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Wartime in Iraq helps many in military. rediscover religion. Page 7A

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Happy Trails for Big Spring? Could be!

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

The Big Spring City Council approved the first reading of an action item that would give the city's administration the goahead to apply for several grants from the Texas Parks and Wildlife for outdoor trails at Comanche Trail Park and Moss Lake.

Todd Darden, director of public works for the city, explained

cover a number of possible projects, including a wildflower trail at Comanche Trail Park and construction of a motorized trail, designed for motorcycles and all-terrain vehicles (ATVs), at Moss Lake.

The council voted unanimously to give the initial go-ahead. Mayor Russ McEwen said applying for the grants, which You can't jump out and say Darden said the city has an we're cleaning up Big Spring

improve the quality of life in Big Spring.

"There are steps," said McEwen. "Is it going to make a gigantic difference? No, it's not. Is it going to be something that the people of our community will be able to enjoy? Yes, it will.

"Everything is incremental. excellent chance of getting, is tomorrow because we're going

to the council the grants would part of a step-by-step effort to to have a Trash-Off, and six that they don't want to mess up weeks later we're still going to have trash out because peoplethrow it back out there.

McEwen said making changes for the good to the city's appearance can have a much furtherreaching effect.

"As you upgrade and have a better quality of life, people somehow change their minds a little bit," said McEwen. "Instead of throwing out that sack, they'll say to themselves

what we have here. The wildflower trail is a step in that direction.

Darden told council members the grants are 80/20 matching grants, but the way the city is able to match the funds is what makes them so attractive.

"We can use the man hours of our volunteers and use of our equipment to count toward the

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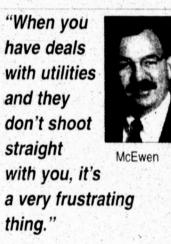
over three-year period

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

The Big Spring City Council got some good news during its Tuesday night meeting — good to the tune of \$170,000 thanks to negotiations between a city steering committee and TXU Electric.

Jean Shotts, city attorney, informed the council that a settlement between the utility giant and a steering committee made. up of more than 100 cities had been reached, translating into \$8.4 million for the various cities and a three-year total of \$170,000 for the city of Big Spring. Shotts told the council the problem concerned rates that TXU had charged cities for electricity to power municipal water pumps and street lights, spanning an estimated 10 years. "TXU entered into negotiations with the committee and the various cities after it was brought to their attention,"' said Shotts. "The result is three-year terms that will begin with an initial payment of \$8.4 million, with payments of \$8 million to follow the other two years.



"The amount each city will receive is based on



what was paid during that time period, with cities like Dallas receiving the largest portion. For the city of Big Spring. it translates into an initial payment of \$57,000, and similar payments over the following two years that will total \$170,000." **Big Spring Mayor Russ**

McEwen said he's pleased with the economic ramifications of the negotiations, but said the idea that TXU overcharged in the first place is frustrating - especially when utility companies are continually asking for rate increases.

"It gets back to my frustrations in so many deal-

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Photo courtesy of U.S. Army Sgt. Jonathan Wolford, a Navarre, Fla., native and member of Alpha Company, 70th Engineer Battalion, 3rd Brigade, 1st Armored Division, checks on the crew of his armored personnel carrier during a sweep in northern Baghdad.

Iraq says 80 rebels killed in clash

Politicians search for deal aimed at curbing insurgency.

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) - A raid by U.S. and Iraqi forces on a suspected rebel training camp left 80° militants dead, the single biggest one-day death toll for rebels in months and the latest in a series of blows to the country's insurgency, Iraqi officials said Wednesday.

Politicians helping shape a postelection government expected within days said negotiators are

as defense minister in a move largest number of rebels killed in a aimed at bringing Sunni Arabs into the political process — and perhaps deflate the insurgency they lead.

The U.S. military announced late Tuesday that its air and ground forces backed Iraqi commandos during a noontime raid on a suspected guerrilla training camp near Lake Tharthar in central Iraq. Seven commandos died in fighting, the U.S. military said, but • three others, according to a police it didn't give a death toll for rebels. Iraqi officials said Wednesday 80 considering naming a Sunni Arab rebels died in the clash - the

-Administrative Law Judges in statement to the PUC

were considered by the PUC.

single battle since the U.S. Marineled November attack on the former insurgent stronghold of Fallujah that left more than 1,000 dead. On Sunday, U.S. forces killed 26 assailants after they were ambushed south of Baghdad.

Also Wednesday, a mortar shell or rocket landed on an elementary school in western Baghdad, killing at least one child and injuring official who asked not to be named out of fear of retribution by attackers.

Judges recommend PUC reduce Cap Rock rates

"Despite suffering operating losses during the period from 1996 through 2001, and

Cap Rock earned more than \$1 million in bonuses during that same time period."

calling it "erroneous."

incurring significant losses for failed acquisition attempts, the officers and directors of

By BILL MCCLELLAN

News Editor

Cap Rock Energy has been wanting to raise its electric rates, but three administrative law judges are recommending that the Public Utilities Commission order the Midlandbased company to cut them instead.

In documents filed last week, state administrative law judges Craig Bennett, Tommy Broyles



WEEKEND EDITION

Best sellng novelist Nora Roberts. who has sold more than 250 million copies of her nearly 150 books, continues to adhere

to a highly disciplined writing schedule in her rural Keedysville, Md.,

MHMR HOOPS

"We have received ALJ rec- We are hopeful that the same

ommendations in the past thing will occur here." Cap

which were not in our favor, Rock CEO David Pruitt said in

Clients from the 23 rural counties served by West Texas Centers for MHMR will participate in a basketball tournament Thursday at Howard College's Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

"Hoops, Dreams and Goals" will involve clients with mental retardation and the people who work alongside them every day assisting them with every day living skills, job training and education. Opening ceremonies will begin at 9:30 a.m. Tip-off will be at 10 a.m. with

games held throughout the day until 5 p.m.

The energy company, which covers Howard and other counincluding Martin. ties. Mitchell, Midland and Glasscock, has proposed raising rates an average of 14 percent for most customers. However, it also targeted the agriculture industry for even higher hikes more than 100 percent for irrigation and 300 percent for cotton gins.

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HEALTH FAIR

Booth space is available for health care providers and health care agen cies who want to participate in the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce Health Fair 2005.

"Prevention is the Key to Good Health" is the theme of the April 16 health fair, which will be held in the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

- 'More than 2,000 people attend the health fair each year.
- To obtain space for a booth, call the chamber at 263-7641.

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Obituaries

Anna E. Smith

Anna E. Smith, 95, formerly of Big Spring, died Sunday, March 20, 2005, at Dalworth Nursing Center. in Arlington after a brief illness. Funeral services are 2 p.m. Thursday, March 24, 2005, at Heritage Funeral Home in Brady with the Rev. Don Zariax officiating. Burial will follow at Rest Haven Cemetery.

She was born Aug. 31, 1909, in Dodge and graduated from Melvin High School. She was a practicing licensed vocational nurse for 29 years, taught piano and was a pianist and organist in local congregations where she lived. She was a Baptist.

She is survived by two sons, Byron B. Smith-Jr., of Pittsburg, Texas, and Farrel Smith of Chappell Hill; a daughter, Mae Neisler, of Arlington; 17 grandchildren; 39 great-grandchildren: and eight great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Byron B. Smith Sr., two daughters, Anna Huggins and Letha Willams and a brother, James Hall.

Arrangements are under the direction of Heritage Funeral Home in Brady.

Ramon M. Garcia

Ramon M. Garcia, 77, of Waco, formerly of Big Spring, died Sunday, March 20, 2005, at Hillcrest Baptist Medical Center in Waco. Funeral Mass was 11 a.m. today, March 23, 2005, at St. Frances Catholic Church in Waco with the Rev. Fernando Hernandez officiating. ,

He was born July 1, 1927, to Policarpio and Cecilia Garcia in Big Spring.

Survivors include his wife of 55 years, Lupe Garcia of Waco; son, John Garcia and his wife, Irene of Waco; daughters Mary Grace Zarraga and her husband, Baltazar of Waco, Marisa Soliz and her husband, Robert of Houston, Maria Smithwick, Rosie Garcia and Rebecca Sardaneta, all of Waco; sister, Paz Ovalle of Dallas; 14 grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Arrangements were under the direction of Connally/Compton Funeral Directors in Waco.

Take note

· A MEMORIAL FUND HAS BEEN ESTAB-LISUED FOR THE FAMILY OF TYBO JACOBS at the First Bank of West Texas in Coahom and Big Spring to help with funeral costs. He died in an automobile accident March 10.

· MEMBERS OF THE PUGA FAMILY are searching for family members to invite to a family reunion July 2 at Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church. Contact Anna Gutierrez-Trevino at 466-1780.

 HOWARD COUNTY A&M CLUB SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS FOR 2005-2006 are being accepted.

LOCAL

Police blotter

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

• MICHAEL ROBERSON, 22, 2402 S. Main St., was arrested on a charge of violation of a protective order.

• ROY DWIGHT BIDDLE, 44, 5203 Sterling Rd., was arrested on Howard County warrants.

• CHARLOTTE JEAN JAMES, 42, 3810 Rice Rd., was arrested on a Howard County warrant.

• JEREMY JAMES WHITE, 25, 1009 E. 15th St., was arrested on charges of driving while license invalid, local warrants and warrants out of Ector County.

· PATRICIA GROSSMAN, 43, 609 Circle Dr., was arrested on a charge of assault.

 VIOLATION OF A PROTECTIVE ORDER was reported on the 2400 block of Main Street.

 UNAUTHORIZED USE OF A VEHICLE was reported on the 400 block of Fourth Street.

• THEFT was reported on the 1700 block of FM 700, the 2300 block of Wasson Road, and the 1700 block of Purdue Street.

 POSSESSION OF A CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE was reported on the 700 block of 11th Place.

· FAILURE TO STOP AND RENDER AID and **DRIVING WHILE LICENSE INVALID** was reported on the 1700 block of Jennings Street.

• CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported on the 1200 block of Johnson Street.

 ASSAULT/FAMILY VIOLENCE was reported on the 1200 block of Third Street.

Sheriff's report

The Howard County Sheriff's Office reported the following activity between 8 a.m. Tuesday and 8 a.m. Wednesday:

· AGUSTIN FIERRO JR., 38, was arrested on a motion to revoke probation for driving while intoxicated, third or more offense.

