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City council sets

budget sessions

this week to work on

budget. All of the

follows:

the proposed 2004-2005

meetings will be held

307 E. Fourth Street. The schedule is as

in council chambers at

• 5:30 p.m. Monday,

• 5:30 p.m. Thursday,

• 5:30 p.m. Friday. The workshops are

open meetings and the

may cancel meetings if

public is welcome to

attend. The council

they are deemed

• 6 p.m. Tuesday,

• 5:30 p.m.

Wednesday,

Big Spring City Council has scheduled a series of sessions

Searches continue for missing West Texas girls

Herald Staff Report

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Two West Texas families are looking for daughters who have been missing — one for two weeks, the other for more than eight.

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The cases do not appear to be related.

Joe Bill and Kathy Rogers of Lubbock have no idea what happened to their 17-year-old daughter Joanna. She disappeared on May 4 from her home sometime between 1 a.m. and 7 a.m. "This is very difficult for us," said Joe Bill Rogers," but we want our daughter back, no matter what. We love her very much and desperately want her home. This is any parent's worst nightmare."

The Rogers say that their daughter came home from her job at a Lubbock sandwich shop after midnight on May 4, had a short conversation with her mother and went to bed. When Kathy Rogers went to wake her up at 7 a.m., the teen-ager was

gone. She had left her purse, money, car, car keys, debit card, cell phone, checkbook and medication.

Her parents say there was no indication Joanna had planned to run away. There was no forced entry into the house.

"We are searching everywhere for her, but so far there has been no shred of evidence to indicate where she went, who she may have gone with or what has happened to her," said her father. A regional Amber Alert was

issued on May 6 and the Lubbock County Sheriff's Office, FBI and Texas Rangers have been involved in the case.

The Carole Sund Carrington Memorial Foundation has posted a \$5,000 reward for information leading to Joanna's safe return. Gandy's Dairies has posted a \$10,000 reward for information leading to an arrest and indictment of suspects, if a crime is involved in the Lubbock girl's

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HERALD photo/Lyndel Moody

Joy Dugan, left, shifts through a selection of fresh tomatoes at the Big Spring Farmer's Market Saturday before receiving her change after a purchase. The four vendors set up for the Saturday market were kept busy as shop-

BSISD Some students will get home access to laptops

By LYNDEL MOODY Staff Writer

Come August, Big Spring students needing additional practice in the areas of reading and math will have home access to district laptops and software.

"This district bought some laptop computers with the idea that students can take the (Orchard) software and computers from school to home," said Curriculum Director Richard Light. "We're trying this for the first time.

Understanding that not all students have access to home computers, Superintendent Michael Downes said the laptop sharing program will allow students access to the software outside of school.

"The software is use mostly for the lower levels but we do also have it at junior high for students to increase their skill levels in math and reading,' Downes said. "The software also has a component that allows you as a teacher to load lessons, drill and practice simulations on a CD and send it home with a kid." "What this will allow us to do is have that as a resource tool." Downes said. "Having the computers, the lab tops, to send home, now we can utilize that CD portion of the program that we weren't able to utilize for some kids." The money to purchase the 80 laptops came from a \$172,000 increase in federal entitlement funds this year which also allowed the district to add two additional councilor positions, Light said.

INSIDE

unnecessary.



Cover Story: Kirsten Vold, 31, is a cowgirl from her hat to her boots. The manager and heiress apparent to Harry Vold Rodeo Co., her father's legendary stock contracting company, Vold also operates 9 Lives Ranch in Boone, Colo., (pop. 323) a working guest ranch for women.

pers snatched up fresh vegetables, fruits and canned goods. The market opens again on Tuesday.

Farmers Market a success

By LYNDEL MOODY

Staff Writer

Activity buzzed under the tents at Heart of the City Park early Saturday as morning risers pawed through a selection of fresh produce available during the official opening day of the Big Spring Farmers Market

"You have to get here early to get the best stuff," advised Pat Fleming of Big Spring, who carried several bags of vegetables to her car before returning to pick up a farm-grown watermelon.

Although arriving at 7:15 a.m., Fleming apparently didn't rise early enough because she missed out on a few items.

"They already ran out of fresh, shelled black-eyed peas," Fleming said. "But there will be more on Tuesday."

A dozen or so shoppers keep vendors very busy as fresh squash, tomatoes, watermelon, cantaloupes, green beans, peppers and canned goods quickly flew off the tables into bags.

"I'll have to get a tracker to take home my stuff," joked Dana Baker, a Downtown Revitalization Association member.

e At one point, Sherry Holubec, a Midland farmer hawking

watermelons and cantaloups, could hardly keep enough items on the table before buyers snatched up the produce.

"I'm doing really good," Holubec said. "I was out here the other day for the Fourth of July (Funtastic Fourth Celebration) and did well and so I thought I'd come back."

Farmers Market chairman Allan Johnson, who also serves as DRA president, said the early morning turnout is a good sign for the market's future.

"They have been solidly packed," Johnson said. "People

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DRA get information on governmental funding

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

Representatives from state and federal agriculture departments helped shed some light on what has become something of a mystery over the years — state and federal funding.

U.S. Department of Agriculture Program Director Linda Brakebill said it's exciting to see small towns and rural communities becoming interested in her agency and the help it can offer, and jumped at the chance to put on a workshop for more than 30 local officials and organization representatives.

"We were very excited," said Brakebill. "We like to see people from the communities involved and interested in what's happening in their communities and trying to improve things. That's what we're all about.

"Our mission is to increase economic opportunity and to improve the quality of life in rural areas and small towns. Folks like these are the ones that make that happen. We have programs that facilitate those things, but it takes local involvement and support from the community to make it happen."

Brakebill talked about two different programs the USDA offers and said both could do a great deal of good, not just for the organizations that use them, but for the people that benefit from them each day.

"We have several different programs but the ones I talked about here today fall under two different umbrellas," said Brakebill. "One is called community facilities, and those grants are made either to cities or non-profit groups for just about anything that's a service to the community. That includes things like hospitals, libraries. fire and rescue. We've even done some for assisted living and care.

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HERALD photo/Thomas Jenkins

U.S. Department of Agriculture Program Director Linda Brakebill, left, goes over one of the federal government's funding programs with Ellen Barefoot, a member of the Big Spring Downtown Revitalization Association. Brakebill, along with a Texas Department of Agriculture representative, held a workshop to help explain funding programs designed for small cities and rural communities and how they could benefit the Big Spring area.



Obituaries

William J. "Bill" Crow



William J. "Bill" Crow, 65, of Cypress died at 11:25 a.m. Friday, July 9, 2004, at Memorial City Hospital in Houston. Graveside service will be at 3 p.m. Tuesday, July 13, 2004, at Trinity Memorial Park.

The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. Monday, July 12, at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Mr. Crow was born on Feb. 22, 1937, in O'Donnell. He grew up at Luther. He was a project engineer for Solar Turbins Inc. for 20 years, retiring in 2002.

He is survived by his wife, Patricia "Pat" Smelser Crow of Cypress; four daughters; one sister; seven grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

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

Edward Chavarria

Edward Chavarria, 51, of San Antonio, formerly of Big Spring, died Friday, July 9, 2004, at University Medical Center in San Antonio. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Meetings

Howard County Commissioners Court 10 a.m. Monday **Howard County Courthouse**

Among items on the agenda are:

· Representative from the police department to present information on Taser guns.

· Appoint election judges for the November election.

- New election system presentation.
- Replace an employee.

• Discuss inmate telephone contract.

· Premission for pharmacy bids for welfare department.

Budget workshop.

Financial information.

LOCAL

Police blotter

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

· PAM KAY GRUIS, 29, of 205 Ninth St. was arrested Friday on warrant for traffic violations.

• BENITO LORENZO TORRES, 21, of 611 10th St. was arrested Friday on a Howard County warrant.

 SURAT PECHCHOMPOO, 25, of Grand Prairie was arrested Friday on charges of public intoxication and disorderly conduct-language.

 KENNETH WAYNE DAVIS, 53, transient, was arrested Friday on a charge of public intoxication and on a Lubbock County warrant.

• LEONARD PAUL WILKENS, 37, of Odessa was arrested Friday on a charge of public intoxication.

· JOE PRADO TORRES, 40, of Midland was arrested Saturday on Ector County warrants.

Sheriff's report

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

 RECKLESS DRIVER was reported westbound on Interstate 20 and near the 191 mile marker on I-20.

 DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE was reported in the block of 2700 South Anderson.

 JUVENILES THROWING ROCKS was reported at the 186 mile marker.

· PROWLER was reported in the 4100 block of Chaparral Road.

• ACCIDENT WITH DEER was reported half-mile east of Coahoma.

Correction

In Friday's church news section, North Birdwell Lane United Methodist Church was incorrectly identified as North Birdwell Lane Baptist Church. The Hero Quest Vacation Bible School program for children age 4 through sixth grade at North Birdwell Lane United Methodist Church begins at 9 a.m. Monday and continues through Thursday. Call Madeline Boadle at 267-2203 for more information.

Support groups

SUNDAY

Alcoholics Anonymous meets from 11 a.m. to noon at 615 Settles. Open meeting 5 p.m. to 6 p.m.

MONDAY

All widows and widowers are invited to attend the Encourager's Support group meeting at 6 p.m. Call 398-5522 for more information.

TUESDAY

The Multiple Sclerosis Support Group meets at 7

Bulletin board

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

SUNDAY

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

MONDAY

 Senior Circle meets at 4 p.m. at Scenic Mountain Medical Center for Sit and Be Fit Chair Aerobics. Those 50 years and older are invited to attend. Call 268-4721.

• Take Pounds Off Sensibly (TOPS) No. 21 meets at 5 p.m. in the Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center, 306 W. Third for weigh-in. The meeting begins at 5:30 p.m. Call 1-800-392-8677 or 263-0391 or 263-1758.

• Take Pounds Off Sensibly (TOPS) No. TX 1756 meets at 5:30 p.m. Monday in the 11th and Birdwell Lane Church of Christ. A different program is offered every week, and anyone 7 years old or older is welcome to attend. Please enter through the northwest door. Call 263-2786 for more information.

· Coahoma Lions Club meets at 6 p.m. in the Coahoma Community Center at 306 North Ave.

• Evening Lions Club meets at 6:30 p.m. in the La Posada Restaurant.

 Archeology Society for Howard and Borden counties meets at 7 p.m. in the Howard County Library Community Room in the basement. Call 270-2615 for more information.

Lottery

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Friday night: Winning numbers drawn: 2-4-5-16-36. Number matching five of five: 1. Prize per winner: \$44,073. Winning tickets sold in: Houston.

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Friday night: 1-1-5

Weather

Possible showers and thunderstorms were forecast throughout Texas on Saturday, the National Weather Service said.

North Texas will have a 30 percent chance of precipitation in the afternoon with highs in the lower 90s under partly cloudy skies. Lows should be in the mid-70s with winds increasing to 15 mph.

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discussion meeting, 8 to 9 p.m.

□ The Fibromyalgia Autoimmune Disease Support Group will meet on the second and fourth Thursday of the month at noon in the Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center. Call 263-8273 for more information.

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

p.m. the last Tuesday of each month in the College Baptist Church Fellowship Hall, 1005 Birdwell Lane. Call Tracey at 263-4948 for more information.

THURSDAY

Narcotics Anonymous, Non-smoking discussion meeting, 8 to 9 p.m., at St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 1001 Goliad.

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

□ MANNA RELIEF. a non-profit ministry that provides glyconutritional supplements to critically ill children, is accepting donations for the program. Call Gene or Robbie Froman at 263--0385.

□ A MEMORIAL FUND FOR THE FAMILY OF TERRY STRICKLAND, who died June 15, 2004, has been established at the Big Spring Educational Employees Federal Credit Union, P.O. Box 1110, Big Spring 79720.

□ MEMBERS OF THE EVENING LIONS CLUB are looking for area children with diabetes age 8-17 who would like to attend the Texas Lions Camp in Kerrville this summer.

For information on the camp, contact Bob Noyes at Bob's Custom Woodwork, 267-5811, or visit the Lion's Web site at www.lionscamp.com Lions provide funding for the camp as well as transportation, if necessary.

D A FUND FOR ALAN AND MITZI KNIGHT, whose house on Oasis Road burned, has been established at the First Big Spring banking center. The home and all the family's belongings were lost.

BIG SPRING HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1989 15year reunion is set for Oct. 8-9. For information or to update your name or mailing address, contact Christy Alexander at 972-567-8037 or Shanette Johnson at 972-874-9308.

D 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.



FRIDAY

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

SATURDAY

□ Open discussion meeting, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. Open podium/speakers meeting 615 Settles 8 to 9 p.m. Open birthday night, no smoking meeting the last Saturday of each month at 8 p.m.

Take note

□ 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.

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

□ THE MOBILE MEALS PROGRAM, which delivers to the elderly and homebound, needs volunteers to deliver meals. If you can spare one hour per week to deliver eight or 10 meals, you are needed. About 85 to 90 meals are prepared, packaged and delivered to recipients within the city limits of Big Spring. If you can volunteer, please call 263-4016 before 3 p.m.

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

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Showers and thunderstorms were likely in Central Texas. However, highs in the lower 90s and lows in the mid-70s were predicted under partly cloudy skies. In South Texas, a 40 percent chance of rain was expected early, otherwise highs in lower 90s and lows in the mid-70s were forecast.

Highs in the mid-90s were predicted in far West Texas, however there will be a chance of rain in the afternoon. Nighttime lows will be in the mid-70s under partly cloudy skies.

In the Permian Basin, clouds will move to become sunny with highs in the mid-90s and lows'in the mid-60s. Winds may increase to 20 mph.

Forecasters predicted a 50 percent chance of scattered showers and thunderstorms on the Texas Coast. Some storms could produce heavy rainfall. Highs in the upper 80s and lows in the upper 70s were expected. Winds may reach 20 mph.



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LOCAL

Funtastic Fourth huge success, DRA officials say

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

With yet another **Funtastic Fourth Festival** officially in the books, the **Big Spring Downtown** Revitalization Association is already looking towards next year's event and an obvious formula for success.

