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WEATHER

Tonight:



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BRIEFLY

Farmer's Market meeting tonight

The Downtown Revitalization Association is planning to form a Farmers Market for consumers, farmers and home gardeners. A meeting for those interested will be held at 7:30 p.m. today in the Heart of the City Park. Officers and a board of directors will be elected and bylaws established.

Seating will be limited and organizers ask those attending to bring lawn chairs.

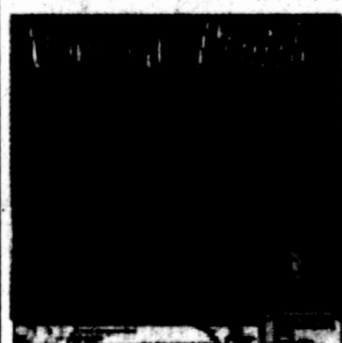
Anyone who is interested in learning more is asked to call Allan Johnson, DRA's president, at 432-267-6278.

Club cookbook on sale for \$8

The Big Spring Kennel Club's fund-raising cookbook, "Treats from the Country," is now available.

The cookbook contains 200 recipes and is available for \$8 by calling 394-4233.

COMING THIS WEEKEND



Despite his national success, country singer Trace Adkins is most at home on his farm, where he can work with his hands and connect with the earth.

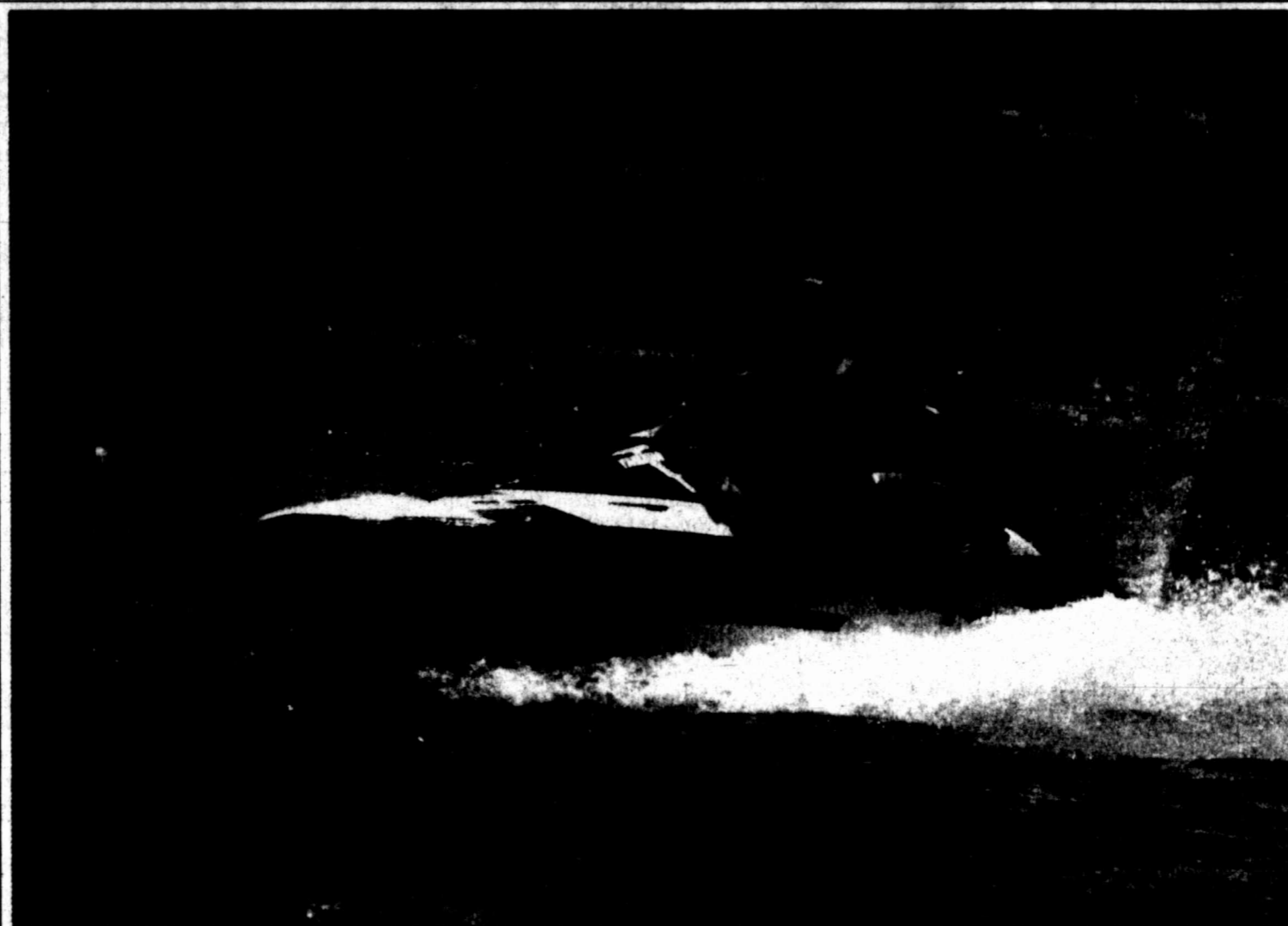
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Rowdy and Debbie Parks take a cool spin around Moss Creek Lake Sunday afternoon to beat the summer heat. Since an ordinance was passed by the Big Spring City Council allowing personal watercraft at the municipal facility, the lake has drawn water sports enthusiasts from as far away as Midland, Odessa and San Angelo.

Engines roar at Moss Lake

Use of personal watercraft, paintball course drawing enthusiasts

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

Less than three months after the Big Spring City Council approved an ordinance allowing several new activities at Moss Creek Lake, attendance at the facility is up and so is revenue.

Lake caretaker Rick Boiles said the number of permits sold during and leading up to the Memorial Day Weekend shows considerable improvement over last year, a good sign for the facility.

"We don't have the final totals in yet, but I can tell you we certainly did better than last year, said Boiles. "We sold more than \$900 in permits during the week and weekend and saw a lot of people from



BOILES

MOSS CREEK LAKE FEES

Admission: \$3 per vehicle plus 50 cents per person, not to exceed \$5. Those age 12 and under and 65 and older are exempt from the 50-cent fee.

RV hookups: Full service, \$15 per night, per RV; limited service \$12 per night, per RV.

Camping: \$9 per night.

Additional fees: \$2 per boat or personal watercraft; \$25 pavilion rental.

out of town coming to Moss Lake to use the facility, especially the new activities that the council recently

added.

"We had people coming from Andrews, San Angelo, Midland — they were coming from all over the place to use the lake. The improvements that have been made out here have had a real impact on the way people view this facility."

Those new activities, which include allowing personal watercraft on the lake and the addition of a paintball course, have had a tremendous impact on the number of permits sold at the recreational facility. However, Boiles said he'd like to see more.

"Of course we're happy, but we'd still like to see more," laughed Boiles. "What we would ultimately like to see is the lake become self-sufficient. The best year we've had out here since I've been caretaker

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Trucks can roll

Supreme court rules Mexican trucks can travel U.S. highways

By CHRIS ROBERTS

Associated Press Writer

EL PASO — Trucking companies and city leaders on Texas' border with Mexico see long-range business opportunities as well as potential problems with a decision clearing the way for Mexican trucks to roll on U.S. highways.

El Paso Mayor Joe Wardy, who previously worked with a trucking firm, said it will take three or four years to determine if business is flowing more smoothly. He said customs regulations on both sides of the border "will continue to retard economic improvements."

The U.S. Supreme Court on Monday removed the last legal roadblocks to implementing a North American Free Trade Agreement provision requiring the United States to open its borders to Mexican trucks. The Bush administration has supported allowing Mexican trucks on U.S. roads.

Mayor Betty Flores of Laredo applauded the decision, saying it "removes any inference of discrimination." Her city sees more Mexican truck traffic than all Mexican border cities combined. Trucks previously have been allowed to travel no more than 20 miles inside the border.

"We've always had the idea back there that the

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Former local man remembered for talent and charm

By LYNDEL MOODY

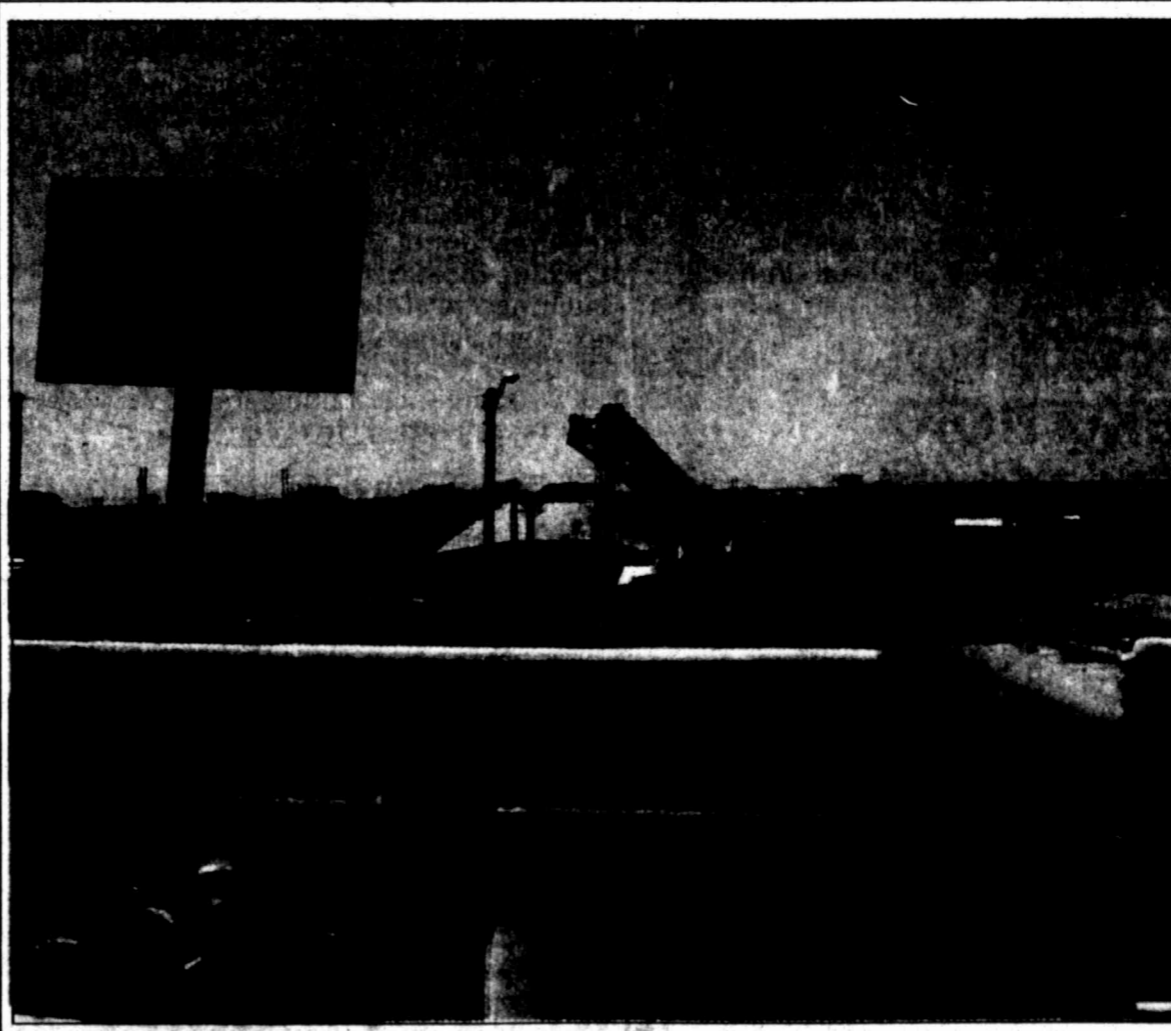
Staff Writer

Known for his musical talent and West Texas charm, family and friends are mourning the death of former Big Spring resident Lawrence Wheat.

The Dallas Morning News reported Monday that 42-year-old Wheat died after being beaten Saturday night in his south Dallas loft.

