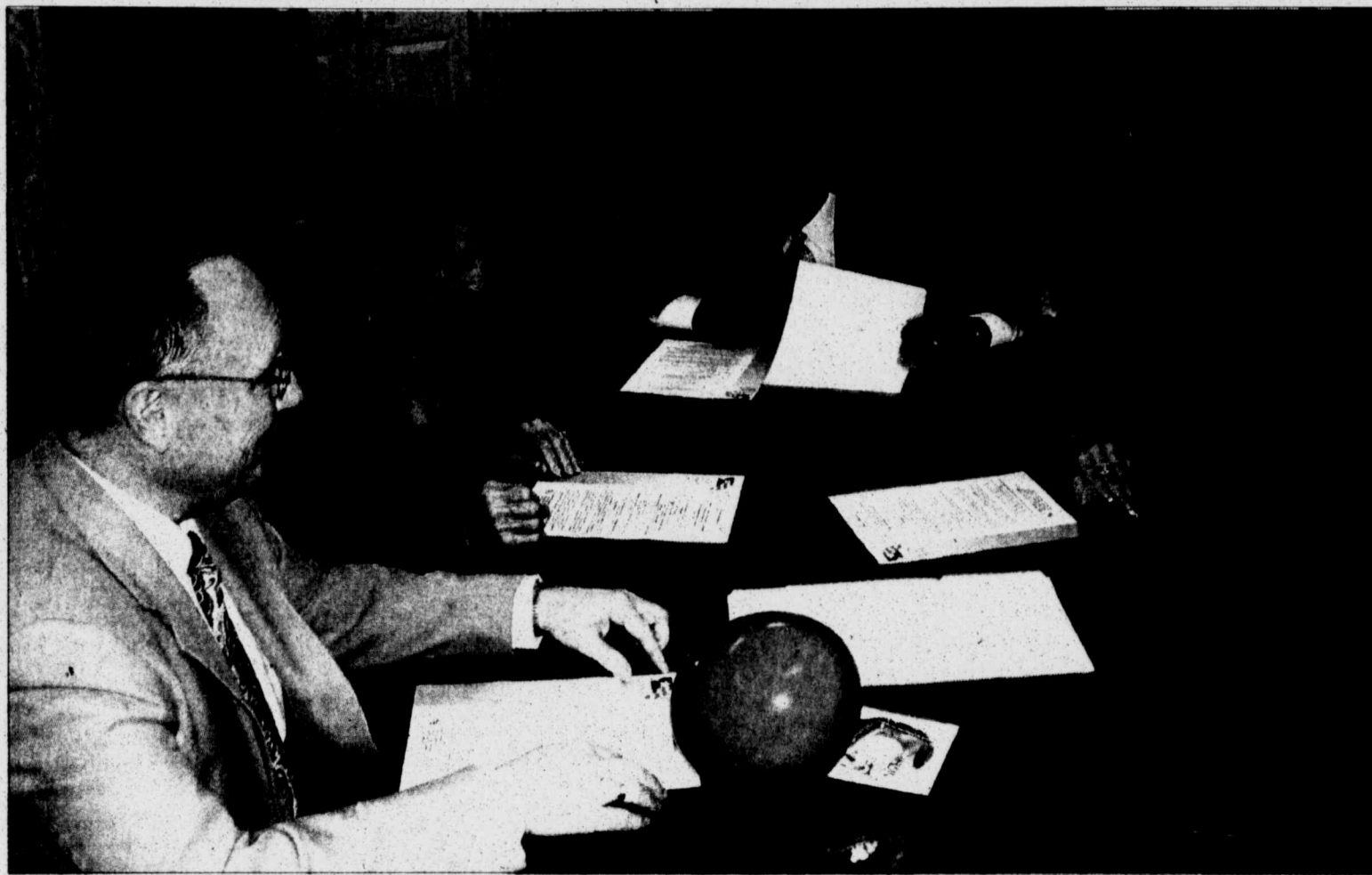




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David Kimberly, director of missions for Baptist churches in Big Spring, left, along with his wife Dorothy, are joined by Sam Segundo, pastor of Family Faith Victory Center, and his wife Christina for a planning meeting concerning Thursday's National Day of Prayer. The event, which is slated for 12:15 p.m. until 12:45 p.m., will be held at the Dora Roberts Community Center, located at 100 Whipkey Drive.

Give us this day...

Officials, ministry ready for National Day of Prayer

By **THOMAS JENKINS**
Staff Writer

Hands will be joined and prayers lifted to the heavens Thursday afternoon, as area Christian leaders come together for the National Day of Prayer.

Slated for 12:15 p.m. until 12:45 p.m. at the Dora Roberts Community Center, located at 100 Whipkey Drive, the National Day of Prayer promises to be a challenging event, according to

David Kimberly, director of missions for Baptist churches in Big Spring.

"The National Day of Prayer is something that challenges our people to pray, and is an inspiration for people who are outside Christianity to be able to see we're real — not plastic," said Kimberly. "I think it's something that's meaningful, not just to those of us in Big Spring, but nationally."

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Federal funds could give local airpark a boost

By **THOMAS JENKINS**
Staff Writer

The McMahon-Wrinkle Airpark and Big Spring Airport could get a hefty financial and structural boost from the Texas Department of Transportation soon, according to Airpark Director Col. Jim Little.

on the east side of the airport have represented a serious problem the city simply couldn't afford to fix — until now. "This is a new opportunity. These federal funds are available to us for the first time and we're very excited about it," said Little. "It makes it feasible for us to build a new T-hangar, where in the past the cost factor kept us from being able to do

"We'd rather have city-owned facilities at the airport. That way the revenues that come in from the hangars come in to the city and help pay for the airport."



Little

so. The federal funds Little is referring to are from a special TxDOT grant that would provide as much as \$150,000 for the 2004 fiscal year and up to \$66,600 in 2005.

Little told the council the grant is now available because TxDOT and the Federal Aviation Administration have authorized limited use of non-primary entitlement funds for hangar construction at authorized airports.

The grant would require the city to match it at the tune of 25 percent, and according to Little, without actual bids on the pro-

ject, leaves an enormous question mark on what the city would have to chip in for a project of this magnitude.

"It depends on the total cost of the project, and it could range from \$275,000 up to as much as \$400,000," said Little. "The city's part would be 25 percent of that."

"I'm very excited about

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Cinco de Mayo Festival — to provide unique blend of sight, taste and sound

By **THOMAS JENKINS**
Staff Writer

If good music and good food are your idea of a good time, the Cinco de Mayo Festival in downtown Big Spring slated for Friday and Saturday is the place to be this weekend.

The festival, which is sponsored by the West Texas Producers and Farmers Market and LULAC (League of United Latin American Citizens) Council 4791, will span two days that according to project co-chair Kelly Dear, has something for everyone in the family.

"We kick off the festival at 6 p.m. on Friday," said Dear. "We'll begin with a little bit of light music. There's going to be lots of vendors with all kinds of food. There's going to be rides for the children as well."

"At 8 p.m. we'll have Xtremo, which is a really popular local tejano band. There's going to be music and dancing — we'll have an area set aside for dancing. Everyone should bring their lawn chairs. That will be from 8 p.m. until midnight."

- FRIDAY:**
1 p.m.-5 p.m., Set up for Festival and vendors
6 p.m., Festival begins
8 p.m. - midnight, Music and dancing by Xtremo
- SATURDAY:**
8 a.m.-9:30 a.m., Vendor set up
8 a.m.-10 a.m., Bike and car show check-in
10 a.m.-1 p.m., Los Familias Leg
11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Folklorico dancers will perform
1 p.m., Washer pitching tournament
1 p.m. -2 p.m., Adrian Calvio of Sour Hand
2:30 p.m.-3:30 p.m., These Wounds Will Heal
4 p.m.-5 p.m., A Tragic Theory
5:30 p.m. -6:30 p.m., Rustic Circle
7 p.m.-7:30 p.m., Guest speaker Congressman Randy Neugebauer and awards ceremony
7:30 p.m.-midnight, Music and dancing with Conjunto Hilario and El Charro Negro and La Formula

Dear said the festival, which

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In conjunction with observances for Cinco de Mayo, Johnny Saldivar, far left on top row, and fellow members of El Mariachi de UTPB will perform at three Big Spring school district campuses Thursday.

El Mariachi de UTPB to showcase talents at three Big Spring schools

By **STEVE REAGAN**
Staff Writer

What's a celebration of Mexican heritage without a mariachi band?

To help mark the celebration

of Cinco De Mayo locally, three Big Spring Independent School District campuses will play host to El Mariachi de UTPB Thursday, officials announced.

Cinco De Mayo — the fifth of May — is celebrated to mark

the anniversary of the Mexican Army's victory over the French at the Battle of Puebla in 1862. It is commonly confused with Mexico's Independence Day —

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DOG SHOW COMING

The Big Spring and San Angelo kennel clubs will combine forces for a four-day dog show marathon beginning Thursday morning at Garrett Coliseum. More than 2,000 entries representing more than 120 breeds are expected to compete.

Dogs will compete for best of group honors in the sporting, non-sporting, toy, herding, working, and hound divisions each day. A best of show champion also will be crowned each night. Admission is free. In addition, vendors selling dog products will be at the coliseum, and a free obedience class will be offered each day.

AFTER HOURS



Members of the community have an opportunity to get together Thursday in an informal setting to share ideas and get to learn more about a local business.

Business After Hours will be from 4:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. at the First Big Spring Banking Center, 1500 Gregg. Everyone is invited. Refreshments will be served and door prizes awarded. The event is a function of the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce.

AMERICAN PROFILE



Cover Story: Bill Hemmer, anchor of CNN's flagship morning news program "American Morning" discusses his journey that has taken

him from his hometown of Cincinnati, Ohio, to Iraq, Kuwait and Kosovo.

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GOOD DOG



HERALD photo/Steve Reagan
Treasa Wells puts her mastiff, Mo, through his paces during obedience training at the Big Spring Kennel Club recently. The 45th Annual BSKC Dog Show will be held Thursday through Sunday at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. Admission is free to the event.