"We've found that the format that we used this year is by far the best one yet," said Allan Johnson, president of the DRA. "We need to fine-tune it a little bit, but we're going to come in and have our Battle of the Bands and have all of the motorcycles and cars.

"It was the most awesome Funtastic Fourth to date," added Johnson. "It was purely phenomenal."

Johnson said he was very impressed with the laser light show that was presented during this Funtastic Fourth, or we year's July Fourth celebration, and fully expects to see the show return next year.

"We're also going to have a laser show again next year," said Johnson. "We've already talked with the man that did it this year and he's already committed to next year, so we know we can get him back. He had a blast and thought our community was awesome and had nothing but good things to say about our people."

In addition to presenting an incredibly popular Funtastic Fourth Festival, the DRA managed to secure funds for next year's event and other ongoing programs in the form of approximately \$4,000.

"We're going to roll it over for the next

may use it for the Farmers Market," said Johnson. "We'll just have to see what needs to be done. It will go towards making something happen in downtown Big Spring, we're sure of that."

As the DRA wrapped up the annual event with a post-show report Thursday, Johnson said it's important to remember who made the Funtastic Fourth possible.

"It comes from all of the local businesses," said Johnson. "We have a list that we're going to try to get published that will recognize all of the people that made the Funtastic Fourth possible. It's the local merchants and manufacturers and the list is very long. We have a great community and



HERALD photo/Thomas Jenk

Who says a little corporate rivalry isn't a good thing? Star-Tek Call-Center Manager Dennis Edmunds tries to throw a strike at the Funtastic Fourth's dunking booth, which just happened to contain call-center trainer Daniel Ryan.

community we need to support our businesses

great businesses, and as a because they support us." Contact Staff Writer Thomas Jenkins at 263-

7331 ext. 232 or by e-mail at citydesk@bigspringherald.com

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"The other program we talked about was on the increasing economic opportunity side. We talked about business and industry guarantees and direct loans, and we have several loans that can be made to public bodies or non-profit organizations to do revolving loan funds or provide infrastructures

 things that promote businesses or bring businesses to a community."

Brakebill was joined by Texas Department of Agriculture Program

Director Karl Young, who presented an overview of the many funding programs TDA offers, including one aimed specifically at revitalizing downtown areas.

"This is an overview of the programs that we have available," said Young, "plus a little more detail on a brand new pilot program we have this year called the **Downtown Revitalization** program. It's a new grant available to cities to help do some downtown revitalization to improve the infrastructure.

"Some of our programs don't have a lot of interest from the standpoint that

notified.

we don't get a lot of applications. For about the last two years I've made a much greater effort to come out to West Texas to do some workshops. We want to encourage communities and let them know that there are is money out there, they just have to put it together. If they will apply, in some cases they stand a very good chance to receive funding."

City council member Joann Staulcup was one of the many people who attended the workshop. Staulcup said she hopes to find a funding source for the Spring City Senior Citizens Center, which is

undergoing renovations and is in serious need of to be. The senior center is funding to bring the facility up to date.

"We're hoping that these people can help us out," said Staulcup. "The senior center is very desperately in need of donations."

Staulcup said the workshop was imperative for the future of the center, and hopes possible funding from TDA and the USDA will help what she considers "an integral part of the community.

"In our case it's vital," said Staulcup, "because there just aren't enough funds in the county or city's budgets to fund it

the way we would like it a vital and integral part of the community.

"We owe nothing less than our best to our senior citizens. They already gave their best to the community and we just don't have the funding available from local government sources. This is really a vital opportunity for us."

Brakebill said projects such as the senior center may not seem to have a major impact on the community, but when you combine it with other efforts and state and federal funding, the results can be amazing.

not turn a community around, but each thing is a building block for another project," said Brakebill. "Infrastructure-type loans can bring in water, sewer, electrical and other things that you need to build. We also have housing programs. If you bring jobs to a community, you need places for those people to live. All of it interconnects, so it really can have a huge impact on a community."

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earth, that authorities be Farther to the east, a Roscoe family is search-Joanna is described as 16-year-old for ing Vanessa Jean Raney, who being 5 feet, 5 inches tall, weighing 125 pounds and has been missing about having red hair and hazel two weeks. She is considered a runaway.

Big Spring man.

"Anyone under the age of 17 must have the consent of their legal guardian before leaving the area of residence," said Roscoe Police Chief tion about Raney is asked Felix Pantoja. "We are worried about Vanessa's safety and her health.' Family members said Raney has several health problems, including asthma and has also contracted Hepatitis C.

der-length hair, hazel eyes, is approximately 5 feet, 4 inches tall and weighs around 102 pounds.

Anyone with informa-

that people who work or live in rural areas to check buildings, barns, drainage ditches, abandoned cars or anywhere a body could be hidden. They ask that if anyone finds anything of interest, such as women's clothing or freshly disturbed

Anyone having information should contact the Lubbock County Sheriff's Department at (806) 775-1601, the United Response Search and Rescue Team at (817) 501-9296, or the Howard County Sheriff's Office at 264-2244.

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Roscoe police have contacted juvenile offices and law enforcement officials in Nolan and Howard County, asking for their assistance. Vanessa, known as "Minnow" to family members, was last seen in Loraine with a

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Downes said. "As prices

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died Sunday. Funeral Services were at 1:00 PM Saturday at Mt. Belthel Baptist Church with burial at Trinity Memorial Park.



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Although the idea of districts providing students with more readily accessible technology is not new, Downes said, the district

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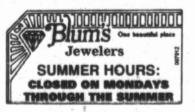
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have been coming in since before 7 a.m. We wanted our first day to go over well and now we should be able to get more people involved."

Fleming said she hopes the farmer's market will continue not only for the availability of locally grown vegetables but also as a way for the community to support area farmers.

"I'm so excited because I found fresh home grown tomatoes," Fleming crowed. "I can't find home grown tomatoes anywhere."

For those late 'risers who missed out on Saturday's fair, the market will be open again Tuesday at the park.



Pediatric Cardiology Clinic in **Big Spring** Sponsored by **Covenant Heart Institute**

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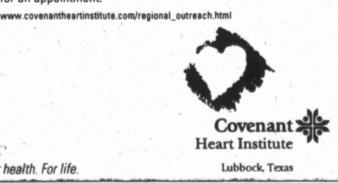
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On July 13th, Covenant Heart Institute will sponsor its Pediatric Cardiology Clinic at Covenant Malone & Hogan Clinic, 1501 W. 11th Place. Mindee

Mindee Flippin, M.D. Flippin, M.D., of Covenant Heart Institute,

will see pediatric patients on Tuesday, July 13, beginning at 10:00 a.m. Please call 1-877-60HEART (877-604-3278)

for an appointment.



THINGS TO DO TUESDAY **Register for Fall Semester EVERY Tuesday during July - between** 8 am - 4:30 pm

> Go to SONIC Drive-In - get a Free Rt. 44 drink with registration slip from **Howard College**

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Don't wait until August 23 & 24 to register for Fall!



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John A. Moseley

Managing Editor

OPINION

The unbalanced Democrat ticket

for vice president from the start,

according to Kerry sources? The

somebody best equipped to serve

as vice president and succeed to

of national peril. It is difficult to

lawyer, who has been a less than

distinguished U.S. senator in the

first public office he has held, fill-

stir he created in the Democratic

the front against Howard Dean.

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the winter of 2004, his "Two

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Americas" formulation won praise

from Democratic enthusiast James

Carville as "the best stump speech

What appealed to Louisianan

with other Southerners. While

Carville did not go over that well

winning in his neighboring state

ished behind Kerry in Tennessee,

of South Carolina, Edwards fin-

Oklahoma. The sentiment for

Kerry-Edwards came not from

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However, Kerry's real affection

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for Gephardt, who had a good per-

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Dixie but from the Howard Dean

Virginia and border state

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Edwards's allure stems from the

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OUR VIEWS

Keep local Guardsmen in prayers

ngoing hostilities in the occupation of Iraq will become considerably more real for many Big Spring residents in the very near future in the wake of last week's mobilization of more than 3,000 Texas National Guard soldiers.

Included in those 3,000 National Guardsmen are the men in Detachment 1 of Company C in the 2nd Battalion of the 142nd Infantry, who are part of what most of us know as "the Big Spring detachment."

These guardsmen will be joining troops from all over the Lone Star State for Operation Iraqi Freedom.

The Big Spring detachment, part of the 56th Brigade, 36th Infantry Division, will be part of the largest mobilization of the Texas National Guard for duty in a combat zone since World War II.

Prior to this call-up, smaller Texas Guard units Washington, DC 20510-4305 had been mobilized, but used to fill vacancies Phone: 202-224-2934 other units. According to Lt. Gen. Wayne D. Marty, the adjutant general of Texas, those called up combined with those already on active duty, accounts for approximately one-fourth of the Texas Guard's manpower. The bottom line, of course, is that a great many more Texas soldiers will soon be going in harm's way. They'e been ordered to active duty initially for 18 months, but under federal statute, they could remain activated for as long as two years. As these young men and women answer our nation's call, we here at the Herald want each to them to know proud we are of them. And we offer our prayers that God guide and protect them. We hope that each one of you will keep them in your prayers as well.

hatever John Edwards does for a Democratic ticket led by John Kerry, he does not bring it balance. Apart from harsh words exchanged during the pri-

mary campaign season, the party's future presidential and vicepresidential nominees disagree on little (capital punishment and international trade are exceptions). Kerry-Edwards is an unbalanced ticket.

Ratings by the liberal Americans for **Democratic Action**

(ADA) for 2003 (the last year when both Sen. Kerry and Sen. Edwards were around to cast votes most of the time) put both in the same ideological pigeonhole. Out of 20 votes selected by the ADA for that year, not one found the two Democrats opposing each other. Neither voted against the ADA liberal line on any issue. They voted together opposing Miguel Estrada for judicial confirmation, killing Alaska oil drilling, opposing tax reduction, opposing Iraq reconstruction and opposing Republican prescription drug benefits.

There is no sign Kerry was serious about reaching out to a more moderate running mate as John F. Kennedy, Ronald Reagan and Michael Dukakis did with mixed results. Nor do Kerry's advisers take seriously the notion that Edwards, who looked like a loser for re-election in his own state of North Carolina this year before he dropped out, can win Southern electoral votes against George W. Bush.

Why, then, was Edwards favored

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Tom Vilsack, whose support (through his wife, Christie) helped save him in Iowa's critically important caucuses. Vilsack attracted Democrats who, looking at Jimmy Carter and Bill Clinton, wanted a governor on the ticket.

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However, political problems were posed by both Gephardt and Vilsack. Survivors of the Dean movement, cool enough toward Kerry by himself, would be frozen by Kerry-Gephardt. The fact that Kerry-Vilsack would have put two Roman Catholics on the ticket was daunting to some Democrats. But, according to Kerry advisers, Vilsack's problem was a resume that does not go beyond the borders of Iowa, a handicap in debating Vice President Dick Cheney about the war against terrorism. A fourth contender, Sen. Bob Graham of Florida, was seriously considered but rejected for being a little too quirky.

The irony is that Kerry, who disdained ticket-balancing in picking Edwards, probably would have gone for Sen. John McCain for the ultimate balanced ticket in the impossible event that the Republican would say yes. McCain, who is hawkish, pro-life, pro-nuclear power and anti-trial lawyer, voted the ADA line on only seven of its 20 selected votes in 2003 (a 35 percent liberal rating). John McCain would have been the first vice president since LBJ in 1960 to influence a presidential election's outcome. John Edwards will not.

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movement. Since neither ticket-balancing nor an appeal to the South seems high on the Kerry agenda, what

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A tale of two drug wars in the U.S.

he latest New Yorker features a story about Vice **President Dick Cheney's** (now former) personal physician Dr. Gary Malakoff and the doctor's drug problem.

According to reporter Jane Mayer, the George

Washington **University Medical** Center learned in 1999 that Malakoff may have prescribed painkillers for himself by falsely using a colleague's name. Malakoff then entered a program for

impaired physicians, which required that he be monitored but allowed him to prac-

tice medicine. After Cheney suffered his fourth heart attack in November 2000, Malakoff assured America that Cheney was "up to the task of the most sensitive public office.' Meanwhile, according to sealed records from his 2002 divorce, Malakoff continued to prescribe drugs to himself while under treatment, spending at least \$46,238 in a two-and-a-half-year period ending in December 2001. The doctor is now on leave until September. Malakoff's story highlights an intolerable disparity in how America treats people who break drug laws. When suspected offenders are middle class or white, they often are steered into treatment. But when the players are poor and black, they likely are steered behind bars.

Consider the story of Clarence Aaron. In 1992, the 22-year-old black college student introduced two drug dealers who arranged two huge cocaine deals. Aaron got paid \$1,500 for hooking them up. The dealers were busted. Federal

prosecutors charged Aaron to the harshest extent of the law. The higher-ups in the deal were able to flip on other players; all but one of the six have been let out of prison.

A rookie at crime, Aaron tried to lie his way out of a conviction. As he had no information to offer in exchange for a reduction in his mandatory-minimum sentence, Aaron was sentenced to life without parole.

The Malakoff and Aaron stories are different: One man apparently used illegal drugs; the other helped sell them. Aaron's actions definitely merited some prison time. But not life until he dies in prison -- for a first-time, non-violent drug offense.

That's barbaric.

The New Yorker notes that fraudulent prescription writing is a crime that can result in suspension of a medical license and up to five years in prison. News stories indicate that the medical center never turned Malakoff in to the authorities. He wasn't prosecuted; he was treated under a monitoring program that, according to The Washington Post, allowed him to keep the Drug Enforcement Agency number that allows him to prescribe drugs.

While New Yorker reporter Mayer questions Malakoff's "fitness" to treat patients, the doctor did earn mention in The Washingtonian magazine's listing of top doctors in the last two years.

Even though he has been a model prisoner, Clarence Aaron won't get a second chance -- unless President Bush commutes his sentence.

Unfairly, I think, the legalize-it crowd likes to dismiss drug warriors as pinch-faced killjoys who don't want anyone to have a good time. That's wrong. Drug warriors are motivated, I believe, by the

desire to protect children and adults from substances that lead to self-destructive behavior.

