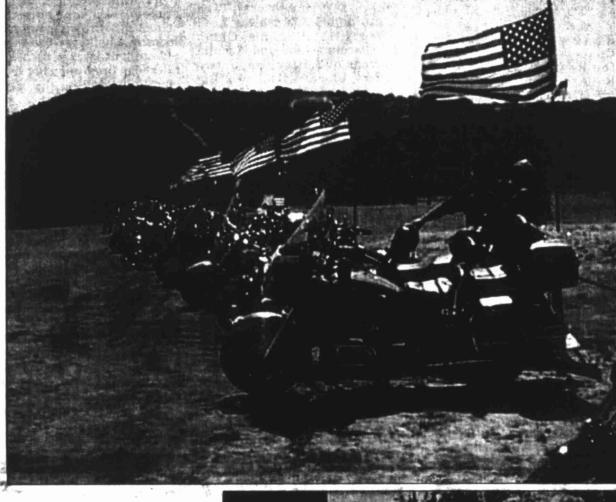
"This is a day to remember, to honor and to give thanks," said Don Boling, Big Spring **Vietnam Memorial Committee** member who presided over the ceremony.

Some 153 motorcycles rumbled over the memorial grounds as those who participated in the "Ride to Remember" took part in the observance, which began earlier in the day at the Permian **Basin Vietnam Memorial near** Midland International Airport.

"We have to remember that freedom is not free. It requires the highest price," said Boling. "The price of lives and of blood.

A traditional laying of the wreaths by the widows and mothers of those killed in action brought tears to the eyes of those who came to the ceremony - many of whom where veterans themselves.

"Over one million men and nen have given their lives for that freedom," Boling said. "Several thousand others are prisoners of war or missing in action. We must never stop trying to get them back." Many pointed to the memorial itself - the map - and showed wives and children where they had served. "It was right about here, baby," one tearful Vietnam veteran said to his daughter, who was about 10 years old, as he pointed to a place on the map. His wife put her arms around him and the girl. "That's why we are here," she told the blonde-haired youngster. "We're here for those who fought, so that we don't have to fight any more.' Boling read a poem by Major Michael David O'Donnell, written less than three months before he was killed in a rescue operation in Cambodia. "If you are all able,



Motorcycles line the area

CRP 3,933 acres enrolled in program for Howard Co. **By CARL GRAHAM**

Staff Writer

U.S. Rep. Charlie Stenholm (D-Stamford) has announced. that the U.S. Department of

Agriculture (USDA) will enroll approximately 2.5 million acres of environmentally sensitive farmland into the Conservation Reserve Program.

STENHOLM The CRP is a voluntary program designed to reduce soil erosion and improve water quality. Under the program, producers receive. 10- to 15-year contracts that provi**de them with annual** rental payments and cost-share assistance. **David Kight, Howard County** extension agent, said the program could benefit a lot of area producers. 'We do have quite a few acres that would benefit from being in the program," said Kight. "It is a beneficial land resource management program. There are a number of producers in this area who should look into the benefits of enrolling in the program." Stenholm said the program is a win-win situation. "CRP allows farmers and ranchers more options to protect their lands, without sacrificing farm income," he said. "Our farmers and ranchers are the first stewards of the land and participation in the CRP results in cleaner water, wildlife habitats, and a cleaner environment. Everybody wins from this program.'



box office.

Westside Community Center, 10 until 4 p.m., registration for the summer program, Westside Day Care Center. For more information call 263-7841 and ask for Melinda or Kelli.

 Big Spring Downtown Lions Club, noon, Howard **College Cactus Room.** Line dancing, 1 p.m.,

Senior Citizens Center, Industrial Park.

THURSDAY

Q Gideons International, **Big Spring Camp No.** U4206O, Hermans, 7 a.m.

Westside Community Center, 10 until 4 p.m., registration for the summer program, Westside Day Care Center. For more information call 263-7841 and ask for Melinda or Kelli.

Big Spring Senior **Citizens Center Art Classes**, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. for 55 and older

G Kiwanis Club, noon, Howard College Cactus Room.

Genealogical Society of Big Spring, 7:15 p.m., Howard County Library. C Masonic Lodge No. 1340. 7:30 p.m., 2101 Lancaster.

FRIDAY

O The Greater Big Spring Rotary Club, noon, Howard College Cactus Room. AMBUCS, noon, Brandin' Iron Restaurant.

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Save them a place Inside of you And save one backward glance

When you are leaving

ear the Big Spring Vietnam Memorial as participants of the "Ride to Remember" took part in Monday's special services. At right, Big Spring **Vietnam Memorial Committee** member Don Boling, left, looks on as wreaths are placed at the base of the memorial in honor of those veterans who gave their lives in the name of freedom. **HERALD photos/Bill McClellan**

For the places They can no longer go," O'Donnell wrote. "Be not ashamed to say You loved them, Though you may not have always.

Take what they have left And what they taught you With their dying. And keep it with your own. And in that time, When men decide and feel safe

To call the war insane, Take one moment to embrace Those gentle heroes



You left behind." "For me, that pretty much sums up what Memorial Day is all about."

"Remembering them, and honoring them. This is what we are here for, to put the memory said Boling. back in Memorial Day."

The announcement by USDA increases the total CRP enroll-

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Longtime Herald columnist **Myrtle Griffith dies Monday**

By DEBBIE L. JENSEN Features Editor

Longtime Big Spring Herald columnist Myrtle Griffith died Monday after complications

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	she suffered in	
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٠	had a stroke on	
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	daughter, Lola	GRIFF

HTF Lamb, said today

"It seemed like she was doing real well but then things got worse. It came to the point where she was going downhill." Lamb said.

Griffith had begun writing for the Herald in 1992, for a special monthly section called "Prime of Your Life," which focused on senior citizens. Her daughter

said Griffith answered an ad in the paper asking for writers.

"She had always loved to write, but had never done anything for publication before." Lamb said. "She loved it. Sometimes she would have a hard time thinking of something to write, but it always came."

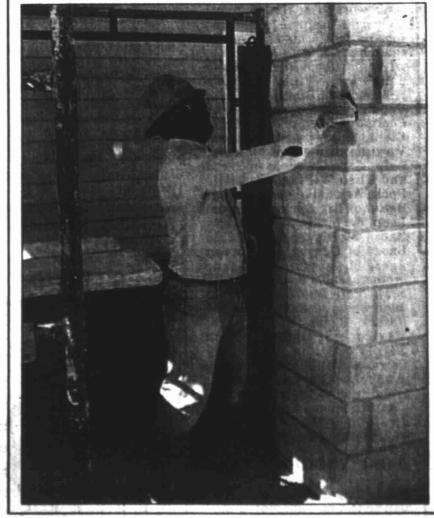
Particularly enjoyable for Griffith was the encouragement of her readers, Lamb said.

"Sometimes people she didn't even know would recognize her, and that thrilled her.

Her columns, which later appeared monthly in the life! section, often dealt with her love of rocks and minerals, her memories of growing up on a farm, or her continued enjoyment of travel.

The stroke made it particularly hard for Griffith, her daughter said, because it paralyzed her left side, and she was lefthanded.

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Work is progressing well at the Big Spring State Veterans Home on U.S. Highway 87. Victor Mendoza of Odessa lays brick at the facility, which is expected to be complete by late October or early November. The home is one of four being constructed in Texas. The first, in Temple, was dedicated on Memorial Day. The **Texas Veterans Land Board** was taking nominations to name the Big Spring facility through today. Anyone wishing to submit a name should contact their city council member or county commis sioner

OBITUARIES

Myrtle A **Morris Griffith**

Myrtle A. Morris Griffith, 89, Big Spring, died on Monday, May 29, 2000, in a local hospital. Funeral

service will be 11 a.m. Wednesday, May 31, 2000, at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with the Chaplain Raymond

Bugg of Vista Care Hospice. officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

Mrs. Griffith was born on April 29, 1911, in Pomeroy, Wash. She married Loyd C. Morris on Jan. 29, 1933, in Martin County, and he preceded her in death on June 29, 1973. She then married Lonnie A. Griffith on Dec. 12, 1982, in Big Spring, and he preceded her in death on March 3, 1984.

She had lived in the Big Spring area since 1927. She had worked at Montgomery Ward for several years and then worked for Gamco for eight years until retiring.

