

Flight training program short list remains on hold

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

For anyone that's been involved in governmental or military affairs, it's a common theme - hurry up and wait.

According to Kent Sharp, executive director of Moore Development for Big Spring, that's the message from the federal government concerning the "short list" for a proposed

Training (IFT) program, which could be located at the McMahon-Wrinkle Airpark.

"It's kind of an extension on a previous delay," said Sharp. "The list was originally due out on May 6, but they delayed it a week. Now they are telling us just to be patient and they will have it out as soon as they can. When that will be, however, is totally up in the air."

directed at the list may be reaching a fever pitch as an undisclosed number of cities hold their economic breath, but it's still not the end of the process.

"Essentially it's a short list, but the Air Force calls it a competitive range," said Sharp. "All of the proposals that have been submitted for the project will be narrowed down to those 2004, when Moore Development, See DELAY, Page 3A

Air Force Introductory Flight Sharp said the anticipation that fall within a competitive the city of Big Spring and sevrange.

> "The list is designed to weed out the offers that simply aren't competitive. I don't know how many have been submitted information like that is being kept secret - so there's no way of knowing how long that 'short' list is going to be.'

Efforts to bring the program to Big Spring began in mid-

eral other local agencies joined forces to bring the program to the McMahon-Wrinkle Airpark.

The program is expected to involve initial flight screening of up to 1300 aircrew training candidates each year, with screening of the initial class of students expected to begin in October of 2005. The initial con-

Moore Board to eye VAMC impact study

By THOMAS JENKINS Staff Writer

Moore Development for Big Spring's board of directors is expected to consider financing an economic impact analysis on the effect the Big Spring VA Medical Center closure could have on the community.

Development Moore **Executive Director Kent** Sharp said he will request the agency finance such a study, which represents a considerable "blind spot" in the feasibility study

Sharp. "We think this is really a no-brainer, so I'm going to request we have the analysis done ourselves."

Sharp said the analysis should cost approximately \$1,000.

"I've been shopping around, and for the most part it's not a very expensive study," said Sharp. "We already have all of the information needed for the study, it's just a matter of putting it all together." 2.7 Once completed, Sharp



being conducted.

"I spoke with the subcontractor that's handling the economic side of the study, and they informed me an economic impact analysis of what will happen if the facility is closed isn't a part of the study's scope," said

said the results of the analysis will be turned over to the CARES Local Advisory Panel (LAP), which would then submit it to be included in the study. In December 2002, for-

mer Veterans Affairs See STUDY, Page 3A

Big Spring High School students line the hall as the BSHS Band's drum line leads the way during Tuesday's State March at the high school. State March is an annual event in which BSHS students who qualified for state-level events are paraded through the school.



Richard Light, right, director of curriculum for the Big Spring Independent School District, talks with Shelley Smith, center, and Cindy Smith, during a reception in his honor at the high school board room recently. Light is retiring effective June 5 after 31 years in education.

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BSISD trustees to handle personnel matters during special Thursday session

By STEVE REAGAN

Staff Writer

Personnel matters will constitute a big portion of business Big Spring when the Independent School District Board of Trustees holds a special meeting at 5:15 p.m. Thursday in the high school board room.

Superintendent BSISD Michael Downes said it is standard operating procedure for the district to hold special meetings late in the school year to address last-minute personnel needs

"It's not unusual for us to have special meetings in May or June," Downes said. "When you have the opportunity to hire top-quality candidates, you have to do it as soon as possible."

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ers' wrap-up party Tuesday night.

Topping the list of potential hires is Darrell Ryan, who has been selected to replace the retiring Richard Light as director of curriculum/federal programs for the district. Ryan, who has 38 years experience in the education field, is expected to assume his duties on June 6. In addition, trustees are expected to hire two teacher/coaches for the high school, a diagnotician at the high school, and a district-wide technology technician.

In other business, trustees will consider adding 30 minutes to the school day effective for 2005-06.

Downes said the measure, which trustees began looking at a year ago, would allow teachers more time to prepare stu-

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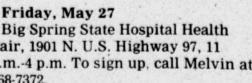
BLOOD DRIVES

Thursday, May 26 - Big Spring VA Hospital, 300 Veterans Blvd., Room 219, 8 a.m.-3 p.m. To register, call Iva Jo Hanslik at 264-7135.

Friday, May 27 **Big Spring State Hospital Health** Fair, 1901 N. U.S. Highway 97, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. To sign up, call Melvin at 268-7372.

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Obituaries

Mac Haymes



Mac Haymes, 83, of Odessa died Sunday, May 22, 2005, at his residence. Funeral services are 10 a.m. Friday, May 27, 2005, at Hubbard-Kelly Funeral Home Chapel. Interment will follow at Sunset

Memorial Gardens. There will be a visitation 6 p.m. until 8 o.m. Thursday at Hubbard-Kelly Funeral Home.

He was born Aug. 20, 1921, in Munday o Floyd and Emma Haymes. He worked

for TU Electric for 38 years and retired in 1986. He was a member of Highland United MethodistChurch.

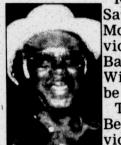
He was preceded in death by his parents, wife, Carrie Neal Russell in 1984, and two brothers, Floyd Lee and Robert Haymes.

He is survived by his sons, Tommy Lee Haymes of Lubbock and Russell Mac Haymes of Athens, Greece; sisters, Flo Nobles of Big Spring and Helen Cox of Corpus Christi, six grandchildren; and a great-granddaughter.

In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to the Parkinson's Association.

Arrangements are under the direction of Hubbard-Kelly Funeral Home in Odessa.

Roger Lee Evans



Roger Lee Evans, 63, of Big Spring died Saturday, May 21, 2005, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. Funeral services are 2 p.m. Friday at Mt. Bethel Baptist Church with the Rev. E.C. Wilson of Terrell officiating. Burial will be in Mount Olive Memorial Park.

The family will receive friends at Mt. Bethel Baptist Church following the services.

He was born July 12, 1941, in Anson to Frankie and Jasper Evans Sr., and moved to Big Spring in 1955 from Brady. He was employed for more than 20 years for Steere Tank Lines. He was a member of Mt. Bethel Baptist Church.

He is survived by five brothers, Thomas Evans of Big Spring, Charles Evans of Denver, Colo., Leonard Evans of Big Spring, Herman Evans of Midland and James Labrew of Big Spring; four sisters, Ruth Akins of Midland, Debora Collins of Sherman, Margie Belvin of Amarillo and Deidra Avery of Big Spring; and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents he was preceded in death by one brother, Samuel T. Evans and one sister, Dorothy Ann Sherman.

The family will be at 1313 Kindle.

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

Arthur Monroe Gafford

Arthur Monroe Gafford, 92, of Bastrop, formerly of Big Spring, died Monday, May 23, 2005, in an Elgin nursing home. Graveside funeral services with Masonic Rites are 10 a.m. Thursday, May 26, 2005, at Trinity Memorial Park with the Rev. Bob Hopkins, associate pastor of First Baptist Church in Midland, officiating. The family will receive friends from 5 p.m. until 7 p.m. today Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

LOCAL

Police blotter

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

 MAURICE NEAL, 22, of 1708 W. Third Street, was arrested Tuesday on three local warrants.

• RICKIE DELL HAIR, 31, of 803.5 E. 14th Street, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of possession of a controlled substance.

• HEATHER ATKINSON, 25, of 110 Scout Hut Road, was arrested Tuesday on charges of possession of a controlled substances and possession of drug paraphernalia.

• PATRICK KESLER, 26, of 1105 Mulberry, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of possession of a controlled substance.

 LAVON RENE HAGGARD, 36, of 706 Andree, was arrested Tuesday on two local warrants.

 STEPHEN SCOTT BROWN, 55, transient, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of public intoxication. LANDA COPELAND, 32, of 1400 E. 14th Street, was arrested Wednesday on charges of driving while intoxicated/open container - third or more offense and driving while license suspended.