Four to be added to Texas Country Music Hall of Fame

CARTHAGE (AP) — Sausage king Jimmy Dean and Grammy-award winning fiddler Johnny Gimble will be among new inductees to the Texas Country Music Hall of Fame.

Singer/songwriters Glenn Sutton and the late Roger Miller also were selected for induction by an advisory board of previous honorees, said Tommie Ritter Smith, hall president.

Dean, Gimble and Sutton will perform at an induction ceremony on Aug. 20 at the Hall of

Fame Theater in Carthage. Dean Miller, Roger Miller's son, also will take the stage.

Born in Plainview, Dean wrote and recorded "Big Bad John," and followed with a string of hits in the 1960s. Dean began making the sausage patties that made him a household name after founding the Jimmy Dean Meat Co., which he later sold.

Gimble grew up on a farm near Tyler, beginning his career at 13 when he was featured with his brothers on

KGKB radio. He went on to star in his own shows and was a member of the band on television's "Hee Haw."

Miller, who was born in Fort Worth and grew up in Erick, Okla., penned the songs "Billy Bayou," and "King of the Road." He also sang the 1951 hit "When Two World's Collide."

Raised in Carthage and Henderson, Sutton wrote "What's Made Milwaukee Famous" and "She Still Comes Around." Sutton also worked as a produc-

Woman helped husband fake death

GEORGETOWN (AP) — A few weeks after her husband was supposedly burned beyond recognition in a car wreck, Molly Daniels introduced her 4-year-old son to her new boyfriend, Jake Gregg.

However, investigators said Gregg looked much like her dead husband, Clayton Wayne Daniels, with his hair dyed black.

Molly Daniels pleaded guilty in a Williamson County state district court Tuesday to insurance fraud and hindering apprehension for her role in a plot to use the corpse of an 81-year-old woman to fake her husband's death.

A jury will decide her punishment this week for the felonies. She faces probation to 20 years in prison.

Court records showed that Daniels' husband, Clayton Daniels, exhumed the remains of Charlotte Davis for use in the scheme. The records show Daniels had robbed her grave last year, one year after the woman's death.

Clayton Daniels is jailed in neighboring Burnet County pending trial on arson charges.

Assistant District Attorney Jane Starnes blamed greed for the bizarre case surrounding the Leander couple. She cited a \$110,000 life insurance policy taken out two years before the wreck.

Defense lawyer Thomas Vasquez said that Molly Daniels did it for her children, ages 4 and 1. Vasquez said that at the time, Clayton Daniels was soon to have begun serving a jail sentence for sex crimes involving children, and the terms of his sentence would not allow contact with his children.

In court, investigators said the June 18 wreck, in which the scorched green Chevrolet was found at the bottom of cliff in Burnet County, seemed fishy from the start.

Suspecting foul play, Texas Ranger Garth Davis took a DNA sample from the body and from Clayton Daniels' mother. When the sample came back months later, the

results confirmed his suspicion: The body was not Daniels'.

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Sept. 16 — but is still marked by celebration on both sides of the border.

And El Mariachi de UTPB is more than happy to add its music to the celebration.

Johnny Saldivar, the founding member of the group, said that traditional mariachi music has survived — even thrived — over the years.

"It's a lot more accepted now," said Saldivar. "A big thing for most bands is to go 'unplugged.' Well, we've always gone unplugged. We're

unplugged and mobile."

The University of Texas of the Permian Basin provides scholarships and uniforms for members of the band. In return, El Mariachi strives to show Hispanic students that they can attend an "anglo" college and still stay true to their roots, Saldivar said.

Coahoma RCCI group begins identifying hinderances to growth

By STEVE REAGAN

Staff Writer

COAHOMA — Community leaders here learned that turning a town's fortunes around takes time and lots of effort.

Fortunately, they don't seem daunted by the task.

The Coahoma edition of the Rural Community College Initiative — a community development program aimed at towns in rural areas — held its monthly meeting Tuesday, and most of the time was spent identifying impediments to the community's growth.

Solutions to those problems, they were told, will take some time.

Gene Theodori, a rural sociologist with Texas A&M University who helped establish a RCCI program in Big Spring, told his audience of about 20 people that a key to community development was identifying and removing obstacles to a town's growth.

"A community is a natural commodity that is going to develop on its own as long as the impediments to that development are removed," Theodori said. "What we're going to do here in Coahoma is ... identify

"People tend to think that we've always been this way, and there's nothing we can do about it."



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those things holding back development, and try to remove them."

Those in attendance identified several areas that were in need of improvement, including:

- Sense of community — Many who spoke at Tuesday's meeting said that Coahoma suffers from a lack of community identity because of several factors, most notably apathy.

"The attitude here seems to be that this is what we are," Coahoma Mayor Bill Read said. "People tend to think that we've always been this way, and there's nothing we can do about it."

Loma Jean Wynn agreed that there was a general lack of interest in the community, describing many residents as "no-shows and no-cares."

House OKs pom pom measure

AUSTIN (AP) — Sideline booty-shakin' at Texas high school football games would be restricted to more ladylike performances from the cheering squad, under legislation approved Tuesday by the Texas House.

The bill would prohibit "overtly sexually suggestive" routines at school-sponsored events, giving the state education commissioner authority to request that school districts review performances.

"Girls can get out and do all of these overly sexually performances and we applaud them and that's not right," said Democratic Rep. Al

Edwards of Houston, who filed the legislation.

Edwards argued that lascivious exhibitions are a distraction for high school students that result in pregnancies, high school dropouts, contraction of AIDS and herpes and "cutting off their youthful life at an early age."

Bawdy performances are not defined in the bill, which was approved on a 65-56 vote.

"Any adult that's been involved with sex in their lives, they know it when they see it," Edwards said.

In a state known for its reverence of Friday-night football, Edwards said he

filed the legislation after seeing too many ribald routines by young girls in his district.

Opponents, including the American Civil Liberties Union, say the measure is unnecessary because state law already prohibits public lewdness by students on or near a school campus.

Critics also argue that the difference between suggestive dancing and artistic expression can be difficult to determine.

Several lawmakers periodically waved pompons in debate that was alternately comical and fiery.

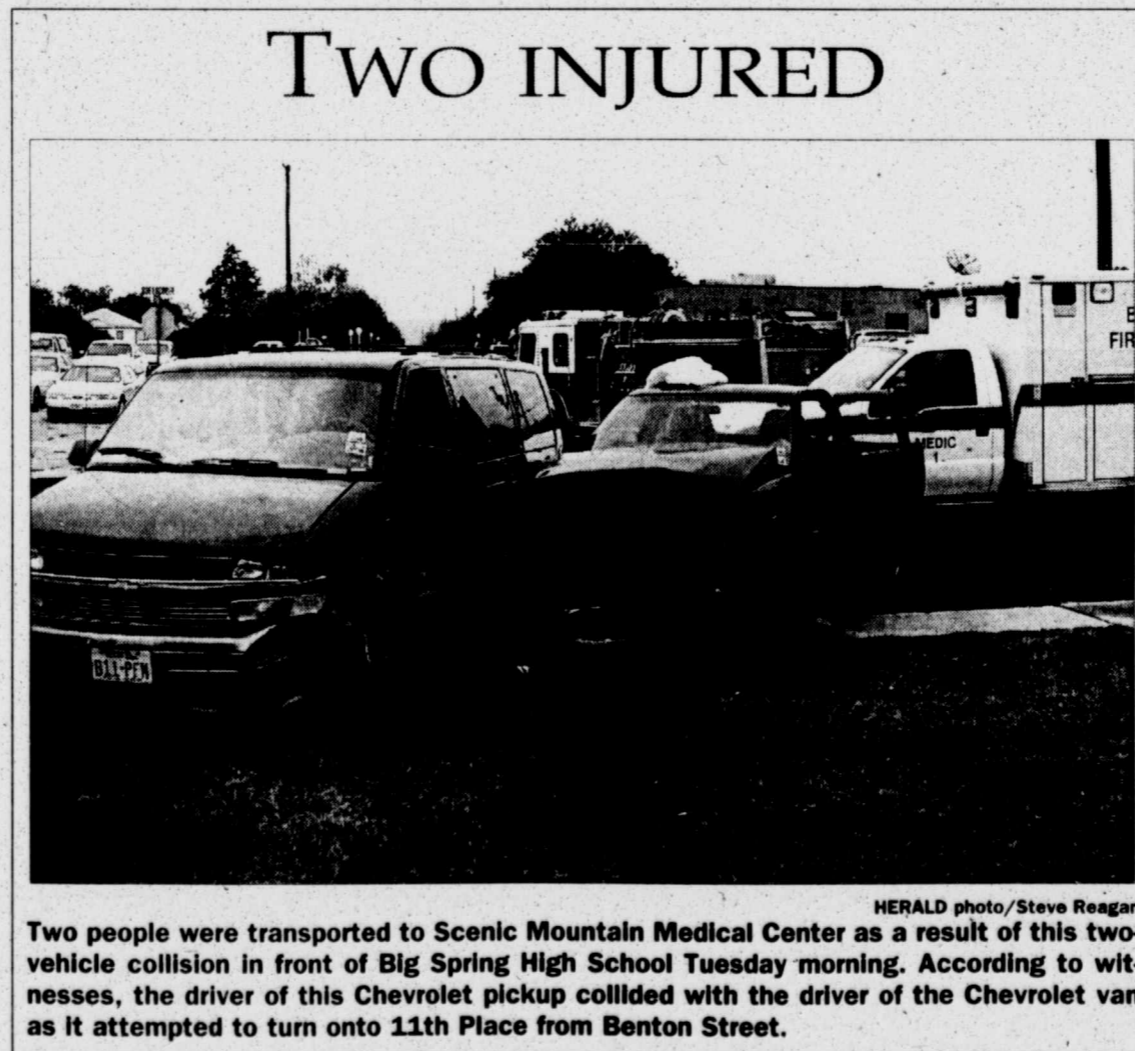
"How is this bill advancing the agenda of the people? Have we done anything about stem cell research to help people who are dying and are sick advance their health? No," said Rep. Senfronia Thompson, D-Houston. "Have we done anything about the mentally ill, school finance or ethics?"