But draconian sentences for first-time, non-violent offenders also are destructive. They ruin people's lives. Since federal prosecutors often cut deals to let the high rollers skate in exchange for help convicting other drug dealers, the system can be hardest on low-level offenders with few connections.

The result is a system that is geared toward jailing minorities in order to protect the precious white children of privileged white adults.

So while white and black Americans use drugs in comparable numbers, their conviction rates are not comparable. According to the White House **Office of National Drug Control** Policy, whites make up 75 percent of the U.S. population but only a quarter of the federal drug defendants in 2001. Blacks comprise 12 percent of the general population but 30 percent of federal drug defendants. "Instead of being treated with compassion, their lives and families are destroyed," noted Monica Pratt of Families Against Mandatory Minimums. "There shouldn't be such a disparity in a system that prides itself on equal justice for all under the law." Dr. Malakoff gets a second

chance. Clarence Aaron spends the rest of his life in jail. That's not justice.

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Fort Worth now nation's 20th largest city

By ANGELA K. BROWN

Associated Press Writer

FORT WORTH - A century ago, more cows than people trod the dusty streets of this frontier Army post-turned-cattle stop along the Chisholm Trail.

Now, Cowtown could be called Boomtown.

With steady growth spurred by defense-related industries and other large companies, Fort Worth now has more than 585,000 residents and is the nation's 20th largest city-surpassing the likes of Boston, Seattle and Washington, D.C., in just the last year.

Fort Worth is one of the nation's fastest-growing large cities, adding 40,000 dwellers from 2000 to 2003, the most recent U.S. Census Bureau data available. Only Los Angeles, New York, Phoenix, San Antonio and Houston added more residents during that time.

City leaders say there are lots of reasons for the boom-location, business climate and attractions such as art museums and Western heritage sites.

"We have realized for quite some time that we've been on radar screens around the country," said Bill Thornton, president and CEO of the Fort Worth Chamber of Commerce. "We're a very warm and genuine community, accepting of growth and new faces, and that's part of the reason we're growing."

Some residents of Fort Worth, now the fifthlargest city in Texas, say they haven't noticed typical growing pains such as traffic. And they say the town has kept its downhome feeling, with strangers greeting each other downtown or in the historic Stockyards.

"For such a large city, it does have a homey feeling," said Russell Barger, 46, who moved to Fort Worth in December from the Washington, D.C., area for his job as a government investigator.

The town was established in 1849 as a military post and named for U.S. Army major Gen. William Jenkins Worth, known for his accomplishments in the Mexican War. Settlers arrived and opened a school, stores and a flour mill, but after the Civil War the town's population dwindled to less than 200, according the to

"I think we will continue to see Fort Worth grow. The ingredients to accommodate growth are all here: space, land and the economy."

> **Reid Rector** Asst. City Manager

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Handbook Texas Harman said. of

Online. Worth But Fort rebounded in the 1860s and 1870s when it became the last major stop on the Chisholm Trail as cowboys herded their cattle to Kansas and Missouri. when it was That's dubbed "Cowtown," said Douglas Harman, president and CEO of the Fort Worth Convention & Visitors Bureau.

After the railroad came Aeronautics Co., one of to town in 1876, the live-Fort employers with 16,500 stock industry expanded as the stockyards and slaughterhouses opened, Harman said. Then during World War I, the U.S. Army opened Camp Bowie in Fort Worth and three airfields became facilities, training

"After the war those facilities went away, but the leaders of the city pushed for aviation to be part of the Fort Worth economy," Harman said. That happened in World

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road, Alcon Laboratories , assistant to the chancellor and Pier 1 Imports.

Although oil had been boosting Fort Worth's economy, city leaders through the years didn't want to take anything for granted. They attracted various businesses to town, touting the area's central location and transportation benefits, especially after the Worth Dallas-Fort International Airport opened in 1974.

"We realized that we better diversify our work force, and we are still doing that," said Bob Bolen, Fort Worth's mayor from 1981-91.

Growth also occurred with annexation. Now about 313 square miles, Fort Worth encompassed only 17.5 square miles and had about 73,000 residents in 1910.

One of the biggest jumps was in the mid-1900s, when the town grew from nearly 94 square feet and 279,000 residents in 1950 to nearly 141 square miles and 356,000 residents in 1960.

Other companies based in Fort Worth are "Our psyche is more American Airlines' par-(geared toward) ranches, ent AMR Corp., Bell so we want to protect our Helicopter-Textron, own turf. We've got more RadioShack, Burlington of that mentality than Northern Santa Fe rail- Dallas," said Bolen, now

Texas Christian at University in Fort Worth. Much growth has been in the northernmost city limits, which was annexed in the late 1980s as a massive industrial park project was proposed. The 15,000-acre development called "Alliance Texas" now includes a business airport, up to 40,000 homes and a golf course. Among the 130 companies with 20,000 employees at the park are a FedEx hub, Motorola national distribution center and American Airlines maintenance base.

Although vast swaths of land lie to the north and west of Fort Worth. annexation is not planned in the near future, said Reid Rector, assistant city manager for economic development and housing.

The city's most recent annexation, in 2002, was met with fierce opposition by some landowners so city leaders are holding off on that option-for now, Rector said.

"I think we will continue to see Fort Worth grow," he said. "The ingredients to accommodate growth are all here: space, land and the economy."

Education board considers extra science requirements

DALLAS (AP) - A \$200 May. The measure, which riencing million plan being considered by the State Board of Education would require high school students across the state to take four years of science classes in order to graduate _ double the current requirement.

Proponents say the more rigorous standards are needed in the face of you look at the most poor test scores in scin recent TAKS (Texas ence. But critics cite a Assessment of Knowledge, lum for our students, we lack of science teachers and Skills) results in sciand say the increased costs needed to build hundreds of new science classrooms and laboratories could take away from other areas and hurt already cash-strapped districts. Under a new law passed by the Legislature, beginning this fall Texas high school students will have to take at least three years of science to graduate. Previously, only two years of science classes were required. The board approved the dents across the state, the four-year requirement 14- group said "school dis-1 in a preliminary vote in tricts are currently expe-

could take effect in the fall of 2005, comes up for final consideration next week.

"There's no question we need more strength in our science core," board Vice Chairman Cynthia Thornton said in Saturday editions of The Dallas Morning News. "If

tremendous eliminated. strain. financial Implementation of the proposed rule will add further to the financial negative impact on stu-fact that studies show crisis in our schools."

The only board member to vote against the plan during the preliminary vote May was Dan Montgomery, R-Fredericksburg.

"I'm not opposed to a more rigorous curricujust need to give a propos-

Texas The Music said that could have a

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dents and teachers. "This is yet another step Educators Association in eliminating electives for students despite the

elective courses are a key component of keeping kids in school," said Robert Floyd, the group's executive director.



ence, we are hurting. Thornton said almost 94,000, or about 36 percent

of high school sophomores, failed the science section of TAKS this year. The four-year standard exists in only three other

states: Alabama, Idaho and North Dakota. Groups including The

Texas Association of School Administrators said the change would only exacerbate money woes at many districts.

In a letter to superinten-

al this sweeping more study," he said. "No other large states come close to requiring four years of science."

All Texas ninth graders must take at least three years of science beginning this fall. The courseincludes work one required credit in biology, as well as electives in chemistry, physics or a combination of the two.

To satisfy the fourth credit, an earth science' course would be added. To make room for the extra class, an elective would likely have to be

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Increasing truck traffic seen as threat to Alpine

By CHRIS ROBERTS

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Associated Press Writer

ALPINE - The truck's gears growl and a puff of brown smoke shoots into the clear blue sky. The driver tugs on the steering wheel and the 18wheeler creeps through a tight turn on the narrow main street of this tiny West Texas tourist town.

It's hard to ignore the behemoth in this remote outpost of about 5,600, where art galleries outnumber gas stations.

"When an 18-wheeler makes a turn, people ... literally have to back up to accommodate the truck," said Brewster County Judge Val Beard, whose offices are in a turn-of-the-century building in downtown Alpine, which sits in a valley surrounded by mountain ridges.

Residents fear the occasional trucks winding through town soon will be joined by hundreds of others, spewing pollution, drowning out conversation and creating a traffic logjam.

Alpine sits on a developing 800-mile trade route known as the Gateway to the Pacific. The route, made up mostly of existing roadways that are being improved, will

Pacific Coast to the Midland-Odessa area when it's completed sometime in the next decade.

The town's main street also is expected to see a dramatic increase in commercial traffic following a Supreme Court ruling last month that opens U.S. roads to Mexican trucks under the North American Free Trade Agreement.

"We'll have more traffic, more noise, and it's going to damage the highways, but there's nothing I or anyone else can do about it," said Alan Gerson, who owns Gerson Artworks and Tattoo Studio.

Many residents are concerned that traffic will destroy a growing tourist economy that once centered almost exclusively on Big Bend National Park.

"It is disgusting," said Peggy Martin, manager of the Kiowa Gallery in Alpine. "It's progress, I guess. What else can you say? It's stinky and it's noisy."

The trade route will enter the United States at U.S. 67 in Presidio along the border. It then will climb over two mountain ridges north to Marfa,

stretch from Mexico's mountains to Alpine and boon. on to Midland and

Odessa. The highway from Presidio to Marfa averaged 50 trucks per day in 2002, the most recent Texas Department of Transportation figures available. That number is estimated to increase to as many as 500 a day in the next five years, according to U.S. and Mexican estimates. The Chihuahua director of highway planning has predicted 4,000 a day along the route within a

decade. Planners say the Gateway to the Pacific will be a faster route Asian imports to the U.S. interior, and less busy than California ports. Officials in Midland and Odessa have built a business park between the cities in hopes the route will help the area become a warehouse and distribution center to supply Dallas, Chicago, St. Louis, Denver and other cities.

Once the trade route is complete, Mexican trucks will have to stop for a customs check at Presidio then go 260 miles to Midland-Odessa. In Presidio, where Mexican trucks have long crossed, then east through the the truckers have been a

"They eat, they get their tires fixed, they stay in a motel," said Presidio City Manager Tom Nance, who says sales tax revenues have increased and unemployment has dropped dramatically. "It's good for this city.'

But Alpine residents aren't expecting such a windfall.

Many fear the trucks will fill up with cheaper and dirtier Mexican diesel before entering the United States. Then they would have no reason to stop along the way, sim- the South Orient railroad,

towns.

"They'll get way past us burning dirty fuel," said Alpine resident Don Dowdey, chairman of the **Big Bend Regional Sierra** Club. "This is a special unique place and it ought not to be treated the same way (as major urban centers)."

The state has started to collect data and meet with people in the area about their concerns, said Judy Ramsey of the Texas Department of Transportation. She said

ply rumbling through the owned by the department, is being refurbished and will take some trucks off the road. Another way to diminish the impact would be to build bypass routes around the towns, but Ramsey said money is scarce.

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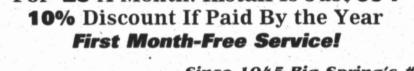
Martin, the Kiowa art gallery manager who has lived in the town for 10 years, said she wishes the town could just stay the same.

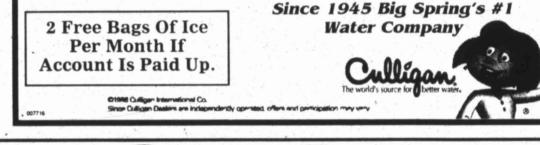
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Union Pacific limiting services

By JOE RUFF

Associated Press Writer

The nation's largest railroad plans to further limit service as it struggles with a congested system and record demand in an improving economy.

Union Pacific Corp. said Thursday it will limit car loadings and the overall inventory of railcars in key corridors, including lines between Seattle and Roseville, Calif.; Los Angeles and El Paso; Los Angeles and Salt Lake City; and the central corridor through Iowa and Illinois. Steps will include limiting the shipment of rock and aggregate materials in Texas, consolidating selected automobile and chemical trains; regulating the volume of selected farm commodities and capping the number of incremental train starts. The steps are being taken as the railroad enters peak season, triggered by the fall grain harvest, shipments of retail merchandise for Christmas and carrying new cars and trucks introduced by the automotive industry. Peak volume usually begins about mid-July and extends well into the fall, the railroad said. Union Pacific and Burlington Northern Santa Fe Corp., which

Pacific's congestion prob- for several weeks," lems, also plan to apply surcharges beginning Aug. 17 for certain shipments out of the West Coast, primarily because of the rising volume of Asian retail goods. The surcharges are

commonly applied during peak demand, both railroads said.

Union Pacific's rail network includes 23 states in the western two-thirds of the country. It is a leading carrier of low-sulfur coal and has broad coverage along the Gulf Coast. Union Pacific has struggled since last fall with a shortage of train crews and rail congestion, and the problems cut into its first quarter profits. Railroad officials said they were surprised by burgeoning demand as the economy picked up, and by the number of engineers and conductors taking retirement. Union Pacific already has given some business away and it is hiring and training more train crews and bringing more locomotives on line. Steps previously taken to ease congestion have stabilized the rail system, but Union Pacific has not been able to make real improvements, executive vice president Jack Koraleski said. "Our velocity has

does not share Union remained stubbornly flat Koraleski said. There has been no improvement in the time trains spend idled in terminals and "yard congestion remains in several key locations such as the Pacific Northern Northwest,

California and Texas."

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Bush seen as moving U.S. toward exit strategy in Iraq

By SONYA ROSS

Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON - President Bush's words about the war in Iraq have moderated since the feisty "Bring 'em on!" directed at those who would attack U.S. forces and undermine creation of a free government.

Consider his remarks on June 28, when he said that Iraq's prime minister and president had told him "that their goal is to eventually take full responsibility for the security of their country. And America wants Iraqi forces to take that role."

Those words signaled that Bush has begun working up to the moment when the United States officially makes its move toward the door- leaving Baghdad.

Few expect the Bush administration to acknowledge it is packing up to leave Iraq. The temporary government has just taken over and is trying to steady itself.

Bush, mindful that terrorist needed. would welcome a haven in a weakened, abandoned Iraq, has taken pains to avoid giving the impression of a full-fledged American pullout.

"Iraq today still has many challenges to overcome. We recognize that," Bush also said June 28 while in Turkey for a NATO summit.

