



Summer begins with 'Splash-In' activities on Monday

By STEVE REAGAN

Staff Writer

Forget all that traditional talk about summer not beginning until June.

For all practical purposes, summer for local residents begins Monday, when the 38th annual KBST-City of Big Spring Splash-In is held at the Comanche Trail Park swimming pool and amphitheater.

Beginning at 1 p.m., the annual event will feature food,

drinks, games, rides and a free movie.

Oh, and there will be swimming. Lots and lots of swimming.

"We'll have up to 2,500 people go through the door (at the pool)," said KBST General Manager John Weeks. "There will be so many we'll have to run them through in shifts... so everybody gets a chance to get some swimming in."

People having to wait in line for a chance to swim won't be

at a loss for something to do. City Public Works Director Todd Darden said that the Howard County Sheriff's Posse will offer pony rides immediately north of the pool, while several vendors' booths will be in operation in the vicinity.

Weeks said that the Forsan High Band and other non-profit groups will have various booths set up in the area.

The swimming portion of the event concludes at 6 p.m., but activities will continue through

the evening, culminating with a free-to-the-public showing of the animated feature film, "The Incredibles" at 8 p.m. in the park amphitheater.

Darden said he's always been impressed by the event's popularity.

"It's always been a big deal," he said. "You go to it every year, and it's just overwhelming the number of people who show up, waiting in line at the pool. I feel like it's just a big attraction for the community."

More than that — it's proof-positive that another summer is here, Weeks said.

"I think it's the signal that school's finally out and that summer's arrived," he said. "It's time to go to the pool, have some fun, get some good drinks and food, win prizes.... It's like, 'School's out. Let's party.'"

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GETTING READY TO WALK



Herald photo/Steve Reagan
Alex Watkins, left, and Kelli Warrington chat prior to the start of Big Spring High School graduation exercises Friday night in Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. More than 200 members of the BSHS Class of 2005 received diplomas during the ceremony.

DA considers extradition for Fahnbulleh

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

Howard County District Attorney Hardy Wilkerson said his office is looking into possible extradition of a 49-year-old former Southwest Collegiate Institute for the Deaf dean charged with two third-degree felony counts of official restraint.

Franklin W. Fahnbulleh III was indicted by a Howard County grand jury in March 2003 on two felony counts of official restraint and a misdemeanor charge of public lewdness. Prior to his indictment, Fahnbulleh left the United States and is believed to be residing in Bermuda.

"I've received reports that he (Fahnbulleh) is in Bermuda somewhere, but I don't know how accurate that is," said Wilkerson. "I plan to talk to the FBI next week to explore what it would take to have him extradit-

ed."

Wilkerson said the decision comes down to a matter of "cost relative to the severity of the crime."

"It's obvious we wouldn't go through the cost to have him extradited just for the misdemeanor charge," said Wilkerson. "I think there's more interest in the civil case pending against him than the criminal charges, but that's not what my office is concerned with."

As for the cost, Wilkerson said until he can talk to the FBI and other agencies, that number is up in the air.

"It's difficult to project the cost," said Wilkerson. "We'll just have to see what sort of resources it's going to take and go from there."

Fahnbulleh is accused of injuring the back of an accounts payable clerk at the Southwest Collegiate Institute for the Deaf (SWCID) during an

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'Ride to Remember' events are Memorial Day tradition

By JOHN A. MOSELEY

Managing Editor

More than 200 motorcyclists are expected to roar into Big Spring Monday as they observe a Memorial Day tradition — the "Ride to Remember."

The "Ride to Remember" began a few years ago and has been observed on each Memorial Day with participants gathering for ceremonies at the Permian Basin Vietnam

Memorial at Terminal before riding their motorcycles to the Big Spring Vietnam Memorial.

Following the ride from Terminal to the Big Spring memorial, the riders will take part in a short ceremony. The Rev. Dean Thomas, chaplain at the Big Spring VA Medical Center, will deliver brief remarks and the Rev. Wayne Frost will lead the group in prayer. The riders will then place a wreath at the memorial.

Hangar 25 will be serving refreshments for participants following the ceremony at the hangar.

Those riders from Big Spring wishing to take part in the "Ride to Remember" will gather at the Rip Griffin Truck Stop and leave at approximately 7:15 that morning.

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Conaway featured speaker for Martin County services

By STEVE REAGAN

Staff Writer

Stanton's U.S. representative will be the featured speaker at Memorial Day services at Evergreen Cemetery Monday.