"This is a ridiculous bill ... I don't know how this bill got to the floor. It's stupid."

Members of the state's cheerleading community say cheering competitions already penalize for suggestive movements or vulgarity.

But, proponents say they like the measure because it gives parents support in addressing their teenagers' behavior.

"I think that to have suggestive performances is not good for the girls or the guys at a time in life when hormones are already very active," said Cathie Adams, president of the Texas Eagle Forum.



HERALD photo/Steve Reagan
Two people were transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center as a result of this two-vehicle collision in front of Big Spring High School Tuesday morning. According to witnesses, the driver of this Chevrolet pickup collided with the driver of the Chevrolet van as it attempted to turn onto 11th Place from Benton Street.

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Porfirio Rios, Jr., 62, of Big Spring died Tuesday. Services are pending.

Alvin Hudgins, 83, of Carbon, Texas died Tuesday. Services are pending.



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OUR VIEWS

On Thursday we'll see you 'After Hours'

Business After Hours is a chamber-sponsored program that brings together local merchants several times a year. We think it is a worthwhile activity that allows the business community to meet, get to know each other and share ideas.

The general public is invited as well, and for them, it's an opportunity to get to know more about a local business.

Thursday's Business After Hours will be held from 4:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. at 1st Big Spring Banking Center, located at 1500 Gregg St.

Business After Hours is an informal, come-and-go event. There are no programs; it is simply a time to get acquainted, so come by and have refreshments with us. You might even walk away with one of the door prizes that will be given away.

We encourage you to drop by 1st Big Spring Banking Center this Thursday. Sponsored by the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce, it's a good opportunity get to know other merchants and learn more about the businesses themselves.

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Daniel Murphy had a real long name

One of the longest names in the world belonged to a man who lived in Grayson County. He was called Daniel Murphy, but his full name took a while to say:

Daniel Wisdom May I know Steven's Faith And Spirits Chose John's Divine Communion Fields Moses Meekness And Joshua's Zeal Win The Day And Conquer All Murphy.

Grayson County has some more unusual names and an interesting history. Texana Dumas was the first non-Indian child born in Grayson County. Dwight Eisenhower, the US President during the fifties, was born in Grayson County.

The first Grayson county court-

house was torn down in 1858 to settle a bet as to whether or not a grey goose was nesting under the building.

The first commercial transportation available in Grayson County was by river. Then came the stagecoach, then the railroad, then the electric railroad, or interurban, which ran from Sherman and Denison to Waco.

The interurban ran for about fifty years. It made its last run in 1948. Some of the interurban tracks are still on the streets at Van Alstyne in southern Grayson County. That city was named for a railroad stockholder.

OK. That gets us to Van Alstyne, a city with several acceptable pronunciations, according to Delta Elliott.

"We have people who say the name of my town three ways: all-steen, all-stun, all-stine."

Delta knows about that man with the long name. He was a

member of a prominent black family. The name was genuine and legal and had 26 words in it.

"When he was born, friends and neighbors came to see the baby and his mother. Several of the visitors wanted to name the new addition. The mother hadn't decided on a name yet, so she asked people who had suggestions for names to write them in a tablet. When she got up and started looking over the list of names she thought they were all so sweet, she just used all of them."

Delta says kids used to memorize the name and felt quite accomplished when they could recite it. Usually the name stayed with them throughout their lives. In later years when they got together for reunions, they could repeat it.

Daniel Murphy knew of only one person with a longer name: his son.

He named him Junior.



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EITHER OUR WORST TERROR NIGHTMARE HAS COME TRUE, OR THE SENATE ENDED THE FILIBUSTER.



Immigrant-bashing vigilantes to take 'dog and pony show' on road

Energized by the completion of their month-long mission — patrolling the Arizona-Mexico border against "an invasion" of illegal immigrants — a group of self-appointed guardians of U.S. sovereignty declared their Minuteman Project a huge success last week.

Yet their numbers were not impressive. It took 876 Minuteman volunteers a month to spot only 335 illegal immigrants. The very Border Patrol agents they said they were trying to help called them a nuisance.

And President Bush took it even further. He said they were doing the work of vigilantes. But Minuteman founder Jim Gilchrist has no problem with that label. As he dismissed his troops, at a last-day meeting outside a church in Palominas, he reportedly admitted that he is "proud to be a vigilante."

What matters, the vigilantes said, is that they proved the border can be patrolled by a group of civilians who find it necessary to do the work the government is not doing.

Minuteman co-organizer Chris Simcox reportedly told the group that, lacking adequate leadership from the government, the American people will lead themselves "in an effort to secure our borders, to protect our families, our children, our neighbors and our way of life."

Never mind that, by obstructing legitimate law enforcement, they are acting just as illegally as the

immigrants they are trying to stop. That blatant contradiction is not important.

What matters, they say, is that their message got out to the rest of the country: They are tired of illegal immigrants, and they are not going to take it anymore.

Of course, immigrant and human rights advocates see the Minuteman volunteers as the realization of their worst nightmares — an army of American xenophobes rushing to the Mexican border to take the law into their own hands.

But wait, it gets better — or worse, depending on your point of view.

Gilchrist warned his followers that unless their anti-immigrant crusade continues, the Minuteman Project is "going to be viewed as just a month-long dog and pony show."

And so, now that they have completed their Arizona mission, the vigilantes said they plan to expand not only to other states bordering Mexico, but to some bordering Canada — in Idaho, North Dakota, Vermont and Michigan.

They are also preparing a new phase of their project, which consists of identifying and organizing demonstrations — all over the country — against employers who hire illegal immigrants.

It means that their "dog and pony show" will soon be coming to your local diner, car wash, nursing home or hotel — or even your backyard, if you happen to have an immigrant landscaper trimming your bushes.

And amazingly, this xenophobic militia may actually be welcomed by officials in some states.

"They've done a terrific job," said California Gov. Arnold

Schwarzenegger on a Los Angeles radio station. "And they have cut down the crossing of illegal immigrants by a huge percentage."

You have to wonder where Schwarzenegger gets his numbers.

The governor's remarks came only a week after apologizing for putting his foot in his mouth with another comment about illegal immigrants.

"Close the borders," Schwarzenegger had told a gathering of newspaper editors. "Close the borders in California, and all across Mexico and the United States."

One day later, following a torrent of criticism, Schwarzenegger blamed his poor command of the English language and said he meant "securing the borders, not closing them."

But now, by condoning the work of the Minuteman volunteers instead of calling on the federal government to expand the Border Patrol, the Austrian-born governor can no longer blame his English.

When he said we should close the border, instead of securing it, he quipped that maybe he should "go back to school and study" English.

Put if he is praising vigilantes who interfere with law enforcement, maybe he should go back for a civics course.

Or maybe he should take a U.S. history lesson, so he can figure out why, for immigrants, he is rapidly becoming an Uncle Tom.

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"It supports our president and we have an opportunity to speak to God on his behalf. It really means something to our nation, because if our nation doesn't return to the Lord, then we have serious problems."

To celebrate the annual event, local officials and religious leaders have joined forces to present a

30-minute program. Local Day of Prayer coordinator Everett Bender, who has been leading the annual charge for several years, said he hopes area residents will use their lunch break to help lift their voices in prayer.

"We're having it between 12:15 p.m. and 12:45 p.m. so people can come out on their lunch hour," said Bender. "And we'll do everything we can to start and finish everything right on time

so they can get back to work within that one-hour period.

Terry McDaniel will begin with the national anthem, followed by Police Chief Lonnie Smith, who will lead those in attendance with the pledge of allegiance.

First Baptist Church pastor Dennis Teeters will give the opening prayer and Mayor Russ McEwen will provide the welcome.

Bender said several area residents will also talk

about how prayer and the hand of God have changed their lives.

"Rich Anderson, who is a rancher here, will share some personal testimonies about how he has seen God move," said Bender. "He's also going to lead us in a prayer for rain."

"Pam Steel is also going to share some personal testimonies, in addition to offering a woman's perspective on this."

Sam Segundo, pastor of Family Faith Victory

Center, said he hopes to see the same sort of positive "charge" come from Thursday's event.

"The last several years I've seen an atmosphere charged with unity and more of a bond among believers and the community," said Segundo. "I think the repercussions of our National Day of Prayer have been very fruitful."

"I believe time is of the essence now. The time that we're in is quite desperate and I encourage as

many people as possible to attend the meeting. And if you can't be there, listen on the radio or television."

While prayer will be the focus for at least one day, this week, Segundo said it should play a prominent role in everyone's life, every day.

"It should be of the highest importance," said Segundo. "I think our communion and fellowship with God is our foremost way of succeeding in every endeavor in life."

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it because we have old T-hangars that leak and don't protect the individuals' planes as much as they should. We have airplanes in there that are valued at \$750,000 — very expensive airplanes. Of course these people would like to take care of them, and they don't have the

hangars they need to do that."

Little said the lengths some pilots and plane owners are willing to go to in the hopes of protecting their investments should serve as a reminder of the importance the T-hangars hold for them.

"It's reached the point where some of the pilots have volunteered to build on their sections and pay for the hangars," said

Little. "They're serious about it. We would prefer that not happen. We'd rather have city-owned facilities at the airport. That way the revenues that come in from the hangars come in to the city and help pay for the airport."

While current T-hangar renters surveyed are overwhelming in favor of the new hangars, which according to Little, could bump their fees from

\$71.50 a month to a little more than \$120, some don't share the same enthusiasm.

Three of the 18 renters who returned a survey sent out were against the construction of new hangars, according to Little. Why they are against it, however, remains a question.

"They didn't give reasons and we didn't ask them to," said Little. "Of course they are probably

anticipating an increase in cost and a few of them are comfortable with what they have. Others look at a T-hangar as something that just keeps the sun and wind of it. They wouldn't be excited about going into a new one. Others may just be

more comfortable with them being on the east side of the field, and they would have to drive a little further."

