

TUESDAY

May 25, 2004

WEATHER

Tonight:



CLEAR

TONIGHT 69°-71° TOMORROW 94°-95°

Large item pick up set for Friday

By THOMAS JENKINS
Staff Writer

The city of Big Spring will be "out and about" in District 2 on Friday in an effort to help area residents get rid of some of their larger trash items.

"The large item pick up is a program that started several years ago with the city of Big Spring," said Todd Darden, director of public works.

"Unfortunately, it sort of died out some time ago. Recently, the council has asked the city staff to start offering the program again.

"It's a widely used program. We're trying to target people who are elderly, handicapped or otherwise don't have the means to get these large items to our landfill. This is a service the city is going to provide as a courtesy to those people and give them the opportunity to get things off of their property they might not be able to otherwise."

Darden said there's no charge to use the program, which got under way last month in District 1 and will be hitting the other three city districts once a month until completed, but residents do need to be aware of what can and cannot be picked up.

"Some of the more typical items we pick up are tree branches, appliances that don't work anymore, couches and mattresses. We can't pick up any household hazardous waste," said Darden.

For more information, call the city at 264-2504.

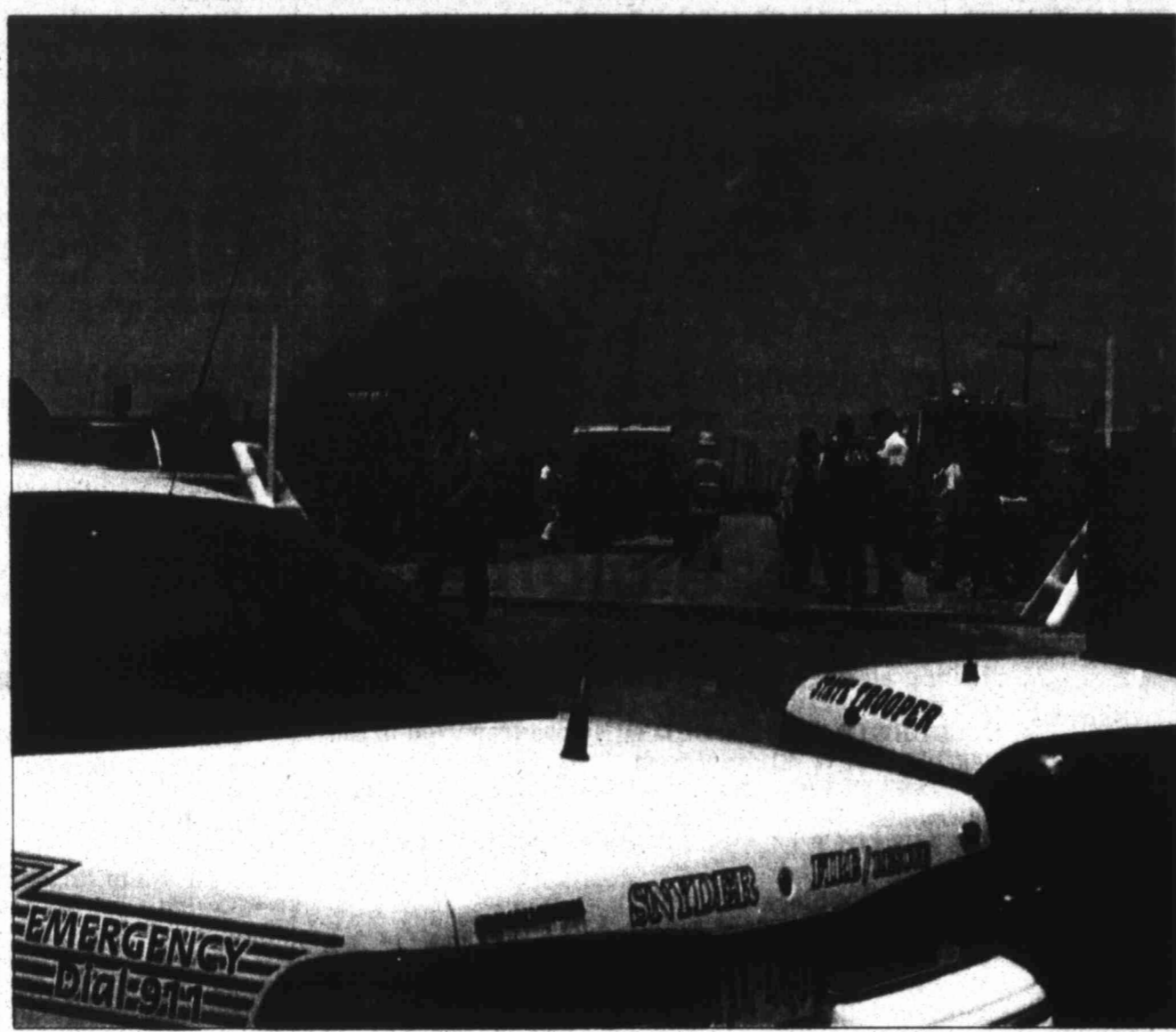
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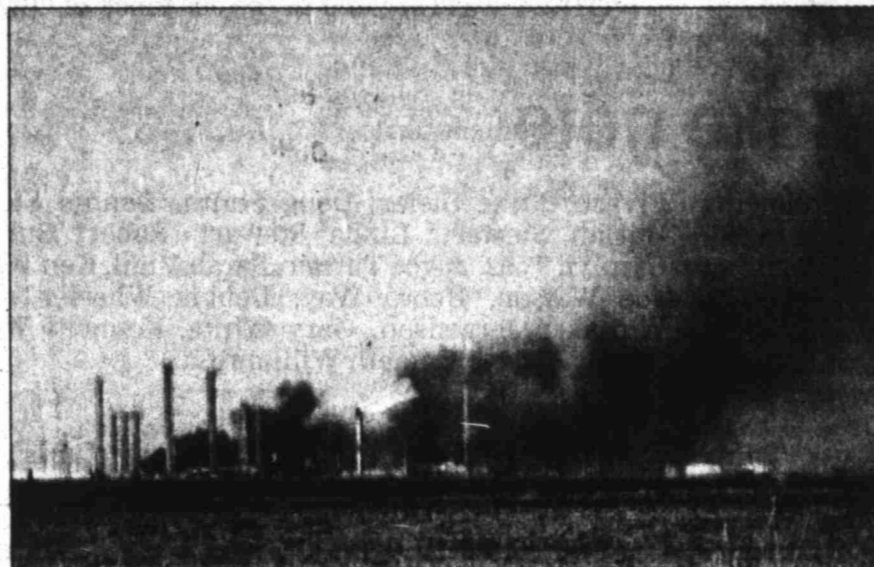
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Above, Big Spring, Howard County and Snyder firefighters discuss how to tackle a fire at a natural gas processing unit in northeast Howard County Monday afternoon. One man was seriously injured in the fire and was airlifted to the University Medical Center in Lubbock. At right, black smoke rises from the facility.

HERALD photo/Lyndel Moody



Fire at Vealmoor plant leaves employee in critical condition

By LYNDEL MOODY
Staff Writer

VEALMOOR — A man injured in a fire at a natural gas processing unit northeast of Big Spring Monday remains in critical condition at the University Medical Center in Lubbock.

According to Terry

Chamness, spokesperson for the Howard County Emergency Management response team, Brent Jones, a WTG Gas employee, received burns to his upper body after a fire broke out in the facility's compressor room.

Jones was transferred to Ackerly by ambulance and then air-lifted to the

Lubbock hospital. He is being treated in the UMC burn unit, a hospital spokesperson said.

The cause of the fire is still undetermined, Chamness said.

Howard County emergency personnel received a call at 12:40 p.m. informing them of a

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Bush maps out course for new Iraq

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush is urging Americans and Iraqis alike to follow what he envisions is a path toward a stable, peaceful Iraq. But events out of his control could frustrate his five-step plan in coming weeks, and he acknowledges "difficult days ahead."



BUSH

The president, speaking at the Army War College in Carlisle, Pa., offered no exit strategy for bringing 138,000 American soldiers home, pledging instead to send

more, if necessary.

"Terrorists will not determine the future of Iraq," Bush declared.

In a speech

Monday

night, he

promised

that Abu

Ghraib

notorious

for torture

under

Saddam

Hussein and

scene of pris-

oner abuse

by U.S.

troops, will

be destroyed

"as a fitting

symbol of

Iraq's new

beginning."

Bush was trying

to reverse grow-

ing doubts about

the war, doubts

that have drag-

ged his approval

ratings to the

lowest point in

his presidency.

That state of

affairs has under-

cut what his

political advisers

viewed as a strength

heading into the

election five

months from

now: his leadership

in combating

terrorism.

"I sent American

troops to Iraq

to defend our

security, not to

stay as an

occupying power,"

he told a War

College crowd

more than 400,

most of them

Army officers

in full dress

uniform. "I sent

American troops

to Iraq to make

its people free,

not to make

them American."

Democratic rival

John Kerry said

Bush's speech

broke no new

ground and

"what's most

important now

is to turn these

words into

action by offer-

ing presidential

leadership to

the nation and

to the world. That's

going

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Bush's five steps

- Hand over authority to a sovereign Iraqi government.
- Help establish stability and security.
- Rebuild Iraq's infrastructure.
- Draw other countries into military and other operations.
- Move toward national elections by January.

Wind energy plays large role here, commissioners told

By LYNDEL MOODY
Staff Writer

One of West Texas' most noted attributes, wind is increasingly seen not just as a force of nature but a viable energy source to be tapped, according to one Howard County resident.

At the Howard County Commissioner's Court meeting Monday, Kathy Lusk, a wind energy advocate, said four Howard County entities generated about \$522,000 of tax revenue in 2003 from Wind Energy, the company which owns and operates the wind farm in Howard County.

"I wanted them to know the benefit not only to the landowner but the county, the school district."



LUSK

According to Lusk, Wind Energy paid almost \$50,000 to Howard County in taxes, more than \$357,000 to the Forsan Independent School District, almost \$90,000 to the Coahoma Independent School District

and \$25,000 to Howard College.

Although she wasn't listed on the court's agenda, commissioners granted Lusk, who regularly attends meetings, a brief audience.

"I wanted them to know the benefit not only to the landowner but the county, the school district," said Lusk, who added the company is in the process of developing several projects in Martin and Glasscock counties. "We need to get the politicians involved to get things like tax credits. It's going to take a lot of people working together."

"People in East Texas benefit from the

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College performing arts center project continuing

By LYNDEL MOODY
Staff Writer

Howard College trustees decided Monday to obtain an in-depth cost analysis of plans for a multi-million-dollar performing arts center and raised tuition fees for out-of-state SouthWest Collegiate Institute for the Deaf students.

"The project construction managers will send out the plans to get the price nailed down before we put the project out for bid," said Howard College President Dr. Cheryl Sparks. "This will allow us to build in alternatives as part of the bidding process."

The 5-year-old project to build a two-story structure to house

the theater and arts programs may be nearing actual construction.

According to project architect Phil Furqueron, Temple Construction of San Angelo, construction managers, are reviewing the plans and do not feel the need to make any more changes.

The process of moving into the new Howard Cottage facility this week is also helping to advance the performing arts center project.

"We're finishing up the new day care facility," Furqueron told trustees. "The building con-

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City council will handle routine items this evening

HERALD Staff Report

The Big Spring City Council will meet this evening with the canvassing of the May 15 election and swearing in of council members topping the agenda.

Mayor Russ McEwen and District 5 council member Joann Knox will both take the oath of office. McEwen finished the election with 1,010 ballots to challenger Pat Deanda's 341, while Knox took her district's race with 256 votes. Her opponent, Hebrew "Hippy" Jones, finished out the election with 176 ballots. McEwen will be serving his second term as mayor, while

5:30 p.m., council chambers, 307 E. Fourth Street.

Knox begins her third term on the council.

Also among the items for consideration:

- Final reading of a resolution authorizing the city manager to execute an industrial district agreement with ALON USA.

- Final reading of a resolution authorizing the city manager to execute an industrial district agreement with Power

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Obituaries

Pat Highley



Pat Highley, 77, of Big Spring died Sunday, May 23, 2004, at her residence. Memorial service will be at 4 p.m. Wednesday at Myers & Smith Chapel with the Rev. Dennis Teeters, pastor of First Baptist Church, officiating. The family will receive friends at Myers & Smith Funeral Home following the service. An additional memorial service will be at 5 p.m. Friday at the First United Methodist Church of Blooming Grove with the Rev. Jonathan Speegle, pastor, officiating.

She was born Dec. 22, 1926, in Kerens to Adren Westbrook and Lula McSpadden Westbrook. She married Darel Highley, Dec. 25, 1948, in Blooming Grove.

They came to Big Spring in 1952 from Lubbock. Mr. Highley preceded her in death Oct. 16, 1976.

Mrs. Highley was a homemaker, and had also taught school and sold real estate. She later worked several years at Howard County Abstract and Walton Morrison Law Offices. She was very active in the Parent/Teacher Association and was president of the Texas State PTA.

She was a member of the Big Spring Kennel Club, Beta Sigma Phi, the Encouragers, a grief support group for widows and widowers, and the First Presbyterian Church.

She is survived by one daughter, Marka Mitchell and her husband, Clay, of Sanderson; two sons, Dee Highley and his wife, Kathy, of Big Spring and Bob Highley and his wife, Shellye, of Lubbock; two sisters, Wanda Sanders of Kaufman and Babe Crider of Breckenridge; nine grandchildren, Tanya Hartman of Bangs, Charlet Robinson of Albany, Ore., Kaley Highley of Abilene, Carol Dockrey of Lamesa, Trey Mitchell of Sanderson, Ryan Highley of Lubbock, Colby Mitchell of Sanderson, Keith Woodruff of Dallas, and Christina Woodruff of Big Spring and two great grandchildren, Maegan Hartman and Katie Hartman, both of Bangs.

Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at www.myersandsmith.com

Paid obituary

Marie McGregor

Marie McGregor, 81, of Big Spring died Monday, May 24, 2004, at her residence. Her services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

Gregory Neil Crawford

Gregory Neil Crawford, 48, of Big Spring died Sunday, May 23, 2004. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Doyle Perdue

Doyle Perdue, 52, of Big Spring died Sunday, May 23, 2004. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Mary Lancaster

Mary Lancaster, 71, of Big Spring died Tuesday, May 25, 2004, at Midland Memorial Hospital. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Police blotter

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

- **BURGLARY OF A BUILDING** was reported in the 700 block of W. Eighth Street.
- **ASSAULT/CLASS C** was reported in the 500 block of Owens.
- **ASSAULT CLASS C/FAMILY VIOLENCE** was reported:
 - in the 600 block of Johnson.
 - in the 1600 block of Avion.
 - in the 1400 block of Highway 87.
- **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported in the 600 block of 11th Place.
- **THEFT** was reported in the 300 block of Owens.

Take note

□ **THE CLASS OF 1974** is looking for the following classmates. If you know where they are please notify Carol Boyd at 432-263-0486 or e-mail Guy Teague at gntea@ddraytech.net: Kim Adams, Steve Adams, Terry Allison, Albert Arriols, Shirley Atwell, Vicki Axelrod, Blaz Bailon, Diane Baldock, Joyce Bennett, Sherri Bertan, Terry Billingsley, John Bowers, Donna Brewer, Kathy Bull, Sherry Burgess, Greg Burris, Randy Callison, Carla Carter, Cindy Cole, Paula Collins, Michael Conley, Linda Curtis, Cynthia D'Angelo, Pam Daniels, Kay Davis, Jimmey Dean, Donna DeFlicht, Joyce DeFlicht, Rosalinda Deleon, Cynthia Dennis, Wendell Dodson, James Dry, Pam Eisler, Dodie Evans, Cathy Ewing, Martha Eyssen, Steve Ferrell, Sandra Floyd, Ramon Franco, Sheri Fry, Karen Fuller, Mary Gainus, Raul Garza, Belinda Gomez, Anna Maria Gonzales, Garland Green, Janis Gregg, Sarah Haas, Sue Harris, June Hendrick Rhea, Mitzi Hill, Tracy Hill, Babbette Huckaba, Debra Hurrington, Robert Jackson, Phil Johnson, Patricia Jordan, Virginia Keathley, Patricia King, Kathy Kirksey, Ruth Knight, John Kushaney, Jeff Kuykendall, Barbara Landreth, Robert Lang, Karen Lawler, Russell Leggett, Wayne Lister, Richard Loehman, Barry Loyd, Art Mackie, Rebecca Marin, Jerry Martin, Virginia Martinez, Beckie Mason, Susie McGuire, Walter McWhiter, Frances Meade, Steve Meador, Patsy Medina, Bobbie Meeks, Henry Menchaca, Maria Mendoza, William Messenger, Jeff Miller, Barbara Morris, Paula Muskovin, Eva Palacios, Phil Parmenter, Vicki Patterson, Lana Perry Bruntington, Iris Phillips, Randal Phillips, Cindy Phillips, Kenneth Platte, Eunice Ramirez, Libby Reed, Tony Reidy, Robert Renteria, Linda Richardson, Earl Richlart, Daniel Rivera, Bennett Robb, Patti Robertson, Vicki Robertson Martin, James Robinson, Johnny Rodriguez, Jerry Rogers, Martha Rogers, Priscilla Rudd Horn, Irene Saldivar, Patrice Sherrill

Support groups

TUESDAY

□ Area Agency on Aging of the Permian basin will sponsor "Caregiving: Solutions, Support and Relief" from 5:30 p.m. until 7 p.m. on Monday, April 19 in the First Presbyterian Church of Coahoma, 205 N. First St. in Coahoma. It is free and open to the public.

THURSDAY

□ Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, 12 noon to 1 p.m.; Women's meeting; 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Non-Smoking closed discussion meeting, 8 to 9 p.m.

□ The Fibromyalgia Autoimmune Disease Support Group will meet only on the second Thursday of the month at noon at the Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center. The group will no longer meet weekly.

□ Alzheimers Support Group meets at 2 p.m. on the third Thursday of each month at The Texas State Veterans Home, 1809 North Highway 87. For more information call Orand Carroll 268-8387.

FRIDAY

□ AA open discussion meeting from noon to 1 p.m. at 605 Settles. Noon Open Big Book Study Meeting, 8 to 9 p.m.

SATURDAY

□ Open Discussion Meeting, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. Open Podium/Speakers Meeting 615 Settles 8 to 9 p.m. Open Birthday Night, No Smoking meeting the last Saturday of each month at 8 p.m.

SUNDAY

Fivash, Mike Sieler, Doug Smith, Dennis Stevens, Harlan Stewart, Linda Stewart, Robert Sullivan, Carolyn Toaz, Joyce Turner, Sarah Vigil, Ken Walton, Joe Watson, Debra Way, Debbie Wheeler, Cindy Whitaker Jorgenson, Gary White, Kenneth Wilcox, Jimmy Wiley, Kenneth Williamson.

□ **DISPLAYS OF SPLENDOR** art camp at is set for June 7-10. Call 264-6444.

□ **POTTON HOUSE**, 200 Gregg, a restored historic home, is open from 1 p.m. until 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. An admission fee, which includes entry into Heritage Museum, is \$2 for adults and \$1 for children and senior citizens.

□ **HERITAGE MUSEUM**, 510 Scurry, is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. on Saturday. An admission fee, which includes entry into the Potton House, is \$2 for adults and \$1 for children.

□ **HANGAR 25 AIR MUSEUM** is open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday, from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. on Saturday and from 1:30 p.m. until 4 p.m. on Sunday.

□ **HAVE YOU SEEN** the movie "The Passion"? If you have seen it, or just heard about it, would you like to receive a free booklet which answers the question "Is the Passion True or False?" Call 263-0680, leave your name and address, and we will be happy to send you this booklet that answers this question, compliments of your friends at St. Paul Lutheran Church.

□ **CHRIST'S COMMUNITY FELLOWSHIP** is requesting donations of any household items, furniture, appliances, linens, cookware and dishes to be distributed to the needy in Big Spring. Items will be picked up. Please call 263-5683 and leave a message.

□ **THE MOBILE MEALS PROGRAM**, which delivers to the elderly and homebound, needs volunteers to deliver meals.

If you can spare one hour per week to deliver eight or 10 meals, you are needed.

About 85 to 90 meals are prepared, packaged and delivered to recipients within the city limits of Big Spring.

If you can volunteer, please call 263-4016 before 3 p.m.

Sheriff's report

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

• **JOSE MONTANEZ**, 35, was arrested Monday by the HCSO on a motion to revoke probation for aggravated driving under the influence from Phoenix, Ariz.

• **WILLIAM ALLEN TILLEY**, 23, was arrested Saturday by DPS on a charge of issuance of a bad check.

• **MANUEL ALVARADO OLVERA**, 36, was arrested Saturday by the HCSO on a charge of driving while intoxicated - second offense.

• **ERIC VIDAL**, 22, was arrested Sunday by DPS on a charge of driving while intoxicated.

• **OTIS J. PORTER**, 21, was transferred to the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while license suspended.

• **ARMANDO LOPEZ**, 33, was transferred to the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while license suspended/invalid - enhanced.

• **VALENTINE TORRES**, 58, was transferred to the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while intoxicated.

Bulletin board

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

TODAY

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

• A Stitches' Time Club meets at 3:30 p.m. at Primitive Baptist Church, 201 E. 24th St. Everyone is invited to learn and share sewing skills, and portable sewing machines are welcome. Call Kay Sikes at 394-4835 for more information.

• The Multiple Sclerosis Support Group meets at 7 p.m. in the College Baptist Church Fellowship Hall, 1105 Birdwell Lane. For more information, call Tracey Pounds at 268-4948.

WEDNESDAY

• Optimist Club meets at 7 a.m. in the Howard College Cactus Room.

• Senior Circle meets at 10 a.m. in the Scenic Mountain Medical Center classroom for Stretch and Tone. Call 268-4721.

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

• Line dancing begins at 1 p.m. in the Spring City Senior Citizen's Center in the Industrial Park. Call 267-6966 or 267-1628.

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

• Eagles Lodge Ladies Auxiliary meets at 7 p.m. in the Eagles Lodge, 703 W. Third.

THURSDAY

• Gideon International Big Spring Camp U42060 meets at 7 a.m. in Herman's Restaurant.

• Coffee Club meets at 10 a.m. in Gale's Sweet Shoppe.

• Kiwanis Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room. Call 267-6479.

• Coahoma High School graduation ceremony at 7 p.m. in the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

• Masonic Lodge 598 meets at 7:30 p.m. at 219 Main.

FRIDAY

• Signal Mountain Quilting Guild meets from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. at St. Mary's Episcopal Church. Members bring their own lunch. Call 267-1037 or 267-7281 for more information.

• AMBUCS meet at noon in La Posada Restaurant.

• Greater Big Spring Rotary Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room.

• Big Spring High School graduation ceremony at 8 p.m. in Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

• Spring City Senior Citizen's Center country and western dance from 7:30 p.m. until 10:30 p.m. All area seniors are invited.

SATURDAY

• Registration deadline for the Coahoma Lion's Club Citywide Garage Sale. Forms are available at Little Sooper Market.

• Eagles Lodge Dance at 8:30 p.m. at 703 W. Third.

SUNDAY

• Team Rustic Circle, an amateur paintball team, meets for practice between noon and dusk at the Moss Creek Lake paintball facility. The public is always invited, whether to participate or just spectate. For more information contact Rick Boiles at 264-2395 or 393-5246.

Lottery

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Monday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 7-12-19-31-35.

Number matching five of five: 0.

Next Cash 5 drawing: Tuesday night.

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The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Monday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 5-6-0

Weather

Tonight - Widely scattered showers and thunderstorms should diminish as the evening progresses, otherwise skies remaining mostly cloudy. A few storms may be severe. Low 71. Winds SSE at 10 to 20 mph. Chance of rain 30 percent.

Wednesday - Sunshine along with some passing clouds. Hot. High 94. Winds SSW at 10 to 20 mph.

Wednesday night - Mostly clear skies. Low around 70. Winds SSE at 10 to 20 mph.

Thursday - More sun than clouds. Highs in the mid 90s and lows in the upper 60s.

Friday - Abundant sunshine. Highs in the low 90s and lows in the low 70s.

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World

Blueprint for Iraq

UNITED NATIONS gave a green light Tuesday for a U.S.-British blueprint for a new government but with a control over security force that will try to rebuild the country.

The president of the United States said Tuesday that the blueprint for a new government he spoke to reappointed body.

The introduction of Iraq's occupying negotiations with France and Germany interim government security issues.

The United States awaited plan for a nationally televised election to win the occupation plan shaken by violence after repeating to rebuild the country.

Under the resolution, the United States is authorized to maintain security in Iraq. The resolution is made for training.

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U.S. forces fight

NAJAF, Iraq - Shia shrines of Shia clashes Tuesday. Shiite militiamen of them civilian for the shrine.

In Baghdad, at least five Iraqis the blast, about Embassy, was injured.

After the fight, the Imam Ali shrine gate of the shrine. The shrine was destroyed.

Al-Jazeera television showed several people in the mosque corner. More than 100 people were injured.

Supporters of the An and said 12 people were injured. The U.S. investigating the incident.

FBI apologizes

PORTLAND, Ore. - The FBI apologized for the American law scene of a terror led to his imprisonment.

The apology missed the case. The case has been held as a case, which 2,000 others.

Mayfield, a critic of the bars "humiliation" he was targeted.

"This whole case shouldn't have been believed. I was I feel, as a Muslim."

Karin J. Im denied Mayfield's religion and mail laws in the case.

Court documents the mistaken FBI's supercomputer then was corrected.

SBC reaches

SAN ANTONIO - The SBC Communications agreement with early Tuesday. The day strike officials said.

Communication of the five-year contract, improvement for the employees.

CWA worked at facilities SBC, but never four days. The Tuesday as a result.

The tentative base wage will receive base for five years, said SBC.

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World news briefs

Blueprint for Iraq sets stage for intense talks

UNITED NATIONS (AP) — Security Council nations gave a generally positive response to the U.S.-British blueprint for a post-occupation Iraqi government but several demanded greater Iraqi control over security and the U.S.-led multinational force that will try to restore stability.

The president of the Iraqi Governing Council said Tuesday that the blueprint falls short of expectation. Ghazi Mashal Ajil al-Yawer did not elaborate when he spoke to reporters after a meeting of the U.S.-appointed body.

The introduction of a draft resolution Monday by Iraq's occupying powers set the stage for intense negotiations with longtime critics of the war, such as France and Germany, who are demanding that Iraq's interim government be the key decision-maker on security issues.

The United States and Britain unveiled the long-awaited plan hours before President Bush said in a nationally televised address that American forces would stay in Iraq until it was free and democratic.

The resolution is an attempt by the Bush administration to win international backing for the post-occupation plans in Iraq, which have been severely shaken by violence. With his approval ratings sinking after repeated setbacks in Iraq, Bush is also seeking to rebuild support at home.

Under the resolution, the multinational force would be authorized to take "all necessary measures" to maintain security and prevent terrorism, while no mention is made of the Iraqi army — except the need for training.

U.S. forces fight cleric's supporters in Najaf

NAJAF, Iraq (AP) — One of the most sacred shrines of Shia Islam suffered minor damage during clashes Tuesday between U.S. forces and radical Shiite militiamen that killed at least 13 Iraqis, some of them civilians. It was unclear who was responsible for the shrine damage.

In Baghdad, a car bomb near a hotel wounded at least five Iraqis, the U.S. military said. The target of the blast, about 100 yards from the Australian Embassy, was not immediately clear.