She was a member of First **Baptist Church and an active** member of Big Spring **Prospectors Club for many** years. For the past eight years, she had written a regular monthly column for the Big Spring Herald.

Survivors include: one daughter and son-in-law, Lola and Marvin Lamb of Big Spring; five grandchildren, Jerry Lamb and his wife, LaDonna and their children, Laci and Jason, Ronald Maddox and his wife, Kim, and their children, Nick and Nathan, Marray Maddox and his wife, Sarah, and their children, Malori and Peyton, **Ray Lynn Kemper and Donna** Love and her husband, Jack, and their children, James and Josh and his wife, Monique, and their daughter MaKayla.

She was also preceded in death by one son, Ray Kemper and one daughter, LaVerne Maddox.

Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley Pickle & Welch Funeral Home

May 28, in a Midland nursing home.

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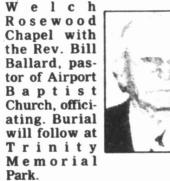
She was born on Jan. 16, 1912, in Ladonia. She had worked as a licensed vocational nurse for 14 years before retiring. She came to Big Spring in 1993 from Downey, Calif., and moved to Midland in 1997. She was a Methodist and a member of the Order of the Eastern Star in Roy, N.M. She was preceded in death by her husband, Frank B. Main.

Survivors include: two sons, Buck Main of Midland and Jack Main of Berkeley Vale, New South Wales; two brothers, Sam Payne of Big Spring and Tony Payne of Mesa, Ariz.; one sister, Avis Callman of New Milford, N.J.; 11 grandchildren; and 17 great-grandchildren.

Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

Leo Scarbrough

Funeral service for Leo Scarbrough, 90, Big Spring, will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday, May 31, 2000, at the Nalley-Pickle &



Mr. Scarbrough died on Sunday, May 28, in a local hospital.

He was born on Oct. 16, 1909, in Oklahoma and married Delora "Dee" Clanton on March 16, 1975, in Big Spring. He worked for Amoco Oil Company for 30 years, retiring in 1971. He came to Big Spring in 1972. He enjoyed fishing, and he attended Central Baptist Church

Survivors include: his wife, Delora "Dee" Scarbrough of Big Spring; one son, Phillip Scarbrough of Grand Prairie; two step-sons, Alton Richardson of Big Spring and Savoy Kay of El Paso; one sister, Ruth Attaberry of Albuquerque. ous grandchildren.

1, 2000, at the First Christian Church, Seiling, Okla., with Pastor Marvin Garrison officiating. Burial will follow in the Brumfield

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Cemetery under the direction of Redinger **Funeral Home** in Seiling. Mrs. Jones died on Monday, May

Deaconess Hospital in Oklahoma City, Okla

29, 2000, at

She was born on March 22, 1952. She married Ronald Dean Jones on July 5, 1975, at the First Christian Church in Seiling, Okla. She taught school in Taloga, Okla., for 24 years and retired in 1997 due to failing health. She was a member of the First Christian Church where she had served as youth leader and Sunday School teacher.

She is survived by: her husband, Ronnie Jones of Seiling, Okla.; two daughters, Tara Lynn Jones and Dallas Levi Jones, both of Seiling, Okla.; her parents, Earl and Ardelia Stevens of Seiling, Okla.; two sisters, Linda Willadsen of Big Spring and Carolyn King of Enid, Okla.; several nieces and nephews; and many other relatives and friends.

The family suggests memorials be made to the Area Medical Foundation or to **Oklahoma Medical Research** Foundation for Diabetes research. The funeral home will serve as custodian of the funds.

Arrangements are under the direction of Redinger Funeral Home and Chapel, Seiling, Okla.

CRP

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ment to approximately 33.5 million acres as of October 2000. The current CRP enrollment cap is 36.4 million acres.

Some 3.933 acres were submitted in Howard County and all were accepted. In Borden County, 282 acres were submitted and accepted. Martin County offered 5,185 acres but only 2,995 were accepted.



Witnesses say student showed gun days before killing teacher

LAKE WORTH, Fla. (AP) -Two youths claim Nathaniel Brazill was brandishing a small handgun three days before a school shooting that left a popular English teacher dead, police said Monday.

Police also released recordings of the 911 call made Friday when Lake Worth Middle School teacher Barry Grunow was fatally shot on the last day of classes.

Brazill, a seventh-grade honor student, was sent home from school for throwing water balloons in a hallway. The 13-yearold student later returned and allegedly fired one shot from a small gun, killing the 35-yearold teacher.

Brazill is being held while a grand jury considers the case.

The youths, who were not identified by police, told investigators Brazill showed them the gun near his home on May 23, but they did not tell anyone about it, Police Chief William Smith said in a statement Monday.

The 911 tapes show the first officer arrived at the school within 90 seconds after the call was made. Recordings between emergency units show police had Brazill and a .25-caliber Raven semi-automatic handgun in custody 4> minutes from the time the call was made, said Lt. Raychel Houston, a police spokeswoman.

A lawyer for Grunow's family called security at the school ineffective and said his clients haven't ruled out suing Phoenix Arms, the manufacturer of the Raven handgun allegedly used in the shooting.

TEXAS LOTTERY Pick 3: 6,6,2 Cash 5: 20,21,28,33,36 Lottery numbers are unofficial until confirmed by the state lottery commission. POLICE SUPPORT GROUPS

TUESDAY

•Support for MS and Related Diseases, 6:30 p.m. second Tuesday of each month, Canterbury South. Public invited. Call Leslie, 267-1069.

•Al-Anon, 8 p.m., 615 Settles. •Seniors' diabetic support group, 2 p.m., Canterbury South. Call 263-1265.

•Compassionate Friends support group for parents who have experienced death of a child, 7:30 p.m. first Tuesday in February, April, June, August, October and December in the Family Life Center Building, First Baptist Church, 705 West Marcy. Enter by southeast door. Call 267-2769.

•"Most Excellent Way," an addiction support group, 3610 Dixon, call 264-9900.

•Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon open meeting at 8 p.m. closed meeting.

Counseling •Samaritan **Center of West Texas will have** Dr. Ronald Meyer, D.Min., LCDC, LMFT, specializing in individual and marriage.counseling, Attention Deficit Disorder and chemical dependency, available for clients in Midland. Appointments for counseling services are made by calling 1-800-329-4144.

•Narcotics Anonymous, 6 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church. Call 268-4189 (pager no.)

•Big Spring Christian Home Educators meet on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month at 1:30 p.m. at the Family Life Center at First Baptist Church. Recreation is available for the kids and networking for the parents. For more information, contact Suzanne Haney at 263-7147. WEDNESDAY

•Gamblers Anonymous, 7

BIG SPRING HER Tuesday, May 3

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BIG SPRING HERAL Tuesday May 30, 200

The Big Spring Police

Department reported the follow-

ing activities between 8 a.m.

• TERRI MURPHY, 28, no

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a charge of driving while

HARRY HAMRICK, 26, of

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• WILLIAM McNEW, 41, no

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Monday and 8 a.m. today:

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Following is a summary of **Big Spring Fire Department** /EMS reports:

MONDAY

the 300 block of Gregg.

2:02 a.m. - 900 block Goliad. medical call, patient transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

¹⁰2:58 a.m. — SMMC, patient transferred to 900 block Goliad.

Paid obituary

Edna R. Malm

Memorial service for Edna R. Malm, 88, Midland, formerly of Big Spring, will be 4 p.m. Tuesday, May 30, 2000, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with the Rev. Ricky Carstensen, pastor of Wesley United Methodist Church, officiating.

Mrs. Malm died on Sunday,

MYERS & SMITH FUNERAL HOME & CHAPEL

24th & Johnson 267-8288

Manuel B. Baeza Sr., 78, died Sunday. Services are 2:00 PM today at Myers and Smith Chapel. Burial will follow at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.



died Monday. Services will be 11:00 AM Wednesday at Nalley-Pickle & Welch **Rosewood Chapel. Interment** will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

Leo Scarbrough, 90, died Sunday. Services will be 2:00 PM Wednesday at Nalley-**Pickle & Welch Rosewood** Chapel. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

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The family suggests memori als be made to Central Baptist Church, 5108 Nichols Road, Big Spring.

The family will receive friends from 6 to 8 p.m., Tuesday at the funeral home. -Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

Manuel Baeza Sr. Prayer service for Manual B.