As the report was only listed on the council agenda as a discussion, no action was taken concerning the grant.

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will take up a large portion of historic downtown Big Spring, will play backdrop to some rather interesting modes of transportation Saturday morning.

"Saturday morning, get up bright and early because we'll be there at 10 a.m.," said Dear. "We'll be ready to go again starting with music from Los Familias Leos, which will be performing on the music stage from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m. with a few breaks in between."

The bike and car show will also begin at 10 a.m. They have all kinds of different displays for people to check out, as well as a silent auction and some giveaways. All kinds of fun stuff, and I understand they're going to be doing some barbecuing."

As if the smell of barbecue isn't enough to draw a crowd, Dear said the colorful costumes of traditional Folklorico Dance

will certainly draw some attention.

"At 11:30 a.m. the Folklorico Dancers Troupe, which is a touring dance troupe, will perform," said Dear. "The members of the dance troupe are from all over Texas, and they tour together and perform these Folklorico and mariachi dances. The costumes are just beautiful, as are the dancers."

"We came across the troupe because some of the members live in Snyder. They travel all over Texas performing. We were lucky enough to have an inside track with them in Cindy Lopez and were able to get them to perform in Big Spring. We were really fortunate."

While Folklorico Dance will be the focus just before noon, Dear said something just as fun awaits festival goers at 1 p.m., when several area rock and alternative metal bands are scheduled to take the stage.

"At 1 p.m. rock music will begin at the music

stage, which will be located at the corner of Second Street and Scurry," said Dear. "Adrian Calvio of Sour Hand is going to kick things off, performing some solo acoustic songs until 2 p.m. Then, from 2:30 p.m. until 3:30 p.m. These Wounds Will Heal from Midland will perform."

"A local band, A Tragic Theory, will perform from 4 p.m. until 5 p.m. I also understand The Four Stones will also be performing along with A Tragic Theory. After that, at approximately 5:30 p.m., our headline act, Rustic Circle, will perform until 6:30 p.m."

Dear said a special guest speaker is slated for Saturday evening, along with several award presentations.

"At 7 p.m., city council members Woody Jumper and Stephanie Horton will introduce our special guest speaker, Congressman Randy Neugebauer," said Dear. "Following a speech by Mr. Neugebauer, Horton

and Jumper will announce the winners from the various shows and contests that have been going on throughout the day."

"El Charro Negro and his band, La Formula, along with Conjunto Hilario, will all perform between 7:30 p.m. and midnight. Conjunto Hilario will open the show, with El Charro Negro and La Formula headlining."

While the festival celebrates the victory of the Mexicans over the French army at The Battle of Puebla in 1862, Dear said it certainly shouldn't be limited to residents of Latin American heritage.

"This is a multi-cultural event. It's a family event... What we're trying to do is bring about a cultural unity, to bring the people in our area together to celebrate our community. We want to uplift everyone and give them a place to take their families and just celebrate being from Big Spring," she said.

2005-2006 Spring Registration for Current Big Spring Students:

Registration packets will be sent home on Monday, May 9, 2005, with your child.

Please return registration packets to your child's teacher or campus office by Friday, May 13, 2005.

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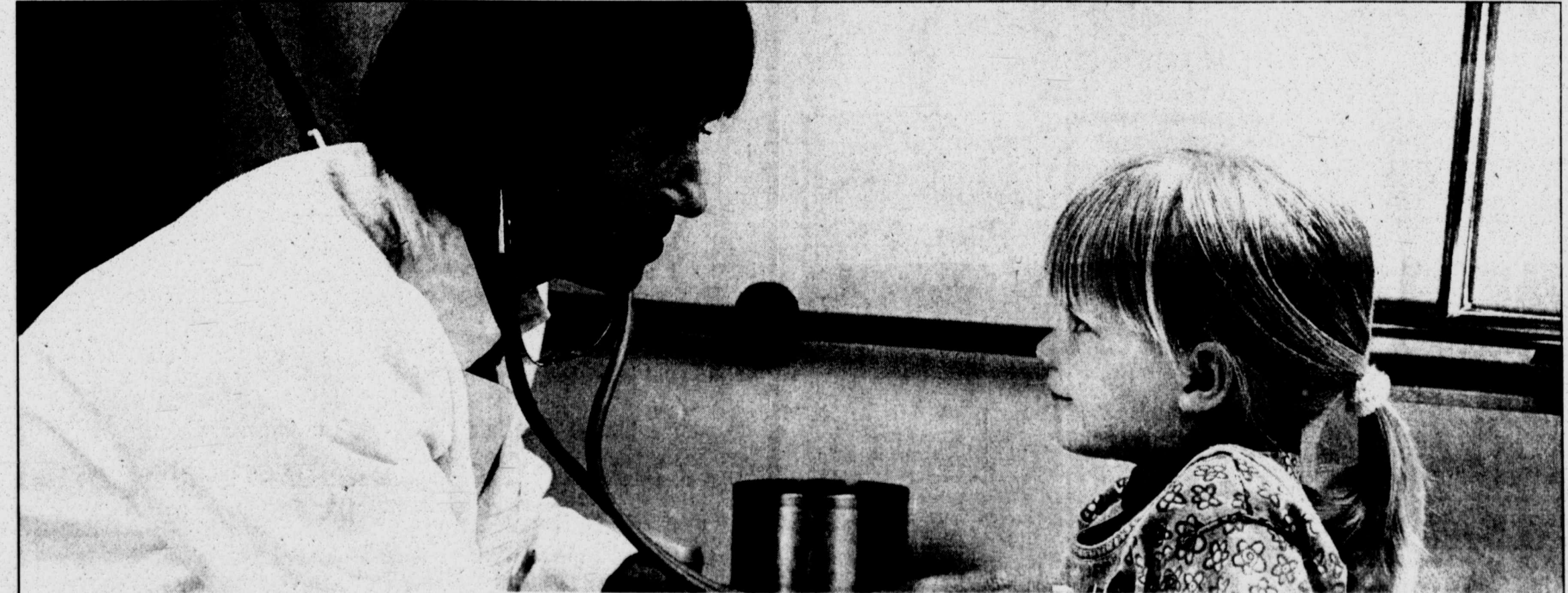
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Learning to love after marriage

By SHEILA B. LALWANI (KRT)

MILWAUKEE — As a young girl growing up in India, Meenakshi Jayaraman never dated. She came from a conservative Hindu family, and even though her friends went on dates, Jayaraman always knew she would meet her husband through the ancient practice of arranged marriage. Years later, she's still surprised it worked as well as it did.

She and her husband, Arvind Ganesan, hadn't met when the families exchanged their names in early 2001. He finished his education at Marquette University and was working in Madison, Wis., at a small company.

Before they met, they knew of their similarities: close-knit families, devout Hindus, strong education and interest in arts and culture, particularly dance. They started with formal messages that began with "Hi" and graduated to love poems, a mutual concern for one another and signing e-mails, "With tons of love."

Even before they met, they believed they had something special.

"Love means sharing your life or spending the rest of your life with someone who not only cares about you but respects you, likes your interest and helps you pursue it, and is just there for you always — no matter what," Jayaraman said.

When people think of love and marriage, they tend to think of the first leading to the second. That's the way it's been in the United States for generations. But for education, she and Arvind decided on an arranged marriage — a tradition that is still popular in many parts of the world — it is usually the opposite.

In arranged marriages, other factors such as education, culture, future goals, family duty and religion take higher priority. Love is learned and can come afterward, they say.

An enduring tradition

For immigrants who come to the United States, a large number look for spouses from their native country. While love marriages are growing more popular in India, much of India and other countries continue this ancient practice, said Barbara Ramusack, a professor who teaches modern Indian history at the University of Cincinnati. Marriages are based less on the individuals and more on families coming

together, she said. These marriages also last longer because divorce remains taboo throughout India.

"Indians would say marriage is too important to be based on love, which is frequently based on sexual attraction," she said. "Their idea is you can get married and learn to love the individual; that love can be a learned behavior."

In India, arranged marriage has survived for many centuries. The arranged marriage system was born out of the caste system, which is a pattern of social classes in Hinduism. At the top of the system were the priests or Brahmins; at the bottom were the laborers. Marriage within top classes of the caste system was permitted until it became stricter.

The caste that people were born into was their social network. From their caste, people found their marriage partners.

Families usually initiate contact. Even though families have a big part in any marriage, in many cases prospective brides and grooms can reject a possible partner.

Over the years, as South Asians — such as Pakistanis, Sri Lankans and Bangladeshis — have migrated to England, Australia and the United States, the arranged marriage system also has evolved.

Scanning the personals

As families have wanted to keep with ancient practices, they've had to employ modern techniques to do so: personal ads and the Internet.

Through the power of publishing, Naveen Pruthi and Supriya Amar of Brown Deer, Wis., met. Amar was living in Virginia when her parents came across a personal ad in the Indian newspaper The Hindustan Times that caught their eye.

A young man working in Waukesha, Wis., was looking for a bride. He was about 5 feet 7 inches tall, Hindu and a vegetarian. Like Amar, he had been living in the United States for a couple of years and was from Delhi.

The parents matched their horoscopes — a common practice in arranged marriages — to tell if the two would be compatible. They matched. In cases where horoscopes don't match, families usually shy away from a possible matrimonial relationship.

Amar's parents asked Pruthi to fly in and meet their daughter.

The two met July 27, 2002, in Virginia. He was



Naveen Pruthi, left, and his wife, Supriya Amar, are both from India and followed their social customs of having their families arrange their marriage. They are shown Feb. 12, 2005, in Brown Deer, Wis.

the first guy she met after her parents talked to her about getting married. The two had seen each other's pictures but never talked. Away from the gaze of Amar's watchful family, they went to a local Starbucks where he ordered a cappuccino. She sipped on an ice water.

"She's very innocent looking and beautiful," he recalls thinking.

"He looks very simple, down to earth," she thought.

During the nearly three hours that Amar and Pruthi talked, they exchanged information about their families, dreams and goals. She told him that she wanted to work. He didn't have a problem with that.

