MONDAY

May 13, 2002

WEATHER Tonight:



PARTLY CLOUDY TONIGHT TOMORROW 60°-63° 90°-93°

Farm loan manager sets visits

Farm Loan Manager Wallace Foy will be in the Howard County Farm Service Agency Office on the first and third Fridays of each month from 9 a.m. until noon beginning this week.

Foy will be available to discuss farm loan programs with perspective and existing borrowers. He will receive loan payments, discuss farm and h0ome plans, as well as assistance with various borrower needs.

The Howard County office is lacated at 302 W. Interstate 20, just east of the Rip Griffin Truck Stop.

WHAT'S UP...

TODAY

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

Big Spring Commandery 31 meets at 7:30 p.m. at the Masonic Temple, 221 1/2 Main. 6:30 p.m. dinner.

☐ Big Spring Assembly 211, Social Order of the Beauceant meets at 7:30 p.m. at the Masonic Temple, 221 1/2 Main. 6:30 p.m.

TUESDAY

☐ Intermediate Line Dance classes, 9 a.m., Senior Citizens Center.

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

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

WEDNESDAY Optimist Club meets at 7 a.m. at the Howard

College Cactus Room. ☐ Senior Circle Sit and Be Fit Chair Aerobics

meets at the SMMC cafeteria at 10 a.m. Downtown Lions Club meets at noon at the Howard College

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

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4-Hers meeting needs of infants from needy families

By ROGER CLINE

Staff Writer

Newborn infants need a soft, protected environment to thrive, but many are born to families that don't have the resources to provide even a basic blanket or clothes for them.

state program designed to provide blankets and "sacques," or small shirts, for more than 2,000 newborns this year.

"We had a workshop March 4," said Howard County's Cooperative Extension Agent for 4-H, Katie Walker. "That's when we showed them how. They actually did them at home.' Walker said all the stu-

dents had a good time with

project.

A group of local 4-H stu- sew. It's just a community dents is taking part in a project to where they can actually learn to sew," she said.

Walker said Howard County's 4-H group made 20 sacques. "It's a little shirt," she

said. "They're for indigent care babies. Here in Howard County they're going to use them in the ward there at the hospital."

The project started at the John Peter Smith Hospital in Fort Worth. Tara and Phyllis Price have been "They learned to hand-sewing items for indi-

gent babies born at that hospital for more than 18 years.

"We are thrilled beyond belief that the concept will be expanded beyond our efforts," Tara Price said. "Many of the babies enter the world with nothing. we are told some are taken home in newspapers. The situation is heartbreaking. One drop of rain can a flood make. How grateful we are that young people such as yourself with the guidance of parents, recognize the destitute and are committed to lending a heart and a

hand."

Howard County 4-Hers participating in the project include, from Big Spring, Robin Anderson, DeAnna Carlisle, Rachael Wheeler, 11; Caitlin Carlisle, 10; Kori Yanez, 11; and Natasha Yanez, 12. From Coahoma, · Meagan Kothmann, 14; Tara Sellers, 14; Teryn Bibb, 12; Steve Stiller, 12; Erika Stiller, 10; Ashley Martin, 10; Hannah Weber, 9; and Megan Conley, 11. And from Forsan, 11-year-old Gabby

Creating your own books

By LYNDEL MOODY

Staff Writer

COAHOMA - Coahoma Elementary School was all in a commotion Friday, swarming with big, burley oil field workers, parents and grandparents, city officials and even the news media.

Everyone was there to read with a child or two or three or more. They listened while the youngster show off his or her creation the child's very own book.

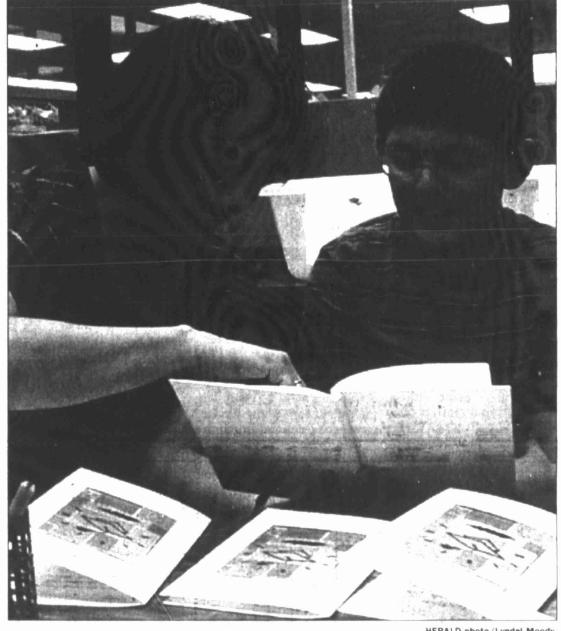
"They come in droves," Debra Barton, the elementary's administrative assistant said. "We get on the phones and send letters out to the parents. When parents come we asked that they read with their child and two others. We call city council members, the sheriff's department, local busi-

"Grandparents, every teacher, teacher's aides listen," she said. "We beat the bushes and get people to come out." And they come. Boy, do

they come.

"These big burley men came in here last year and they were a little intimidated at first because they didn't know what to do," Barton said. "We just told them to sit down and read to one child. They stayed and stayed; they didn't want to leave.

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Coahoma Elementary fourth-grader Geraldo Herrera reads his story to Debra Barton, administrative assistant, Friday during author's day. The approximately 450 students at the school spent the school year creating their own books from an original story, to illus-

Murphy selected for state advisory board

trations, the book title and the dedication page.

Staff Writer

A local educator has been selected by his peers to sit on a state committee that will advise State Education Commissioner Felipe Alanis on educational issues.

Murray Murphy, superintendent of the Big Spring Independent School District, was



MURPHY

elected by superintendents from the 35 area on the commissioners' advisory

"I feel very honored to be selected to represent Region 18 on the commissioners' committee," Murphy said.

The election was held in April and the official announcement was made Wednesday at the Texas Association of School Administrators meeting for Region 18, Murphy said.

Only 20 superintendents across the state sit on the committee, explained Estella Agurrie, Big Spring ISD assistant superintendent

"It shows a lot for Mr. Murphy and districts in Region 18 to represent the shows what the other superintendents in this area think of him," Agurrie said.

> The board will meet once a month in Austin beginning in August and advise the commissioner on issues from curriculum, to policy and accountability.

> 'We give impute on any educational issues that comes before the state,' Murphy said.

> 'Part of my responsibilities will be to bring any concern from superintendents and Region 18 representatives to the board.

Seminar

RSVP to host identity theft presentation

By LYNDEL MOODY

Staff Writer

The Big Spring Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) will hold a presentation Tuesday on one of the fastest growing crimes in America - identity theft.

"Nancy Gresham of the state Office of Attorney General will give a program she presents all over the state that is especially targeted to seniors," Nancy Jones of RSVP. "Identity theft is the fastest growing crime. It's scary.'

Your identity can be taken from your bank account, social security card or even from your garbage - anything that has a social security number, credit card numbers, or a driver's license number

and it can be months before you discover the program, Jones said

With the Internet and technology today, if they have the numbers, they can clear out your bank account and max out your credit cards," Jones said.