"He was one of the most artistic people you would ever meet," said his mother, Frances St. Clair, a former long-time Big Spring resident. "He had a degree in architecture. He was extremely creative. He was nuts about his niece and nephew who live in Midland and he was active in the political realm to some

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Construction continues on a \$317,000 Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) project to replace the Beals Creek bridge. Birdwell Lane will be closed from the Third Street intersection north to the Interstate 20 frontage road until mid September.

HERALD photo/Lyndel Moody

PD investigating allegations of indecency with a child

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

The Big Spring Police Department is investigating allegations of impersonating a police officer and indecency with a child after a man identifying himself as a peace officer exposed himself to several young girls Monday.

According to Police Public

Information Officer Roger Sweatt, the incident began when a man identified himself as a police officer to several teenage girls at a residence in the 1400 block of Highway 87.

"The man told the children that he was a police officer," said Sweatt. "He never showed them a badge or any other type of identification, however. The suspect was not known to the children

and was at the residence with a friend."

Sweatt, said moments after telling the children that he was a police officer, he allegedly exposed himself to them through a window at the home.

"He was allegedly standing in front of a window that had the blinds drawn with no clothes on," said Sweatt. "According to witnesses he was readily visible

through the window and made no attempt to hide himself."

The four female teens, ages 12, 13, 13 and 14, told a family member, who contacted the police.

"By the time officers contacted the victims the suspect had already left the residence," said Sweatt. "Right now we're in the process of working up the case

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Obituaries

Lawrence Reagan "Larry" Wheat



Lawrence Reagan "Larry" Wheat was born, Nov. 16, 1961, in Big Spring to Walter Lee and Frances Reagan Wheat. A fourth generation resident of Howard County, he graduated from Big Spring High School where he excelled in band, choir and drama.

He attended Texas Christian University studying under the world-renowned Lili Kraus, earning a bachelor of piano performance. He then went on to attend the University of Texas and received a master's degree in architecture.

Larry resided in Dallas and worked for various architectural firms. At the time of his death he was a self-employed architect. He was a member of the Dallas City Planning Commission and was an advocate for urban renewal within the city. He was chairman of the Zoning Ordinance Advisory Committee and had also previously served on the Dallas Community Development Commission.

Larry had an intense passion for the arts and was an accomplished musician as well as an artist. He played a variety of instruments and owned a beautiful singing voice.

He was a featured pianist at many national and international festivals. He was greatly loved by children and was especially fond of his younger cousins and niece and nephew. His family knew him as an extremely intelligent and artistic young man.

Larry was preceded in death by his father, Walter Lee Wheat and both his grandfathers, James F. Wheat and Horace B. Reagan.

He is survived by his mother, Frances Reagan Wheat St. Clair, and her husband, Ted St. Clair, of San Angelo; his sister, Elise Wheat Kail, and her husband, Shane, and their children, Samantha Lee and Sloan Howard of Midland; his grandmothers, Hazel S. Reagan of Waco and Dessie D. Wheat of Weatherford.

He is also survived by his "acquired" sisters and brothers, Dr. Martin and Paula Miser, Louis and Virginia Dorton, Susannah and Jake, all of Lubbock; Ted St. Clair Jr., Steven, Sam, Anne and Basil St. Clair, of Fort Worth.

In addition he is survived by many aunts, uncles, and cousins. There will be a private burial in Big Spring at Mount Olive Memorial Park and a memorial service at 11 a.m., Wednesday, June 9, 2004, in the Nalley-Pickle and Welch Rosewood Chapel, in Big Spring.

Visitation will be at 6 to 7 p.m. today at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

The family requests that in lieu of flowers memorials be made to the American Cancer Society, c/o Lucy Bonner, P.O. Box 2121, Big Spring 79721-2121; the Rotary Foundation Polio Eradication, Rotary Club of San Angelo, P.O. Box 249, San Angelo, 76902; or the West Texas Boy's Ranch Foundation, P.O. Box 4077, San Angelo 76902.

Arrangements under the directions of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring. Online condolences may be made at www.npwelch.com.

Paid obituary

Bonnie L. Treadway



Bonnie L. Treadway, 63, of Odessa died Saturday, June 5, 2004, at Medical Center Hospital. She was born June 23, 1940, in Dayton, Ohio.

Bonnie married Marvin Treadway Dec. 9, 1961, in Dayton, Ohio.

She was a retired bookkeeper for Aire Flo Filter Inc. and she was a member of Redeemer Lutheran Church.

She is preceded in death by her parents, Harold and Mary Reck, and son, Todd

Treadway.

She is survived by her husband, Marvin Treadway of Odessa, daughter-in-law Sharon Treadway of Big Spring and two grandchildren, Mykl Clark of Seattle and Jennifer Weir and husband, Bill of Worster, Mass.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Wednesday June 9, 2004, at Frank W. Wilson Funeral Directors chapel with the Rev. Dean Kelm officiating.

Services entrusted to Frank W. Wilson Funeral Directors.

Paid obituary

Take note

□ **CAUBLE SCHOOL REUNION** is set for 11:30 a.m. on May 1 at the Spanish Inn Restaurant, 200 NW Third St. in the Toro Room. The meal is Dutch treat, and everyone is invited to bring old photographs and memorabilia to share. Call Ray and Sue Russell at (432) 398-5452 or Betty Findley at (432) 267-8318.

□ **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.

□ **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.

Mildred Murphy Carlson



Mildred Murphy Carlson, 80, of Big Spring died on Sunday, June 6, 2004, in a local nursing home. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Thursday, June 10, 2004, in the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with Rick Cunningham, minister of 14th and Main Church of Christ, officiating. Graveside services will be at 5 p.m. Thursday at the Pioneer Cemetery, Graham.

The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Mildred was born on Dec. 3, 1923, in Cook County. She married Earl Murphy on Aug. 7, 1945, in Denton County and he preceded her in death in 1980. She then married Arne Carlson in 1990 in Graham and he preceded her in death in 1992.

Survivors include her son and daughter-in-law, Murray and Diane Murphy of Big Spring; four grandchildren; and one great grandson.

She was also preceded in death by her parents and one brother.

The family suggests memorials to the Spring City Senior Citizens Center, P.O. Box 3463, Big Spring 79721-3463 or to Mountain View Angel Fund, 2009 Virginia, Big Spring 79720.

Arrangements under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring. Online condolences can be made at www.npwelch.com.

Edith Stevens



Edith Stevens, 92, of Sweetwater died Monday, June 7, 2004, in Rolling Plains Hospital in Sweetwater. Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday, June 9, 2004, in the Garden of Memories Cemetery in Sweetwater with Father Sam Homsey officiating.

She was born June 14, 1911, in Weatherford and married Harry B. Stevens Nov. 21, 1931, in Abilene. She was a beautician and had lived in the Sweetwater area since the late 1930s.

She was preceded in death by one son, Glen Michael Stevens on March 25, 1972.

She is survived by her husband, H.B. Stevens of Sweetwater; her daughter, Janice Stevens Dickey of Sweetwater; sons Duane Stevens and his wife, Jane, and Paul Stevens and his wife, Pam, all of Sweetwater, and Howard Stevens and his wife, Karen, of Big Spring; a sister, Carlene Digby of Kingsville; two brothers, Bill Jackson of Big Spring and Virgil Jackson of Monterey, Calif.; 19 grandchildren and several great grandchildren and great great grandchildren.

The family will receive friends from 5 to 7 p.m. today at McCoy Funeral Home in Sweetwater.

Arrangements are under the direction of McCoy Funeral Home of Sweetwater.

William Satterwhite

William Satterwhite of Odessa died Sunday, June 6, 2004, in an Odessa hospital. His services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

Senior Airman John W. Brummett

Senior Airman John W. Brummett, 25, of Big Spring died Sunday, June 6, 2004, in Warrensburg, Mo. His services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

Lottery

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Monday night:
Winning numbers drawn: 2-4-18-27-28.

Number matching five of five: 1.

Prize per winner: \$42,705.

Winning tickets sold in: DALLAS.

Matching four of five: 113. Prize: \$170.

Matching three of five: 4,362. Prize: \$10.

Matching two of five: 44,309. Prize: \$2.

Next Cash 5 drawing: Tuesday night.

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Monday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 3-2-9

Weather

Tonight: Generally clear. Low around 70F. Winds SE at 15 to 25 mph.

Wednesday: Partly cloudy. High 92F. Winds SSE at 15 to 25 mph.

Wednesday night: Clear. Low 71F. Winds SE at 10 to 20 mph.

Thursday: Plenty of sun. Highs in the mid 90s and lows in the mid 70s.

Friday: A few clouds. Highs in the mid 90s and lows in the low 70s.

Saturday: Sunshine. Highs in the upper 90s and lows in the low 70s.

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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, 1001 Birdwell Lane.
- A Stitchin' 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.

WEDNESDAY

- Optimist Club meets at 7 a.m. in the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.
- Senior Circle meets at 10 a.m. at 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. at 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.

Police blotter

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

- **SHERRY LYNN CHANDLER**, 20, of 100 Lockhart, was arrested Monday on municipal warrants for minor in consumption of alcohol.
- **PETE GONZALES**, 52, of 2501 W. Highway 80, was arrested Monday on local traffic warrants.
- **RAMON REYES GRIFFIN**, 22, of Coahoma, was arrested Monday on local traffic warrants.
- **JASON MICHAEL MUNDELL**, 27, of 1505 E. Sixth Street, was arrested Monday on local traffic warrants and citations.
- **AARON KYLE MARTINEZ**, 18, of 1425 E. Sixth Street, was arrested Monday on a charge of minor in consumption of alcohol.
- **MICHAEL SHANE JACKMAN**, 18, of 1425 E. Sixth Street, was arrested Monday on a charge of driving while intoxicated with open container.
- **CHARLIE EVERRETT RYERSON**, 58, address unknown (transient), was arrested Tuesday on a charge of public intoxication.

• **BURGLARY OF A HABITATION** was reported in the 900 block of Sgt. Paredes.

• **IMPERSONATING A PUBLIC SERVANT/PEACE OFFICER** was reported in the 1400 block of Highway 87.

• **INDECENCY WITH A CHILD** was reported in the 1400 block of Highway 87.

• **CRIMINAL TRESPASS** was reported in the 1000 block of Birdwell Lane.

• **THEFT** was reported:

- in the 400 block of Birdwell.

- in the 1100 block of Lamesa.

- in the 2300 block of Wason.

- in the 1700 block of FM 700.

- in the 1800 block of Gregg Street.

• **ASSAULT BY THREAT** was reported in the 400 block of Fourth Street.

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

Sheriff's report

• **JASON SCOTT BLANTON**, 32, was arrested Monday by the HCSO on a charge of driving while license suspended.

• **SAUNDRA JO GARRARD**, 30, was transferred to the county jail Monday by the BSPD on a charge of failure to identify as a fugitive from justice - intentionally giving false information.

• **JOHN EUGENE TERRY**, 19, was arrested Monday by the HCSO on a charge of possession of marijuana - 2 ounces or less.

• **THEFT** was reported:

- in the area of Oasis Grocery.

- in the area of Coahoma High School Drive.

- in the 16000 block of N. County Road 15.

• **ASSAULT** was reported in the 300 block of S. Main Street.

• **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported in the 2900 block of South Anderson Road.

• **BURGLARY OF A BUILDING** was reported in the area of Coahoma High School Drive.

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Investigators case, the Dallas cited, said a runner seen running in a building in the area south of Dallas just before witnesses saw exit the gate to parking lot unsure of what he went.

"We don't know a stranger-to-stranger Gary Kirkpatrick Dallas police unit supervisor Dallas paper. "I know whether someone he had for a while or met that night."

Wheat was a Spring High School graduate and a four-time Big Spring resident.

"It was a shock of his death," said.

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and getting a warrant on the suspect's arrest.

Although Sw the identity of the suspect could not be confirmed at this time, he died him as a 44-year-old who was at the scene with a female.

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brought in around and we have between \$17,000 and \$21,000. That's salaries being paid in care of the upkeep and costs.

"The jet ski paintball controversy has been really going on. We're finding people in communities these activities a big plus for us in different ways.

Despite concerns prior to allowing a small water recreation lake that it might be a problem, Boiles said he has heard any complaints.

"None of the I've talked to anyone with any complaint jet skis or per craft," said Boiles. "Texas Parks and Wildlife is watching it on the lake and they're interested in people observe all of the water recreation. They're being about it."