• ROY DWIGHT BIDDLE, 44, was arrested on a charge of possession of a controlled substance.

• THEFT OF A FIREARM was reported on FM 821.

Fire/EMS

The Big Spring Fire Department/Emergency Medical Service reported the following activity between 8 a.m. Tuesday and 8 a.m. Wednesday:

· MEDICAL was reported on the 2000 block of Virginia Street. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

· MEDICAL was reported on the 1200 block of Douglas Street. One person was transported to SMMC.

Lancaster Street. One person was transported to SMMC.

• MEDICAL was reported on the 3700 block of Wright Street. One person was transported to SMMC. • MEDICAL was reported on the 1700 block of Yale Street. One person was transported to SMMC.

Bulletin board

BIG SPRING HERALD

Wednesday, March 23, 2005

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

TODAY

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

· Senior Circle meets at 11 a.m. in the Scenic Mountain Medical Center classroom for Stretch and Tone. Call 268-4721.

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

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

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

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

THURSDAY

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

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

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

 Staked Plains Masonic Lodge 598 meets at 7:30 p.m. at 221 Main. Call 267-7608.

FRIDAY

· Good Friday holiday.

• Signal Mountain Quilting Guild will not meet.

· AMBUCS meet at noon in La Posada Restaurant.

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

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

SATURDAY

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

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 Off Pounds 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.

Lottery

The jackpot in the multi-state Mega Millions lottery . drawing grew to \$53 million Wednesday.

BIG SPRING Wednesday,

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By VALERIE A

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Applications may be obtained from Mike' or Jeane Niklaschat 1409 E. Highway 350 or by calling the club president, Dr. Tom Dawson at 267-7911, ext. 216. Application deadline is April 15.

• DEREK CHURCHWELL MEMORIAL SCHOL-ARSHIP has been established at Howard College. Donations may be made to the Howard College Foundation in care of Jan Foresyth, 1001 Birdwell Lane. Designate the Derek Churchwell Scholarship Fund.

 HOWARD COUNTY CHILD WELFARE BOARD is seeking financial donations to provide support for children in Howard County who have been removed from their home due to abuse or neglect. Contact Patti Richard at 432-559-6953 or mail donations to HCCWB P.O. Box 3101 Big Spring, 79721.

• LEGAL AID OF NORTHWEST TEXAS is accepting appointments for 2 p.m. until 5 p.m. the first and third Wednesday of each month. Individuals seeking legal advice for matters concerning family law, divorce, custody and child support issues, social security cases, employment and housing may contact the office to schedule an appointment. Criminal cases are not accepted. Anyone recently served with legal documents should call the office immediately at 800-926-5630 or 432-686-0647.

 FRIENDS OF THE MARTIN COUNTY LIBRARY have scheduled a used book sale from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. every Thursday in the new building across from the White Ford Motor Company, near the post office. The sale benefis the restoration of a library building. For more information contact Bud Lindsey at 756-2306.

· A FUND HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED FOR 6-WEEK-OLD MAGGIE VASQUEZ TO ASSIST WITH THE EXPENSES OF A KIDNEY TRANSPLANT. She is the daughter of Susan Vas•uez and Steve Nail of Big Spring. Maggie was born prematurely and suffers from kidney failure. She remains in Dallas Children's Hospital undergoing daily dialysis treatment until the transplant match is found and the surgery performed. The manual number at the bank is 9013091. For more information, contact Parks Convienent Store at 263-4498 or Denise 816-1539.

 THE FAR WEST BOYS HOME is in need of donations of household, office and recreational items to benefit boys 5-17 who are unable to live with their families due to abuse or neglect. Items needed include dressers, bunk beds, mattresses, cookware, recreational and exercise equipment, and a maintenance pickup, can or car. Cash donations to purchase these items are also appreciated. Far West is a non-profit, tax-exempt organization. To arrange pick up of items or for more information, call 432-353-4464.

AN ACCOUNT HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED FOR THE FAMILY OF CHRIS RIVERA, 26, A FORMER COSDEN FEDERAL CREDIT UNION MEMBER, 28, 2001 The fund is to assist his wife.

dren, all younger than 6, with funeral expenses. The account no. is 760221. To donate contact the credit union at 264-2600.

• TRAUMA was reported on the 900 block of Willia Road. One person was transported to SMMC.

• STRUCTURE FIRE was reported on the 1600 block of Nolan Street. It proved to be a false call.

Support groups

THURSDAY

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

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

The Fibromyalgia Autoimmune Disease Support Group will meet the fourth Thursday of the month at noon in the Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center beginning in January. 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.

FRIDAY

□ AA open discussion meeting from noon until 1 p.m. at 605 Settles. Noon open Big Book study meet ing, 8 p.m. until 9 p.m. 2

SATURDAY

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

□ West Texas Gluten-Free Support Group (Celiacs Helping celiacs) meet from 3 p.m. until 5 p.m. Jan. 15 in the Odessa Regional Hospital. For more information, conact Barbara at 432-694-3614 days, or 432-520-2119 evenings.

□ West Texas Gluten-Free Awareness Support Group meets from 3 p.m. until 5 p.m. at Memorial Hospital west campus in Midland. Call Barbara at 432-520-2119 for more information.



None of the tickets sold for Tuesday's \$44 million drawing matched all five lotto numbers and the Mega Ball. The next drawing will be Friday. The winning numbers from Tuesday's drawing were: 6, 11, 27, 37, and 43. The Mega Ball number was 34.

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Tuesday night: Winning numbers drawn: 16-19-22-26-32 Number matching five of five: 0. Next Cash 5 drawing: Wednesday night.

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Tuesday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 2-0-1

Weather

Tonight - .Partly cloudy. Lows in the upper 40s. Southwest winds 10 to 20 mph.

Thursday - Partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 70s. Southwest winds 10 to 20 mph.

Thursday night - Partly cloudy. Lows in the upper 40s. Southwest winds 15 to 20 mph becoming light and variable.

Friday - Partly cloudy. Highs in the lower 70s. Northwest winds 10 to 15 mph.

Friday night - Mostly cloudy. Isolated showers. Lows in the Lower 40s.

Saturday - Mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Cooler. Highs in the upper 50s.

Saturday night - . Mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the upper 30s.

Sunday - Partly cloudy. Isolated showers. Highs in the lower 60s.

Sunday night - Partly cloudy. Lows in the upper 30s. Monday - Partly cloudy. Warmer. Highs in the upper 70s.

Monday night - .Partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 40s. Tuesday – Partly cloudy. Highs in the lower 80s.

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BIG SPRING HERALD Wednesday, March 23, 2005

LOCAL/WIRE

Winners announced, funds raised during **Rascal Razzmatazz**

By VALERIE AVERY

Special to the Herald

Big Spring State Hospital's Relay for Life team, Body, Mind and Soul, raised approximately \$600 in the fight against cancer during its recent children's pageant. Relay Rascal Razzmatazz finished its third year and continues to be a huge success in the hospital's effort to win the Relay for Life competition.

Relay for Life is held each May and raises money for the local chapter of the American Cancer Society. Organizations, businesses, schools and individuals compete to raise the most money. This year's event will be May 13 and 14 at Blankenship Field, adjacent to Big Spring High School.

Relay Rascal Razzmatazz is Big Spring State Hospital's major fund-raiser in the Relay for Life competition. said Jacque Moore, Body, Mind and Soul chairman. More than 40 boys and girls ranging in age from birth to 11 years old participated in the pageant.

"The Razzmatazz was a sweet success," Relay Rascal Razzmatazz chairman Linda Billington said.

The low-key children's pageant gives children an opportunity to wear their Sunday Best clothing and answer a few questions from the emcee.

"The children were beautiful this year as always. The judges did an outstanding job. Stan Parker filled

Brandy and Paul Kinsey second. in the birth 12-month-old though males.

Alexa Rhae Calderon, daughter of Jessica Dewett, first; and Delia Rawls, second, daughter of Anita Valdez and Daniel Rawls, in the 13- to 23-month-old females.

Trenton Clark, son of James Clark, first, in the 13- to 23-month males. Karleigh Marie Moore, daughter of Michael and

Jacque Moore, first: and Alex Bailey, daughter of Audra Bailey, second, in the 2- to 3-year-old females.

Shane Deel, son of Jim and Jolene Deel, first; and Max Otho, son of Amy Otho, second, in the 2- to 3-year-old males.

Bailee Mae Bingham, daughter of Ashlee Bingham, first; and Chante Garcia, daughter of Jennifer Sherman, sec ond, in the 4- to 5-year-old females.

Jordan Lee Dunn, son of Juanita Valdez, first; and Nicholas Allen Billington, son of Dennis and Linda Billington, second, in the 4- to 5-year-old males.

Jaci Jenae Aguilar, daughter of Raul and Christine Aguilar, first; Andrea Garcia; and daughter of Jennifer Sherman, second, in the 6- to 8-year-old females.

Shelbie Hudgins, daughter of Michelle Johnson, first; and Kaidie Saverance, daughter of Bryan and Tonya Watson, second, in the 9- to 11year-old females.

Judges were Lucy Bonner, Bill Birrell, Marcie Lyken. Dolores Albert, Brandle Stewart, Sue Balzer and LaWanda Hamm. Each participant was given a ribbon and certificate of participation and a token for an ice cream cone from Dairy Queen on North Highway Helping with the event were Faye's Flowers, A Timeless Design. Dakota's Flowers and Gifts. Johansen Landscape and Nursery, Ponderosa Nursery and Garden Center and Big Spring State Hospital's Greenhouse. Members of the Relay Rascal Razzmatazz team were Dianna Valdez, Jacque Moore, Jolene Deel, Carol Dyer, Debbie Vernon, Roselia Ramirez, and Bobbie Hanson.

Bills seek to curb underage, binge drinking

AUSTIN (AP) planned a big 21st birthday blowout, but his friends kept buying him drinks.

Texas A&M The University senior died after downing about eight shots within 45 minutes. His blood alcohol level was .483 — about six times the legal limit.

Now his mother, Susan Wagener, is working to make sure the pressure to get in as many drinks as possible in the couple of hours between the stroke of midnight on a person's 21st birthday and the bar closing doesn't lead to tragedy for other Texas families.