After the fighting in Najaf eased, people gathered at the Imam Ali shrine to look at the damage. The inner gate of the shrine, leading into the tomb of Imam Ali Ibn Abu Talib, appeared to have been hit by a projectile. Debris was scattered on the ground.

Al-Jazeera television showed a torn veil covering the gate, and damage on the wall around it. It also showed several injured people lying on the floor of the mosque compound, and an angry crowd of more than 100 shouting and shaking their fists at the site.

Supporters of Shiite militia leader Muqtada al-Sadr accused the Americans firing mortars at the mosque, and said 12 people were injured in the mosque compound. The U.S. command in Baghdad said it was investigating reports of damage.

FBI apologizes to American lawyer

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) — Offering a rare public apology, the FBI admitted mistakenly linking an American lawyer's fingerprint to one found near the scene of a terrorist bombing in Spain, a blunder that led to his imprisonment for two weeks.

The apology Monday came hours after a judge dismissed the case against Brandon Mayfield, who had been held as a material witness in the Madrid bombings case, which killed 191 people and injured about 2,000 others.

Mayfield, a 37-year-old convert to Islam, sharply criticized the government, calling his time behind bars "humiliating" and "embarrassing" and saying he was targeted because of his faith.

"This whole process has been a harrowing ordeal. It shouldn't happen to anybody," said Mayfield. "I believe I was singled out and discriminated against, I feel, as a Muslim."

Karin J. Immergut, the U.S. attorney in Oregon, denied Mayfield had been a target because of his religion and maintained that the FBI had followed all laws in the case.

Court documents released Monday suggested that the mistaken arrest first sprang from an error by the FBI's supercomputer for matching fingerprints and then was compounded by the FBI's own analysts.

SBC reaches tentative agreement with union

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Local-phone giant SBC Communications Inc. reached a tentative contract agreement with more than 100,000 union employees early Tuesday, hours after the workers' planned four-day strike came to an end, union and company officials said.

Communications Workers of America leaders say the five-year deal, which is subject to member ratification, improves wages and strengthens job security for the employees it represents in 13 states.

CWA workers walked off the job Friday and picketed at facilities across the nation to put pressure on SBC, but never intended for the strike to go beyond four days. Many returned to work after midnight Tuesday as planned, and the agreement came soon after.

The tentative agreement provided across-the-board base wage increases. On average, employees will receive base wage increases of 2.3 percent per year for five years and lump sums averaging \$300 per year, said SBC officials.

IRAQ

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to require the president to genuinely reach out to our allies so the United States doesn't have to continue to go it alone and to create the stability necessary to allow the people of Iraq to move forward."

In his speech, Bush tried to signal that the troops would not be there indefinitely.

"America's task in Iraq

is not only to defeat an enemy, it is to give strength to a friend — a free, representative government that serves its people and fights on their behalf, and the sooner this goal is achieved, the sooner our job will be done," Bush said.

The president laid out a five-point plan to "achieve freedom and peace in Iraq":

— Hand over authority to a sovereign Iraqi government.

— Help establish stability

and security.

— Rebuild Iraq's infrastructure.

— Draw other countries into military and other operations.

— Move toward national elections by January.

The insurgents in Iraq have been hampering such efforts, assassinating top Iraqi political leaders and harrying U.S. troops, destroying infrastructure by blowing up oil pipelines and stoking dissent among Iraqis about the legitimacy of the interim government.

"There are difficult days ahead, and the way forward may sometimes appear chaotic," Bush allowed. "The terrorists and Saddam loyalists would rather see many Iraqis die than have any live in freedom."

Watching Bush's speech in Dearborn, Mich., Sam Bakir, a 32-year-old Iraqi-American, said, "What he's saying is what all Iraqis want to hear. We

want the chance to elect our own leaders and write our own history after 30 years of being force-fed a fate we didn't want."

Edward Goldberg, 66, an investment manager watching Bush in Brookline, Mass., said he was sad about what he believes is the failure of a war he once reluctantly supported.

"I don't see how we can pull off a smooth transition," Goldberg said.

The Army general who was in charge of Abu Ghraib has been suspended from command of the 800th Military Police Brigade, officials said Monday.

Brig. Gen. Janis Karpinski and other officers in her brigade were faulted by Army investigators for paying too little attention to the prison's day-to-day operations and not acting strongly enough to discipline soldiers for violating procedures.

COUNTY

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wind in West Texas," she said. "We export the energy to them. It's another option to complement other energy forces."

In other business, the Howard County Library will begin summer hours in June, according to Librarian Hollis McCright.

"We will not be open on Saturdays. We don't have the traffic in the summer" she said. "We took into consideration utilities and the number of people who use the library on Saturday."

During the months of June through August, the library's operating hours will be from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday through Friday.

"We'll return to being open on Saturdays in September," McCright said. "We usually deal with heavy usage when school begins."

McCright added the library staff is gearing up for the annual summer reading program which begins registration on June 1.

"We usually run about 200 kids a week for the four-day program," McCright said.

Hopefully, the summer reading staff and participants will not have to worry about flooding in the library basement where the program is held. According to McCright, a \$13,000 project to install trays in the basement ceiling to catch run-off water is complete.

"All we need now is a good rain," she said.

In other business, County Clerk Donna Wright informed commissioners that Howard County is eligible for another more funds from the Help America Vote Act (HAVA) of 2002, which, by 2006, will not allow punch card ballot or mechanical lever voting machine systems to be used in an election.

The county is eligible for \$3,500 in reimbursement for attending election training and \$33,859 to help with the cost of switching to a new voting system. In the May 10 meeting, commissioners adopted a resolution from the Secretary of State which made the county eligible for \$67,036 from the HAVA.

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COLLEGE

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dition is usable. We're waiting to put in a transformer. Once that gets here, the building will be down for a few hours to put in the transformer, but we're in good shape."

Once the program takes over the new facility, Howard College can start to consider tearing down Howard Cottage's former facility, an old U.S. Air Force barracks, which will pave the way toward construction on the performing arts center.

In other business, trustees approved a \$42 per credit-hour tuition increase on out-of-state SWCID students from \$178 per year to \$220. This is the second installation to gradually bring the SWCID out-of-state tuition costs for non-residents up to the required state rate of \$306.

A new face graced the Board of Trustees. Murray Murphy, who won the Precinct 2 seat in the May 15 election, and re-elected incumbent Michael Flores both took

the oath of office after trustees canvassed the ballots.

After holding a quick board officers election, Dr. Charles Warren remains as the chairman of the board. Harold Davis was elected again to service as vice chairman and Marie Ethridge will also serve a second term as secretary.

In other business, trustees approved:

• A resolution of appreciation to Adrian Randle for his years of service to the district. Randle served as a trustee from 1992-2004.

• A contract with KWES for use of land to broadcast shows.

• Handbook changes which allow retirees to donate some of their sick leave to the accumulated sick leave pool upon retirement.

• Bids for biology equipment, notebook computers and soft drink vending services.

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• Final reading of a resolution opposing any school finance or tax system reforms that would negatively affect city revenues and economic development efforts.

• Final reading of a resolution of the city council supporting the effort to require the Texas Legislature to record the votes of its members on matters considered by the House and Senate.

• First reading of an ordinance regulating cable system franchises.

FIRE

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fire at the WTC Gas processing unit, which employs 23 people. Black smoke could be seen rising from the plant for miles.

Howard County sheriff's deputies were first on the scene. Also responding were the Howard County Volunteer Fire Department, the Big Spring Fire Department and emergency vehicles from Snyder.

"The fire was under control around 5 p.m.," Chamness said. "One of the compressors caught on fire. Nine employees were there at the time of the fire."

After evacuating the area, firefighters spoke with managers of the facility in trying to determine how best to attack the fire. Water was

• First reading of an ordinance granting a cable franchise to Cox Communications.

• First reading of a resolution authorizing delivery of a vulnerability assessment plan for the city of Big Spring utility system to the Environmental Protection Agency.

The council will also meet in executive session this evening to deliberate on the deployment or specific occasions for implementation of security personnel or devices.

The meeting will get underway today at 5:30 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, located at 307 E. Fourth Street.

brought into the facility because the unit's hydrants were not working at the time.

WTG Gas unit receives compressed natural gas from pipelines, re-compresses it and then pipes it to other facilities. No one answered the phone at the WTC plant this morning.

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Pat Highley, 77, died Sunday. Memorial Service will be at 4:00 PM Wednesday at Myers & Smith Chapel. The family will receive friends at Myers & Smith Funeral Home following the service.

Gregory Neil Crawford, 48, died Sunday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Doyle Perdue, 52, died Sunday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Mary Lancaster, 71, died Tuesday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

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OUR VIEWS

ALON's 75th anniversary was a winner

Wow! What a party! We believe it's safe to say that it has been a long, long time since Howard Countians have seen anything coming close to the celebration ALON USA officials put together to mark the Big Spring Refinery's 75th anniversary.

New Heritage Museum exhibits, refinery tours, breakfasts, banquets, a cookout, a golf tournament, downtown tours and an eye-popping country music concert...

And the list of dignitaries that turned up for the observance, although fitting, was nothing short of astounding. Gov. Rick Perry, U.S. Congressmen Randy Neugebauer and Charles Stenholm, State Sen. Kel Seliger and State Rep. Pete Laney led the contingent of notable visitors who accepted the invitation to take part.

It was obvious that ALON officials spared no effort and no expense in making sure that not only their employees and retirees, but the entire community would enjoy and long remember the refinery's milestone.

That is only fitting when one considers the role the refinery has played in Big Spring and Howard County's fortunes over the years. It has long been a cornerstone of this community, having much more impact than just its good corporate citizenship and positive economic effect.

We here at the *Herald* offer our kudos to ALON USA and the refinery's current and past employees.

And we can only anticipate what the refinery will have in store for its 100th anniversary. One thing for certain, last weekend's blowout will be difficult to top.

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

We are filled with expectations, Lord, in this new day. Help us make this a day of joy and praise for you.

Amen

Wild Kingdom: Mountain lions vs. society

Some years ago, I had a neighbor who brought her pet bird to a swimming pool frequented by cats and people. We warned the bird owner that the cats would attack her bird, but the neighbor insisted that cats couldn't be that "mean." She believed that — until a cat pounced on her pet, forcing irritated neighbors to pry the happy feline off the frightened bird.

I can't help but think of that neighbor as I watch the reaction to the Palo Alto, Calif., police shooting of a mountain lion that had strolled into a suburban neighborhood. Maybe it's one of those Only in California things, but a number of area residents, apparently convinced that the cat would not have hurt any people, have bombarded the Palo Alto Police Department with faultfinding e-mails.

"Dirty bloodthirsty bastards" is how one San Francisco resident described the police in an e-mail to the San Francisco Chronicle. A correspondent on craigslist.org called the cops "low-lives" for killing "a poor mountain lion." Other Web sites displayed choice sexist remarks about the female officer who shot the cougar.

Elliot Katz of the Mill Valley, Calif., group In Defense of Animals told the Chronicle that after a black Labrador chased the lion up a tree, the puma would not "come down where there are dogs or a bunch of people." Police could have shot the cat with tranquilizer darts, said Katz, and the cat would have stayed in the tree until the drugs caused it to fall.

Most mountain lions aren't inter-

ested in eating people, especially adults, but sometimes they do. Logic suggests that attacks against humans are more likely to happen when mountain lions have so little fear of people that they lounge on their front yards.

Recent experience suggests that tranquilizing mountain lions isn't as breezy as dart-gun fans believe. In March, Morgan Hill, Calif., police tried to dart three cougar cubs. One became spooked, ran off before it was darted and was killed by a car. Police had to shoot a second cub as it tried to tear through a family's screen door. Only one cub was tranquilized and released in the wild.

As Troy Swauger of the state Department of Fish and Game noted, it takes 20 to 30 minutes for the tranquilizers to work; darting a mountain lion gives it "the freedom to take off" and "puts everyone at risk."

People who criticize the police shooting don't understand what could have happened. John Furrier, the Palo Alto resident whose dog Kelsey chased the puma, said, "This cat came off the tree after the shooting and leapt with power into the next yard, fatally wounded." If a fatally wounded cat could bound so far, imagine what might have happened if police had used a dart that takes 20 minutes or more to work. No one knows.

Furrier's children, Tyler, age 2, and Caroline, 3, were playing in the yard when Kelsey began barking at the puma. If the dog hadn't confronted the lion, it might have attacked his tots and dragged them away. Now, there's a shrine in Furrier's neighborhood for the fallen mountain lion.

"What would the shrine have been like for my kids?" Furrier asked.

What kind of shrine indeed? Bay Area residents have been known

to show more empathy for animals than for children. In 1994, a mountain lion attacked and killed a 40-year-old mother of two as she was jogging in El Dorado County. Authorities tracked down and killed the mountain lion.

Concerned citizens pledged \$21,000 to fund a home for the cougar's orphaned cub at the Folsom, Calif., Zoo, while a trust fund for Barbara Schoener's two children received only \$9,000. It took Rush Limbaugh making the disparity a national cause before the children's trust attracted more money than the lion cub's fund.

If children take a back seat to animals, imagine the status of police officers. While many residents know the police did the right thing, others have been quick to assume that the police were trigger-happy. I can't imagine any police officer who would enjoy downing such an exquisite animal. It's a thankless chore done for one reason: to save lives.

Maybe there's some guilt behind the criticism. Savvy Californians understand that we have encroached on animal habitat — which is why authorities at times must kill mountain lions and other wildlife. Perhaps some believe that if they side with the animals, that somehow absolves them of the blood shed in their defense.

But it doesn't. It only makes them ingrates who don't appreciate the people who risk their lives to keep their communities safe.

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Hostilities between uniforms and suits

The story passed around by military officers at the Department of Defense is that Ahmed Chalabi, outraged by the arrest of his associates and the raid on his home by U.S.-authorized Iraqi police, quickly got on the phone to the Pentagon. "Get me Wolfowitz!" Chalabi is alleged to have demanded. But it was too late for Deputy Defense Secretary Paul Wolfowitz or anybody else to save the erstwhile American favorite in Iraq.