Boiles said that courses are scheduled as the popular sport continues to gain speed in the area.

"We've had a good turnout and end for the course, and it's exciting," said Boiles. "I hope people come out and play, but to find the sport's We're still working on courses, with two speedball an attack course and water improvement."



202 Scurry

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extent in Dallas." Wheat was found by neighbors late Saturday night and was taken to Baylor University Medical Center where he died, according to the *Dallas Morning News*. There was trauma to Wheat's head, the story said. Investigators on the case, the Dallas paper cited, said a man was seen running from the building in the industrial area south of downtown Dallas just before neighbors found Wheat. Witnesses saw the man exit the gate to the complex parking lot but were unsure of what direction he went. "We don't think it's stranger-to-stranger," Sgt. Gary Kirkpatrick, a Dallas police homicide unit supervisor, told the Dallas paper. "We don't know whether he was someone he had known for a while or had just met that night." Wheat was a 1979 Big Spring High School graduate and a fourth generation Big Spring resident. "It was a shock to learn of his death," said fellow

classmate Debbye ValVerde, Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce executive director. "I've been emailing classmates. He was an easy going guy and easy to get along with." Wheat moved to Dallas in the late 1980s, became active in urban development and was serving as a Dallas Planning Commission member at the time of his death. Colleagues described Wheat as a hard-working volunteer, a forward thinker and serious about his job as a planning commissioner, the *Morning News* reported. "He was passionate about anything he was interested in," St. Clair said. "It was very fulfilling to him to be able to help the city of Dallas." A memorial service for Wheat will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday at the Rosewood Memorial Chapel at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home. Visitation will be 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. today at Nalley-Pickle & Welch.

Contact Staff Writer Lyndel Moody at 263-7331, ext. 234, or by e-mail at reporter@bigspringherald.com

Throngs pay respects at library as Reagan begins final journey

SIMI VALLEY, Calif. (AP) — Some came in their Sunday best, while others looked ready to hit the beach in shorts and flip-flops. All fell silent at the first glimpse of the flag-draped casket of Ronald Reagan. The thousands of people who waited in line for hours to pass by the former president's coffin were a cross-section of America: retirees, business people, families, veterans. "Reagan was truly the people's president and you can see it here," said Maura Rippen of Anaheim Hills, who came with her husband Steve, son Sean, 6, and daughter Katherine, 23 months. They were among more

than 16,000 people who came to the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library Monday to pay their respects to Reagan, who died Saturday at 93. The public expression of sympathy began after Reagan's body, accompanied by wife Nancy Reagan, 82, and his children, was brought 40 miles from a Santa Monica mortuary by motorcade to the library in the Ventura County hills northwest of Los Angeles. In a simple service, the Rev. Michael Wenning told the Reagan family, "As we were in procession, I couldn't help but think of the love and the outpouring that has begun in the nation for a

great president, a great world leader and a faithful servant of almighty God." After the service, Nancy Reagan walked to the casket and placed her left cheek to it. Her daughter, Patti Davis, hugged her tightly and other family members joined them. The library then opened to throngs who were bused about five miles from a college that closed to provide parking. By evening the wait for buses had grown to hours as crowds sought to make the pilgrimage before the period of lying in repose ended at 6 p.m. Tuesday. Among the first were Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger and wife Maria Shriver, who stood silent-

ly, crossed themselves and left. But most of those who came were regular folks. Patricia Roccaforte, 61, of Tustin, said Reagan had made her feel safe. "I was praying the whole time he was alive we would live up to all he thought we could do," she said. "He was so optimistic about us. He's in the hands of God now — as he always has been." Some of those passing the casket crossed themselves. A man in cowboy boots and jeans held his hat over his head. "On my way out, I saluted him — both of us did," said Don Procter, 83, a former Marine who came from Altadena with his wife Lorraine.

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and getting a warrant for the suspect's arrest." Although Sweatt said the identity of the suspect could not be released at this time, he did describe him as a 44-year-old male who was at the residence with a female friend

known to the victims. Both charges are third degree felonies punishable by two to 10 years in prison and a fine not to exceed \$10,000. Contact Staff Writer Thomas Jenkins at 263-7331 ext. 232 or by e-mail at citydesk@bigspringherald.com

TRUCKS

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reason no one wanted the Mexican truck was because ... the Mexican trucks were unsafe and bad," she said. "The long-haul Mexican truck is as good as any American truck." McAllen Mayor Leo Montalvo said his city is prepared, with most trucks crossing into near-by Pharr and feeding into a commercial zone thriving with companies like Panasonic and Zenith. "The only fear is really that they comply with whatever safety requirements need to be met," he said. "That ranges from pollution to good tires and what have you." Truckers and consumer advocates said opening the border means more

U.S. jobs will be exported and predicted an increase in safety and pollution problems along the country's roads in coming years. Darryl McKenzie, a business agent for the Teamsters Local 745 in El Paso, said there won't be enough inspectors to examine all the trucks and it will be hard to track persistent violators. Tom "Smitty" Smith of Public Citizen in Austin said Mexican trucks typically emit 30 percent more nitrogen oxides than do their American counterparts. "This will make it extremely difficult for us to get our air quality problems resolved in Texas," Smith said. McKenzie predicted that trucking companies will spring up near the Mexican side of the border to take advantage of

cheaper labor, draining decent paying jobs from the United States. Keith Boyd, president of Boyd Logistics, said he might be able to expand his business after the border is opened. His El Paso trucking company has operations based on both sides of the border. He said his drivers in Mexico make a good wage and he doesn't anticipate any immediate change in his hiring practices. "The Mexican drivers have traditionally been better at the issues that come up down there, and the U.S. drivers better up here," he said. Tela Mange, Texas Department of Public Safety spokeswoman, said nothing will change in the near future. "It will take several months, many months," she said, "for Mexican trucking companies to get

to the point where they have been granted authority to operate beyond the areas where they have been operating." Mange said the trucks will be required to meet state safety and emissions standards as well as requirements for trucking companies, such as keeping logs that document how long a driver has been working at one stretch. She said DPS has "ramped up" the number of inspectors on its staff. The department estimates opening the border will mean only up to about 500 Mexican trucks driving on Texas roads in the near future. Mange said the regulations are expensive and complicated and many Mexican trucking companies will continue to switch their loads to U.S. carriers.

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brought in around \$9,800, and we have a budget between \$17,000 and \$21,000. That's with no salaries being paid for the care of the lake, just upkeep and operating costs. "The jet skis and the paintball course have been really good for business. We're finally drawing people in from other communities because of these activities, and that's a big plus for us in a lot of different ways." Despite concerns voiced prior to allowing the personal water crafts on the lake that it may hurt fishing, Boiles said he hasn't heard any complaints. "None of the fishermen I've talked to have had any complaints about the jet skis or personal water crafts," said Boiles. "Texas Parks and Wildlife is watching the activity on the lake very closely and they're issuing tickets to people who don't observe all of the rules in the Water Safety Act. They're being very strict about it."

as the funds allow." Boiles said work on the motocross track, yet another improvement that was approved by the council, has been slow but steady. A completion date has not been set, as research into the overall design of the track continues. Admission to Moss Creek Lake is \$3 per vehicle and 50 cents per person, not to exceed \$5, according to the amended ordinance. Children 12 and under and adults age 65 and older are exempt from the 50 cent fee. There is a \$2 launch fee for all water craft. An annual permit is also available for \$100, and includes all boat launching and camping fees. Full service RV hookups are listed at \$15 per night, with limited service hookups set at \$12. Overnight camping permits are \$9 per night. There are no additional fees for admittance to the paintball course, which is open Saturdays and Sundays. All paintball play must be monitored

by lake personnel. There will be a \$5 charge per motorcycle when the motocross course opens. There are two large, concrete pavilions which can be rented for a 24-hour period for \$25, but arrangements must be made in advance. Pavilion rental includes lake entrance for one vehicle. The Hook, Line and Sinker lake shop sells minnows, both large and small, as well as worms from noon to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, 7 a.m. until 5 p.m. on Saturdays and 7 a.m. until 2 p.m. on Sundays. The shop doesn't currently sell food or drink, Boiles said. It does carry an extensive line of paintball supplies and equipment. "I think it's a great thing," said Mayor Russ

McEwen shortly after the new activities were approved. "It's what I've tried to engender everywhere, and that's the idea that by improving your parks and improving the quality of life and allowing people to do more and more things, it draws more people to our community. What we heard tonight is there are people from Midland and Odessa that stop by the lake and want to jet-ski here, but have to keep going. We can capture that here in Big Spring. "It gives you the ability to say if you play paintball, ride motocross or jet-ski, come to Big Spring and we're going to have a place for you. If you have something that naturally lends itself to that type of activity, I encourage the staff to take it a step further. I think it's a very

positive step. We have a great natural asset, so let's use it." For more information, contact Boiles at 393-5246. Contact Staff Writer Thomas Jenkins at 263-7331 ext. 232 or by e-mail at citydesk@bigspringherald.com

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OUR VIEWS

Consider donating
a little of your
time this summer

School's out and many youngsters are out having a good time, planning for camp or maybe working. It's a well-deserved respite from readin', writin' and 'rithmetic. For those who find themselves with too much time on their hands, though, we have another suggestion that benefits both the individual and the community — volunteering.

We can all gain something from volunteering, but it's a special building block for our youth, who learn responsibility, teamwork and so much more.

There are dozens of programs in our community that welcome volunteers with open arms. In fact, many programs just couldn't get by without volunteer help. Volunteers provide services at Scenic Mountain Medical Center, the Veterans Administration Hospital and Big Spring State Hospital, for instance. Almost every nursing center could use an energetic youth for an hour or two a day, a few days a week.

Other programs include Mobile Meals, the Spring City Senior Citizens Center and the Salvation Army. Older students, particularly those in college, may want to consider working with Victim Services, the county volunteer fire department, the Boys Club or others.

Of course, while we are suggesting volunteering as a worthwhile activity for youth out of school for the summer, the fact is, it's a good idea for anyone who has some extra time. Volunteering keeps you more "in tune" with the community and what is going on. It keeps you alert and breaks the routine of normal day to day activities. It provides a great sense of self-satisfaction, just knowing that what you are doing makes a real difference in someone else's life.

So if you have a bit of time, consider becoming a volunteer. Once you do, it's something we know you'll want to do in some capacity the rest of your life. The rewards are great, both to yourself and to the community that benefits from your help.

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

We are aware that Heaven is only a step away,
Lord, may we know you and direct our steps
toward you.

Amen

Matches between word and deed

As Lily Tomlin observed, "No matter how cynical you get, it's impossible to keep up." But as Con Ed used to say, dig we must. Courtesy of David Sirota at the americanprogress.org website, we find the following matches between word and deed:

Just before Memorial Day, Veterans Affairs Secretary Anthony Principi said, "Our active military respond better to Republicans" because of "the tremendous support that President Bush has provided for our military and our veterans." The same day, the White House announced plans for massive cuts in veterans' health care for 2006.

Last January, Bush praised veterans during a visit to Walter Reed Army Medical Center. The same day, 164,000 veterans were told the White House was "immediately cutting off their access to the VA health care system."

My favorite in this category was the short-lived plan to charge soldiers wounded in Iraq for their meals when they got to American military hospitals. The plan mercifully died a-borning after it hit the newspapers.

In January 2003, just before the war, Bush said, "I want to make sure that our soldiers have the best possible pay." A few months later, the White House announced it would roll back increases in "imminent danger" pay (from \$225 to \$150) and family separation allowance (from \$250 to \$100).

In October 2003, the president told troops, "I want to thank you for your willingness to heed the important call, and I want to thank your families." Two weeks later, the White House announced it opposed a proposal to give National Guard and Reserve mem-

bers access to the Pentagon's health insurance system, even though a recent General Accounting Office report estimated that one out of every five Guard members has no health insurance. What a nice thank you note.

A month before the war started, the White House proposed cutting \$1.5 billion from funding for military housing. The House Armed Services Committee had concluded that thousands of military families were living "in decrepit and dilapidated military housing." Progressive lawmakers counter-proposed an amendment to restore \$1 billion in housing funds and pay for it by reducing new tax cuts Bush was proposing for the 200,000 Americans who make more than \$1 million a year. Instead of getting \$88,000 in tax cuts, the poor millionaires would get only \$83,000. The House, with White House backing, voted the proposal down. (All thanks to Sirota.)