• THEFT was reported in the 3800 block of Calvin.

 POSSESSION OF A CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE was reported:

- in the 800 block of Baylor.

- in the 1500 block of Kentucky.

 POSSESSION OF DRUG PARAPHERNALIA was reported in the 800 block of Baylor.

- CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported:
- in the 1200 block of Runnels.
- in the 800 block of Owens.

· ASSAULT/CLASS C was reported in the 2000 block of Goliad.

Sheriff's report

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

• PAMELA GAIL HUITT, 36, was arrested on charges of attempting to take a weapon from an officer and resisting arrest.

 ALAN CATON POWELL, 31, was arrested on a charge of assault/family violence.

 ABEL GOMEZ, 28, was arrested on a charge of driving while license invalid.

 FRANCISCO JESUS NIETO, 26, was transferred from the Big Spring Police Department after his arrest on a charge of driving while intoxicated, second offense.

 DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE was reported on the 300 block of W. Fourth Street.

Fire/EMS

The Big Spring Fire Department/Emergency Medical Service reported the following activity between 8 a.m. Tuesday and 8 a.m. Wednesday: . 111

• MEDICAL was reported on the 2000 block of Virginia Street. One person was transported to SMMC.

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Bulletin board

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

TODAY

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

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

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

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

THURSDAY

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

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

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

• Special meeting of the Big Spring Independent School District trustees to discuss personnel issues at 5:15 p.m. in the board room.

• Forsan High School graduation. Call Forsan ISD at 457-2223 for more information.

• Coahoma High School graduation in the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. Call Coahoma ISD at 394-4290 for more information.

FRIDAY

 Signal Mountain Quilting Guild meets from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. at 1019 Nolan St. Members bring their own lunch. Call 267-1037 or 267-7281 for more information.

 AMBUCS meet at noon in La Posada Restaurant. · Greater Big Spring Rotary Club meets at noon in

the Howard College Cactus Room.

 Big Spring High School graduation in the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. Call Big Spring ISD at 264-3600 for more information.

· Spring City Senior Citizen's Center 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.

SATURDAY

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

MONDAY

· Memorial Day holiday.

• The 39th annual Splash In and Movies in the Park is 1 p.m. until 6 p.m. in Comanche Trail Park. The move, "The Incredibles" will start at 8 p.m. in the Amphitheatre. Free admission to the pool and the movie.

TUESDAY

 Intermediate Line dance classes begin at 9 a.m. in the Spring City Senior Citizen's Center. Call 267-1628. • Big Spring Rotary Club meets at noon in the

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Weather

Today - Partly cloudy A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms in the afternoon. Highs in the upper 90s. Southeast winds around 10 mph.

Tonight — Increasing clouds. A 40 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the mid 60s. East winds 10 to 20 mph.

Thursday - Mostly cloudy with a 50 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Not as warm. Highs in the upper 70s. East winds 10 to 15 mph.

Thursday night — Mostly cloudy with a 40 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the lower 60s. East winds around 10 mph in the evening becoming light and variable.

Friday – Mostly cloudy with a 40 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the upper 70s. Light and variable winds becoming southeast around 10 mph in the afternoon.

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Saturday — Partly cloudy with a 40 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the mid 80s. Saturday night — Partly cloudy with a 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the lower 60s.

Sunday – Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the lower 90s.

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Memorial Day — Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the lower 90s.

Monday night - Partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 60s. Tuesday - Partly cloudy. Highs in the lower 90s.

Support groups

THURSDAY

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

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

• MEDICAL was reported on the intersection of Highway 80 and Interstate 20. One person was transported to SMMC.

 TRAUMA was reported on the 175 mile marker of Interstate 20. One person was transported to SMMC.

 MEDICAL was reported on the 900 block of East 16th Street. One person was transported to SMMC.

 MEDICAL was reported on the 1300 block of West Second Street. One person was transported to SMMC. • MEDICAL was reported on the 1300 block of Utah Street. Service was refused.

• TRAFFIC ACCIDENT was reported on the 1500 block of Wood Street. One person was transported to SMMC.

Lottery

The winning numbers from Tuesday's multi-state Mega Millions lottery drawing:

9, 28, 39, 40, and 45. The Mega Ball number was 24. Number of winning tickets: None

Jackpot increases to \$80 million for Friday's drawing.

The winning Cash Five numbers drawn Tuesday by the Texas Lottery: 2-7-20-21-37

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Tuesday night, in order: 9-8-6

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Tuesday afternoon, in order: 7-0-7



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Howard College Cactus Room.

• A Stitchin' Time Club meets at 3:30 p.m. at Primitive Baptist Church, 201 E. .4th St. Everyone is invited to learn and share sewing skills, and portable sewing machines are welcome. Call Kay Sikes at 394-4835 for more information.

WEDNESDAY

• Optimist Club meets at 7 a.m. in the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.

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

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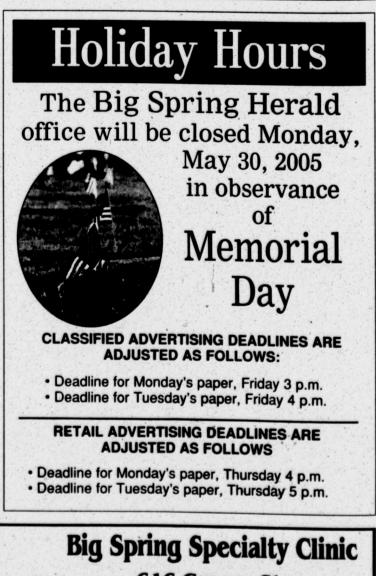
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LOCAL/STATE

Relay for Life co-chairs declare 2005 a success during wrap-up party

By STEVE REAGAN

Staff Writer

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"Ya'll are an awesome group of people, and this is one awesome committee," Turney said. "How do we keep raising so much money for cancer research in this small, financially strapped town? It's the teams They're out there having garage sales. They're having cake sales. They're having car washes. We appreciate our underwriters tremendously ... but team money is the meat of Relay."

For fellow co-chair Jeff Turney, the highlight of this year's event was one he couldn't place a price tag on.

"My reward this year was watching the Survivors' Lap," he said, referring to the portion of the Relay when cancer survivors make a celebratory lap around the track. "We added to it this year."

The Turneys now step down as event chairpersons, figuratively handing the baton to Howard and Vickie Stewart, who will head next year's

two years," Phyllis Turney said. "It's very bittersweet giving this up to Howard and Vickie. I've loved every step of the way ... and without Jeff, I couldn't have done it."

Underwriters for this year's event, and their contributions, included: • Wal-Mart and HEB Grocery Store - \$5,000. · Choate Well Service and Wells Fargo Bank -\$1,500.

· Area Wide Phone Book - \$1,400.

• ALON USA - \$1,250. • Home Hospice, State National Bank, Western National Bank, Parks Agency, Red Mesa Grill and Big Spring Independent School District - \$1,000.

Outstanding team fundraising efforts were also recognized by the presentation of Starz of Texas medals. Medal-winning teams included:

· Bronze medals (for teams that raised more than \$200 per member) -Presbyterian, Team Mountain Scenic Medical Center, Rocking Team, Big Spring Banking Buddies, and Fuzzy's Crew.

 Silver medals (for teams that raised more than \$350 per member) -Wal-Mart, Reba's Bosom Buddies, and the Yellow Dog Dare Devils.

Gold medals (for teams that raised more than \$500 per member) -**Big Spring State Hospital** and The Roughriders.

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Lawmakers move closer to agreement on versions of school finance bills

By APRIL CASTRO

Associated Press Writer AUSTIN - House and Senate negotiators inched closer to an agreement Tuesday on what tax plan they hope to adopt to lower school property taxes and increase education funding.