With Pruthi back en route to Wisconsin, Amar's family believed he was the right one for her. The couple agreed.

Amar's mother was visiting relatives in India when she heard the good news. The two families arranged a short engagement ceremony Aug. 11.

Neither Amar nor Pruthi was present. Having the families promise was enough.

In the months leading to their marriage, the young couple spoke on the phone — sometimes for hours at a time — sent cards and exchanged bouquets. He flew to Virginia twice to visit her. The bond they formed wasn't a physical one. In arranged marriages, there's very little touching or kissing before marriage.

Pruthi admits he was scared and hoped the decision would be the right one. After a few years of marriage, he feels it was. They live in Brown Deer. He works at GE Healthcare Technologies, she at U.S. Bank.

"We just enjoy each other's company," he said.

Marriage, then love

When Amandeep Singh met Sarbjit Kaur, they

came to an understanding right away.

It was Oct. 26, 2002, when Singh met Kaur in Milwaukee.

Like him, she was a Sikh and from the northern Indian state of Punjab. She came from a good family and was about his age.

He thought she was beautiful, but he only wanted to marry someone who was willing.

"Don't be pushed," he told her as their families waited anxiously outside. "If you don't want to marry me, just say so."

She looked at him and said, "I'm not under pressure."

They married March 8, 2003, and they have a daughter, Harnoor.

"We actually fell in love after marriage," he said. "That was the best thing for me."

They live with his parents and work together. He wouldn't have it any other way.

"She is my total partner," he said.

Back in Madison, Jayaraman keeps busy with her son and the Kalaanjali School of Dance and Music, a school of Indian dancing that she founded. When she gets time, she reads the e-mails she and her husband traded.

She's fond of one message that contained a

poem he wrote and sent to her shortly after their engagement.

"To thee, who is the God-blessed partner of my life.

"To thee, who is the God-chosen lover as my wife.

"To thee, whom I have already expressed my

love to numerous times. To thee, whom I can never express my love to enough times."

Then, she remembers a line she sent him.

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She wrote, "With tons of love, Mrs. Arvind."

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Pope John Paul looks very fit and vigorous, unlike the photos that we have seen recently. Starting with Pope Pius, there is a short "bio" of the Popes that have served in the 20th century and the book continues with a truncated history of the painting, statues, etc., located in the Vatican.

Another donated book is "Francis of Assisi: A Revolutionary Life," (B FRA A) by Adrian House. According to reviews printed on the back of the book; Francis was a humble person blessed with great decency and intellect. This is another great book to read and get a thorough understanding of one of the saints of the Catholic Church.

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Richard Paul Evans has written "The Last Promise," (F EVA R) a story of choices, love and change. From "Library Journal" comes a short synopsis: Evans is billed by his publisher as a brand name and you know the brand: an American wife in Italy, ignored by her Italian husband and caring for a sick child, risks bitter-sweet romance with the new man in town. If that is your cup of tea, check it out.

Ready for history with a bite? Check out "History of the Donner Party: Tragedy of the Sierra," (917.8 MCG C) by C.F. McGlashan. It is published by Stanford University Press and it is the basic version of what happened when the Donner Party became stranded in the snow in the Sierras.

While in Lubbock, I visited a new book store that carries mainly "remainders." It is located in the shopping center to the east of South Plains Mall (Slide and Loop 289). Paperbacks listed at \$5 sell for \$3; hardbacks are equally as discounted.

Don't go looking for best sellers; you are more likely to get authors who are not quite as well known.

This is what I picked up there: "Leading an Elegant Death," by Paula Carter; and "Death Never Takes a Holiday," by Noreen Wald (these two are paperbacks).

Hardbacks are: "The Fiend in Human," by John MacLachlan Gray; this is a Victorian England thriller; and "The Carbon Murder,"

by Camille Minichino. This one has a different "hook."

Gloria Lamerino is a retired physicist who helps the Revere Police Department solve crimes. The library does have a couple of her previous works and I found them entertaining.

I would encourage you to browse the Large Print shelves for fiction, mysteries and westerns. Many times, we find a large print version of a book when we cannot get it in regular print.

You will find (as I have) the LP books are much easier on the eyes too. New LP books: "Wiped Out," by Barbara Colley; "Death and the Walking Stick," by Linda Berry; and "Silence of the Hams," by Jill Churchill (these are all mysteries). New Fiction: Rebecca Wells, "Ya-Yas in Bloom" and "Pretty Woman," by Fern Michaels.

Lori Copeland writes Christian fiction and we have received her "Brides of the West 1872" series. They can be found in the Large Print area and are labeled as book 1, 2, etc.

The titles in order are: "Faith," "June," "Hope," "Glory" and "Ruth."

Another biography about Jacqueline Kennedy has been received by the library.

Written by Edward Klein, a longtime friend, he was able to bring some new information to the table on Jackie. It may be found in the biography section; "Just Jackie: Her Private Years" (B KEN J).

Nellie Taft, in the years before Eleanor Roosevelt, Nancy Reagan and Hillary Clinton, was not shy in declaring that

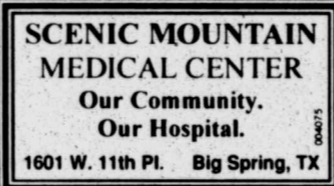
President William Howard Taft's administration would be a joint one.

Renowned author Carl Sferrazza Anthony has written a stunning biography of "Nellie Taft: Unconventional First Lady of the Ragtime Era" (TAF N). She smoked, gambled and drank in a time that "nice" women didn't do that.

She was an advocate for higher education and partial suffrage for women; initiated legislation to improve working conditions for federal employees and created the famous grove of blossoming cherry orchards. This is a fascinating look at a woman who has been long ignored.

The Howard County Library is open from 9 a.m. until 6 p.m., Monday through Friday and 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. Saturday. The internet/video room closes one-half hour earlier than the library and is closed Saturdays from noon until 1 p.m. The library is located at 500 S. Main St.; the phone number is 264-2260; the Web site is www.howard-county.lib.tx.us.

Hollis McCright is the Howard County librarian.



May Graduations

• SouthWest Collegiate Institute for the Deaf and Howard College graduation is May 13. Call 264-5000 for more information.

• Forsan High School graduation is at 8 p.m. May 26 in the high school gymnasium. Call Forsan ISD at 457-2223.

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All submissions should contain a contact name and telephone number.

Photos are accepted. Submissions are due by

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Wedding, anniversary and engagement announcements with photos are published within three months of the event in the Big Spring Herald's weekend edition at no charge.

Birth announcements with or without photos are also published free of charge.

All photos submitted must be of good quality for reproduction purposes.

All articles are edited for style and content and must contain a connection to Big Spring and Howard County.

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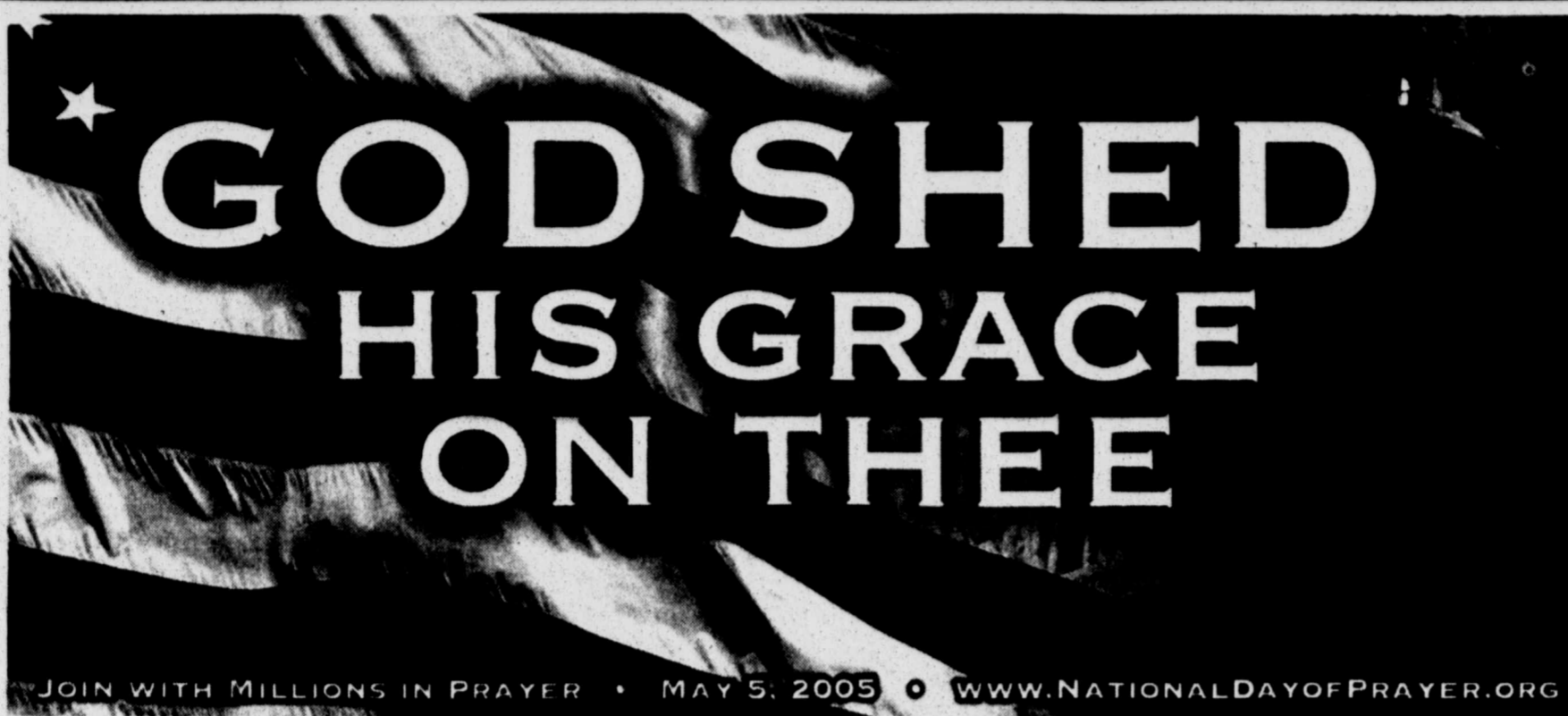
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The Big Country Club has announced a two-day tournament for May 14 and 15. The tournament cost \$130 per cart fee, but carts are welcome. A practice round will take place while registration begins at 10 a.m. on May 14 and starts at 8 a.m. on May 15. For more information, call 267-4...