In fact, Wolfowitz, widely identified as a leader of Pentagon "neo-cons" who sponsored Chalabi, had signed off on cutting ties with the designated leader of a future democratic Iraq. Defense Department civilians had brought Chalabi to power there against the wishes of the State Department, the CIA, prominent Republican senators and the king of Jordan. Nearly two weeks ago, Chalabi's sponsors gave up on him and quietly canceled his U.S. subsidies. Iraqi police raids were sanctioned by the Pentagon-sponsored Coalition Provisional Authority (CPA) in Baghdad.

Satisfaction among senior officers in the American high command over Chalabi's fall signifies deepening hostility between uniforms and suits at the Pentagon. The uniforms have been humiliated by the televised spectacle of generals in the dock, taking the fall in the Iraqi prisoner abuse scandal. They now enjoy a measure of revenge in witnessing the fall of the questionable exile

anointed by Pentagon civilians.

The last straw for Chalabi, according to intelligence sources, was the discovery of his contacts with the Iranian regime. The same sources say the wealthy Iraqi Shiite had sent armed agents to harass private citizens. Now that his Iraqi National Congress (INC) has lost its \$340,000 monthly intelligence subsidy, Chalabi has dispersed his agents around Iraq, according to U.S. military sources.

Chalabi many years ago was a CIA resource, but the Agency dropped him as unreliable. He then was picked up by the neo-cons as their man in Iraq to replace Saddam Hussein. Richard Perle, who became a leading Rumsfeld adviser after 2000, for years had claimed the ability of the INC to smoothly grasp power in Iraq. On Feb. 16, 2001, on CNN's "Crossfire," he told me the Iraqi dictator could be driven from power without U.S. troops by the INC's "political challenge to Saddam that will lead ultimately to piercing the veil of his invincibility."

When it actually was an American expeditionary force that pierced the veil, Rumsfeld launched a coup de main landing Chalabi in Baghdad without Secretary of State Colin Powell's knowledge or approval. Deputy Secretary of State Richard Armitage was particularly opposed to bringing the INC to Baghdad so early, giving them an advantage in the struggle for power.

There was no lack of warning to the Pentagon about its commitment to Chalabi. Jordan's King Abdullah told senators that he informed the Bush administration that Chalabi, wanted on criminal

charges in Jordan, is a "thug." The leading two Republicans on the Senate Foreign Relations Committee — Sens. Richard Lugar and Chuck Hagel — issued similar warnings. The CIA informed President Bush that the INC's intelligence about Iraq was unreliable and often just plain wrong. Powell and Armitage were precise in their forecasts of the embarrassments ahead.

Perle continues to defend Chalabi as victim of a disinformation campaign by the State Department and the CIA, but Chalabi's previous governmental sponsors developed instant amnesia. Rumsfeld's comment last week after the Chalabi raid displayed the master of obfuscation at his best: "I certainly was not aware there was going to be a raid on a home, if in fact there was one. My understanding is that the Iraqis are involved in this, and you'd best ask them."

Will George W. Bush ask uncomfortable questions about how this man ended up wielding authority over Iraq despite multiple critics in the administration and its congressional allies? Republican senators, who do not yet want to be quoted by name, feel there must be some accountability for this massive blunder, as there must be for the prisoner abuse scandal. They want the president at least to consider whether Don Rumsfeld, Paul Wolfowitz and others should pay with their jobs for putting Ahmed Chalabi in power.

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Sharing numerous tidbits from cyberspace

Thought I'd share these interesting little news items from cyberspace with our readers this week.

— San Francisco will be the world's Cyber capital this coming October when Samsung Electronics, a global digital entertainment leader, brings the World Cyber Games (WCG) Grand Final to the U.S. for the first time. The tournament, which has grown into the greatest global festival for gamers and digital entertainment culture, will allow 700 of the world's best gamers from 60 countries to compete for the No. 1 position at the Bill Graham Civic Auditorium, October 4-10.



THOMAS JENKINS

More than one million gaming enthusiasts from around the world are expected to participate in this year's online and offline events. Eight official WCG 2004 games will be played offline this year: StarCraft; Brood War, WarCraft III; The Frozen Throne; Counter-Strike; Condition-Zero; Need for Speed Underground; FIFA Soccer 2004; Unreal Tournament 2004; Halo (Xbox); and Project Gotham Racing 2 (Xbox). In the U.S. and Canada this year, the top two winners from the seven individual games, and the top Counter-Strike team, will advance from each offline qualifier to the WCG 2004 USA Final or WCG 2004 Canada Final, which will both be held in September.

— IronPort Systems, the world's leading email infrastructure products and services company,

today reports that the temporary restraining order against SpamCop.net, a wholly-owned subsidiary of IronPort Systems Inc., has been dissolved.

SpamCop.net, a wholly-owned subsidiary of IronPort Systems Inc., is an interactive Internet-based service that helps individuals and Internet Service Providers (ISPs) reduce unsolicited email, or "spam," by forwarding complaints of spam to ISPs taken advantage of by spammers. SpamCop.net has been sued by Optinrealbig.com, and its self-proclaimed "King of Spam" CEO Scott Richter, who seeks to silence the anti-spam community.

— If every time you jump online to check your e-mail, you are forced to wade through multiple irritating or offensively titled emails just to get to your legitimate mail — you need to check out Challenge/Response. Challenge/Response is the only spam-fighting technology that effectively eliminates 100 percent of spam from your inbox with zero false positives — leaving only the e-mail you wish to receive. Here's how Challenge/Response works. Any e-mail sent from someone who has not already been added to your address book is held in a Pending folder, and a response is automatically sent, asking the sender to authenticate themselves (called a "Challenge"). Legitimate senders need only type in the seven digits found in the challenge email. They are instantly verified, and their email moves immediately into your inbox. Spammers, on the other hand, send out millions of computer-generated e-mails, so it is not

feasible for them to respond to the challenge messages. As a result, the spam stays in the pending folder and is ultimately deleted, never reaching your inbox.

— Sony Connect Inc. formally announced the domestic launch of its new Connect online music store, located at www.connect.com, offering consumers an easy-to-use, affordable and secure means of purchasing music online for download to a wide variety of Sony portable electronic devices. The announcement was made from United Airlines' Red Carpet Club at Chicago's O'Hare International Airport prior to the carrier's first-ever Chicago-to-Los Angeles in-flight concert. The concert featured Grammy Award-winning recording artist Sheryl

Crow, who performed at 35,000 feet in front of an audience of select fans and VIPs. The announcement also marked the launch of Mileageplusmusic.com, a partnership between Sony Connect and United Airline's popular Mileage Plus frequent flyer program. Mileageplusmusic.com gives the more than 44 million Mileage Plus members the opportunity to earn and redeem miles for online music.

— PandaLabs has detected the appearance of a new variant of the Sasser worm virus which, according to data gathered by Panda Software international technical support network, it's affecting computers all over the world. The appearance of the Sasser.E worm comes just after the announce-

ment of the arrest of the presumed creator of the virus. According to Luis Corrons, Head of PandaLabs, "This fact confirms our fears that he is not the only person programming the Sasser and Netsky worms, but rather it is an organized group of delinquents. This seems to indicate that there is a kind of cyber war being waged among the creators of the Bagle, Mydoom, Netsky and Sasser worms, and it will continue to cause many more variants of the virus."

Sasser.E is just the latest in a string of variants A, B, C, D which the epidemic has caused in just a few days. Just like the others, Sasser.E exploits a security gap of Microsoft Windows known as LSASS, published in the MSN bulletin MSO4-011. Sasser.E

searches the Internet for vulnerable computers to attack. Once that is done, it creates a copy of itself to the Windows directory under the file name LSASS.EXE. The results lead to a systems error which forces the infected computer to reboot every 60 seconds.

In order to prevent your system from becoming a victim of Sasser.E or any of its variants, it is necessary to install the patch which Microsoft offers to correct the security flaw LSASS, and which can be downloaded from www.microsoft.com and update your antivirus protection.

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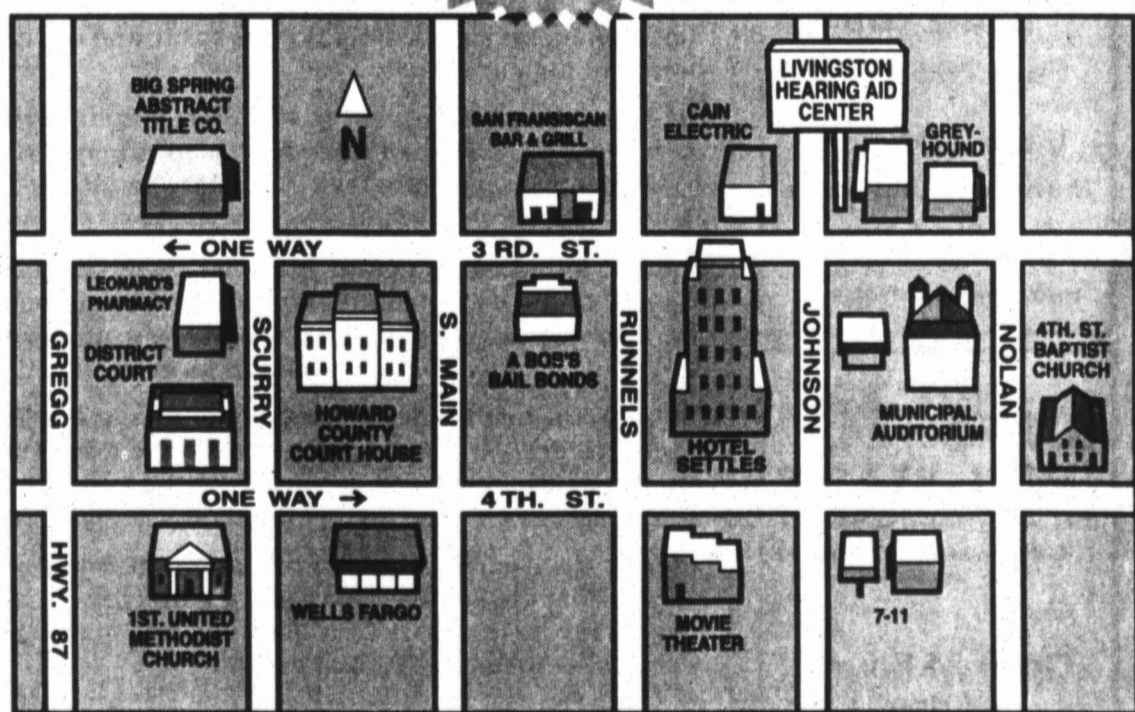
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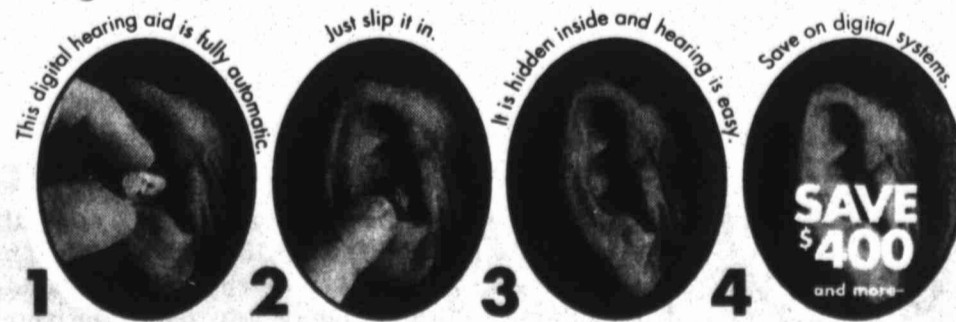


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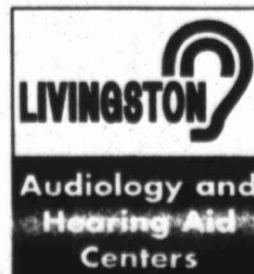


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'George Washington's Teeth' by Deborah Chandra and Madeleine Comora

George Washington fought tooth decay and the British

By KATIE BLACK

Special to the Herald
Editor's note: This book review by Moss Elementary student Katie Black was written as a magazine interview between Miss Black as the reporter and Scarlet Robertson as George Washington.

George Washington was the first President of the United States. Poor George not only fought the British, but spent most of his life fighting tooth decay.

The authors, Deborah Chandra and Madeleine Comora, used letters, diaries and other historical record to write the story of George's tooth problem. George has agreed to come and share his story.

Reporter: George, what is your book mainly about?

George: My tooth loss and the pain I endured during the Revolutionary War and throughout my lifetime.



KATIE BLACK

Reporter: George, have you always had trouble with your teeth?

George: When I was 22 years of age, I lost my first tooth and it seems like every year after that I would lose another tooth.

Reporter: What caused your teeth to fall out?

George: My teeth fell out because I ate the wrong kinds of food and they rotted out.

Reporter: How long did it take to lose all your teeth?

George: It took 42 years, during the years 1754-1796.

Reporter: What did you use to help the pain?

George: I rubbed my swollen gums with soothing oil of myrrh.

Reporter: What kinds of foods could you eat?

George: I could eat mush, pickled tripe, cranberry pudding, cooked onions, hominy, potatoes and cheese.

Reporter: What kinds of food did you sneak?

George: I couldn't resist apples, raisins and my favorite nuts.

Reporter: Did the dentures work that the dentist made for you?

George: No, because when I opened my mouth, springs would fly everywhere.

Reporter: How many teeth did you have when you were elected President?

George: I had only two left.

Reporter: What materials were some of your false teeth made out of?

George: The first teeth were made of hippopotamus ivory and eight human teeth.

Reporter: What happened to your last tooth?

George: I had it encased in gold and wore it on a watch chain.

Reporter: If you want to know about George and his trials with his teeth, then you will need to read

"George Washington's Teeth."

From the editor: This is the fourth in a series of book reviews written by Big Spring Independent School District elementary students. The Bluebonnet Books are Texas award-nominated juvenile literature and are available at the Howard County Library.