With less than a week left in the legislative session, tax writers were down to a few major differences on how they'll raise money for schools and property tax cuts.

"They're making progress. I think they're down to fewer issues that had them apart days ago, so everything is on schedule," said Gov. Rick Perry.

Republican Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst, who presides over the Senate, spent almost two hours Tuesday afternoon with House Speaker Tom Craddick discussing the outstanding issues.

The main stumbling block still seemed to be how much money they'll get from Texas businesses, which now use loop-

ing any state taxes. 'We can't get past the number one issue and that is how much businesses should pay," said Sen. Kim Brimer, a Fort

Worth Republican. Late Tuesday night, the Senate approved a separate revenue bill, attaching some measures that would raise money for schools. That bill closes the so-called Delaware and Geoffrey loopholes in the business tax, expected to generate about \$864 million over the next two years. The measure still must be approved by the

House to become law. Making sure that the final legislation does not push the business tax burden onto consumers is a prime focus for the Senate, Dewhurst said. "That's not fair, just as

it's not fair to move consumer taxes onto businesses when we're trying to grow the economy and create new jobs," he said. Negotiations had been

stalled as the House waited for numbers from the comptroller's office on an

in 2003.

plan. Dewhurst said repeatedly this week that an agreement on the business tax could be reached in a matter of hours, given the opportunity to sit down with a "motivated counterparty."

Craddick would not talk with reporters following discussion with his Dewhurst.

Both the House and Senate proposals would tighten the loophole-ridden franchise tax to require all businesses to pay. Each bill also gives employers an option of the tax formula they like best.

has been the amount both sides want to increase the sales tax, which is now 6.25 percent. House members want to go up a penny, while senators are adamant about keeping it lower.

"We can make some adjustments there, but we're not willing to go to a full penny on sales tax like they are," Brimer said.

holes to largely avoid pay- alternate business tax agree to scrap a proposed 3 percent tax on snacks, but still differed on including a new excise tax on alcohol.

> Lawmakers from each side also said they agreed on the amount of property tax reduction from the current maximum \$1.50 per \$100 of property value to \$1.15 in 2006 and \$1.10 the next year. That's a lower rate than both chambers originally proposed.

Later, however, Dewhurst said a consensus on property tax reduction had not yet been reached.

"I think the speaker Another sticking point understands that time is passing and we need to focus on resolving these few outstanding issues,' he said.

> Both sides have said that without a school finance compromise by Thursday, its chances of happening this session dim considerably. The session ends Monday and Perry has expressed reluctance for calling a special session on the issue.

Both sides seemed to

Bill would change college financial aid requirements

By BRANDI GRISSOM

Associated Press Writer AUSTIN - It would be a little easier for students to keep state grants to attend public universities under a bill the House tentatively approved late Tuesday to lower the grade point average needed to maintain the grants. During debate on the bill, the House also reaffirmed its commitment to

For the grants, current law requires university students to maintain a GPA of 2.5 or higher to keep their TEXAS Grant, which pays tuition and fees for financially needy students. Students who receive the Texas Equalization Grant, a similar program for private schools, need maintain only a 2.0 GPA.

grants for either public or universities from receivprivate schools to have a 2.0 GPA to maintain eligibility. Originally, the legislation would have increased the standard for both to a 2.5 GPA, but critics worried that doing so would eliminate grants for 3,700 private school students.

"I just don't want to kick kids off of financial aid when they need it,"

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ing both the TEXAS Grant and the Texas Equalization Grant.

The bill would require students to take at least 12 credit hours per semester to maintain either a **TEXAS** Grant or a Texas Equalization Grant. Currently, students must only complete 75 percent of the courses they register for to keep the grants.



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"Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances."

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OUR VIEWS

Patience a must when it comes to planning jail

rith one county commissioner calling for a quick halt to the design phase of a proposed joint law enforcement center for Howard County, it's time to suggest a little patience.

Patience on Commissioner Gary Simer's part, that is.

Simer says the last time commissioners went through the design phase of a jail proposal, they spent \$400,000 in architectural fees and no jail was built.

That's true, but that was because the commissioners court decided not to proceed with the project.

So now Simer says he wants to proceed with a "ballpark figure of what the jail is going to cost" and take the issue to the vote of the public. He also says "someone" suggested building a new jail across the street from the courthouse

The concept of taking the project for approval by voters is a good one, but they can't vote on probabilities or "ballpark figures." That might be the way landscape contracts are handled, but it's no way to handle governmental projects with \$10 million price tags. Simer has said he'd like to see the firms explore a second idea — the construction of a jail facility that doesn't include new offices for the Howard County Sheriff's office and Big Spring Police Department. While other commissioners made little or no comment on Simer's suggestion during and after Monday's session, Phil Furqueron said stopping the design process for a joint law enforcement center could lead to a failed bond issue.

t's just amazing to watch kids grow musically. And they do it so quickly.

Dr. Dan Keast teaches music at the University of Texas of the Permian Basin in Odessa. He has

been involved with music a long time. "I started in **Elementary School** playing clarinet and pretty soon I became a tuba player because the school needed a tuba player. And from there I just enjoyed TUMBLEWEED every weekend going somewhere to perform a solo, to march, to play in a band. I just found a home in

music." Dr. Keast is new to the University. He's just finishing his first year. The school had a music program years ago, but it was discontinued.

"I've been working with the University administration and

looking over the cultural opportunities here in Odessa. It's really amazing what's here. It's quite a lot. I think we're going to offer a wide range of music courses and focus on Mariachi music and Jazz music."

A university course in rock & roll

The University has fifteen courses in music now.

"A lot of them are individual classes. I'm the only fulltime music professor here, so if a student comes in and wants to play guitar, I'll place that student with a person who is extremely competent on that instrument. Our music appreciation course is quite popular. We've got a band now at the University and we're working on some ensemble singing groups.'

Since UTPB has no practice rooms. Dan will play a variety of instruments in his classroom. The doors to the classroom are open, so people nearby hear music from a piano, trumpet or drum. Dr. Keast says plans are underway to get some state of the art practice rooms.

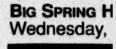
One course being offered this

summer is titled Jazz, Pop and Rock & Roll.

"I put it on the course docket hoping it would fill up," says Dan. "I taught it back in Nebraska a few years when I was teaching in public school and I taught it at the University of Missouri while I was working on my doctorate.

"We start off with jazz history and we do it the same way we do music history. We start at the very roots of it, Ragtime, and we trace it to New Orleans, to swing bands, bop music, cool music and then all of a sudden we have the splinters of jazz, going into jazz fusion and jazz rock and all these other little splinters, then into the neo-classic stuff that we're enduring today. We spend the third week of the course in popular songs, such as Tin Pan Alley, and how that music exploded into Rock and Roll in the 1950's. "I like to cover how society

reacted to rock & roll. Time magazine referred to it as the most hideous form of music ever conceived by the mind of man."



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Although we have disagreed with Furqueron on other subjects in the past, there's no question we agree with his comments before the commissioners court.

"I think you have to educate the public on this, and part of that is giving them the graphics the pictures and designs - to make a choice on," said Furqueron. "I think if you stop now, before you have those graphics, it could seriously hurt the chances of this bond election succeeding."

Certainly there's a possibility of having commissioners provide different options for the public. But different options would require additional architectural planning ... not less.

We all need to recognize that fact. Knee-jerk reactions are not a solution to Howard County's very real need for a new jail.

Yes, indeed. It's time for patience. It's much too early in the planning phase for the project for commissioners to make any final decision.

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

Amen

We can bloom with You, Lord.



Duck and cover time in Austin

ere in the National Laboratory for Bad Government, it's Duck and Cover time - the Legislature is in session. The Can't-Shake-Your-Booty bill passed the House, saving us all from the scourge of sexy cheerleaders. But

nothing else is getting done. The state is being run by people who do not know how to govern. Keep in mind that based on past form, whatever lunacy is going on in Texas will eventually sweep the country.