Baeza Sr., 78, Big Spring, was 8 p.m. Monday, May 29, 2000, at Myers and Smith Chapel with the Rev. Socorro Rios, Pastor of the Templo Belen Assembly of God. Funeral service was 2 p.m. Tuesday, May 30, at Myers and Smith Chapel with burial at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

Mr. Baeza died on Sunday, May 28, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center following a sudden illness.

He was born on March 6, 1922, at Mulato, Chihuahua. Mexico. He had been a resident of Big Spring for 51 years. He married Paz Lazo on Oct. 29, 1950, in Big Spring. She preceded him in death May 14, 1988. Mr. Baeza worked for 20 years at John Davis Feed Store. He later worked at Hall Bennett Memorial Hospital until retiring. He was a member of the Church of Christ

He is survived by: seven daughters; Viola Salgado Hernandez of Big Spring, Rosa Vega of Big Spring, Frances Pesina of Big Spring, Maria Elena Requena of Midland, Virginia Aguirre of Phoenix, Ariz., Sara Carrasco of Pecos and Elisa Williams of Little Rock, Ark.; five sons, Robert **Baeza of Big Spring, Manuel** Baeza Jr. of Big Spring, Jerry Baeza of Big Spring, Pablo **Baeza** of Odessa and Steven Baeza of Artesia, N.M.; four brothers, Pablo Baeza of Hobbs, N.M., Pete Baeza of Odessa, Juan Baeza of Balmorhea and Rafeal Baeza of Ojinaga, Mexico; two sisters, Benita Garcia of Marfa, and Vicky Carrasco of Ojinaga, Mexico; 29 grandchildren; and 31 greatgrandchildren.

Arrangements are under the direction of Myers and Smith **Funeral Home**.

Nola Naomi Jones

Funeral Service for Nola Naomi Jones, 48, Seiling, Okla., will be 11 a.m. Thursday, June

Kight attributed the reason that more weren't accepted from Martin County to more irrigation being done there.

"It would be my guess that they just have more potential of good crops there because more irrigation is done in Martin County," said Kight.

GRIFFITH

Continued from Page 1 "She still wanted to write, and

it was so hard for her," Lamb said. After her mother became too ill to write her column, Lamb wrote one for her, including an original poem Griffith wrote. It appeared on Feb. 20.

Another of Griffith's poems is planned to be read at her funeral service on Wednesday.

Griffith had been a member of the Big Spring Prospector's Club for more than two decades. Lamb said it was an interest she took up after the death of her first husband, Loyd C. Morris, to whom she was married for 40 years.

"After he died, she just wanted to die, too, at first, but some of us encouraged her and pretty soon she was going again," Lamb said. "She really wasn't the type to let anything slow her down for long.

Griffith remarried in 1982 to Lonnie A. Griffith, and he preceded her in death in 1984.

Funeral service is planned at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Burial will follow at **Trinity Memorial Park**

BIG SPRING MOVIE

HOTLINE

It's time to stop acting like this is a backwater town and put the schools' security in the hands of professionals," attorney Bob Montgomery told The Palm Beach Post for its Monday editions.

BRIEFS

TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH new summer hours for immunizations will start Tuesday. Shots will be given on Tuesdays only from 8:30 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. until 4 p.m. Please bring your child's shot record or a letter from school.

WESTSIDE COMMUNITY CENTER WILL have registration for the summer program. on Wednesday and Thursday from 10 to 4 p.m. at the Westside Day Care Center. For more information call 263-7841 and ask for Melinda or Kelli.

THE HOWARD COUNTY LITERACY Program is seeking tutors to teach adults how to read. The program requires a commitment of one to three hours each week, with longterm involvement with each student recommended.

Material, training and support are provided each tutor. Flexible schedules are available

Call Loraine Redman, Howard Country Librarian, at 264-2260

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

only \$13.99

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Scenic Mountain

Medical Center

263-1211

p.m., St. Stephen's Catholic Church, room 1, 4601 Neeley, Midland. Call 263-8920.

•Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon open meeting and 8 p.m. 12 and 12 study.

IF YOU HAVE A SUPPORT GROUP LISTING, PLEASE SUBMIT IT IN WRITING.

MARKETS

July cotton 62.05, down 117 points; June crude 30.33, up 33 points; cash hogs \$1 lower steady at 46 even; slaughter steers steady at 71 even; June lean hog futures 67.90, down 85 points; June live cattle futures 67.02, up 10 points.

courtesy: Delta Corporation. Other markets not available at press

RECORDS

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Monday's high 96 Monday's low 74 Average high 89 Average low 63 Record high 105 in 1938 Record low 45 in 1947 Precip. Monday 0.60 Month to date 2.57 Month's normal 4.03 Year to date 7.77 Normal for the year 7.05 Sunrise Wednesday 6:40 a.m. Sunset Wednesday 8:47 p.m. **Statistics not available

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FURNITURE

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Big Spring, Texas

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4:12 p.m. - 800 block E. 13th, dumpster fire, fire was extinguished.

4:46 p.m. - 1700 block Lancaster, trauma call, patient transported to SMMC.

5:53 p.m. - 1500 block Scurry, medical call, patient transported to SMMC.

6:56 p.m. - 500 block Aylford, medical call, patient transported to SMMC. 7:22 p.m. - SMMC, patient

transferred to residence.

SHERIFF The Howard County Sheriff's

Office reported the following arrests between noon Saturday and 8 a.m. today:

JOSHUA ASHLEY AGUIRRE, 21, of Odessa, was arrested on a charge of assault/family violence. (HCSO) • TIMOTHY DENNIS CASH, 36, of Aurora Co., was arrested on a charge of possession of marijuana. (DPS)

· JESSIE MOE BROCK, 19, of Odessa, was arrested on a charge of assault/family violence. (HCSO)



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GENERAL NEWS

24 Study links smoking with severe gum disease

CHICAGO (AP) - More than half of the cases of severe gum disease in U.S. adults may be linked to cigarette smoking, according to government researchers who suggest that a main cause of tooth loss could be prevented.

It has long been known that smoking can help cause gum disease, but this is the first national study to show how widespread the problem is, said Dr. Scott Tomar, a researcher

with the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Current smokers were about four times more likely than people who never smoked to have periodontitis, but ex-smokers who had abstained for 11 years faced no increased risk, according to Tomar, whose findings were published in the May issue of the Journal of

Periodontology. Overall, 52.8 percent of periodontitis in the study was attributed to current and former smoking.

Jack Caton, president of the Academy American of Periodontology, called the numbers "staggering" and said the study should "compel even more dental care providers to get involved in tobacco cessation efforts."

Periodontitis, advanced gum disease that destroys the tissue and bone surrounding the teeth, is generally caused by bacteria contained in plaque buildup.

Researchers believe smoking causes damage that makes the gums more vulnerable to bacterial infection. Tobacco can suppress the body's immune system, impeding its ability to fight infection. It also reduces

blood flow to theigums, depriving them of oxygen and nutrients that allow gums to stay healthy, Tomar said.

"One of the functions of gums is to prevent underlying bone from being destroyed. If you reduce the ability of cells to repair, you will over time lose support for the tooth" and tooth loss may result, said Tomar, who studied government health data on 12,329 people.

Fifty-five percent of the study subjects with periodontitis were current smokers and 21.8 percent were former smokers. Current smokers of more than 1) packs of cigarettes a day were nearly six times more likely than nonsmokers to have periodontitis.

Those who smoked less than half a pack daily were almost three times more likely to have said.

the disease

Smoking and periodontitis were both more common in black men and low-income adults - findings in line with U.Ş. Surgeon General David Satcher's report last week on a "silent epidemic" of oral disease in minorities and lowincome Americans. Tobacco use was one of the factors blamed for the problem in the report.

Deborah Winn, a specialist in dental disease and oral cancer at the National Cancer Institute, called Tomar's findings "complementary" with Satcher's report.

She said the study does a good job of outlining yet another reason to quit smoking.

'Tobacco prevention and cessation will be critical in reducing periodontal disease," she

Cleanup crews waiting for train wreckage to cool

EUNICE, La. (AP) Hundreds of people remained away from their homes again today as heat and fire kept cleanup crews away from the burned wreckage of a derailed train carrying hazardous chemicals

Approximately 2,000 people forced out of their homes and businesses by Saturday's accident weren't allowed to return Monday — and officials said they weren't sure when they would be.

