



Tax bill would bring in estimated \$1 billion for state over two years

By BRANDI GRISSOM

Associated Press Writer

AUSTIN (AP) — Texans may need only one license plate on their vehicles, shell out more to register most of them and pay more in some areas to drive them. But they won't likely be playing lotto online.

Wednesday, lawmakers gave tentative approval to a bill sponsored by Rep. Jim Pitts, R-Waxahachie, that he said might generate as much as \$1 billion over the next two years for the state's portion of Texas' \$139 billion budget.

"Thank you for letting me cele-

GOING UP:

- cigarettes
- vehicle registration
- gasoline

brate Christmas today and for helping me decorate my Christmas tree," said Pitts, chairman of the budget-writing Appropriation Committee to lawmakers who added a number of measures that increased the revenue generated by

the bill from \$300 million to \$1 billion before they gave it tentative approval.

The bill is meant to help lawmakers balance the state's budget needs, including adding \$3 billion to the \$30 billion K-12 public education system.

Pitts said he hoped it would give lawmakers in conference committee more wiggle room as they attempt to mesh the House and Senate budget plans. Senate Finance Committee Chairman Steve Ogden, R-Bryan, is working

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Infonet could be set to go very soon

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

The Channel 17 "Infonet" could be up and running as soon as the first part of June, according to Moore Development Executive Director Kent Sharp, who updated the economic development corporation's board of directors on progress made with the city's public access channel Wednesday.

The channel, which will serve as an outlet for several area agencies to get information out to the public, has been operational since Cox Communications turned it over to the city, part of a franchise agreement between the city and the communications giant.

Thanks to new software and hardware recently purchased by Moore Development for the city-run channel, however, area viewers can expect to see some rather drastic changes for the better.

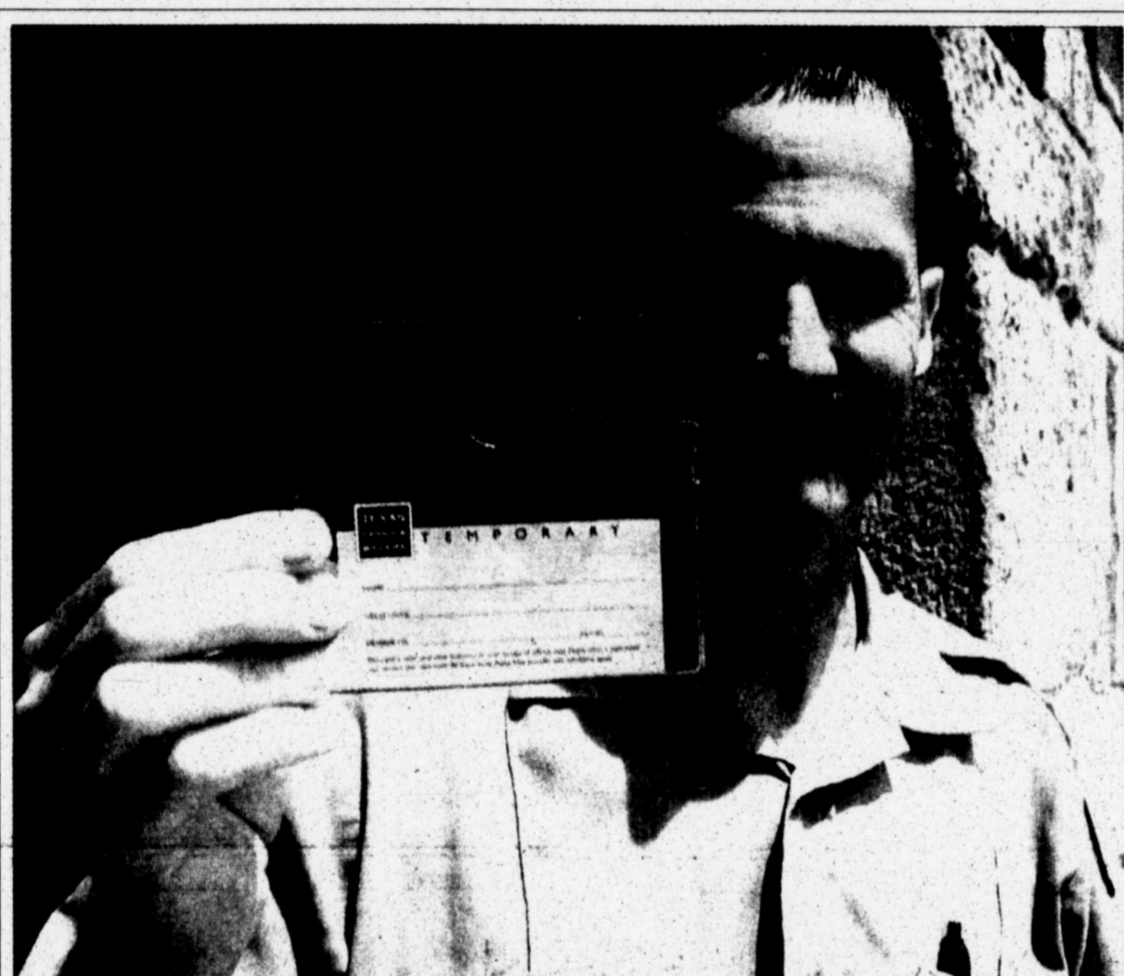
According to Sharp, local residents will be getting their own Big Spring News Network made up of a collaboration of local entities consisting of the city of Big Spring, Howard County, Howard College, Big Spring Independent School District, the Workforce Network and Moore Development.

Sharp said the city employees who will be in charge of the new system, which integrates computer and broadcast components into one program,

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Sharp



HERALD photo/Debbie L. Jensen
Big Spring State Park Superintendent Ron Alton holds the temporary Texas State Parks pass that is issued to buyers until a pass printed with their name is sent from Austin. The \$60 annual pass is available for purchase at the headquarters building at the local park.

Annual passes assist Big Spring State Park

By DEBBIE L. JENSEN

Herald Correspondent

Big Spring State Park is looking for a few good citizens.

If you want to see more of the great Texas landscape while supporting a local landmark, consider buying a Texas State Parks Pass locally.

Ron Alton, superintendent of Big Spring State Park, said the park has a

goal to sell 125 of the passes by the end of 2005. Meeting that goal not only qualifies the park to earn some much-needed equipment for maintenance, but it also shows the powers-that-be that support for the hometown attraction is alive and well.

"We've been issued a target number," explained Alton. "We met it last year,

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England's guilty plea tossed by judge

By T.A. BADGER

Associated Press Writer

FORT HOOD — Pvt. Charles Graner Jr. was brought here to help Pfc. Lynndie England get a light prison term for her role in the Abu Ghraib abuse scandal, but his appearance on the witness stand seems to have backfired.

A military judge Wednesday

tossed out England's guilty plea to mistreating Iraqi detainees at Abu Ghraib after sentencing testimony from Graner contradicted her assertion that she knew posing for some of the most notorious photos from the 2003 scandal was wrong when she did it.

The discarded deal marks a surprising turn in the case and sends it back to Fort Hood's com-

mander, Lt. Gen. Thomas Metz, who will decide what charges, if any, England should face.

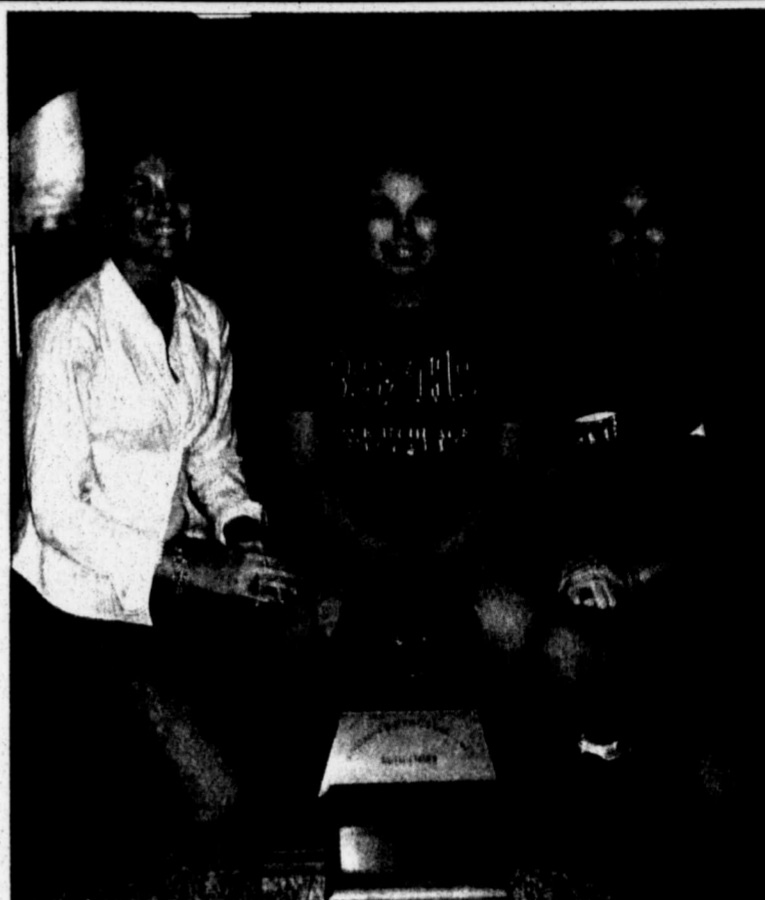
If she is charged, the case would go back to a military equivalent of a grand jury proceeding, prosecution spokesman Capt. Cullen Sheppard said.