Rarely are the words of one state legislator worth

national attention, but when Senfronia Thompson, a black representative from Houston, stalks to the back mike with a certain "get-out-of-my-way" look in her eye, it's, Katie, bar the door. Here is Thompson speaking against the Legislature's recent folly of putting a superfluous antigay marriage measure into the state constitution:

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"I have been a member of this august body for three decades, and today is one of the all-time low points. We are going in the wrong direction, in the direction of hate and fear and discrimination. Members, we all know what this is about; this is the politics of divisiveness at it's worst, a wedge issue that is meant to divide.

"Members, this is a distraction from the real things we need to be working on. At the end of this session, this Legislature, this leadership will not be able to deliver the people of Texas fundamental and fair answers to the pressing issues of our day.

"Let's look at what this amendment does not do: It does not give one Texas citizen meaningful tax relief. It does not reform or fully

fund our education system. It does not restore one child to CHIP [Children's Health Insurance Program] who was cut from health insurance last session. It does not put one dime into raising Texas' Third World access to health care. It does not do one thing to care for. or protect one elderly person or one child in this state. In fact, it does not even do anything to protect one marriage.

"Members, this bill is about hate and fear and discrimination.... When I was a small girl, white folks used to talk about 'protecting the institution of marriage' as well. What they meant was if people of my color tried to marry people of Mr. Chisum's color, you'd often find the people of my color hanging from a tree.... Fifty years ago, white folks thought interracial marriages were 'a threat to the institution of marriage.'

"Members, I'm a Christian and a proud Christian. I read the good book and do my best to live by it. I have never read the verse where it says, 'Gay people can't marry.' I have never read the verse where it says, 'Thou shalt discriminate against those not like me.' I have never read the verse where it says, 'Let's base our public policy on hate and fear and discrimination.' Christianity to me is love and hope and faith and forgiveness — not hate and discrimination.

"I have served in this body a lot of years, and I have seen a lot of promises broken.... So ... now that blacks and women have equal rights, you turn your hatred to homosexuals, and you still use your misguided reading of the Bible to justify your hatred. You want to pass this ridiculous amendment so you can go home and brag - brag about what? Declare that you saved the people of Texas from what?

"Persons of the same sex cannot get married in this state now.

Texas law does not now recognize same-sex marriages, civil unions, religious unions, domestic partnerships, contractual arrangements or Christian blessings entered into in this state - or anywhere else on this planet Earth.

"If you want to make your hateful political statements then that is one thing — but the Chisum amendment does real harm. It repeals the contracts that many single people have paid thousands of dollars to purchase to obtain medical powers of attorney, powers of attorney, hospital visitation, joint ownership and support agreements. You have lost your way. This is obscene. . . .

"I thought we would be debating economic development, property tax relief, protecting seniors' pensions and stem cell research to save lives of Texans who are waiting for a more abundant life. Instead we are wasting this body's time with this political stunt that is nothing more than constitutionalizing discrimination. The prejudices exhibited by members of

this body disgust me. "Last week, Republicans used a political wedge issue to pull kids - sweet little vulnerable kids out of the homes of loving parents and put them back in a state orphanage just because those parents are gay. That's disgusting.

"I have listened to the arguments. I have listened to all of the crap. . . . I want you to know that this amendment [is] blowing smoke to fuel the hell-fire flames of bigotry."

Then they passed the amendment.

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Lightly sprinkle chicken and vegetables with additional chicken seasoning. Grill kabobs 10 to 15 minutes, turning frequently.

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4 tbs olive oil, divided 3 tsp McCormick Grill Mates Montreal Chicken Seasoning, divided 2 tbs lemon juice 8 ounces penne pasta, cooked and drained Toss vegetables with 1 tablespoon oil and 1 teaspoon chicken seasoning. Place vegetables in grill basket or on skewers;

grill until tender, about eight to 10 minutes, turning frequently. In small bowl, combine lemon juice, 3 tablespoons oil and 2 teaspoons chicken seasoning. In large bowl, toss lemon juice mixture with cooked pasta and vegetables. Serve warm or chilled. Makes 6 serv-

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1 tsp Worcestershire sauce

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Combine first six ingredients in large, self-closing bag or glass bowl. Add steak and marinate in refrigerator 30 minutes or longer for extra flavor. Remove steak from marinade; discard marinade. Grill or broil steak 8 to 12 minutes per side or to desired doneness. Slice on diagonal and serve. Makes 6 servings

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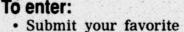
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Tuesday. The library will closed Saturdays the months of June, July HOLLIS

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Registration for "Go Wild, Read!" will begin June 1 and will continue until June 3.

Cookies and punch will be served from 3 p.m. until 5 p.m. on those three days to those who register.

Programs will be Wednesdays and Thursdays from 10 a.m. until 11 a.m.

Wednesdays are for preschoolers and children who have completed the The library has several first grade.

fifth grades.

I am repeating the Howard County Library's unattended child policy.

While we love to have children of all ages come to the library, please remember the following: Children under the age of 6 should never be left

alone in any area of the library; they must be accompanied by an adult or other chaperone.

If the responsible adult

cannot be found, staff will call the appropriate child welfare office (Howard County Sheriff's **Department or Big Spring** Police Department) and report an abandoned child.

School age children may use the library unattended, subject to all policies and procedures of the library. The complete policy is posted in the children's area and by the circulation desk.

I have gotten on a kick of reading mysteries that place during take Medieval times.

Authors who write this genre include Margaret Fraser — her character is Dame Frevisse. Dame Frevisse is a woman, as I understand, not quite a nun, not quite a layperson, in a convent in England. She is a liaison between

the secular world and the cloister.

Anyway, she is called upon to help solve mysteries that come her way. volumes.

Thursdays are for chil- A new author is dren in second through Michael Jecks, who writes the Knights Templar mysteries. The book we have is "A Moorland Hanging."

Simon Puttock becomes involved with tin mining and the rights of miners in this mystery.

Murder, love and avarice all play a part in the conundrum.

A third writer is Peter Tremayne who writes the Sister Fidelma mysteries. These take place in

just Ireland when Christianity has taken hold, although some of the old religion still remains. The library only has

two of his books, but they are well worth picking up at any book store.

Another author is Sharon Kay Penman who writes of King Richard II, Eleanor of Aquitaine, etc. Justin deQuincy is her main character.

Justin is a "Queen's Man" for Queen Eleanor and takes on various projects that usually pertain to murder for Eleanor.

The latest book about Peterson Scott has arrived.

Written by former judge and current Court TV host, Catherine Crier, it is titled "A Deadly Game: The Untold Story of the Scott Peterson Investigation" (364.152 CRI C).

Although much of the information in this book has been reported previously or revealed at trial, anyone looking for a comprehensive overview of the case will find it here.

The authors chart not only the police investigation and trial but the personal and family history. of Scott and Laci.

A more balanced examination of the case is all that's missing to make this book really stand out.

Had the authors started from a presumption of innocence and turned a critical eye on the investigation, which yielded more circumstantial than

solid forensic evidence, the book would have been more compelling, but its thoroughness will draw many readers nonetheless. This review is taken from the Amazon.com website.

Do you watch "The Medium" on television? Allison Dubois is the ' woman who inspired that NBC television series.

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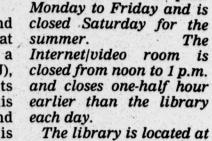
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a tremendous impact of people's lives.

In "Memory and Identity: Conversations at of a Dawn the Millennium" (282 POP J), the Pope's viewpoints about global politics, his views on freedom and democracy and his request for a dialogue between religions and civilizations is recorded for the first time.

This is a thought-provoking book and a unique look at a person who led the Catholic Church through some turbulent times.