"Until we can get in there and crews can analyze the status of the other cars, we really don't

Railroad Union Pacific spokesman Mark Davis. The cars were to be inspected

by Union Pacific, the National **Transportation Safety Board** and the Federal Railroad Administration.

Thirty of the train's 113 cars derailed about 75 miles west of Baton Rouge, sparking several blasts that sent fireballs skyward and shattered glass a quarter-mile away. Several cars were loaded with hazardous chemicals. No injuries were reported.

Police have said air monitor-

have a timeline on it," said ing equipment hadn't picked up any hazardous levels of chemicals. Acrylic acid has vapors that can irritate the lungs, nose and throat. Other chemicals on the train could cause dizziness, convulsions and death if large amounts are involved.

> Firefighters moved in close enough Monday night to begin burning.

> cern about one car that is not visible," said state police Sgt. Howard McKee. "They don't know what chemical is in the

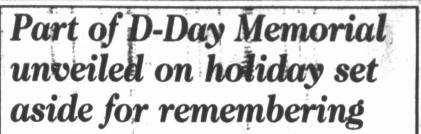
car. When it is cooled down, they will try to determine what's in the car and proceed from there.'

Earlier Monday, technicians detonated a tanker full of hazardous acid.

Shifting winds prompted the evacuation Monday of another 200 people.

Union Pacific said it would reimburse the evacuees.

Several lawsuits have already been filed against the railroad company. One blames Union Pacific failing "to bring the explosions, fire and emissions under control.



BEDFORD, Va. (AP) -Thousands of veterans, along with friends and relatives of fallen soldiers, watched the unveiling Monday of a portion of the National D-Day Memorial being built in Bedford, which lost two-thirds of its soldiers in the June 1944 invasion.

"I think there are a few days in our history that should never be forgotten," Jeannie Schulz told about 4,000 people who endured chilly, intermittent rain to witness the Memorial Day dedication of a portion of the \$12 million shrine.

"Perhaps at times we have too many monuments, too many holidays and things of this kind, but D-Day is not one of them. It is one of the days we should never forget.'

Schulz, widow of "Peanuts" cartoonist and World War II veteran Charles Schulz, took over as campaign chairman of the National D-Day Foundation after her husband died in February

The memorial, now partially completed, honors the 6,603 Americans killed along the coast of France in the D-Day invasion of Nazi-held Europe during World War II. A total of 9,758 Allied soldiers died.

The D-Day invasion hit this rural farming community, with a population of 3,200 in 1944, harder than most. Nineteen of its 35 soldiers died during the first 15 minutes of the invasion, four more in the following days. The community in southwest Virginia, about 25 miles east of Roanoke, had the most casualties per capita from any U.S. community.

Dedication of the completed memorial is scheduled for June 6, 2001, the 57th anniversary of the invasion. Showcased at Monday's Memorial Day ceremony were a granite arch and a sculpture, "Death on Shore," depicting a lone fallen soldier on the beach with a Bible falling out of his backpack. The family of Bedford and

Raymond Hoback, brothers

Two other sculptures, "Final Tribute," showing an inverted rifle with a helmet resting on its stock, and "Across the Beach," depicting a soldier dragging a wounded colleague, were unveiled earlier. A total of 10 sculptures are planned at the site.

Also featured at Monday's ceremony was a black and white granite arch inscribed with the word "Overlord" the Allied Forces code name for the Normandy landing. The arch stands 44 feet, 6 inches high to represent June 6, 1944. The colors are the same as the Allied Forces' airplanes during the attack.

Schulz and Hager cut the ribbon in front of the arch and statue; to thunderous applause from the crowd, and flags of the 13 Allied nations were raised.

During the ceremony, five D-Day veterans shared their recollections of the invasion.

Bob Slaughter of Roanoke chairman of the D-Day foundation, recalled scurrying across Omaha Beach amid heavy gunfire and then pausing to clean his rifle.

"It was then that I began to examine the extent of the ham mering we had taken," he said. 'It was there that I realized the bloodied price that we would pay for freedom."

A contribution from "Saving Private Ryan" director Steven Spielberg will be used to build a theater at the memorial. It will be named for the director's father, Arnold Spielberg, a World War II veteran who flew Army Air Corps missions as a radio operator in Burma. Also planned was an education center about D-Day

Seeing the progress of the memorial was a dream come true for many D-Day veterans. "I think this is terrific," said 75-year-old George Tate of Mechanicsville, who fought at Normandy on D-Day. "It doesn't bring anybody back, but it helps. It was a terrible thing for this town so I think this is an appropriate place for this memorial."

A national D-Day Museum is due to open in New Orleans on June 6, the 56th anniversary of the invasion.

told The Dallas Morning News increase in the average bench-

"Insurers are pocketing extra profits while Texas drivers continue to pay the 17th highest premiums in the country,' Powers said.

Most affected by the 1995 lawsuit limits signed into law by Gov. George W. Bush was liability coverage — representing more than half the cost of a typautomobile ical policy Coverage included bodily injury claims, medical payments, property damage and uninsured motorists.

Earlier this month, insurance them must charge either 30 per-Center for Economic Justice companies sought a 10.6 percent cent above or below the rate set Insurance Information Service.

mark rate for the state, while the consumer advocate contended overall auto rates should drop 4.8 percent.

Two administrative law judges, who first heard the arguments in September, have recommended an average statewide increase of 1.9 per-Texas Insurance cent. Commissioner Jose Montemayor was expected to rule on the new rates within weeks.

Most insurance companies under the benchmark rate sys-

Department of bv the Insurance.

An industry trade group contends that Texas automobile insurance premiums would have increased significantly if not for the 1995 law that made it more difficult to sue for damages arising from a wreck.

"Auto insurance rates in Texas have stabilized over the past few years and that is some thing we cannot say about the products and services for which we pay, such as mending broken bodies and repairing damaged vehicles," said Jerry Johns of the Southwestern

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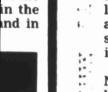
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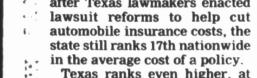
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Texas auto rates remain high despite lawsuit reforms

spraying two cars containing plastic pellets that were still 'There also is still some con-

Jury to deliberate fate of man charged in atheist disappearance

AUSTIN (AP) – For today's Carruth said shortly before the closing arguments in the trial of the only man charged in the mysterious disappearance of famous atheist Madalyn Murray attorneys O'Hair. unchanged from their positions at the start of the trial two weeks and 75 witnesses ago.

Prosecutors must convince the jury that a vast web of mostly circumstantial evidence is enough to convict Gary Paul Karr, 52, with conspiring to kidnap and extort money from O'Hair, her son Jon Garth Murray and her granddaughter Robin Murray O'Hair.

"We do believe Mr. Karr is a very dangerous individual," assistant U.S. Attorney Gerald

trial started. "The crime for which Mr. Karr is presently indicted is a crime of violence.' Prison inmates testified earli er in the trial that Karr told are them he was involved the slayings

> Federal agents presented hundreds of telephone calls, car rentals, airplane trips and other financial transactions they said implicated Karr in the plot.

> But Karr's attorneys will argue that despite testimony that the O'Hairs were killed and dismembered – and entering of a bow saw and knives into evidence – no bodies have been found, leaving open the possi

somewhere Tom Mills, Karr's attorney, said Thursday the prosecution did not prove otherwise.

'The defense analysis is that the government's case is not factually tight and insufficient in some significant areas,' Mills said.

Two people testified for the defense that they saw O'Hair alive during the time prosecutors say she was kidnapped or killed — once during the summer or fall of 1995 in a San Antonio bar and once in a restaurant in Romania in November 1997.

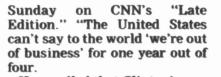
Mills said the prosecution's complex case could be hard for bility the O'Hairs are still alive the jury to understand.

No agreement expected on missile defense

WASHINGTON (AP) President Clinton's national security adviser, Sandy Berger, doesn't expect any arms agreements from next weekend's summit in Russia, but he dismissed George W. Bush's suggestion that Clinton ought not try.

the presumptive Bush. Republican presidential nominee, suggested last week that Clinton refrain from signing any arms pact. No agreement would be better than one that "ties the hands of the next president and prevents America from defending itself," the

Texas governor said. "The American people elect their presidents for four years, not for three years," Berger said



He recalled that Clinton's predecessor, Bush's father, signed the last strategic arms control treaty in December 1992, after he lost the election. Clinton "is not going to act for the sake of acting," Berger said, "but he's not going to not act for the sake of not acting."