Foreign policy analysts see some recent U.S. actions as reflecting a decided shift toward an exit strategy. They say the United States is showing more deference to the United Nations and to NATO allies that have agreed to train Iraq's military.

A government in exit mode engages in "the so-called Vietnamization process," said James McCormick, political science chairman at Iowa State University. Major decisions about security are left to local officials or the incoming leadership, with offers to help when

"That was the classic part of the exit strategy that the Nixon administration tried" in Vietnam, McCormick said. "We're seeing some of that, but the problem is the Iraqi security forces are not sufficiently developed for that turnover to take place."

Last week, U.S. envoy Nicholas Burns told reporters in Belgium that the administration expected NATO instructors to begin training Iraqi security forces this summer. There is "every reason now for us all to help" the Iraqis, Burns said.

Analyst Norman Ornstein of Enterprise American the Institute noted that Bush allowed U.N. envoy Lakhdar Brahimi to determine who would run Iraq in the short term and expressed a willingness to leave Iraq if the interim government made that request. "That does not seem, to me, to

fit the standard-issue definition

said. "They're clearly changing their policy today in Iraq. It's radically different than it was a year ago, or six months ago, and it's clearly changed in response to the environment and political circumstances."

Bush declared an end to major combat in Iraq on May 1, 2003. On July 2, 2003, Bush promised that the United States would stay in Iraq until it had completed the creation of a free government there. To those who would attack U.S. forces in an attempt to deter that mission, Bush said: "My answer is bring 'em on."

Since then, Bush has had to bow to a few realities, such as an insurgency that has killed or wounded more American soldiers than anticipated, and his inability to get large-scale troop commitments from other countries to ease the load on the U.S. military.

The U.S. set a June 30 dead-

of tough and resolute," Ornstein line for transferring power in Baghdad and beat it by two days. Other signs of an exit, such as timelines for drawing down U.S. forces, are not yet evident, said Cato Institute analyst Christopher Preble.

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"You can't have an exit strategy without that," Preble said. "It is essential that the Bush administration go public with such a plan, so that the Iraqi government can take prudent measures to prepare for their own defense."

On the day of transfer, Bush said the United States and Iraq were "moving forward on every element of our five-part plan" for Iraqi self-rule. He committed the United States to being there for the Iraqis, hunting down insurgents and protecting the country's infrastructure as Iraq's new leaders prepare for elections.

Still, the president said, "The struggle is, first and foremost, an Iraqi struggle."

Intelligence debate now looking ahead to reform

By KATHERINE SHRADER

Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON Following the release of a Senate report harshly criticizing U.S. intelligence gathering and analysis, the focus will soon shift to whether and how to make sweeping changes to the intelligence community.

After a yearlong investithe Senate gation, Intelligence Committee released nearly 120 conclusions about the intelligence community's performance on estimating the threat from Iraq, found primarily in a 2002 assessment that served as the Bush administration's leading arguments for war.

Following release of the 511-page review Friday, the panel's top Democrat, West Virginia Sen. Jay Rockefeller, said threequarters of senators would not have voted to authorize the invasion if they had known how weak the intelligence was.

report said.

Among much-discussed reform proposals, some have suggested centralizing the intelligence community under a Cabinetlevel Director of National Intelligence who would oversee the roughly \$40 billion budget of the 15agency intelligence apparatus. Currently, the CIA director also oversees the intelligence community, but he doesn't control the vast majority of the money.

Central Deputy Director Intelligence John McLaughlin, who said the CIA and other agencies are adapting and making internal reforms, urged caution against disruptions while the nation is in the middle of the anti-terror fight. "Some sort of reordering of the boxes here will not bring you perfection in the

"We get it. Although we think the judgments were not unreasonable when they were made nearly two years ago, we understand with all we have learned since then that we could have done better.'

> John McLaughlin Deputy Director, CIA

"We haven't found the gence community would stockpiles, but we knew have a tough time winhe could make them," the ning confirmation by the president said. "The world Senate. McLaughlin said the is better off without

Saddam Hussein in CIA is learning from its mistakes and has already Although senators from made changes, including adding reviews from a both parties agreed in harshly criticizing the "devil's advocate" perspec-Democrats and tive to all future national Republicans clashed over intelligence estimates. whether administration officials had pressured intelligence analysts to

said at a rare news conference at CIA headquarters. "Although we think the judgments were not unreasonable when they were made nearly two years ago, we understand with all we have learned since then that we could have done better."

Among conclusions in the report:

 Most major judgments in the October 2002 Intelligence National Estimate about Iraq's alleged nuclear, chemical and biological weapons programs were "either overstated or were not supported by the underly-

"We get it," McLaughlin ing intelligence reporting." Intelligence officials

didn't explain to policymakers the uncertainties behind their judgments.

 Intelligence agencies suffered from a collective presumption that Iraq had an active and growing program to develop weapons of mass destruction

 The United States depended too heavily on defectors and foreign governments' intelligence.

On the Net:

The report is available at: http://www.intelligence.senate.gov



"This report cries out for reform," said committee chairman Pat Roberts, R-Kan.

In the unanimously approved report, senators concluded that the CIA kept key information from its own and other analysts; agencies' engaged in "group think" by failing to challenge the assumption that Iraq had weapons of mass destrucallowed tion; and President Bush and Secretary of State Colin Powell to make false statements.

"Most, if not all, of these problems stem from a broken corporate culture and poor management," which won't be fixed simply by giving the agency more money or people, the

intelligence business," he said.

But politics may play more of a role in reforms than anything else. Few significant believe changes will happen before the November election.

The report was yet another blow to the credibility of the Bush administration and U.S. intelligence agencies. The committee concluded that key assertions used to justify Iraq war—that the Saddam Hussein had chemical and biological weapons and was working to build nuclear weapons-were either wrong or overblown.

Bush called the report a useful accounting of intelligence agencies' shortcomings. He defended the decision to go to war, however, as well as his prewar assertions about Saddam's government and weapons of mass destruction.

Republicans said there were tough questions but no inappropriate influence.

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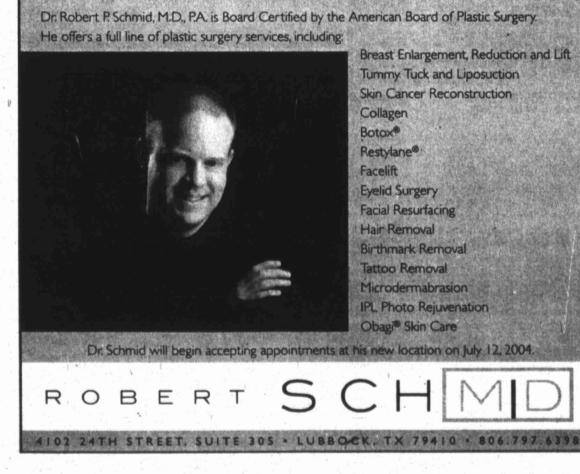
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Democrats also said the investigation should have examined whether the White House had twisted intelligence it the received—a second phase of the probe that probably won't be finished until after the elections.

"The fact is that when it comes to national security, the buck stops at the White House, not anyelse," where said Democratic presidential candidate John Kerry.

The report comes as Bush looks for a new leader for the intelligence community. CIA Director Tenet George has effective resigned, Sunday, and McLaughlin will take over as a temporary replacement. But the report's across-the-board criticism of the CIA could indicate that any nominee from within the intelli-

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Megachurches: Players give way to prayers

By DANA CALVO

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Special to the LA Times

HOUSTON - During close games at Houston's Compaq Center, basketball and hockey fans did their share of praying. Next spring, the stadium will hear some serious hallelujahs.

After a 14-month, \$75 million renovation, the Compag Center will reopen as Lakewood Church, the nation's largest house of worship.

With 16,000 seats, two waterfalls and an interior camera ready for Sunday broadcasts, the reborn dovetails structure national trends that promise to shake up the economics of urban real estate: the increasing number of obsolete sports stadiums and the meteoric growth of huge religious congregations that need "megachurches."

Requiring arena-sized seating and vast parking lots, these churches are expensive to build and demand large plots of land that are difficult to come by in urban areas. That has made rejected sports arenas, faced with demolition, fertile ground for religious conversion.

It may be a commercial real estate boomlet in its infancy. Besides the Compaq Center, only the Forum in Inglewood. Calif., has made the jump. now drawing about 6,000 on Sundays as the world's largest and Faithful Central Bible Church. (The church moved in before all the Forum's event contracts had been fulfilled, so in the early days worshipers shared space with the

Women of Wrestling league.)

But interest appears to be growing. Joel Osteen, the 41-year-old pastor of Lakewood Church, said half a dozen pastors from around the country had asked him how he went about signing the 30-year, \$12.3 million lease on the Compaq Center.

Church leaders, he said, realize they have to be inventive these days.

"You have to change with the times," he said. "If Jesus were here he'd change with the times. He couldn't ride around on a donkey. He'd drive a car." In the last 10 years, 20 arenas have been built to National replace Basketball Association teams' aging homes, according to the league, and some of the old stadiums are vacant or underused.

As the new generation of sports facilities has sprung the up, megachurch - defined as any with more than 2,000 worshippers - has flourished.

In 1970, there were 10 megachurches in the United States. Today there are an estimated 850 non-Catholic megachurches, with four of the six largest in Texas, said John Vaughan, director of Church Growth Today. a think tank in Bolivar, Mo., that publishes an annual listing of the fastest-growing churches. He said the survey didn't include Roman Catholic parishes because there weren't enough Catholic data.



Miyah Meador, 6, left, is a member of Mustard Seeds of Faith Choir at Faithful Central Bible Church in Inglewood, Calif.

Rockets called Compaq minor league hockey Center home, and the team paid \$100,000 a year in management fees to the city. But team leaders were itching for a building that had a separate practice area, a restaurant, more luxury suites, ample parking and nicer locker rooms.

In 1997, voters approved a 2 percent hotel tax and 5 percent car rental tax to be used for sports complexes, spawning the glitzy Toyota Center. The \$235 million downtown facility, which also housteam and the Houston Comets of the Women's **Basketball** National Association, opened in October with an inaugural concert by Fleetwood Mac.

Lakewood Church won't be the economic engine for the area that the old stadium was, but the county is getting something out of it: \$12.3 million upfront for the lease, according to Lakewood spokesman Don Iloff.

For Lakewood, the move to the old Compaq Center

for Easter services) will give it celestial bragging rights of sorts.

Los Angeles Times photo/Francine Orr

Already the fastestgrowing congregation in the country with more than 30,000 members, Lakewood in its new home will eclipse the 27.000-member Crenshaw Christian Center of Los Angeles as the biggest church in the nation -16,000 seats versus 10,000 or so at Crenshaw Christian Center's landmark FaithDome.

The Houston Rockets' old locker room is becom-For years, the Houston es the Houston Aeros next April (just in time ing a nursery. A swath of

stadium seating has been torn out to make room for the waterfalls that will bookend the 200-person choir.

And a state-of-the-art hydraulic stage is being built for the choir and the nine-person band, which features an electric guitar but no organ.

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Osteen tends to his global flock with broadcasts on ABC Family, Pax TV and BET, reaching more than two dozen of the largest television markets in the country, as well as far-flung spots that include Estonia and Cyprus.

The Compaq Center's 20 luxury suites have been turned into electrical from rooms which Lakewood's 25-person production team will operate lighting, curtains and cameras. It is, Osteen admits, a service conceived to lure and retain a generation of worshippers who want their Biblebased inspiration served up in an entertaining package.

There are some sports venues that have been discarded by pro teams but have yet to be made over as megachurches. Houston's multipurpose Astrodome, for example, sits vacant.

"It's a 60,000-seat building that's very sound." Luck said, "but I don't know if there's a church that needs that much space."

Lakewood's Osteen isn't so sure. "I think there could be a day when we see 75,000 (congregants) instead of 25,000," he said. "I think there's that potential."

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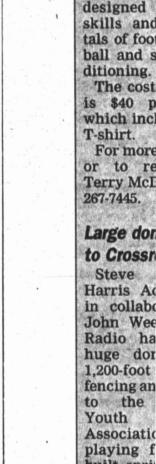
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Cornell Corrections and Young Life Big Spring announce that the fifth annual Young Life Golf Classic will take place July 24 and 25 at the Big Spring Country Club.

The tournament will be a four-person orange ball scramble and players must have a verifi-able handicap.

It will begin at 1 p.m. both Saturday and Sunday and each day will have a shotgun start.

The cost of the tournament is \$75 plus a cart fee, but private carts are welcome. For more information, call Big Spring Country Club's Larry Bryan at 267-5354.

C.G.A. announces monthly golf outing

The Chicago Golf Association has set its monthly golf tournament for July 18 at Comanche Trail Golf Course.

The tournament will be a four-person 6-6-6 style with a shotgun start.

All participants must be registered by 9:45 a.m. the day of the tourney.

For more information, call Billy Pineda at 264-7116 after 7 p.m.

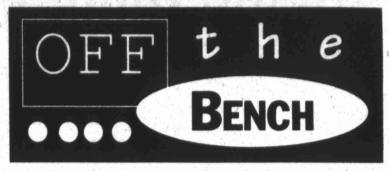
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The United States' Olympic basketball team was finalized a few days ago, but don't expect it to look anything like the Dream Team of 1992.

However, that doesn't mean the team still can't take home the gold at the 2004 games in Athens.



Shaquille O'Neal won't play unless Phil Jackson coaches. So he is out. Tracy McGrady and Kevin Garnett are both getting married this sum-

mer, which means neither one of them are playing.

Kobe Bryant has a more difficult situation – his sexual assault case - to worry about right now.

That's four of the NBA's top-five players not heading to Athens.

Tim Duncan is the only top-five player on the roster this year.

The team instead features several up-and-coming stars and lacks the veteran superstars.

And there is nothing wrong with that, in my opinion.

Besides Duncan, the team also features veterans Allen Iverson, Stephon Marbury and Shawn Marion, who are

the Olympics and the threat of terrorist attacks. Another point that should not go unstated is

the fact that some of the best players in the league will be playing for other countries this year.

Steve Nash (Canada) and Dirk Nowitzky (Germany), as well as Yao Ming (China), Andrei Kirilenko (Russia), Peja Stojakovic (Greece), Rasoslav Nesterovic (Slovenia) and Manu Ginoboli (Argentina) are all foreign NBA stars that may play for their own countries this summer.