The military judge, Col. James Pohl, entered a plea of not guilty for England on a charge of con-

spiring with Graner, the reputed abuse ringleader, to maltreat detainees at the Baghdad-area prison.

The mistrial came after Graner, testifying for the defense, said pictures he took of England holding a naked, hooded prisoner on a leash at Abu

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HERALD photo/Steve Reagan
From left, Big Spring High School Band drum majors Meredith Fillingim, Julie Cadenhead and Kristin Richard show off the Sweepstakes Award recently won by the band at University Interscholastic competition.

Joyful sounds

Award-winning BSHS bands prepare for annual Spring Concert

By STEVE REAGAN

Staff Writer

The Big Spring High School Band program will cap another successful year when it presents its annual Spring Concert May 17.

The concert, which will feature all three high school bands, begins at 5 p.m. in the high school auditorium, said Band Director Rocky Harris.

The three-hour concert will serve as the *coda* for a school year that saw the high school varsity band win its second straight Sweepstakes award in University Interscholastic League competition.

A band earns Sweepstakes honors if it earns a Division I rating (the



Harris

highest possible) in marching, concert and sight-reading competitions during the course of the school year, Harris said.

Winning the Sweepstakes award was remarkable enough, but winning it for the second year in a row made the achievement even sweeter, Harris said.

"I'm just so proud that we won it in consecutive years," Harris said. "That's the first time it's been done here in a long, long time."

The varsity band

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DOG SHOW ARRIVES

The Big Spring and San Angelo kennel clubs have combined forces for a four-day dog show marathon beginning today 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 today 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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Obituaries

Eula 'Moe' Cauble



Eula "Moe" Cauble, 76, of Big Spring died Tuesday, May 3, 2005, at her residence. Graveside funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Friday, May 6, 2005, at Mount Olive Memorial Park with the Rev. Lynn Robertson, associate pastor of First Church of the Nazarene, officiating.

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

She was born Nov. 15, 1928, in Kaufman and married Richard Cauble, Sept. 2, 1948, in Big Spring.

Mrs. Cauble came to Big Spring in 1941 with her family. She graduated from Big Spring High School. She was a homemaker and managed Mrs. Baird's Bread Store for a number of years at 1700 Scurry St.

She was a member of East Fourth Baptist Church.

Survivors include her husband, Richard Cauble of Big Spring; one daughter and son-in-law, Judy and Steve Westbrook of Big Spring; one son and daughter-in-law, Ricky and Trisha Cauble of Midland; two sisters, Irene Kizer of Parker, Colo., and Mercille Adams of Lubbock; four grandchildren, Richie Saint of Colorado Springs, Colo.; Misti Hernandez of Midland, Trey Cauble of Big Spring and Jimmy Saint of the U.S. Marine Corps, Iraq.

She was preceded in death by her parents and one sister.

The family suggests memorials be made to the Shriner's Crippled Children's Home, 610 Texas Ave., Galveston, 77550 or the Troy Hogue Memorial Scholarship Fund, in care of Jan Foresyth, Howard College, 1001 Birdwell Lane, Big Spring 79720.

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

Paid obituary

J.D. Adams

J.D. Adams, 66, a commercial real estate property manager, died May 1, 2005, at his residence in Addison.

He was born Feb. 24, 1939, in Amarillo. He was the son of Leoland Edwards and Juanita Cain. He was a member of the First Baptist Church of Dallas.

Family visitation was today, May 5, 2005, at Denton Funeral Home in Denton. A service followed at 3 p.m. in the chapel of Denton Funeral Home. The Rev. Rick Lemons officiated. Burial followed in Belew Cemetery in Aubrey.

He is survived by his daughter, Debra Adams of Rockwall.

Arrangements were under the direction of Denton Funeral Home.

Paid obituary

H. Marie Walls

H. Marie Walls, 67, of Snyder, formerly of Forsan, died Wednesday, May 4, 2005, in a Snyder hospital. Graveside funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Friday, May 6, 2005, at the Trinity Memorial Park Peace Chapel with the Rev. Jeff Janca, pastor of Forsan Baptist Church, officiating.

She was born on June 11, 1937, in Monahans and married T.J. Walls, June 26, 1955, in San Antonio. He preceded her in death April 29, 2001.

Mrs. Walls moved to Forsan in the late 1950s and lived there until moving to Snyder a year ago. She was a housewife and enjoyed fishing and all sports. Marie was a good wife, mother, grandmother and friend. She was a member of Forsan Baptist Church.

Survivors include a son and daughter-in-law, Randy and Mary Walls of Carrollton; a daughter and son-in-law, Teresa and Shawn Ragland of Snyder; four grandchildren, Annie Martin and husband, Brandon of Edmond, Okla., Terann Ragland of Snyder and Abbi Walls and Alex Walls, both of Carrollton; and one great-grandchild, Tyler Martin of Edmond, Okla.

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

The family suggests memorials be made to Odyssey Hospice, 1003 E. FM 700, Big Spring 79720.

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

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Take note

• 118th DISTRICT COURT JURY DUTY IN GLASSCOCK COUNTY ON MONDAY IS CANCELED.

• CRISS'S CROSSES FOR SALE from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. Friday and Saturday at the east door or Walmart as a Home Hospice Halos Relay For Life team fund-raiser. Call 267-2015 for more information.

• CAUBLE SCHOOL REUNION is set for 11:30 a.m. Saturday at the Spanish Inn Restaurant.

Lottery

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Wednesday night:
Winning numbers drawn: 7-9-10-27-36
Number matching five of five: 0.
Matching four of five: 91. Prize: \$545.
Matching three of five: 3,712. Prize: \$9.
Matching two of five: 38,493. Prize: \$2.
Next Cash 5 drawing: Thursday night.

The winning numbers drawn in the Lotto Texas drawing Wednesday night:
10-13-28-30-44. Bonus Ball: 9.
(ten, thirteen, twenty-eight, thirty, forty-four. Bonus Ball: nine.)

Estimated jackpot: \$52 million.
Next Lotto Texas game: Saturday night.

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Wednesday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 7-9-5

P.O. Rios Jr.



P.O. Rios Jr., 62, of Big Spring, died Tuesday, May 3, 2005, at his home. A prayer service is 7 p.m. today at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral services are 10 a.m. Friday, May 6, 2005, at Myers & Smith Chapel with Carlos Payen, minister of 11th & Birdwell Church of Christ, officiating. Burial will be in Trinity Memorial Park.

He was born Nov. 2, 1942, in Brady. He married Natividad DeLaRosa Aug. 24, 1974, in Big Spring. He had lived in Big Spring since 1945 and was a member of the Birdwell Lane Church of Christ. He had farmed in Howard County, until he retired in 2002.

He is survived by his wife, Natividad Rios of Big Spring; three sons, Porfirio Rios III and Domingo Rios, both of Big Spring and Robert Rios of Austin; two brothers, Luis and Joe Rios, both of Big Spring; four sisters, Manuela Galindo of Big Spring, Olivia Escovedo of Little Rock, Ark., Ophelia Bowen of Oklahoma City and Janie Acosta of Grant, Mich.; 18 grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Arrangements are under the direction of Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Online condolences can be made at www.mysersandsmith.com.

Carlus Benton Barber

Carlus Benton Barber, 65, of Mountain Grove, Mo., formerly of Big Spring, died April 29, 2005, in the Texas County Memorial Hospital in Houston, Mo. Graveside services were May 2, 2005, in the Vanzant Cemetery with the Rev. Glen Mowery officiating.

He was born Aug. 1, 1939, in Big Spring and grew up in Big Spring. He served as a missionary in several different countries.

He was preceded in death by his parents and one son, Rocky Wayne Barber.

He is survived by his wife, Lori Barber; seven sons, Samuel Barber, Michael Barber, Johnathan Barber, Wesley Barber, Cody Barber, William Barber and Seth Barber; five daughters, Eunice Bates, Laurie Ann, Elizabeth Barber, Latressa Barber and Rebecca Barber; five grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; and a host of other relatives and friends.

Arrangements were under the direction of Craig-Hurt-Bradley Funeral home in Mountain Grove.

Valentin Prado Gonzales

Valentin Prado Gonzales, 46, of Big Spring died Wednesday, May 5, 2005. Services are pending with Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Polly Rowan

Polly Rowan, 51, of Big Spring died Wednesday, May 5, 2005, at her home. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Milton C. Johnson

Milton C. Johnson, 78, of Big Spring died Wednesday, May 4, 2005, in a local hospital. His services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

Police blotter

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

• MARIA ESTER VIERA, 32, of 1907 S. Main Street, was arrested Wednesday on two local warrants.

• ROBERT RUBEN SANCHEZ, 40, of 1304 Colby, was arrested Wednesday on a charge of public intoxication.

• VENCENT ANTHONY OSSORIO, 17, of 1906 E. 11th Place, was arrested Wednesday on a charge of theft.

• CRYSTAL ROSE BAEZA, 17, of 704 San Jacinto, was arrested Wednesday on a charge of theft.

• THEFT was reported:
- in the 200 block of Marcy.
- in the 1700 block of FM 700.

• in the 2000 block of Gregg Street.
- in the 300 block of Owens.

• FORGERY OF A FINANCIAL INSTRUMENT was reported in the 500 block of Lamesa.

• CRIMINAL TRESPASS was reported in the 1700 block of FM 700.

• CRIMINAL MISCHIEF/FAMILY VIOLENCE was reported in the 500 block of Fifth Street.

• BURGLARY OF A HABITATION was reported in the 1000 block of Birdwell Lane.