With the release of the 2006 budget, we're constantly finding instances of programs that Bush, the candidate, proudly claims to support, while he prepares to cut them drastically in order to pay for making his tax cuts permanent.

According to The Washington Post, the White House guidelines for the 2006 budget include a \$1.7 billion cut for education, supposedly his signature program. That neatly wipes out last year's increase — and, you may recall, the administration has never funded education at anything close to the figures in the original agreement with Sen. Ted Kennedy. Teachers say the No Child Left Behind law should be called "No Dollars Left Behind to Pay for It." Head Start is to be cut by \$177 million, and the highly successful nutrition program for women, infants and children is to be cut by \$100 million.

Any time Bush goes out into the country and claims credit for, or praises the work being done by,

some government program, it is an almost-certain kiss of death — budget cuts follow.

Back to veterans. This year, the administration increased spending on veterans by \$519 million. In 2006, it plans to cut veterans spending by \$910 million.

Also on the list for substantial cuts are the National Institutes of Health, the Environmental Protection Agency, and police assistance and crime prevention programs. When something like the West Nile virus gets out of control, can't you just envision the independent investigation committee that will have a look into that government failure? Can we fire George Tenet again?

Rep. David Obey, D-Wisc., points out the House Interior Appropriations Committee had to cut \$682 million from the White House budget proposal this year. The budget situation is now so dire that the latest Republican scheme is not to pass a budget at all this year (until after the election), lest people notice what is going on.

The White House's latest ploy is to claim that the 2006 guidelines it issued are just a mere wisp of a suggestion, nothing to be taken seriously. But the White House has already submitted legislation to impose spending caps that would continue the cuts every year thereafter until 2009.

Are there any grown-ups in this administration? Budgets are the guts of government. "Who benefits?" and "Who pays?" are the only serious questions. Except, of course, for the always timely, "What the hell will they do to us next?"

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Is Bush a conservative? Maybe?

After a Memorial Day spent campaigning in his district, a Republican House member turned on the television Monday night to encounter a positive advertisement by George W. Bush's re-election campaign. To the congressman's dismay, it praised the president's education bill (with the tag line: "Because no child in America should be left behind"). That was probably the second least favorite ad possible in the opinion of this lawmaker.

The worst possible advertisement for conservative congressmen would have been one praising President Bush's prescription drug bill. Their constituents are unhappy about both the school and prescription drug programs. So, to get Republican voters out of their living rooms and into the polling booth Election Day, they want the Bush campaign to stop talking about these unpopular proposals. These legislators are cheered by public statements by Ken Mehlman, the Bush campaign manager, that this campaign will highlight ideological differences between conservative Republicans and liberal Democrats.

There is a disconnect, however. While conservatives hope for Mehlman to guide a strategy to their liking, the campaign manager believes there is nothing inconsistent between this goal and promoting the education bill on television. Mehlman follows Bush's own beliefs. The president is proud of the very programs his conservative base most dislikes, leading some of the president's

supporters to wonder whether George W. Bush is really a conservative.

Seeds of this concern were inadvertently planted by the president himself when he went to Capitol Hill May 20, shortly before the Memorial Day recess. Over 200 Republican members of both houses of Congress had been told Bush would make a brief preliminary statement, with microphones set up in the aisles for extensive questioning of the president to follow. Inexplicably, Bush launched into a meandering presentation lasting the better part of an hour with no questions — exactly the format he uses for fund-raising presentations.

Bush was off to a good start by talking about his tax cuts, the heart of his economic recovery program and of supply-side ideology. The lawmakers cheered and applauded. But their response diminished to a few hands clapping when the president turned to his education program.

He next encountered dead silence by going on to the prescription drug program. "I guess your eyes just glazed over," an unamused Bush told his congressional audience. Defiantly, he said: "Other presidents have promised help for prescription drugs, but I have actually done it." That generated a little applause. Only when Bush mentioned health savings accounts, the token conservative element in the prescription drug bill, did he again get an enthusiastic reaction from the legislators.

The president concluded with an exposition on Iraq that, while a little disorganized, was greeted warmly. For the most part, Republicans on Capitol Hill are not abandoning Bush on the war.

The unhappy meeting with Bush

preceded what congressmen faced meeting unhappy constituents during their recess. The voters of the conservative base have no use for "no child left behind," but that is a nagging old pain. What acutely torments these voters is the prescription drug bill. Republicans are fearful that the plan will take away benefits they have now and replace them with something they don't want.

It was common for Republican congressmen during this recess to be approached by a voter asking this question: Isn't it true that if we had John Kerry as president and a Republican majority in Congress opposing him, we never would have had this prescription drug bill? The implication is that conservatives in Congress could be real conservatives with an ineffective Democrat in the White House.

Actually, Bush's defeat more likely would trigger an enormous internal explosion inside the Republican Party between forces temporarily held together in an effort to elect a president. Nor are Republicans still confident that in the wake of Bush's defeat, they would hold the Senate or even the House. Coming back from their recess, Republican House members foresee losses in November.

These congressmen believe their constituents will stand with the president on Iraq. They also fear the president does not appreciate the extent of disillusionment in his base. At least, they say, he should stop talking about the education and prescription drug bills.

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Yahoo's toolbar has spyware fighting feature

Got toolbars? OK, so it's not milk — but it seems toolbars for your browser, mainly Internet Explorer and Netscape, are the new "must-have" items these days. Just ask Internet big boy Yahoo.



THOMAS JENKINS

Yahoo recently rolled out a test version of a browser add-on (otherwise known as the Yahoo Toolbar) that can help Web users shield their surfing habits from spyware and adware. Called Anti-Spy, the new software, released as part of a revised version of Yahoo's free, downloadable browser toolbar, is supposed to help keep snoops and hackers from using hidden surveillance programs to peer over the shoulders of unsuspecting users as they roam the Web. Anti-Spy uses technology from the spyware fighters at Carlisle, Pa., based PestPatrol Inc. This software automatically downloads a list of known spyware offenders, then checks for their presence on a user's computer whenever that user requests a spyware scan. Anti-Spy can then uproot whatever spyware or adware applications it finds. The toolbar, which currently runs only in the Windows versions of Microsoft's Internet Explorer (sorry Netscape users) is still in a beta-test state at the moment, a status that sometimes means risking the possibility of crashing your computer like a lead balloon. Yahoo hasn't released when it expects the test to conclude,

but curious customers can download it off the Web portal's site, located at <http://beta.toolbar.yahoo.com>. Just remember, it's a beta! "We felt like the toolbar was the right place to make this available to consumers," Yahoo spokeswoman Stephanie Ichinose said in a recent press release. "It rounds out the circle of helping consumers manage their online experience." The Yahoo toolbar, like most of these browser add-ons, also contains a shortcut for Web searches, conducted through Yahoo's search engine in this case, and a pop-up ad blocker. Yahoo's development comes on the heels of Google's immense success with its toolbar, which includes a pop-up blocker and several other search features as well. The Google offering remains one of the top ongoing Internet downloads, and by far the most popular multi-task toolbar circulating the Web. In tandem with the launch of Anti-Spy beta, Yahoo has also introduced a forum designed to provide consumers with a community driven resource to keep abreast of the most pressing issues related to spyware and other potentially unwanted software. The site — <http://beta.toolbar.yahoo.com/antispyware> — enables consumers to share insights on such programs, find current information such as the top five emerging pests of the day or week, and links to related news stories and resources. "Our objective is to develop the best services and tools to meet the evolving needs of Internet consumers. Anti-Spy beta is yet another great

example of a free service that instantly puts the consumer in control of their Internet experience," said Julie Herendeen, vice president of network products for Yahoo. "We are thrilled to build upon our existing consumer resources, such as the Yahoo Security Center, to help users not only find accurate information about online security, but also provide them with the tools and community voice to help them take an active role in protecting themselves online." Spyware is software that tracks a consumer's online activities, and uses the data it collects to choose targeted pop-up advertisements and other promotional messages, which are then displayed to the user. Such messages are annoying, but what is more disturbing to many users is that spyware also tracks and transmits their personal information — for instance, the Web sites they visit — without their knowledge or permission. Businesses are also annoyed by spyware — that may mean that customers who visit a given business's site are exposed instead to its competitor's advertisements — and indeed, that these ads obscure the site itself. Lawsuits have ensued, filed by companies alleging that pop-up ads give rise to various copyright, trademark, and unfair competition claims. Where does spyware come from? Typically, it is installed on users' computers, without their knowledge or consent. That might happen when a user downloads free software programs from the Internet, such as e-mail software, web browsers and digi-

tal music file-sharing programs. These programs may bundle spyware alongside the other software, so that in order to download the programs they want, users must download spyware as well. Spyware increasingly has captured the attention of regulators and lawmakers. The Federal Trade Commission has begun a series of investigations into spyware abuses and has been holding public forums on the issue. Congressional lawmakers have introduced at least three bills about the issue, and last month a U.S. House committee held hearings to probe the rise in unwanted and deceptive software downloads. In March of this year, Utah became the first state to enact new legislation addressing certain types of spyware with its Spyware Control Act. Then in May, a suit was brought pursuant to Utah's new act. Overstock.com sued Massachusetts-based online retailer SmartBargains Inc. in the Third District Court in Salt Lake City, claiming that SmartBargains used spyware to display pop-up ads over the Overstock.com Web site. Overstock.com is seeking injunctive relief, damages, attorney's fees and other costs. Meanwhile, other states are also considering legislation on this topic, and several bills on this issue have been introduced in Congress. In addition, the Federal Trade Commission recently hosted a spyware workshop in an attempt to craft useful policy solutions. Contact Staff Writer Thomas Jenkins at 263-7331 ext. 232 or by e-mail at citydesk@bigspringherald.com

Germany, France promise support on Iraq resolution

UNITED NATIONS (AP) — The United States called for a vote today on a revised U.N. resolution defining the new Iraqi government's powers. The measure appeared to have overwhelming support after a last-minute compromise won the backing of the war's sharpest critics, France and Germany. U.S. Ambassador John Negroponte said he was "very optimistic" about the outcome of the vote scheduled for late this afternoon. A last-minute addition to the resolution by the United States and Britain, summarizing Iraq's "security partnership" with U.S.-led forces, was the key compromise. Under the proposal, Iraqi leaders would have control of the country's security forces, and Washington and Iraq's new interim government promised to work out a policy on how to cooperate on "sensitive offensive operations." The deal stops short of granting the Iraqis a veto over major offensives by U.S.-led troops. France, Germany and others had sought such a veto for the Iraqis. Their pressure to give the Iraqi government due to take power on June 30 more authority prompted Washington and London to repeatedly alter their draft resolution. Both countries said today they would vote for the latest version. Chile and other Security Council members were still hoping for more changes, and China, did not say how it would vote. British Foreign Secretary Jack Straw said he expected the measure would win unanimous backing. "It should receive a very fair wind and good vote this afternoon in the Security Council," he told British Broadcasting Corp. radio. The United States and Britain hope to send a united message to the Iraqi people that the international community supports the transfer of full sovereignty to the interim Iraqi government.

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A SHARK NAMED HENRY

You may be wondering why anyone would name a shark Henry! I don't know the answer to that question, either! Because people think that sharks are so mean, you would think his name would be Tiger, or maybe Hammer. How about even Bull? Well, let's just don't worry about his name and just call him Henry. Maybe the other sharks that named him had a favorite uncle named Henry. Who will ever know?

Henry loved to travel. He swam in all of the oceans on our beautiful earth. (Do you know how many oceans there are on earth?) That means that Henry had to do a lot of traveling, doesn't it?

But everywhere Henry went, he scared people. They are just naturally afraid of sharks. Little boys and girls did not want to swim with him because they were afraid of sharks, too. That is a good idea, because mother nature does not want us to play with them. She wants sharks to play with other sharks, not people!

But Henry was not a bad shark. As a matter of fact, he was a very nice one! He did not ever want to hurt a little girl or boy. So, he thought it would be best if he did not ever try to play with them. He would sit out in the ocean close to the beach and watch the kids playing in the big waves and making sandcastles on the beach. It was very sad because he would never even let the kids see him. He sometimes wished that he was a little boy or girl just so he could play with them. But he was a shark and there is nothing he can do about that!