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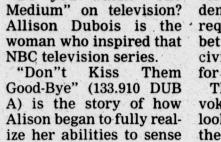
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IN BRIEF

Big Spring sets up 2005 black and gold tennis tournament

The 2005 Black and Gold tennis circuit will take place in Big Spring June 10 through June 11.

All players may enter three events, but are limited to two divisions. All entries are due seven days before tournaments the begins.

The divisions for boy's and girl's singles are 12 and under, 14 and under, 16 and under and 18 and under.

There will also be an adult singles division for both men and women. The divisions for doubles competitors are the same as the singles and there will be a mixed doubles division, as well. The cost to play one event is \$15, while two and three events are \$25 and \$35, respectively.

All matches will be two out of three sets and only a tiebreaker in set No. 3. For more information, contact Sarah Corse, Big Spring Tournament Director, at 432-263-2275.

BSISD announces

annual tennis camp Big Spring High School has set up its annual tennis camp for June 6 through June 9 at the Figure 7 Tennis Courts inside of anche Trail Park. The camp will begin at 8 a.m. Monday and 8:30 a.m. all other days and will end at 11:30 a.m. every day. The cost is \$100 and it includes a T-shirt. For more information, contact Dennis Smiley at 263-3848, Sarah Corse at 263-2275 or Ted Olesen at 806-236-8901.

Hidalgo's big bat leads Rangers past Royals Richard Hidalgo is starting to earn the \$5 million contract he received from the Texas Rangers last December.

Hidalgo homered twice to back Ryan Drese, and the Rangers beat the Kansas City Royals 4-3 Tuesday night to stretch their winning streak to a season-best four.

In the second inning, Hidalgo's two-run homer off the left-field foul pole gave Texas a 2-0 lead.

ARLINGTON (AP) - Hidalgo, a streaky hitter the pair, who were on the Francisco Cordero got game by throwing a during seven seasons in the National League, added a solo drive in the seventh to make it 4-2.

Hidalgo, who has three homers in his last three games, raised his average to .216.

Barajas and Drese were involved in a confrontation in the Texas dugout in the middle of the sixth inning, apparently over pitch selection. Teammates and manager **Buck Showalter separated**

Drese later shook hands when Drese was pulled from the game after the

seventh. After the game, Showalter acknowledged the episode, but downplayed it. Barajas and Drese refused to comment.

Drese (4-4), who had lost three of his previous four decisions, allowed two runs and seven hits in seven innings.

ground, and Barajas and three outs for his major league-leading 15th save in 17 chances, helping the Rangers (25-20) move five games over .500 for the first time this season.

Terrence Long hit a oneout single, took third on Ruben Gotay's double and scored when second baseman Alfonso Soriano bobbled the relay throw for an error.

With Gotay on second. Cordero struck out Angel Berroa, then ended the 15 on the road.

called third strike past David DeJesus.

Kevin Mench's RBI double in the sixth against **Runelvys Hernandez (2-6)** broke a 2-2 tie. Soriano had a two-out single, stole second and scored on Mench's liner beyond third baseman Mark Teahen.

Hernandez gave up three runs and five hits in six innings for Kansas City, which dropped to 6-

In control

Spurs go up 2-0, win another game in Phoenix

By BOB BAUM

AP Sports Writer PHOENIX (AP) Experienced, talented and poised, the San Antonio Spurs are well on their way to squashing the feelgood story of the NBA season.

Those fast, fun Phoenix Suns were given a playoff lesson in fourth-quarter basketball again Tuesday night. The result was a 111-108 victory by San Antonio that sends the Spurs home up 2-0 in the best-of-seven Western Conference finals.

No team has lost the first two at home and come back to win in the conference or NBA finals. This time, it wasn't that Phoenix played poorly down the stretch.

"At some point, you have to say they deserved to win and they played better than us in the fourth quarter," the Suns' Steve Nash said. "Experience maybe gives them a lot of confidence. and maybe they do some little things." After Nash's 3-pointer had given Phoenix a 102-100 lead, Robert Horry lived up to his reputation as "Big Shot Bob" with a 3-pointer, on a pass from Manu Ginobili, that put the Spurs ahead for good 103-102 with 2:31 to play.

Then, Ginobili turned magician, virtually making the ball disappear with a behind-the-back move for a reverse layup to make it 105-102.

The Suns' Amare Stoudemire missed a layup, then Ginobili sank an 18-foot jumper. San Antonio led 107-102 with 1:05 to play, and Phoenix was finished.

Tim Duncan, saddled with foul trouble in a miserable five-point first half, came back to score 25 in the second half, 14 in the fourth quarter.

Ginobili scored 26 points, and Tony Parker 24 for the Spurs.

The Suns again got big games from Nash and Stoudemire. Nash had 29 points and 15 assists, and Stoudemire scored 37.

Nash became the first player to have at least 25 points and 10 assists in



KRT photo/Ralph Freso, East Valley Tribune San Antonio Spurs' Tim Duncan pulls down a rebound in front of Phoenix Suns' Jim Jackson during second half action at America West Arena as the Spurs beat the Suns, 111-108, to win Game 2 in Phoenix, Ariz.

Justin Cowboy Crisis Fund tourney set

The Big Spring Cowboy Reunion and Rodeo has announced a golf tournament to benefit the Justin Cowboy Crisis Fund.

The tournament is scheduled for Friday, June 17. The tournament costs \$50 per player and the fee includes lunch and fine prizes for top golfers. For more information, contact Eddy Blassnigame at 263-8421.

Howard announces first of three camps

The Howard College women's basketball program will be host-ing three camps this summer.

The first camp will take place June 13-16 and is for seventh-12th grade girls and is a shooting and offensive moves camp? Registration will take place Monday, June 13, from 8:30 a.m. to 9 a.m. The camp goes from 9 a.m. to noon through June 16 and the cost is \$60 per person. For more information or to pre-register, call head coach Earl Diddle at 432-264-5043 or assistant coach Eric Rodewald at 432-816four consecutive playoff games. Michael Jordan last quarter. and Oscar Robertson did it three games in a row. Nash played 46 minutes, and his only break was quarter.

For the second time in as many games, the Suns led entering the fourth quarter, then watched it slip away in the final minutes. And for the second time, the Spurs shot better than 70 percent (71 See SPURS, Page 2B

percent, 12-for-17) in the

"With the acquisition of Nash, the Suns used a turbocharged version of "small ball" to go from 29 for 1:45 in the fourth victories to an NBA-best 62, the third-biggest turn-

around in NBA history. But the Suns' got a big dose of playoff reality against the Spurs, losing consecutive games for the first time since April 8-9.

Houston bullpen implodes as Astros fall to Cubs in Chicago

By RICK GANO

AP Sports Writer CHICAGO (AP) - Roger Clemens was breezing and then suddenly he was out of the game, forced to leave after five brilliant innings because of a groin injury.

Without the Rocket, the Houston Astros couldn't hold on, crumbling when closer Brad Lidge couldn't find the plate as the Chicago Cubs rallied with four runs in the eighth for a 4-2 victory Tuesday night.

"It's more than a mild strain, but I know my body and I didn't tear it.' Clemens said. "I'm OK. It's iced down and numb and we'll start treating it tomorrow."

Clemens had retired 10 straight batters before walking Enrique Wilson

with two outs in the fifth. Manager Phil Garner the eighth on a double by and a trainer then ran to the mound to talk with Clemens, who stayed in the game and got the final out of the inning.

Jeromy Burnitz hit a two-run single with the bases loaded and two outs in the eighth off Lidge (1-2), who threw two wild pitches and walked two in blowing the save.

"No excuse. It was very frustrating for me to go out there and blow it for him," Lidge said. "I just had trouble putting my slider in the strike zone." Clemens allowed two singles, walked one, struck out six, lowered his major league-best ERA to 1.19 and extended his scoreless streak on the road this season to 26 innings.