Fire/EMS

The Big Spring Fire Department reported the following activity:

• MEDICAL was reported in the 600 block of Caylor at 7:28 a.m. Wednesday. One person was transported to SMMC.

• MEDICAL was reported in the 100 block of W. 19th Street at 10:45 a.m. Wednesday. Service was refused.

• MEDICAL was reported in the 700 block of W. FM 700 at 5:19 p.m. Wednesday. One person was transported to SMMC.

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TODAY

• Big Spring/Concho Kennel Club Dog Show. Contact Hazel Baker 432-394-4233 for more information.

• Kiwanis Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane. Call 267-6479.

• National Day of Prayer is set for 12:15 p.m. until 12:45 p.m. at the Dora Roberts Community Center.

• Business After Hours, sponsored by the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce, from 4:30 p.m. until 6 p.m. at First Big Spring Banking Center.

• Genealogy Society of Big Spring meets at 7 p.m. in the Howard County Library, 500 S. Main.

• Masonic Lodge No. 598 meets at 7:30 p.m. at 219 Main.

FRIDAY

• Big Spring/Concho Kennel Club Dog Show. Contact Hazel Baker 432-394-4233 for more information.

• Signal Mountain Quilting Guild meets from 9 a.m. until about 3 p.m. at St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 1001 Goliad. Call 267-1037 or 267-7281 for more information.

• AMBUCS meet at noon in La Posada Restaurant.

• Greater Big Spring Rotary meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.

• Cinco de Mayo Cinco de Mayo Celebration in the Heart of the City Park. Organized by League of United Latin American Citizens and West Texas Producer's and Farmers Market. Call Raul Marquez at 263-6351 for more information.

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

Weather

Tonight... Increasing clouds. Isolated showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the mid 50s. Southeast winds 15 to 20 mph.

Friday...Cloudy in the morning becoming partly cloudy in the afternoon. Isolated showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the lower 80s. South winds 15 to 20 mph. Friday night...Mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the upper 50s.

Saturday...Mostly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the lower 80s. Saturday night...Mostly cloudy with a 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the upper 50s.

Sunday...Decreasing clouds. Isolated showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the mid 80s. Sunday night...Partly cloudy. Lows around 60.

Monday...Partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 80s. Monday night...Mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the upper 50s.

Tuesday...Partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 80s.

Sheriff's report

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

• PAUL VIERA JR., 19, was transferred to the county jail Wednesday by the BSPD on charges of bondsman off bond for evading arrest or detention and bondsman off bond for failure to identify - intentionally giving false or fictitious information.

• CARLOS VEGA, 43, was arrested Wednesday by DPS on a charge of theft by check.

• JOHNNY OCHOA, 34, was arrested Wednesday by DPS on a charge of theft by check.

• JASON MAURICE THREATS, 27, was transferred to the county jail Wednesday by the BSPD on a charge of theft by exercising control.

• CODY JAMES NALL, 21, was arrested Wednesday by the HCSO for a capias pro fine and a charge of driving while intoxicated.

• AMANDA GAILE ROBERTSON PRICE, 23, was arrested Wednesday by the HCSO on charges of bondsman off bond for theft, failure to appear for theft by check, a bond forfeiture for theft by check, a bond forfeiture for theft and a charge of theft by check.

• CHAD WARREN, 25, was transferred to the county jail Wednesday by the BSPD on a motion to revoke probation for possession of marijuana - more than 4 ounces less than 5 pounds.

• FRANK BARTLETT JR., 25, was arrested Wednesday by DPS on a charge of no driver's license.

• THEFT was reported: in the 2900 block of Griffith and in the 2400 block of Granada.

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TEXAS BRIEFS

Police foil burglary at their own station

GALVESTON (AP) — Police arrested a Corpus Christi man they said they found walking down the hall of a police station carrying a Taser, a baton and an officer's cell phone.

William Ehlers, 25, faces a burglary charge, police said.

Officers first became suspicious when they walked into a Galveston police substation Wednesday night and found the door open to the community service office.

Seconds later, they got second surprise.

"They were discussing how to proceed when this man comes walking out of the training office, just down the hall," police Lt. Walter Braun said.

The man surrendered to the officers without incident, according to police reports.

"This is a building that our officers are walking into and out of 24-7, so we're not talking about anyone who's taking the NASA scientist to be a rocket scientist anytime soon," Braun said. "I mean, you're talking about a building with police cars parked all around it."

Lawmaker launches strike against obesity lawsuits

AUSTIN (AP) — It's not the fault of fast-food restaurants that Texans are getting biggie-sized, said Rep. Corbin Van Arsdale.

The Houston Republican is sponsoring a bill House members are to consider that would prevent Texans from suing restaurants or food manufacturers for obesity-related health problems. Debate on the bill was postponed from Wednesday to Thursday after House lawmakers spent more than five hours discussing a budget bill.

"If someone basically overeats or they're just not using self-discipline, that should not be the basis for going after a bunch of people with money," he said.

Only two such lawsuits have been filed in the nation, both in New York against McDonald's. The litigation set off a flurry of legislation. Bills to prevent such lawsuits have been adopted in 18 states and are pending in 16.

On the national level, U.S. Rep. Ric Keller, R-Fla., filed the Personal Responsibility in Food Consumption Act that would prevent people from suing restaurants and food sellers for obesity-related problems.

Men jailed on charges of threatening CPS workers

TYLER (AP) — Two fathers remained jailed Wednesday on charges of threatening to kill Child Protective Services caseworkers who sought to remove their children from their homes.

The men, Jermaine Ray Gordy, 29, and Narciso Leija, 24, were accused in separate cases of retaliating against caseworkers by threatening to shoot them to death. Gordy was indicted last week, and prosecutors planned to present Leija's case to a grand jury Thursday.

First Assistant District Attorney Brett Harrison said the cases were "eerily similar" to the case of David Hernandez Arroyo Sr., who opened fire outside of the Smith County Courthouse in February after a dispute over child support and custody, killing his ex-wife and a civilian who confronted him.

"They both involve family law matters, they both involve a disgruntled father who took out his anger at the justice system through violence, or in these cases, threats of violence," Harrison told The Associated Press Wednesday.

Harrison said Leija referenced the courthouse shooting case during a meeting with a caseworker, allegedly saying "This is why people kill people, because of people like you taking their kids."

The prosecutor said the cases are the first he's heard of in which parents threatened CPS caseworkers, and he believes the high-profile Arroyo shooting could have given the fathers the idea to retaliate with violence.

Senate approves disposal fee for radioactive waste

AUSTIN (AP) — A company that recently won a \$7.5 million contract to store tons of uranium byproduct in Texas would have to pay a fee to dispose of the radioactive waste under legislation the Senate approved Wednesday.

The move follows an announcement last week that the waste will come to a site operated by Dallas-based Waste Control Specialists in Andrews County, near the Texas-New Mexico border.

The waste would fill the equivalent of up to 800 railroad cars. It's now at a government plant in Ohio.

The Department of Energy still owns the waste, which will remain at the Andrews County site for two years as the DOE looks for a long-term storage or disposal arrangement.

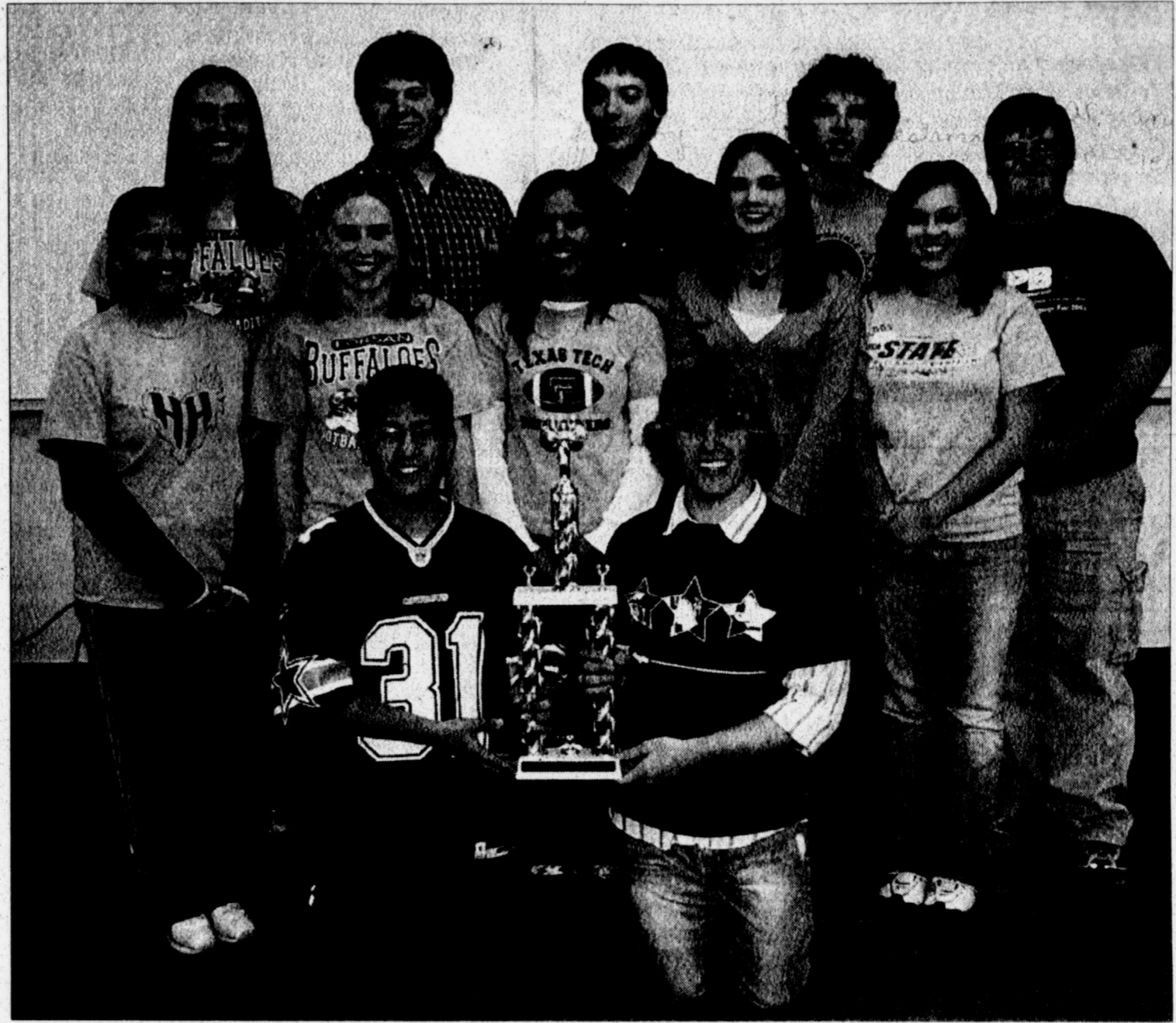
Waste Control Specialists has a license to store the waste, and the company has a state application pending to dispose of the waste.