An address by Congressman Mike Conaway will highlight the event, scheduled to begin at 9 a.m. American Legion Post No. 429 will sponsor the observance.

The graves of veterans will be decorated with hundreds of U.S. flags,

officials said.

Stanton native Clayton Henson was killed in service in Iraq last year and is interned at Evergreen Cemetery. Henson's parents will participate in Monday's ceremony by placing a wreath on the American Legion's memorial site.

American Legion post commander Mryl Mitchell will serve as moderator for the event.

Also taking part will be the choir from the

Downtown Church of Christ, directed by Martin County Judge Corky Blocker.

Members of the color guard at this year's ceremony will be Shawn Rivas, David Pribyla, Albert Garza, Mike Payne and Charles Hale. After the ceremony, Daren Patrick will play Taps.

After the ceremony, the public is invited to a reception at the Martin County Historical Museum.

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AMERICAN PROFILE



Memorial Day is a special occasion in Waterloo, N.Y. (pop. 7,866), where residents as far back as 1866 have closed their businesses and decorated the graves of fallen soldiers with

flowers and flags. The town, under the direction of President Lyndon Johnson in 1966, has become known as the Birthplace of Memorial Day — a title that residents proudly accept.

WHAT'S NEXT?



In a Texas-size political chess game, Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison plays the role of queen.

She plans to announce this summer whether she'll try to hold her U.S. Senate seat in 2006 or challenge fellow Republican Rick Perry for Texas governor.

"I will make the decision based on what I think is the best thing I could do for Texas," she said.

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LOST SOLDIERS

Sixty years after the guns of World War II went silent, reports that two Japanese Imperial Army soldiers had been found in the mountains of the southern Philippines sent Japan's diplomats on a frantic mission Friday to try to contact them.

The two men, in their 80s, reportedly have lived on the restive southern island of Mindanao since they were separated from their division, staying on for fear they would face court-martial if they returned to Japan.

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Obituaries

O.J. Ingram

O. J. Ingram, 87, of Garland, formerly of Big Spring, died Friday, May 27, 2005, in Garland. Graveside funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Monday, May 30, 2005 at the Peace Chapel at Trinity Memorial Park with the Rev. Ben Neel, officiating. The family will receive friends from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

He was born Feb. 7, 1918, in Big Spring and married Anna Louise Shepherd Aug. 19, 1941 in Stanton. She preceded him in death Aug. 25, 2003.

Mr. Ingram was a lifelong resident of Howard County and had worked for the Colorado River Municipal Water District for 50 years, retiring in 1975. He had also farmed near Vincent. He was a Methodist.

Survivors include his grandson, Jay Douglas Ingram II and wife, Arlene, of Sachse; two great-grandsons, Jay Douglas Ingram III and Haden Scott Ingram, both of Sachse; and a niece, Patsy Self, of Big Spring.

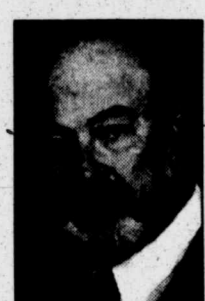
He was also preceded in death by one son, Jay Douglas Ingram Nov. 30, 1996.

The family suggests memorials be made to Vitas Hospice, 8585 N. Stemmons, Suite 700, Dallas 75247.

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

Bill Wilson Sr.



Bill D. "Paw Paw" Wilson Sr., 63, of Big Spring, died Saturday, May 28, 2005, in a Midland hospital. Memorial services will be held at 2 p.m. Monday, May 30, 2005 at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

He was born Jan. 8, 1942, in Lamesa, and married Dolly "Debbie" Bien in September 1999 in Big Spring.

He had lived in Big Spring for 25 years. He liked racing cars, riding motorcycles, boating and enjoyed the mountains. He loved his family, especially spoiling his grandchildren.

Survivors include his wife, Dolly "Debbie" Wilson of Big Spring; one son and daughter-in-law, Bill D. Jr. and Marie Wilson of Forsan; three daughters and one son-in-law, Michelle and Tony Salazar of Big Spring; and Paul Sue Coleman and Laura Scarbrough, both of Houston; his mother, Billie Sue Sutton of Big Spring; two sisters and brothers-in-law, Brenda and Gary Bailey of Houston; and Bobbie and Wayne Jones of Washington; nine grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

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

Martha Martinez

Martha Martinez, 52, of Houston, formerly of Big Spring, died Thursday, May 26, 2005, in Houston. Vigil Services will be at 7:30 p.m. Monday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral Mass will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday, May 31, 2005, at Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church with the Rev. Richard Regan, pastor, officiating. Burial will be at Trinity Memorial Park.