Coahoma Lion's Club sets annual citywide garage sale

Coahoma Lions Club annual Citywide Garage Sale registration deadline is Saturday. The citywide sale is scheduled for June 5.

A \$15 donation to the Coahoma Lion's Club provides advertising in newspapers in Big Spring,

Abilene, Snyder and Colorado City, plus radio and television advertising and flyers.

Maps are provided to garage sale customers and to local businesses by the Coahoma Lions Club, and yard signs for each garage sale also are deliv-

ered.

Register at the Little Sooper Market in Coahoma. Provide name, address, telephone number and major items for sale.

For more information contact Brian Klinksiek at 394-4395.

Marriage and Other Scary Matters

Getting married and being marriage are two completely different ordeals

Getting married is one thing. Marriage is a whole other ordeal. After being married for 10 years, I

went out and bought a hammer. They work just great for hanging pictures and stuff like that. My husband never trusted me with a hammer because he didn't like my hammering techniques. He kept muttering something about a lot of holes in the walls. After purchasing the forbidden fruit, I hid it. Unfortunately, he found it, took it back and kept the money. That's marriage.

There are times when you have to take a reality check and evaluate whether or not the guy you married is the same guy you said "I Do" to.

It's like the minute that heart-pounding, life-changing, peace-threatening speech is uttered, something happens to your mate.

I had no sooner said those two innocent-sounding words, than my husband invited complete strangers to our home for lunch.

They carried in a dead deer, threw it on my counter, expected me to cook it. And my husband

was a no-show!

There we sat, several hours later, with a rubberized, oven-roasted deer, a can of beans, and nothing in common.

I said things like, "How are y'all doing?" and "Boy, this deer sure is tough." All in all it was really interesting.

When my husband did decide to grace us with his presence, he'd already had lunch. Something edible, I presume.

Of course, there is the matter of trip taking. Trip taking is not for the faint of heart. It's not for the faint of anything.

The next time we decide to drive anywhere over 36 miles in distance, I promise to have myself sent via Fed Ex.

Naturally, there's the bonus of children. The minute our first child was born, we should have invested in a rent-me-for-\$25-a-day trailer.

On our first airplane ride with her, we took eight carry-on bags, not to mention several pieces of luggage, a car seat, a stroller and a blue baby bathtub.

It was quite a feat to fit all of that into my sister's mini-sized sedan. I sat squashed between a car seat and a window with a bathtub crammed into my side.

After about five years or so, we began to finish each other's sentences. It would be cool, except for the fact that it is un-cool.

What I have found is

that I think I've said something out loud, but really have not.

He hasn't gotten the memo and accidentally foils my plans. Of course, that makes me really steamed.

Money. How could I possible leave that out? You can only live on love for so long, then you have to have toilet paper.

My struggle has always been that my husband forgets to come home from work. He's a manager and when he's at work, he's at work. He forgets all about time and dinner and other important things like that.

But, then there is that pesky matter of getting a paycheck. The truth is, money is a necessary commodity in this world.

If there is too much, you get spoiled. If there isn't enough, you get stressed.

If you spend more than you make, you get bawled out. If you spend less than.....forget I said that.

All in all, marriage is a good thing, despite the nail-pounding, venison-roasting, trip-taking, bathtub-bearing, sentence-finishing moments.

I wouldn't trade it for all my single days of youth.

Finding the humor in each event is what keeps me sane. Not to mention married.

Christy Alton is a mother of two, a full-time student and married to Ron. Her column appears in Tuesday's edition of the Big Spring Herald.



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CLAYTON, THE CLYDESDALE

When Clayton was just a young horse, all he could think of was always wanting to be like his daddy. Now, his daddy was a big powerful horse and was so handsome. All of the other horses wanted to be just like him, too. He could pull the heaviest loads without even trying. When he stood alone on the hillside in the pasture, he was such a beautiful sight to see. He was so big and tall and everyone just wanted to look at him.

His mane was dark brown. His tail was a light brown, and his back was almost grey. He had huge hooves as all clydesdales do. But the big hooves just made him look even more handsome. He could do just about anything.

Clayton would get so mad at himself because he could not do all the things that his daddy could do. But Clayton had no way of knowing that someday he would be just as handsome and even stronger than his daddy. He only had to wait until he grew up a little more.

One day, the owner of the ranch where Clayton lived came by in his shiny new car. It was a very nice car with a roof that folded back, which made it look like a racing car. It was very pretty with the top down, too.

It had rained earlier that day and all of the roads were slippery and muddy. That shiny new car really got dirty in all of that mud. And then it happened! The new car became stuck in the mud. "Oh boy," the owner said, "What am I going to do?"

Clayton saw him getting stuck in the mud and ran down the hillside as fast as he could to see if he could help. "I'll pull you out of the mud," Clayton said to the owner.

The owner smiled and said, "Thank you, but I think that you are too small to pull this big car out of the mud!" "Let me try, let me try," Clayton said to the owner. "I will let you try," said the owner, "But I don't want you to be disappointed if you can't because you are just not big enough yet!"

Clayton pulled and tugged and tugged and pulled some more, but the car would not budge from that old mud! "Go home, Clayton, and ask your father if he will come and help me," said the owner, "And don't feel badly about not being able to pull the car out of the mud. You are just too young and too small to do things like that! But one day you will be able to do it!" Clayton didn't know it, but one day he would be able to pull two cars out of the mud at the same time!

Clayton ran home just as fast as his little legs would carry him. "Daddy, Daddy, the owner's car is stuck in the mud, and he needs for you to come help him!"

Clayton's daddy ran down to the muddy road and found the owner's car bogged down in the slippery mud. The owner tied a rope to Clayton's daddy and with a mighty heave, he pulled that car right out of the mudhole as if it were nothing.

Clayton's daddy ran down to the muddy road and found the owner's car bogged down in the slippery mud. The owner tied a rope to Clayton's daddy and with a mighty heave, he pulled that car right out of the mudhole as if it were nothing.

"Wow, I hope that I can do that one day," Clayton thought. He was so proud of his father!

When Clayton and his father got home that night, Clayton asked him, "How did you get so big and strong?" "Well, son, if you watch what I eat each day, it will help you, too," he said.

Clayton's father said, "Well, I guess I had better get down there and see if I can help." Clayton looked at his father and said calmly, "Please let me try." "Ok son, I think you are ready," said the father, "Do you think that I should help you?" "No, father, I need to do this by myself," said Clayton.

Clayton's father knew that Clayton could do it all by himself as he watched him go down the hill and pull that big old truck out of the mud. It seemed like he didn't even have to try hard!

So Clayton started watching his daddy very closely. For breakfast, Clayton grabbed a doughnut. Clayton's daddy got some healthy cereal from the pantry. Clayton decided that he wanted to be just like his daddy, so he had better eat the same things. He threw that doughnut right into the garbage can.

That day at lunch time, Clayton grabbed a hamburger. Clayton's daddy ate some fruits and vegetables. So off into the garbage can went the hamburger!

That night for supper, Clayton grabbed a pizza. Clayton's daddy had corn on the cob. Guess what Clayton did with that pizza! Guess what Clayton had for supper!

In no time at all, Clayton was getting bigger and stronger. One day he looked at his daddy, and you know what? Clayton was just a little bit taller than his daddy! He was also getting to be quite handsome. His mane was getting browner and his tail was getting very long and browner and his back was turning into that pretty grey color! Clayton was growing up!

And then it started raining again soon after that. The roads became even muddier than before. And guess what got stuck in the mud? The shiny new car? Nope! A great big, huge truck!

"You know," Clayton's father thought to himself, "I don't think I was ever strong enough to pull something that big out of the mud!"

Now, when Clayton stands on the hillside all alone, with his long mane blowing in the wind and looking so powerful and handsome, his father thinks to himself, "Wow!"

Good Night!

IN BRIEF

Big Spring Country Club tourney

A parent and two-person tournament has been announced by Spring Country Club.

The tournament (either open division trophy division take place June shotgun start days. Saturday's tournament begins at 8 a.m. and Sunday tee time is 9 a.m.)

The open division tournament will be \$80, while the division is \$30. However, prizes are welcome.

The divisions are 12-15 and 16-18. There will be an entry fee on the team is half.

There will also be a course Saturday.

If interested, call 267-5354 to sign up.

BSHS Tennis scheduled for

The Big Spring School tennis team will take place June 5 at the Figure Seven inside of Coahoma Trail Park by Roberts Center.

The camp will be from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday, June 5 and other days through Thursday. The cost of the camp is \$100, which includes a T-shirt.

For more information contact BSHS Head Coach Corse at 1-43 or Assistant Coach Dennis Smiley 263-2275.

Coahoma school camp set for

Coahoma coach Robby I will lead a camp for incoming through-ninth girls at the High School from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The cost of the camp is \$50 if received after June 5 and received after money included T-shirt. The camp covers fielding, hitting, sliding, and techniques for all positions. Each girl bring her own and any other position needed (catcher, etc.).

Dickenson encourages bringing their sliding shoes and cleats. Enrollees must be filled turned in by receive the but they will be up until the of the camp.

For more information contact Dickenson at 7470 or 1-432-3.

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Rangers @ White Sox, 6:30 p.m.

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Event, Time, Location
Astros @ Cardinals, 6:40 p.m.

IN BRIEF

Big Spring Country Club tournament set

A parent and child two-person scramble tournament has been announced by the Big Spring Country Club. The tournament (either open division or trophy division) will take place June 5-6 with shotgun starts both days. Saturday's competition begins at 9 a.m. and Sunday tees off at 1 p.m.

The open division tournament will cost \$80, while the trophy division is \$30. Carts are not included. However, private carts are welcome.

The divisions are broken up into ages 5-11, 12-15 and 16-18. A parent may play with more than one child. The entry fee on the second team is half price. There will also be barbeque served on the course Saturday.

If interested, call 432-267-5354 to sign up.

BSSH Tennis Camp scheduled for June

The Big Spring High School tennis camp will take place June 7-10 at the Figure Seven Courts inside of Comanche Trail Park by the Dora Roberts Community Center.

The camp will run from 8 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Monday, June 7, but all other days — Tuesday through Thursday — will begin at 8:30 a.m.

The cost of the camp is \$100, which includes a T-shirt.

For more information contact BSSH tennis Head Coach Sarah Corse at 1-432-263-3848 or Assistant Coach Dennis Smiley at 1-432-263-2275.

Coahoma softball camp set for June

Coahoma softball coach Robby Dickenson will lead a camp for all incoming second-through-ninth-grade girls at the Coahoma High School Field June 7-10 from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.

The cost of the camp is \$50 if received by June 5 and \$55 if received after and the money includes a camp T-shirt. The camp will cover fielding, throwing, hitting, base running, and individual techniques and drills for all positions.

Each girl needs to bring her own glove and any other equipment needed to play her position (catcher's gear, etc.).

Dickenson also encourages players to bring their own bat, sliding shorts, knee pads and cleated shoes.

Enrollment forms must be filled out and turned in by June 5 to receive the discount, but they will be accepted up until the first day of the camp June 7.

For more information, contact Coach Dickenson at 1-432-270-7470 or 1-432-394-4924.

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Houston @ White Sox, 6:30 p.m.	1490	
Wednesday		
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Thursday		
Houston @ White Sox, 6:30 p.m.	1490	
Friday		
Houston @ White Sox, 6:30 p.m.	1490	
Astros @ Cardinals, 6:40 p.m.	1490	



The Texas Swing, a 12-and-under select baseball team out of San Angelo, went 4-0 to win the division title at the USSSA youth baseball tournament held in Abilene two weekends ago. The Swing played two teams from Abilene and two from Midland, beating the Rebels of Midland, 14-0, in the championship game. The Swing now have a record of 11-2. Evan Burton of Forsan and Matt Ritchey of Big Spring were two local players that helped the Swing claim victory in Abilene. Front row, from left: Colton Rathmell, Isaac Rodriguez, Blake Herring, Caleb Gonzales, Dylan Wanoreck and Cameron Boothe. Back: Evan Parker, Christian Summers, Adam Kountz, Burton, Ritchey and Bryce Zak. The Swing are kids from San Angelo, Miles, Eldorado, Forsan and Big Spring.

Baylor denies recruit violation

HOUSTON (AP) — Six former Rice University football players claim they were regularly taken to Houston strip clubs and offered alcohol while they were still high school recruits, television station KHOU reported Monday night.

One former player, Kevin Ford, said that while a recruit three years ago, football players who served as his student hosts took him and some other prospects to a strip club where alcohol was offered.

"It was like they had won a million dollars just because they could go and see a naked woman," Ford said. "When you're that young you're easily influenced by the wrong things."

Rice football coach Ken Hatfield and athletic director Bobby May told the station they had no knowledge of recruits going to strip clubs.

Hatfield said hosts and recruits must sign a document letting them know what they can't do during visitation.

"Before they go out, we want to say, 'Here's where you can go; here's where you can't go.' If he's not willing to sign it, I'm not willing to have him on my campus," Hatfield said earlier Monday, before the story was aired, at a Knight Commission meeting in Washington about reform in college athletics.

During the meeting, Hatfield also defended the practice of having players act as hosts when high school prospects make weekend visits.

"There's no doubt that a satisfied customer is your best salesman," said Hatfield, who asks his host players also to sign the form pledging to avoid certain behavior. "You've got to put them with your student-athlete if you want to know anything about them."

Rice is the nation's smallest NCAA Division I-A school with 2,800 students.

Ford said he left the school after being suspended for allegedly cheating on a test.

Federer wins, Agassi loses in first round at Roland Garros

By STEVEN WINE

AP Sports Writer
PARIS — Top-ranked Roger Federer ended his two-year French Open losing streak by beating Kristof Vliegen 6-1, 6-2, 6-1 in the first round Tuesday.

Federer lost in the opening round at Roland Garros to Hicham Arazi in 2002 and to Luis Horna in 2003.