A House committee heard testimony on Tuesday on bills intended to cut down underage and binge drinking. Rep. Rob Eissler, R-The

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matching portion of the grants," said Darden. "We'll be able to use the resources that we put in to come up with the matching 20 percent." While the council enjoyed the encouraging news concerning the

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That rate requests drew immediate fire from a number of fronts, including the St. Lawrence Cotton Growers 1.14 Association, the Texas Ginners Cotton Association, Pioneer Natural Resources USA Inc., Texas Mining LP, the Texas Farm Bureau, the city of Greenville, the Office of Public Utility Council and many individual ratepayers, according to the judges' report to the PUC. Cap Rock had hoped to enhance its revenues by \$10 million, but reduced that to about \$5 million in October at a rate hearing presided by Judge Bennett. PUC's final ruling on the matter is expected to be issued by June. In making it's recommendation to the commission, the judges said Cap Rock has a history of bad financial management while rewarding its top people. "In the process of implementing it's expansion strategy, Cap Rock has also experienced a number of failed acquisition attempts, resulting in significant losses," the judges wrote. "In 2001, Cap Rock terminated its acquisition attempt of **Citizens Communications** Company's utility operations in Arizona and Vermont, resulting in loss write-offs of at least \$2.8 million. Additionally, Cap

Michael Wagener hadn't bills after meeting the age. Birthday drinking Wagener family. One would make it illegal to serve alcohol to 21-yearolds before 7 a.m. on their birthday. The other would require kegs to be labeled with a registration number and mandate that keg purchasers fill out a form with their name, address and phone number and sign •an agreement not to allow minors to drink its con-

> tents. "This isn't about prohibition," Wagener said. "This would discourage the attempt at beating the clock prior to closing the excessive with amounts in such a short time.'

names like Liquid Cocaine and DWI has

a share of bad news, as

Moss Lake is back up,"

said Darden. "If it reaches

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Parks and Wildlife will

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binges have caused deaths in other states as well, including Michigan and California.

Some partiers have even embraced a tradition known as the "power hour," where they try to drink 21 shots in one hour on their 21st birthday, Eissler said.

"Most people aren't aware of the dangers of overdosing on alcohol," Eissler said. "One of the most vulnerable times is the public celebration of your coming of age."

Under the "Cinderella" bill, as it has become known, bars that serve alcohol to a 21-year-old before 7 a.m. on their Shooting drinks with birthday would be subject to a fine of up to \$4,000. The server could face jail become a right of passage time, and the establishfor birthday revelers who ment's alcohol permit

Woodlands, wrote two hit the legal drinking could be suspended or canceled.

Brooks Brannon, who tends bar at The Hole in the Wall, a juke joint across the street from the University of Texas at Austin, said changing the current law is unnecessary.

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The law already prohibits bars from serving alcohol to someone who is inebriated, he said, and that will happen long before the 21st shot is sloshed down.

But Brannon said he'll obey whatever law legislators hand down. His customers will just have to be a little more patient.

"I tell them everyone turns 21 at some point. I'll just have to tell them they'll have to hang in there and wait another seven hours, and then you'll be an adult." Brannon said.

grants, it wasn't without wait for Mother Nature to ing the motorized trail handle it." out at Moss Lake," said While the news of the McEwen. "A lot of people go to the trails nearby,

continuing struggle with 'The algae count at golden algae, which is to blame for the low level of fish in West Texas lakes, was somewhat demoralizing for the council, McEwen said the grants could be a saving grace. "I'm really excited about the potential of hav-

Rock terminated its ensure that it was reliacquire able."

In addition to the charge of management paying themselves high bonuses, the judges' statement to the PUC alleges lion. All told, in 2001 and that Cap Rock spent more 2002, Cap Rock wrote off than \$16,000 on hotel \$7.2 million in losses in expenses during its 2002 annual meeting in New investments. During the test year, Cap York and paid for trips by Rock was in the process the president and his wife of attempting to acquire to Bermuda. the Lamar County Electric Caribbean, Arizona and Colorado and to pay for acquisition has been the use of a private jet for other executives - all while suffering financial losses and requesting a rate increase.

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market, it's really a

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ridiculously big market."



24th & Johnson 267-8288 Melinda Boyd, 30, died Friday. Funeral Services will be at 4:00 PM Wednesday at First Baptist Church. Burial will be at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

Miguel Hernandez, 71. died Sunday. Funeral Mass will be at 11:00 AM

for Lisa admirably Brooks, who had to be out of town with her family this year. Everyone pulled together and made this year's Relay Rascal Razzmatazz a success with some new adventures for us to complete."

"I am anxiously waiting for next year's Razzmatazz to grow with more participants.' Billington said.

Winners in this year's Razzmatazz were:

Aubrie Nicole Smith, daughter of Rachelle Nichole Smith, first; and Mercedes Rodriquez, daughter of Amber King and Israel Rodriguez, second, in the birth-through 12-month-old females.

Ben Otho, son of Amy Otho, first; and Bryson Paul Kinsey, son of

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ings," said McEwen. "When you have deals with utilities and they don't shoot straight with you, it's a very frustrating thing. And why you have to go through all of this extra work to get to the place where you should be right now. When you're getting money back; you shouldn't have paid the money in the first place.'

While the. council seemed to share McEwen's frustration for the situation. McEwen said it's still important to remember the bottom line - how much good the city can do with the recovered funds.

"You can never get to the point that you don't recognize that \$170,000 is a lot of money," said McEwen. "We can do a lot of good with \$170,000, and it's up to us to take that money and spend it wisely."

The council approved

an emergency reading of the acceptance of the settlement by a unanimous vote.

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Cooperative but such unsuccessful, and Cap Rock has incurred losses of \$1.357 million in relation to this acquisition

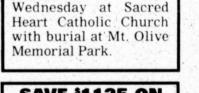
attempt. "Despite suffering operating losses during the period from 1996 through 2001, and incurring significant losses for failed acquisition attempts, the officers and directors of Cap Rock earned more than \$1 million in bonuses during that same time period," the statement to PUC continued.

In their filing, the judges question the information presented by Cap Rock in its request for a rate increase, stating "the accuracy of much of the underlying financial and other data presented by Cap Rock could not be verified by any particular witness. There was no. independent audit performed of Cap Rock's books and records, no Schedule S was filed by Cap Rock: and Cap Rock's financial experts all testified that they relied on the data Cap Rock presented to them and did not fully analyze it to

In a statement issued last week, Pruitt said he was disappointed with the judges' recommendation.

"While we are disappointed in the recommendation issued by the administrative law judges in response to our rate filing, we are not surprised given the outside forces that were instrumental in the institution of this proceeding," he said. "We feel that our rates and our requested small rate increase are justified and that our evidence supports that. We will request that the PUC reject the recommendation of the ALJs and grant our requested rate increase..'

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Living an Indiana Jones type of life

years ago Alan Tennant moved to Marathon to get away from traffic. He had lived in Austin and East Texas, but both became too crowded. Now he has plen-

ty of space. He bought a city block that had an old adobe house on it. He updated it, put a tall fence around it, planted some trees and shrubs and now he's quite comfortable. Alan is a scholar

TUMBLEWEED who loves adventure. He is interested in all of nature and natural history. He has writ-

ten fifteen books on snakes, birds and all kinds of wildlife. Some of his books are on the New York Times Best Seller List. Alan grew up near the Fort Worth Zoo.

"When I was seven or eight years old, I remember the lions. roaring," says Alan. "My grandmother's house was right up on the bluff overlooking the zoo. We

kept the windows open because we didn't have any air conditioning and at night I'd hear the lions roaring. I'd sneak out and go down off the bluff into the zoo. Creeping around the zoo at night was neat and scary. There was an old night watchman, but it was easy to avoid him seeing me. The animals are all active and they're doing stuff. It's nothing like going to the zoo in the daytime. It's kinda the way I got interested in animals.'

He travels the world doing his research. He flew in a small plane practically from pole to pole following peregrine falcons. His snake books have brought him worldwide acclaim.

"People are fascinated with snakes. It's amazing how deep and broad the level of fascination is. I never would have thought it when I started doing these books. I've gone on national talk shows on television and made many many appearances and people across the board are just fascinated with snakes. Texas is a real mecca for snake lovers. Every

year people call me and want me to take them to see snakes. They come from Japan, Europe, really from all over the world. Alan shuns all the adventure titles people give him. He simply calls himself a writer. He is good at his craft. He has won the Dobie Paisano prize, one of the top four literature awards in the country. He went to Stanford, the University of Texas and has lec tured in twenty-six countries. He is a tour leader and takes people on wilderness tours all over the world.

"I've taken people on underwater trips. Coral Reef ecology is something I'm interested in. I've worked on some underwater films with Disney. I take people to interesting places, people who want to do an expedition as opposed to just flying somewhere and taking a little cab or bus ride out to see some things. A lot of this is sort of putting together expéditions for people to go and see things they would never be able see/by any regular travel.'



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Withdrawal is not an option In U.S. in Iraq

douge Orwell observed that the quickest way to end a war was to lose it. For U.S. forces in Iraq, that option is not available. The United States won the war when it quickly overthrew the regime of Julia sein. Ever since it has been trying to proce and democracy, a process that gun. ALLS DEPUT

On the second anniversary of the U.S.-led invaion of leag, protesters mounted dozens of demonstrations around the country. Some rightly mourned the 1,500 American troops and tens of the ands of Iragis killed. Others decried the preventive war. In Houston, a rally in othered respectful prayers for U.S. troops under fire in Iraq.

However, those in Houston and elsewhere who called for the immediate withdrawal of U.S. forces seem not to comprehend the situation. Bringing the troops home and letting the Iraqis

things out for themselves almost certainly

in a bloody civil war that would make in suchting that has gone before pale in computison.

Apprincipal reason for not invading Iraq was that the United States would be fighting and nation-building for years, maybe decades. If U.S. for converse at liberty to leave whenever they and mericans fired of the enterprise, there would thave been little reason not to overthrow Saddam. Despite the recent Iraqi elections, a stable democracy and the rule of law in Iraq are distant. The Sunni insurgents' relentless violence seems to be costing them popular support, but reports of clan wars and the rise of criminal gangs temper hope for a quick U.S. exit.