And it has been coach Brown who has led the criticisms toward the superstar athletes that aren't playing.

Brown couldn't even get two of his best players in Detroit to play on the team this summer as Ben Wallace and Richard Hamilton both said thanks, but no thanks.

His argument is players should want to represent their country well and win a gold medal for the United States.

Unfortunately, Brown and the players don't see eye-to-eye.

The NBA stars aren't the only athletes not participating this year, however. Lance Armstrong, the greatest athlete on the planet, just decided recently that he won't participate in the Olympics either.

Armstrong wants to

courtesy photo

This picture shows Big Spring's 9- and 10-year-old Little League all-star team. Front row, from left: Max Papajohn, Rubin Meier, Trey Lowery, Trevor Burchett, Coby Daughdrill and Austin Gibson. Middle: Patrick Robles, Foster Burchett, Payton Parker, Bryson Phillips and Ty Johnson. Back: Coach Carey Burchett and Coach Randy Phillips. Not pictured: Garrett Studiville.

Armstrong loses yellow jacket after fall, currently sixth overall

By JAMEY KEATEN

Associated Press Writer ANGERS, France -Lance Armstrong knows his bid for a record sixth Tour de France title could end in one crash. After largely avoiding

the falls that have plagued other riders, cial minutes. Armstrong tumbled off

aggravating a leg injury from the Giro d'Italia in May.

That same day, Iban Mayo – once considered a threat to Armstrong fell out of contention after he crashed and lost cru-

While Armstrong wasn't Frenchman hurt, the spill was his biggest scare in his bid Boulangere maintained for a sixth straight victothe Armstrong remained 9 ry. minutes, 35 seconds back

Cipollini fell Wednesday, crash in the final kilometer of a stage are given the same time as the winner.

That meant that while Armstrong finished 34th, German Jan Ullrich his most feared rival didn't make up time on the defending champ.

Thomas Voeckler of Brioches La

overall

in sixth place, and Ullrich

was another 55 seconds

Barring any mishaps,

Armstrong is confident

he can recover the

leader's yellow jersey by

the end of the three-week

race in Paris on July 25,

expecting Voeckler to

Armstrong's crash, he

rolled over the champi-

on's feet — and was quick

"I hope I didn't twist his

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Actually, they probably still will.

23. The camp is for all boys grades five through eight and is designed to develop skills and fundamentals of football, basketball and strength conditioning. The cost of the camp

is \$40 per student. which includes a camp T-shirt.

For more information or to register, call Terry McDonald at 432-267-7445.

Large donation made to Crossroads

Steve Herrin of Harris Ace Hardware in collaboration with John Weeks of KBST Radio have made a huge donation of a 1,200-foot chain link fencing and accessories to the Crossroads Youth Football Association after the playing field's newly built sprinkler system was vandalized. The league operates on a tight budget and is

mainly run by donations and sign-up fees. **Mid-July softball**

tournament set

There will be a softball tournament at **Cotton Mize Field July** 16-18. The entry fee is \$115. There will be T-shirts and trophies for first through third place. For more info, call Leo at 432-213-2116.

his bike early in the sixth stage Friday but quickly recovered to rejoin the race.

Then at the finish, dozens of riders went down in a pile in front of him. Exasperated, he suggested that organizers of the three-week race should put safety first.

"You saw the big crash at the finish, this is stressful," the 32-year-old Texan said.

"Coming in, they've got the barriers really tight, and you've got 200 guys racing through there at 40 miles an hour. I don't know what ... they're thinking, but you're going to have crashes."

Belgium's Tom Boonen won the stage in a sprint ahead of the spill that took out and held up dozens of riders, including Armstrong.

On Thursday night, Armstrong had told reporters about the strain of knowing that his ambitions in the event - the race he works so hard to win - could all end in a bout of bad luck.

"In this race, I'm always scared, always nervous," he said. "The last two or three days for me, personally, have been really, really nerve-racking."

Down but not defeated, Armstrong scraped himself up off the asphalt and resumed after his fall 20 minutes into the 122-mile ride from Bonneval to Angers.

In the rain-soaked first week, other riders haven't been so lucky.

Italian sprinting specialists Alessandro Petacchi and Mario Cipollini withdrew from the race before the sixth stage. Petacchi, who roared to four sprint-finish wins in the 2003 event, injured a shoulder in a crash on wet roads Thursday.

Former world champion

"It was a typical early race crash," Armstrong said. "There's nothing you can do. You hit the brakes, but bikes don't stop that fast, so I just went over. It wasn't bad, a little bit on the arm, a little bit on the hip."

In another stroke of good fortune, the second spill that held him up almost within sight of the finish happened close enough to the line that he wasn't docked valuable time.

Under the rules, competitors held up in a ankle," Voeckler said.

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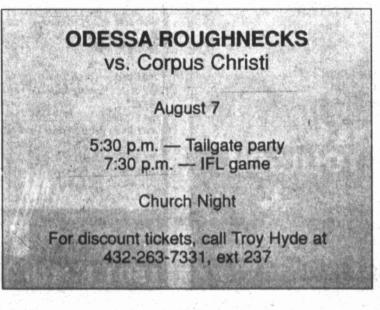
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the only players on this year's team over the age of 25.

Instead of ageless veterans like the 1992 "Dream Team," this year's squad features one teenager in LeBron James, one 20year-old in Carmelo Anthony, two 21-year-olds in Emeka Okafor and Amare Stoudemire and two 22-year-olds in Carlos Boozer and Dwayne Wade. The team also has Richard Jefferson and Lamar Odom.

To me, this team is still legit. Yeah, the big stars aren't playing and the American sports fans should be upset. That's true and I agree. But, this team should still win.

With the exception of Okafor, who has not played a single game at the professional level, everyone on this team is a proven force on the basketball court.

And with one of the game's best coaches in Larry Brown roaming the bench, how can this team not win?

The one thing that might be lacking from this year's team is depth at the center position. Duncan is the only 7-footer on the team, which can create a problem since a lot of the foreign teams feature guys over 7-feet 2inches. However, I think this one minor detail shouldn't prevent them from the gold.

The times of seeing a team like the "Dream Team" — which included superstars such as Michael Jordan, Magic Johnson, Larry Bird, David Robinson, Patrick Ewing, Karl Malone, John Stockton, Scottie Pippen and Charles Barkley — are over since players these days just don't care enough. Why? We may never know. A big factor this year was the thought of safety at

spend time with his chil dren and girlfriend Sheryl Crow. Not to mention the fact that when the Olympics take place Armstrong will have most likely won his sixth straight Tour De France title a month earlier. That man's legs should be tired by then. I know he is often portrayed as not being human, but give him a break.

Other American athletes should fare well for the United States.

Andy Roddick and and Venus Serena Williams should give the tennis squads a big boost.

The United States soccer team heads into Athens with its highest seeding ever.

medalist Ten-time Jenny Thompson will be back in swimming. Brendan Hansen will take his 100-meter breast stroke world record into the Olympics, as well. And 19-year-old Michael Phelps is thought to have a chance to break the long-standing Olympic record of winning seven medals at one olympics. He stated earlier this week that it was his goal to win eight.

Track and field is always fun to watch! But will the steroids issue overshadow the sport this summer. Marion Jones doesn't seem to think so.

I don't think I need to go into gymnastics. Those teams always do well.

Although the Olympics is supposed to be an event that features the greatest athletes in the world, the U.S. men's basketball team will still take the gold even though the "best players" clearly won't be on the court.

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Two skills

Damon homers twice, Boston routs Rangers

BOSTON (AP) Johnny Damon and the Boston Red Sox aren't ready to concede the AL East title just yet.

Damon went 4-for-5 with two homers and four fly made it 3-0, and RBIs, Bronson Arroyo Damon's double off relievallowed three hits in eight innings for his first win since May 15 and Boston beat the Texas Rangers 7-0 Friday night.

The Red Sox won their fourth straight, their longest streak since winning five in a row May 21-26. After falling 8 1/2 games behind the firstplace New York Yankees last week, Boston has cut the deficit to six.

"I wish I knew what I was doing so I could bottle it up and keep it going," Damon said. "We feel like we can still win the East and don't like to be written off."

Damon, who extended his hitting streak to 14 games with a first-inning single, led off the fifth with his eighth home run to put Boston ahead 2-0. He followed with a twoout double in the sixth that drove in a pair of runs and made it 5-0.

Damon homered into the Rangers' bullpen in the eighth and finished a criple shy of the cycle. He's batted .447 during his hitting streak, the longest by a Red Sox player this season.

With Boston ahead 2-0, Nomar Garciaparra led

off the sixth with a single, and Texas starter Joaquin Benoit walked Trot Nixon and hit Kevin Millar with a pitch to load the bases.

Bill Mueller's sacrifice er Ron Mahay drove home Nixon and Millar.

Nixon gave the Red Sox a 6-0 lead with an RBI single in the seventh.

Arroyo (3-7) matched his season high with seven strikeouts and allowed just one hit after the first inning, lowering his ERA from 4.50 to 4.09 while earning his first career win at Fenway Park.

Considering the recent struggles of Derek Lowe and a dearth of quality starters on the trade market, Boston's best hope for a boost for their rotation remains Arroyo, who had dropped six straight decisions but has a 2.44 ERA in his last six starts.

"We can let (Arroyo) hide in the weeds. That's what our horses are for in the front of the rotation," catcher Jason Varitek said.

Curtis Leskanic pitched a perfect ninth to finish Boston's eighth shutout of the season. The Rangers were blanked for the fourth time.

In the first inning, Damon scored on a sacrifice fly by Manny Ramirez.

Pettitte, Beltran lead Astros

to win over first place L.A.

2004 Texas Ranger All-Stars

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 Michael Young, shortstop (.335 avg.)

 Alfonso Soriano, second base (leading vote getter)

 Kenny Rogers starting pitcher (12-2)

 Francisco Cordero, relief pitcher (26 saves)

*Blalock will also participate in Monday night's home run derby

bold denotes all-star starter

of The misfortune. Rangers lined into three double plays, two of which were turned by Millar.

"It was one of those nights. Things weren't going our way, and Bronson seemed like he wasn't going to make a mistake," Texas' Rod Barajas said. "He pitched a heck of a game, one of the best that's been pitched against us."

Garciaparra went 3-for-4 with three singles and is 14-for-30 in his last seven games.

Benoit (3-4) allowed five runs and eight hits in 52-3 innings. "His command was off.

He missed his locations a lot, and he paid the price," Rangers manager Texas also had its share Buck Showalter said.

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Andy Pettitte outpitched out of a big jam in the World Series competition former teammate Jeff ninth. Weaver and also drove in a run, and Jose Vizcaino's tiebreaking RBI single in the eighth inning helped the Houston Astros edge the Los Angeles Dodgers, 3-2, Friday night.

Carlos Beltran hit his fifth homer in 14 games with the Astros, who ended Los Angeles' sixgame winning streak. Beltran left the game because of a stiff right knee after striking out in the eighth.

Pettitte (5-2) allowed two runs and four hits in seven innings, and helped prevent the Astros from slipping to .500 for the first time since April 11. The left-hander struck out four and did not walk a batter for the first time in his 10 starts with the Astros.

Brad Lidge threw two scoreless innings for his

LOS ANGELES (AP) — chances, but had to pitch during interleague and

With the bases loaded and one out, Lidge got 2-0 in the fifth when he Shawn Green to ground followed a into a game-ending 3-6-1 double play. Lidge pumped his fist and then spiked the ball near the first-base bag in celebration.

Weaver (6-9) allowed three runs and seven hits in 7 1-3 innings. The right-hander, who played with Pettitte on the New York Yankees from 2002-03, struck out five and walked one.

Palmeiro Orlando pinch-hit for Pettitte in the eighth and led off with a bloop double that landed just inside the leftfield line.

He advanced on Craig Biggio's sacrifice bunt and scored on a single by Vizcaino.

Pettitte, whose only experience at the plate seventh save in nine before this season was

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Beltran opened the scoring in the fourth with his 20th homer of the season.

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For more information, contact Revis Daggett at 432-816-9560.

Steer football golf tournament set

The Big Spring Steers Football Booster Club has scheduled its third annual golf tournament for July 17 at the Big Spring Country Club.

The tournament will be a four-man scramble and begin its shotgun start at 8 a.m.

There is a \$75 entry fee, which includes a cart. For more info., contact Randy Phillips at

432-264-6600 or Steve Jeter at 432-263-3670.

Coughlin qualifies for first Olympics after easy victory

By BETH HARRIS

AP Sports Writer LONG BEACH, Calif. — Natalie Coughlin finally made her first Olympic swimming team.

Derailed four years ago, she easily won the 100meter backstroke Friday night in the U.S. trials, finishing 1.39 seconds ahead of former California teammate Haley Cope.

"We've been hatching this plot for a while and it's fun to see it come to fruition," Cope said.

Coughlin's time of 59.85 seconds was off her 2year-old world record of 59.58, but the only woman to go under a minute in the event did so again. Cope finished in 1:01.24.

"It was perfect," said Coughlin's coach, Teri McKeever. "The goal this week was to make the Olympic team. Now she can go out there and be relaxed. I'm sure after 2000 there's a sense of relief and pride."

Coughlin failed to make the team four years ago, finishing fourth in the 200 individual medley in the trials in Indianapolis. She was coming off a back injury and didn't have time to prepare.

"I'm a lot more ready this time," she said.

She also is entered in another of her best events, the 100 free Sunday.

Michael Phelps handled a busy night in the pool by winning the 200

freestyle in 1 minute, 46.27 seconds. Just 42 minutes later, he advanced to the 200 fly final with the best semifinal time of 1:56.66.

Phelps will take on defending Olympic champion Tom Malchow in the fly — his only race Saturday.