Don't throw away junk mail without opening it, Jones warns. Such things may contain pre-approved credit cards, open checks to take advantage of special offers and more

Not destroying the mail first could cost grief and financial suffering down the line.

"Don't throw any junk mail away unopened." she said. "There are professional trash pickers who will go through your trash. She (Gresham) really stresses destroying everything, shred everything, invest in a shredder," Jones said. Tear that stuff up.

Another result of losing your identity is being stuck with the actions of the thief, Jones added.

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Plans still expanding for 'Funtastic Fourth'

By ROGER CLINE Staff Writer

It's going to be a Funtastic Fourth! The

Downtown Revitalization Association, a group of merchants based in the downtown area and along Third and Fourth streets, have planned a July 4 festival set in a threeblock area downtown.

The "Funtastic Fourth Festival" is centered around Heart of the City Park, and will extend out from there, said Association President Allan Johnson.

The event will include booths, food vendor's booths, entertainment and a battle of the bands.

"It's going to be not just the Heart of the City Park. It will incorporate two or three streets, actually several blocks downtown," Johnson said. "At this point

we have approximately 10 bands with a potential of 15 to 20. We have 10 confirmed right now. We have a fun booth, we have a train, we have a slide, we have a jumping house.

Prizes for the battle of the bands are \$1,000 for first place, \$750 for second and \$250 for third, he said. The winners will also perform for a street dance the night of the Fourth.

"That's going to be on from approximately 8 to 10 evening," Johnson said.

"We're also going to have a separate gospel event," Johnson continued. "It's going to be going on between when the other bands are setting up and tearing down. The gospel's going to be playing on the other pavilion."

Work on the event is com-

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Herald photo/Marsha Sturdivani

Letha Duke, left, receives the Torch Bearer of the Year Award from Katle Lara, chief of nursing service at the VA Medical Center. Duke, who has practiced nursing since 1948, received the award during a special Nurses Week Celebration at the hospital that also recognized graduating nurses. Her name will be engraved on the plaque Lara holds.

OBITUARIES

Faye Powell Flowers

Funeral service for Faye Powell Flowers, 80, of Robert Lee, will be 2 p.m. Tuesday, May 14, 2002, at the South Church of Christ. Burial will be at the Robert Lee Cemetery. Mrs. Flowers died Saturday, May 11, in Kermit

Survivors include four sons, James "Sonny" Powell Flowers of Odessa, Ronnie Claude Flowers of Kermit, Johnny Clyde Flowers of Hobbs, N.M., and Steve Collins Flowers of Coahoma; 12 grandchildren; 23 great-grandchidlren; and two great-great-

grandchildren Arrangements are under the direction of Shaffer Funeral Home

Freddy Hardeman

Funeral service of for Freddy Hardeman, 89, of Big Spring, is pending with Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Mr. Hardeman died Sunday, May 12, at his home

Amalia D. **Gonzales**

Funeral mass for Amalia D. Gonzales of Austin, for merly of Big Spring was held Saturday, May 11, 2002, at St. Ignatius Catholic Church. Burial was at the Cook Walden/Forest Oaks Memorial Park

Mrs. Gonzales died Wednesday, May 8.

She was born in Big Spring on Nov. 29, 1921, and graduated from Big Spring High School. She married Louis P. Gonzales on March 29. 1937

Survivors include her husband of 65 years, Louis P Gonzales; two daughters. Marcella Keller and Suzanne Williams, both of Austin: two sons. Louis Gonzales Jr. and Randy Gonzales, both of Austin; six grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild

Memorial contributions may be made to the Alzheimer's Association, 3420 Executive Center Drive, Suite 301, Austin 78731 1626.

Arrangements are under the direction of Cook-Walden Forest Oaks Funeral Home in Austin.

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"They came back here this year and told us 'we're here to read to the children," she continued. "They brought

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R. X. (Tack) McNew, 86 died Iriday Services were 11:00 AM, today at Trinity Baptist Church Burial was in Mt Olive Memorial Park. Freddy Hardeman, 89, died

Sunday. Services are pending.

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other workers this year." At the beginning of the

year students are presented a bare book containing blank pages to be filled with the student's imagination.

"They can handwrite the pages or use the computer to type out the story," Barton said. "They are supposed to create the story and produce the illustrations using computers or their own drawings, the book title, title page, dedication page. They're wonderful."

Authors such as local children's author Doris McClellan, who was at the elementary school Friday, visit with the students during the year.

"We asked authors or illustrators to come out and present to the kids," Barton said. "They talk to them about the writing process. The kids get to see it all before they do this.'

Each grade level from prekindergarten to sixth grade decides on what subject or broad based area to write about, Barton said. "They study, research,

talk about the background just like an author researches a subject for his or her work," she said.

Twelve-year-old Reagan Rupard's fable was inspired from a friend.

"My story is about a little girl that goes to a witch's house," Rupard said. "She is scared because the witch is ugly and she thinks the witch is mean but she is nice.'

Her story is entitled "Milk and Cookies.'

The pre-K books are pictures of shapes, Barton said. "Each page begins this is "Each page begins this is 'A,' and then they tell you twice as likely the shape," Barton said.

Five-year-old Fontana dedicated her pre-K book to Dustin (her brother) and her mother

'This is a perfect extension into reading and writ-Fowler noted. "We get to do suggests. something of real world experience.

the idea from a similar program at her children's elementary school in Lubbock.

"I have a son in college and a son who is a junior in high school now and we still look over those books, Fowler said. "Those books stay on the book case with the leather bound books.

Now in its second year, students work on the project during class time throughout the year, usually incorporated in language/arts subjects.

books after the child finish make fewer phone calls, the es reading, something the researchers said, comparchildren can remember ing the damage to risks years later.

"Here is their teacher's signature, their principal's signature, the signature of a friend." Fowler said. "It will be a trip down memory

"The students take home the book at the end of the day," Barton said. "It's realshe is a sophomore or junior and study co-author. away.

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"You may not only lose your identity, you may inherit the person's crimi- problems were more comnal record who uses your name," she said.

The presentation will be held at 6 p.m. in the Dora Roberts Community Center in Comanche Trail Park.

"She is really entertaining and she takes questions from the floor," Jones said of Gresham. "This is open to the public and I would encourage everyone to come," Jones said. "I would encourage 40 and 50-yearolds to come because so many times parents are getting taken and they don't even know it. It takes some on the outside to see it."

Free ice cream will be provided at the presentation and anyone interested is



asked to call the RSVP office at 264-2397 by Monday.

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ing along well, he said. "Most all the basic planning is done and our work is progressing as planned. Actually we're way ahead of schedule," he said. "This is going to be a family event. We've got letters going out to all the churches in town, requesting, giving them the opportunity for their youth groups and that type of thing to set up fundraisers in our booths. This is a family event and we want it to be a family event every year.

Downtown The Revitalization Committee still has several booths available for vendors and food vendors, including "garage sale" booths, craft booths and general sales

"This here is open to all local church groups, craft makers, local business, all of them can set up at \$10 a spot," Johnson said. "All that is available and we're inviting the public to sign

To reserve a booth contact Vickie Dahmer at 267-5223. The Funtastic Fourth Festival will be free to the public and open 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. July 4.