He said Clinton will use the summit on June 4-5 to urge Russian President Vladimir Putin to accept treaty modifications that would allow deployment of a U.S. anti-missile system. He said Putin is not expected to agree.

Berger said the leaders will have a full agenda for their first official get-together, with three additional meetings probable this year. Subjects will include Russian economic change, regional issues such as Korea and Chechnya and stopping the spread of nuclear weapons.

"And we're certainly going to talk about these arms-control issues," Berger said, but "I do not expect any agreements to be reached.'

As ordered by Congress, the United States is working to develop a system to intercept missiles fired by countries that the administration calls "rogue states." Those mentioned Sunday are North Korea, Iran, Iraq and Libya

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"I think there is a lot of evidence for the jury to analyze,"

he said. The O'Hairs disappeared in

1995 with \$500,000 in gold coins.

from Bedford killed on D-Day, unveiled the statue with Lt. Gov. John Hager.

City officials and dignitaries from Normandy laid wreaths at the foot of the sculpture as a band softly played taps.

Events begin Saturday with a preview of the museum for World War 'II veterans and their families.



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OUR VIEWS

Let's keep our kids in mind this summer

chool's out for the summer and that means more free time for a large segment of our community. That's both good and bad news - good news for shop owners, movie theaters and eating establishments, and bad news for working parents trying to keep a watch on their kids.

Many of the older teens will find summer jobs, attend camps or participate in church activities. Summer is also a time for visiting relatives and friends in distant cities.

What we, as adults, need to be aware of is that there will be more youngsters up and down the streets. Gone will be the school zone warning lights – but if anything, we'll need to be even more cautious as we traverse neighborhood streets.

Parents, in turn, will need to keep an extra eye out for their children. Though that familiar "go to bed early on a school night" rule no longer applies, it is important to continue to stress responsibility and to keep structure in their lives. It also makes life a lot easier on the parent in the long run.

Make an effort to find activities for your children. Can they serve as volunteers for a local agency such as the humane society? Can they help with Vacation Bible School at a local church? Might they attend Kids

The old Rudy has certainly changed of late

TIMOTHY WILLIAMS

Associated Press Writer

Something distinctly un-New York has happened here of late. When no one was looking, it seems, someone implanted the sweet and gentle disposition of

a mayor of some modest-sized Midwestern burg into the honorable Rudolph W. Giuliani, the city's famously ill-tempered

leader. That's right. In the city of hard knocks, Rudy's gone soft. Whereas, the old, combative

Rudy counted among his favorite words "pathetic" and "jerky," the new, introspective Rudy is all about "love." In a recent television interview he used the word a dozen times in 30 minutes.

It's a word that crossed Rudy's lips publicly only sparingly - and then only to insist that his plan of taking children away from homeless mothers who refuse to work is compassionate public policy. This was bad, old Rudy about

whom former Texas **Agriculture Commissioner Jim** Hightower once said, "They say if you want to keep the beer real cold, put it next to Rudy's heart.'

A lot has happened since

In the past five weeks, Giuliani, who turned 56 on Sunday, was diagnosed with prostate cancer; announced he was separating from his wife of 16 years, Donna Hanover; and, dropped out of the U.S. Senate race against first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton.

Here is a sampling of old remarks made by Giuliani and collected in the recently published book "Sayings of Generalissimo Giuliani," edited by Kevin McAuliffe - contrasted with statements he made in the past few weeks as the new Rudy emerged.

On Dec. 31, 1998, old Rudy said goodbye to the old year with a kiss-off to his fellow New Yorkers: "If people like my personality, thank you. If you don't, I really don't care."

But on April 28, 2000 - the day after he disclosed he had treatable prostate cancer -amore mellow Rudy thanked fellow New Yorkers for their kind messages and described them as "the most generous and the most loving in the whole world."

In March, after undercover police officers fatally shot Patrick Dorismond, an unarmed black man. Giuliani

said the victim was "no altar boy." He released Dorismond's sealed juvenile record and refused to send condolences to his family.

The mayor was soundly criticized for his attitude but replied: "I think I handled it appropriately, appropriate to the situation and appropriate to what had to be done.

On May 28, new Rudy uttered a mea culpa for his behavior and admitted to possessing something many New Yorkers didn't even know he had. "I made a mistake," he said. "I should have also conveyed human feelings.'

New, sensitive Rudy has apparently even sought to mend fences with the city's teeming animal populace by holding several press conferences in which he cuddled puppies and urged people to adopt pets.

The mayor's attitude toward pet owners had been characterized by an infamous radio rant last August in which he attacked owners of particular pets, ferrets.

"There is something deranged about you," old Rudy inveighed. "This excessive concern with little weasels is a sickness. ... You should go consult a psychologist or a psychi-

atrist." On other occasions, old Rudy told a caller on his radio show to "take some Valium" and said to another, "Get off the phone you crazy nut. I don't like you."

But according to a Daily News poll published Sunday, many New Yorkers aren't so sure the once tough-as-nails mayor has really changed.

Forty-seven percent of 505 New Yorkers surveyed said Giuliani's travails have not created a more sensitive mayor while 37 percent said they did perceive a turnaround. The poll, which had a margin of error of plus or minus 4.5 percentage points, was conducted by Blum & Weprin Associates. Of course, just because old

Rudy was nasty didn't mean he wasn't occasionally funny. During the 1989 Republican primary for mayor, he said his opponent - cosmetic heir

Ronald Lauder - was unfit to be a "dogcatcher," then added memorably, "suffering to him is the butler taking the night off."

Ahhh, vintage Rudy. Once, when asked whether some of his political tactics were fair. he just laughed.

"Is it fair?" he asked. "Come on, it's politics."

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The Boys Club, YMCA and Westside Community Center are a few local agencies that offer summer programs for kids who need something constructive to do with their free time.

Summer is a wonderful, enjoyable time and can be even more so if we look out for our children. They do, after all, represent the future for our community.

OTHER VIEWS

"I have never had sexual relations with Monica Lewinsky," So said Bill Clinton, under oath, on Jan. 17, 1998, during questioning by lawyers representing Paula Jones.

It is because of that false testimony – subsequently undermined by irrefutable evidence - that a committee of the Arkansas Supreme Court recommended the president be disbarred from practicing law. The committee of five lawyers and one layperson concluded the president violated two "model rules" of professional conduct. They include engaging in conduct involving dishonesty, fraud, deceit or misrepresentation; and engaging in conduct that is prejudicial to the administration of justice

The Clinton White House, predictably, asserts that the disbarment proceeding was politically motivated. And, indeed, one of the parties that filed the complaint against Clinton with the Arkansas Supreme Court was the conservative Southeastern Legal **Foundation**

But the other party that filed the complaint cannot be accused of having political animus toward the president. U.S. District Judge Susan Webber Wright referred Clinton's case to the committee after presiding over the Paula Jones case. Wright cited the president for contempt of court last year and fined him \$90,000. "It is not acceptable to employ deceptions in an attempt to obstruct the judicial process," she said in her

citation

To this very day, Clinton brazenly denies having lied under oath about his relationship with Lewinsky, notwithstanding Wright's finding. And he argues that his offense — his "serious misconduct" - does not rise to a level that merits disbarment.

So, essentially, the president of the United States, sworn to "preserve, protect and defend" the Constitution, sworn to uphold the laws of the land, is reduced to arguing that his deceit under oath, his obstruction of justice, should not merit disbarment

One of the principles that has guided the republic since its founding is that no man, not even the president, is above the law. Clinton and his loyalists suggest he should receive no stronger a sanction for his unlawful misconduct than a letter of reprimand. But a committee of his peers back in Arkansas has concluded he deserves to lose his law license

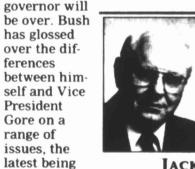
The disbarment recommendation goes to a Pulaski County Circuit Court judge in Little Rock. And if that judge decides to disbar the president, Clinton can appeal to the Arkansas Supreme Court.

It is dismaying that Clinton stands on the verge of becoming only the second president in history to be disbarred from practicing law (the other was Richard Nixon). But he has only himself to blame.