One of his favorite kids was a little girl named Alyssa. She was a very pretty little girl. She had a smile that just lit up her whole face and always made you want to smile right back at her. All of the other kids loved her, too. She was just so nice that everyone that met her fell in love with her.

But one day Alyssa was at the beach playing in the sand, making sandcastles, when she decided to go for a swim. She did something that little kids should never do! She didn't tell her mommy that she was going into the water! She did take along her life jacket, but she did not put it on the right way.

Alyssa had only gone a short distance out into the water when a huge wave started coming towards her. She turned and ran as fast as she could to the shore. But she wasn't fast enough! The big wave caught up with her and with a loud splash, knocked poor Alyssa to the sea floor. It also knocked that life jacket right off of her!

Now Alyssa was in really big trouble because she couldn't keep her head above the water so she could breathe. She could not call her mommy because everytime she opened her mouth, it seemed to fill up with water. What is she going to do? I'll bet you already know!

Here comes our hero! Of course, I am talking about Henry. He had to be very careful not to let Alyssa see him. She was scared enough, already!

Henry grabbed that life jacket and with a toss of that mighty tail, threw it right into Alyssa's arms! Alyssa finally got the jacket on the right way and excitedly got back to the sand. She had even thought that she had felt a little nudge along the way!

Alyssa's mommy never knew what happened that day. Alyssa never really knew what happened that day, either! But she always wondered how that life jacket just seemed to jump into her hands!

So our hero just swam back into the deep parts of the ocean feeling very good about himself. And he should feel good about himself because Alyssa was not the first little kid he had saved. He had done this many, many times before. He was always a hero, but no one ever knew!



Good Night!

**It's the cooking, the cleaning, the crying
Bout with toothbrush, toothpicks and
Q-tips takes its toll on housework**

"I'll tell you what it is: It's the cooking, the cleaning, the crying."

And so, the words of Walter Matthau reverberate through his character, Oscar, in the movie, "The Odd Couple."



CHRISTY ALTON

Although the pendulum has swung too far in the other direction for me, my husband admitted to me that he was glad that my bout with toothbrushes, q-tips and toothpicks was over.

He was relieved to come home and not find me stooped over the baseboards with a cotton swab, frantically trying to remove the microbial dust balls that, for some reason, enjoy hanging out there.

Upon my entering the marriage state, having a spotless home became almost an obsession. I sometimes dusted twice a day and never less than three times per week.

Vacuuming was a daily ritual and mopping the tiled flooring was done once a week, if not more. Scrubbing the commodes, with pumice no less, was a daily grind.

I even went so far as to clean everyone else's bathtub. Sometimes without permission.

Even after the birth of my first child, only superwoman cleaning was acceptable.

If anyone planned to spend a weekend with us, it was time to break out the above-mentioned tools. Every drawer, every closet, every shelf would have to be sanitized and organized.

My husband would argue that no one was going to look under the cabinet sink. But, there was no convincing me.

The birth of my second child, a new job, and returning to college brought new and unexpected changes into my ultraclean world.

Suddenly, there was no time for toothbrush, q-tip, and toothpick cleansings. The baseboards became dust magnets.

The cabinet under the bathroom sink began to be a place to hide "junk" when someone announced they were coming to visit.

Sand lay on my shelves, tables, and beds like a

blanket. Locks were placed on bedroom doors in order to keep out onlookers. I developed (and practically patented) the BULLDOZER TECHNIQUE.

The BULLDOZER TECHNIQUE is just a simple term for shoveling items from one end of the house to the other.

I use a laundry basket. I'd prefer one with wheels like the ones at the laundromat, but, one can't have everything.

For a quick overhaul, you start in the back of the house and work your way forward. Pick up everything that isn't nailed down, throw it in the basket and bulldoze forward.

Find a room with a lock on the outside of it, hoist your basket inside, and TADAH! Instant clean. Very reminiscent of The Cat in the Hat.

The lowering of my standards has helped maintain peace in troubled days. For the most part, I've found that things can be let go for long periods of time.

Nothing bad happens if you can't find your baseboards underneath all the silt. The sky doesn't fall if you dig the clean clothes out of the basket, versus the drawer.

For all my talk of lowered standards, I have maintained some sense of cleaning etiquette.

If they are to be left undone overnight, dishes must be rinsed out. Fungi

'I developed the bulldozer technique'

isn't attractive.

Beds must be made. They improve the appearance of the room and take the focus off the soot on the bookcases.

As to cooking, there was a period in my newlywed stage, where going out to eat was not done. I cooked. I wanted to show off.

Then we moved to a town that had restaurants.

We ate out. First, monthly; then, weekly; then every other day or so. It got to be a habit.

Thirty pounds later, I got back into the kitchen.

I still enjoy making culinary delights. Frozen lasagna counts. I still attempt baking every now and then. Chocolate chip cookie dough only

yields 1 1/2 dozen cookies, even though the directions promise four dozen.

Crock pots are on my "best friends in the kitchen" list and so is the microwave oven.

Crying is part of cooking and cleaning. I cry while I clean, and cook while I cry, and clean while I cook, and cook while I'm cleaning.

It's a constant barrage of tears. After I finish cleaning, I stop crying.

It's not that I clean that often, but the lowered standards can cause a stress and a strain that affects your emotions.

Even with the BULLDOZER TECHNIQUE, the locks on the doors, the less attention to detail, cleaning can take its toll.

Cooking can get old; crying...even older; cleaning...is the oldest!

With the new lowering of standards, I am more apt to appreciate anything that anyone might do to the house.

For instance, when I asked my daughter to clear the table for dinner, I found everything on an empty chair the next day. All I saw was a cleared spot for plates.

Speaking of plates, paper is allowed. It's bad for the environment, but good for saving time.

Laundry can be done on a need-to-wear basis. This only means that if I don't absolutely need it, I push it to the bottom of the stack.

If I do need it and it's not really that dirty, I can take it out of the pile, iron it and wear it.

Chances are, no one will ever know the difference. Be sure that nothing is hooked to the item you are going to wear because people seriously make fun of women wearing skirts with foundational garments clipped to the hem.

Petty, but they can't help it.

Lastly, if you cook and clean, chances are you've cried.

It's okay. We've all been there.

Some of us more than others. It's universal. You aren't alone.

Next time you're chopping onions, let the tears flow.

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

Bluebonnet Books

**"Lord of the Deep" by Graham Salisbury
Teen-ager and stepdad work
on charter boat in Hawaii**

By Sebastian Hernandez
Special to the Herald

"Lord of the Deep" by Graham Salisbury is a book about a teen-ager, Mikey and his stepdad, Bill, who work on a charter boat in Hawaii.

Mikey's mom always stays home with his brother, Billy-Jay because he is blind. I thought this was a good book. The author really made the characters interesting and fun.



SEBASTIAN HERNANDEZ

problems mostly because they have big mouths and think that they know it all.

The charter is for three days but it seems forever for Mikey. Cal and Ernie fish, always trying to catch a Mahimahi or a Marlin.

They have trouble along the way. The adventure begins when they catch the biggest fish of their life, a 91-pound Mahimahi called Big Foot.

One thing that made me want to read the book was that it had won an award, so I knew it would be good.

It looked interesting and it looked long, but I wish the author had made this book longer. I thought that the story was kind of like a pirate story, but they have a little boat.

If I were to rate this book, I would give it an eight on a scale of one to 10. I think you would really enjoy "Lord of the Deep" by Graham Salisbury.

Sebastian Hernandez is a student at Bauer Magnet School. Texas Bluebonnet books are nominated for awards and are available at the Howard County Library.

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Dates set for Camp of Champs

Coach Ricky Long has set Big Spring High School's Camp for Champs to be held from June 7 through July 1 at the Big Spring Athletic Training Center.

The weightlifting camp is open to males and females in grades fifth through eighth.

For more information call Coach Long at 432-269-3662 or 432-263-0519.

C.G.A. announces golf tournament

The Big Spring Chicano Golf Association has scheduled its monthly tournament for Sunday, June 13, at Comanche Trail Golf Course.

The tournament is a four-person best ball and it begins at 10 a.m.

All participants must be registered to play by 9:45 a.m.. For more information, call 432-264-7116 after 7 p.m.

B.S. sets tennis circuit dates

The 2004 Black Gold Tennis Circuit has released its schedule and the Big Spring site will take place Friday and Saturday.

The cost for one event is \$15, two events is \$20 and three events is \$25.

The events are broken down into five different age groups ranging from 12-years-old to adults.

The events in each age group include boys (men's) and girls (women's) singles and doubles, as well as mixed doubles.

For more information, contact Big Spring head tennis coach Sarah Corse at 432-263-2275.

Coahoma baseball camp set for June

The Coahoma baseball camp will take place Monday through Friday, June 14-18 from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

The camp is for ages six and up and the cost is \$60/player.

Everyone involved in the camp will get a free T-shirt, certificate and other prizes and awards.

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

For more information, contact Bulldog head coach Brad Harmon at 361-542-9039.

Phoenix Golf Club sets scramble days

The Phoenix Golf Club in Stanton invites golfers to Thursday night scrambles starting at 6 p.m. All golfers are welcome and scrambles will take place every Thursday until further notice.

For more information, call 756-2556.

ON THE AIR

Sports Broadcast Schedule		
Tuesday		
Event, Time	Station	
Astros @ Mariners, 8:40 p.m.	1490	
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Rangers vs. Astros, 8:30 p.m.	1490	
Thursday		
Event, Time	Station	
Howard County L.L. Tournament, 7:35 p.m.	1490	



Top: The Big Spring Junior High Fellowship of Christian Athletes attended a Midland Rockhounds game at First American Ballpark on the last day of school Thursday, May 27. Thirty members of the group attended the game. Bottom: some of the members had the chance to sing "Take Me Out to the Ballgame" during the seventh inning stretch. From left: Clarissa Carrisalez, Desire Yanez, Samantha Boehringer, Kady Knox, Suraj Patel and Chris Brooks. Patel and Josh Urias also took part in the "chicken run" in between innings.

Two Texas stars chosen in MLB draft

AUSTIN (AP) - Texas pitchers J.P. Howell and Huston Street, two anchors in one of the nation's top college rotations, were picked in the first round of the Major League draft Monday.

Howell, a 6-foot, 180-pound lefthander, is 13-2 with a 2.24 ERA for the Longhorns, the top seed in the NCAA tournament.

He was drafted 31st by the Kansas City Royals.

Street, a 6-foot, 190-pound junior righthander, was selected 40th by Oakland.

The Longhorns' stand-out closer, Street is 5-1 with an ERA of 1.49.

Street has 12 saves this season despite missing 24 games with a groin injury.

Street is the Big 12's career saves leader with 40.

As a freshman in 2002, he earned four saves in the College World Series, leading Texas to the national championship.

Texas (53-13) hosts Vanderbilt (45-17) this weekend in a best-of-three super regional with the winner advancing to the CWS.