If the application is granted, the bill by Sen. Robert Duncan, R-Lubbock, says that Waste Control Specialists would pay the state 8 percent of its gross receipts from its operations under the disposal license. Andrews County will receive 2 percent of the gross receipts.

Waste Control also is seeking a separate state license from the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality to dispose of low-level radioactive waste. That would include contaminated clothing or tools, most from commercial nuclear plants.

Currently, the company can treat and store the waste but must send it elsewhere for disposal.

SPANISH FAIR ATTENDEES



Forsan High School placed third in the high school division at the University of Texas of the Permian Basin Spanish Fair April 29. Participating were, left to right, back row, Casi Graves, Levi Johnson, Kyle Briggs, Burke Atkerson and Eric Ellis; middle row, Samantha Charlton, Rachel Clinton, Melissa Marlow, Micaela Purcell and Grace Walker; and front row, Justin Stilwell and Brandon Tant. Not pictured is Crystal McNew.

Advocates angry about TXU lobbying through customer lists

AUSTIN (AP) — TXU Energy has used its customer records in a massive direct-mail lobbying effort to undermine legislation that could cut electric bills.

The North Texas energy giant is under fire again for lobbying activities, just a month after the company facilitated a trip to the Masters golf tournament in Augusta, Ga., for key state lawmakers.

Company officials say there's nothing improper about the lobbying and that no customers have complained, but consumer advocates are crying foul.

"The reality is that TXU has relationships with most of the political power within the state, and they spend a lot of money to make sure their voice is heard," said Geoffrey Gay, an attorney representing Fort Worth and other municipalities in utility matters.

Thousands of TXU customers received an April 25 letter from Senior Vice President Jim Burke saying that two pending bills would rob them of important customer protections.

The legislation would allow small cities to unilaterally sign up their residents for potentially cheaper electric service, although residents could opt out of the deal.

In the letters, Burke asks residents to call their city leaders and state lawmakers and voice their opposition to the bills.

Although advocates dispute TXU's message, what angers them more is the method of its delivery. They say TXU unfairly used its customer-billing database to lobby against its customers' interests.

Tom Smith, director of

the Texas office of Public Citizen, said that probably would not have been permitted under previous regulatory guidelines.

"TXU is pulling out all the stops to make sure that you're paying more for electricity," he said.

But TXU spokesman Chris Schein defended the letters, which he likened to those sent by consumer groups to their members.

TXU has also come under fire for facilitating a trip to the Masters golf tournament for Sens. Troy Fraser, R-Horseshoe Bay, and Kenneth Armbrister, D-Victoria, both chairmen of key legislative committees.

The lawmakers paid their own way, although it's unclear whether they paid fair market value for the trip, which included a

one-day pass to the tournament. Schein also said the lawmakers' wives or staff members attended and that the package included meals, but he was unsure of the total price tag.

As chairmen of key regulatory and environmental committees, Fraser and Armbrister shepherd legislation important to TXU.

"We didn't give them tickets; we sold tickets," Schein said. "This absolutely complied with all the ethics rules and laws. ... We wanted the opportunity to talk with

lawmakers about some important issues, and this was an opportunity to talk."

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Alvin Hudgins, 83, of Carbon, Texas died Tuesday. Graveside Services will be 10:00 AM Saturday at Trinity Memorial Park.

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OUR VIEWS

Young Eagles program offers great opportunity

Once again this year, the Hangar 25 Air Museum and the Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA) Young Eagle program are offering a wonderful opportunity to the youth of Howard County.

On Saturday, youth age 8 to 17 can go out to the airpark, visit with current and former pilots, look at the planes and enjoy a 15- to 20-minute flight — all at no cost to them or their parents.

It's a wonderful opportunity for youngsters to learn about aviation and its history. When the flight is completed, the pilot will sign a form and the participants will receive a certificate naming them a Young Eagle.

It's also an opportunity to tour Hangar 25 and learn something about the history of Webb Air Force Base.

The program begins at 8:30 a.m., and participants will need to be registered before they can take the flight. Registration is going on now at Hangar 25, or parents/guardians can register them Saturday morning. Organizers stress, however, that youth planning to participate must have a legal guardian with them to fill out the necessary forms. Once the forms are completed by the guardian, any other adult can accompany the child on Saturday morning.

For more information on the Young Eagle program, contact the Hangar 25 Air Museum at 264-1999.

It's an opportunity for your son or daughter to learn about aviation and to soar above the clouds. And it's free.

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Children: learning the hard way

I am not a very good mother. When my children were little, I gave them too much. My friends would say things, but I couldn't hear. My father has been gone many years, my own family is far away, and I have felt so much hurt and loss in my life that I wanted my children not to know those feelings.

There was nothing I wouldn't do for them. I couldn't bear to hear them cry. I thought that if I knew everyone in the world, somehow I could protect them from everything in the world, which of course is not true.

So I've had to learn the hard way, for me and for them, that loving your children means saying no and sticking to it, that enough is enough just because it is and because I say so.

I find it excruciating sometimes. It is the hardest thing I do. If I weren't a mother, I joke, I'd be rich and young.

I am neither. I am the grown-up. NO is my new favorite word. I've leaned on other mothers, learning to say it.

My daughter and I are waiting at the doctor's office. She picks up a magazine with a picture of Demi Moore and Ashton Kutcher on the cover. The mother's boyfriend is playing a part on TV of a boy who is almost the same age as her daughter. My daughter and I both

shake our heads. The daughter can't possibly compete with the mother. How can the mother set limits for the daughter? Maybe they go to the plastic surgeon together.

There is a rumor going around that a number of movie stars are now having plastic surgery done on their knees. Knees? My daughter tells me which girls in her school she thinks are anorexic and which are bulimic. My son tells me which girls in his sixth-grade class wear hundred dollar jeans and push-up bras to school. I don't wear hundred dollar jeans, unless I find them at Loehmann's on a day when I have extra coupons. My daughter wears a uniform to school. I assign chores.

The girls dress just like their mothers. Why wouldn't they? If you don't want your daughter to wear slutwear, don't wear it yourself. The only thing that looks worse than a teenager dressed in slutwear is a middle-aged mother with her middle hanging out trying to look like her daughter's sister. Can't we spare our daughters the lousy role models and our sons the confusion, even if retailers don't think we're ready to grow up?

It is also a question of values. I remember saying that, some years ago, to two Hollywood mothers I knew, for whom budgets didn't set the same limit they do for everyone else in buying things for their kids. When you spend unlimited money on your daughters' socks — I told them pointedly, because my daughter had come

home now wanting to wear for "everyday" the \$8 socks, or whatever it was, that we kept for "special" — it tells them that you think clothes are what really counts.

I used to use the same argument comparing the cost of their clothes or earrings to the donation I was hitting them up for, or ask them if they'd put all their jewelry in the hands of an illegal worker driving an uninsured 10-year-old van, the way they do their children every day, when they asked me why I paid my babysitter of 15 years so well and leased her a new car.

I was older when I became a mother, so some things were easier for me. I didn't want to be the kid any more, but I didn't quite know how to be a good mother.

Along the way, I've been learning how to mother myself and my own children. There are a lot of myths about how much fun it is that aren't true. When they're little, they love you back. When you're working hardest, though, you're saying no, which doesn't get you a lot of thank you's.