THE VICTORIA ADVOCATE

Gun registration, not confiscation

t is an article of faith in the Gore camp that once voters learn more about George W. Bush, their honeymoon with the Texas



After a

spokesman

for the NRA

JACK gun control ANDERSON

boasted that the gun lobby would enjoy extraordinary access to the White House if Bush became president, Bush stepped up his efforts to appear supportive of common-sense gun restrictions. His proposal to offer free trigger locks to gun owners in Texas won praise from guncontrol advocates, yet didn't offend the NRA, because the locks would be voluntary. Bush is a different kind of

Republican in the sense that he is able to smooth over his party's hard edges, and put a more moderate face on the GOP. But how real are these gestures?

As governor of Texas, Bush signed legislation permitting people to carry concealed weapons, and later amended the law to allow concealed

weapons in churches and nursing homes. He opposes registration and licensing for firearms, and he opposes closing the gun-show loophole, with which buyers are not subject to the same background check or waiting period. He blocked efforts in Texas to sue gun manufacturers for producing an unsafe product or to make them responsible for the medical costs associated with gun violence, a tactic gaining favor in other states. When women voters learn

about Bush's record, they move away from him. Suburban women who might otherwise vote Republican indicate in focus groups that they would shift their vote to Gore based on the gun issue. Republican pollster Linda DiVall has warned that if GOP lawmakers don't adopt a more convincing platform on regulating gun ownership, the Democrats could make "significant inroads into the Republican coalition.

The Million Mom March for gun control may jolt the **Republican Congress into act**ing on some modest measures, such as a mandatory safety lock. But to be truly effective, the mothers who mobilized on the mall in Washington, D.C., will have to do the hard work of transforming themselves into a political advocacy group.

The model is Mothers **Against Drunk Driving** (MADD), which has transformed attitudes about drinking and driving without curbing anybody's legitimate free doms. Registering and licensing guns in the same way we do automobiles is a proposal that, properly introduced, should win wide acceptance. The objections raised by the NRA are based more on fear than reality. The NRA leadership appears convinced that yielding any ground will put gun owners on a slippery slope toward governmental confiscation.

Some Democratic strategists think Gore should have stuck to the familiar arguments over safety locks instead of introducing the concept of registration and licensing, which has energized the NRA. Gearing up for the threat that Gore poses is a tonic for the NRA, which has signed up 200,000 new members in the last six months. Some Democratic House seats could be in peril.

Gore supporters were shaken recently by a poll that showed voters think Bush would do a better job as president curbing gun violence.

Bush has managed to look reasonable on guns, and maybe he is.

But as the race unfolds, he will have to defend a record that doesn't look reasonable.

"Do the arithmetic," says **Democratic pollster Geoff** Garin. Gun-control opponents won't vote for Gore anyway. But support for gun control can move suburban women, key swing voters. They could decide who the next president will be.

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Ballapalooza tournev deadline is extended

Today is the final chance to register for teams wanting to play in this weekend's Ballapalooza softball tournament at the Roy Anderson Complex.

Entry is \$120 per team. The tournament's field will be limited to 20 teams.

For information or to register, contact Andi Andrews York at 263-7641.

Camp of Champs will begin Monday at BSHS

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The Camp of Champs weightlifting camp at Big Spring High School will begin Monday at the BSHS Athletic Training Center.

The camp is designed for youngsters in grades 5-8. For more information, call Ricky Long at 263-0519 or the **Big Spring High School athlet**ic department at 264-3662.

Lady Steers Basketball **Camp slated June 19-22**

The Big Spring Lady Steers Summer Basketball Camp is set for June 19-22 at Big Spring High School.

Girls who will be in the second through eighth grades are eligible. The \$45 tuition includes a T-shirt.

Times will be from 8 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. daily.

Kathy Loter, BSHS head girls basketball coach, will conduct the camp.

At the conclusion of the camp, campers will be given certificates and trophies will be awarded to contest winners.

For more information, call Loter at 268-9372.

Junior golf clinic slated for June 6-9 at BSCC

A-initiat golf clinic for youngsters 5 years of age and older has been scheduled for June 6-9 at the Big Spring Country Club. Non-members of the club will pay a \$25 fee, while coun-**Clinic participants will take**

Rangers snap losing skid with 3-2 win over Gonzalez-less Tigers the Detroit Tigers might have been just innings. The Rangers scored on Luis a blip in another dismal season.

Once again wasting numerous opportunities - including a bases-loaded, oneout chance in the ninth inning — the Tigers fell 3-2 Monday night to the Texas Rangers.

It was the second straight loss and fourth in five games for the Tigers (17-30). That comes after a 7-3 spurt that included a three-game sweep of the World Series champion New York Yankees.

"We had a nice stretch against the Yankees," Tigers manager Phil Garner said. "But now we're back to our old habits."

Detroit wasted a solid pitching performance from Jeff Weaver (1-5), who gave

DETROIT (AP) - Recent success for up three runs on seven hits in eight three-game losing streak Alicea's two-run homer in the third inning and a solo homer by Rafael Palmeiro in the fourth after the Tigers led 2-0.

> Singles by Dean Palmer and Bobby Higginson, a sacrifice and an intentional walk loaded the bases against Rangers closer John Wetteland in the ninth.

But third baseman Mike Lamb shorthopped Deivi Cruz's hard grounder and started a game-ending double play. Lamb stepped on third to force Higginson and threw home to catcher Ivan Rodriguez, who tagged Palmer for the final out.

Detroit hit into three other double plays against winning pitcher Kenny Rogers (3-4).

Lamb's double play ended the Rangers'

"Once he caught the ball, it's just a matter of deciding which way he wanted to go," manager Johnny Oates said.

"It really doesn't matter which way he goes once he touches third base," Oates added. "He's got the force at second, but don't hit that runner going home in the back.

"It's a nice play. It's an exciting way for the ballgame to end for us.'

It was typical, Weaver said, of the way things have gone for the Tigers.

"I really thought we were going to pull it out; I really did," Weaver said. "It was an inch away from being a double down the line.'

Wetteland got his 13th save in 16 chances.

"You throw a slider there and hope

you get a cheap out. A cheap double play on the first pitch," Wetteland said. "Deivi hit it pretty good. If it was a fastball it's probably lined up the middle."

Tuesday, May 30, 2000

The Rangers won for just the second time in six games after a season-best seven-game winning streak.

The Tigers played without Juan Gonzalez, who missed the game against his old team with a recurrence of a foot injury he developed over the weekend.

The series between the Tigers and Rangers is their first meeting since Gonzalez headlined a nine-player deal between the clubs last November.

Rogers had lost his last three starts and was winless in three outings since an 8-4 win April 30 over Baltimore. He gave up two runs on nine hits with no walks and four strikeouts.

Sampras again stymied at French

PARIS (AP) — As usual, Pete Sampras left the French Open with dirty laundry and no trophy.

Rust-colored clay caked Sampras' socks. He had clay on his towel, his shirt and the seat of his pants.

And he had a first-round loss Monday to Mark Philippoussis, 4-6, 7-5, 7-6 (4), 4-6, 8-6. The dramatic defeat was the latest in a series of disappointments for Sampras at the only Grand Slam tournament he has never won. Seven times he has been eliminated before the fourth round.

"In a perfect world and a perfect career, you'd like to win all the majors," said Sampras, 28, who has a record-tying 12 Grand Slam titles. "I see myself playing a lot of years, but certainly each year that the French goes by and I don't win here. it's one opportunity missed."

Sampras overcame a 4-2 deficit in the final set, but lost the final eight points, double-faulting on match point to end the three-hour, 39-minute match. He quickly stuffed his rackets in his bag and left the court, never looking up to acknowledge an ovation from the supportive crowd.

"I certainly haven't gotten the breaks at this event over the years," he said glumly. "Hopefully one year I'll get the breaks."

Sampras was one of four seeded players eliminated on a chilly, windy first day at **Roland Garros**.

No. 15 Jennifer Capriati sustained her fourth consecutive defeat since are March. History to Panior Zurgar 6-1, 15, while two other Americans outed sected play-Julie Halard-Decugis, 7-5, 6-4, and Jan-Michael Gambill beat No. 8 Nicolas Kiefer **6-3, 7-5, 6-1**. Top-seeded Martina Hingis, returning to the scene of her emotional collapse against Steffi Graf in last year's final, defeated Sabine Appelmans 6-0, 6-4. The 1997 champion, Gustavo Kuerten, also raced to a fast start, winning the first 15 games and beating Andreas Vinciguerra 6-0, 6-0, 6-3. Nothing matched the drama of the day's final match on Center Court, a slugfest between two players better on faster surfaces.