Study finds telemarketers Erin to report vocal problems

CHICAGO (AP) Telemarketers are losing Principal Cindy their voices, new research

That could mean fewer interrupting phone calls at Fowler first came across dinnertime, but the news isn't good for people whose paychecks depend on their

In a survey by University of Nebraska scientists, telemarketers were twice as likely to report vocal problems as non-telemarketers. About a third reported their work was hampered by an average of five symptoms, including loss of voice, hoarseness, voice-cracking their and dry throat.

It's a problem serious Listeners autograph the enough to cause many to faced by singers, teachers and others who use their voices professionally.

"Whether or not we're all happy that telemarketers are suffering a little bit for calling us at odd hours, the study "is really about voice" and could be applied ly for the parents. Imagine to other people whose jobs picking up a book 10 years depend on their voices, said from now that your child Dr. Jason Sigmon, an ear, wrote 10 years ago and he or nose and throat specialist

in high school. That's a The findings, based on a memory you can't give survey of 304 telemarketing employees, are published in May's Archives Otolaryngology.

Results were compared with surveys of 187 college students similar in age and education status who didn't work as telemarketers.

In both groups, vocal

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A ROUND THE TOWN

mon among smokers and women. Smoking irritates the vocal cords and women's throat anatomy, including smaller voice boxes makes them more prone to vocal problems than men, Sigmon said.

Sigmon said a common problem among telemarketers is speaking too loud, which strains their larynx muscles

Portland, Ore., speech pathologist Barbie Scott, who was not involved in the study, said telemarketers also tend to artificially lower the pitch of their voices "so that presumably they will sound more authoritative.'

That also causes vocal strain.

"You can't expect to have a vital voice very long .. and commit these bad vocal sins," Scott said.

Sigmon said most telemarketing vocal problems are preventable and reversible.

Drinking plenty of fluids, avoiding smoking and giving the voice a rest can help restore the vocal cords

"Overusing something definitely contributes to the risk of damage," said Dr. Ken Altman, director of the Center for Voice at Chicago's Northwestern Memorial Hospital, whose patients have included telemarketers.

He said the study "is important because it puts a number on a problem that we all know and recognize. It helps quantify the severity of the problem.'

BRIEFS

BIG SPRING AND SUR-ROUNDING counties are in critical need of foster families. Foster parents are the caretakers of the children in the community who have been abused and neglected.

becoming foster/adoptive families call Children's Protective Services office at 263-9669 or 1-800-233-3405. SPRING TABERNACLE

For more information on

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

ARE YOU PREGNANT? DO you have a baby? WIC serves pregnant and breastfeeding women and children younger than 5.

To see if you or your child qualifies for free food, nutritional counseling and medical screening, contact your nearest WIC clinic or call 263-9777

THE COAHOMA LIONS **CLUB** has postponed its annual City Wide Garage Sale out of respect for the

Relay For Life event. It will now be held on Saturday, June 1.

If you would like to participate and have a garage sale in Coahoma register at The Little Sooper Market.

Deadline to register is Saturday, May 24 Registration fee is \$15.

CANCER Awareness The Howard-Month. Glasscock Counties Chapter of the American Cancer Society has programs and speakers that are available for anyone interested. For more information call

JoAnn Forest at 267-6286 or Bill Birrell at 263-0659. THE MOBILE MEALS

PROGRAM, which delivers to the elderly and homebound, needs volunteers to deliver meals If you can spare one hour of north Main.

per week to deliver eight or 10 meals, we need you.

About 85 to 90 meals are prepared, packaged and delivered within the city limits of Big Spring. If you can volunteer, please call 263-4016 before 3 p.m.

POLICE

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

 THEFT FROM **HUMAN CORPSE OR GRAVE** was reported at Mount Olive Cemetery where a three foot tall white angel monument was reported stolen from a grave site. A family member visiting the site discovered the missing monument.

· CHARLES LINVELL JOSEPH, 37, of 1442 Bridge Avenue was arrested on a charge of public intoxica-JAYSON WILLIAM

WATERS, 27, of 1609 S. Owens was arrested on a charge of public intoxica-· VIOLATION OF PRO-TECTIVE ORDER and

TERRORISTIC THREAT

were reported in the 1900

block of east 25th. · DOMESTIC DISTUR-BANCE was reported in the 1500 block of Kentucky Way, the 2500 block of March, the 1000 block of Stadium Avenue, the 600 block of Ridgelea Drive, the 400 block of Washington Boulevard, the 1800 block of south Goliad, the 1400 block of Park St., the 1200 block of east 19th and the 3200

block of Cornell Ave. THEFT of more than \$50 but less than \$500 was reported in the 100 block of northwest Seventh, the 400 block of Westover and at the police department where \$349 worth of audio/visual recordings were reportedly stolen.

• BURGLARY OF A HABITATION was reported at a residence in the 800 block of Kent where cash of \$125 and jewelry/precious metals worth \$800 were allegedly stolen.

• BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE was reported in the 600 block of Colgate where \$500 worth of items was reportedly stolen from

JUNE IS PROSTATE a 1995 green Dodge Neon. DISTURBANCE/FIGHT was reported in the 3300 block of W. Highway 80.

 CRIMINAL MISCHIEF and ASSAULT CLASS C were reported in the 700 block of Willa. ASSAULT CLASS C

was reported in the 10,000 block of S. Moss Lake Road and in the 400 block of Washington. ASSAULT CLASS C **FAMILY VIOLENCE** was

reported in the 1000 block CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported in the 1100

block of Mulberry · INTOXICATED SUB-JECT/DRIVER was reported in the 1200 block of Blackmon Avenue and in the 200 block of State St.

 DISORDERLY CON-**DUCT** was reported in the 1000 block of north Main St.

FIRE/EMS

The following is a summery of EMS and Fire Department activity

10:47 a.m. — 300 block of E. Third, medical call, one patient transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center. 12:45 a.m. - 400 block of

NE 11th, medical call, one patient transported to SMMC. 1:15 a.m. - 400 block of Ryan, medical call, two

patients transported to SMMC. 2:40 p.m. — 1400 block of Settles, medical call, ser-

vice refused. 3:30 p.m. — 1000 block of N. Lamesa Hwy, medical call, one patient transported to SMMC.

4:50 p.m. — 800 block of

Anna, trauma call, one patient transported to 10:32 a.m. - 100 block of

Nolan, grass fire, extinguished. 7:16 p.m. — 1000 block of E. 21st, grass fire, extin-

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Sunday's high 86 Sunday's low 46 Record high 103 in 1956 Record low 42 in 1953 Average high 84 Average low 57 Precip. Sunday 0.00 Month to date 0.00 Year to date 4.30 Sunrise Tuesday 6:53 a.m. Sunset Tuesday 8:32 p.m.

CORRECTION

On page 3A in Sunday's edition of the Big Spring Herald the Boy Scouts carrying the flags in the Relay For Life photo were misidentified.

Their correct names are Brandon Stowers and Dustin Wright.