But he dominated from the start against Vliegen, who lost in qualifying and made the draw only when another player withdrew.

Venus Williams lost the first two games, then won 10 in a row and beat Tamarine Tanasugarn 6-2, 6-4.

The fourth-seeded Williams looked tentative at times and committed 33 unforced errors in her first match since being sidelined by an ankle injury this month. She's seeking her fifth Grand Slam title but her first since 2001 and her first at

Roland Garros.

In sunny, 70-degree weather, Federer needed just 76 minutes on Court Suzanne Lenglen to advance. He hit 33 winners, never faced a break point and won 87 percent of the points on his first serve.

"It's a little bit of a relief after the last years," Federer said. "There has been so much talk if I would lose three times in a row at the French Open. I'm happy I'm still in the tournament."

Two other seeded men lost. No. 7 Rainer Schuettler was eliminated by Xavier Malisse 6-4, 7-5, 6-4, and No. 29 Max Mirnyi lost to Julien Benneteau 7-5, 7-5, 1-6, 6-3. U.S. men fell to 2-7 when Taylor Dent and Kevin Kim lost. No. 10 Sebastien Grosjean beat Kim 6-1, 6-1, 6-4, and No. 24 Jonas Bjorkman defeated Dent 6-3, 2-6, 6-3, 3-6, 6-2.

In women's play, 2000 champion Mary Pierce of France won 6-2, 6-3

against Claudine Schaul, who upset Lindsay Davenport in the final at Strasbourg on Saturday.

Russian women improved to 8-0 in the tournament with victories by No. 11 Svetlana Kuznetsova and No. 25 Elena Bovina, both in straight sets.

"I tried to focus on the first round and be as well prepared as I could and not put a huge amount of pressure of myself," Federer said. "I really tried to play as simple as I could."

Federer, the reigning Wimbledon and Australian Open champion, improved his record this year to 33-3, including 10-1 on clay. But his career record at Roland Garros is a modest 8-5.

Federer will next play Nicolas Kiefer, who beat Thierry Ascione 6-3, 6-2, 6-2. No. 19-seeded Martin Verkerk, the surprise runner-up last year, swept Julien Boutter 7-5, 6-3, 6-1.

The second day began with the tournament still abuzz about Andre Agassi's loss Monday to Jerome Haehnel.

Region 1-2A Semifinal

Coahoma vs. Holliday @ Abilene Christian University.

Best two-out-of-three series

Game One: noon Friday
Game Two: 2 p.m. Saturday
Game Three: 30 minutes after game two Saturday (if needed).

Cincinnati completes four-game sweep of 'Stros

By JOE KAY

AP Sports Writer
CINCINNATI — Barry Larkin decided to try for third, confident about his chance of stretching a leadoff hit.

Then, he tripped and worried he wouldn't make it.

A Cincinnati stumble? Not a chance.

Larkin was safe at third — that was the umpire's call, anyway — and the Reds were on their way to a 7-5 victory Monday night and a rare four-game sweep of the Houston Astros.

Austin Kearns followed Larkin's dash with a tiebreaking homer that left the overlooked Reds alone atop the NL Central and looking down on the rest of the league as well.

A team that lost 93 games last season now leads the Chicago Cubs by

a half-game and has the league's best record at 26-18. The Reds have won six in a row — their best spurt in two years — and nine of 10 overall.

They still have a lot of holes — the bench is thin, the bullpen is shaky — but the Reds are overcoming them with karma.

"They believe in themselves," manager Dave Miley said. "They pull together as a team or unit or however you want to put it. They're playing hard and pulling for each other and doing a lot of the things we've worked hard at."

The Reds' rotation is keeping things close, a sharp contrast with last year's meltdown. And Ken Griffey Jr. and Sean Casey are leading an offense that's on a roll.

Griffey and Casey homered for the second consecutive game.

Griffey's solo shot was the 491st of his career, tying him with Fred McGriff for 21st place on the career list.

Griffey also had a two-run double that came up a few feet short of another homer.

Casey's two-hit game raised his average to .386, the best in the NL. He's hitting the ball so well that Houston manager Jim Williams intentionally walked him twice during the series to face Griffey.

One time it worked out, the other time it backfired.

"You talk about Casey leading the league in hitting and the way Griffey is swinging the bat," Williams said. "Which kind of poison do you want?"

The way things are going for the Reds, it really doesn't matter. Even

their mistakes turn out all right.

John Riedling (3-0) gave up Lance Berkman's tying two-run homer in the seventh, a momentary setback.

Larkin led off the eighth with a drive to center off Brad Lidge (0-3) and was determined to make it to third.

"I kind of stumbled around second base and was thinking, 'I don't know now,'" the 40-year-old shortstop said. "It worked out OK. I saw the replay and from what I saw, it didn't look good."

Umpire Terry Craft called him safe, and the rally was on.

"They made all the plays, made all the pitches and got all the calls," said Houston's Craig Biggio, who had a pair of hits. "We're not sitting here crying over it. They're hot right now and

when you're hot, you get everything going your way."

Casey was intentionally walked, Griffey grounded out and Kearns followed with his third homer, deep into the seats in left field.

Danny Graves gave up a run in the ninth before closing it out for his 21st save in 25 chances.

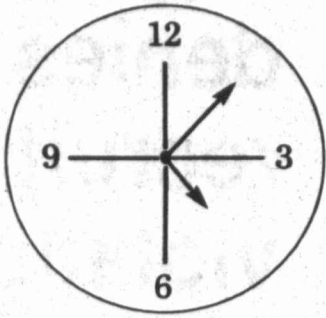
Then, fans in the outfield seats hoisted brooms to celebrate the rare sweep.

Houston hadn't been swept in a four-game series since June 24-27, 1999, when the Reds took four in the Astrodome.

"Those guys are as good as it gets," said Kearns, who had shaving cream smeared in his hat and shirt after an impromptu celebration. "Just to win the series would have been sweet. To sweep is great. I can't say enough."

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ALAN HENRY: Water lightly stained; 70 degrees; 6-foot low; Black bass are good on dark jigs and soft jerkbaits worked in timber, and shad-colored spinnerbaits worked outside timber. Crappie are good on minnows and jigs.

ARROWHEAD: Water clearing; 71 degrees; 10-foot, 8-inches low; Black bass are fair on crankbaits and spinnerbaits near shallow rocky areas. Crappie are good during the spawn on minnows near derricks. White bass are very good on shallow flats chasing shad. Blue catfish to 40 pounds are good on shad and prepared baits near Deer Creek area. Due to low water conditions the only usable boat ramp is West Arrowhead Park.

COLORADO CITY: Water clear; 72 degrees; four-foot low; Black bass are slow. Crappie are slow. White bass are slow. Redfish are slow. Catfish are slow.

FORT. PHANTOM HILL: Water clear; 71 degrees; 16-foot low. Black bass are fair. Crappie are fair on minnows and jigs. White bass are fair. Catfish are fair.

HUBBARD CREEK: Water lightly stained; 72 degrees; 16-foot, five-inches low; Black bass are good on shad-colored spinnerbaits, dark soft plastics around structures, and red soft plastics fished in the reeds. Crappie are good on minnows and jigs. White bass and hybrid stripers are fair on live baits. Catfish are good on live baits.

NASWORTHY: Water lightly stained; 69 degrees; Black bass are fair. Crappie are fair on minnows and jigs. Redfish are fair. White bass and striped bass are good on live bait. Catfish are fair on live bait and prepared baits.

OAK CREEK: Water lightly stained; 70 degrees; 26-foot low; Black bass are fair. Crappie are good on live bait and jigs. Catfish are fair. No boat ramps open. 4x4 vehicles can unload on the dirt road near the dam.

O.H. IVIE: Water lightly stained; 72 degrees; 26-foot low; Black bass are fair on topwaters, shad-colored spinnerbaits, and soft plastics. Crappie are good on minnows and jigs. White bass are good on live bait and poppers. Smallmouth bass are fair. Channel catfish are good on live and prepared baits.

POSSUM KINGDOM: Water clear; 72 degrees; 6-foot, nine-inches low; Black bass to 14-inches are good. Crappie are fair in Rock Creek area. White bass are good in Neely's slough on white twister tail jigs. Striped bass are fair on white twister tail jigs and live shad. Channel and blue catfish are fair in the upper end of the lake.

SPENCE: Water lightly stained; 69 degrees; 62-foot low; Black bass are slow. Crappie are slow. White bass are fair. Striped bass and hybrid stripers are slow. Catfish are slow.

STAMFORD: Water lightly stained; 70 degrees; 4-foot low; Black bass are fair on live bait, topwaters, and shad-colored spinnerbaits. Crappie are fair. White and striped bass are fair on live bait and poppers. Catfish are fair on live bait.

SWEETWATER: Water lightly stained; 73 degrees; 26-foot low; Black bass are fair. Crappie are fair on minnows and jigs. White bass are fair on live bait. Catfish are fair on live bait.

WHITE RIVER: Water stained (from wind); 67 degrees; 21-foot low; Black bass are fair on live bait, shad-colored crankbaits, and topwaters. Crappie are good on jigs and minnows. Walleye are fair. Channel catfish are good on live bait.

WICHITA: Water lightly stained; 75 degrees; 6-inches low; Crappie are slow on minnows and jigs along the dam. White bass and hybrid stripers are good on minnows and white road runners along the dam. Channel catfish are good on trotlines. The parking area behind the dam is open.

"Guaran-Sheed" victory helps Wallace, Detroit down Indiana

By CHRIS SHERIDAN

AP Basketball Writer

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind. — Tayshaun Prince was several steps behind Reggie Miller as the play of the game unfolded. The Indiana Pacers had just come up with a steal, and Miller was about to drop in a game-tying breakaway layup.

One stunning leap later, everything changed.

Prince sprinted in from midcourt and made a perfectly timed block to put a finishing flourish on another dominant defensive display as the Detroit Pistons defeated the Indiana Pacers 72-67 Monday night to even the Eastern Conference finals at one game apiece.

"In that situation, a two-point game, I've just got to make a play on the ball," Prince said. "Before I got there I knew it was going to be a tough play, but once I put my hand on the ball it was a good block."

"He slowed up just a little bit at the last second and gave me time to get there."

The block was the 19th of the game for the Pistons, one shy of the NBA playoff record set by Philadelphia in 1981.

And in a series that doesn't figure to feature very much offense, it was fitting that Game 2's

defining moment came on a play that kept the ball from going through the basket.

Miller made four straight free throws to cut a six-point deficit to 69-67, and it appeared he was about to tie it after Jermaine O'Neal blocked a dunk attempt by Rasheed Wallace and Jamaal Tinsley stole the ball from Chauncey Billups.

"I saw him in my rearview mirror," Miller said. "In hindsight, I should have dunked it, but I thought I had a few steps on him."

Prince landed several rows deep in the stands after his block, and it took him a minute to get up. After he did, Richard Hamilton made two free throws for a four-point lead with 14.6 seconds remaining that all but clinched it.

Hamilton scored 13 of the Pistons' final 15 points and finished with 23.

"Tay gets one of those about once every four games," Hamilton said. "I said to myself: 'Reggie better dunk it, because if he doesn't dunk it Tay is going to get it.'"

The loss was the Pacers' first at home since March 19, snapping a streak of 14 consecutive victories at Consecro Fieldhouse. The

best-of-seven series moves to Auburn Hills for Games 3 and 4 on Wednesday and Friday.

Miller scored 21 points and O'Neal had 16 to lead Indiana, which shot only 27.5 percent and was held to three field goals in the fourth quarter.

Detroit had only four baskets in the fourth quarter but scored nine points at the foul line. Rasheed Wallace shot just 4-for-19 and scored 10 points but made his biggest contribution at the other end, blocking five shots and grabbing eight defensive rebounds.

Wallace, who had guaranteed a victory, yelled "I told you so" at the Indiana fans.

Prince and Ben Wallace each blocked three shots and Elden Campbell added three. Billups shot just 1-for-7 with five turnovers but came up with five of Detroit's 10 steals.

"Detroit comes at you with a different level of length, athleticism and angularity," Pacers coach Rick Carlisle said. "We couldn't get enough done at either end."

Rasheed Wallace finally found his touch midway through the third quarter after he had missed 11 of 12 shots. His three straight baskets gave Detroit a 51-49 lead with

5:46 remaining. Detroit, however, did not have another field goal until Hamilton scored with 2.8 seconds remaining to put the Pistons ahead 55-54 entering the fourth quarter.

Consecutive baskets by Hamilton — the first coming on a super-rare fast break — put the Pistons ahead 63-59, and a missed 3 by Miller was followed by Hamilton's 15-foot pull-up for a six-point lead.

Indiana was able to pull within two, but the Pacers' next three possessions ended in two turnovers and an airball, and Hamilton made two from the line with 1:38 left for a 69-63 lead.

"Not enough stops, not enough scores. Now we're going to have to bounce back," Carlisle said.

The first quarter was an exercise in offensive futility, the Pistons missing 13 of their first 15 shots and half of their eight free throws. Rasheed Wallace was razzed by the fans after shooting an airball from 19 feet, and he responded with a "bring it on" gesture as he went to the bench with the Pistons trailing 15-6.

Both teams eventually picked up the scoring pace, and O'Neal's 16 points and Miller's 15 helped the Pacers to a 43-37 halftime lead.

Jones admits relationship, not usage

By JOSH DUBOW

AP Sports Writer

SAN FRANCISCO, Calif. — After seeing the evidence U.S. doping officials have against Marion Jones, her attorney is even more confident the star sprinter shouldn't be banned from the Olympics.

"I didn't see anything today that would provide a basis for them to go forward," attorney Joseph Burton said Monday after a three-hour meeting with officials from the U.S. Anti-Doping Agency. "From my mind, what ought to come out of it is, she should be exonerated."

Jones and her attorney requested the meeting in Colorado Springs, Colo., where they were shown evidence obtained from the federal grand jury investigation into the Bay Area drug lab she has been linked to.