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

2004 current standings

American League

East	W	L	GB	Home	Road	Streak
New York Yankees	35	20	—	18-8	17-12	Won 1
Boston	33	23	2.5	18-9	15-14	Won 2
Baltimore	25	27	8.5	13-14	12-13	Won 1
Toronto	25	32	11	14-14	11-18	Lost 2
Tampa Bay	21	33	13.5	14-14	7-19	Lost 1
Central						
Chicago Sox	30	24	—	17-10	13-14	Lost 2
Minnesota	30	26	1	17-12	13-14	Won 1
Cleveland	25	29	5	16-13	9-16	Won 3
Detroit	25	31	6	12-16	13-15	Lost 1
Kansas City	20	34	10	13-14	7-20	Lost 2
West						
Anaheim	33	23	—	18-10	15-13	Lost 3
Oakland	32	24	1	18-10	14-14	Won 3
TEXAS	31	24	1.5	16-9	14-15	Won 1
Seattle	22	34	11	11-16	9-18	Won 3

National League

East	W	L	GB	Home	Road	Streak
Florida	32	25	—	16-12	16-13	Lost 1
Philadelphia	29	26	2	14-13	15-13	Lost 1
Atlanta	28	28	3.5	15-13	13-15	Won 1
New York Mets	28	28	3.5	15-13	13-15	Won 1
Montreal	18	37	13	9-17	9-20	Lost 2
Central						
Cincinnati	34	23	—	18-10	16-13	Lost 1
St. Louis	33	24	1	13-15	20-9	Won 1
HOUSTON	30	26	3.5	15-13	15-13	Lost 1
Chicago Cubs	29	27	4.5	16-13	13-14	Lost 1
Milwaukee	27	27	5.5	14-12	13-15	Lost 2
Pittsburgh	24	30	8.5	9-18	15-12	Lost 3
West						
Los Angeles	30	24	—	15-12	15-12	Lost 1
San Diego	31	25	—	16-12	15-13	Won 2
San Francisco	29	28	2.5	15-14	14-14	Won 2
Arizona	22	35	9.5	12-17	10-18	Won 1
Colorado	21	35	10	13-16	8-19	Lost 2

Glossary:
W: Wins **L:** Losses
GB: Games Back
Home: Home record
Road: Road record
Streak: consecutive games won or lost

Parcells apologizes for racial comment

By STEPHEN HAWKINS

AP Sports Writer

IRVING - Bill Parcells apologized Monday for calling the surprise plays used in practice "Jap plays," saying the remark was inappropriate.

The Dallas Cowboys coach was talking to reporters at the team's minicamp about how his quarterbacks coach and defensive coordinator try to outdo each other when he made the comment, an apparent reference to Japan's 1941 attack on Pearl Harbor.

"You've got to keep an eye on those two, because they're going to try to get the upper hand," Parcells said about Sean Payton and Mike Zimmer. "Mike wants the defense to do well, and Sean, he's going to have a few ... no disrespect for the Orientals, but what we call Jap plays. OK, surprise things."

Akira Kuboshima, the editor of Japan's American Football Magazine who was in the room, said he wasn't offended but believed some people would be. He also said he was surprised more by the reaction of other reporters than the comment.

"There is a lot of chance for someone to feel offended," Kuboshima said. "To me, it was no big deal."

Cowboys spokesman Rich Dalrymple apologized on behalf of the organization, and Parcells later issued a statement.

"I made a very inappropriate reference, and although I prefaced it with the remark, 'no disrespect to anyone intended,' it was still uncalled for and inconsiderate," Parcells said in the statement. "For that I apologize to anyone who may have been offended."

The remark was only part of Parcells' 45-minute session with reporters, in which he also talked about the team's quarterback competition and some of the new players.

After three straight 5-11 seasons, the Cowboys went 10-6 and reached the playoffs in their first year under Parcells. Still, he expects better in 2004.

"That doesn't mean we'll win more games," Parcells said. "That just means I think from head to toe that we have a chance to be better."

Wide receiver Keyshawn Johnson, who had two of his Pro Bowl seasons for Parcells while with the New York Jets, came to Dallas in a trade with Tampa Bay.

Vinny Testaverde was reunited with his old coach last week, leaving the Jets as a free agent. The 40-year-old quarterback will compete for the starting job with incumbent Quincy Carter and serve as a mentor to Drew Henson.

"These guys that were here last year, they've already bought into it. From that alone, we'll be a better team," running back Richie Anderson said. "We already know what to expect. He's not going to allow certain things to happen or go on."

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Blalock's walk-off RBI single leads Texas to victory

By **STEPHEN HAWKINS**
AP Sports Writer

ARLINGTON
Pittsburgh went from losing in one windy city to another one.

Hank Blalock's looping RBI single with two outs in the 10th inning pushed home Laynce Nix with the winning run, and the Texas Rangers in beat the Pirates 6-5 Monday night in the first interleague game of the season.

Like Nix, Blalock hit a flyball to center that was knocked down by winds gusting near 25 mph and dropped several feet in front of charging outfielder Tike Redman.

"The wind helps, and it helps," Rangers manager Buck Showalter said. "It's

a tough read on a full swing and the ball coming off the end of the bat."

Redman came closer to catching Blalock's ball than the one hit by Nix, but couldn't recover after initially taking a step back.

"I wasn't in far enough and it just fell in," Redman said. "I thought it would be pretty easy with a big yard because I like to run. Those would have been real easy to catch if I played here all of the time."

Manager Lloyd McClendon, back after serving a two-game suspension during the Pirates' last two games against the Chicago Cubs, said Redman had "bad

jumps." Pittsburgh lost for the eighth time in nine games despite scoring more than three runs for the first time in that span.

Blalock hit a full-count pitch against Mike Johnston (0-3) for the game-winner.

Nix had moved to third on Michael Young's line-drive single with two outs.

"It took two bleeders to win," Young said. "That stuff happens, and we'll definitely take it."

Texas has never lost to the Pirates. But the Rangers, who left Pittsburgh with a three-game sweep two years ago in their only other series, struck out a season-high

15 times against five pitchers.

Interleague play began in 1997 when the Rangers hosted San Francisco. Texas hosted the first of three AL vs. NL games Monday night.

Both teams got runners to third in the ninth before inning-ending strikeouts.

And both had running catches in the outfield.

Alfonso Soriano led off the Texas ninth with a single against Salmon Torres, then moved up on a groundout and wild pitch before Chad Allen struck out.

Rob Mackowiak had a leadoff single and was stranded when Redman struck out against

Francisco Cordero (2-0), who stayed in to pitch the 10th.

Mackowiak tracked down Brad Fullmer's flyball near the fence in the left-center gap after Soriano's leadoff hit. Nix went a long way to get Bobby Hill's flyball in the right-center gap before Redman struck out.

Texas starter R.A. Dickey, 0-4 in seven starts since May 2, had a 5-3 lead after Gary Matthews Jr. hit a two-run single in the fifth.

But Dickey was out of the game an inning later when Craig Wilson hit a tying two-run homer, his 13th, two outs after Jason Kendall's leadoff single.

The Pirates led 3-0 for

Kip Wells, a Texas native who was 4-1 with a 1.97 ERA in eight previous appearances against the Rangers.

Redman and Jose Castillo, the bottom two hitters in Pittsburgh's lineup, both drove in runs in the second, with Redman getting an RBI single and Castillo a two-run single that made it 3-0.

But Brad Fullmer's sacrifice fly in the second pushed home Texas' first run, and Mark Teixeira followed with his eighth homer, a two-run shot that tied the game.

Wells struck out four of his first seven batters, walking the other three.

Rice pitching trio dominates draft board, team falls

By **JOEL ANDERSON**
AP Sports Writer

HOUSTON (AP) - Philip Humber, Jeff Niemann and Wade Townsend will get an earlier start on their professional careers than they would have liked.

Rice's remarkable trio of right-handers were all drafted within the first eight picks of the major league draft Monday, the first time three pitchers from the same team have been picked that high. Three teammates hadn't been drafted in the first round since Fresno State's Tom Goodwin, Eddie Zosky and Steve Hoesey in 1989.

The pitching trio wasn't enough, however, to prevent the defending College World Series champs from being eliminated by Texas A&M in the regional round of the NCAA tournament on Sunday.

"Last night was the lowest of lows," Humber said Monday, moments after sharing a round of hugs with Niemann and Townsend. "But when I woke up this morning, I was so excited. This made things a lot easier. It really hasn't sunk in yet."

Humber went to the New York Mets with the third pick of the draft. The 6-foot-4 junior pitched the Owls to the College World Series title last year, and went 13-4 with a 2.27 ERA this season.

The end to his college career was more disappointing than expected. Humber took both of Rice's losses in the Houston Regional. He gave up the go-ahead eighth-inning homers in defeats to Texas Southern on Friday and Texas A&M on Sunday that doomed the Owls to a long off-season.

By Monday afternoon, however, Humber's anguish had subsided enough to consider the avalanche of accolades that he and his teammates had garnered over the past three years.

"It's a big honor and we'll all be linked together for a long time," he said. "It's pretty heady stuff to think about."

The 6-9, 260-pound Niemann was taken fourth by Tampa Bay, which apparently wasn't put off by the strained groin that bothered him much of the season and the arthroscopic surgery on his right elbow last fall.

Toward the end of this season, Niemann finally

started to look more like the pitcher who went 17-0 with a 1.70 ERA last year and drew comparisons to five-time Cy Young winner Randy Johnson of the Arizona Diamondbacks.

"Early on, I was struggling and it seemed like I wasn't getting any breaks," Niemann said. "Now I feel I'm coming along just fine."

Baltimore took Townsend at No. 8 amid much talk from scouts and draft analysts that he'd be groomed to become a major league closer.

Townsend, the Western Athletic Conference pitcher of year and Golden Spikes finalist who went 12-0 with a 1.80 ERA, was skeptical of such a move.

"I'm 23-1 in my career as a starter," Townsend said. "That's not too bad." A fourth Rice right-hander, Josh Baker, was selected in the fourth round, 106th overall, by Milwaukee.

The 6-5 junior, who transferred from Alabama after his freshman year, finished the season 9-2 with a 2.79 ERA.

Monday's draft put an improbable close on three careers that didn't seem nearly this promising four years ago.

"We're going on to bigger and better things," Niemann said. "We've come a long way."

Most colleges overlooked the three coming out of high school and only Humber was drafted, as a 29th-round pick by the New York Yankees.

But the highly touted trio, along with Baker, guided the Owls to last year's national title, an eighth-straight WAC championship and the nation's top-ranking in staff ERA two of the past three seasons.

They were impressive enough to earn acclaim as "the best college pitching trio ever" by Baseball America.

Tampa Bay captures first-ever Stanley Cup

By **ALAN ROBINSON**
AP Sports Writer

TAMPA, Fla. - No, Canada. The Stanley Cup not only isn't headed north, the Tampa Bay Lightning are taking it south.

Ruslan Fedotenko scored twice, including the critical first goal just as he did in the conference finals, and the resilient Lightning held off the Calgary Flames 2-1 in Game 7 Monday night to win their first Stanley Cup.

The Flames, threatening to become one of the most unlikely champions in NHL history, were held to only seven shots in a dismal first two periods before making a frantic late surge started by Craig Conroy's power-play goal midway through the third.

"We just tried to get through it, and we found a way," Lightning coach John Tortorella said.

Tortorella insisted throughout the finals his team would win only if his best players outplayed Calgary's, and they did exactly that. Fedotenko scored on goals created by Conn Smythe Award winner Brad Richards and Vincent Lecavalier and goalie Nikolai Khabibulin held off Calgary's late flurry

"I've never been through something so enduring. It's unbelievable. It's a great feeling."

Now the question is how long the Lightning will rule. The NHL's labor agreement runs out Sept. 15, and all signs point to a lengthy lock-out that will significantly delay or shut down the 2004-05 season.

"We're going to walk forever together (as champions), no matter what happens from now on," Martin St. Louis said.

Maybe it's only coincidence, but in each series a 22-season veteran who had never won the Cup finally did so. Colorado's Ray Bourque did it in 2001, and 40-year-old Lightning captain Dave Andreychuk finally lifted the Cup after playing a

while stopping 16 shots. The Lightning also shut down Flames star Jarome Iginla.

Iginla, the impact player of the first five games, all but disappeared in the final two, going the last six periods without a shot.

Iginla scored a playoff-leading 13 goals, but had only one in the final four games.

Tampa Bay, an expansion franchise in 1992 and one of the league's worst teams for much of the time since, joined the 2001 Avalanche as the only teams to overcome a 3-2 deficit in the finals in 33 years.

Lightning owner Bill Davidson now can pull off a previously unseen single-season sweep of the NBA and NHL titles. His Detroit Pistons lead the Lakers 1-0 in the NBA Finals.

record 1,758 games without winning it.

Bourque called the Lightning's Tim Taylor on Saturday to offer advice in overcoming the 3-2 disadvantage and encouragement to Andreychuk.

"It's awesome," Andreychuk said. "It took me 29 years (of hockey) to get here, and I'm so proud of our guys because we got a Game 7 at home because we worked hard all year long."

The Lightning also ended their record 13-game streak of alternating winning and losing by winning Game 6 on the road 3-2 in overtime and Game 7 at home.

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Rangers continues to stockpile pitchers at MLB draft

ARLINGTON (AP) - The Texas Rangers continued their stockpiling of young pitchers Monday, taking two right-handers in the first round of the draft.