She was born Oct. 16, 1952. She was a longtime resident of Midland and Big Spring. She was a retired teacher and a Catholic.

She is survived by two sons, Matthew Martinez and Jordan Martinez; her mother, Celia Fierro; a sister, Cynthia F. Harvey; a brother, Agustin Fierro Jr.; and a niece, Elizabeth Grace Harvey.

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

Support groups

SUNDAY

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

TUESDAY

• The Multiple Sclerosis Support Group meets at 6 p.m., a new time, the last Tuesday of each month in the College Baptist Church Fellowship Hall, 1005 Birdwell Lane. Call Tracey at 263-4948 for more information.

THURSDAY

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

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

Lottery

Results of Friday night's drawing in the multistate Mega Millions lottery:

The winning numbers were: 7, 17, 22, 34, and 50. The Mega Ball number was 24.

Number of tickets matching 5-of-5 numbers plus the Mega Ball: 0

Estimated jackpot for Tuesday's drawing: \$92 million

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Friday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 6-8-16-23-26.

Number matching five of five: 0.

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Friday night, in order:

6-2-8

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Friday afternoon, in order:

0-2-6

Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following incidents between 8 a.m. Friday and 8 a.m. Saturday:

• **LAWRENCE ZAITZ**, 45, Oklahoma City, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.

• **MIGUEL JUAREZ**, 17, 306 Denton Rd., was arrested on a charge of possession of marijuana.

• **FERNANDO RUIZ**, 44, 220 E. 11th Pl., was arrested on a Howard County warrant.

• **ANNABELLE VELA**, 22, Midland, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.

• **HIPOLITO VELA**, 42, Arlington, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.

• **CLAYTON WASHINGTON**, 18, 602 Highland Dr., was arrested on a charge of driving under the influence.

• **ASSAULT/FAMILY VIOLENCE** was reported on the 1300 block of Gregg Street, the 2600 block of Clanton Street, the 500 block of Westover Drive and the 3200 block of Highway 87.

• **BURGLARY OF A HABITATION** was reported on the 1300 block of Utah Street.

• **CRIMINAL TRESPASS** was reported on the 1100 block of Lamesa Highway.

• **BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE** was reported on the 1000 block of Birdwell Lane.

• **CRIMINAL TRESPASS WARNING** was issued on the 600 block of McEwen and the 1200 block of Third Street.

• **DISORDERLY CONDUCT/LANGUAGE** was reported on the 2600 block of Chanute.

• **THEFT** was reported on the 400 block of Birdwell Lane, the 1100 block of Lamesa Highway, the 1200 block of FM 700 and the 1800 block of Gregg Street (three times).

Take note

• **REHEARSALS FOR THE BIG SPRING SYMPHONY CHORUS FOR THE POPS IN THE PARK PERFORMANCE** begins June 6 from 7 p.m. until 8:45 p.m. in the First Methodist Church choral room and continues each Monday in June. New members are welcome to participate in this annual community event.

• **The 39th ANNUAL SPLASH IN AND MOVIES IN THE PARK** is 1 p.m. until 6 p.m. Monday in Comanche Trail Park. The movie, "The Incredibles" will start at 8 p.m. in the Amphitheatre. Free admission to the pool and the movie.

• **ROAD TO RECOVERY**, sponsored by the American Cancer Society, seeks volunteers to drive cancer patients to treatment in Midland. This requires just a few hours commitment each month. To volunteer, or to request a ride for treatment, call LaWanda Hamm at 263-7827.

• **BOOK SALE TO BENEFIT MARTIN COUNTY LIBRARY**, sponsored by the friends of the library, is set for 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. each Thursday. Call Bud Lindsey for more information at 756-2306.

• **COAHOMA NON-MARCHING BRASS BAND NOW FORMING**, set to perform during the Coahoma Fourth of July parade on a float is now forming. Musicians with or without instruments and any level of experience are invited to join. For more information, contact Pam Hicks at 394-4122 or Patricia Bennett at 394-4122.

• **A MEMORIAL FUND HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED FOR THE FAMILY OF TYBO JACOBS** at the First Bank of West Texas in Coahoma and Big Spring to help with funeral costs. He died in an automobile accident March 10.