Did you take

The diet drug Fen-Phen was marketed under several names including Redux, Pondimin, Fenfluramine, or Dexfenfluramine. If you took these diet drugs, you should know that it may not be too late to opt-out of the nationwide class action for the purpose of pursuing a lawsuit against the drug company individually

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Bush signs farm legislation over Republican objections

President Bush signed a sixyear farm bill Monday that expands subsidies to growers, turning aside criticism from fellow Republicans who called the measure a budget-busting step backward in agriculture planning.

"It's not a perfect bill, I know that. But you know, no bill ever is," Bush said with a chuckle. "There's no such thing as a perfect bill. Or otherwise, I'd get to write every one of them."

The bill rains federal largess on farm-oriented states that will be campaign battlegrounds this fall, potentially helping Bush in his quest to win back control of the Senate for the GOP — and giving him a chance to rack up IOUs for his own 2004 re-election effort.

It increases spending by nearly 80 percent over the cost of existing programs at a time when government and private analysts are projecting a budget deficit this year of \$100 billion or more. The president has been calling on lawmakers to show fiscal restraint. The legislation is estimated to cost \$190 billion over the next 10 years, although the programs must be renewed after six.

Bush signed the bill at an unusually early hour — a nod, he said, to farmers who get up early every day to produce America's food. He was flanked by farm-state lawmakers from both parties who hope to benefit politically from the mea-

Bush senior political adviser Karl Rove had told GOP senators recently that Bush would not stage a high-profile signing ceremony to avoid antagonizing conservatives upset with the bill's price tag, a person

familiar with that meeting said.

Word of Bush's signature came minutes before he announced a nuclear arms reduction accord with Russia, further diminishing the attention the farm bill's enactment will receive.

The president had complained that more subsidies would cause overproduction, worsening the plight of farmers. Some Republicans implored him to veto it even after the signing ceremony was scheduled.

"I would love to see him veto it. It is a budget buster," Sen. Don Nickles, R-Okla., said on "Fox News Sunday.'

The bill gives farmers incentive to overproduce, Nickles said, predicting it will eventually force farm prices down. "I don't think that helps farmers in the long run," he said.

Bush signed the bill in the office building adjacent to the White House, before heading to Chicago for GOP fund-raiser.

"This bill is generous and will provide a safety net for farmers, and will do so without encouraging overproduction and depressing prices," the president said.

Senate Agriculture Committee Chairman Tom Harkin, D-Iowa, who attended the ceremony, said the bill "is the economic plan for rural America.'

With control of Congress at stake this fall, and Bush eager to maintain his support in the Farm Belt, politics loomed large over the

"You've got a lot of fairly close races in rural America where this farm bill is the most important thing that comes along every five, six, seven years," Mary Kay Thatcher, a lobbyist for the American Farm Bureau Federation, said after the tion until 2004.

sent it to the White House last week.

After he signed the bill, Bush had a plum opportunity to tout it in Illinois, a farm state and electoral battleground Bush was visiting to raise money for Republican gubernatorial candidate Jim Ryan.

The farm bill raises subsidy rates for grain and cotton growers and revives a target-price system abolished in 1996 to provide supplemental income. The bill also brings back subsidies for wool and honey producers and provides new payments for milk, peanuts, lentils and dry peas.

There is an 80 r rcent increase in spending on land-conservation progra 3 that will benefit livestock farms and fruit and vegetable growers who historically get little federal cash.

Support for the 1996 Freedom to Farm Act waned after commodity prices plummeted in 1998 and Congress responded with a series of annual bailouts of the farm economy

The new bill, which essentially continues those bailouts, initially was expected to cost about \$170 billion over the next 10 years. Weaker-than-expected commodity prices are now expected to cause crop subsidies to rise and push the cost to \$190 billion.

Senate Republicans derid ed the bill as a multibilliondollar return to Depressionera policies that were scrapped in the 1996 law.

"We're stepping backward for farmers in this counsaid Sen. Brownback of Kansas, one of 28 Senate Republicans joined Democrats in voting against the bill.

He does not face re-elec-

HOROSCOPE

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Tuesday, May 14:

You have an unusual opportunity to get past a constant limitation that could involve a partner or an associate. Think in terms of success and new directions this year. Use your innate talents, and you gain as a result. Creativity peaks this year as you go in a new direction: Harness your talents and let others realize how much you offer. You need to handle your own finances, for better or worse. If single, this year someone new will drop into your life whom you deem as appropriate, if not perfect. Let the sparks of passion heat up your life. If attached, extend yourself more often to your loved one. New beginnings become possible as a result. Do something very special for this person this year, which you know he or she wants. GEMINI reads youcold.

The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average: 2-So-so: 1-Difficult ARIES (March 21-April 19) **** Much changes quickly with love and romance. You seem to say the right words at the right moment. Take a strong action toward another,

especially if you feel the need to change what lies between you. Be open to more positive exchanges. Tonight: At home. TAURUS (April 20-May

20) *** You might have a difficult time allowing another to see a situation as he or she wants. Loosen up and have a direct discussion. Another has an odd way of expressing his or her feelings. Express your caring so that this person hears you. Tonight: Do something special for yourself and someone else.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ***** Emphasize your

strengths, not your negatives. Your softer side emerges, drawing many toward you. Use your charisma to make it easier for another to say "yes" to your plans. You assume a leadership position. Others hear you loud and clear. Tonight: Happy as a clam.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ** Much occurs behind the scenes. You also must keep another's confidence, if you know what is good for you. Reveal your feelings in such a manner that another might be able to hear you, especially if it involves anger or frustration. Tonight: Do something for yourself.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ***** Your impact might be felt way past your immediate circle. Others will listen and perhaps challenge your ideas. Nevertheless, you will win over others in the long run. In fact, you could present a whole different point of view. Tonight: Where the gang is.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) *** Pressure gets your attention, though you cannot seem to get everything in balance. Bosses make demands. Your home life takes up your time as well. Key in to the positives and what you can do. Tonight: Work as late as need be.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ***** Touch base with loved ones. You might be taking off before you know it. Try another way. Open up and, at the same time, refuse to take comments personally. Do something very differently. You will find that another comes through for you. Tonight: Hop on the computer.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) **** Don't put off what you can do today, even if you feel as if there is no solution. Don't get into a financial power play. A partner comes through for you. Think twice about what is being offered.

You're unusually strongwilled. Tonight: Go along with another's request.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ***/ You easily could start the day askew. Take a deep breath. Consider taking a walk or, if that doesn't work, eating a chocolate bar! Be more generous with those in your life. Give 100 percent. All that ends well is well. Tonight: The only answer is "ves.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) *** You could be overly tired. What might be important is to recognize your fatigue and stop pushing yourself. Take the day off, if possible, and dote on yourself. Schedule a massage for later in the afternoon if you can't split. Just know that you're coming to the end of your energy Tonight: Make it easy.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) **** A friend disappoints you. However, in some way, the door opens to a new beginning if you flow with opportunity. Work with the unexpected, especially if it surrounds a child or loved one. A new romance could be budding if you are single. Tonight: Play away.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) *** A boss or someone in charge certainly is contrary. You aren't going to be able to get anywhere by challenging this person. Rather, stay in control and stay in touch with your feelings. You'll turn this situation around. Tonight: Happy at home.