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The BSISD department is offering the opportunity for an athletic practice for anyone in grades through 11 (11th grade). The physical can be taken through your athletic trainer or online at bsisd.esc18.net under school athletics and forms. Physicals will be taken at the Auditorium on May 21 at 10 a.m. for seventh graders, 10:15 a.m. for eighth graders, and for current high school students through grade 11. Physicals will end promptly at 4 p.m. for all.

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Coahoma announced that the sports banquet will take place on May 17 at the school cafeteria. Tickets for letes and parents are \$10 and they can be purchased at the school office or to tickets, call Coahoma High Office at 394-4432. Also, the Athletic Boosters would like to have a meeting for members on May 17. The meeting will take place at 8 p.m. at the school cafeteria.

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The Big Spring ball banquet will take place at 6 p.m. on Monday at the College Student Building's Cactus Room. Tickets cost \$10 and can be purchased at the Big Spring Athletic Center. The banquet purchase is for Thursday, May 19. For more information, call Jolene at 263-8527.

Local team paintball tou...

A local paintball team will be competing in a tournament on Saturday. There will be prizes for first place. For more information, call 263-4300 or 81...

IN BRIEF

Big Spring Country Club announces couples tournament

The Big Spring Country Club has set up a two-day two-person couples scramble for May 14 and 15.

The tournament will cost \$130 per team plus cart fee, but private carts are welcome.

A practice round will take place May 13, while registration begins at 11:30 a.m. May 14 and a shotgun start begins at 1 p.m.

For more information, call 267-5354.

BSISD has set up chance to get athletic physicals

The BSISD athletic department is offering the opportunity to get an athletic physical for anyone in grades six through 11 (7-12 next year).

The physical form can be obtained through your coach, athletic trainer or online at bsisd.esc18.net (look under schools, BSHS, athletics and athletic forms).

Physicals will be given at the BSHS Auditorium Saturday, May 21 at 10 a.m. for seventh graders (current sixth graders), 10:15 a.m. for ninth graders (current eighth graders) and 10:30 a.m. for current high school students through 11th grade. Physicals will end promptly at 11:30 a.m. for all.

Coahoma announces all-sports banquet

Coahoma has announced that its all-sports banquet will take place Tuesday, May 17, at the high school cafeteria.

Tickets for non-athletes and parents are \$7 and they can be purchased that night.

For more information or to purchase tickets, call the Coahoma High School Office at 394-4536.

Also, the Coahoma Athletic Booster Club would like to announce a meeting to elect members for next year.

The meeting will take place Wednesday at 8 p.m. at the high school cafeteria.

Big Spring baseball banquet announced

The Big Spring baseball banquet will take place at 6:30 p.m. Monday at the Howard College Student Union Building's (SUB) Cactus Room.

Tickets cost \$10 each and can be purchased at the Big Spring Athletic Training Center. The deadline to purchase tickets is Thursday.

For more information, call John Sparks at 263-8527.

Local team to host paintball tournament

A local paintball team will be hosting a tournament at 12 noon Saturday.

There will be a cash prize for first place. For more information or to enter a team, call 263-4300 or 816-9423.

Disc golfers find success in Big Spring tourney

Special to the Herald

The West Texas Disc Golf Championships were held the weekend of April 23-24 at Comanche Trail Park in Big Spring. Fifty-eight players, ranging in age from 12-61, competed. The disc golfers came from El Paso, Alpine, Fort Stockton, Odessa, Lubbock, Amarillo, Austin, Coahoma and Big Spring.

Excellent West Texas

weather welcomed the players Saturday with wind at 10-25 miles per hour and a high temperature of 72 degrees. Sunday was a different story. Rain, lightning and a short hail storm suspended play for about 10 minutes.

The new 27-hole layout drew raves and moans. The temporary "Lake 9" complimented the permanent 18 holes and seemed to separate the pretenders

from the contenders.

Winning the Open Division was Marcus Roberts of Lubbock. The Masters Division was won by Vicente Trujillo of Lubbock.

Advanced Division winner Alex Bachicha traveled from El Paso. Ozzie Baiza of Fort Stockton took the Amateur title and Mike Munoz of Lubbock won the Novice Division.

Big Spring's Suraj Patel

and Cameron Hughey tied for first in the Junior Division, with Patel winning the tie breaker (rock-paper-scissors).

Sherry Logan of Lubbock took home the first place Woman's trophy.

Complete results are available at www.innerpole.com.

Novice players Mike Munoz and Odessa's Joseph King each recorded a hole-in-one during

the tournament.

The tournament was hosted by Innerpole, the Big Spring disc golf association. Greg Brooks served as tournament director. Sponsors included:

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Local club volleyball team wins SURVA title

Special to the Herald

West Texas Junior's 18s volleyball team placed first in the Silver Division at the Sun Country Region Volleyball Association (SURVA) Championship held in Amarillo April 30-May 1st, qualifying them for Nationals in the USA Junior Olympic Volleyball program.

The team, WTJ 10 G's, comprised of volleyball athletes from area schools, including two from Big Spring — senior Shannon Higgins and junior Brenn Swinney.

The team competed in tournaments this year in Dallas, Lubbock,



The West Texas Juniors 18s volleyball team placed first in the silver division at the Sun Country Region Volleyball Association (SURVA) championship held in Amarillo April 30-May 1. Front row, from left: Megan Hale of Midland High School, Brenn Swinney of Big Spring and MacKenzie Willis of Andrews. Back: Lauren Hinojos of Midland High School, Shannon Higgins of Big Spring, Kelsee Eckhart of Midland Lee High School and Coach Jason McAden of Snyder.

Amarillo and Midland prior to the regionals this year and were ranked fifth in the SURVA region, which included Texas from the panhandle

west and all of New Mexico.

Participating athletes for the 10 Gs during the season included girls from Odessa High,

Midland Christian, Midland Lee, Midland High, Andrews High and Big Spring. They were coached by Jason McAden of Snyder.

Takin' charge

• Pistons, Sonics advance to second round, Pacers put Celtics on brink

By LARRY LAGE

AP Sports Writer AUBURN HILLS, Mich. (AP) — Confetti fluttered, music blared — and the Detroit Pistons ignored it.

After eliminating the Philadelphia 76ers with an 88-78 victory Tuesday night in Game 5 of their first-round series, the defending NBA champions embraced their opponents and walked off the court expressionless.

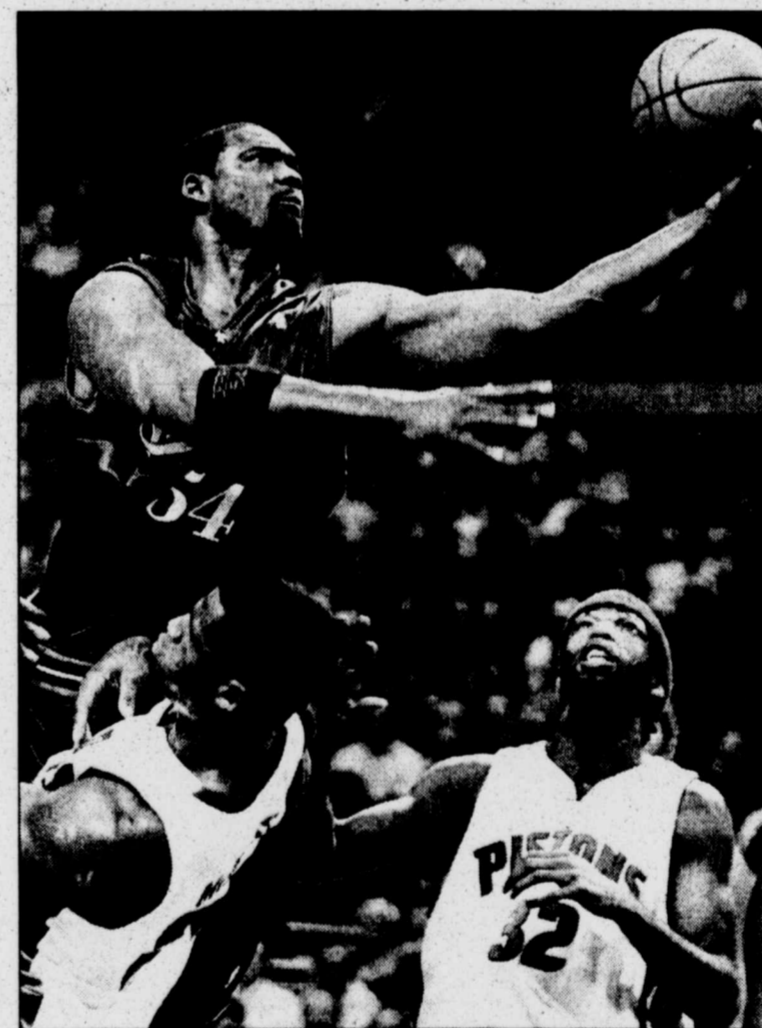
"We didn't do anything that we didn't expect to do," said Chauncey Billups, who scored 23 points. "Yeah, we're happy to win. But we're a long way away from what we're trying to accomplish."

The Pistons will play next against the winner of the Indiana-Boston series, which the Pacers lead 3-2 following a 90-85 victory Tuesday night. Also advancing to the second round were the Seattle SuperSonics, who eliminated the Sacramento Kings 122-118 to win that series 4-1.

On Wednesday night, it's Washington at Chicago and Denver at San Antonio. The Wizards and Bulls are tied 2-2, while the Spurs lead the Nuggets 3-1.

Against the Sixers, Detroit was at its best when it mattered most. Richard Hamilton scored 10 of his 23 points in the final quarter as the Pistons followed three lackluster quarters with a dominant fourth.