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

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

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

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

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

• **BIG SPRING AND SURROUNDING** counties are in critical need of foster families. Foster parents are the caretakers for the children in the community who have been abused or neglected. For more information on becoming foster parents or adoptive families, call the Children's Protective Services office at 263-9669.

Bulletin board

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

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 movie, "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 Howard College Cactus Room.
• A Stitches' Time Club meets at 3:30 p.m. at Primitive Baptist Church, 201 E. 24th 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.
• Downtown Lions Club meets at noon at the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.
• Line dancing begins at 1 p.m. at 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.
• Fraternal Order of Eagles Aerie meets at 7 p.m. in the Eagles Lodge at 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, 1001 Birdwell Lane. Call 267-6479.
• Genealogy Society of Big Spring meets at 7 p.m. in the Howard County Library, 500 S. Main.

FRIDAY

• Signal Mountain Quilting Guild meets from 9 a.m. until about 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 meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.
• 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.
• 19th annual Denim and Diamonds Gala barbecue and street dance. Dinner at 6:30 p.m. and dance is set from 8 p.m. until 1 a.m. 600 Mathews and 606 Mathews. Benefits the Big Spring State Hospital. Call 268-7536 or 268-7535 for more information.

SATURDAY

• Big Spring Cruisers cruise Gregg Street and the Sonic Drive-in beginning at 6:30 p.m.
• Eagles Lodge Dance at 8:30 p.m. at 703 W. Third.
• Big Spring Squares. Call 263-6305 for more information.

MONDAY

• Keep Big Spring Beautiful meets at noon in the Chinese Dragon Restaurant.
• The Big Spring Cruisers club meeting at 7 p.m. in the Texas RV Park meeting room.
• District Committee Lone Star of Big Spring meets at noon at 610 Scurry.
• Senior Circle meets at 4 p.m. at Scenic Mountain Medical Center for Sit and Be Fit Chair Aerobics. Those 50 years and older are invited to attend. Call 268-4721.

Weather

Sunday — Partly cloudy with a 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the mid 80s. South winds 10 to 15 mph.

Sunday night — Partly cloudy with a 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the mid 60s. Southeast winds 10 to 15 mph.

Memorial Day — Mostly cloudy with a 50 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the upper 70s. East winds around 10 mph.

Monday night — Partly cloudy. Lows in the upper 50s.

Tuesday — Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of thunderstorms. Highs around 80.

Tuesday night — Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of thunderstorms. Lows in the lower 60s.

Wednesday — Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of thunderstorms. Highs in the mid 80s.

Wednesday night — Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of thunderstorms. Lows in the lower 60s.

Thursday — Partly cloudy. Highs around 90.

Thursday night — Partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 60s.

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Gold Star organization could change rule after mother rejected

By JIM FITZGERALD

Associated Press Writer

WHITE PLAINS, N.Y. — A rule preventing non-citizens from joining the American Gold Star Mothers Inc. after they lose a son or daughter in the U.S. armed forces could eventually be changed, the incoming president said Friday after the group received complaints over an immigrant woman who was shut out.

"The charter was written 77 years ago and we're in the next generation, I realize that," said Judith Young of Moorestown, N.J., who becomes president

next month. "Things have changed, times have changed, people have changed."

The Washington-based organization of about 1,200 mothers came under criticism after Ligaya Lagman, a Filipino whose son was killed last year in Afghanistan, was barred from joining because she is not an American citizen. She is a legal resident and has lived in the U.S. more than 20 years.

Some politicians have called for the group to change its rules immediately.

Gov. George Pataki wrote to current president Ann Herd on Friday, saying the group should

"review its policies on membership in the interest of fairness and in recognition of the fact that service in defense of American freedom should be the paramount factor in determining eligibility."

Young said the group's office has been overwhelmed with critical messages, some of them vulgar.

But Young said the change must be proposed in an amendment from a mother or chapter, then be voted on by all members. "It's not something you just Write-Out or change overnight," she said.

Lagman's application was ini-

tiated by Ben Spadaro, a veteran from Yonkers, who said he learned about the group's citizenship rules while working on a national cemetery committee of the Veterans Administration. He said Lagman's mother should be able to join the group because her son was a citizen and has been buried with full honors.

"We decided to tell the absolute truth on the application," he said. "We put down, 'I am not an American citizen.' It was a ploy to get them to reject her, and then we said they should change the rules."

But the organization's 12-

member executive board voted against any change.

"There's nothing we can do because that's what our organization says: You have to be an American citizen," Herd said Thursday. "We can't go changing the rule."