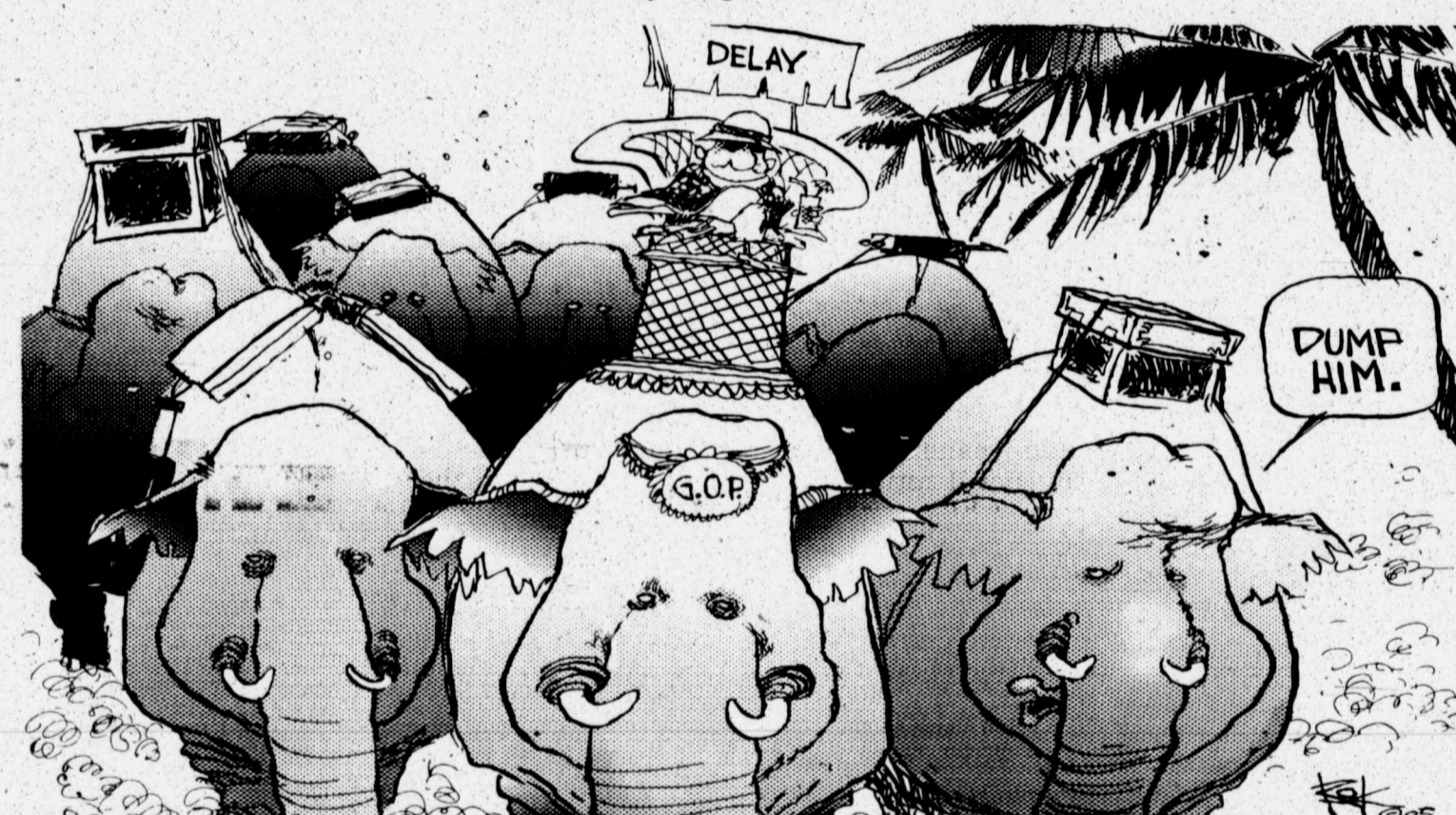
I watch other mothers, the way they brush it off, and try to learn what I didn't growing up. It is never too late. Happy Mother's Day to the other mothers, who teach me.

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SUSAN ESTRICH



Energy bill is stupid and painful

When the history of this administration is written, I suspect the largest black mark against it will be wasting time.

The energy bill just passed by the House is a classic example of frittering away precious time and resources by doing exactly nothing that needs to be done about energy. The bill gives \$8.1 billion in new tax breaks to the oil companies, which are already swimming in cash.

ExxonMobil's profits are up 44 percent, Royal Dutch/Shell up 42 percent, etc.

According to the business pages, the biggest problem oil executives face is what to do with all their cash. So why give more tax breaks to the oil companies? Makes as much sense as anything else in this energy bill. Nothing about conservation, higher fuel efficiency standards or putting money into renewable energy sources. It's so stupid, it's painful.

And their genius answer to "energy independence"? Drill in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge. Look, the total oil under ANWR is 1 billion barrels less than this country uses in a year, according to Robert Bryce, the Texas journalist who specializes in energy reporting. The bill is just riddled with perversity: We continue to subsidize people who buy Hummers, but no longer grant tax rebates to those who buy hybrid cars that are more than six times as fuel efficient. This is not how you get to "energy independence." The United States hit its oil peak back in 1970 — domestic

production has been declining ever since.

I'm not sure I've ever seen anything quite as odd as the right wing's insistence that global warming does not exist. I'm not a climatologist, but I can read what they're saying. In fact, they're screaming it. Rush Limbaugh is not a climatologist, either, nor are any of the rest of these pinheads who seem to think the whole thing is some figment of liberals' imagination.

There's nothing liberal about global warming, it's science. There seems to be some element of childish spite in the refusal to recognize it — "Boy, we can drive the liberals crazy by pretending it's not happening, ha, ha, ha." If you read right-wing blogs, you find a kind of Beavis and Butthead attitude about the subject, a sort of adolescent-jerk humor. What's astonishing is finding the same attitude among members of Congress. Head-militantly-in-sand is not a solution.

There is a perfect convergence of economic, environmental and energy considerations that all point in the same direction: renewable energy sources. With demand for gasoline soaring worldwide, with the economies of both China and India growing at staggering paces, with the world somewhere near its oil peak now, our dependence on some of the world's most retrograde regimes is only going to get worse and more expensive.

Foreign policy also plays a role here. Let us pass quickly by the administration's pre-war assurances that Iraqi oil would pay for the war — the country is pumping less now than it did under Saddam Hussein. How smart is it to dick around trying to oust the presi-

dent of Venezuela? You put a bunch of ideological nutcases in charge of Latin American policy, and you're going to create a lot of enemies down there.

And their answer is to bring back nukes? Let's review the bidding on that one. Aside from Murphy's Law, the problem with nukes is that they create radioactive waste that remains toxic for tens of thousands of years. And we don't know what to do with it. The First Rule of Holes applies — if you're stuck in one, stop digging. We're already dependent on one form of energy that has a toxic legacy, why in heaven's name walk into another one, this time with foreknowledge of its effects? Especially when there are cheap, reliable, renewable, non-poison-producing alternatives? We're nuts to even think about it. Wind power already has near competitive prices.

Renewable energy sources are not pie-in-the-sky — they're here right now, and they're going to be a lot cheaper than oil. The single cheapest thing we can do about oil is not use so much of it. Current hybrid technology will not get us to the mythical goal of "energy independence," but at least we can slow down the demand for oil. In theory, it only takes 15 years to replace the entire fleet of American cars now on the road. We don't have another four years to waste.

American energy policy — written by Beavis and Butthead. To find out more about Molly Ivins and read features by other Creators Syndicate writers and cartoonists, visit the Creators Syndicate web page at www.creators.com.

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

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But Pitts didn't get all the bobbles he wished for. "I was hoping that we would have a lot of options today, like Internet lottery," Pitts said.

Rep. Sylvester Turner, D-Houston, attempted to add a measure to the bill

that would allow lottery play online. It was expected to generate about \$240 million annually. Turner said it would provide money for education and social services such as the Childrens Health Insurance Program.

Opponents, however, said the measure would expand gambling, which they derided as a social ill that takes its biggest toll on poor and minority Texans.

"Let's not allow the children to drown while we

be holier than thou and tell them to drown and we'll save you in the afterlife," Turner said, chastising House members who voted 89-52 not to allow online lotto playing.

The bill would save the state \$10 million per year by only requiring Texans to have one license plate on the rear of their vehicles. Current law requires plates on both the front and rear. Neighboring states only require rear plates.

Many Texans' annual vehicle registration will get more expensive under the legislation. It would cost \$58.50 to register any car newer than six years old. Cars older than six years would cost \$43.

Currently, vehicle models newer than 2003 cost \$58.80 to register. Cars made in 2000, 2001 and 2002 cost \$50.80, and older cars cost \$40.80.

Drivers in the Austin and San Antonio areas, the Valley and Grayson County could pay more

for gasoline under a measure that would allow regional mobility authorities to levy a gas tax. Counties could let voters decide whether to allow the authorities to tax up to 10 cents per gallon, in one-cent increments. Some money from the tax would be used to reduce the number of toll roads or the tolls drivers pay.

A portion of the gas tax money would also go to the state, generating about \$137 million in the next two years, according

to the Legislative Budget Board.

Some cigarettes would cost Texas smokers an additional 40 cents per pack on top of a \$1 per pack tax already approved by the House in March. The tax would be added to cigarettes manufactured by companies that have not already settled a tobacco lawsuit with the state.

The total tax on those cigarettes would increase from the current 41 cents per pack to \$1.81 per pack.

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and we want to meet it again. That's why we need the community's help."

The \$60 pass entitles the holder to free entry for a year at the 120 state parks and state historic sites, along with discounts on camping, lodging, park store merchandise and recreational equipment rentals. Pass holders are also eligible for special promotions such as free programs and a customized "getaway planner" to plan their trips.

Pass sales don't have to be only to locals, and Big Spring State Park does sell some to the many out-

of-state campers who visit the new RV spaces on top of the mountain.

"In Texas, we spend very little money on our state parks, but visitors love them," explained Alton, who will gladly share his list of favorites among the state parks. "That just shows what a bang for the buck the taxpayers are getting."

While the park is not threatened now, the chance of closure or transfer of ownership is always on the mind of local citizens who like the park just as it is.

Five years ago, the state legislature earmarked some funds so that cities could take over operation of some state parks, saving the state money over

the long run. Alton said much of that money is still there, and a few state parks have been transferred to city operation recently.