Another argument against the invasion of Iraq was that it would create a source of terrorists University of existed. That has happened. Bringing the troops home would not end the killing, but would aggravate the danger to Americans at home and abroad.

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Inside report: The Terri Schiavo passion

hen the case of Terri Schiavo came to Washington in what appears to be the last stages of that poor woman's life, it 'evoked passion contrasting with' the usual political play-acting in the nation's capital.

The intensity aroused by the Republicancontrolled Congress trying to intervene was demonstrated in two instances last Saturday. In Texas,

Democratic Rep. Chet Edwards worked hard to find an airline seat from Houston to Washington for the

Sunday session of the House to consider the Schiavo affair. Normally a faithful follower of the Democratic line, he supported the Republican bill interposing

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federal court jurisdiction. In Washington, I was engaged during a Saturday night dinner. party in debate at a level of intensity I had not seen since the bitter '60s and '70s. My dining companions, mostly mainstream Washington journalists a generation younger than I, were passion ately opposed to the congressional intervention.

These disparate activities suggest crosscurrents that do not fit conventional politics. This is.not the cold, analytical debate over Social Security. Involved here is a private decision to take a life. Debate about abortion has turned to private decisions taking the lives of indisputable human beings -- increasingly important as life and death questions are posed about an aging population.

The intensity was brought home to me at the Saturday dinner party. A fellow journalist asked me what I thought about the congressional intervention. When I responded that I approved, several colleagues asked how in the world I, of all people, could approve of federal intervention in local affairs. I told them I did not care about that issue but wondered why they were so anxious to end Terri Schiavo's life. They responded that Republicans in Congress were only interested in politics. I had not engaged in such a heated debate with colleagues since the Vietnam War.

These and other critics of saving Schiavo are in the unusual position of citing rights of her husband (whose common-law wife has bore him two children) and even states' rights. On ABC's "This Week" Sunday, moderator (and former Clinton aide) George Stephanopoulos asked: "Isn't this a classic case of states' rights?"

The harsh views expressed in a private social situation Saturday were spelled out openly over CNN Monday morning by the network's resident curmudgeon, veteran television journalist Jack Cafferty: "It's all about politics. It has nothing to do with Terri Schiavo. This is all about the abortion debate and right to life and the right wing of the Republican Party. And it's all cloaked in some, you know, mantra that says, 'Oh, we're worried about this woman's life.' Baloney!"

Evidence that Cafferty had it wrong and that the politicians were different from the journalists came with Sunday's vote in the House. The party-line polarization ended with Democrats who came back to vote splitting down the

middle – 47 for, 53 against. It was significant that Chet Edwards was one of the 47. Although he calls himself a "moderate," his liberal voting record (as measured by Americans for Democratic Action) is usually around 80 percent. He is a partisan Democrat who last year narrowly escaped Majority Leader Tom DeLay's Texas redistricting.

While 102 House Democrats did not find their way back, Edwards made sure he got there. Finding all seats filled on Continental and United planes from Houston to Washington, he managed to get a seat on a Southwest flight to Baltimore. When he listened to the debate, he was struck that Republicans seemed to be pleading for help for the unfortunate while **Democrats** were arguing legalisms. "It was difficult," Edwards told me, "but if we had to err, it would be better to err to keep her alive.'

Nine members of the Congressional Black Caucus ' agreed. So did such tried-and-true Democratic stalwarts as James Oberstar of Minnesota, Dale Kildee of Michigan and Jose Serrano of New York.

On Monday night, Ralph Nader was substituting as left-wing host on CNN's "Crossfire" and seemed uncomfortable grilling Republican Rep. David Dreier of California. After the show, the old reformer noted to me that it was illegal to starve a dog to death but it was being done to Terri Schiavo. This is an issue truly transcending normal political boundaries.

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Reinsertion of Schiavo's feeding tube denied again

PINELLAS PARK, Fla. (AP) ily, our own loved ones, and survive one to two weeks with After losing two consecutive appeals in federal court, Terri Schiavo's parents vowed today to take their fight to the U.S. Supreme Court as their severebegan her fifth full day without the feeding tube that has kept her alive for more than a decade.

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In a 2-1 ruling early today, a panel of the 11th Circuit Court of Appeals in Atlanta said the the 11th Circuit Court of parents "failed to demonstrate a substantial case on the merits right to due process was violatof any of their claims," that Terri's feeding tube should be reinserted immediately.

absolute tragedy that has befall- as their 41-year-old daughter's en Mrs. Schiavo," the ruling life hangs in balance. Doctors

our own children. However, we are called upon to make a collective, objective decision concerning a question of law."

In his dissent, Judge Charles ly brain-damaged daughter R. Wilson said Schiavo's "imminent" death would end the case before it could be fully considered. "In fact, I fail to see any harm in reinserting the feeding tube," he wrote.

An appeal was still pending in Appeals on whether Schiavo's ed.

Today's ruling was the latest legal blow for Schiavo's par-"There is no denying the ents, Bob and Mary Schindler, keep politicians out of your per-

out water and nutrients.

On Tuesday, a federal judge in Tampa also rejected the parents' emergency request.

Rex Sparklin, an attorney with the law firm representing the parents, said Wednesday that the couple will appeal to the Supreme Court. "The Schindlers will be filing an appropriate appeal to save their daughter's life," he said.

Howard Simon of the American Civil Liberties Union of Florida said the ruling point ed out the limited role of gov ernment in these matters and the need for a living will "to sonal life.

"While I anticipate that the said. "We all have our own fam- have said that Schiavo could Supreme Court will have to He filed a response to the

do think we are coming to the end of this sad case," he said.

The Schindlers have been locked for years in a battle with Schiavo's husband over whether her feeding tube should be disconnected. State courts have sided with Michael Schiavo, who insists his wife told him she would never want to be kept alive artificially.

Even before the parents' appeal was filed with the 11th Circuit, Michael Schiavo urged the court not to grant an emergency request to restore nutrition.

"That would be a horrific. intrusion upon Mrs. Schiavo's personal liberty," said the filing by his attorney, George Felos.

decide whether to get into it, I Schindlers' appeal and said he would go to the Supreme Court if the tube were ordered reconnected.

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Terri Schiavo suffered brain damage in 1990 when her heart stopped briefly from a chemical imbalance believed to have been brought on by an eating disorder. Court-appointed doc tors say she is in a persistent vegetative state with no hope of recovery.

Her parents argue that she could get better and that she would never have wanted to be cut off from food and water.

An emergency filing to the high court would go first to Justice Anthony Kennedy, a Reagan appointee who has staked a moderate position on social issues.

Minnesota educators plan ways to help students, community deal with shooting

BEMIDJI, Minn. (AP) -With their school still a September 2003. A 15crime scene, officials at a year-old student is sus-Minnesota high school reached out to students traumatized in the wake of the nation's worst school shooting in six years.

"Kids, if you're out there listening, please, we'll be there for you. Come back to school and we'll get through this together," Red Lake High School Principal Chris Dunshee said. "Please, let us help you."

Authorities were still trying to determine what caused 16-year-old Jeff Weise to go on a shooting rampage that began at his grandfather's house and ended at Red Lake High with such a loss. School. Nine people were killed, seven were wound larly sensitive to the tigating whether Weise, ed before the gunman needs and the traditions who dressed in black and

students were killed in ed themselves into offices pected in the slavings.

Dunshee said Staska told him "we belong to a rather exclusive and undesirable club now -and we can get through it." Staska recommended Dunshee investigate grants that may be avail: able to schools affected by such incidents.

Paul Fleckenstein, a mental health leader with the American Red Cross, said the organization is out in the community asking questions, learning about American indian traditions and assessing what the families need as they deal

"We are being particu-

and classrooms and he couldn't confirm crouched under desks. A whether Weise, was the Kathryn Beaulieu said lation. She did not elaboteacher and five students were shot to death. Two 15-year-olds remained in critical condition with gunshot wounds to the face.

"Right now we are in utter disbelief and shock," said Floyd Jourdain Jr., chairman of the Red Lake Band of Chippewa.

The reservation is about 240 miles north of the Twin Cities. It is home to the Red Lake Chippewa Tribe, one of the poorest in the state. According to the 2000 census, 5,162 people lived on the reservation; and all but 91 were Indians.

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Tabman said Tuesday postings. person who made the Weise had been placed in rate.

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apparently shot himself.

their friends shot, or heard gunshots and screams as Weise made his way through the halls. firing multiple shots. Some students said they saw dead bodies in the hall, and trails of blood as they evacuated the school.

"First and foremost, Weise's we've got to be focused on Daryl Lussier, 58, a tribal getting our kids through this," Dunshee told KSTP-TV. "They're good kids. They don't deserve this."

remain Wednesday, as Dunshee and others assessed what kind of counseling the grandfather's squad car to students in this tight-knit the school, where he community would need.

his colleagues have the door and spent about offered support and 10 minutes inside, target encouragement, including ing people at random, Scott Staska, the superin- authorities said. tendent of the Cold Spring school district where two dents and adults barricad-

of the community, Many students saw Fleckenstein said. It was the nation's deadliest school shooting since the Columbine High

School massacre in April 1999, which ended with the deaths of 12 students. a teacher and the two teen the writer identified himgunmen.

began at the home of grandfather, police officer who was shot to death with a .22caliber gun, according to the FBI's Michael The school was to Tabman. Also killed was closed Lussier's companion, Michelle Sigana.

Weise then drove his gunned down security Dunshee said many of guard Derrick Brun, 28, at

Hearing the shots, stu-

Both sides in Social Security debate preparing for battle over trustees report

WASHINGTON (AP) -Both sides in the pitched try to fudge the numbers. battle over Social Security are getting ready trustees of Social Security to argue over a whole new set of numbers — the annual assessment of when Social Security and Medicare will go broke.

Even before the report was released Wednesday. critics complained that term.

the administration might The report by the and Medicare will be in the spotlight this year more than ever because President Bush has made overhauling Social Security the top domestic priority of his second



wrote stories about zombies, may have posted messages on a neo-Nazi Web site expressing admiration for Adolf Hitler. Using the handle

"Todesengel" — German for "Angel of Death" self as Jeff Weise of the The Red Lake killings Red Lake Reservation. In April 2004, he referenced being accused of "a threat on the school I attend." though it says he was later cleared.