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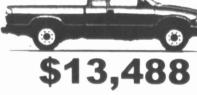


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Everyone gets kudos for big Relay success

othing is impossible. The Howard-Glasscock chapter of the American Cancer Society and hundreds of walkers proved that Friday night and Saturday morning as they combined to make the 2002 Relay For Life the biggest ever in Big

The Relay's \$130,000 goal was surpassed by more than \$40,000.

In a closing ceremony charged with emotion, Relay for Life Board chairwoman Joanne Forrest told the gathered walkers that this year's event outstripped former Relays in almost every way.

Even better is the fact that operating costs for the Relay shouldn't be any higher than they were a year ago - somewhere between \$10,000 and \$14,000, according to Forrest.

The money raised by the Relay For Life goes directly to the American Cancer Society.

"It comes back to Howard and Glasscock counties in the form of services, education, treatment, all those kind of things," Forrest said. "It goes out first, but it comes back. I can't give you an exact figure, but last year when we raised a whole lot of money, the value of the services that we got back were more."

Relay for Life events will continue throughout the month, and on May 28, the committee will have its total wrap up in Garrett Hall at First United Methodist Church."

Where does Relay for Life go from here? How do

you top such success?

"Last year I would have said we couldn't make any more. But the sky's the limit," Forrest said. "This community has embraced Relay for Life like it has no other fundraiser."

So, go ahead Howard and Glasscock counties, take a bow. You've all earn it.

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Saving is a difficult habit to learn

ormer President Franklin D. Roosevelt once said, "Any government, like any family, can for a year spend a little more than it

earns. But you and I know the continuance of that habit means the poorhouse. How many people do you know in today's society who spend more than they



earn? Our nation's collective massive credit card debt, amassed by individuals, shoud give vou a hint

From my observation, I think one of the hardest lessons for many people to learn in today's times is how to do without. It's not easy to do without, especially when we see so many people around us who seem to get everything they want. However, this uniquely American penchant, which is often referred to as "keeping up with the Joneses" has pushed many people so far into debt that bankruptcy and financial collapse is a real possibility. The real problem with trying to keep up with the Joneses is about the time we think we get there, they refinance!

I'm fairly conservative. I

don't believe in people overextending themselves, buying things they cannot afford and putting themselves and their family at risk for the future. On the other hand, if people have the means or the wherewith-all, as we say, to have all the things they want and do all things they want to do, I think it's wonderful, because that's the American dream. So long as their incomes are derived from legal means, I wish them continued suc-

But we see thousands of people, perhaps millions, who want to live this kind of lifestyle, but they simply cannot afford it because they don't have any money. As a result, many of these people suffer from tension,

TO LISTEN TO HIS IDEAS AND ...

stress, high blood pressure and finally, a stroke or heart attack or some other calamity. I'm not talking about the person who takes a calculated risk when it comes to getting ahead financially, because that's what financial success is all about. I'm simply talking about those people who have formed the habit of spending more than they earn month after month, and there's a big difference.

There are many reasons why we see people in our society who want to live "high on the hog" without having the income to support it. It really comes down to the fact that they have never learned the habit of doing without. If you or someone you love happens to fit in this category, here are a few thoughts that may help:

Fret not at small beginnings; the oak began as an acorn; the beautiful rainbow had its beginning in a drop of rain and a ray of light; the muscular athlete had trouble crawling; the university graduate started in first grade; the massive international oil industry

began with a small shallow well.

In our country, it's still possible for most of us to have the things we want, but it may require a change in our thinking and our attitudes. Instead of buy now, pay later, we must save and invest now and then buy later. Most people who have gotten ahead financially don't ever have to touch the principal of their assets, because they meet their monthly obligations from the income derived from investments.

What this kind of thinking and the resulting actions really does is move our possessions from one side of the ledger to the other. It moves them from the things we can't afford to the things we can afford. Doing without is a difficult lesson to learn, but when we do, our financial future will be much brighter. P.S. Is the money you have burning a hole in your pocket?

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Is Bush administration up to the task?

having a hail of news that fails to amaze Israel has been attacked by another suicide bomber.

Sharon, so memorably described by President Bush as "a man of peace," had to rush home to continue his policy of tit-for-tat, which he has so brilliantly demonstrated doesn't work



Of course, Sharon is also demanding that Yasser Arafat 'Do Something' about the terrorists. This adds an even more surreal element of black comedy to the tragedy. Assuming Arafat is not himself the head terrorist, as Sharon claims, with what, exactly, is he supposed to do about anything? Sharon has been destroying Arafat's Palestinian Authority for months now and has just finished the last elements. Even assuming he had the will, Arafat has no way. Sharon has put Hamas and Hezbollah in charge Anyone who is surprised by the result probably thinks Sharon IS a man of

peace Also less than staggering is the news Enron execs were "gaming the system"

during the California "energy crisis" last summer. I like the con they named "Death Star," where they started by deliberately overscheduling the state's power grid, threatening to overload it, so they could charge the state for delivering the "excess capacity" out of state, where the Californians couldn't keep track of it. They got so good at this they finally never even bought the "excess energy" they were charging California NOT to deliver. Isn't that a great

IVINS P.J. O'Rourke recently reported in The Atlantic Monthly: "Christopher

Buckley and I were having a drink at the Warren Harding Club not long ago. and discussing the Bipartisan Campaign Reform Act of 2002. It's wonderful, we agreed, that campaign finance is being reformed. The previous system of raising campaign funds was a shocking disgrace. From 1989 to 2001, Enron contributed almost \$6 million to candidates of both parties, and got what for its money? Lawsuits, subpoenas, Justice Department investigations, congressional hearings, and a parade of elected officials vilifying the company name. 'I trust,' said Christopher, that the new legislation — whatever it is will put an end to that kind of thing."

Ha, ha, ha. Aren't those conservatives a hoot? What have at these right-wing raves. Yep, the notion that we might need campaign finance reform in this country is certainly a kneeslapper, given poor, overregulated Enron's hard times. Of course, one could argue that what Enron got for its \$6 million in campaign contributions was: — the 1992 decision to

deregulate energy futures markets; the Phil Gramm legislation that exempted key parts of Enron from gov-

ernment oversight; the Bush administra-

tion's energy policy; the Bush administration's decision to drop the effort to go after off-shore money laundering;

Enron executive Thomas White as secretary of the Army, where he promptly moved to privatize the Army's energy

- a weakened and underfunded Securities and Exchange Commission;

California Gov. Gray Davis said, "About \$30 billion was extorted from this. state. Those who claimed that there was no price manipulation here were just plain wrong." But then, he has no sense of humor.

And in yet another development that will not leave you gasping, the Bush administration has pulled us out of the International Criminal Court Treaty, signed by President Clinton but never ratified by the

Senate. Our U.N. ambassador for war crimes issues, Pierre-Richard Prosper, wrote Kofi Annan that the treaty is a "flawed document." You might think we would stand fearlessly and foursquare against war crimes, and in favor of international justice and accountability. But you would be thinking of cases like Slobodan Milosevic. The administration is afraid Henry Kissinger can still be indicted.