Young said that the national board did not specifically vote on Lagman's application, but rather, "We only voted not to make an exception to the rule we already have as to citizenship."

On the Net:
American Gold Star Mothers:
<http://www.goldstarmoms.com>

Lawmakers agree on Child Protective Services reform deal

By NATALIE GOTT

Associated Press Writer

AUSTIN — House and Senate negotiators agreed Friday on a Child Protective Services reform plan that would allow for the hiring of 2,500 additional caseworkers, cut caseloads and move some of the agency's tasks to the private sector.

Reforming CPS has been a top priority for lawmakers this year after high-profile cases of child homicides that happened after agency caseworkers investigated for possible neglect or abuse but decided the children were safe to remain with their parents.

The bill would not prevent homosexuals from serving as foster parents,

even though the House earlier this session had included the ban when it passed its CPS overhaul.

Republican Gov. Rick Perry declared the CPS reform, along with reform of the state's Adult Protective Services agency, an emergency for lawmakers. Budget writers appropriated nearly \$250 million for the CPS effort.

"This bill provides protection for our children and our needy adults in this state," said bill sponsor Sen. Jane Nelson, R-Lewisville.

"We have read so many horror stories in the newspaper and seen so many horror stories on television."

A focus of the reform has been reducing caseloads, mainly through the

hiring of additional staff, but also through reducing some of the caseworkers' current tasks. Many say that CPS investigators oversee too many cases now.

Under the plan announced Friday, the number of caseloads per investigator would drop from the current average of 74 a month to about 45. The Child Welfare League of America recommends investigators generally be assigned 12 to 15 cases. No states meet those guidelines, Nelson has said.

At a news conference, Perry also noted that the amount of time that caseworkers spend on paperwork will be reduced by 58 percent.

F. Scott McCown, director of the Center for

Public Policy Priorities, which advocates for low- and middle-income Texans, said even after the new caseworkers are hired, caseloads will remain among the highest in the nation.

The plan also moves some of the state's responsibilities regarding foster care to the private sector.

Private entities already recruit and manage 75 percent of foster homes in Texas, with the state handling the rest. The bill would turn all of those functions over to private agencies.

The state now handles case management tasks that occur after children are removed from their home, such as conducting family visits and developing case plans for children. Under the bill, pri-

mate entities would handle those duties, though the state will still maintain oversight.

The statewide transition would happen by 2011, and sooner in certain regions.

Hupp said the change was because lawmakers heard from people who said there was a disconnect between the people that have the day-to-day contact with the child and the state caseworker who was making decisions for the foster children.

Republican Rep. Suzanna Gratia Hupp of Lampasas, who sponsored the bill in the House, praised the bill but said the changes could take time.

"If the government seeks to step in and sees fit to step in and remove a

child or an adult from a bad situation, then we darn well better be doing it right and that's what this bill will change," Hupp said.

Hupp said the measure that would have banned homosexuals from being foster parents was taken out of the reform effort so lawmakers did not get sidetracked on the issue.

Both the House and the Senate will still have to sign off on the agreement before it moves to the governor's desk.

Insanity legislation headed for governor's signature

By PAM EASTON

Associated Press Writer

HOUSTON — Legislation giving courts additional resources and ways to monitor people found not guilty by reason of insanity got final approval from Texas senators Friday and is headed to Texas Gov. Rick Perry.

The legislation makes more resources available to judges, who previously found little guidance or resources from the state when it came to dealing with those acquitted based on insanity.

"We could always use more resources," state District Judge Debbie Mantooth-Stricklin said Friday of the proposed legislation. "The mental health population is one that is becoming more and more of an issue for us. Unless they get the proper treatment, they are going to keep coming right back through the system."

Many point to the case of Kenneth Pierott, a 29-year-old from Beaumont. Pierott's insanity defense was rejected earlier this month by jurors, who convicted him of murder for smothering his girlfriend's 6-year-old son last year.

Pierott, who a court expert said suffered from chronic paranoid schizophrenia, placed the child's body in an oven and turned it on, but the pilot light was out.

Pierott was acquitted based on insanity in the 1996 fatal beating of his sister. He spent just four months in a mental hospital in 1998 before he was released to outpatient treatment in Jefferson County.

"The Pierott case, it seems to me, demands that this new legislation occur and be signed into law," said George Parnham, the attorney who represented Andrea Yates.

Harris County jurors

rejected Yates' insanity defense and convicted her of capital murder in 2002 for drowning her children in a bathtub. The conviction was overturned, but appeals continue.