Phelps overcame a poor start — he was last off the starting block — and caught early leader Nate Dusing midway through the third leg of the 200 free before holding off Klete Keller at the finish. "He just never gets rat-

tled," Phelps' coach Bob Bowman said. Keller, who already had

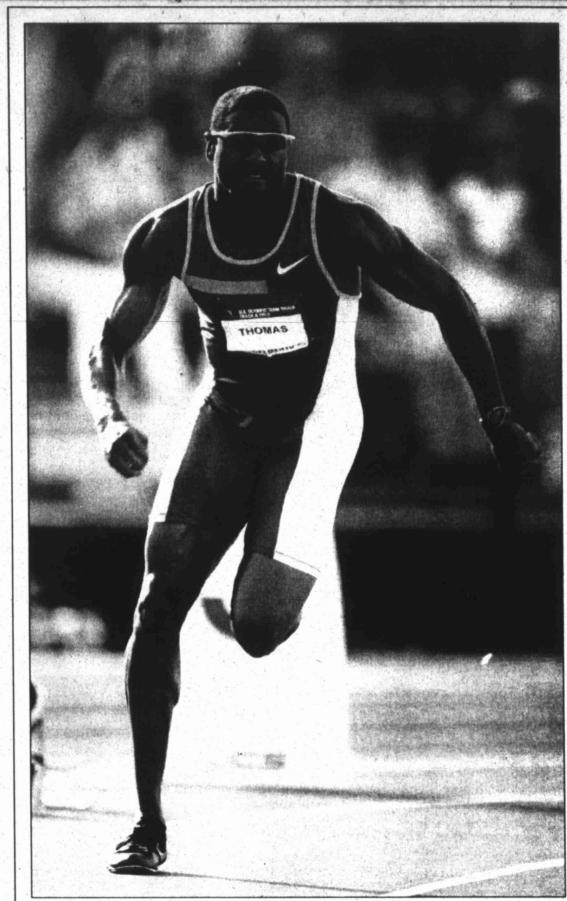
made the team by winning the 400 free, claimed another spot by taking second at 1:46.87.

Friendly rivals Aaron Peirsol and Lenny Krayzelburg finished 1-2 in the 100 back.

Peirsol just missed Krayzelburg's world record, coming up fourhundredths short in 53.64. Despite an aching shoulder, Krayzelburg finished in 54.06 — just a 10th of a second ahead of Peter Marshall.

Jeff Rouse, the 1992 gold medalist who returned from a six-year retirement, missed out by finishing sixth.

Amanda Beard made her third straight Olympic team over a formidable field in the 100 breaststroke.



Courtesy photo/Michael Mulvey, Dallas Morning News Eric Thomas, of Garrison, jumps from the blocks during heat one of the mens 400 meter hurdles in Sacramento, Calif., Friday.

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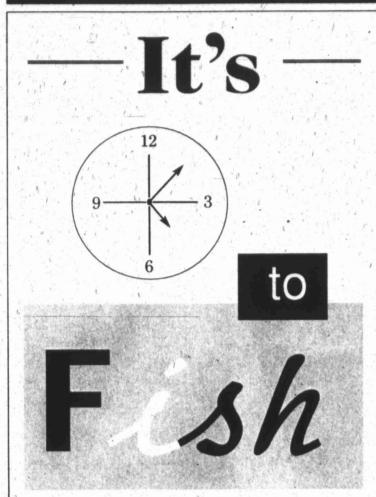
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FT. PHANTOM HILL: Water clear; 85 degrees; 15-feet low. Black bass are fair. Crappie are fair on minnows and jigs. White bass are fair. Catfish are fair.

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Rudy Tomjanovich heads to Hollywood to coach Lakers

By JOHN NADEL

AP Sports Writer LOS ANGELES - The Lakers finally have a coach. The next step in a summer of change is determining their roster. Tomjanovich Rudy agreed to coach the Lakers - a longtime adversary in more ways than one - following a 34year relationship with the Rockets.

"We expect that he'll sign a contract and we'll hold a press conference tomorrow to announce it," Lakers spokesman John Black said Friday.

Tomjanovich succeeds Jackson, who Phil coached the Lakers to three championships in five years.

The team announced June 18, three days after losing to the Detroit Pistons in the NBA Finals, that Jackson wouldn't return next season.

Tomjanovich survived one of the scariest moments in NBA history on Dec. 9, 1977, at The nearby Forum in Inglewood when Lakers forward Kermit Washington blindsided him with a devastating punch that sent him crashing to the floor with several shattered facial bones.

said the Doctors injuries were life-threat- first candidates interening, but Tomjanovich returned the following season wearing a protective mask and made one dent Pat Riley, Duke of his five appearances in coach Mike Krzyzewski

the NBA All-Star game. Tomjanovich later filed a civil suit against the Lakers. He was awarded \$3.25 million by a jury, but the \$2 million settlement was reached before an appeal was heard.

The 55-year-old Tomjanovich coached the Rockets for 12 years before stepping down in May 2003 - two months after being diagnosed with bladder cancer.

He negotiated a settlement of the remaining two years and \$12 million left on his coaching contract.

In good health now, he worked as a scout with Houston last season - his 34th year with the organization he joined in 1970 in San Diego as the second overall selection in the NBA draft.

Tomjanovich guided the **Rockets to championships** in 1994 and 1995 and was the winningest coach in their history with a 503-397 record.

But they failed to make the playoffs in his last four years there.

He joins an unsettled team — Kobe Bryant is an unrestricted free agent and Shaquille O'Neal has demanded a trade.

Derek Fisher and Karl Malone also are unrestricted free agents.

Tomjanovich, one of the viewed, had to wait as the Lakers discussed the job with Miami Heat presiCOACH RUDY TOMJANOVICH'S RESUME 1991-92, Houston Rockets: 16-14 1992-93, Houston Rockets: 55-27 1993-94, Houston Rockets: 58-24 1994-95, Houston Rockets: 47-35 1995-96, Houston Rockets: 48-34 1996-97, Houston Rockets: 57-25 1997-98, Houston Rockets: 41-41 1998-99, Houston Rockets: 31-19 1999-00, Houston Rockets: 34-48 2000-01, Houston Rockets: 45-37 2001-02, Houston Rockets: 28-54 2002-03, Houston Rockets: 43-39

Totals: 503-397 (.559 winning percentage)

The Rockets and Tomianovich won back-to-back titles in the 1993-94 and 1994-95 seasons.

Roy Williams.

Riley, a winner of 1,110 games in 21 seasons - the first nine with the Lakers - said he spoke with Lakers officials but wasn't offered the position. An offer was made last week to Krzyzewski, who announced Monday he was staying at Duke. Williams told the Lakers last month he wasn't interested in the job.

believed It's Tomjanovich agreed to terms of a five-year contract worth about \$30 million — a deal similar to the one Jackson signed in June 1999.

Black wouldn't comment on contract terms. The Lakers have reportedly stepped up efforts to trade O'Neal, who has insisted he won't play for

and North Carolina coach them again. A possible destination could be Miami.

> Quoting sources, the Riverside Press-Enterprise reported Thursday the Lakers were considering a deal that would include Lamar Odom, Brian Grant and a first-round Miami draft pick. Caron Butler also has been mentioned. Black refused to comment.

Bryant has met with representatives of the Lakers, Clippers, Denver Nuggets and New York Knicks this week and reportedly could make a decision as soon as this weekend. Free agents can sign contracts beginning July 14.

Calls to the representatives for Bryant and O'Neal weren't returned.

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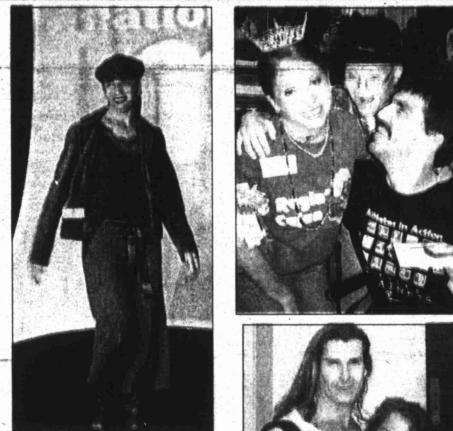
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More than a beauty queen

Schwartz is definitely a aching back pain. stunner and this week she's competing against equally beautiful young women for a chance at the Miss Texas crown.

Although her grace on stage seems innately born, hard work, dedication and overcoming a serious spinal deformity has marked this out," she said. beauty queen with strong character.

"I'm feeling very anxious firmed what her coach and excited," said the 19year-old 2003 Garden City High School graduate in an interview last week. "I'm not nervous, but I'm very anxious to get there and see what it is all about."

Schwartz is currently in the midst of competition which will culminate Saturday when 10 finalists Schwartz said, her spine vie for the title in a live couldn't keep up and broadcast. The contest will surgery became necessary. "Not only was my spine a be telecast at 8 p.m. locally on Channel 7. backwards S it was twisted

Miss San Angelo Chelsea Schwartz with a severe have certain back pain,"

was diagnosed with scoliosis, a lateral curvature of the spine.

"My gymnastics coach (Russ McEwen) was the one who found my scoliosis. He noticed my shoulder blades were sticking

A trip to the doctor and a series of x-rays consuspected.

"I had double scoliosis," she said. "My degree wasn't too bad at the time so I went to therapy for year. My spine got pretty straight but then my body went through a growth spurt."

Her body grew so fast,

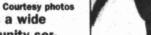
she said with a laugh. "My At the age of 12, Schwartz dad, who is a cotton farmer, is always asking me if it's



going to rain. I'm his little meteorologist."

On a more serious side, Schwartz has chosen volunteerism as her platform, a

Chelsea Schwartz experiences a wide variety of activities and community service opportunities representing San Angelo. Counterclockwise, in the top photo, she receives her crown as Miss **Texas American Teen; above she walks** the runway in the National American Miss Pageant; at right, with Special Olympics athletes; Chelsea and model Fabio; **Chelsea wins the Miss San Angelo** pageant; below, Chelsea poses with Special Olympic athletes; dressed in her talent contest costume; volunteering with the Boys and Girls Club of San Angelo; teaching dance classes; with her best friend and dance partner, Taylor Fritschen,; and with a friend in Los **Angeles at the Graumann Chinese** Theater Walk of Fame.





If chosen as a finalist, Schwartz will not only bid for a chance to serve in a year-long reign but also represent her state in the nationally-televised Miss America contest. Now a seasoned veteran of

around. Everything was not in the right position," she said. "In 1998 at 13-years old, I under went a six-hour surgery where doctors installed two titanium nineinch bars in my back.

"They couldn't make my

spine totally straight because they'd have paralyzed me," she continued. "I have a 19-inch scar on my back and a four-inch scar on my hip." Problems with her spine doesn't keep Schwartz from being a tough competitor. "I don't think about the pain until I sit down and think 'oh, this kind of hurt," she said.

"During competition ...you're pretty much on your feet all day. I don't like to sit down because your body relaxes. It's hard to get going again, so you have to

keep your adrenaline going. "I'm very hard headed when it comes to medicine," she admitted. "I try to tough it out. When I do ask for medicine, then my mom knows it's bad."

Thirteen titles later after Out of her suffering, Schwartz has managed to turn her problem into a useful tool.

"I can tell if the weather is competitions can leave going to change because I

result of her experiences.

"I volunteer for Special Olympics and I see how I can take it for granted," she said. "I could have easily been in a wheel chair and been paralyzed. I just want to give back what I've been given."

Not only is her list of volunteer activites a lenghty one, but she also advocates for volunteerism.

"All Special Olympics participants want is for you to have a smile on our face and give them a hug," she said. "They are constantly smiling and happy and it make your problems disappear.

"I just want to spread the word about volunteerism," she said. "Anyone can serve. You're not only helping others, you're helping yourself grow as a person."

Story by Lyndel Moody, Big Spring Herald staff writer. She may be contacted at reporter@bigspringherald.com



beauty pageants, Schwartz admits she was very reluctant to participate as a girl.

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racking up \$8,000 in schol-

arship money, the college sophomore shows no signs

of letting up, even though

the constant rehearsals and

County Fair Queen."

"I did them when I was little, but I hated them," she said with a laugh. "Every time I got on stage I would cry and cry and cry. Then I started up again when I was 16 years old. The first title I



FEATURES

Wedding

Mrs. Melissa (Daniel) Vernon

Harrison and Vernon marry

Melissa Mae Harrison vocalist. A string quartet and Daniel Isaac Vernon played prelude and were married on May 1, 2004, at 4 p.m. in the home of the bride's sister, with Bishop Charles Breyman officiating.

The bride is the daughter of Rayford and Janie Harrison of Big Spring. She is the grandaughter of Cecil and Imogene Phillips and Alvie and Harrison, all Dollie deceased.

The groom is the son of Daniel and Martha Vernon, of Lebanon, Ind.

The bride was given in marraige by her father. She wore a white, floorlength gown with an empire waist and a scoop

postlude music. Lila King, sister of the bride, served as matron of honor, with Sarah Harrison, sister of the

bride, and Ruthie Vernon, sister of the groom, as bridesmaids. Kayleigh Vernon was the flower girl. Daniel Vernon, father of

the groom, served as best man. The groom was also attended by Micah Harrison, brother of the bride.

A reception, held at the home of the bride's sister, immediately followed the wedding.

The couple will make

Mr. and Mrs. Ben and Brandi (Plantt) Beckham

Plantt and Beckham exchange wedding vows

of

Brandi LeAnn Plantt Beyer of Lubbock. Ben Charles and Beckham, Lubbock, were married Lubbock and Maxine on July 3, 2004, in Las Vegas.

The bride is the daughter of Sharon Plantt of Big Spring.

She is the granddaughter of Merv and Kathie Hayner of Boerne and Darrell and Glenda Humphries of Huntsville. She is the great niece of Evelyn Smauley of Big

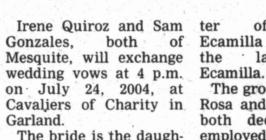
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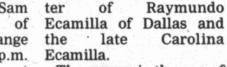
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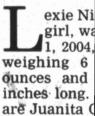
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neck that was beaded in flowers.

the groom, served as Pigeon Forge, Tenn.

their home in Lebanon, Ind. and will take their Ruthie Vernon, sister of honeymoon in the fall to

Spring. The groom is the son of Monte Beckham Shallowater and Tama

Witt and Weaver wed

Blaze Ashley Witt of Louton, Okla. and James Wiley Weaver III of Big Spring were married on Saturday, June 5, 2004, in the Kanopoli garden at the Westin in Maui, Hawaii.