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Seghizbayev said, but he stressed there

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In the capital, Bishkek, some 200 riot

police encircled groups of protesters

who were calling for Akayev's ouster,

scuffling with those who resisted and

locking elbows to force roughly 100

demonstrators out of the central square.

Police appeared to detain about 20 peo-

AP Interview: Jemaah Islamiyah

plots by militants in Philippines

MANILA, Philippines (AP) – A terror

suspect on Wednesday said the southern

Philippines has become a major training

ground for regional terror group

Jemaah Islamiyah - graduating 23

bomb experts just days ago - and a

refuge for Indonesians involved in

major attacks, including the 2002 Bali

Rohmat, arrested last week as an

alleged Jemaah Islamiyah operative in

the Philippines, told The Associated

Press that he had trained new recruits

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World Briefs

Bush, Fox, Martin announce security, economic cooperation initiative amid strains on issues

WACO (AP) - Canada is irritated that the United States is keeping its border closed to Canadian beef and maintaining punitive tariffs on Canadian softwood lumber. Washington isn't pleased at the Ottawa government's snub of U.S. plans for a missile defense shield.

With Mexico, relations are strained by the Bush administration's anger over a high Mexican tax on soft drinks made with high fructose corn syrup, water owed to U.S. farmers and the suspicion Mexico could do more on drug trafficking and to address fears that al-Qaida agents are slipping into the United States from the south.

Mexican officials complain about vigilante groups hunting illegal immigrants in Arizona, new U.S. walls being built along the border and the still-stalled status of a guest worker immigration liberalization proposal.

However, none of these issues are on the agenda as President Bush meets jointly Wednesday with Mexican President Vicente Fox and Canadian Prime Minister Paul Martin.

Instead, the centerpiece of the threeway summit, which is being held in Waco and at Bush's ranch in a sign of the importance of the U.S. relationship with both its neighbors, was to be the signing of a new accord aimed at improving the security and economies of the three countries.

Bomb explodes in Christian area north of Beirut, killing two and raising fears of sectarian violence

BEIRUT, Lebanon (AP) - A bomb killed two people in a Christian commercial center early Wednesday in the second attack in an anti-Syrian stronghold in five days, raising fears of sectarian violence intended to show a need for Syria's military presence in Lebanon.

The explosion came hours after a demonstration by about 1,000 pro-Syrian

Consumer prices rose by 0.4 percent in February, the most since October

WASHINGTON (AP) - rate-raising campaign Consumer prices rose by began last June.

students who marched on the U.S. Embassy, shouting "Death to America!" The students denounced what they said was Washington's interference in Lebanon.

The two killed in Jounieh, a port about 10 miles north of Beirut, were reported to be Sri Lankan and Indian. The 45pound bomb wounded four other.

Nematallah Abi Nasr, an opposition lawmaker, called on his supporters not to be carried away by attempts to sow sectarian strife.

"Each citizen should be his own guard," Abi Nasr said.

Investigating magistrate Rashid Mezher told LBC-Al-Hayat television he had completed his investigation but would not disclose any details.

Early Saturday, a car bomb exploded in a Christian suburb of Beirut, wounding nine people and causing extensive damage to an adjacent commercial and residential building.

On Tuesday, U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan said Syria's president agreed to present a firm timetable by early April for a full withdrawal of his country's troops and intelligence agents from Lebanon.

Riot police clash with protesters in Kyrgyz capital; president fires interior minister, prosecutor

BISHKEK, Kyrgyzstan (AP) - Riot police broke up a small opposition rally. in the center of the Kyrgyz capital on Wednesday, signaling the government's determination to keep the protests over alleged election fraud that have thrown much of the south under opposition control from spreading north.

The show of force came hours after President Askar Akayev fired the interior minister and chief prosecutor over the unrest in southern Kyrgyzstan, where opposition protesters have seized control of several key government buildings and kept up pressure on the president to resign.

Meanwhile, Prime Minister Nikolai Tanayev was planning to visit the southern city of Osh to seek negotia-

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of the al-Qaida-linked Abu Sayyaf group

and said its leaders were plotting more

Details provided by the 26-year-old

Indonesian martial arts expert showed a

close but highly compartmentalized

relationship between two of the most

dangerous groups in Southeast Asia and

partly explained why the threat of ter-

rorism has persisted despite years of

Rohmat, who only goes by one name,

said 23 Indonesian recruits had just fin-

ished jungle training - including

lessons in explosives, weapons, combat

and Islam -- when he left a Jemaah

Islamiyah camp called Jabal Qubah in

southern Mindanao island shortly

before being arrested at a military

"There were 23 men who have just fin-

ished the courses. I heard they would be

sent back home and others would stay

behind to train a new batch," a hand-

cuffed Rohmat said during a 30-minute

interview at a military safehouse in the

Training of Jemaah Islamiyah recruits

Joel Jennings, MS, CCC-A

a certified Audiologist, sees

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0.4 percent in February,. the most in four months, offering a fresh sign that inflation is gaining momentum.

The increase in the consumer price index, the government's most closewatched inflation ly barometer, came after prices nudged up by just 0.1 percent in January, the Labor Department reported Wednesday.

The newest snapshot of inflation climate the underscored the Federal Reserve's resolve to continue to lift interest rates in an effort to prevent a broader outbreak of inflation stoked by high energy prices.

Excluding energy and food prices, which can swing widely from month to month, "core" prices rose by 0.3 percent in February. That was up from a 0.2 percent increase in January and represented, the largest increase since September.

Although sharp increases in energy costs including gasoline - led the way in February, many other prices, including airfares, medical care, and for education, also went up.

Before the release of the CPI report, economists were forecasting a 0.3 percent rise in overall consumer prices and a 0.2 percent advance in core prices.

The consumer prices report comes one day after the Federal Reserve. expressing concerns about a pickup in inflation, boosted short-term interest rates by onequarter percentage point to 2.75 percent, the seventh. quarter-point increase since the Fed's

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"Pressures on inflation have picked up in recent months," Fed policy-makers said. They also noted that pricing power - the ability of companies to raise prices to customers - is "more evident."

So far, though, rising energy prices have "not notably fed through to core consumer prices," Fed policy-makers said.

The Fed's overall assessment of the country's inflation situation, however, prompted some economists to predict that the Fed's credit tightening could last longerpossibly into 2006- than they previously had anticipated.

Rising energy prices helped to stoke the overall rise in consumer prices in February.

Energy prices jumped by 2 percent last month, compared with a 1.1 percent drop posted in January.

Gasoline prices 'in February rose 3.2 percent, natural gas prices were up 2.5 percent and fuel oil costs increased 2.4 percent.

Oil prices, which set a new record high last week, are currently hovering above \$55 a barrel. Food prices, meanwhile, inched up by just 0.1 percent for the second month in a row.

Elsewhere February's report: airfare prices increased 1.5 percent; medical care costs rose 0.6 percent, and education prices went up 0.5 percent.

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FEATURES

Wartime in Iraq helps many in military rediscover religion

By MIKE DORNING

Chicago Tribune

FALLUJAH, Iraq - The explosion was fierce and frightening, breaking the midnight peace with a flash of light and a powerful shock wave.

But, somehow, only one of the artillery rounds. hidden beside the road detonated as Sgt. Bonel Pierre's convoy rolled past last May. The 24year-old truck driver escaped injury.

So began the journey of faith that led Pierre early this month to a baptismal font dug into the desert at a Marine base in western Iraq.

"I figured if God had spared me this one time and spared me other times, it was time to get dedicated to him," Pierre said, shortly after he emerged from the baptismal water.

For many servicemen and women, duty in Iraq stirs intense spiritual experiences, often drawing them toward a deeper faith but sometimes challenging strongly held religious beliefs.

Pierre was the second Marine baptized at his camp that day. And at least three Marines in his 800-member battalion have felt a call to religious ministry while in Iraq — including Pierre, who plans to devote his life to a music ministry once he completes his enlistment. Pierre, a Protestant, has already composed several "praise songs," or hymns.

At Camp Fallujah, a few miles away, the Catholic chaplain performed two dozen adult confirmations or baptisms during a seven-month tour of duty.

At a nearby patrol base



KRT photo/Lance Cpl. Paul A. Robbins Jr., U.S. Marines via Chicago Tribune Marine Corps Sgt. Bonel Pierre, 24, undergoes baptism at a base near Fallujah, Iraq. He plans to enter a music ministry when he leaves the Marines.

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of time to contemplate Lance Cpl. Jordan Parlier, 21, of Kenosha, Wis., said that during the 2003 push into Baghdad. he began seeking religion amid the devastation of war. He found answers from a Jewish friend a few months later in Najaf. Raised as a Christian, Parlier has converted to the Jewish faith.

Now at the massive Al Asad air base near the end of his second deployment to Iraq, Parlier has become the lay Jewish leader for his battalion. Though he has yet to have his bar mitzvah, his tours in Iraq have deepened his religious convictions, and he treasures his religious bond with other Jews.

"You kind of look within and you look for a higher authority that's going to help you get through," he said. "It almost feels like an emancipation.'

his estranged wife after a 1st Lt. Dennis Katolin, rocket hit his Humvee but 24, also at Al Asad, did not detonate. He now in a bombed-out soda-bot- embraced his mother's wears an orange wrist-Muslim faith at age 19. During his deployment to Iraq over the last seven months, he has served as the guest speaker at a chaplain's religious studies course and fasted during Ramadan, trying to set a good Muslim example "because the enemy was taking my faith and twisting it." In a place where at any moment death can come from above through a mortar round or from below through a roadside bomb, mortality takes on a new immediacy. "My biggest concern is not what happens to me because I'm taken care of (after death)," Katolin said. "That takes away one of the biggest fears out here. Deployed in Iraq without television, nightclubs or even members of the opposite sex in many units, service members find that there are far fewer distractions than at home. For those so

son of faith kill without regret? Gunnery Sgt. Juan

Morales, 38, of Joliet, Ill., a Marine reservist who in civilian life is an accountant and a Catholic churchgoer, has avoided church services since arriving in Iraq.

For the time being, Morales said, he deliberately walls off his religious beliefs as a potential "distraction" from his duty to protect a Marine Corps commanding general who must travel Iraq's perilous roads.

"If I have to pull the trigger, I don't want to hesitate," he said.

Still, Morales keeps a St. Michael's medal in his pack.