This is the kind of thing that gets us a reputation for not giving a flying fig what the rest of the world thinks about anything "Axis of Incompetence" is how the American Prospect magazine describes Bush's foreign policy. Harold Meyerson writes,

"If the administration's foreign policy apparat (minus the increasingly isolated Colin Powell) were placed under one roof — Rice, Rumsfeld and Reich; Perle, Wolfowitz, Cheney and Bush — what watchword would be inscribed over the door? No, not, 'Abandon hope all hope, ye who enter' ... but an inscription from another immortal, Casey Stengel ... 'Can't any body here play this game?"

The Middle East is a terribly difficult situation, which nobody can deny, but there is a creeping sense that the Bush administration is just not up to this problem.







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Monday, May 13, 2002

IN BRIEF

Lady Steers banquet to be held tonight

The Big Spring Lady Steers Booster Club will hold its annual athletic banquet at 7 tonight in the Big Spring Junior High School cafeteria.

Tickets, priced at \$10, can be purchased at Athletic Supply, Faye's Flowers and from Kay Cook in the BSHS Athletic office.

Coahoma banquet set for tonight

The Coahoma High School Athletic Banquet has been scheduled for 6 tonight in the elementary school cafeteria.

Serving begins at 6 p.m. with the program to follow at 7.

For more information, or to purchase tickets for the banquet, contact Diana Collum, Diane Herrera, Barbara Hipp, Laura Kemper or Twila Wegner.

Forsan All-Sports Banquet is Thursday

Forsan High School will hold its annual All-Sports Banquet at 7 p.m. Thursday in the school's cafeteria.

The banquet will honor all high school athletes who participated during the 2001-2002 school year.

Tickets, priced at \$10 each, can be purchased at the high school office or reserved by calling 457-

Lady Steers hoops camp scheduled

Big Spring Lady Steers head basketball coach Jimmy Avery will conduct the Lady Steers Fundamental Basketball Camp from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. June 10-13 in the Big Spring Junior High School gymnasium. The camp is open to

current first- through eighth-graders.

The camp will provide girls with an opportunity to develop individual basketball skills through one-on-one and group drills in a positive, educational environment.

Avery and his staff will provide camp instruction. Campers will be divided into appropriate age groups.

The camp fee is \$45 and will cover instruction, a camp T-shirt, a camp photograph and certificate.

Send applications and fees to Avery in care of Big Spring High School, 707 11th Place, Big Spring, 79720.

For more information, call Avery at 264-3647 or 264-0403.

Big Spring ISD offers physicals Saturday

The Big Spring Independent School District Athletic Department will offer the opportunity for anyone in the sixth through 11th grades to receive athletic physicals.

The physicals are required for students who wish to participate in athletics entering the seventh, ninth or 11th grades, or those who have not already had one.

The requirement for current sophomores to undergo physicals is a new one, according to BSHS athletic trainer Andy Rankin, who also noted a new revised form must be used for the physicals. Forms should be available from coaches, trainers and local physicians.

Physicals will be given on Saturday in the BSHS auditorium. The fee is Maruyama wins Nelson Classic with a few nervous moments Shigeki tongue in mock relief after each of ers.

IRVING (AP) -Maruyama survived another Sunday charge by Tiger Woods and an unlikely one by rookie Ben Crane to win the Byron Nelson Classic, the second straight week an Asian has won on the PGA Tour.

Maruyama had to rely on a clutch short game, three times saving par on the back nine after leaving himself difficult chips. Another time, the Japanese star had to get up-anddown from the edge of the water on No. 11 just to make bogey.

He was all smiles at the end of a cloudy afternoon, however, closing with a 2-under 68 for a two-stroke victory over Crane. "There's so many good players,"

he said. "In a way, I was under so much pressure." Maruyama, sticking out his

his great escapes, thrust his arms in the air when he finished and bowed before tournament host Byron Nelson.

"Nobody ever played golf as a professional who smiles as much as Shigeki does," Nelson said. "I'm extremely happy to have him as our champion.'

A week after K.J. Choi became the first South Korean winner in tour history at New Orleans, Maruyama finished at 14-under 266 and became the first Asian with multiple tour victories. He also won last year in the Greater Milwaukee Open to become the first Japanese player to win on the mainland.

This victory was much more impressive, coming against a field that boasted eight of the top 10 play-

Crane felt just as satisfied.

An eagle-birdie-par finish put him in second place and earned him \$518,000, enough to secure his card for next year. Better yet, Crane is getting married on Saturday.

"I couldn't be more thrilled," he

The 26-year-old from Portland delighted the crowd during a remarkable run at the end of his round, which featured a 20-foot eagle putt from the fringe on No. 16, a 21-footer that swirled into the cup for birdie on No. 17 and a smart move on the final hole.

After driving into the trees, he decided to pitch out, then hit his

approach into 3 feet to save his par. Woods made three straight birdies down the stretch and closed with a into the water.

65 to finish at 10-under 270, which at the time put him three strokes out of the lead. Woods was in the locker room

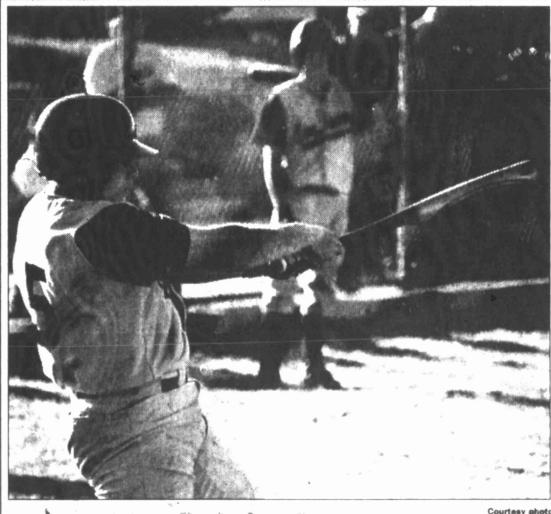
with his tennis shoes on when he was asked when he was leaving for Germany, where he is defending a title this week.

"As soon as Shigeki hits his tee shot on 17," Woods said.

Told Maruyama already had gone to 14 under, Woods smiled and said, "I'm outta here."

Maruyama started the final round with a three-stroke lead, and it never got closer than two shots. That didn't mean it was easy.

After hitting out of a fairway bunker to 3 feet on No. 10 for birdie to restore his three-stroke lead, Maruyama pulled his next approach



Coabena'a: Qury Hill fallows through after a big hit during the Bulldogs' final home game of the regular season. The Bulldogs saw their season come to a somewhat unfamiliar close Saturday with a 10-9 loss to Sonora in a Class 2A area playoff game in San Angelo.

With Ramirez sidelined, Pedro picks up Red Sox

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

Missing Manny Ramirez for the first of many games, the Boston Red Sox had the right pitcher on the mound.

Pedro Martinez struck out a season-high 12 as Boston began a long stretch without its All-Star slugger by beating the Seattle Mariners 10-4 Sunday night to avoid a three-game sweep.