The Hawaiian wedding was in the garden at the Westin, Maui.

Family and friends joined the couple at the Hula Grill for the reception.

The bride is the daughter of Sidney and Barbara Driver of San Antonio.

She is a graduate of the the University of New Mexico with a bachelor's degree in mass communications and journalism.

She is employed as a manager in the marketing department of the Dallas Cowboys.

The groom is the son of James and Deatrice Weaver of Big Spring. He is a graduate of Big

Spring High School and

Mr. and Mrs. Blaze (Witt) and James Wiley Weaver III

graduated from Texas Tech University with a bachelor's degree in exercise and sports science. He is employed as a

pharmacutical sales representative for Evax Laborotories. The couple will live in Grapevine.





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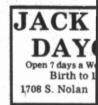
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Births



Alexander H. Truitt

lexander H. Truitt, boy, born May 31, 2004 in Abita Springs, La. His parents are Emily D'Antonio Truitt and Scott Truitt. His grandparents are Boadle Mona of Winnsbor, Mary and L.D. Truitt of Canyon, Hyacinth and Vicki D'Antonio of Lacombe, La. His great-grandmother is Cynthia Boadle of **Big Spring**.

elaney Chandler, a girl, was born June 3, 2004, at 11:08 a.m. weighing 5 pounds, 7 ounces and was 18 1/2 inches long. Her parents are Michael and Jennifer Chandler. Her grandparents are Donnie and Roylyn Reid and Brenda Chandler of Big Spring, Metcalf of Roylee Coahoma and Larry Chandler of Forsan.

Martin iego Dauphin, a boy, was born June 3, 2004, at 11:27 a.m. weighing 7 pounds, 11 ounces and was 21 3/4 inches long. His parents are Derek Dauphin and Blanca Granados.

exie Nicole Valez, a girl, was born June 1, 2004, at 9:26 a.m. weighing 6 pounds, 11 ounces and was 19 1/2inches long. Her parents are Juanita Gonzales and Jay Valdez. Her grand-

Rodriguez. Her grandparents are Nina Herrera, Luis Flores Sr., and Juan and Maria Rodriguez, all of Big Spring.

atonya Kaylee Byars, a girl, was born June 18, 2003 at 4:26 p.m. weighing 7 pounds, 12 ounces and 21 inches long. Her mother is Melissa Fonda. Her big brother is Timothy James Fonda. Her grandmother is Marie Merrick and her great grandmother is Elaine Waddill.

Jordan Anthony Rushin, a boy, was born June 19, 2004, at 1:26 weighing 3 pounds, and 10 ounces. His parents are Kourtnee Rushin and Burl Knox. His grandparents are Charlene and Isiah Edwards and Burl Knox.

Kayline arissa Williams, a girl, was born June 15, 2004, at 2:33 p.m. weigh-ing 6 pounds, 3 ounces and was 19 1/4 inches long. Her parents are Vanessa Viera and Marvin Williams. Her grandparents are Paul and Deloras Viera.

eaven-Lee Meadoe Perryman, a girl, was born June 18, 2004, at 1:46 p.m. weighing 6 pounds, 14 ounces and was 20 inches long. Her parents are Chance Perryman and Kayla Kirkham. Her grandparare Amanda ents Perryman, Lana Kirkham and Kenneth Kirkham. Her great grandparents are Elliot Perryman, Jerri Perryman, Ginny Crawford, Kirk Kirkham and Marie Kirkham.

uetavian Vachaun Lewis, a boy, was born June 13, 2004, at 1:44 p.m. weighing 4 pounds, 10 ounces and was 17 inches long. His parents are Kirsten Lewis and Frederick Dotson. His grandparents are Carletta and Vernelle McKinney of Big Spring.



Nathaniel Smith

Nathaniel Smith, of Big Spring, has been selected to the National Dean's List, This is one of the highest academic honors that can be bestowed on college students.

Smith, son of Rose and Greg Smith, also of Big Spring, is majoring in at Rice pre-law University. He is a National Merit Scholar, President of the Rice Fencing Club, Low Brass section leader of the Marching Owl Band, Rice Light Opera Society webmaster and a member of Martel the College Student Government.



Cole Furgueron

Cole Furgueron, 2004 **Big Spring High School** graduate, has been awarded a four year scholarship by the Honor Permian Scholarship Foundation. Furqueron, son of J. Phillip and Cherry Furqueron of Big Spring, will attend Howard College for two years and then transfer to The University of Texas of the Permian Basin to major in computer science with a minor in Spanish.

He hopes to pursue a career in computer software design.



Hartlie Smithie

Preslie and Hartlie Smithie, of Big Spring recently participated in the Mini Miss Permian Basin Pageant in Odessa. Preslie, 4 years old, won Mini Miss Permian Basin Petite Beauty and received a trophy and crown. She was first runner-up in the photogenic division and won best for-mal wear, best eyes and best personality.

Hartlie, 10 months old, won Mini Miss Permian Basin Baby Beauty and received a trophy and crown. She also won her



Presile Smithie

age division, most photogenic, best smile, most entertaining, best formal wear and best hair.

Preslie and Hartlie's parents are Shannon and Angela Smithie of Big Spring.

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Ashley Renae Sarmiento

shley Renae Sarmiento, a girl, was born June 14, 2004, at 1:09 p.m. weighing 7 pounds, 12 ounces and was 20 inches long. Her parents are Tony and Jennifer Sarmiento, her siblings are Mariah and A.J. Sarmiento. Her grandparents are Frank Ornelas, Elsa Hernandez, Mechie Sarmiento and Jo Sarmiento.

arisol Mia Rodriguez, a girl, was born June 20, 2004, at 2:47 p.m. weighing 7 pounds, 14 ounces and was 20 1/4 inches long. Her parents are Gene and Sandra

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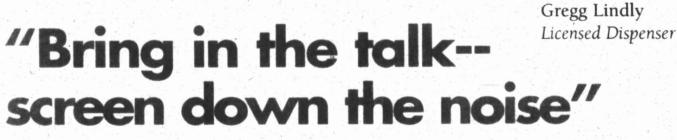
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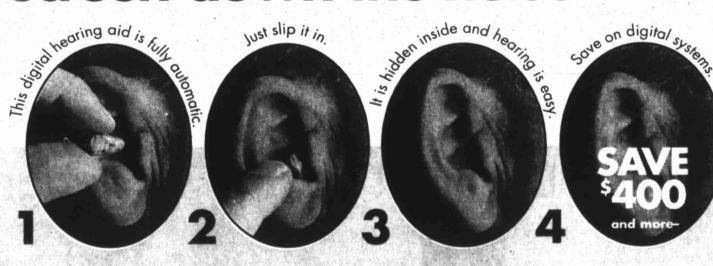
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aniel Eduardo Estrada Guerra, boy, born June 25, 2004 at 3:28 p.m. weighing 5 pounds 14 ounces and was 19 1/4 inches long. His parents are Daniel Eduardo Estrada and Nancy Guerra. His grandparents are Natividad Perches Perches, Natnes Cervantes, Guadalupe Guerra Sygala and Enrique Estrada Weber.

abriella Leigh JGonzalez, girl, born June 26, 2004 at 7:30 p.m. weighing 6 pounds 13 ounces and was 19 inches long. Her parare Marisela ents Saucedo and Gonzalo Gonzalez. Her grandparents are Juan and Delia Gonzalez and Jerry and Delores Saucedo. Her great-grandparents are Orlando and Patsy Jercero and Pedro and Genoveva Uranga.

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NEWS BRIEFS

Weekly U.S. rig count up by six

HOUSTON (AP) - The number of rigs actively exploring for oil and natural gas in the United States rose by six this week to 1,207.

Of the rigs running nationwide, 1,028 were exploring for gas, 177 were looking for oil and two were listed as miscellaneous, Houston-based Baker Hughes Inc. reported Friday.

A year ago, the rig count was 1,065.

Baker Hughes has kept track of the count since 1944. The tally peaked at 4,530 in 1981, during the height of the oil boom. Several record lows were set in 1999, bottoming out at 488.

Of the major oil- and gas-producing states, California and Oklahoma each gained three rigs and Alaska and New Mexico each gained two. Texas lost four rigs and Louisiana three. Wyoming was unchanged.

Government expands anti-mad cow restrictions

WASHINGTON (AP) - Closing loopholes in protections against mad cow disease, the Food and Drug Administration on Friday banned brains and other cattle parts that could carry the disease's infectious agent from use in cosmetics and dietary supplements.

The action puts the agency's restrictions in line with those issued by the Agriculture Department to keep those cattle parts out of meat after the brainwasting disease was found in December in a Holstein cow in Washington state.

The ban affects products made from animals 30 months of age and older, the age in which the government has said the brain-wasting disease can be found. The restrictions prohibit the use of the brain and spinal cord, where the misshapen proteins blamed for mad cow disease are considered most likely to be found.

The banned parts from the older animals also include skulls, eyes and nervous system tissue close to the spinal cord.

However, the use of tallow, a processed fat made from cattle, will still be allowed provided it carries less than .15 percent impurities, which could include proteins. Tallow is used in cosmetics, but FDA has said that the high heat and pressure used to make it should minimize any risk of having mad cow infectious agent in tallow.

Honda investigating

Dr. Allen Knutson is shown in a field of sorghum at the Texas A&M research facility in north Dallas in June.

Getting to know the bugs

2 eggs 1 tsp. Baking po 1 stick oleo 1 3/4 c. flour

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3 heaping tbsp 1 tsp. Vanilla

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Mix sugar a Add oil, beat spices and salt flour. Add bu figs, and pecan mixture. Stir Pour batter int and floured B Bake at 325 d about 1 hour. Anderson, Alex

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Service, part of the Texas employed in economic or applied entomology dealing with the con-University System. trol of harmful insects, and this is The work of entomologists ranges their busiest time of the year. widely.



reports of CR-Vs catching fire

WASHINGTON (AP) - American Honda Motor Co. is notifying dealers about a possible defect that has caused at least 27 CR-V sport utility vehicles from the 2003 and 2004 model years to catch fire after getting their first oil changes.

There have been no reports of injuries, although Honda spokeswoman Sara Pines said one woman was injured when she was hit by a car after pulling her burning Honda to the side of a road.

According to records filed with the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, Honda has received reports of 22 engine fires in 2003 CR-Vs and five in 2004 models.

The problem could be more widespread. Honda said there have been 164 warranty claims related to the issue. There are no plans for a recall, the company said.

Around 140,000 Honda CR-Vs from the 2003 model year and 70,000 2004 models have been sold in the United States, Pines said.

now when you have a

problem with grubs?

Here's how you can

White grub damage can be

detected by the presence of

irregular-shaped areas of weak-

tell.

By PATRICIA V. RIVERA

The Dallas Morning News

Scott Sawlis' friends know him as the bug man.

That's because as an entomologist for Dallas County, Sawlis spends most of his waking hours studying insects and their effect on humans.

"Everything in our lives is directly or indirectly affected by insects, from the cotton in our clothes to the food on our tables to the wood used to build our houses," he said. Increasingly, private and public organizations are looking for individuals who study insects and their relationship to humans and disease. About 10,000 entomologists work in the United States, according to trade groups,

greatest numbers are The

"It's exciting to see farmers implement new technology and new ideas."

> Dr. Allen Knutson Dallas County entomologist

"There is quite a good demand for people with master's in entomology and crop production," said Dr. Allen E. Knutson, a Dallas-based agricultural entomologist with the Texas Agricultural Extension

Entomologists conduct research to develop technologies to control or eliminate pests in infested areas and to prevent the spread of harmful pests to new areas, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics. They also engage in research or oversight activities aimed at halting the spread of insect-borne disease.

KRT photo/Louis DeLuca/Dallas Morning News

Agricultural entomologists work to protect crops from insect pests, which in some areas can cause up to a 25 percent loss in yield. Agricultural entomologists, pest management consultants and pest

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were submitted to a community cookbook some years ago.

YEATER the turfgrass root caused by Take-all Patch may Depending on location within zone. Turfgrass persist into the summer occurs. Also, controls are more the state, damage may appear usually recovers months. See GRUBS, Page 5C effective when applied to smallanytime between the months of Kitchen-tested recipe ideas for fig season

It's fig season again. As usual, 1/8 inch hot paraffin. Makes If syrup becomes too thick Fresh Fig Pie they are ripening so fast that many of us are running out of

ideas on how to use them. Here are two tried and true recipes, kitchen tested, as reported in the Corpus Christi Caller, Sunday, June 18, 1978.

Fig-Strawberry Preserves

3 cups mashed figs (about 20 medium figs)

2 (3 oz.) packages or 1 (6 oz.) package strawberry gelatin 3 cups sugar

Thoroughly mix, figs, gelatin, and sugar in a large pan. Bring to a boil for 3 minutes, stirring occasionally. Pour quickly into until clear. Add lemons when jelly glasses. Cover at once with figs are about two-thirds done.

about 6 medium glasses.

Note: If dark figs are used, preserves will be a deep purple color. For lighter preserves, dark figs may be peeled. Other flavors of gelatin my be used if desired.

Fig Preserves

4 pounds prepared figs 3 1/2 pounds sugar 1 cup lemon juice 2 lemons

Wash and peel firm, ripe figs. Add sugar and lemon juice to 8 cups boiling water. Stir until sugar dissolves. Add figs. Boil

before figs are clear, add boiling water, 1/2 cup at a time. Let stand 12-24 hours in a cool place. Pack preserves into hot jars. Process pints and quarts 30 minutes at simmering (180-185 degrees F.) in a water-bath canner.

Note: Although the product will not be as high in quality, figs may be preserved without peeling. If unpeeled, figs should be covered with water and boiled 15-20 minutes, then drained before adding to syrup. A few whole allspice, a bit of cinnamon or ginger may be tied in a cloth bag and cooked with the figs.

The Country Place Cookbook www.davesweb.com/cookbook Enough pastry for a two-crust pie 5 cups peeled figs 6 tablespoons sugar 1 tablespoon cornstarch Juice of 1 lemon 6 teaspoons butter

Cut the double-crust pastry dough in half

Roll out one half and fit pastry into 10-inch pie plate. Roll out remaining dough as

you would for top crust. Cut into strips of equal width, using shorter strips on the edges and longer ones in middle to weave a lattice top over the fig filing.