Maj. Francis Piccoli, 42, a Marine public affairs officer who at home in Woodbridge, Va., faithfully attends mass and sends his children to a Catholic school, went only to Christmas services last year and even then did not take Communion.

"There's so much hatred in my heart," said Piccoli, whose duties include examining reports on Marine casualties and insurgent attacks. "There are some heinous acts."

"How can you go there. participate in the Eucharist, accept the body and blood of Christ, without the willingness to forgive? It's contrary," he said.

Forgiveness will have to wait until he gets home. "I'll work at it," he said. "It's easier once you get out of a certain environment.'

Navy Petty Officer 2nd Class Aaron Neely, a chaplain's assistant who has served with Marine units on three deployments in Iraq, said it is common for faithful

duties has been to collect the dog tags of Marines killed or seriously wounded. By the end of his second tour, he had collected 11, including one from a corporal he thought had great promise. Cpl. Daniel Amaya was 22 when he died.

"I hate to say it. I questioned why this happened," said Courville, 32. "All of these other guys were prayed for, probably as much or more than I." uncertainties, Those grew as he was on his

One of Courville's way home after his second deployment. One day, during a phone call, his mother started to quote Scripture and he let out an audible sigh. She asked why.

After he explained his feelings, she told him: "I can't explain it to you in great detail. But there's a bigger and greater reason . why the Lord has put his hand on you and protect ed you.

Somehow, that did it. It helped to hear the words from her.

In Sunday's **Big Spring Herald**



A small town love affair

When she was 21, best-selling romane novelist Nora Roberts fell in love at tust sight. But this love affair was not for a man but for the small town she has lived in for 30 years. Plus, starting a garden club and a southwest omelet.



tling plant, five roommates gather for Bible study and prayer sessions three times a week. All over Iraq, Bibles are a common sight in barracks, as are inspirational texts such as Rick Warren's "The Purpose-Driven Life.'

For some Christians. standard equipment includes crosses, rosaries and prayer cards. Medals of saints, such as Christopher, patron of travelers, and Michael, the warrior archangel, are popular even among non-Catholics. Some squads and platoons regularly start patrols with a group prayer.

Though members of the U.S. armed forces are overwhelmingly Christian, military chapels are non-denominational and in some cases used even by Wiccans. Servicemen and women of all faiths are finding that the war has changed their approach to

band inscribed. "When in Doubt, Pray."

"I got the message. I don't want him to send another one," said Rimkus, 29, a Marine reservist from Des Moines. In Fallujah, a rocket landed right between Cpl. Dan Turner and his twin brother, both Marine reservists. It also was a dud.

"How did that happen? There was a purpose to it," said Turner, 22, of Dallas, who is now studying the Bible. "It wasn't luck. God made that rocket not explode."

But the dilemmas that can test faith also arise with a special intensity. How does a soldier reconcile a benevolent God with the violent deaths of friends and the intense suffering inflicted on the wounded? How does a person heed the call to love thy enemy when that enemy kills his friends and would eagerly behead him, too? How does a per-

Christians in the military to struggle with the contradiction between their feelings toward the enemy and their moral beliefs.

"It's one of the more frequently asked questions," said Neely, 21, of Jeffersonville, . Ind. 'Sometimes, it comes out as, 'Does God expect me to love these people?' or How can I love these people?' Sometimes, it comes out as, 'I hate 'em. God. will have to deal with it."" Gunnery Sgt. Jean-Paul Courville's picture is on display in some of the churches back home in Denham Springs, La., 'so the congregations will pray for him. For a Southern Baptist, those prayers are a source of strength.

But Courville, now on his third deployment to Iraq, said there was a time when he would almost cringe upon hearing someone quote Scripture.

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A little humor, a lot of books

The Howard-**County Library** will be closed Friday and Saturday for Easter. We will resume our regular hours Monday.

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I cannot resist passing this "library humor' along. It came to me via a library list-serv. Librarians get some really off-the-wall questions, but this one takes the cake! It was asked of a Hartford Public Library staff member: "Is the library planning to get books-on-tape in LARGE PRINT?"

Isn't that priceless? Have a great Easter! Some great new biographies have come in: "Pat Tillman: 1976-2004" (B TIL P) by Rich Wolfe. It is not a typical biography but rather perspectives on Pat's life by fellow players, coaches, soldiers and friends. Pat, you will remember, died in April 2004 while serving in Afghanistan. A new bio of William Faulkner has also been received: "One Matchless Mind: A Life of William Faulkner" (B FAU W) by Jay Parini. Parini has also written

about Robert Frost and John Steinbeck. More biographies are

"Leonardo da Vinci: Flights of the Mind" (B DAV L) by Charles Nichol: "Sharing Good Times" (B CAR J) by

Jimmy Carter; 'Roman Candle: The Life of Bobby Darin" (B DAR B) by David Evanier; and "The HOLLIS Grand Slam: MCCRIGHT Bobby Jones America

and the Story of Golf" (B JON B) by Mark Frost.

I think Kevin Spacev is starring in a movie about Bobby Darin.

New mysteries that have come in include "A Midsummer Night's Scream" (M CHU J) by Jill Churchill and her sleuth/caterer, Jane Jeffrey. Robert Crais' protagonist Elvis Cole has a new book out. "The Forgotten Man" (M CRA R). We also have "Cat's Eyewitness" (B. BRO R)

Library views

by Rita Mae Brown, and a sort of strange one, "Saving Room for Dessert" (M CON K) by K.C. Constantine. I picked that one up on sale at Barnes and Noble in Lubbock and it is the only one we have by that author.

New fiction: The 13th in Tim LaHaye/Jerry Jenkins "Left Behind" series is in: "The Rising: Antichrist is Born" (LAH T). This takes place before people were Left Behind. I feel sure there is a waiting list, so just call and we will put you on reserve for it. Jeff Shaara has written

several books on the Civil War era and now he is writing about World War I. "To The Last Man" (F SHA J) is the title and should be good, if Shaara's previous works are any judge. Here is another book from the authors of "The Nanny Diaries," Emma McLaughlin and Nicola Kraus, "Citizen Girl" (F MCL E). "The Covenant" by Naomi Ragen takes place in Jerusalem.

When her husband's bullet-ridden car is found and both he and her daughter are missing, Elise calls her mother in America and unleashes events that she could never have imagined.

"The Vagabonds" by Nicholas Debanco, "Last Call" by K.L. Cook and "The Windmill" by Stephanie Gertler, are all books that sound very tempting to read. Look for them on the New Book shelf.

Are you still intimidated by the Internet? The library has just received some good, basic books on e-mail, using Microsoft, and the Internet. Titles are "Basic Computers for Beginners" (004.024 WEB W), "Microsoft for Beginners" (005.52 WEB W. "E-mail for Beginners" (005.713 WEB S) and "The Internet for Beginners" (004.67 WEB W). All of these have large print and step-bystep instructions. This is an excellent resource that we are fortunate to have.

Now that you have become knowledgeable

about the Internet, you can now look for you ancestors online. Just try "Plugging Into Your Past: How to Find Real Family History Records Online" (929.102 CRU R) by Rick Crume or this one: "How to Do Everything With Your Genealogy" (929.1 MOR G) by George Morgan. Even if you are very experienced, I feel sure you can find something new to help your genealogical research.

Have you been a victim of identity theft? "The Credit Repair Kit" (332.743 VEN J) by John Ventura can help you rebuild your credit history.

I remember back in the 1970s my mother crocheted necklaces with beads. That craze has resurfaced and several books can be found in the library showing persons how to do that. A new edition is "Bead Crochet" (745.58 BAR B) by Bethany Barry. One can make chokers, necklaces, bracelets or even decorate a knitted or crocheted evening purse. This is a very neat book to look at and (gasp!)

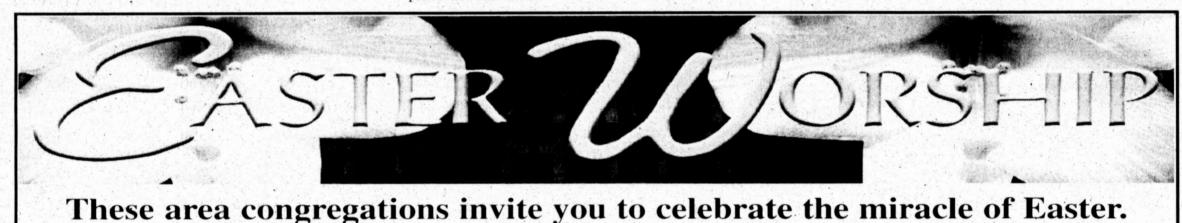
even crochet yourself a choker!

A friend of ours in Midland restores tractors. From the Motorbooks Workshop comes "How to Restore Your Farm Tractor" (629.287 PRI R) by Robert Phipps. Drivegears, differentials, electrical systems - these are but a few of the subjects that are discussed in this book.

And last but certainly not least, we have a new cookbook for all you Atkins fans. "Atkins for Life Low-Carb Cookbook" (641.563 ATK V) by Veronica Atkins will help you explore the lowcarb lifestyle.

Howard County Library hours are 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday through Friday, and Saturday from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. The Internet/Video room closes 1/2 hour before closing and on Saturdays it is closed from noon until 1 p.m. The library is located at 500 S. Main St. Our phone number is 264-2260.

Hollis McCright is the Howard County librarian.





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SPRING HERALD

Big Spring starts district season with victory

Do you have an interesting sports item or story idea? Call Troy Hyde at 263-7331. Ext. 237. Email results to: sports@bigspringheratd.com

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IN BRIEF

B.S. Girl's Softball Association holding signups in March

The Big Spring Girl's Softball Association will be holding signups to register for the upcoming 2005 season. The league is open for girls and women

ages four and above. Signups will occur Saturday every throughout the month of March from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the Big Spring Mall. However, signups will also be accepted at All District Sports, located at 1005 East 11th Place.

There is a registration fee of \$30. Tryouts for the

league will take place April 2 and the league begins play April 25. For more information, call Ron Shafer at

432-213-3747.

Howard rodeo team sets crawfish boil

The Howard College rodeo team will hold its annual crawfish boil April 16 at 2 p.m. at the H.C. Rodeo Bowl Howard during College's annual rodeo. The cost is \$15, which includes ticket into rodeo.

For more information, contact Howard rodeo coach Greg Kernick at 816-9477.