"I made clear to USADA what I have made clear to everyone at every step of this entire process: I have never taken an illegal performance-enhancing substance," Jones said in a statement. "There is nothing more I can do."

Burton wouldn't elaborate on what evidence of possible steroid use they were shown, but said only an admission or a positive test would warrant a ban.

USADA says it has the power to bring a drug case against an athlete with circumstantial evidence.

"It is clear from those comments that Mr. Burton rejects the idea of a non-analytical positive and contends that only athletes who test positive or admit to a violation can be sanctioned," said Travis T. Tygart, USADA's Director of Legal Affairs. "Without commenting on the specifics of any case, USADA confirms that Mr. Burton is absolutely incorrect in his position."

Last week, sprinter Kelli White accepted a two-year ban after being confronted by documents seized in the investigation of the Bay Area Laboratory Co-Operative. Officials confronting Jones did not have the same kind of evidence they used against White — urine samples from BALCO and a schedule of drug dosages — according to a representative of Jones, who spoke on condition of anonymity.

Jones, who won five medals in the 2000 Sydney Games, requested the meeting and urged officials to retest the samples in an effort to prove she has not used performance-enhancing drugs. The USADA told her they have no samples to retest,

Burton said.

"They didn't give me what I wanted — to say there is no evidence and no reason to go forward on any purported drug violations by Marion Jones," Burton said. "We ended by pleading with them to carefully consider everything and as quickly as possible to come out and exonerate her."

Jones says she would sue USADA if it kept her from going to the Athens Olympics without a positive test.

But USADA said the only recourse for an athlete suspended for drug use is to go through arbitration.

Jones has admitted having a "limited relationship" with BALCO founder Victor Conte, one of four people indicted in an alleged steroid-distribution ring. Jones testified last year in front of the grand jury.

The New York Times reported last month that a \$7,350 check from Jones' bank account was written to Conte in 2000, just before the Sydney Olympics. The Times said

the check was signed by Jones' former husband, shot putter C.J. Hunter, who failed four separate steroids tests before the Sydney Games.

Burton argues that's not enough to keep an athlete out of the Olympics.

"I would think a positive test or an admission by that athlete that the athlete took performance-enhancing drugs. Perhaps that's sufficient," Burton said. "But short of those two things ... it's highly questionable whether or not there should be any other basis for banning an athlete."

Tygart said Jones refused to allow USADA to transcribe or record the session.

"This request by USADA shows an alarming lack of understanding about how the investigative process works," Burton said. "Anyone with the least bit familiarity with the interview process knows it is not normal procedure to have a court reporter present for the interview."

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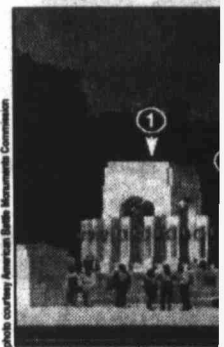
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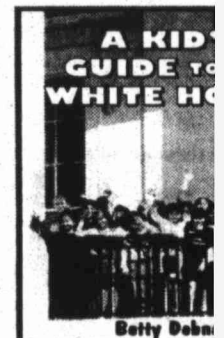
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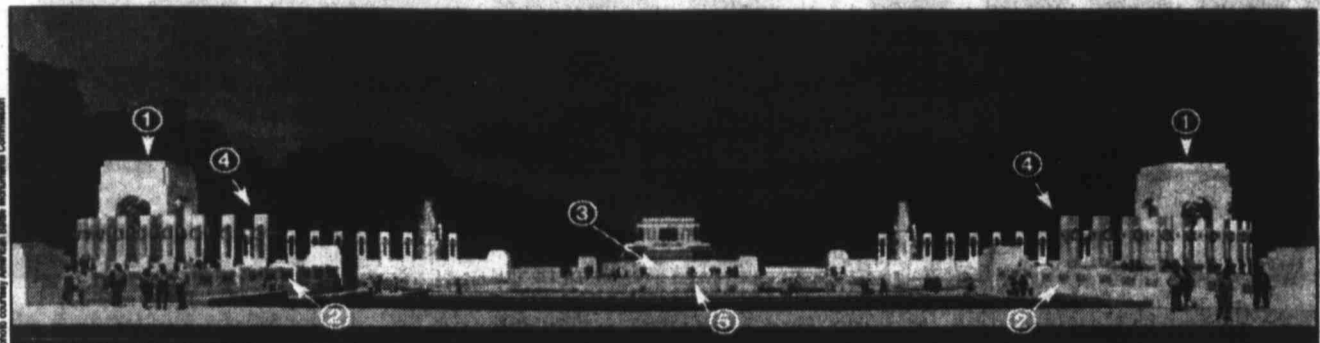
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A New Monument That Says "Thank You"

Our World War II Memorial



The National World War II Memorial is the only memorial in Washington, D.C., to honor all who fought and served and supported this war effort. The memorial is between the Lincoln Memorial and the Washington Monument. It is in a big park called the Mall that runs from the Capitol building to the Lincoln Memorial. We have numbered some of the main features of the memorial. You can match them with the numbers below.

Memorial Day honors the men and women who lost their lives serving their country. Memorial Day will be celebrated the last Monday this month, on May 31.

A special veterans' reunion will be held the weekend before in Washington, D.C.

The many events include the official opening of our capital's first memorial honoring those who served in World War II. This includes veterans in the military and civilians on the home front.

In World War II (1939-1945), more people were killed, more lives disrupted and more property destroyed than in any other war.

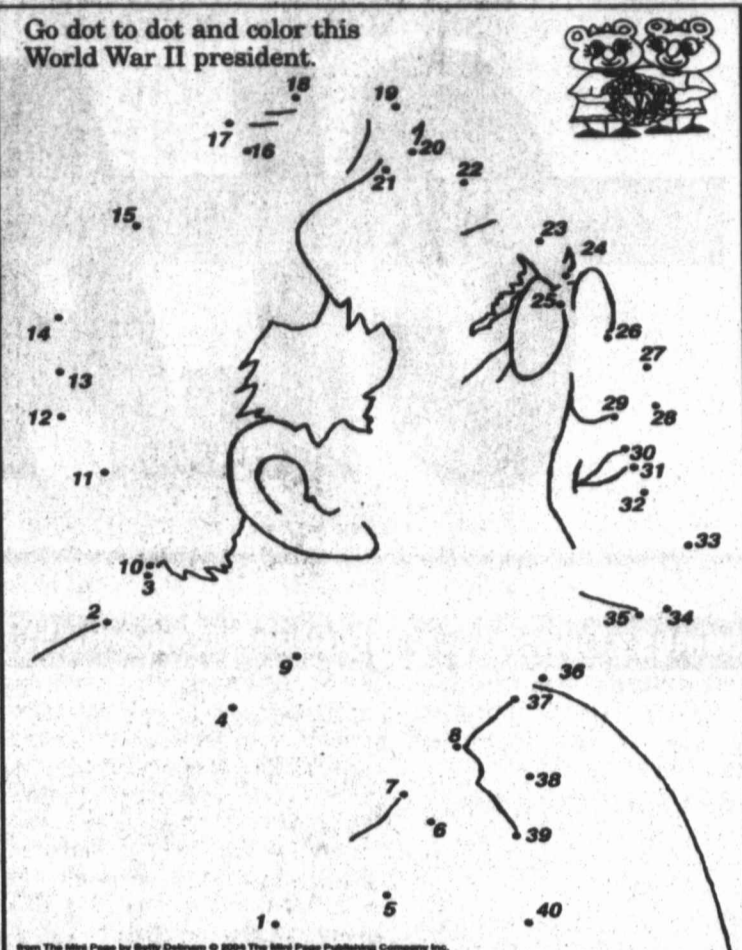
World War II ended nearly 60 years ago. Many of our readers have grandparents who helped our country fight its way to victory.

Memorials help us remember events and people. Honoring the World War II generation, most of whom are 80 years old and older, is important. The memorial will be dedicated on Saturday, May 29.



The shaded and darkened areas on the map show where the war was fought on land, sea and in the air.

- 1 The two arches stand for the Atlantic and Pacific regions.
- 2 Twenty-four panels made of bronze will line the entrance to the memorial. These will show visitors what jobs people did to help win the war.
- 3 The "Freedom Wall" honors the 400,000 Americans who lost their lives fighting for freedom. It has 4,000 gold stars. Each star stands for 100 of those who died.
- 4 At the time of World War II, there were 48 states and seven territories and the District of Columbia. The memorial has 56 pillars, each one with the name of the state or territory and bronze oak and wheat wreaths.
- 5 The Rainbow Pool is at the center of the memorial.



Rookie Cookie's Recipe
Baked Apricot Casserole

You'll need:

- 2 (28-ounce) cans apricot halves
- 1 cup light brown sugar
- 4 cups Ritz crackers, crumbled
- 1 stick butter, cut into pieces

What to do:

1. Grease a large casserole dish with butter.
2. Layer bottom with apricot halves.
3. Sprinkle on brown sugar, cracker crumbs and butter, in that order.
4. Repeat layers of apricots and toppings.
5. Bake in a preheated 300-degree oven for 1 hour until crusty on the top. Serves 8.

*Note: You will need an adult to help with this recipe.

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Gus Goodsport's Report
Supersport: Michael Phelps

Height: 6-4 Birthdate: 6-30-85
Weight: 165 Hometown: Baltimore, Md.

Young Michael Phelps enjoys driving his Cadillac Escalade. But he does his most exciting cruising in the water.

The 18-year-old swimming phenom broke five individual world records in the 2003 World Championships and is expected to win several Olympic gold medals this summer. He also recently became just the 10th swimmer to win the Sullivan Award, which is presented to America's top amateur athlete.

Lean, long and strong, the 6-4 Phelps propels through the water like a human motorboat and excels in several events. Although devoting numerous hours to swimming, Phelps finds time to serve as a spokesperson for the Boys and Girls Club and helps monitor students in the Baltimore school system. To relax, he enjoys listening to rap music. Stay tuned. He could also become the "Golden Boy" of Olympic swimming.

Meet The Flatlanders

Joe Ely, 57, Jimmie Dale Gilmore, 59, and Butch Hancock, 58, have been called the "country Beatles." They are The Flatlanders.

In 1972, these friends got together to try to make a name for themselves in country music. They were not a success, and so went on to have their own careers. Then in 1998, actor and director Robert Redford asked them to come together again to make a soundtrack for the movie "The Horse Whisperer." It was so much fun that they made an album called "Now Again," a hit on the country music charts.

Then in 2003, their album "Wheel of Fortune" made the charts, too. Each member of the group adds something special. Joe is the "rocker," Jimmie Dale the "classic country voice," and Butch is the "folk singer." Ever since they have been together, they have had a good time. As Jimmie Dale says, "For it to still be as much fun as it was in the beginning, I feel blessed. A lot of musicians don't get that luxury."

MIGHTY FUNNY'S Mini Jokes

All the following jokes have something in common. Can you guess the common theme or category?

Ivy: What do raindrops always say?
Jane: "Two's company, three's a cloud!"

Duncan: What happened to the couple who tried to kiss in the fog?
Roger: Oops! They mist!

Irene: What do tornadoes fight in?
Isaac: Whirl wars!

WWII Memorial TRY 'N FIND

Words and names that remind us of the World War II Memorial are hidden in the block below. Some words are hidden backward or diagonally, and some letters are used twice. See if you can find: VETERANS, SACRIFICE, SERVICE, MEMORIAL, CEREMONY, MERCHANTS, POOL, PILLAR, GOLD, STARS, PANEL, MARINES, ARMY, ARMED, FORCES, NAVY, EAGLES, ATLANTIC, PACIFIC, HONOR, FAMILIES, DEDICATION.

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World War II Memorial

The memorial up close

This photo shows just a few feet of the 85-foot-long field of gold stars that holds 4,000 gold stars. This is called the "Sacred Area."

World War II photos

Japanese airplanes attacked the U.S. forces at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, on Dec. 7, 1941. The surprise attack left 2,400 people dead and 1,000 wounded. The U.S. Congress declared war the next day.

World War II ended when Japan surrendered on Aug. 15, 1945. Thousands filled the streets to cheer when they heard the news. This photo was taken in Paris. The war had ended in Europe on May 7, 1945.

Franklin Roosevelt was president during most of World War II. This is a photo showing him in a wheelchair. He is holding his dog, Fala. The little girl is the granddaughter of the Roosevelts' gardener.

Harry S. Truman took over when President Roosevelt died. He was president when World War II ended.

Site to see: www.wwillemorial.com

The Mini Page thanks the American Battle Monuments Commission for help with the memorial story. We thank the National Archives and curator Bruce Bustard for help with the war photos.

During World War II, women did a lot to help win the war. They did the work that men did before the war. Women served in each of the armed forces.

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MAINTENANCE POSITION AVAILABLE

The Colorado River Municipal Water District has an opening for a Maintenance Worker in Martin County. A CDL license and mechanical experience are helpful. District benefits include paid vacation and holidays, sick leave, retirement plan, and group insurance. The District is an equal opportunity employer. Applications are available at the District's office, 400 East 24th Street, Big Spring, Texas or by calling (432)267-6341.

MAINTENANCE POSITION AVAILABLE

The Colorado River Municipal Water District has an opening for a Maintenance Worker for the Lake Thomas area. A CDL license and mechanical experience are helpful. District benefits include paid vacation and holidays, sick leave, retirement plan, and group insurance. The District is an equal opportunity employer. Application are available at the District's office, 400 East 24th Street, Big Spring, Texas.

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CITY OF Big Spring will be testing for the position of Certified and Non-Certified Police Officer at 8:30 a.m. Thursday June 24, 2004 at the Police training center on 307 E. 4th. Applications are being accepted through Wednesday June 23, 2004. For further information and detailed qualifications contact City Hall Personnel at 310 Nolan, Big Spring, TX 79720 or call 432-264-2346. The City of Big Spring is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

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THE SANDS ISD is requesting applications for a 6th grade teaching position. Letters of interest and resumes will be received until May 28, 2004. If interested please send a letter of information to Zaida Bilbo, Principal of the Sands CISD, P.O. Box 218, Ackerly, Texas 79713 or call (432)353-4888. Sands CISD is an Equal Opportunity Employer and does not discriminate against race, sex or age.