Texas selected Thomas Diamond from the University of New Orleans with the 10th overall pick. The Rangers also had the final pick of the first round, taking Florida high school standout Eric Hurley 30th overall.

The Rangers had 19 first-day picks, eight of them pitchers. High school outfielder K.C. Herren of Auburn, Wash., was taken in the second round, followed by another high school pitcher, right-hander Michael

Schlact from Georgia.

Before selecting Texas prep left-hander John Danks ninth overall last year, Texas hadn't taken a pitcher with a first-round pick since R.A. Dickey in 1996.

Dickey was the Rangers starter Monday night against Pittsburgh.

Colby Lewis, another starter who is on the disabled list, was the team's first pick in 1999.

That was a sandwich pick between the first and second round.

Diamond was 6-4 with a 2.38 ERA in 17 starts at New Orleans and was the Sun Belt Conference pitcher of the year. Opposing hitters batted just .209 against him

Hurley went 15-1 with a 0.73 ERA, allowing just 11 earned runs over 105 innings for Wolfson High in Jacksonville, Fla.

After selecting pitchers with three of the first four picks, the Rangers took catcher Mike Nickeas and outfielder Billy Susdorf, both from Georgia Tech, which Texas starting first

baseman Mark Teixeira was the fifth overall pick in 2001.

The rest of Texas' picks in the first 10 rounds were also college players: outfielder Ben Harrison from Florida, right-hander Mark Roberts from Oklahoma, first baseman Jim Fasano from Richmond, and outfielder Justin Maxwell.

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Pioneers in Space

Future Message From Mars

What would it be like to live on Mars? To find out, The Mini Page talked with John Connolly, an expert at NASA. NASA is working on the idea of sending colonists to the moon and to Mars.

Humans have been seeking answers about Mars for hundreds of years. In 1976, the Viking spacecraft were the first probes to land safely on that planet.

Let's peek into the future. Here is an imaginary e-mail a Mars kid pioneer might write to a friend back home on Earth 80 years from now.

To: Alan@Earthnet.com
From: Becky@Marsnet.com
Subject: We are living on Mars!
June 9, 2084

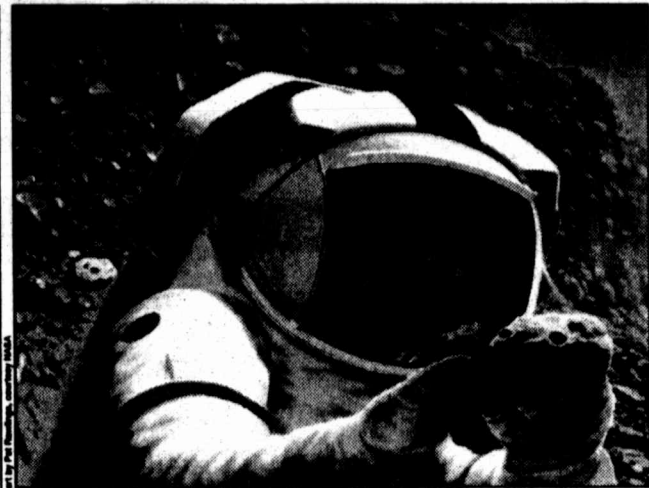
Hi, Alan,

This is so cool! After traveling in a spaceship for about four months, we finally arrived at the colony, "Mars Frontier."

The colonists named it that because we have a lot in common with the pioneers of the American frontier, the West.

One of the main reasons Mars was the first planet we colonized is because it is the most like Earth.

For example, it is a rocky planet like Earth, rather than a gaseous planet like Jupiter. It has enough gravity so that we can actually walk on the surface.



Colonists on Mars will always have to wear spacesuits when they are away from their habitats. The atmosphere is much too thin to breathe without spacesuits. Also, the air pressure is only 1/200 of that on Earth. (Air pressure is the weight of the air pressing against everything on the planet.)

A spacesuit will be like a small habitat, with things a colonist needs to live. It will have water, communication abilities, protection and even snacks.

But it's a lot different, too. For one thing, there are two moons. They are both smaller than our Earth's moon, but it is weird when they are both in the sky at the same time.

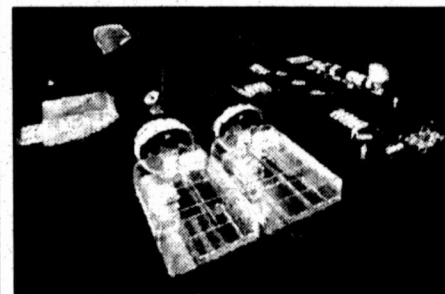
And during the day, everything looks red. The sky isn't blue. It's kind of pink. The ground looks red. The only green comes from plants we are growing in the greenhouses.

Almost the first thing the colonists did was to inflate several greenhouses. Growing our own plants is one of the most important things our colony must do to survive. Tending the greenhouse plants is one of the kids' main chores.



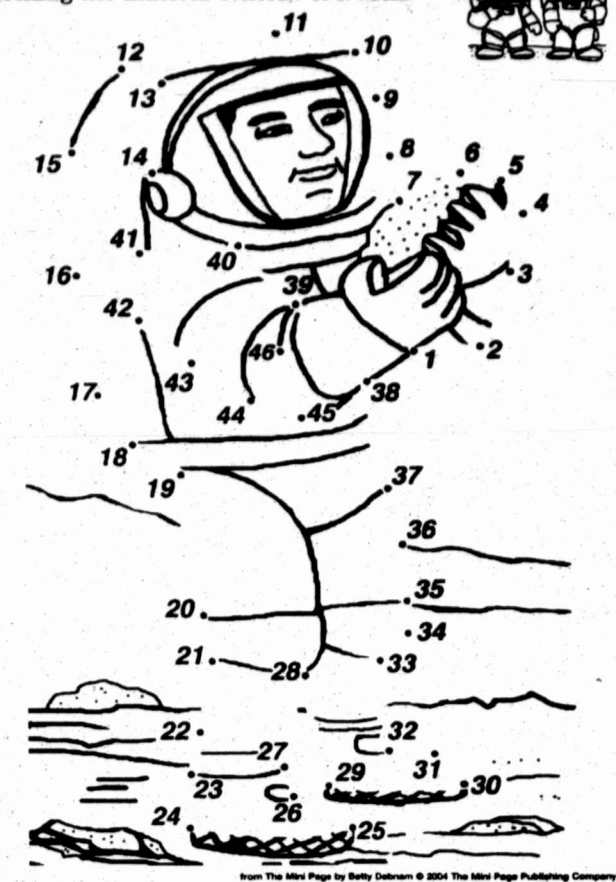
We are growing our own food because it's way too expensive to ship anything from Earth.

Plants are great for creating oxygen, too. There is not nearly enough oxygen on Mars for people or animals to breathe. The air on Mars is made up almost entirely of carbon dioxide.



This is an artist's idea of an early Martian colony, with greenhouses at the bottom.

Go dot to dot and color this Mars colonist checking the mineral content of a rock.



Rookie Cookie's Recipe Lemony Raisin Rice

You'll need:

- 2 1/2 cups water
- 1 cup rice
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 3 tablespoons lemon juice
- 1 tablespoon butter
- 1 cup raisins
- 1/2 cup sliced almonds

What to do:

1. Combine water, rice, salt, lemon juice and butter.
 2. Cook, covered, in a microwave oven on high for 8 minutes.
 3. Stir in raisins and cook, covered, on medium for another 20 minutes.
 4. Remove from microwave and stir.
 5. Sprinkle with sliced almonds before serving.
- Makes 4 servings.

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Gus Goodsport's Report Supersport: Pat Tillman

1976-2004 Hometown: San Jose, Calif.

Pat Tillman had the life that many young athletes dream about. He was a starting safety for the Arizona Cardinals and could have made more than \$3.5 million in the next three years playing pro football. But he gave up the fun, cash and comfort to serve his country. Tillman, 27, joined the U.S. forces as a Ranger and fought in the war in Afghanistan.

Tillman was smart. He graduated as an honor student in 3 1/2 years at Arizona State, where he won Pac-10 Defensive Player of the Year honors as a senior.

But Tillman was more than a star athlete. He was a soldier willing to sacrifice, serve — and die — for his country. In April he was killed in a firefight in Afghanistan, and millions mourned the death of a patriotic and brave American.

Meet Steve Martin

Steve Martin, 58, was voted "Most Talented" by his high school classmates. Many would say he has lived up to that title as a comedian, actor and writer. He has been called "a wild and crazy guy" and was known for wearing an arrow-through-his-head prop on TV appearances in the 1970s.

Steve had a job at Disneyland in California in the Magic Shop as a teenager. Later he worked as a comedian in a theater down the street. Before his career in comedy, he was the writer for a popular TV show in the 1960s. He has also written several screenplays and a short novel.

He has starred in many movies, including "Father of the Bride," "Father of the Bride 2" and "Cheaper by the Dozen."

Steve enjoys playing the banjo and played it as a guest on "The Muppet Show." He has homes in New York City and Los Angeles.

MIGHTY FUNNY'S Mini Jokes

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

Judy: Where do kangaroos look up words?
Duncan: In a pocket dictionary!

Francis: How mad can a kangaroo get?
Rita: Hopping mad!

Waldo: What do you get when you cross an elephant with a kangaroo?
Minna: Great big holes all over Australia!

MARS TRY 'N FIND

Words and names that remind us of a colony on Mars are hidden in the block below. Some words are hidden backward or diagonally. See if you can find: FRONTIER, NASA, PLANET, GRAVITY, WATER, TEMPERATURES, MOONS, GREENHOUSE, PLANTS, ROBOTS, OXYGEN, ROCKET, RED, SKY, AIR, MINE, SPACESUIT, FAR, DOME, HYDROGEN, FUEL, ROCKY.

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Mini Spy ...

Mini Spy and Basset Brown are looking at the planet Mars through a telescope. See if you can find:

- carrot • kite
- comb • pencil
- strawberry
- peanut
- sailboat
- exclamation mark
- number 8
- man in the moon
- ruler • fish
- number 7
- letter I
- arrow

Future Message From Mars

To: Alan@Earthnet.com
From: Becky@Marsnet.com
Subject: Keeping in touch, school, water
June 11, 2084

It is much easier for the Mars pioneers to keep in touch than it was for the pioneers of the American West to contact their loved ones. Sometimes the settlers didn't get a letter back from their families and friends for months or even years.

Communication is much better for us on Mars. We can use e-mail.

However, we are too far away for instant messaging, and we can't make phone calls like you do on Earth.

Talking with people back home takes a lot of patience. It can take from four to 20 minutes for voice messages or e-mail to reach Mars. Then it takes the same amount of time for the reply to reach Mars.

The amount of time depends on how close Mars and Earth are to each other.



When Earth and Mars are closest to each other, they are still about 35 million miles apart. When they are farthest apart, Mars is more than 249 million miles from Earth. This photo illustration shows the planets closer than they actually are.

The Mini Page thanks John Connolly, mission designer, NASA, for help with this issue.

Site to see: www.nasa.gov
Look through your newspaper for stories about faraway places.
Next week The Mini Page celebrates Father's Day with a story about ties.



This is an artist's idea of people exploring Mars within walking distance of their home base.

School here is much like it is on Earth, only the classes are a lot smaller. There aren't as many teachers and students, so classes are grouped together.

Colonizing Mars is a project of many nations, just like the International Space Station. It is too expensive for any one country to do alone. Plus, no country owns outer space.

There are people here from China, Russia, America, Canada, France, Norway, Italy, Botswana and England. Everybody is proud of being from our own countries and from Earth. But we are all also really proud of being the first Martian colonists.

We each have to learn at least one language from a country colonizing Mars Frontier.

We all have to take classes in machine maintenance, too. Everybody on the colony needs to know how to repair important machinery. Yesterday we had lessons in fixing the recycling machines.

My brother is learning how to repair the robot rovers.

Water is really scarce here. We drink our own recycled urine. We also drink recycled dishwater and water used to wash clothes.

I was really grossed out when I first learned that! But I was surprised — it's pretty good.

Dad said the recycled water we drink is actually cleaner than the water that comes out of your faucets on Earth. So ha ha! I wonder what's in your water?