B.S. Little League Umpires Association sets final meetings The Big Spring Little

View was a result of a fielding error by a Big Spring infielder.

"Alex pitched a great job on the mound for Big game," said Big Spring Spring Tuesday as the coach Phillip Pearce. Lady Steers' softball team "She is coming along started the District 4-4A season off with a victory great. "The defense was good at home over rival Lake

at times, but we got lazy on a few plays. Overall, we played pretty good defense."

Sophomore Amber Sides and junior Courtney Rodriguez led Big Spring at the plate with three hits each. Sides scored one run and had one RBI and Rodriguez also scored a run.

Senior Chelsea Abner had went two-for-three with a run and RBI, while senior Heather Vassar, junior Krista Chesworth and Watkins each had one hit. Vassar scored a run and stole two bases and Watkins and Chesworth each had an RBI. Junior Heather Policky stole a base and scored a run, as well.

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HERALD photo/Bruce Schooler

Big Spring's Courtney Rodriguez fields a throw to first base Tuesday during the Lady Steers' win over rival Lake View in the District 4-4A opener. The Lady Steers are now 14-2 overall this season.

Howard takes two from LCU

 Hawks win with long ball at Jack Barber

By TROY HYDE

Sports Editor Homers were plenty Tuesday at Jack Barber the fence. Field for Howard College tories over 'Lubbock the opening inning to get Eric Ashbrook pitched

11 batters to the box in the first inning and three out of the first four hitters crushed balls over

LCU early and often in inning. Each team scored the opener. Howard two runs in the final scored six runs and sent three innings. Howard ended the game in the sixth after applying the 10-run mercy rule.

Burke, Aaron and Jeff Ward all singled_in the Tanner Mattson, Darby inning. Burke eventually as the Hawks used the Brown and Jason scored the game ending long ball to claim two vic- Anderson all homered in run off Ward's RBI single.

League Umpires Association has announced its final meeting before the new season begins.

The meeting will take place Saturday at the Courthouse, beginning at 10 a.m.

For more information, call Don Booth at 816-9748.

Big Spring C.C. sets three-person tourney

Big Spring The Country Club will host a three-person scramble April 2 and 3.

The entry fee is \$50 per player plus golf cart. There will be a 1 p.m. shotgun start each day. The entry fee barbeque includes Saturday, as well. The field will be flighted by first round score.

For more information, call the pro shop at 267-5354.

Howard County sets 4-H tournament

The Howard County 4-H Club has set up a three-on-three basketball tournament to benefit Relay For Life.

The tournament will take place April 1-2 starting at 7 p.m. at the Trinity Baptist Church. Gymnasium.

Teams can have up to four players and the cost of each person is \$10 and participants must be 16 years of age or older.

The tournament is double elimination and it will also include a three-point contest.

T-Shirts will be awarded for first and second place teams.

The deadline to enter is March 30.

For more information, call Howard County 4-H during the day, at 264-2236 or Brian or Karen Moore at night at 393-5571.



HERALD photo/Troy Hyde Howard sophomore Albert Ruiz tries to get out of a run down situation Tuesday at Jack Barber Field during game No. 1 against LCU. Ruiz and Jeff Ward, who was also caught in the run down, were both safe on the play. Howard won the first game, 14-4, before winning game No. 2, 4-0.

Christian University.

innings and then came back to win the second game, 4-0. Howard hit four home runs in the opener and then smashed two more long balls in Howard's offense was far game No. 2.

"We lived by the home run ball today," said Howard coach Britt Smith. "It is very rare for the wind to be blowing out like it was, but it will help us get ready for our run and Howard sent 10 trip to New Mexico because that is generally what the ball does there."

GAME ONE

Howard rolling offensive-The Hawks won the ly. All three shots were first game 14-4 in six over the left field fence and Brown's smashed the scoreboard in left-center.

> LCU scored two runs in the second inning to cut the Hawk lead to four, but from done.

> The Hawks did not score in the second inning, but added six more runs and one more home run in the third. Daman Aaron hit a home batters to the plate in the stanza. Will Basom, Ryan Burke and Anderson all had RBI hits, as well.

The game was pretty The Hawks jumped on even after the third

all six innings - fo Howard in earning the win. He gave up four runs on nine hits and struck out four, while walking three. Burke, Ward and

Anderson all had three hits at the plate to lead Howard. The trio combined for six RBIs. Mattson, Brown, Aaron and Albert Ruiz all had two hits and combined for six RBIs.

GAME TWO

Seven pitchers combined to shut down LCU in game No. 2. Parker Sisk started the game for

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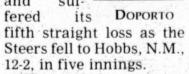
Hobbs' late punch dooms Steers

· Walks, errors hurt **Big Spring in late** innings of loss

By TROY HYDE

Sports Editor Big Spring's baseball team played well through three innings Tuesday

had troubles with walks on the mound and errors in the field in the later innings and suf-



"The pitchers were throwing strikes and we were making plays in the field in the first three innings," said Big Spring coach Jason Phillips. "We had too many errors and walks after that and they

cost us.' Big Spring and Hobbs were tied 1-1 through three innings, but Hobbs got 11 runs in the final two innings to win going away. They finished the

game with seven runs in innings and left the bases the fifth inning.

more," said Phillips. "We on base at game's end. just can't give up unearned runs.'

Phillips used three pitchers on the day. Ryan Phillips. Slate started the game innings and took the loss. Lance Murphy threw oneand Charles Downing got the final two outs in the game and gave up one earned run. The pitchers gave up seven walks and the fielders committed five errors.

"We are not pitching now like we were at the start of the year," said Phillips. "The guys have to fix the mental problem and learn how to win games because right now we are learning how to lose games."

to score runs, but couldn't. The Steers left two runners on base in the real season starts," said second and fourth Phillips.

loaded in the third. Andy "Starting tomorrow we Lasater started the fifth are going to emphasize inning off with an infield defense and pitching single, but was stranded

"We need to learn how to come through with guys on base," said

Senior Brandon Boling and gave up five runs scored Big Spring's first (one earned) in four run in the second inning off an RBI single by Mark Lozano. Lozano scored third of an inning in the the second run in the fifth and gave up six runs fourth inning off an RBI single by Jerry Doporto.

Lozano finished with two singles and a stolen base to lead Big Spring. Doporto, Slate, Lasater, J. Rich Sparks and Justin Green all had one hit apiece, as well.

The loss drops Big Spring's record to 6-9 overall. The team has one non-district game left before the Steers open up District 4-4A season against Lake View Tuesday. Big Spring hosts Big Spring had its Odessa Permian Saturday chances early in the game at noon and hosts Lake View Tuesday at 4:30 p.m. "Tuesday is when the

HERALD photo Troy Hyde

Big Spring junior Andy Lasater swings through a pitch Tuesday during the Steers' 12-2 loss to Hobbs. Big Spring - which has now lost five straight games - dropped to 6-9 on the season. The Steers host Permian Saturday before starting District 4-4A action Tuesday.

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BIG SPRING

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"We knew (the Lake View pitcher) (id not throw hard because we saw her last year said Pearce. "Our timing is still off and we ung at some bad pitches. We need to let the bud pitches go."

Big Spring improved to 14-2 with the win and are now 100 in district play. The Lady Steers will travel to anni vival Andrews Thursday in a game which could be very important to the final district standings.

"They look good, but are said Pearce. beatable "We need to hit the ball better than we did tonight, but I think the girls will tep up and I believe well be just fine." Andrew defeated Big

Spring twice last season be played in Andrews and Mustangs, as well.



HERALD photo/Bruce Schooler Big Spring junior Heather Policky slides into second base Tuesday during the Lady Steers' district victory over Lake View.

on its way to the district will begin at 6 p.m. Watkins will start on the The game Thursday will mound against the Lady

HOWARD

SPORTS

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the Hawks, but Michael Robbins entered the game in the fourth inning and got the win on the mound. Michael Martin earned the save as each pitcher threw one inning. The Howard pitchers gave up one questionable hit in the game and Smith said the guys established themselves on the mound.

"They no-hit LCU in game two, but the umpire called the kid safe on an infield single," said Smith. "He was out by a foot and a half though.

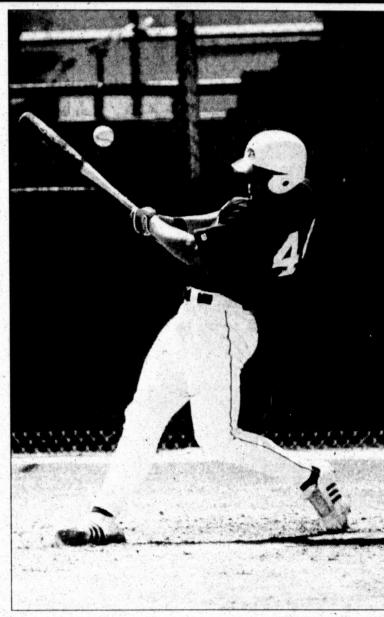
"Our pitchers threw outstanding all day. I wanted to give guys some work but not overwork them because we have seven games in five days."

Howard scored two runs in the fourth and one run each in the fifth and sixth and won the game, 4-0.

Brown and Basom each homered in the game to lead the Hawks at the plate. Brown's homer soared over the men's dorm and covered at least 470 feet, said Smith. Femath and Mattson each doubled, as well.

Howard's marathon of games continues today in Abilene as the Hawks take on Trinidad State (Colo.) at Hardin Simmons at 1 p.m. Howard returns to conference play this weekend. The Hawks travel to New Mexico Junior College Friday to play two games and then return to Jack Barber Field Saturday for two more games against New Mexico. Both games Friday and Saturday begin at 1 p.m. and 3 p.m.

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HERALD photo/Troy Hyde

Howard's Daman Aaron fouls off a pitch during game one action Tuesday against LCU at Jack Barber Field. The Hawks won both games of a doubleheader, 14-4 and 4-0.



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Coahoma falls to Lee in 12 innings

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By TROY HYDE

Sports Editor Coahoma is officially for real.

After two narrow losses last week against Big Spring and Andrews on back-to back days, the Coahonan softball team came up short again Tuesday against Midland Lee.

The Buildogettes lost the game 10, but took the No. 4 min in Class 5A to 12 innuns as Lee's Kaitlin Witte's home run in the third was the difference in the game.