"I was just trying to pick up the team and turn it right back around because we don't want to get any long losing streaks," Martinez said. "I was just trying to go home with a good win. It's a good feel-

ing." Ramirez, batting a major league-best .372 with nine homers and 35 RBIs, is expected to miss at least 4to-6 weeks with a broken

left index finger. Working on four days' rest instead of five for the first time this season, Martinez (5-0) allowed one run and four hits in eight innings to lower his ERA to

"That's the first time we needed to lean on him in a long time," catcher Jason

Varitek said. In other American League games, it was: New York 10, Minnesota 4; Anaheim 5, Chicago 4; Kansas City 4, Cleveland 1; Toronto 11, Oakland 4; Tampa Bay 6, Baltimore 3; and Texas 5, Detroit 1.

In the National League, it was: St. Louis 10, Cincinnati 8; Florida 11, Los Angeles 3; Montreal 4, San Francisco 2; San Diego 6, Atlanta 5; Houston 5, Pittsburgh 1; Colorado 4. New York 3; Philadelphia 3, Arizona 1; and Milwaukee 13, Chicago

Ramirez went back to Boston before the game and was examined by Dr. Bill Morgan, the team physician and a hand specialist. The cleanup hitter was injured

Saturday night when he Chicago to its fourth consecsmacked into Seattle catcher Dan Wilson's shin guard on a headfirst slide.

Ramirez leads the AL in slugging and on-base percentage. Even without him, the Red Sox chased James Baldwin (3-3) and piled up 16 hits and seven doubles, including three by Varitek.

'We've got a good-hitting club," manager Grady Little said. "Nobody can replace Manny Ramirez by themselves. So everybody is just going to have to chip in Maybe we can make up a lit-

tle bit of the difference." The Red Sox finished their road trip 8-2 and improved to 17-4 away from Fenway Park. At 25-9 overall, Boston has its best start since 1946.

Martinez improved to 9-0 career with a 0.91 ERA against the Mariners. The three-time Cy Young winner reached double-digit strikeouts for the 80th time.

Rangers 5,

Tigers 1 Pitching at home in Texas for the first time, Chan Ho Park (1-1) came off the disabled list to lead the Rangers to their fourth consecutive victory.

Texas (18-19) is within one game of .500 for the first time since Park lost the season opener on April 1.

Yankees 10, Twins 4

New York hit five homers in a span of eight batters to complete a three-game sweep at the Metrodome, and Mike Mussina (5-2) improved to 18-2 career against Minnesota.

The Yankees have won six straight — all on the road.

Angels 5, White Sox 4

Troy Glaus singled home the winning run with two outs in the bottom of the ninth as Anaheim won its fifth in a row and sent Field.

utive loss.

Royals 4, Indians 1

Paul Byrd (6-2) became the AL's second six-game winner and lowered his ERA to 2.77 as Kansas City posted its first three-game sweep at home over Cleveland since

Jim Thome homered in the sixth to snap Byrd's streak of 16 scoreless innings.

The Royals scored four in the first off Chuck Finley (2-4), highlighted by Mark Quinn's two-run double in his first at-bat of the season. Roberto Hernandez got his 297th career save.

Devil Rays 6, Orioles 3

John Flaherty and Jared Sandberg hit RBI doubles during a three-run fourth inning, and Paul Wilson (2-3) pitched Tampa Bay to its second straight win at Tropicana Field following a franchise-record 15-game losing streak.

Cardinals 10, Reds 8

Down by eight runs after two innings, J.D. Drew and the St. Louis Cardinals weren't about to give up.

Drew started St. Louis' biggest comeback in 10 years with a two-run single and capped it with a tworun homer in the eighth off Danny Graves.

Reggie Taylor's first career grand slam helped the Reds surge ahead 8-0 after two innings.

St. Louis hadn't pulled off such a comeback since it three free throws by trailed Atlanta by nine runs on May 9, 1992 and wound up winning 12-11.

The Cardinals scored five runs in the middle innings off Elmer Dessens, who faded fast, then won it in the eighth inning at Cinergy

Lakers take 87-85 win for 3-1 lead

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

Tim Duncan covered his head with his jersey after the buzzer. Next time, he promises that when his team needs a big basket, the ball will be in his hands.

That was all elementary to Kobe Bryant.

Bryant rescued the Lakers again Sunday, rallying his team from a 10-point deficit for an 87-85 victory over the San Antonio Spurs in Game

The Lakers won both games in at the Alamodome and lead the best-of-seven series 3-1.

Pr was the off close game

of the day. How Earlier, Jason Kidd played Baron Davis down the stretch again as the Nets defeated Charlotte 89-79, and Antoine Walker and Paul Pierce were too much of a one-two combination as the Celtics downed the Detroit

Pistons 90-79. Game 5 of the Dallas-Sacramento series is tonight at Arco Arena, and Spurs-Lakers Celtics-Pistons resume Tuesday. Game 5 of the Charlotte-New Jersey

series is Wednesday night. Hemmed in late in the game by a collapsing defense, Duncan gave up the ball and looked to his teammates to make something happen. The result? The Spurs went without a field goal the final seven minutes.

Duncan, the NBA's Most Valuable Player, took only two of the Spurs' 18 shots in the last period, and missed them both.

"I tried to be patient, tried to find open people," he said. "I just should have

been more selfish. Bryant took charge in the fourth quarter, capping a 12point burst with the winning putback with five seconds remaining. Charging down the lane, Bryant rebounded Derek Fisher's

drive and flipped it in. "He has an uncommon will to win," Spurs coach Gregg Popovich said. "He has the exact same will to win that Michael (Jordan)

had. Two days earlier, Bryant scored 11 points in the final quarter and the Lakers also erased a late deficit to win.

"I've dreamed of these situations countless times as a kid," Bryant said. "And I still dream of them today." As good as Bryant's offense was late in the

game, the Lakers' defense was outstanding. After Bruce Bowen's 3pointer put the Spurs up 82-72 with 6:57 left, San Antonio managed only

Duncan. "We had five or six shots that were either ill-advised or not shot with confidence," Popovich said.

The Spurs ended the game ineptly. Terry Porter fell after receiving an inbounds pass with 3.2 seconds left, then got the ball to Duncan for a desperation 20-footer that wasn't even close.

Duncan led all scorers with 30 points on 9-for-15 shooting. Tony Parker added 15 and David Robinson 12. Duncan and Robinson each had 11 rebounds.

Shaquille O'Neal added 22 points and 11 rebounds for Los Angeles, which has won a record 11 straight playoff games on the road. Robert Horry contributed 13 points. Duncan followed Bowen's

3-pointer with a pair of free throws to make it 84-74 with 6:15 left. San Antonio then came up empty on six straight trips down the floor, while the Lakers worked their way back from the foul line, making five of

six in 51 seconds. Horry said the Lakers get an edge on defense because the Spurs become predictable.

"They kind of run the same plays, and we get a feel for it," he said. "We run the triangle, but we'll throw

something else in there." Bryant hit consecutive 3pointers, sandwiching a free throw by Duncan, to make it 85-85 with 2:05 remaining. Both teams fell short in their next two possessions, and Duncan was called for an offensive foul with 46 seconds remaining.

Nets 89, Hornets 79

Jason Kidd's right eye was swollen, bruised and bandaged, but he scored 24 points and made eight free throws in the fourth quar-

The game may have been the last for the Hornets in Charlotte. The team is relocating to New Orleans next season, and the 13,864 fans more than 6,000 short of capacity — gave the players a standing ovation as the game wound down. The fans crowded the tunnel, applauding the players as the Hornets ran to the locker room.