AP file photo

ers. Meghann Shaughnessy upset No. 12 Pete Sampras, pictured here winning the U.S. Men's Hardcourt Championships in 1993,

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gain made an early exit from the French Open following a first-round loss to

Devils like playing role of underdog

EAST RUTHERFORD. N.J. (AP) - Waiting to see who would win the Western Conference finals was an enlightening experience for the New Jersey Devils.

It didn't seem to matter whether the defending champion Dallas Stars or the Colorado Avalanche advanced to the Stanley Cup finals, the perception among the so-called experts was that whoever won was going to take the Cup.

The Devils smile when reminded of that, and they'll note how tough it will be to beat the Stars when the best-ofseven finals gets under way tonight.

The Stars have more experience, their defensive style is tough to beat, they have great skill players in Mike Modano, Brett Hull and Joe Nieuwendyk and goaltender Ed Belfour has allowed only 31 goals on 450 shots, a .931 save percentage. Dallas also won both games in the season series.

New Jersey can match with the goaltending of Martin Brodeur and its defensive system, but it seems to lack star power and experience.

try club members will attend free

part in contests for prizes, as well as learning and practicing the game. Refreshments will be provided.

Clubs will be provided with youngsters who do not have them.

For more information, call the country club pro shop at 267-5354 or Steve Ward at 264-0293.

Basketball tournament slated in Colorado City

A youth basketball tourna ment has been scheduled for Friday and Saturday, June 9-10, in Colorado City.

Play will be conducted in four divisions - boys' and girls' teams with players in the fifth grade and under, as well as divisions for teams composed of players in the sixth grade and under.

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Entry fees for the 10-player teams are \$100.

For more information, Call Kristina Guerra at 728-2377 or Celinda Stewart at 7289-4039.

Country club parent-child tournament is June 10-11

A parent-child tournament has been slated for June 10-11 at the Big Spring Country Club.

Entry fees for the trophy division — age groups 5 to 11. 12 to 15 and 16 to 18 - will be \$30 per team.

Open division fees will be \$80 per team.

Play will begin with a 9 a.m. shotgun start on Saturday. For more information, call 267-5354.

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Game 1, Dallas Stars at New ersey Devils, ESPN, Ch. 30

In the final set, Sampras double-faulted on break point to fall behind 4-2, then broke back. Accustomed to lopsided losses in Paris, he wasn't sure of the tournament

The New York Yankees were

thinking about three in a row -

just not the type Randy Velarde

Before Monday's game, New

York's players received World

Series rings celebrating their

second straight title. A short

while later, the former Yankee

turned the 10th unassisted

triple play in regular-season

Still, the Yankees beat the

"The chances of that happen-

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With runners on first and sec-

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Spencer in the bottom of the

sixth, Yankees manager Joe

Torre sent the runners and

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Andy Pettitte's two-hitter.

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Philippoussis on Monday.

rule when the score reached 6-6. "Do we play a tiebreaker now?" Sampras asked the chair umpire.

The French Open has no tiebreaker in the fifth set, so the games continued. Philippoussis held serve at love.

"I was telling myself I haven't come all this way for nothing." Philippoussis said. Sampras then played a poor final game, flubbing two volleys before hitting his last serve long at 0-40.

"The fifth set comes down to nerves, and he had the better nerve," Sampras said. "It was definitely a great match," said

Philippoussis, "a match I'm very proud to

win."

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Sampras was seeded second, but not considered a contender. He faced a tough path through the field, especially given his recent history in Paris.

Since 1996, Sampras has won only four matches at Roland Garros. He's well aware critics say failing to win a French Open title would prevent him from being remembered as the greatest player ever.

"I've got a very high bar that I've raised," Sampras said. "It would be disappointing if I would not win it, but life will go on. It's certainly nothing to be ashamed of, not winning here."

That sounds very similar to 1995, when New Jersey met the Detroit Red Wings in the finals. Everyone picked the Red Wings with their star-studded cast that included Steve Yzerman, Sergei Fedorov and Mike Vernon.

The result: The Devils swept to their only Stanley Cup.

"It's a lot like '95," **said** Claude Lemieux. "We don't have their experience but we have youth and guys who have been getting better every round. They are only going to get better as they get older.'

Velarde turns triple play, but Yankees manage to beat Oakland, 4-1 Spencer hit a line drive to 3-2 in 10 innings, Texas beat homer. Derek Jeter's RBI dou-The ASSOCIATED PRESS

Velarde's right.

Velarde caught the ball, tagged out Jorge Posada, who was running from first base, and stepped on second to beat **Tino Martinez**, completing the first unassisted triple play in the majors since July 8, 1994, when Boston's John Valentin turned one against Seattle.

"I had it played perfectly," Velarde said. "Both guys took off, it was a soft liner. I caught it. Tag, tag, that's it.

Along with the 10 unassisted triple plays in the regular season, there was also one in the postseason - and perhaps the most famous ever.

Cleveland's Bill Wambsganss turned an unassisted triple play in the fifth game of the 1920 World Series against Brooklyn. In other American League action, Anaheim beat Cleveland Detroit 3-2, Seattle beat Chicago 5-4 and Baltimore beat Tampa Bay 5-1.

In the National League, Los Angeles beat New York 4-1, Atlanta edged Chicago 1-0, Colorado beat Houston 8-7, St. Louis stopped Arizona 3-0, Milwaukee downed San Diego 8-San Francisco Philadelphia 7-2 and Pittsburgh

defeated Florida 10-4 At New York, Velarde's feat overshadowed the Yankees' World Series ring ceremony before the game. The Yankees, pursuing their third straight championship, are a half-game behind AL East-leading Boston.

Pettitte (4-2) pitched a two-hitter, the fewest he's allowed in 15 career complete games.

Pettitte allowed Jason

ble in the third off Omar run fifth inning tied the game Olivares (3-6) stopped New York's scoreless streak at 14 innings

Angels 3, Indians 2

Troy Glaus, whose throwing error in the eighth inning helped Cleveland tie it, homebeat red off Steve Karsay (0-3) leading off the 10th. Visiting Anaheim had lost nine straight to Cleveland.

Shigetoshi Hasegawa (4-0), Anaheim's fourth pitcher, got the win and Troy Percival pitched the 10th for his 15th save.

Mariners 5, White Sox 4

His two-run single in the fourat 3, and Seattle went ahead when Alex Rodriguez scored on a wild pitch by Mike Sirotka.

Orioles 5, Devil Rays 1

B.J. Surhoff hit a three-run homer and Pat Rapp won for the first time since April 25 as visiting Baltimore won for the fifth time in six games.

Rapp (4-2) scattered 11 hits, but allowed only one run in sixplus innings.

Surhoff's sixth homer finished a four-run second off Steve Trachsel (3-5).

Braves 1, Cubs 0

Andres Galarraga broke up Jon Lieber's no-hit bid with a two-out home run in the seventh inning, leading Greg Maddux and Atlanta over Chicago.

Knicks even Eastern Conference series with 91-89 win over Pacers

NEW YORK (AP) — Right after Reggie Miller hit a 3-pointer from in front of Spike Lee's courtside seat, Larry Johnson answered from in front of comedian Chris Rock's seat.

Funny how quickly the momentum can swing one way and then back the other way.

Miller's 3-pointer made it a one-point game with 6:50 left, but Johnson's upped the lead to four just 28 seconds later. The Pacers never got that close again as they dropped Game 4 to the Knicks 91-89 to fall into a 2-2 tie in the Eastern Conference finals.

"That was the biggest shot of the game right there," Miller said of Johnson's 3pointer, one of five he hit during the game. Charlie Ward added four 3-pointers, Latrell Sprewell and Marcus Camby played well despite injuries and the Knicks had their highest-scoring quarter of the postseason as they opened a 33-19 lead after one.

No player came up bigger than Johnson, who was flashing his "Big L" gesture and spinning gleefully in circles after hitting another 3-pointer, this one with 4:25 left for a nine-point lead.

Charlie Ward added a 3-pointer two minutes later to help the Knicks wrap it up.