While selling a few passes may not make all the difference, it does show community support for the facility, he said.

And Alton believes that support is justified. Consider the recent Master the Mountain run/walk race, which always attracts participants from Midland, Odessa, San Angelo, Abilene, New Mexico cities and even metropolitan areas such as Houston.

"We have our hometown supporters," Alton said, "and we sure appre-

ciate them. We couldn't make it without them. But it never hurts to keep our name out there with out-of-town folks."

Later this summer, the park will host another stargazing party with the amateur astronomy club from Midland. June 11 is

the date planned for all the telescopes to be set up on top of the mountain, giving a spectacular view of the heavens.

For the entire family, a two-holder Texas State Park Pass is available for \$75. Alton said the best time to stop by the park

headquarters to buy your pass is any Monday, Wednesday or Friday.

Since the staff might be out in the park tending to other duties, call ahead at 263-4931 to let them know you're coming.

BANDS

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bowled over the judges with its sight-reading performance at Odessa April 26. In sight-reading, the band has only 10 minutes to prepare to perform a previously unseen piece of music.

Sight-reading judge Randy Vaughn of Houston heaped praise on BSHS' performance.

"Outstanding reading! Wow!" Vaughn wrote in his critique. "I am so impressed. This is just so outstanding in so many ways. Bravo!"

Also competing at Odessa in April, the non-varsity band, conducted by Sam Hale, barely lost out on Sweepstakes honors, capturing a Division I rating in sight-reading and a Division II rating in

concert competition.

"They did a great job," Harris said of the band. "They were as successful as any non-varsity band at the contest."

BSHS' number-three band, under the baton of Reuben Chance, netted a Division II rating in concert and a Division III rating in sight-reading, Harris said.

The program also had success at the junior high level in UIL competition April 15 in Odessa.

The number-one junior high band earned a Division I rating in concert, while grabbing a Division II rating in sight-reading.

"It's the first time that band has ever got a (Division I) in concert, so we're all very proud of that," Harris said.

Cody Myers, supervisor of music education for

Amarillo schools, served as a judge in concert competition, and praised the junior high band for its performance.

"You demonstrated a lot of maturity in many critical areas," Myers wrote. "Thank you for preparing so carefully. You should be very proud of your concert today."

The number-two junior high band, conducted by Shannon Chance, earned a Division III rating in concert, to go along with a Division II rating in sight-reading.

"I was proud of them," Harris said. "They did really well, considering there were only two non-varsity bands competing (at the junior high contest)."

The junior high bands will hold their Spring Concert at 6:30 p.m. May 19 in the junior high gym.

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are expected to begin training in how to utilize the equipment and programs soon.

"We've talked about some of the possible types of content that could come out of this and be scheduled on the software and hardware we (Moore Development) have bought for the city for this particular project," said Sharp. "I think the consensus during that meeting was for us to get the training, which is set for May 25 and 26, done so the city is capable of running the system."

Sharp said it's important for these technicians to get a hands on "feel" for the equipment before

launching the Infonet.

"The technical people who will be running this will be able to get a hands-on feel for what can happen with this program," said Sharp. "They'll also learn how to schedule the programs, as well as upload and download the different components. We hope to see some of the content of the channel coming soon after that."

Sharp said the idea for the channel, which could include college classes being delivered at regularly scheduled times, workforce training videos on various topics from safety to quality control and live broadcasts of public meetings, came as a result of the franchise agreement between Cox Communications and the

city.

Sharp said it came as a result of Cox Communications upgrading its local cable system which enabled many more services for area residents, but not before a new franchise agreement was negotiated between Cox and the city. One of these results was that Cox would grant the use of a public access channel — now channel 17 — for the community to use.

And, just like the television world viewers have become accustomed to over the years, Sharp said the name of the game is going to be evolution.

"We expect to see it evolve over the next few months," said Sharp. "As people begin to watch the channel more, they'll begin to see more events."

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Ghraib were meant to be used as a legitimate training aid for other guards.

When England pleaded guilty Monday, she told Pohl that she knew that the pictures were being

taken purely for the amusement of the guards.

Pohl said her statement and Graner's could not be reconciled.

"You can't have a one-person conspiracy," the judge said before he declared the mistrial and dismissed the sentencing jury.

Under military law, the judge could formally accept her guilty plea only if he was convinced that she knew at the time that what she was doing was illegal.

By rejecting the plea to the conspiracy charge, Pohl canceled the entire plea agreement.



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HIGH-TECH

Driver's savvy is about all that's not an option on GS

By JIM MATEJA
Chicago Tribune

If you still can't program a VCR, better keep a distance from the Lexus GS.

If you've moved on from the VCR to master TiVo, however, you'll probably enjoy all the high-tech gadgetry in the GS that's undergone a remake for 2006 and is in showrooms now.

Just be prepared to reach into pocket or purse — often and deeply.

Lexus obviously feels TiVo aficionados far outnumber VCR slugs based on its ambitious sales expectations for the GS — 35,000 annually, — if not a tad more, quite a jump from 8,200 last year.

For those who haven't mastered the calculator, the percentage increase is a whopping ... well, it's a lot.

Great expectations considering a GS300 starts at about \$42,000, a GS430 at about \$52,000.

We tested the '06 GS300 with its new 3-liter V-6 that develops 245 horsepower and delivers 230 foot-pounds of torque. It's teamed with a 6-speed automatic.

The V-6 replaces the 3-liter, inline 6 from the previous model rated at 220 h.p. and 220 foot-pounds of torque with a 5-speed automatic. The GS430 is powered by a 4.3-liter V-8 rated at 300 h.p. and 325 foot-pounds of torque.

The V-6 won't snap your head back, but it has good spirit and is more lively than the inline 6 it replaces. It also delivers more-than-respectable fuel economy at 21 m.p.g. city and 27 m.p.g. highway.

GS boasts a new design with more sculpted sheet metal and jewel-like headlamps so it looks far less blah. Though a sedan, it

has the long-hood, short-deck, rounded-roof coupe look.

It also sports new dimensions, with wheelbase stretched 2 inches, length and width 1 inch each. A little better road stance, little less cabin snugness.

What really sets it apart from its predecessor, though, is that this is the first Lexus car to offer all-wheel-drive for added security on snow-filled roads and more sure-footed performance on dry ones.

And it won't be the only AWD Lexus for long. At the New York Auto Show March 24 Lexus unveiled the next-generation IS coming out this fall. The IS250 version will offer AWD and a 6-speed automatic.

AWD also is being evaluated throughout the car lineup, Lexus spokesman Bill Ussery said.

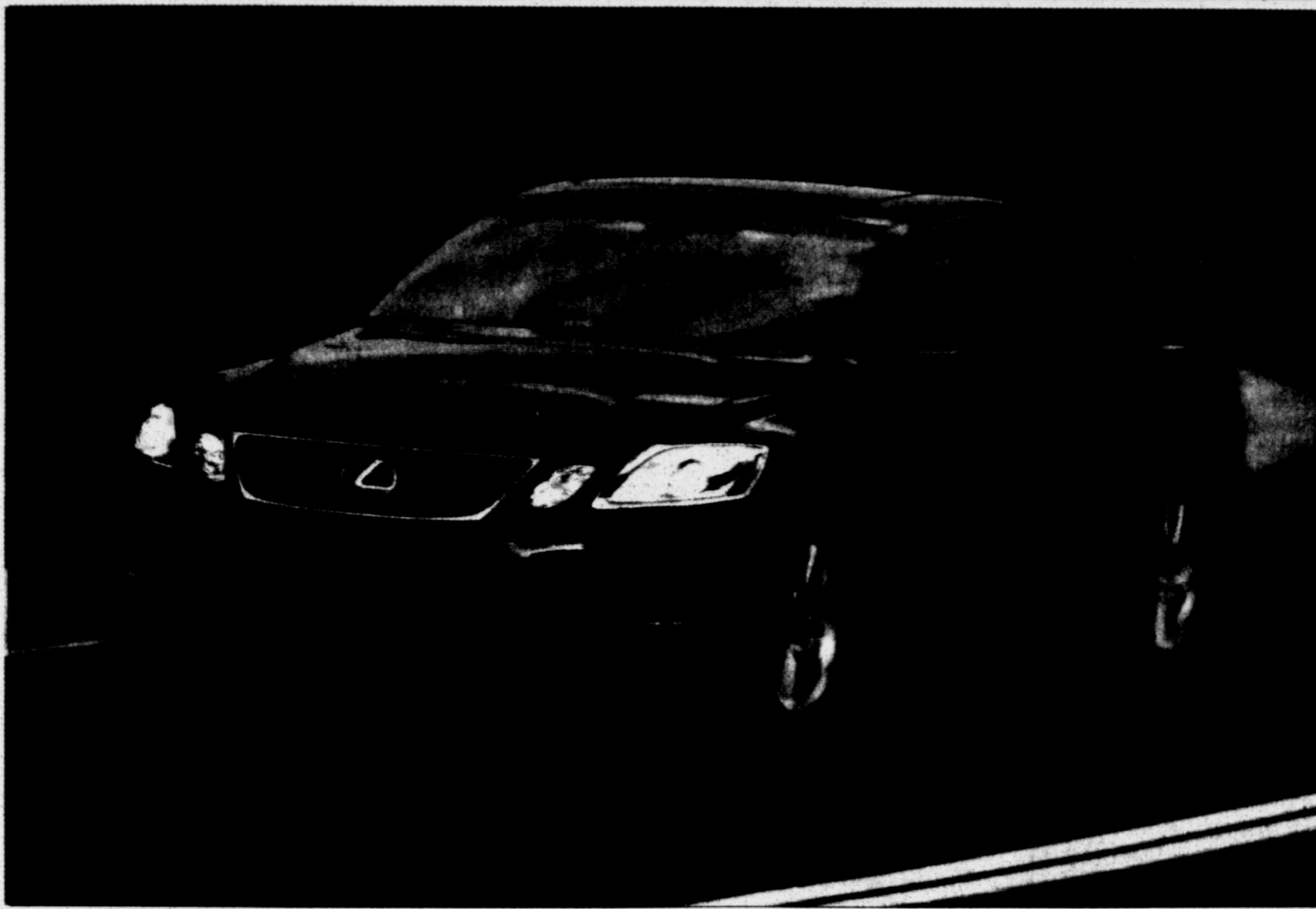
For now, only the GS300 offers AWD, which adds \$1,950. Ussery said Lexus will watch AWD demand in the high-volume 300 (75 percent of GS sales) before deciding to add it to the GS430.