"I'm confident we can still win the series," said guard Baron Davis, who led the Hornets with 20 points but went just 9-for-17 on free throws.

Kerry Kittles had 20 points and Keith Van Horn added 16 for the Nets, who have never been to the conference finals since joining the NBA.

Celtics 90, Pistons 79

Antoine Walker had 22 of his 30 points in the first half and Paul Pierce had 23 of his 25 in the second half. Pierce also had a career-

high 17 rebounds.

The Celtics took control by scoring 12 consecutive points to start the third quarter - more than they had in the entire third period in Game 3 when the teams combined for a record-low 130 points.

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Dear Mrs. K: What a charming story! I was surprised by the number of readers who had unusual interpretations of prayers. Read on for more:

From San Francisco: When I was a child, I learned this prayer as, "Our Father, who are in Heaven, Howard be thy name." I always thought

that was God's real name. St. Louis, Mo.: I worked as a preschool teacher and was next to a child who recited the Lord's Prayer as, "Our Father, who art in Heaven, Harold be thy name." I've been laughing about this for 30 years.

Grand Junction, Colo. When I was younger, I believed the line was, "Lead a snot into temptation." I thought I was praying for my little sister to get into

spent her early childhood saying, "Hail Mary, full of grapes. Missoula, Mont.: My son,

Groton, Mass.: My mother

who is in nursery school, said, "Our Father, who art in Heaven, how didja know my name?" Ohio: Uniontown,

prayer was, "Give us this day our jelly bread. Shreveport, La.: The Lord's Prayer isn't the only thing children misinterpret Back in 1962, my 3-year-old daughter spent a lot of time watching TV. One day, she was pretending to be an announcer. She held a bottle of ketchup to her mouth as a microphone and said, "Stay tuned for station I've

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Lake Forest Park, Wash. When I was a little girl, we sang a song in Sunday school about Noah. Part of the chorus was. "And the rains came down, and the floods came up." We lived next door to a couple of charming little girls who always sang this song while playing in their garden. Their words were, "And the rains came down, and the spuds came up.'

Oak Harbor, Wash.: When my older brother was very young, he always walked up to the church altar with my mother when she took communion. On one occasion, he tugged at her arm and asked, "What does the priest say when he gives you the bread?" Mom whispered something in his ear Imagine his shock years later when he learned that the priest doesn't say, "Be quiet until you get to your

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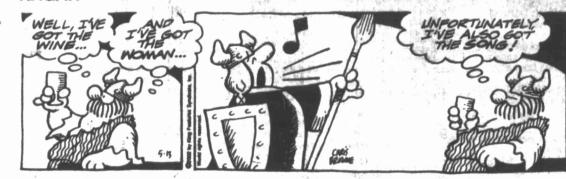
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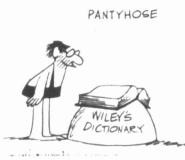
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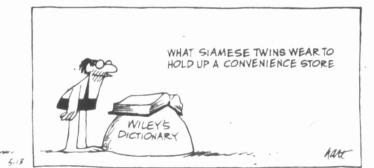






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In 1842, composer Sir Arthur Sullivan, who collaborated with Sir William Gilbert in writing 14 comic operas, was born in London.

In 1846, the United States declared that a state of war already existed against Mexico.

In 1917, three peasant children near Fatima, Portugal, reported seeing a vision of

the Virgin Mary. In 1918, the first U.S. airmail stamps, featuring a picture of an airplane, were introduced. (On some of the stamps, the airplane was printed upside-down, making them collector's items.)

In 1940, in his first speech as prime minister of Britain, Winston Churchill told the House of Commons. "I have nothing to offer but blood, toil, tears and sweat.'

In 1954, President Eisenhower signed into law the St. Lawrence Seaway Development Act.

In 1954, the musical play "The Pajama Game" opened on Broadway In 1958, Vice President

Nixon's limousine was battered by rocks thrown by anti-U.S. demonstrators in Caracas, Venezuela. In 1985, a confrontation

Philadelphia between authorities and the radical group MOVE ended as police dropped an explosive onto the group's headquarters; 11 people died in the resulting fire.

Ten years ago: A trio of astronauts from the space shuttle Endeavour captured a wayward Intelsat-6 communications satellite during the first-ever three-person spacewalk. President Bush announced a \$600 million loan package to help rebuild riot-scarred Los Angeles.

Today's Birthdays: Actress Beatrice Arthur is 76. Critic Clive Barnes is 75. Actor Harvey Keitel is 63. Actor Franklin Ajaye is 53. Singer Stevie Wonder is 52. Basketball player Dennis Rodman is 41. Country singer Lari White is 37. Singer Darius Rucker (Hootie and the Blowfish) is 36. Actress Susan Floyd is 34. Actress Samantha Morton is 25.



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ACROSS

- 5 High point
- 14 "So be it!"
- 16 Use a soapbox
- 17 Area of
- Chicago
- 19 Insolent
- 21 Civil War
- 23 Universe

- 32 Medium's
- 34 Cincinnati's
- state
- 37 Seashore
- John

- 55 Type of
- 59 Impress greatly
- 66 Dixie
- 69 Rubik

- needles
- 73 Early

- 20 Rink surface
- general George

- 27 Be nostalgic for
- **30** Actor Davis
- meeting
- 39 Anonymous
- 40 Pivotal point 44 Summer hours
- island" poet
- 46 "I could
- 47 Shocked
- 53 Hee follower
- 61 Write a limerick
- committee
- complex

- 9 Writer Gertrude 72 Scottish loch
- 15 Liner or tanker

- 22 Umpire's call
- 25 Baton Rouge
- sch.

- in PA
- 45 "No man is an
- horse!"
- **52** Require
- track wager

automaker

- 1 Hysteria
- 2 Exxon
- 3 Shimon of
- Israel 4 Tiny colonist
- 5 Evaluate
- 6 "Pet" that
- grows on you
- 7 The sticks 8 Fencing
- **9** Fair to
- middling
- injury

- 49 Blender maker

- **63** Ad

- 70 Laurel or lemon 11 Trading 1 Mama's partner 71 On pins and

 - **DOWN**

 - competitor

 - swords

 - 10 Psychological

64 65

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- 64 Sports
- 68 Polite refusal Cube inventor

- - chartered in 1600 12 " a small
 - world after all" 13 Marshal under Napoleon

company

- 18 Managed-care grps.
- 24 No longer worth
- discussing 26 Former
- **UN** member 28 Ivanhoe
- novelist
- 31 PC pic
- 29 "So long!"
- 33 Greek vowel
- **34** Pacific, for one **35** Row of bushes

sun sets

38 "Rock of _

- 36 Where the
- author 43 Aloe 48 Beloved of

41 Ames and

Asner

42 Portnov's

Complaint

Aphrodite

50 Musical speeds

Miss Brooks

- 51 Former spouses 54 Eve of Our
- 56 Grouch 57 Lugged around
- 58 Partner of pains 60 On guard
- 62 Longings **64** Santa ___, CA **65** Director
- Howard 67 Oklahoma Indian

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