We need water for drinking, of course. But we can also use it to make air to breathe, and to make rocket fuel.

This is because water is made of oxygen and hydrogen. We can break down the water and get oxygen to breathe.

Oxygen and hydrogen are also the two main ingredients of rocket fuel. So we can use the ingredients of water to make fuel.

It would be much too expensive to return to Earth if we had to ship all the fuel from Earth to Mars. That's what the first explorers on Mars had to do.

Two of the top jobs here deal with our need for water. My mom is helping to drill wells to get the water below the surface of the planet. Our neighbor is harvesting ice from the polar ice caps.



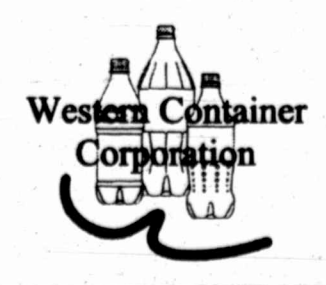
Colonists would also mine the Martian moons for necessary resources. From materials found on the moons, they could probably create liquid hydrogen and liquid oxygen to use for rocket fuel.

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Tomorrow's Horoscope

Venus and the Gemini sun are close today, both aspecting Pluto in such a way as to bring on a realization — if you don't love yourself properly, how can you expect to drive yourself toward long-term challenges? Find new ways to tell yourself that you are on your side, and do it again and again. That "my own worst enemy" excuse isn't going to cut it.



Joyce Jillson

ARIES (March 21-April 19). There are numerous opportunities today to think deeply, dream greatly and take action immediately. Dedication and discipline are required of you, and you'll also be teaching a young person through example.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). This morning, something inspires you to sing a song of joy, preferably bobbing up and down — a la George Huff. Jubilation is just

what you needed to get empowered to take a key relationship risk.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Life will bring you entertaining revelations, possibly involving an ex-love who comes back into the mix with definite ideas. You're a different person than you were before and wise to the manipulations of scheming individuals.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Another lovely state of transition is featured, and you'll be wondering when you can settle into a groove. "In between" is a state of being, too, and getting used to it is a talent in and of itself. Relax, and enjoy the uncertainty.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Intellectual curiosity drives you today, and a new person finds that irresistible. The afternoon brings a conflict of interests, perfect for spicing up your experience. Stick to your guns, but be willing to hear the other side.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You're an expert at refusing to take things too seriously, especially yourself. And because of this, you'll make friends today. Laughter brings the healthiest perspective. Model the behavior you'd like to see from a partner.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Many of you are consumed with the business of finalizing a deal. Don't forget to celebrate when this is over! Being in touch with who you are on a deeper level will be key to

getting what you want in the end.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Your life is demanding these days — no question about it. Adding activities to your schedule isn't going to make you happier unless those activities come with some kind of reward. A Leo or Cancer would love to help.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Who needs conversation when you can speak with another equally powerful communicator — your actions? If you hesitate, your rewards are delayed, so move it! A kindred spirit is a rare gift.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Your focus probably will not be instantly successful, so pull on forces of maturity inside yourself to get through the hard part. No matter how you look at it, risking rejection is admirable.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You may find yourself second-guessing your partner. A system of checks and balances is actually healthy for everyone involved, and you don't mind being accountable for your actions. Be gentle and diplomatic.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You may feel like you're giving 90 percent to a relationship while the other person gives 10 percent, and this can be frustrating. But remember there have been times when the percentages were flopped. See the long view.

Annie's Mailbox

Dear Annie: I have been married for eight years. The man I married was a loving, caring person, but he has turned into a monster. For the last month, when he is not yelling at me, he's criticizing me, or worse, he totally ignores me.



KATHY MITCHELL
MARCY SUGAR

I know he had an affair four years ago (with my sister-in-law), and right now, he is acting a lot like he did then. His affair destroyed my whole family. It took me a long time to come to grips with it, and I don't know if I could live through that again. Would I be wrong to cut my ties now and move on? — Confused in Alabama

Dear Confused: You are assuming your husband is having an affair, but you could be wrong. Of course, that doesn't mean his current behavior is acceptable. It isn't. Make an appointment with a marriage counselor, and ask Hubby to come with you. If he refuses, go without him. Your marriage is a mess, and you need to make some hard decisions. It will help to have some professional help.

Dear Annie: Our son, "Jed," is 19 and on the path to destruction. In the last two years he has been in constant trouble. He has had one DUI, and one ticket for driving too fast on icy roads (he hit a ditch and wrecked his car, which we make the payments on). Last month, he was caught drinking at school and was suspended for three days. Yesterday, he lost control of his car and is lucky to be alive.

Annie, we don't know what to do. We have tried to guide Jed in the right direction and have talked to him about the consequences of his actions, but whatever we say falls on deaf ears. He is graduating in a week and doesn't plan on attending college. He wants to move to a big

town and get a job where his friends live. Some of his friends are not the best influences in his life.

I wouldn't say Jed is spoiled, but he is definitely not a deprived child. My husband and I both work hard, and we have tried to instill that work ethic in him. Jed has a part-time job, but with his track record, I'm afraid real employment will be difficult. I don't know if he will agree to counseling, but I think he needs to speak to someone. What do you say? — Down & Out

Dear Down: It sounds as if Jed may have a drinking problem. Counseling and A.A. are both good ideas, but only if Jed is willing to make changes. It's hard to convince a 19-year-old that you expect more from him than he thinks he can deliver.

Ask Jed if he will see a counselor, not to straighten him out, but to give him suggestions for his future. Instead of eliminating college, perhaps he would consider postponing it, spending the year after graduation working, traveling or joining AmeriCorps and doing volunteer work. At some point, Jed must sink or swim on his own. We hope that the work ethic you instilled in him will be enough.

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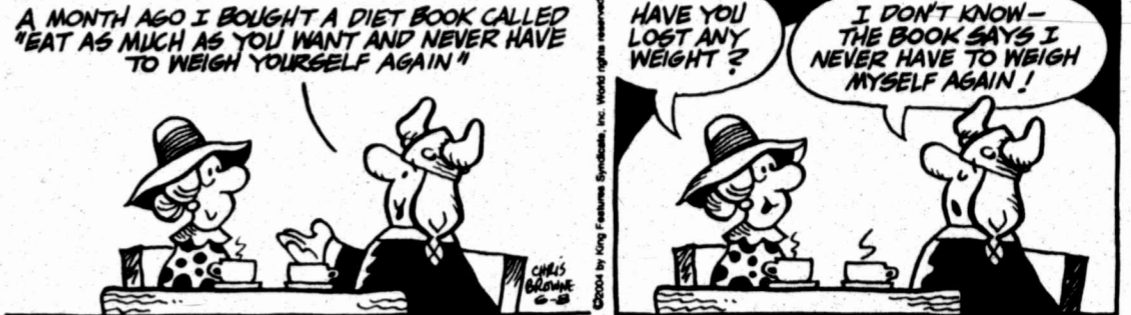
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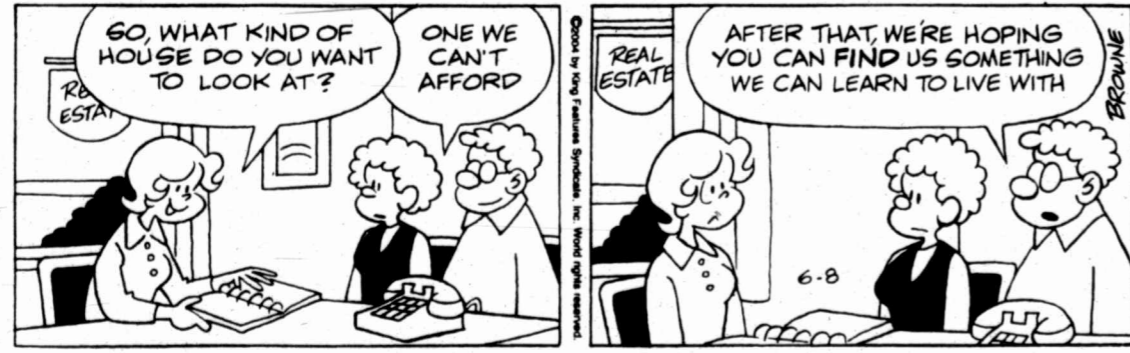
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This Date In History

By The Associated Press

Today is Tuesday, June 8, the 160th day of 2004. There are 206 days left in the year.

- Today's Highlight in History: On June 8, A.D. 632, the prophet Mohammed died. On this date: In 1845, Andrew Jackson, seventh president of the United States, died in Nashville, Tenn. In 1861, Tennessee seceded from the Union. In 1876, author George Sand died in Nohant, France. In 1915, Secretary of State William Jennings Bryan resigned in a disagreement over U.S. handling of the sinking of the Lusitania. In 1953, the Supreme Court ruled that restaurants in the District of Columbia could not refuse to serve blacks. In 1967, 34 U.S. servicemen were killed when Israeli forces raided the Liberty, a Navy ship stationed in the Mediterranean. (Israel called the attack a tragic mistake.) In 1968, authorities announced the capture in London of James Earl Ray, the suspected assassin of civil rights leader Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. In 1978, a jury in Clark County, Nevada, ruled the so-called "Mormon will," purportedly written by the late billionaire Howard Hughes, was a forgery. In 1982, President Reagan became the first American chief executive to address a joint session of the British Parliament. In 1995, U.S. Marines rescued Captain Scott O'Grady, whose F-16C fighter jet had been shot down by Bosnian Serbs on June 2. Ten years ago: Bosnia's warring factions agreed to a one-month cease-fire. President Clinton returned to Oxford University, where he'd attended as a Rhodes scholar, to receive an honorary doctorate.

Today's Birthdays: Former President Suharto of Indonesia is 83. Former First Lady Barbara Bush is 79. Actor-comedian Jerry Stiller is 77. Comedian Joan Rivers is 71. Actress Millicent Martin is 70. Actor James Darren is 68. Actor Bernie Casey is 65. Singer Nancy Sinatra is 64. Singer Chuck Negron (Three Dog Night) is 62. Musician Boz Scaggs is 60. Actor Don Grady is 60. Rock musician Mick Box (Uriah Heep) is 57. Author Sara Paretsky is 57.

Answer to previous puzzle: A crossword puzzle grid with words filled in.

Newsday Crossword

HAPPY DAY by Sally R. Stein Edited by Stanley Newman

- ACROSS: 1 Grind, as one's teeth; 6 and grill; 9 Marsh bird; 14 Juliet's love; 15 Greek vowel; 16 Make happy; 17 Colorado resort; 18 Baba; 19 Bonnie of blues-rock; 20 Happy; 22 Does nothing; 23 Biblical garden; 24 Pie mode; 25 Cherry's color; 26 Deceives; 28 Prince William alma mater; 32 19 Across, e.g.; 36 Early afternoon; 37 World's longest river; 38 Priests and ministers; 40 Goes to; 42 Where Siberia is; 43 Hawaiian instrument; 45 Sheriffs' IDs; 46 Brewmaster's buy; 47 At an angle; 49 Smartness measures: Abbr.; 51 Wide shoe; 52 Zeus' wife; 56 Messy situation; 59 Happy; 61 Nephew of Donald Duck; 62 Modern music style; 63 Writer Loos; 64 Prefix for national; 65 Ingested; 66 Jeans fabric; 67 Apt to sulk; 68 Golfer; 69 Rims; 7 Minimally; 8 Police action; 9 Spooky; 10 Happy; 11 Escalator part; 12 Diminutive suffix; 13 Vietnamese New Years; 21 Barbershop offerings; 25 Cola alternative; 26 Floral necklace; 27 Bygone airline; 29 Dinner bell sound; 30 Ye Shoppe; 31 Monster's loch; 32 Con game; 33 Ingrid, in Casablanca; 34 Sedaka or Diamond; 35 Happy; 39 Enjoy; 41 Little bit; 44 Hoist; 48 Comanche dwelling; 50 "Who?" or "Where?"; 52 Sharpened; 53 Looking at; 54 Adjust a knot; 55 George Washington successor; 56 Skinny; 57 Forbidden thing; 58 Coupe or convertible; 59 Vocal; 60 Green gem

A crossword puzzle grid with numbers 1-68 indicating starting positions for words.