Junior Kali Roberts threw 11 12 innings on the mound for Coahoma Spring and Andrews, we and struct out 11 batters, played well enough to while wilking one. She win, but couldn't get over gave up the home run and the allowed seven hits.

"Lee had been pounding the ball lately, but Kali threw a heck of a game," said Coahoma coach Robby Dickenson. Ashle New led the

Bulldogettes at the plate. She went three-for-three with two singles and a double and she also 'walked once and was hit by a pitch. However, Coahoma left 10 runners on base.

"Ashle played a great game both at the plate and in the field," said Dickenson.

Lee improved to 16-2 on the year, while Coahoma dropped to 9-7.

"Just like against Big hump," said Dickenson.

CVP

Coahoma begins District 4-2A play Friday at rival Stamford.

Coahoma baseball team falls at MCS

MIDLAND - The Coahoma baseball team lost to Midland Christian, 12-6, Tuesday.

The game was tight through the first three innings, but the Mustangs grabbed control in the fourth inning with five runs. MCS led 9-3 at that point and each team added three runs after that.

Lance Roberts homered to lead Coahoma. Tad White took the loss on the mound.

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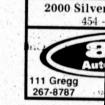
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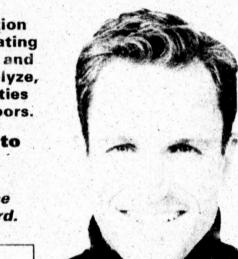
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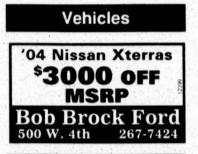
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Tomorrow's Horoscope

BY HOLIDAY MATHIS Tension is palatable as we build toward the full moon on Friday. With the

culmination of a scenario just days away, who can stay in the moment? We're living for when X happens, as though life will be some-HOLIDAY

more MATHIS than now. It's myth, and

the sooner you recognize this, the sooner you'll join this moment before it's lost forever.

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ARIES (March 21-April 19). Maybe from the outside it looks as though you're marching alongside the other soldiers. But inside, you are crying to be liberated. Sever the cord that's keeping you tied to someone or something you dislike.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You have a passport to the wild side of life tonight, though you have to go through customs to get there. You may decide it's not worth the trouble. Leo or Pisces company will enhance an experience.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). In order to have romance in your life, you must think romantic thoughts and fill your eyes with romantic visions – like a train bound for nowhere, eyes that glisten when they look at you or the moon reflecting on a lake.

CANCER (June 22-July difference between a suc-22). Lay down the rules, cessful relationship and a even if you must risk stressful one. When someone is unhappy, you momentarily being unpopular to do so. There adjust as needed. Instead are very few who would of getting frustrated, you try every option until one dare not respect your authority these days. works. Roommates or associates act more responsibly. 20). You're sensitive to adoptive mother. LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). murmurs that something year, she goes behind the Extra cash burns a hole just isn't right. You're not scenes to produce a docuin your pocket. Don't sure if you're looking at spend a dime until you've an early warning sign or looked at the overall pic- making mountains out of ture of your financial sit- molehills. Investigate. DICATE, INC. Dear Annie: I dated a 23year-old man for about three months. We had so much fun together. There was not one day that we did not see each other, and yes, we had sex. He ended up going back to the United States, and we decided we wouldn't be able to sustain a long-distance relationship. So, we pretty much just called it off. KATHY MITCHELL The day after he left, I MARCY SUGAR received a phone call from his wife. This man told me he was never married. She wanted to know Dear Annie: You printed the details, and I told her a letter from "Cautious in Oswego, N.Y.," who sugeverything. I even let her know that he said he gested cutting items into loved me and that he bite-sized pieces to precried the night before he vent double-dipping at left. parties. Your answer I tried to convince his made it seem like he wife that her husband is meant that the dips the one who messed up (instead of the food) and that she and her 2should be served in indivear-old son can do so vidual portions. Which is much better. A month it? — Unsure in Boston later, she called me again Dear Boston: Most "dip" to tell me they are still foods already are bitetogether. This time I sized. How much smaller asked her to leave me can you make a baby car. alone. Then her husband rot or a potato chip? We called me as well, but I thought he might have was so upset, I'hung up meant individual-sized on him. dip portions, and decided Why should she stay that was an interesting with that snake? Should I suggestion. just stay out of their lives Dear Annie: I wanted to and let him continue underscore your advice to lying to her? - Betrayed "Prematurely Stuck in in Canada Adulthood," the young Dear Betrayed: Yes, stay man who was distressed out of their lives and let about taking life too serithem deal with their own ously. He referred to this problems. There is nothtendency as a "personaliing you can say or do that ty shortcoming", and will make things better asked how to loosen up. for either of them, or for As a professional coach yourself. You've learned a and certified behavioral bitter lesson, but you suranalyst, I work with my vived it and will be clients to maximize their smarter next time. strengths. Based on his

uation. Your bookkeeping is off; remedy it now to avoid fees and late charges.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). An idea from the past hangs in your mind like an abandoned tire resting in a roadside ditch. Mental cleanup includes consciously deciding on one course of action and letting go of the other possibilities.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Today features the return of that adolescent fantasy of love in which you sail off into infinity with your one true soul mate. Snap out of it, and tonight's date will be brilliant.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Read and converse. You'll be tested on cultural literacy or common knowledge. This is no formal test – you won't be caught on camera by Jay Leno or anything – but people who matter are definitely sizing you up! SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 Dec. 21). Life is complex. You long for simplicity and imagine a parallel universe where you while away the day reading poems and singing songs about the seasons. Nah, you're better off in your exhilarating chaos!

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Visual stimulation has the power to sway you. You are especially mesmerized by attractive people. Just be sure you're not bamboozled into a raw deal because of your fascination with beauty!

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Maturity is the

Take preventative action. ASTROLOGICAL QUES-TIONS: "I'm an Aquarius born Jan. 25, 1983, and am in a relationship with a Capricorn born Jan. 10, 1983. We've been dating for two and a half years. He doesn't trust'me and is now being very distant toward me. I love him very much and don't want our relationship to end. Is there hope for us?"

Sometimes when people act distrustful and distant, it's not so much about what they think you're doing behind their backs but because of their own indiscretions. I'm getting that vibe here. He didn't plan it, but he has fallen into some behavior outside of your relationship that he thinks you would find unacceptable. Indeed, if the shoe were on the other foot and you were the one who had dallied in questionable behavior, he wouldn't be at all happy. There's hope for the two of you, though. The truth will set him free. If he can be honest and you can forgive him, the relationship still has a shot. Going forward, consider if there might be ways he can make it up to you. In general, this relationship has lacked passion, but making an effort to spend your time together in more interesting and stimulating environments could solve the problem. Best of luck!

CELEBRITY PROFILES: Rosie O'Donnell got her show-business start doing stand-up comedy, a profession uniquely suited to Aries people who are somewhat fearless and also adept at staying in the moment. Mercury in Pisces shows O'Donnell has deep wells of empathy from which she draws for her various life roles.

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core behavioral style, this gentleman has many wonderful and valuable strengths that he may not be aware of. He is probably very conscientious and loyal, and will often. go the extra mile to get the job done - and done right. He is also someone who maintains high standards for himself and is attentive to detail.

Your advice to him not to be so hard on himself was sound. These are all wonderful, valuable characteristics. -M.J.S., Crossville, Tenn.

Dear Crossville: Thank you for your expert opinion. Here's one more:

Dear Annie: That letter reminded me of my fabulous husband. He, too, is ultra-responsible, cerebral and analytical. Spontaneity and impulsiveness don't exist in his make-up. But he learned how to have fun his way: with sports and games that require those detail oriented, focused, self-sufficient aspects of his personality.

He is an expert rockclimber and mountaineer, an amateur historian and a fan of military re-enact ment strategy games After waiting to marry and have children, fatherhood made him more playful, and his trust and security in our marriage have made him much more sensuous.

You were so right to tell "Adult" that there's a lot to be said for being responsible and stable. Those are wonderful foundations to build on, and they age remarkably well. - The Climber's Wife

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This Date In History

By the Associated Press

Today is Wednesday, March 23, the 82nd day of 2005. There are 283 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On March 23, 1775, Patrick Henry made his famous call for American independence from Britain, telling the Virginia Provincial Convention, "Give me liberty, or give me death!"

On this date: In 1806, explorers Lewis dictatorial legislative powers.

In 1942, during World War II, the U.S. government began evacuating Japanese-Americans from their West Coast homes to detention centers.

In 1956, Pakistan became an independent republic the within British Commonwealth.

In 1965, America's first two-person space flight began as Gemini 3 blasted off from Cape Kennedy with astronauts Virgil L Grissom and John W. Young aboard. In 1983, President Reagan first proposed developing technology to intercept enemy missiles _ a proposal that came to be known as the Strategic, Defense Initiative, as well as "Star

Pacific.

Today's Birthdays: Comedian Marty Allen is 83. Movie director Mark Rydell is 71. Singer-producer Ric Ocasek is 56. Singer Chaka Khan is 52. Actress Amanda Plummer is 48. Comedian John Pinnett is 41. Actor Richard Grieco is 40. Country musician Kevin Griffin (Yankee Grey) is 40. Rock singer-musician Damon Albarn (Blur) is 37. Melissa Actress-singer Errico is 35. Rock musician John Humphrey (The Nixons) is 35. Actress Keri Russell is 29. Actress Nicholle Tom is 27. Country singer Paul Martin (Marshall Dyllon) is 27.

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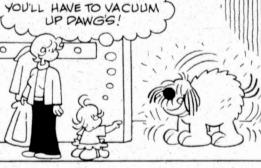
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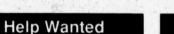
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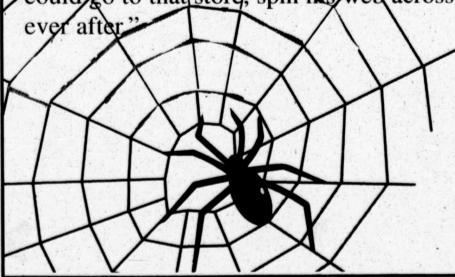
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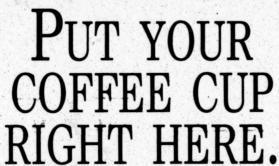
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