Lexus estimates that AWD will account for a third of all GS sales nationwide, but up to 50 percent in the Midwest and Northeast.

While there was only a light coating of snow when tested, the sedan hugged the road like a security blanket, thanks not only to AWD, but also to the standard stability control system.

If you take a corner or make a lateral move a little too fast, stability control automatically reduces throttle and applies anti-lock braking to any slipping wheel to keep the vehicle under control.

The GS430, meanwhile, comes with Vehicle Dynamic Integrated



The 2006 Lexus GS 300

Management, or VDIM, which "takes stability control to the next level," Ussery said.

VDIM anticipates a slip or slide and makes corrections by reducing the throttle and/or applying the ABS and adjusting steering angle and thus prevents the slip or slide.

"Stability control is reactive, VDIM is proactive, there's no 'oops, I'm losing traction.' VDIM won't let that happen," Ussery said.

The Lexus RX400h gas/electric sport-utility vehicle has VDIM as well.

VDIM is offered in only the V-8 GS430 with its higher horsepower and torque creating the likelihood drivers will be more aggressive than in a V-6.

Spirited performance, smooth ride, agile, yet controlled, handling.

And then there are those high-tech goodies.

One is Smart Access keyless entry. The doors unlock when you approach with the fob in pocket or purse. Then slip in, press the "start" button and the engine fires. No key needed.

Another nice touch are ventilated seats with embedded fans to cool you off. But while heated seats are standard, ventilated seats are a \$200 option.

And there's rain-sensing wipers, headlamp cleaners and adaptive headlamps that move in the direction of a turn, though, once again, an option at \$525 (standard on the 430).

And don't forget the power-operated, rear-window sunshade — a \$210 option.

Park Assist, or sonar clearance, beeps when approaching too close to the vehicle ahead or behind when parking to save you on the body repair bills — a \$500 option.

Another nice touch is the camera mounted in the back. When you slip the shift lever into reverse, the camera turns on and the navigation screen in the dash gives you a fairly wide angle look at what's behind to avoid running into objects or people.

Couple gripes, however. Yup, the camera's an option, part of the \$4,030 Mark Levinson audio/navigation system.

Another gripe, the picture in the navi screen is fascinating to watch, so much so that you tend to look at what's behind and lose track of what's approaching from the sides when leaving the driveway. Careful.

There's also a precollision system, which uses radar to detect obstacles in front of the car while you're driving. Based on vehicle speed, it determines whether a collision is imminent.

If so, safety belts are automatically tightened and the brakes are applied if you haven't done so or applied at greater force to lessen the impact.

But it's a \$2,850 option on either the 300 or 430. You also can play audio discs or CDs or watch DVD videos on the navi screen, but the system works only when parked. Federal law prohibits the watching of TV or movies in the front seat while motoring.

And it's part of the \$4,030 Mark Levinson audio/navi package.

Adaptive suspension is another neat option that automatically adjusts the suspension based on road conditions and vehicle speed. It's standard on the 430, not available on the 300.

Controls for such features as the rear window sunshade, headlamp washers, foldaway mirrors, fuel-filler door and deck-lid openers are behind a drop-down panel to the left of the steering wheel to keep a host of seldom-used controls from cluttering the dash.

The window sticker listed no extra charge for the control panel. The AWD GS300 starts at \$44,850. Standard equipment includes power and heated mirrors; power locks and windows; automatic climate control; AM/FM stereo radio with cassette and CD player; run-flat 17-inch radials; and tool and first-aid kits.

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Base price: \$44,850

Price as tested: \$51,509. Includes \$525 for rain-sensing wipers, with adaptive front lighting and headlamp cleaner; \$210 for rear sunshade; \$4,030 for Mark Levinson Audio/navigation system with compass and rear camera; \$500 for sonar clearance; \$1,000 for power moonroof; \$200 for ventilated seats; and \$194 for accessory package with trunk mat, cargo net and wheel locks. Add \$650 for freight.

Pluses: Third generation with new styling and larger dimensions. First, but not last, AWD Lexus car for all-season motoring. It offers a peppy yet fuel-efficient V-6 with new 6-speed automatic. Side-curtain air bags front and rear now standard. Optional rear camera is nicer than constant beeps to warn of objects behind. Precollision system available as an option.

Minuses: Hefty price. And still so many options.

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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.

Lady Steers set date for sports banquet

The Big Spring Lady Steers sports banquet will be held Tuesday at 6 p.m. in the Big Spring Junior High Cafeteria.

General admission tickets can be purchased for \$10 through Kay Cook at the Big Spring Athletic Training Center or at Faye's Flowers, Dakota's Flowers or the Heritage Museum.

For more information, call Janet Abner at 263-0023 or Kerry Rodriguez at 263-6100.

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 616-9433.

Big Spring, Coahoma begin state quest tonight

By TROY HYDE

Sports Editor

Two of the state's top-ranked softball teams begin their quest for a state tournament berth tonight in the area championship round of the UIL state playoffs.

Third-ranked Big Spring (25-2) will travel to Alpine to take on El Paso Andress (22-6) at Sul Ross University at 5 p.m., while sixth-ranked Coahoma (18-9) takes on former district rival Crane (16-9) in Midland at the Freddie Ezell Softball Complex beginning at 7 p.m.

Big Spring vs. EP Andress

The Lady Steers' quest for their first-ever state appearance begins against the second place team out of District 1-4A.

El Paso Andress, which is making its return to the playoffs for the first time in five years, is led by sophomore pitcher Annette Rodriguez. Rodriguez is 14-3 this season.

"From what I have heard, they have a little slower pitching than we are used to and what we like and they are not real strong hitters," said Big Spring coach Phillip Pearce.

Who will try to shut down EP Andress was still unknown at press

time. Pearce said either senior — Alex Watkins or Chelsea Abner — could start and both may also see time on the mound. Watkins enters with a 14-1 record and has won 14 straight decisions, while Abner is 10-1.

Big Spring will also look to win its 20th straight game after starting the season 6-2.

"They're ready to play," said Pearce. "They have been sluggish lately because they are tired of practicing, but they picked things up (Wednesday). They just want to play."

Pearce does not anticipate having to make any lineup changes, but does hope he can get some of his bench players into the game, as well.

EP Andress earned the right to play Big Spring after defeating Clint, 7-4, in the bi-district round last week.

The winner of this game will take on the winner of Pampa and El Paso Ysleta.

Pampa defeated District 4-4A's Lake View in the first two games of the best-of-three series last week.

If Big Spring wins tonight, it will most likely play next Friday.

If they take on Pampa, the game will be most likely played in Plainview. A game



The third-ranked Big Spring softball team received its District 4-4A trophy Wednesday at the all-district meeting at the BSISD Athletic Training Center. The Lady Steers won the district this season with an unblemished 10-0 record. They begin postseason play tonight in Alpine against El Paso Andress with hopes of winning its 20th straight game.

against El Paso Ysleta could require another trip to Alpine, but locations in New Mexico are also possibilities.

Coahoma vs. Crane

Former district rivals will meet for the second time this year tonight in Midland.

The Bulldogettes easily defeated Crane in the first meeting at the Snyder Tournament as Coahoma won 17-0 in five innings.

Crane, which finished second in District 1-2A, defeated Grape Creek in the bi-district round and earned the right to play 12-time District 4-2A champion Coahoma.

Junior Kali Roberts will take the mound for Coahoma. She is 14-3 this year, but two of the three losses came to District 3-5A champion Midland Lee in 12 innings and District 4-4A champion Big Spring in nine innings.

Crane is led by its pitcher Destri Schul, who is also the team's most consistent hitter.

"She is the strong part of their team," said Coahoma coach Robby Dickenson. "She is a pretty good pitcher and a pretty good athlete. She will slap the ball and try to put the ball in play at the plate and then try to use

her speed on the bases." The Bulldogettes, who are a Class 2A softball powerhouse season by season, will try to avoid an early upset like last year when they lost to Alpine, 2-1, in the Regional Quarterfinal.

If Coahoma wins tonight, they will take on district rival Hawley in the Regional Quarterfinals. The Bulldogettes have already beaten Hawley twice this year.

"The layoff shouldn't hurt us because we have been here before," said Dickenson. "They were pretty motivated (Wednesday)."

Becerra, Paredez big winners at Forsan's all-sports banquet

By TROY HYDE

Sports Editor

Seniors Cynthia Becerra and Trey Paredez were the big winners at Forsan's all-sports banquet held Tuesday.