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THREE BEDROOM, 1-1/2 bath. 4219 Hamilton. Call (432)267-3841 or 517-0642.

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4011 GAIL Hwy., 4 bedroom, 2 bath, 2024 sq. ft., .92 acre. Completely remodeled, water well, CH/A, large carport, large cotton wood trees. Call (432)264-0751.

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809 N. Tubb Rd., Coahoma School District. 4 Bedroom, 2 1/2 bath brick on approx. 4.2 acres. Fireplace, horse stalls with out building. Call (432)661-5552.

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FOR SALE by owner. Nice 3-2, new carpet, water heater, AC & storage shed. In Kentwood. Come & See It! 2610 Ann. (432)268-9778 or 3470.

FOR SALE by owner. Owner financing provided. Low down payment & low monthly. 3 bedroom, 1 bath, corner lot. 1500 Kentucky Way. Call Kelly, 432-425-9994.

FOR SALE By Owner. Owner financing provided. Low down payment. Low monthly. 3 bedroom, 1 bath, 1 car garage, freshly painted on outside. 1611 Owens. Call Kelly, (432)425-9994.

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Tomorrow's Horoscope

BY JOYCE JILLSON
With the moon in Leo and the sun in Gemini, it feels like the weekend already! Life can be a party, whether you're at work or at play! Self-expression is the order of the day, and the livelier you are, the clearer your message will be heard, although most people's messages are as simple as "Look at me!" It's no time for wallflowers.

Vehicles

2002 DODGE (Short wide) Pickup. CD, radio, V-8. Maroon. Still in Warranty. \$13,500.00. Call (432)270-5356 or 264-0919 or 263-4545.

2004 SILVER metallic Chevy Tahoe, third row seat, loaded, 3,500 actual miles. Asking \$29,900. o.b.o. Call (432)263-8278 or 264-3982.

FOR SALE, red 2003 Ford F-250, 4x4, 29,000 miles. Reduce for cash sale \$24,500. Located in Main. Call 432-267-0126, from 8:00-5:00, (432)267-7648 after 5:00.

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Legals

ATTENTION COX COMMUNICATIONS CUSTOMERS
Beginning June 22, 2004, Cox Communications will be launching it's High Definition Service available to customers in the Big Spring franchise area. Channel offerings will include the following: 703 KOSA (CBS), 710 Discovery HD Theater, 720 ESPN HD, 730 INDemand HD 1, 731 INDemand HD2, 740 HBO HD and 750 Showtime HD. To receive HD service, customers will need to rent a High Definition Set Top Converter Box, monthly rate for the box will be \$9.95 a month. Installation for HD service will be \$49.99. The monthly rates for HD service will be as follows: the HD Broadcast Tier, will be FREE provided customers have a subscription to Limited Basic; The HD Expanded Tier including ESPN HD, INDemand HD 1 and INDemand HD 2 will FREE provided customers have a subscription to Limited Basic, Expanded Basic and the Digital Gateway; Discovery HD Theater will be \$4.95 a month provided customers have a subscription to the Digital Gateway; HBO HD will be FREE provided customers have a subscription to Digital HBO service and Showtime HD will be FREE provided customers have a subscription to Digital Showtime service. Inquiries concerning these changes or any other cable-related issue can be made at Cox Communications, 2006 Birdwell Ln, Big Spring, TX 79720 For more information please go to www.cox.com/westtexas, #4226 May 23, 24 & 25, 2004

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS OF PROPOSED TEXAS HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENT CONTRACTS
Sealed proposals for highway improvement contracts will be received by the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) until the date(s) shown below, and then publicly read.
CONSTRUCTION/MAINTENANCE CONTRACT(S)

Dist/Div: Abilene
Contract 0908-00-059 for FLASHING BEACONS in TAYLOR County, etc. will be opened on June 08, 2004 at 1:00 pm at the State Office.

Plans and specifications are available for inspection, along with bidding proposals, and applications for the TxDOT Prequalified Contractor's list, at the applicable State and/ or Dist/ Div Offices listed below. Bidders must submit prequalification information to TxDOT at least 10 days prior to the bid date to be eligible to bid on a project. Prequalification materials may be requested from the State Office listed below. Plans for the above contract(s) are available from TxDOT's website at www.dot.state.tx.us and from reproduction companies at the expense of the contractor.
NPO: 13189

State Office
Constr./Maint. Division
200 E. Riverside Dr.
Austin, Texas 78704
Phone: 512-416-2540

Dist/Div Office(s)
Abilene District
District Engineer
4250 N. Clark
Abilene, Tx 79604-0150
Phone: 325-676-6800

Minimum wage rates are set out in bidding documents and the rate will be part of the contract. TxDOT ensures that bidders will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, sex, or national origin.
#4220 May 18 & 25, 2004

ARIES (March 21-April 19). There are plenty of reasons to be proud. Write them down! If you don't celebrate the small wins, you don't have much to build on. It's all about momentum. Show that you respect yourself and are aware that time is precious.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Expand your base of operations through outreach and networking — with your sensual charm, few can resist you. Circumstances that were once beyond your control are now very much in the realm of your control.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). In order to feel vital, you need constant change. Have confidence in your plans, and other people will do the same. Spending time in fresh air and nature will have a drastic impact on your mood, and so will new people.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). The spirit of competition is alive. You're sensitive to how others feel about you, but sometimes, you must chalk it up to the game you're playing, nothing personal. If team sports are featured, you're on the winning team!

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Deepen friendship bonds by sharing your grand plans and outrageous dreams. Cancer and Virgo can help you strategize with practical steps. Putting yourself in the other person's shoes tonight will help you avoid hostility.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Your sense of direction is keen, especially in regard to those wandering around aimlessly in life — you clearly see where they belong. Speak up. It's a rare gift you've got! A Capricorn love interest dreams of you.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). If you've been waiting on someone for money or emotional support, your wait will end. And this is not because the money comes through but because you realize this is an excuse not to move forward. Now, you're cooking!

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You do a little (brilliant) troubleshooting and figure out ways to fix the problem at work. Hero! Taking people at face value is a mistake tonight. Look deeper. Try and understand the inner workings of a system.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Now, there are pills on the market for exhaustion. Is this necessary? Sure, you're overextended lately, but it has nothing to do with chemistry. You'll get energy from all you do if you do it with great love.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). A project drags on until you say, "No more!" Complete it. An intimate relationship will reflect that hidden part of you right back in your face — fascinating. You could decide that you really like yourself, a wise decision indeed!

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). This is no time to relax, though you may think you have the goal in your sights. The finish line is not quite as close as you think. Push ahead! Coasting could cause you to lose out. A Leo or Libra will be your cheerleader.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Lofty expectations are featured. Don't worry about getting ahead — just get started. If you can break down a huge job into hour or half-hour tasks, you're a genius on the road to success. A Scorpio's contribution is key.

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7	ABC Extreme Bloopers	ABC Extreme Bloopers	Mariana de la Noche	American Idol (CC)	Navy NCIS (CC)	Prisionera	Movie: Traffic (CC)	at Montreal Expos	Light of the Southwest	Colonial House (CC) (DVS)	The FBI Files (CC)	Movie: Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory	Star Trek: Deep Space 9	Law & Order (CC) (DVS)	The Parkers	Movie: Heavyweights (CC)	Announced (CC)	NHL Hockey: Stanley Cup	Movie: Harb War (CC)
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9	Super Millionaire	Super Millionaire	Al Filo de la Ley	70s Show	Erros (CC) (DVS)	Mujeres Apasionadas		Movie: Under Siege 2: Dark		Colonial House (CC) (DVS)	MythBusters (CC)	Right (CC) :40 Movie:	MXC	Teams to Be Announced	Nightly News Grown Folks	Sister, Sister Boy World	Baseball Tonight (CC)	SportsCenter	:05 Movie: Awakenings (CC)
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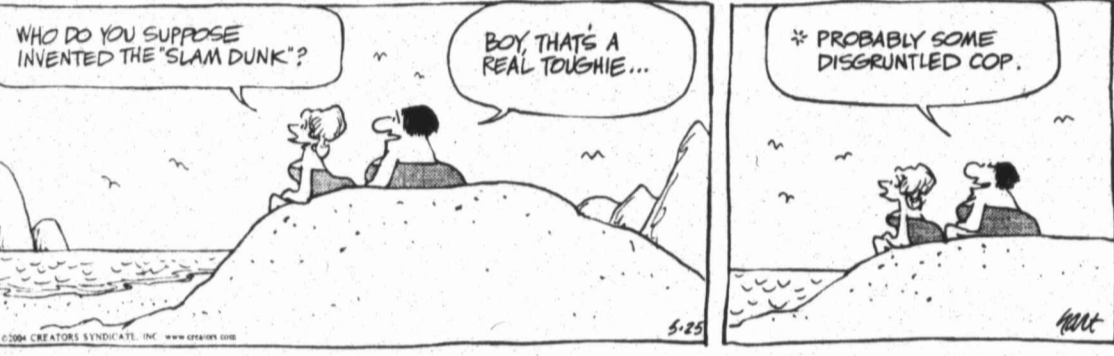
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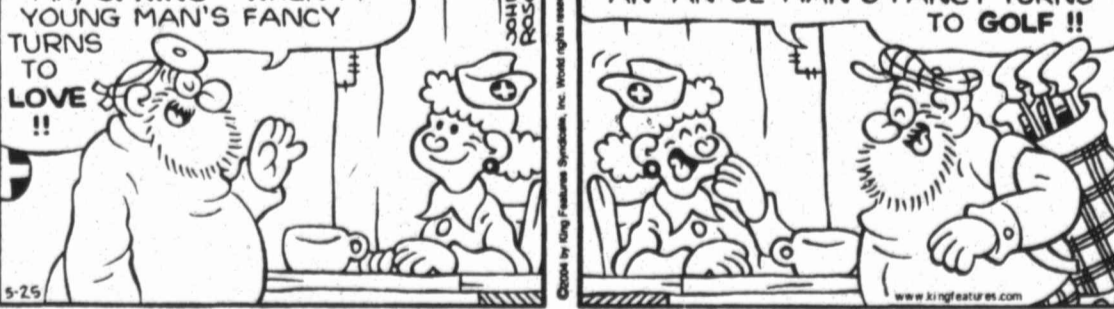
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This Date In History

By The Associated Press

Today is Tuesday, May 25, the 146th day of 2004. There are 220 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On May 25, 1787, the Constitutional Convention was convened in Philadelphia after enough delegates had shown up for a quorum.

On this date:

In 1810, Argentina began its revolt against Spain.

In 1844, the first telegraphed news dispatch, sent from Washington, D.C., to Baltimore, appeared in the Baltimore "Patriot."

In 1895, playwright Oscar Wilde was convicted of a morals charge in London; he was sentenced to prison.

In 1935, Babe Ruth hit the 714th and final home run of his career, for the Boston

Braves, in a game against the Pittsburgh Pirates.

In 1946, Transjordan (now Jordan) became a kingdom as it proclaimed its new monarch, King Abdullah Ibn Ul-Hussein.

In 1961, President Kennedy asked the nation to work toward putting a man on the moon by the end of the decade.

In 1963, the Organization of African Unity was founded, in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.

In 1968, the Gateway Arch, part of the Jefferson National Expansion Memorial in St. Louis, was dedicated.

In 1979, 275 people died when an American Airlines DC-10 crashed on takeoff from Chicago's O'Hare airport.

In 1981, daredevil Daniel Goodwin, wearing a "Spiderman" costume, scaled the outside of Chicago's Sears Tower in seven-and-a-half hours.

Today's Birthdays:

Lyricist Hal David is 83. Former opera singer Beverly Sills is 75. Former

Answer to previous puzzle

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Newsday Crossword

ABOUT TIME by Sally R. Stein
Edited by Stanley Newman

ACROSS	DOWN	ACROSS	DOWN
1 Competed in the Indy 500	1 Peanuts exclamation	10 Bus station capacity	10 Bus station capacity
6 Family	2 Charley horse	11 Datebook	11 Datebook
10 Hair colorings	3 Fashionable	12 Otherwise	12 Otherwise
14 Sound of a sneeze	4 Very long time	13 Former JFK landers	13 Former JFK landers
15 Oaf	5 L'il Abner locale	18 Thin cut	18 Thin cut
16 Electrified swimmers	6 Cirrus or nimbus	19 Old-time exclamation	19 Old-time exclamation
17 Antiques and relics	7 Place for hay	23 Carlo, Monaco	23 Carlo, Monaco
20 Fraction of a min.	8 Celebrity signature	25 Neighbor of S. Dak.	25 Neighbor of S. Dak.
21 Planet beyond Neptune	9 To the ___ degree	26 Westminster, e.g.	26 Westminster, e.g.
22 Al and Tipper		27 Groom's mate	27 Groom's mate
23 Mansion employee		28 Actor Karloff	28 Actor Karloff
24 Small fly		29 Canyon (Utah national park)	29 Canyon (Utah national park)
26 Costello's partner		30 Alaska native	30 Alaska native
29 Born and ___		31 11 Down fraction	31 11 Down fraction
30 Sound booster		32 "For ___ sake!"	32 "For ___ sake!"
33 Untamed ranch horse			
34 Lobster relative			
35 Spiny houseplant			
36 Something to open at a party			
39 Singer Adams			
40 Scratcher's target			
41 Less than 90 degrees			
42 "Absolutely!"			
43 Medicine quantity			
44 Thin soups			
45 Author Morrison			
46 Company div.			
47 Fire-setting crime			
50 After-bath need			
52 Sound of a punch			
55 Michael J. Fox film of '85			

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