Select figs that are ripe and firm

Place figs in an unbaked pastry shell.

Combine sugar and cornstarch and sprinkle over figs. Add lemon juice and dot with butter.

Place lattice top strips on pie. Bake in a 425-degree F oven for 30-40 minutes or until brówned

The following cake recipes

ened or dying grass in the lawn. Less-severely damaged turf lacks vigor and is more vulner-Томму able to invasion by weeds.

Turfgrass damaged by white grubs has a reduced root system and is easily pulled from the soil. Grubs should be readily found in the top few inches of soil, in

June and October. from white grub damage by fall or the following spring.

Advice: Don't let your lawn get grubby this season

At least one turfgrass disease, Take-all Patch, can sometimes be mistaken for white grub damage. Take-all Patch occurs most frequently in spring and early summer, and can be distinguished by the rotted appearance of the roots. In contrast to white grub damage, dead spots

do not experience damaging numbers of white grubs in any given year. For this reason, lawns should be inspected for grubs before a decision is made to treat. The best time to inspect for grubs is when they are small (1/2 inch or less). By detecting white grubs early, treatments can be applied before serious root damage

Most Texas lawns probably er larvae.

Several sites in the lawn should be examined to find out if treatment is needed. Soil sections at least 3 to 4 inches across and 4 inches deep (deeper samples may be advisable in sandy soils) should be examined for grubs. A good rule of thumb is to examine several soil plugs (up to one square foot per 1,000 square feet of turf)

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Fig Cake

1 pt. figs, mashed 1/2 tsp. soda 2 eggs 1 tsp. Baking powder 1 stick oleo 1 3/4 c. flour 3 heaping tbsp. Sugar 1 tsp. Vanilla 1/2 c. pecans 1/4 c. coconut

Cream oleo and sugar, add unbeaten eggs. Sift in all dry ingredients. Add vanilla, coconut, pecans and figs. Beat well. Pour into greased and floured pan. Bake at 375 degrees for 25-30 minutes. Test with toothpick. Cecile Gallet, Lafayette, La.

Fig Cake

2 c. sugar 1 c. buttermilk 3 eggs 2 1/2 c. flour 3/4 c. Crisco oil 1 tsp, baking soda 1 cup fig preserves 1/2 tsp. ground cloves 1/2 tsp allspice 1/2 tsp. Cinnamon Pinch of salt 1 c. pecans

Mix sugar and eggs. Add oil, beat well. Add spices and salt to sifted flour. Add buttermilk, figs, and pecans to sugar mixture. Stir in flour. Pour batter into greased and floured Bundt pan. Bake at 325 degrees F. about 1 hour. Gretna S. Anderson, Alexandria La.

This information was provided by the Howard County Master Gardeners.

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been a leader in technoloattraction gies to maximize the effect of beneficial insects as natural pest controls. "This type of work

allows us to apply knowledge to real-world problems," he said.

Sawlis mostly analyzes mosquitoes for the West Nile virus. But when he's not in the lab, he's fielding calls from county residents or municipal repreconcerned sentatives about insects they've encountered.

Entomologists frequently combine their knowledge of chemistry, mathematics and physics with that of biology and ecology to achieve a comprehensive understanding of the insects they study, the according to Entomological Society of become highly technical in recent decades and requires specialized training in computers, electron microscopes and other scientific equipment.

A bachelor's degree that includes coursework in entomology should qualify students for some positions at chemical and pest management companies and government agencies. advanced However, degrees are required for many positions in entomology. Candidates need

on being able to apply knowledge to fieldwork.

Knutson, with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, said he also enjoys balancing extension work with applied research.

"I also like being outdoors. My work is very much focused on being outside and not in a lab. It's exciting to see farmers implement new technology and new ideas," he said.

He knows in the most practical terms what tools

GRUBS

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from widely scattered parts of the lawn, being careful to include areas of suspect grub damage. Treatment is justified when more than five white grubs per square foot are found, although some lawns may be able to sustain higher numbers without noticeable damage.

When to treat. The best time to inspect for grubs and apply insecticides occurs approximately five to six weeks after the heaviest June beetle flights. Peak June beetle flights occur at different times of the year in different parts of the state. Within a given locale, flight periods may vary as much as two months from year to year, due to variations in rainfall.

In some areas, May or June beetle species that do not attach turf may become abundant at lights and cause confusion about when to treat. For this reason, it's best to consult with your local county Extension office to confirm the optimal treatment period for your area.

Chemical control. Proper timing of insecticide treatments is one of

the most critical elements for successful suppression of white grubs. Both chemical and biological control measures are effective when most applied against smaller (less than 1/2 inch long) larvae, and less effective against eggs, larger larvae and pupae.

The residual effectiveness of most insecticides is greatly reduced one to two weeks after applications; thus, insecticides applied too early may not remain effective in the soil through the egg hatch period. Insecticides applied after the optimal treatment period are often less effective because white grubs have become large and difficult to kill. If grubs are restricted to certain areas of a yard, treat the infested areas only.

Effective white grub insecticides for use by consumers include chlorpyrifos (Dursban), diaziand isofenphos non. (Oftanol). A decline in white grub numbers should be observed within two to three weeks following treatment. Properly timed and applied chemical treatments should be effective with only one application.

Irrigating the soil prior to insecticide application, particularly when the

soils are dry, can improve the effectiveness of insecticides. For dry soils, apply 1/4 to 1/2 inch of water the day before a treatment to improve spray penetrations of the soild and to encourage white grubs to move closer to the soil surface. This makes grubs easier to contact with the insecti-

cide treatment. Post-treatment irrigation is essential. Liquid insecticide formulations must be watered-in with 1/2 to 1 inch of water immediately after application to ensure that insecticides reach the root zone. Granular formulations should be irrigated within 24 hours to wash the insecticide into the soil and reduce the chance of the insecticide to be picked up by birds or other wildlife. A rain gauge or straight-sided can should be used to verify that sufficient irrigation water has been applied. Two or more waterings may be needed to apply sufficient water if the soil is wet or difficult to penetrate. If water is applied too quickly, runoff and loss of pesticide may occur.

Tommy Yeater, is the Cooperative Extension agent, agriculture, for Howard County.

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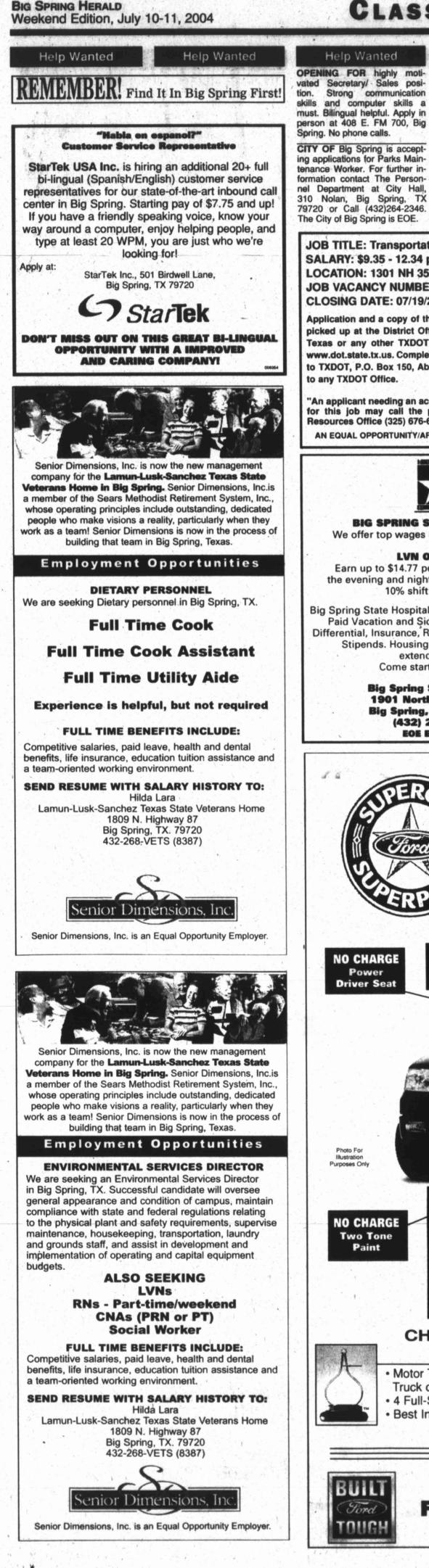
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Tomorrow's Horoscope

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Mercury and Venus are in a friendly aspect, giving new meaning to common exchanges. We're playing at many levels, like seasoned actors who know how to use words to portray subtle emotions or persuade others to do our bidding. However, expressing love fluidly and fully will be the best application of this astrological vibe. ARIES (March 21-April

19). You're attracted to risk — without it, the rewards cannot be achieved. But how much is too much? You can count on Leo and Scorpio to let you know. You're the one in the middle again tonight. Make it clear this triangle can't go on!

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Sunny thoughts rule the day, and you charm all you contact. Though you're encouraged to take the whole day off, you'll. feel better if you log in a couple of hours of work. After all, you're driven to dominate your field.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Competitive instincts are full blast, so compete in a game or sport. You have abundant energy for concentrated, step-by-step efforts. Tonight, you're feeling

uncharacteristically shy the presence in of someone interesting.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You're a talented student of human nature, and this gives you an edge in anything you choose to do. Your phone rings off the hook. A sweet friend will be your saving grace if you require referral, a pinch hitter or a baby often sitter. LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Words, letters and communications of all kinds could turn a humdrum day into 20). something quite memorable. New approaches win the prize in every category. Living helping matters, either. for the moment is the way Right now, you to make the most of nonpampering. project advances to the committal vibes! VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. next phase with outside 22). Strut your stuff; help. you've got the right Real Estate for Sale **OWNER WILL FINANCE! 2** and 3 bedroom homes. Just remodeled! Great condition! 1209 mile. Sycamore and 1214 Ridgeroad. LOW DOWN, LOW **MONTHLY!** Tadlock Realtors (432)580-4883. **IMMEDIATE MOVE** in: Price Slash- Nice 3/2 home on 1+ acre. Must see to appreciate. Asking \$47,500. Or Best Offer. Call and ask for Sandy at 1-800-699-4039 or 817-528-7220. Rent to Own 3202 Auburn. 3 Bedroom, 1 bath with 1 car Runs garage. New Evaporated Air Condition, fenced yard. \$400 month plus taxes and insurance. **Owner Finance with** \$2000 down and References. Call (432)267-6667. SALE By Owner. Owner financing provided. Low down payment. Low monthly. 3 bedroom, 1 bath, 1 car garage, freshly painted outside, fenced backyard. 1611 Owens. Call

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LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Invite friends to discuss crazy ideas and far-out This evening plans. promises interesting events to unfold on the romantic scene. Action that is slightly unreasonable is tolerated and could even be attractive.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You're such good company that people are overly generous just to keep you around! Watch out that the fool and his money soon separated aren't you this evening, when you'll be gullible and prone to deception.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Dated traditions practically beg you to rework them. Remember that moving forward comes with a price. You must lose the familiarity and comforts of the past. Tonight, use common sense - only fixing the truly broken.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). A natural provider, you are ultimately the one who gets nurtured by your nurturing efforts. Children, close friends and relatives rely on you for everything imaginable, but you have the resources. Your warmth is reciprocated.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Make your motto "Join up." Involve yourself where you'll be Financial wins useful. take careful planning and a judicious allocation of funds. But you can chalk today's coup up to plain old luck.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March Rearrange your priorities — something is slightly askew. Friends who are too critical aren't

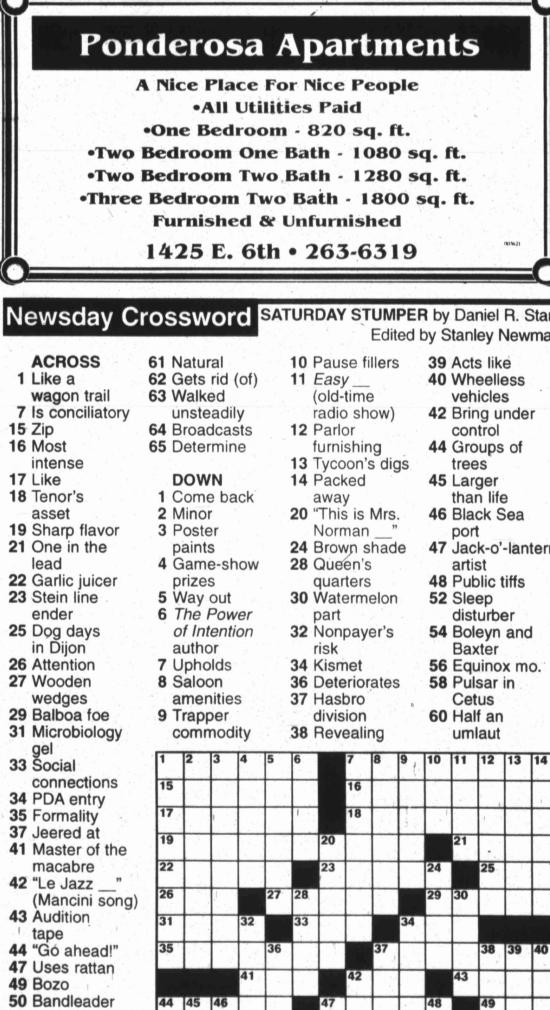
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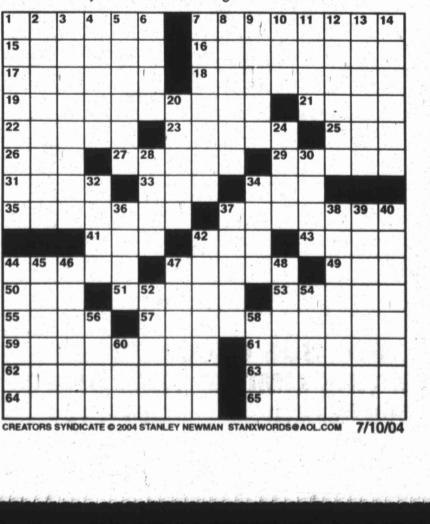
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