Becerra and Paredez each took home three awards, including most valuable female and male athlete, respectively. Both were also each named as MVPs of the girl's track and cross country and boy's track and cross country programs.

Becerra also participated in basketball and cheerleading this year,



while Paredez was a part of the football and basketball teams.

Junior Adam Johnson was voted as the football team's most valuable player.

Senior Clay Kuykendall and junior Tye Baker were picked as the co-MVPs of the boy's basketball team, while Casi

Graves was the girl's basketball MVP.

They also issued MVP awards to the golf, tennis and powerlifting programs.

Mark Mckiski and Shiloh Sanders were given MVP awards in boy's and girl's golf, respectively. Anthony Acosta and Carlee Barraza were picked as MVPs of the boy's and girl's powerlifting teams. The boy's tennis MVP was Bryce Lopez and the girl's tennis Co-MVPs were Courtney Holdampf and Haley Belew.



Forsan senior Cynthia Becerra, left, poses with Forsan Girl's Athletic Coordinator Brandye Hughey after being selected as the school's most valuable female athlete for the 2004-05 school year.

San Antonio clinches first round victory over testy Nuggets team

By JIM VERTUNO

AP Sports Writer

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — The San Antonio Spurs have earned a few days off. After a rugged series with the Denver Nuggets, they'll need it.

Looking tired and more than a little ragged, the Spurs finally shook off the Nuggets in the first round of the Western Conference playoffs with a 99-89 victory Wednesday night.

After losing the first game on their home court, the Spurs won four in a row to advance to the conference semifinals against Seattle.

Tony Parker scored 21 points and Tim Duncan had 18 points and 11 rebounds for the Spurs, who struggled to put away a Nuggets team fighting hard to get the series back to Denver for another game.

"I'm glad that is over," said Spurs coach Gregg Popovich, who looked as tired as his team. "They are a monster. I'm thrilled to beat them."

At times the game resembled Game 1, when the Nuggets shocked the Spurs with just their fourth home loss of the season. Shots weren't falling, rebounds were getting away and the Spurs couldn't find the spurt to get some breathing room over the first three quarters.

After twice falling behind in the third period, the Spurs finally kick-started a run to take control. Glenn Robinson, cut by New Orleans in March and signed as a free agent just last month, hit a jumper and then followed with a long 3-pointer that made it 80-72 with 7:35 to play.

Denver couldn't quite find the same game that won the opener and rallied it to overtime in a Game 4 loss on the Nuggets' home court. Even when they cut it to 85-78, the Spurs' Bruce Bowen hit a 3-pointer from the corner.

Manu Ginobili added 18 points and Horry scored 17, including a pair of key 3-pointers in

the third quarter for the Spurs.

"They play together with the heart of a champion," said the Nuggets' Kenyon Martin, who had 14 points and 11 rebounds in his matchup with Duncan.

Carmelo Anthony, who complained after Monday night's loss he didn't get enough touches, finished with 25 points for Denver. Andre Miller added 16 points for the Nuggets.

"We left it all out there tonight," Anthony said. "We have no reason to hang our heads. It's a beginning for us."

With the home crowd behind them again after two road wins, the Spurs seemed ready to take control several times in the first half. But each time, the Nuggets got the turnover or basket they needed to keep it within reach.

"We shook them in Game 1, but then they shook off the rust and got better after that," said Denver coach George Karl.



Forsan senior Trey Paredez, left, poses with Forsan Athletic Director Terry McDonald after being selected as the school's most valuable male athlete for the 2004-05 school year.

State Tennis and Golf

Tennis

Class 1A — Monday at World of Tennis at Lakeway in Austin
Girl's singles: Amanda Cooper, Grady — 10:45 a.m. (first round)
Girl's doubles: Brianna Pribyla and Ericka Medina, Grady — 3 p.m. (first round)

Boy's doubles: Alex Hallmann and Taylor Niehues, Garden City — 11:30 a.m. (first round)

Class 4A — Monday at the Penick-Allison Courts in Austin
Girl's singles: Veronica Villarreal, Big Spring — 10:15 a.m. (first round)
*Action continues Tuesday for Monday's winners.

Golf

Class 2A — Monday and Tuesday at Jimmy Clay Golf Course in Austin
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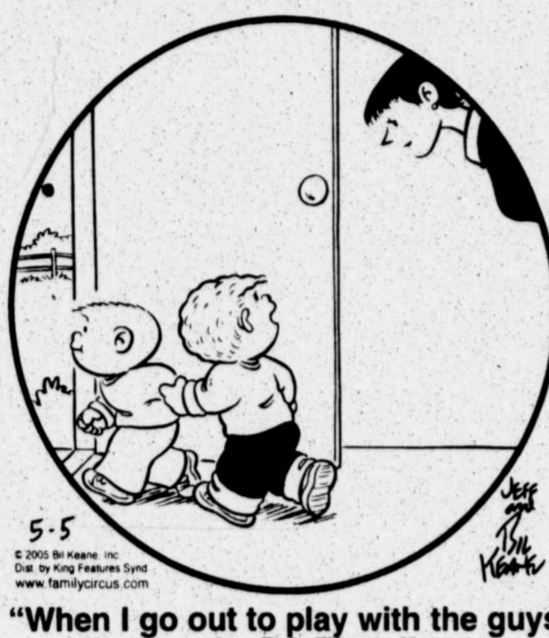
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This Date In History

By The Associated Press

Today is Thursday, May 5, the 125th day of 2005. There are 240 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On May 5, 1961, astronaut Alan B. Shepard Jr. became America's first space traveler as he made a 15-minute sub-orbital flight in a capsule launched from Cape Canaveral, Fla.

On this date:

In 1821, Napoleon Bonaparte died in exile on the island of St. Helena.

In 1862, Mexican forces loyal to Benito Juarez defeated French troops sent by Napoleon III in the Battle of Puebla.

In 1925, John T. Scopes was arrested in Tennessee for teaching Darwin's theory of evolution.

In 1942, during World War

II, Japanese forces landed on the Philippine island of Corregidor.

In 1945, in the only fatal attack of its kind during World War II, a Japanese balloon bomb exploded on Gearhart Mountain in Oregon, killing the pregnant wife of a minister and five children.

In 1955, West Germany became a sovereign state.

In 1955, the baseball musical "Damn Yankees" opened on Broadway.

In 1980, a siege at the Iranian embassy in London by armed men demanding the release of political prisoners in Iran ended as British commandos and police stormed the building. Nineteen hostages were rescued; two others had already been killed by their captors; four of the five hostage-takers also were killed.

In 1981, Irish Republican Army hunger-striker Bobby Sands died at the Maze Prison in Northern Ireland in his 66th day without food.

In 1985, President Reagan

kept a promise to West German Chancellor Helmut Kohl by leading a wreath-laying ceremony at the military cemetery in Bitburg.

Today's Birthdays:

Actress Ann B. Davis is 79. Actress Pat Carroll is 78. AFL-CIO president John J. Sweeney is 71. Saxophonist Ace Cannon is 71. Country singer-musician Roni Stoneman is 67. Actor Michael Murphy is 67. Actor Lance Henriksen is 65. Comedian-actor Michael Palin is 62. Actor Jean-Pierre Leaud is 61. Actor John Rhys-Davies is 61. Actor Roger Rees is 61. Broadcast journalist John Miller is 47.

Answer to previous puzzle

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Newsday Crossword

SHUFFLE ALONG by Norma Steinberg
Edited by Stanley Newman
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- ACROSS**
- 1 Ducks and chickens
 - 5 Real-estate measure
 - 9 Ross or Red
 - 12 Pine (for)
 - 13 Faint, slangily
 - 15 Glitch
 - 16 Inexpensive fruit?
 - 18 Artist's inspiration
 - 19 ___ poodle
 - 20 Frying medium
 - 21 Pictures
 - 23 Pipe up
 - 24 Elliptical
 - 25 "Street" intelligence
 - 28 Army padre
 - 32 Small role for a star
 - 33 Grow weary
 - 34 Actress Sorvino
 - 35 Zone
 - 36 City on the Nile
 - 37 Middle East gulf
 - 38 Take umbrage
 - 39 Paella ingredient
 - 40 Close in Hollywood
 - 41 Envelope stamp
 - 43 WWII admiral
 - 44 Tiffs
 - 45 Drains of strength
 - 46 Walesa's homeland
 - 49 Feminine suffix
 - 50 ___ Stoops to Conquer
- DOWN**
- 1 Datum
 - 2 Quatro y quatro
 - 3 Curds partner
 - 4 Grazing place
 - 5 Repulses
 - 6 Salesperson
 - 7 Line on a 22 Down
 - 8 Last entry in some lists
 - 9 Cozy
 - 10 Freedom from care
 - 11 Eons
 - 14 Pasternak protagonist
 - 15 Neighborhood shopping centers?
 - 17 Aristotle's teacher
 - 22 Orienteering aid
 - 23 Tire-store exchange?
 - 24 Chicago airport
 - 25 Rascal
 - 26 Racer Andreotti
 - 27 Congregation cries
 - 28 Get along well
 - 29 Helpers
 - 30 Actress Papas
 - 31 Governess
 - 33 County exhibitions
 - 36 Cajun seafood
 - 40 Gawked
 - 42 My, in Versailles
 - 43 Animus
 - 45 Martin or Allen
 - 46 One running for Congress?
 - 47 Unpaid
 - 48 Camera part
 - 49 Falco of The Sopranos
 - 50 Part of a chair
 - 51 Painter Holbein
 - 52 Nervous
 - 55 AMA members
 - 56 Slugger's stat

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