Chicago made it 2-1 in Jason Dubois and RBI single by pinch-hitter Todd Hollandsworth off Chad Qualls.

Lidge replaced Qualls and had control problems immediately, throwing a wild pitch to move Hollandsworth to second and then walking Jerry Hairston.

After getting Neifi Perez to hit into a short-to-third forceout, Lidge walked Derrek Lee to load the bases. Burnitz then sent a single to right to give the Cubs the lead. Lee later scored on Lidge's second wild pitch of the inning. The struggling Astros, who had scored just 16 runs in Clemens' previous nine starts, gave him a working margin with . two runs in the fourth.

Agassi falls at French, downplays retirement

By STEVE WINE ing with these injections.'

AP Sports Writer PARIS (AP) — Andre Agassi, the oldest player at the French Open, felt his age Tuesday.

Hobbled by an inflamed nerve in his back that back months, dates Agassi lost in the opening round for the second year in a row. He didn't request treatment from a trainer but rarely ran after shots in the final two sets and lost to Finnish qualifier Jarkko Nieminen 7-5, 4-6, 6-7 (6), 6-1, 6-0.

The 35-year-old Agassi said the injury flared up in the third set.

"The nerve in my back started getting inflamed and sending pain all the way down my leg, and it was getting worse by the minute," he said. "To serve was painful, to move, to stand and even to sit. It was getting worse and worse.'

Agassi said a cortisone injection he received in February alleviated the symptoms for a while, but his back began to bother him again about a month ago. He said he might need another shot to compete at Wimbledon.

"I have every intention of playing," he said. "Something tells me I'm at the stage of my career where I'm going to be liv-

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Game 2: Saturday, 5 p.m. at Snyder Game 3 (if needed) will be played 30 minutes at

Coincidentally, Agassi set an Open era record for men by playing in his 58th major event. He has lost in the opening round nine times. At Roland Garros, he failed to reach the third round for the seventh time in 16 appearances, but he won the tournament in 1999 to. complete a career Grand Slam. Also eliminated was

Gustavo Kuerten, a threetime French Open champion who has battled hip trouble for years.

The unseeded Kuerten, who has won just two matches in 2005, lost to David Sanchez 6-3, 6-0, 4-6, 6-1.

2-seeded Andv No. Roddick improved his modest career record at Roland Garros to 4-4 by beating French wild-card Jo-Wilfried Tsonga 6-3, 6-2, 6-4.

The No. 6-seeded Agassi looked out of sorts from the start, and doublefaulted four times in one game.

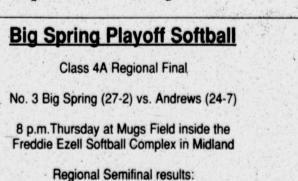
He overcame a set point in the tiebreaker and won it with a forehand return winner.

But even with the lead, he said he considered defaulting before deciding against it.

"I almost shook hands at two sets to one," he said. "I didn't want to leave that way."

Agassi sought relief by taking Advil but said a trainer could have done nothing to help him. Instead, he moved stiffly and suffered through the final two sets.

"It's disappointing not to be in a position to be competitive out there," he said.



Big Spring defeated Cleburne, 2-1 Andrews defeated White Settlement Brewer, 2-1 2B

BRIEF

C.G.A. sets annual scholarship tourney The Chicano Golf Association has announced its 15th annual scholarship golf tournament will take place Saturday, June 11, through Sunday, June 12, at the **Big Spring Country** Club (Saturday) and Comanche Trail Park (Sunday).

The tournament will be a two person pick your partner scramble and costs \$75 per person. Proceeds will be used to help send local high school students to college.

For more information, contact Willie Mendoza at 267-7977 or Billy Pineda at 264-7116.

B.S. Country Club announces parentchild tournament

The Big Spring **Country Club will host** a parent-child golf tournament June 4 through June 5.

There will be a trophy division and an open division for the two person scramble. There will be a shotgun start both days as the tournament will begin at 9 a.m. Saturday and at 1 p.m. Sunday.

The entry fee is \$80 for the trophy division and \$30 for the open division plus the cost of a golf cart (private carts are welcome). For more information, call 267-5354.

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Milwaukee earns top selection at lottery

By TOM CANAVAN

AP Sports Writer SECAUCUS, N.J. (AP) - The Milwaukee Bucks not only beat the odds in winning the NBA draft lottery, they also improved their chances of keeping unrestricted free agent guard Michael Redd.

"I don't know if I'll sleep tonight," general manager Larry Harris said Tuesday after the Bucks jumped over five teams to earn the right to pick first in the June 28 draft.

Winning the pingpong ball lottery also offers the Bucks other options.

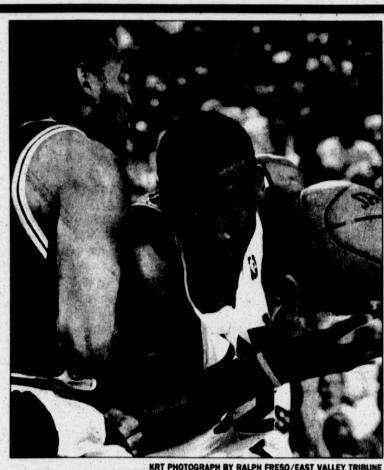
Milwaukee simply could use the pick to take a talented player such as center Andrew Bogut, forward Marvin Williams or point guard Chris Paul.

Having one of them could convince Redd to return. He has told Harris he wants to play for the Bucks again, but only if the team is able to contend.

Atlanta, which won a league-low 13 games and had the best chance of securing the No. 1 pick, will instead have the second choice.

Portland made the other big move in the lottery, jumping from No. 5 to third.

The big losers were New Orleans, Charlotte and Utah, which all dropped two spots in the order.



Phoenix Suns forward Amare Stoudemire lowers his shoulder as he tries to drive the lane on the San Antonio Spurs' Robert Horry during second half action at America West Arena as the Spurs beat the Suns 111-108 in Game 2 Tuesday.

NBA labor talks to continue

By TOM CANAVAN

AP Sports Writer SECAUCUS, N.J. (AP) - Just a week after suspending talks on a new collective bargaining agreement, the NBA and its players' union are returning to the negotiating table.

NBA commissioner David Stern said Tuesday that contract talks will resume soon.

Stern acknowledged before the NBA draft lottery that the league has spoken with the players association since negotiations were suspended last week.

Stern laid out the framework for a new collective bargaining agreement Tuesday. He said the

league will guarantee that the players receive 57 percent share of the revenues, the same amount they currently get under the agreement negotiated in 1999. He said the league will raise the salary cap three percentage points and minimize the level at which the luxury tax clicks in.

If the players accepted the framework, Stern said the only key areas left to be negotiated would be non-economic – the length of player contracts, drug testing and minimum age.

The maximum current length of player contracts is seven years. The league wants it lowered to a possible five years.

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SPURS

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Horry's 3-pointer came

from the corner on a pass

from Ginobili, who had

penetrated on the dribble.

Popovich said it was a

play called during a time-

made on the fly. Nash had a shot to tie it at the end after Ginobili only one of two free throws with 4.2 seconds left. But the Spurs clamped on the defense, and the Suns' point guard was forced to take an offbalanced shot that was on the line but short.