"We just didn't want to



PHILADELPHIA'S Rodney Rodgers gets the charge from Detroit's Antonio McDyess during Game 5 of their Eastern Conference playoff series in Auburn Hills, Mich., Tuesday.

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Baserunners help Young against A's

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) — The more baserunners he allowed, the better Chris Young pitched.

Young escaped several jams Tuesday night, leading the Texas Rangers to a 6-1 victory over the Oakland Athletics.

"I struggled until I got into trouble and then I found the pitches to make," Young said. "I was mixing my pitches better. I felt that (having runners on) was the only time I pitched well."

Young (3-2) allowed seven hits but did not give up a run in 5 2-3 innings to earn his third win in his last four starts. He walked three and struck out three, throwing a season-high 112 pitches.

"Chris bent but he didn't break," Rangers manager Buck Showalter said. "And the bullpen did a real nice job."

Alfonso Soriano and Rod Barajas each drove in two runs for the Rangers, who beat the A's for the second straight day and the eighth time in 11 meetings.

They will attempt to complete their first series sweep of the season on Wednesday.

Erubiel Durazo homered and Eric Chavez had two hits for Oakland in the Athletics' second straight loss.

Soriano, moved out of the leadoff spot Friday against Boston, had two hits in his previous 21 at-bats before singling in two runs during a five-run sixth.

"I was going to wait until I got a pitch in my zone," Soriano said. "I just wanted to put the ball in play somewhere. I got a pitch over the middle on the first pitch and went after it."

Young left after giving up a two-out hit to Eric Byrnes that loaded the bases in the sixth. Nick Regilio got Adam Melhuse on a comebacker to end the threat.

"The last time I came in to pitch, I had runners on first and second and didn't get the job done," Regilio said. "That bothered me a lot. I don't like giving up the starter's runs. This time I just tried to keep the ball down and he rolled over it."

Ron Mahay — who allowed Durazo's homer — Doug Brocail and Brian Shouse each pitched an inning to finish off the A's.

Oakland starter Kirk Saarloos (1-2) took a no-hitter into the fifth inning, retiring the first nine batters he faced, and left after giving up four runs on three hits and

four walks in five-plus innings.

"I don't see much encouraging, I just see a loss," Saarloos said. "Eventually they got me."

Saarloos, 0-2 with a 7.58 ERA at home, walked Hank Blalock to load the bases with no outs in the sixth.

Justin Duchschere replaced Saarloos and allowed Soriano's single on his first pitch. Duchschere later hit Richard

Hidalgo with the bases loaded to force in a run. Gary Matthews and Barajas also drove in runs.

Barajas also doubled in a run in the fifth.

Durazo led off the eighth with his third home run of the season, just the second in nine games for the A's and their fifth at home.

The girls' Hot Shots team placed third in the tournament out of 16 teams in the sixth grade division. This team had five sixth graders, four fifth graders, and three fourth graders on the team.

The girls played four games over the weekend and the first was against Georgetown Hot Shots.

Forsan grabbed the momentum from the opening tip and never looked back. The other team ran into troubles with the full court press, as well. The defense was outstanding from all eleven girls. Morgan Harbour, Madison Churchwell and Larissa Dyke's defense during their time on the court was a big asset to the team.

Forsan wound up beating Georgetown 27-19.

The girl's next opponent Saturday was Hutto Hoops. This game was the best game the girls played in the tournament. Miranda led the team with 21 points. The score was 31-29.

Forsan did not have much luck in the semifinal game as the pressure of winning began to mount. The Hot Shots took on the host team from Georgetown — the Lady Dribblers — and lost.

Forsan played the Lady Diamonds for third place Sunday night. Forsan trailed by eight points at halftime, but caught fire in the second half and turned things around.

The game got intense with around four minutes to go. The game was eventually decided at the free throw as a late toss the foul line sent Forsan to the win and the third place finish.

The Hot Shots survived a foul with three seconds to go on the clock. All

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let this game slip away," Hamilton said. "The fourth quarter we always say is our quarter."

Detroit trailed for much of the game, but went ahead 62-61 when Tayshaun Prince made the first basket of the fourth quarter. An 8-0 run gave the Pistons an 80-69 lead with 4:48 left.

Prince had 14 points, playing 45 minutes on a sprained right ankle. Ben Wallace added 11 points, 13 rebounds and a blocked shot, giving him a franchise-record 147 career playoff blocks.

Allen Iverson scored 34 points, playing the last 10:56 after hurting his right ankle.

Iverson landed awkwardly after missing a shot and was crumpled on the court before being helped to the bench. He had his right ankle taped and was quickly back in the game.

"I admire what he did," said Pistons coach Larry Brown, who coached Iverson for six seasons in Philadelphia before leaving for Detroit two years ago. "It was very courageous."

Iverson also went down hard after his shot was blocked from behind midway through the second quarter.

"I came out of the war beat up, but I feel like we competed," Iverson said.

Philadelphia's Chris Webber scored just 11 points, and Samuel Dalembert had eight points in the first quarter, but didn't score again until late in the game, finishing with 11 points. Andre Iguodala added

nine points and nine rebounds.

Kyle Korver had just three points in 17 minutes, none in the fourth quarter. He averaged 11.5 points during the season, but averaged just five in the series.

The Sixers started three playoff neophytes — Dalembert, Iguodala and Korver — while Detroit returned all five starters from last season.

Philadelphia started with a nothing-to-lose mentality while the Pistons came out passive, perhaps knowing they had to win only once in three games to advance. When Detroit did play with more intensity, it was often out of sync on offense during the first three quarters.

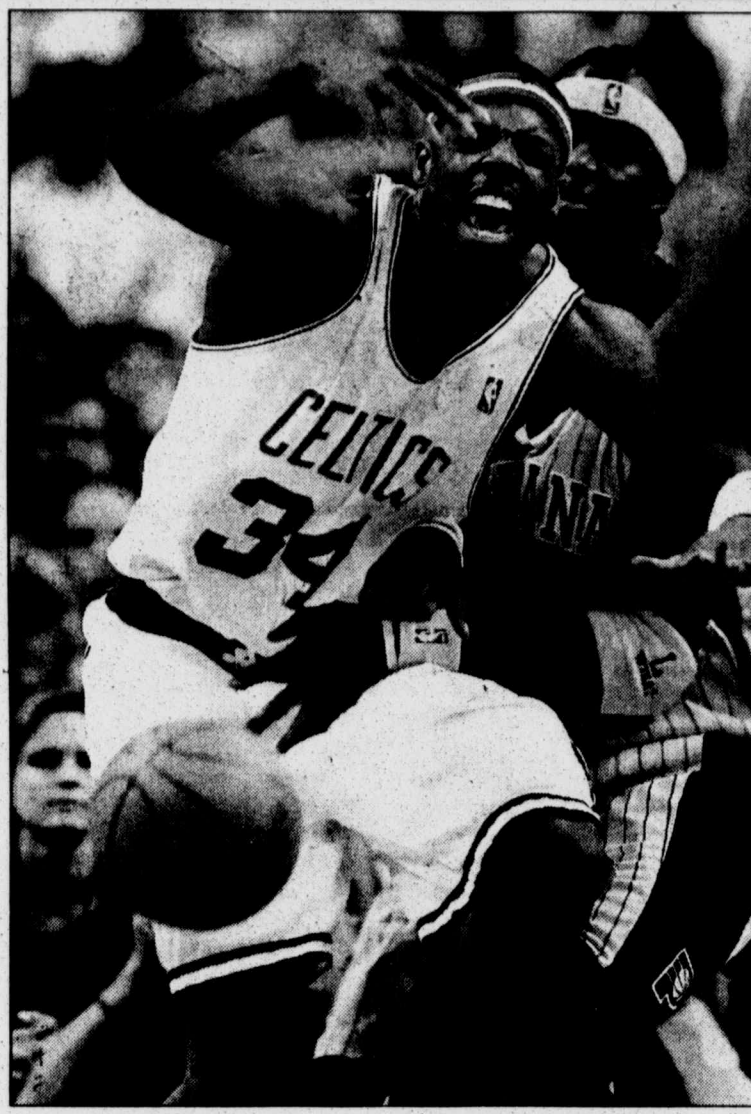
SuperSonics 122, Kings 118

At Seattle, Ray Allen scored 30 points and Rashard Lewis added 10 of his 24 in the fourth quarter as the Sonics advanced in the playoffs for the first time since 1998. They'll meet the survivor of the San Antonio-Denver series.

Allen, coming off a 45-point performance in Game 4, was smothered by double teams all night, but the Sonics supported him with a solid team effort reflected by seven players scoring in double figures.

Reserve forward Nick Collison had 15 points and nine rebounds, Antonio Daniels scored 14, Jerome James added 11 points and six rebounds and Reggie Evans and Luke Ridnour each scored 10.

The Kings hadn't exited in the first round since 2000, when they lost a decisive fifth game to the



KRT photo/Matt Kryger, Indianapolis Star
Indiana's Jermaine O'Neal strips the ball away from Boston's Paul Pierce in the first quarter of Game 5 of their NBA playoff series at the FleetCenter in Boston, Mass., Tuesday. Indiana won the road game and now is one game away from advancing to the second round.

Lakers. Peja Stojakovic had 38 points and Mike Bibby 35, but Stojakovic missed his first six shots of the fourth quarter when the Kings needed him most.

Pacers 90, Celtics 85

At Boston, Jermaine O'Neal scored 19 points and Stephen Jackson hit a big 3-pointer that helped hold off a Celtics comeback.

Boston whittled a 15-point, third-quarter deficit to two after Paul Pierce's 3-pointer made it 80-78 with 4:26 left. A bas-

ket by O'Neal made it 82-78 before Pierce sank a jumper. Then Jackson scored the last of his 15 points on a 3-pointer with 2:38 remaining for an 85-80 edge.

Pierce and Dale Davis traded free throws and Marcus Banks cut the lead to 86-83 with a layup with 28 seconds remaining, but the Pacers got the last four points on two free throws each by Anthony Johnson and Reggie Miller.