Repeatedly scoring on isolation plays in the low post against Dale Davis and passing to open teammates when he was double-teamed, Johnson scored 25 points, shot 10-for-16 from the field including 5-for-5 from 3-point range - and had seven rebounds and four assists. Allan Houston added 17 points, Kurt Thomas scored 16 and Ward had 16 points, seven assists and six rebounds. New York was 10-for-14 from 3-point range and outrebounded Indiana 41-32.

Game 5 is Wednesday night at Indianapolis, where the Pacers looked so confident just a few days ago after winning the first two games of the series. But it was the Knicks who had that look over the weekend.

New York played again without center Patrick Ewing, who sat out his second straight game with acute tendinitis in his right foot. Sprewell, who broke a bone in his left foot at the end of Game 3, finished with 12 points and held Jalen Rose to 18, while Camby played on a

sprained knee and had eight rebounds, five points and three blocks.

Reggie Miller had 24 points for the Pacers, who could never come all the way back after allowing the Knicks to open a 14-point lead at the end of the first quarter.

The Pacers got back into it with a 22-10 run bridging the third and fourth quarters, a large portion of the crowd of 19.763 groaned as Miller's 3-pointer from in front of Lee was in mid-air. It swished through to make the score 77-76, but Johnson answered with a 3-pointer after a scramble for a loose ball .

"This game was the most I've been open during the series," Johnson said. "They went to double-team and I found myself wide open."

Edgar Martinez drove in a pair of runs at Seattle to increase his major league-lead-Giambi's first-inning double ing total to 57, going 2-for-2 with and Velarde's ninth-inning a pair of singles and two walks.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Wednesday, May 31

You'll deal with the unexpected more easily this year. Use surprises to open up new horizons and bring a fresh perspective to your life. You might be inclined to take off suddenly. Opt for learning or education in a nontraditional form. Slow down; take time to think and evaluate. If you are single, romance is available, but it might not be everything it appears to be at first. Make sure the apple of your eye is emotionally available. Take your time developing a relationship. If attached, take good care of yourself and your relationship. Take retreats together. Be open to something new that your mate enjoys. TAU-RUS understands you.

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ARIES (March 21-April 19) *** Expenses could knock you off-balance. Think carefully about what works for you before launching into action. Network, catch up with friends and share ideas. Mobilize a surprise and use it to draw others together. Tonight: Revamp your

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

*** Bosses' quirky behavior gets to you. Be smart and let it roll off you like water. You'll gain if you remain open-minded and look for solutions. If someone is unpredictable, consider that it gives you more freedom to make an important move or decision. Tonight: In the limelight.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

*** Make calls. Find others with more expertise if you have a question. You might be surprised at the conclusions you reach. Still, think through a decision carefully. You might not have all the answers yet. **Tonight: Mull over recent**

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

**** Knowing what you want helps you direct an associate's instability. Your sense of humor comes out when dealing with others. Focus on positives, not problems. Optimism works in your favor and makes more possible. Tonight: Where the gang is!

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) *** Keeping up and staying and openness. Tonight: Try a new type of movie.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

*** A partner and his actions could jolt you. You flourish with another's feedback. Stav centered. Understand what you should do to stabilize a money matter. Test some of your wilder ideas before you take action. Tonight: Ease up on rigidity.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) **** A family member might baffle you. Understand what it takes to stabilize a personal matter. Recognize what makes another tick. Give a partner space to work through problems. Accept an invitation to join friends. Tonight: Just don't be alone!

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

**** Examine your expectations before making a decision. The unpredictable runs rampant through your work and day-to-day communication. Listen to someone at a distance. Pace yourself, and you'll get everything done. Tonight: Be willing to put in the extra hours.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

*** Money matters could easily get topsy-turvy. A close tie might be urging you to take a risk and evaluate. A creative associate means well, but he might not have the same wellspring of common sense as you do. Tonight: Surprise someone special.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) *** Your unpredictability works with you. However, you unnerve family and those close to you. Build security with those around you. Understanding where others come from helps you soothe their fears and worries. Tonight: Mosey on home.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) **** Listen carefully to a neighbor's ideas. Though you might be shocked, work with them. Deal with your own feelings privately. Pace yourself. You could become overwhelmed. Return calls. Touch base with a special friend. Tonight: Talk through a problem.

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VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ***** New information chal-

lenges your mind and ideas. Be willing to halt operations for enough time to check facts. As a result, your direction will change. Demonstrate flexibility

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Show of support is welcomed by down syndrome girl's mom

DEAR ABBY: My letter is in response to "Hurt in Pennsylvania." who wanted her daughter judged on her merits rather than on her Down syndrome.

I, too, am a mother of a daughter with Down syndrome, and I felt bad for "Hurt" - not because her daughter has Down syndrome, but because she failed to recognize those who were obviously attempting to empathize with her, and she is

reacting with disdain. I felt bad that your response to her was that letter her 'said it very well, 1 because don't share your view. It is not easy to

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VAN accept a dis-BUREN ability in any child. Down syndrome children ARE similar in many respects; however, that doesn't

take away from their individualism. "They" ARE "all so sweet"!

Most people are afraid of the unknown, and when people try to ease someone's pain or 'grieving" (as she pu#it), they shouldn't be alluded to as 'insensitive jerks." Our tolerance for others should not be conditional on our own inability to cope. Perhaps it helps others deal with their obvious discomfort to "share their experiences with individuals who have Down syndrome." I, for one, am grateful for all the many people who come forward and offer their love and support

even when the attempts are less than perfect. My daughter is now 19, has graduated from high school and holds a job. There are still difficult things to deal with, but she has affected more people's lives for good than I would have ever dreamed. - ANNA'S MOM.

since our daughter's birth.

DIANN STEWART, LAS VEGAS **DEAR DIANN: I'm pleased** that your daughter, Anna, has achieved her many successes. However, the message that "Hurt" was trying to deliver is that it's rude to discuss someone's disability during a casual encounter. I printed her letter because I hoped it would cause people to think about how such comments might be received. For those interested in learn-

ing more about Down syndrome, the National Down Syndrome Society Web page is at www.ndss.org.

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Today is Tuesday, May 30, the 151st day of 2000. There are

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France.

On this date:

On May 30, 1431, Joan of Arc,

condemned as a heretic, was

burned at the stake in Rouen,

In 1539, Spanish explorer

In 1854, the territories of Nebraska and Kansas were established.

In 1883, 12 people were trampled to death in a stampede triggered by a rumor that the recently opened Brooklyn Bridge was in imminent danger of collapsing.



In 1911, Indianapolis saw its first long-distance auto race; Ray Harroun was the winner.

In 1922, the Lincoln Memorial was dedicated in Washington D.C. by Chief Justice William Howard Taft.

In 1937, 10 people were killed when police fired on steelworkers demonstrating near the Republic Steel plant in Chicago.

In 1943, American forces secured the Aleutian island of Attu from the Japanese during World War II.

In 1958, unidentified soldiers killed in World War II and the Korean conflict were buried at Arlington National Cemetery.

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In 1971, the American space probe, Mariner 9, blasted off from Cape Kennedy, Fla., on a journey to Mars.

In 1980, Pope John Paul II arrived in France on the first visit by the head of the Roman **Catholic Church since the early** 19th century.

Ten years ago: Soviet President Mikhail S. Gorbachev arrived in Washington for his summit with President Bush.

Five years ago: In a letter to **U.N. Secretary-General Boutros** Boutros-Ghali, Bosnian Serb leader Radovan Karadzic demanded guarantees of no further NATO air attacks and de facto recognition of a self-styled Serb state.

One year ago: Astronauts from the space shuttle Discovery rigged cranes and other tools to the exterior of the international space station during a spacewalk; then, the astronauts entered the orbiting outpost for three days of making repairs and delivering supplies. Kenny Brack won the crash-marred Indianapolis 500. driving a car owned by racing legend A.J. Foyt.

Today's Birthdays: Country musician Johnny Gimble is 74. Actor Clint Walker is 73. Actress Ruta Lee is 64. Actor Michael J. Pollard is 61. Actor Stephen Tobolowsky is 49. Actor Colm Meaney is 47. Actor Ted McGinley is 42. Actor **Ralph Carter is 39. Country** singer Wynonna is 36. Rock musician Tom Morello (Rage Against The Machine) is 36. Rock musician Patrick Dahlheimer (Live) is 29. Actor Trey Parker ("Newsies") is 28. Rapper Cee-Lo (Goodie Mob) is_____ 26. Actor Blake Bashoff is 19.



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