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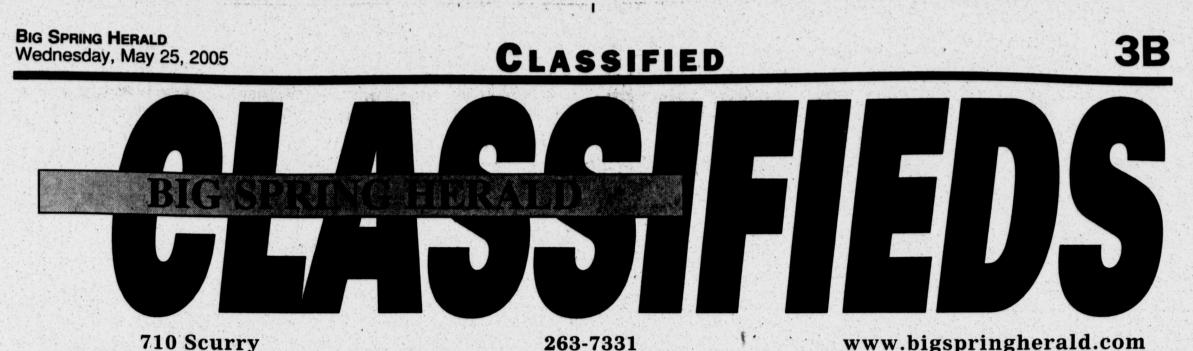
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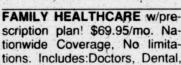
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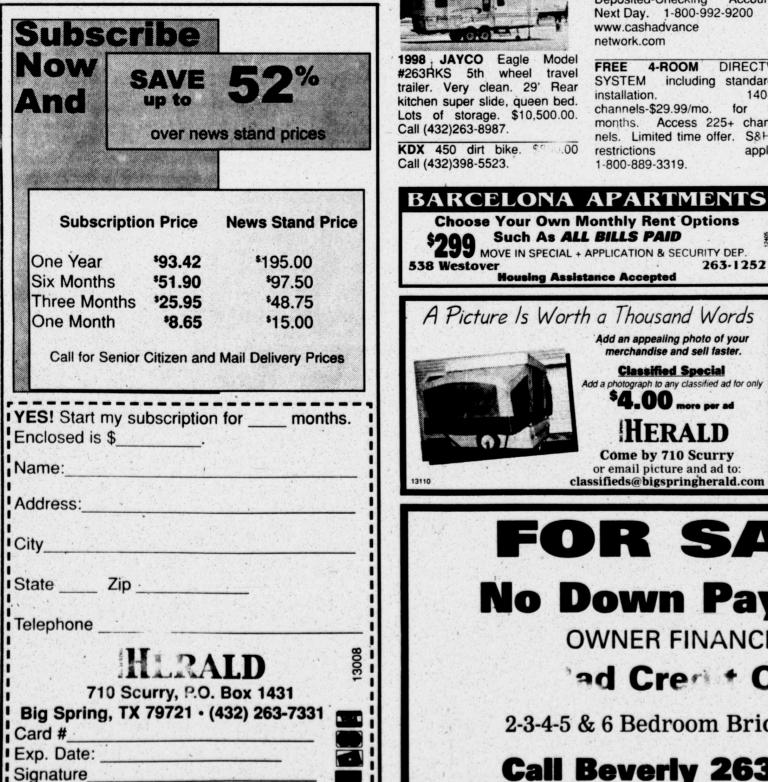
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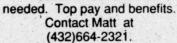
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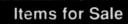
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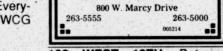
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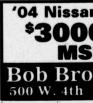
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BY HOLIDAY MATHIS With so much anxious cosmic activity lately, the Capricorn moon will be a stabilizing

influence, [reminding us of what is truly important. Anchor yourself by mindfully engaging in your routines. HOLIDAY

Traditions MATHIS and rituals in and of themselves are meaningless, except for the meanings we ascribe to them ... which are, of course,

everything. **ARIES** (March 21-April 19). The relationship between your work and your life is the featured issue. Your work is more than what you do to sustain your lifestyle — it is your lifestyle and also your way to get more out of life.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). It's clear you need more money to afford the items you desire. Instead of focusing on business though, build your social network. It's about quality, not quantity. Show up

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in any way you can. **GEMINI** (May 21-June 21). Find ways to systemize your job. Being sure of exactly what to do to create a product will release you from the stress of the unknown. Your connection with new people is vital to future success.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Your personal life as a whole is the focus - not just the friends you have or the things you do with them, but how much your heart is fulfilled in the process. Tonight features a risk. Cross your fingers, and go.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). The advent of a highly anticipated event brings up all kinds of emotions, including a feeling of overwhelmed. being Break your day into small, manageable parts, and take it moment by moment.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Your needs are changing, but old friends can grow and change with you if you give them a chance. Someone sweet could spoil you silly - all it takes is a few hints from you. This is the kind of thing that you could get used to.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Planets focus your perspective on a more holistic point of view. If one

area of your life is hurting, other areas suffer, too. So take care of a problem that's been eating at your conscience, even if it seems insignificant.

Tomorrow's Horoscope

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). The stars encourage you to find the value in your current relationships. Maximize every opportunity to give. One person connects you to who they know, and before you realize it, you have access to hundreds of people.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Put your life first to avoid getting lost in the endless quagmire of work-related tasks. You'll have more energy and resources to draw on when you recognize the importance of your purpose and prioritize accordingly.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Your responsibilities are a pleasure, and that's why you're able to do more than other people. In addition to taking care of your own stuff, you help manifest the vision of your loved ones.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You're so adept at attracting new people you sometimes forget to make an effort to keep the friends you acquire. Cherish your people now. Call them, send them

cards, let them know they are important.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You've got the feeling that what you are doing was intended for you. It's no small gift when you consider that some people never find their way. Today is about enjoying your relationship with destiny.

ASTROLOGICAL **QUESTIONS: "I was born** on Nov. 21, 1979 in Pune, India. Where is my career headed? I'm going through a horrible phase right now and I can't see the light at the end of this tunnel. I'm a musician and I just don't know what I'm doing. I think I just need to feel as though things will be OK."

Indeed, things will be OK. With Mars in Virgo you have a tendency to expect certain things from your career choices that are unreasonable, i.e. you expect that you should be able to get every gig you try out for, book every club you want to play at and make all of your living playing music. It's cruel to expect these things and also cruel to punish yourself for not being further along in your career. May 31 through June 18, Saturn trines your natal Mercury, and you are able to get into a profitable ongoing situation.

If you are open, Saturn could also teach you that making a living in music has more to do with attitude than anything else. Yes, you are talented! But vou also need to lighten up. Your business plan could be as simple as a one-sentence statement: I make music and collect money!

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CELEBRITY PRO-FILES: Consummate rocker Lenny Kravitz puts on an entertainment spectacle guaranteed to blow the walls off any venue he plays. He does this at no small expense, but his investment secures his place as a star among stars. Tapping into his Sagittarius moon, his drive to explore and conquer new territory not only keeps his music fresh this year, but keeps his private life interesting, too.

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Annie's Mailbox -: Advice for those in need

Annie: My Dear divorced daughter, who lives in another state, sleeps in the same bed as her son. I didn't think much about this when he was a toddler, but now he is 7 years old.

"Lorelei" gets angry with me when I tell her this is not good for either one of them. She says someone told her it's done all the time in other coun-



coverage for people across the nation. . he American people can make a difference if they stay informed and support a national system. -- A Concerned Neighbor

Dear Annie: I recently visited my daughter and her husband. While there, my daughter told me her mother-in-law made it clear that I am not wel- There is no reason Mom

heated discussions over it. Our female friends disagree, saying my wife should definitely wear either purple or pink. I don't really care because I am legally colorblind.

Please help me settle this quickly because it's a long, hot time until July. -- Peacekeeper

Dear Peacekeeper: come in her house. To my cannot match the flowers

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#4565 May 25, 2005 STATE OF NEW MEXICO

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GREETINGS

You are hereby notified that a Dissolution of Marriage action is now pending in the above-entitled court wherein Joseph H. Cardenas is the Petitioner and that you are the Respondent. The general objects of said action are to obtain a decree of said Court dissolving the marriage now existing between you and the Petitioner. Unless you answer in this action on or before the 10th day of June, 2005, judgment will be rendered against you by default and the relief prayed for by the Petitioner will be granted WITNESS MY HAND AND SEAL to the Court, this 23 day of May, 2005

Angelic Chacon **District Court Clerk** By Margarita Gomez, Deputy #4567 May 25 & June 1, 8, 2005 tries, and she doesn't want me to bring it up again.