Indiana has a chance to win the series Thursday night.

Astros continue to struggle, lose to Pittsburgh late

HOUSTON (AP) — Craig Wilson ended a long slump — at the Houston Astros' expense.

Wilson was 4-for-4 with a tiebreaking, eighth-inning single in the Pittsburgh Pirates' 7-4 victory over the Astros on Tuesday night.

"Craig has started coming on. He's looked good in batting practice and now he's carried it over into a game," Pittsburgh manager Lloyd McClendon said.

Wilson entered the game 10-for-51.

"I don't think I've been as bad as the numbers show, I just got off to a bad start. It felt good to finally hit a ball hard," Wilson said.

He had difficulty explaining his history as streaky hitter.

"If I had an explanation I would shorten the streaks and drink the potion and bottle it," Wilson said. "The only difference is when your hitting good the ball seems to find a hole and when your going bad those plays are made."

With the score 4-11, singles by Rob Mackowiak and Jason Bay and a walk to Daryle Ward loaded the bases with no outs for Wilson, who singled to left off Chad Qualls (1-3). Bobby Hill followed with a two-run double.

"We just had a few bad hops, but that's baseball. It could have gone either way," Qualls said. "I felt

real strong. I felt as good as I have ever felt."

Rick White (1-2) pitched 1 2-3 scoreless innings, and Jose Mesa worked the ninth for his ninth save in nine chances. Mesa has saved every win by the Pirates (9-16), who outthit Houston 14-11 and stopped a four-game losing streak.

Ezequiel Astacio made his major league debut for Houston, which had won three in a row, and gave up four runs and seven hits in six innings. The 25-year-old right-hander struck out six and walked one with a balk and a wild pitch.

"The first inning I felt pretty nervous, but after that I got in a groove and I felt good," Astacio said. "It wasn't an excellent outing, but I know that I'm going to improve."

Pittsburgh starter Kip Wells gave up four runs — three earned — and nine hits in six innings.

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three shots by the Lady Diamonds either fell short or fell off the rim. However, the Lady Diamonds got an offensive rebound on the final miss, but couldn't get the shot to go down as the Hot Shots cleared the rebound as time expired.

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	WFAA (2) Dallas	KMID (3) Midland	UNI (4) Spanish	KPEJ (5) Odessa	KOSA (7) Odessa	KTLE (8) Telemundo	KWES (9) Midland	WTBS (11) Atlanta	KMLM (12) Odessa	KOCV (13) Odessa	DISC (20) Discovery	AMC (21) Classics	SPIKE (22) Spike TV	TNT (23) Atlanta	BET (26) Black Ent.	DISN (27) Disney	ESPN2 (28)	ESPN (29) Sports	TMC (250) Premium
6 PM	News (CC)	News Wheel-Fortune	Inocente de Ti	King of the Hill Raymond	News Ent. Tonight	Amarie Asi	News Seinfeld (CC)	Raymond Raymond	Sam Peak John Hagee	News-Lehrer	American Chopper		CSI: Crime Scene Invstgrn (CC) (DVS)	Law & Order (CC)	Live Music Special	That's-Raven That's-Raven	Stump-Schwab Stump-Schwab	MLB Baseball: Teams to Be Announced (CC)	
7 PM	Lost (CC)	Lost (CC)	Apuesta por un Amor	70s Show 70s Show	Dr. Phil Escap	La Mujer en el Espejo	Daleline NBC (CC)	Friends (CC)	Update/Israel Biblical Israel	Roadshow FYI Cooking-Fire	It Takes a Thief	Movie: Nevada Smith	CSI: Crime Scene Invstgrn (CC)	NBA Basketball	The Parkers Girlfriends	Movie: Buffalo Dreams (CC)	2003 World Series of Poker	2003 World Series of Poker	Barbershop 2: Back in Business
8 PM	Alias (CC)	Alias (CC)	La Madrastra	American Idol Life on a Stick	King Yes, Dear	Los Plateados	Revelations (CC)	Friends (CC)	Light of the Southwest	Movie: Sometimes in April	MythBusters (CC)	Movie: The Hunt for Red October (CC)	Playoffs-- NBA	Coming to the Stage					
9 PM	Eyes (CC)	Eyes (CC)	Don Francisco Presenta	70s Show Malcolm-Mid	CSI: NY (CC)	La Ley del Silencio	Law & Order (CC)	Sex and-City Friends (CC)			Iceland Tunnets (CC)	45 Movie: It Takes a Thief	Winchester 73	Most Amazing	Club Comic View	Sister, Sister Even Stevens	MLB Baseball: Teams to Be Announced (CC)	Baseball: Tonight (CC)	Movie: Glory (CC)
10 PM	News (CC) Nightline	News Nightline	Primer Impacto Noticiero Univ.	70s Show Raymond	News Late Show	Noticias Laura	News Tonight Show	10 Movie: Dave (CC)	The Hour of Healing		It Takes a Thief		Teams TBA	Nightly News Music Special	That's-Raven That's-Raven		SportsCenter (CC)		
11 PM	Ent. Tonight Jimmy Kimmel Live (CC)	Jimmy Kimmel Live (CC)	La Hora	Becker (CC) Derbez	Letterman Late Late	Al Rojo Vivo-Maria Celeste Programa	Late Night-Frasier (CC)		N McBride Joseph Good	Sign Off	MythBusters (CC)	45 Movie: Nevada Smith	Videos Real TV	Teams TBA (CC)	Midnight Love	Proud Family Kim Possible		Outside-Lines Baseball	05 Movie: Extramarital
12 AM	Live (CC) News (CC)	Extra (CC) Paid Program	Alma Rebelde	Spin City Roseanne	Show The Insider			The Distinguished	Update/Israel Van Impe Pres		Iceland Tunnets (CC)	Blind Date	Inside the NBA (CC)	Club Comic View	Lizzie McGuire Braceface	Billiards	SportsCenter (CC)	35 Movie:	

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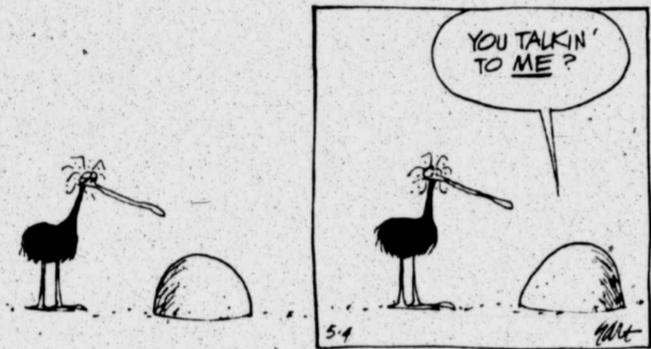
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This Date In History

By The Associated Press

Today is Wednesday, May 4, the 124th day of 2005. There are 241 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On May 4, 1945, during World War II, German forces in the Netherlands, Denmark and northwest Germany agreed to surrender.

On this date:
In 1626, Dutch explorer Peter Minuit landed on present-day Manhattan Island.

In 1886, at Haymarket Square in Chicago, a labor demonstration for an eight-hour work day turned into a riot when a bomb exploded.

In 1904, the United States began building the Panama Canal.

In 1927, the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and

Sciences was founded.

In 1932, mobster Al Capone, convicted of income-tax evasion, entered the federal penitentiary in Atlanta.

In 1942, the Battle of the Coral Sea, the first naval clash fought entirely with carrier aircraft, began during World War II.

In 1961, a group of "Freedom Riders" left Washington for New Orleans to challenge racial segregation in interstate buses and bus terminals.

In 1970, Ohio National Guardsmen opened fire on anti-war protesters at Kent State University, killing four students and wounding nine others.

In 1980, Marshal Josip Broz Tito, president of Yugoslavia, died three days before his 88th birthday.

In 1994, Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin and PLO leader Yasser Arafat signed a historic accord on Palestinian autonomy that granted self-rule in the Gaza Strip and Jericho.

Ten years ago: An Iranian nuclear official said spent

fuel from Iran's Russian-made reactors, potential raw material for nuclear bombs, would be returned to Russia for safeguarding.

Today's Birthdays: The president of Egypt, Hosni Mubarak, is 77. Jazz musician Maynard Ferguson is 77. Opera singer Roberta Peters is 75. Jazz musician Ron Carter is 68. Rock musician Dick Dale is 68. Singer-songwriter Nick Ashford is 63. Actor Paul Gleason is 61. Pop singer Peggy Santiglia (The Angels) is 61. Country singer Stella Parton is 56. Actor-turned-clergyman Hilly Hicks is 55. Country singer Randy Travis is 46.

Answer to previous puzzle

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Newsday Crossword

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ACROSS

- 1 Fierce felines
- 6 Tater
- 10 Open-mouthed
- 14 Missouri's Mountains
- 15 Comfort
- 16 Hughes, for DiCaprio
- 17 Embarrassing details
- 19 Shade of red
- 20 Solitary
- 21 Richard Burton's birthplace
- 22 Apache leader
- 26 Con game
- 28 Sum
- 29 Mariachi gigs
- 31 Ms. Midler
- 32 Work on the mound
- 33 Sri Lanka crop
- 35 Contract reps.
- 36 Lends an ear
- 37 Moby Dick's pursuer
- 38 Southeast Asian language
- 39 Sum symbol, in math
- 40 Microscopic organism
- 41 Green veggie
- 43 Whole bunch
- 44 Elegance
- 45 Informal inspection
- 46 Not trustworthy
- 48 Dangerous precipitation
- 49 German "a"
- 50 From the heart

DOWN

- 9 Reading room
- 10 Unmitigated
- 11 Daydreams
- 12 "Anything ___?"
- 13 Poor grades
- 18 Came in second
- 21 Fond desire
- 22 Group of plotters
- 23 Last Greek letters
- 24 Carnival treat
- 25 Shanties
- 26 Alaska town
- 27 Gumshoes
- 29 Terra
- 30 Navy engineer
- 32 Alerts by beeper
- 34 Degrade
- 36 Haunches