I believe I am correct, and if you agree, please let me know. -- No Name Grandma

Dear Grandma: There are some cultures where older children continue to Determined share their parents' bed, but it is often due to the lack of additional sleeping quarters. Most pediatricians do not recommend keeping a child in the parents' bed past the age of 2 or 3.

While an occasional visit is fine (if the child has a nightmare, for example), it should not become the rule. There is some concern that the child will use the parent as a security blanket and not learn to sleep independently. There also is the possibility that the child will develop sexual feelings for the parent -and vice versa. family. Don't give them

It sounds as if your daughter does not want to sleep alone. She should be very careful not to transfer her needs onto her son.

Dear Annie: We can energy to fight this disrelate to "Determined in the Midwest," who wrote live one day at a time, and about the financial struggle his family has faced since his wife's battle with cancer.

Last year, our child was in the hospital for two months. It was a major emotional and financial burden. We are still struggling to make ends meet with each paycheck. One side of the family chose to give us assistance and, most importantly, was there emotionally as well. The other side took a totally different approach. When friends held a

fundraiser to help us with medical and personal needs, the family members on that side called us 'spoiled brats."

Through it all, we found the people who truly love KATHY MITCHELL MARCY SUGAR

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Dear Determined: We

Dear Annie: I am a 45-

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May God bless you. --

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I am aware that this heard from dozens of woman is an alcoholic readers who expressed and a control freak. support and concern for However, it still hurts my feelings to know I travthis man and his family. eled many, many miles only to be shunned by year-old woman with five someone with whom I wonderful children, and I share a grandchild. I have cancer. My husband expressed my feelings to my daughter, who said has a great job, and we always had lived a very she was devastated as lifestyle. well.

Now, we struggle pay-Do you think my son-incheck to pay check. We law should have told us have not received finanthat his mother would not welcome me into her It is disheartening, but I home, or should he have ask "Determined" to let waited until I called her go of the bitterness you 'and let her be the villain? feel toward your wife's -- Sad and Rejected

Dear Sad: It doesn't realthat kind of power over ly matter who is the your lives. It takes a lot of source of the information if it is true. It's a shame of burden, and you and your daughter's MIL isn't your family need that more welcoming, but you cannot force a relationease. I encourage you to ship. It isn't unusual when related-by-marriage enjoy each and every family members don't moment you're given. enjoy each other's company, 'so don't make more out of this than you need to. You still can see your "Determined" expresses daughter, her husband and their child, and that's what counts.

> Dear Annie: I am a 56year-old father, married 35-plus years, and am trying to resolve a dispute. No one knows I am writing. My 31-year-old daughter is marrying for the second time in July. She didn't have a big wedding the first time, so she is doing it now, and she has selected purple and pink as her color scheme.

My daughter says her mother cannot wear a cern was for her health. pink dress because it is lems with the system, but not proper etiquette, and and care for us and ask it works and provides they have had some very

knowledge, I have done and napkins, but accordnothing to this woman or ing to Peggy Post, the mother of the bride should not wear the same color dress as the bride or the bridesmaids. Instead, she should select something that coordinates nicely. We hope that ends the argument.

Dear Annie: You recently printed a letter from "Anonymous in the Midwest," who was invited to a retirement party for a friend, and asked to contribute toward the costs and a group gift. Perhaps this doesn't happen everywhere, but here in the Boston area, it is a common occurrence for teacher retirement parties.

The parties are typically run by a few close colleagues who select the party site and gift, as well as determine how much each attendee is to pay (although the retiree and immediate family are not charged). There usually is also a suggested amount to give toward the gift.

Because I've attended such parties both as a family member and as a colleague, I certainly would not think twice if I got such an invitation. --A School Employee

Dear School Employee: A retirement party for a colleague is different from a private party given by the retiree's spouse. When co-workers plan a party for a fellow employee, it is perfectly OK to ask other employees to contribute to the party and to a group gift. However, when Joe Smith's wife decides she wants to celebrate her husband's retirement by inviting their friends to a gala, it is inappropriate to expect the guests to pay for the privilege -- even in Boston.

Annie's Mailbox is written by Kathy Mitchell and Marcy Sugar, longtime editors of the Ann Landers column.

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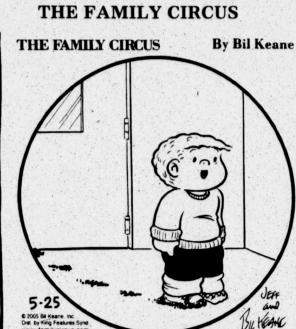
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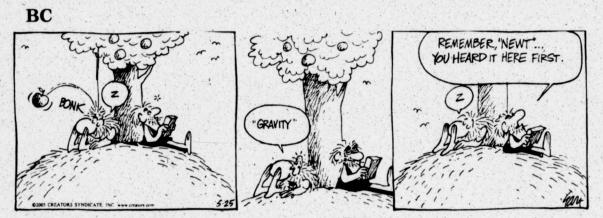
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MR. WILSON HAS LOTS OF PATIENCE ... HE JUST HAS TROUBLE FINDING IT!"



"Good news, Mommy! One of my shoes didn't get stuck in the mud."



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This Date In History

By The Associated Press

Today's Highlight in History:

On May 25, 1787, the **Constitutional Convention** convened was in Philadelphia after enough delegates had shown up for a quorum.

On this date: In 1895, playwright Oscar Wilde was convicted of a morals charge in London; he was sentenced to prison.

In 1935, Babe Ruth hit the 714th and final home

Kennedy asked the nation to work toward putting a man on the moon by the end of the decade.

In 1968, the Gateway Arch, part of the Jefferson Expansion National Memorial in St. Louis, was dedicated.

In 1985, more than 11,000 people were killed as a hurricane and tidal wave devastated Bangladesh.

Ten years ago: NATO warplanes struck Bosnian Serb headquarters. (Serbs answered with swift defiance, storming U.N. weapons depots, attacking safe areas and taking peacekeepers as hostages.)

Five years ago: Iranian state radio announced that former President Hashemi Rafsanjani had resigned

Beverly Sills is 76. Actor Sir Ian McKellen is 66. director Movie and Muppeteer Frank Oz is 61. Actress Connie Sellecca is 50. Actor-comedian Mike Myers is 42. Rock musician Glen Drover is 36. Actresses Lindsay and Sidney Greenbush ("Little House on the Prairie") are 35. Actor Jamie Kennedy is 35. Rapper Dat Nigga Daz is 32. Singer Lauryn Hill is 30. Rock musician Todd Whitener (Tantric) is 27. Actor Corbin Allred is

26. Thought for Today: "A historian is a prophet in reverse." _ Friedrich von Schlegel, German diplo-mat and writer (1772-1829).

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In 1946, Transjordan (now Jordan) became a kingdom as it proclaimed its new monarch, King Abdullah Ibn Ul-Hussein. President 1961, In

from the incoming parliament, depriving hard-liners of a leading figure in power the struggle between conservatives and reformists.

Birthdays: Today's Lyricist Hal David is 84. Former

Newsday Crossword

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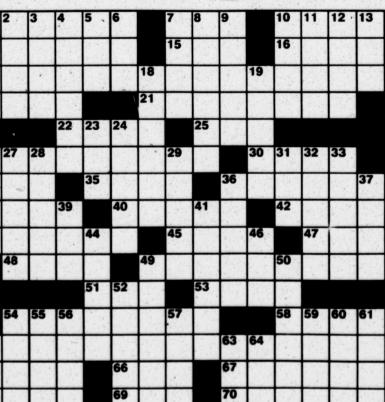
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