"Andrea's case was the lightning rod for this issue," Parnham said of his client, who drowned her five children in June 2001.

After the Yates case, a group of defense attorneys, prosecutors, mental health experts and legal scholars began discussing possible changes to existing law, said Dr. Steven B. Schnee, executive director of The Mental Health and Mental Retardation Authority of Harris County.

Under current law, Schnee said there are very few options available to courts when a person is acquitted based on insanity and released from a state hospital to outpatient care.

The new legislation would require courts to

collect information about those acquitted based on insanity if dangerous conduct was involved. The court would be responsible for determining the best method of care and whether a person is likely to cause serious harm to another as a result of severe mental illness.

When a person acquitted based on insanity is released to outpatient treatment, the new legislation would allow the court to require medication and supervision, either by mental health or mental retardation services or by the Texas Correctional Office on Offenders with Medical or Mental Impairments.

"The intent there is not to treat them like criminals," Harris County assistant district attorney Kevin Keating said, adding the goal is to keep track of those who are acquitted and make sure they stay on their medication and don't become ill again.

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alleged incident from November 2002.

Wilkerson said the charge, which is official restraint, stems from Fahnbulleh's position as a dean of the college at the time of the incident.

"What it comes down to is an abuse of power," said Wilkerson. "He abused the power of his office, and when you use

your authority in that manner, it's deemed official restraint."

According to the victim's testimony, Fahnbulleh injured her back by bending her backward by grabbing her hair. The 56-year-old victim also asserted that Fahnbulleh kissed her, bit her on the breast and tried to remove her pants during the altercation.

According to a civil lawsuit filed by the victim, she is seeking damages

for physical injuries she suffered as a result of the alleged incident.

Fahnbulleh has since issued a statement through his attorney, Houston-based Richard Morris, in which Morris claims the alleged victim is "using the media to smear my client in a classic case of entrapment."

Contact Staff Writer Thomas Jenkins at 263-7331 ext. 232 or by e-mail at citydesk@bigspringherald.com

Thank You

The family of Katholeen Williams wishes to express sincerest appreciation and gratitude for the beautiful flowers, cards, prayers, food, visits and memorials showered upon us by the many friends and family members during the loss of our loved one. The outpouring of love and sympathy has brought comfort and has given us strength to face the sorrow of the loss of our mother, grandmother and great-grandmother.

We express a special thanks to Mountain View Lodge; Dr. Rudy Haddad and Staff; Dr. Nandlal Patel and Staff; Dr. C. Kuprianowicz and Staff; Home Hospice, Myers & Smith Funeral Home; to the women of East Fourth Street Baptist Church for the excellent meal; to Susanne Cranford for the beautiful Music; and to the Rev. Rex Clayton for the heartwarming memorial service.

May God richly bless each of you,

Nelda Jones & Family
Thomas J. Williams & Family
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We thank all those who did so much to help us in our time of grief. The kindness and thoughtfulness shown us was indeed helpful.

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OUR VIEWS

Let holiday fun include 'Splash-In'

While Monday will be a time to solemnly observe Memorial Day, it will also be a time to kick up our heels and kick off summer, as the city of Big Spring and KBST are teaming up to make the holiday a blast.

The 38th annual Splash-In will begin at 1 p.m. Monday and will feature plenty of food, drinks, games, rides and a free movie. And plenty of good wet splashing fun at the Comanche Trail park swimming pool.

The city pool will be open from 1 p.m. until 6 p.m. throughout the festivities, with free admission for everyone. However, due to capacity restraints, a limited number of swimmers will be allowed in the facility at 45-minute intervals.

Vendors are expected to be on hand throughout the celebration, offering an array of food, drinks and other items.

Following the Splash-In's wet and wild activities there will be a free-to-the-public showing of the animated feature film "The Incredibles" at 8 p.m. in the park's amphitheater.

KBST will be broadcasting live throughout the afternoon, providing a disc jockey and music.

So, remember to take time on Memorial Day to salute our nations men and women in uniform who've made the ultimate sacrifice and then kick off the summer and enjoy the freedoms those men and women made possible by celebrating the rest of the day at the park.

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TO THE EDITOR:

I, like Bill McClellan, was appalled at the lack of interest shown at last Wednesday's public hearing.

Where were the car dealers, the restaurateurs, the accountants, the lawyers, bankers and all the others that encourage us to "Support Big Spring?" I did not see a one of them in the audience.

Fortunately, there were two insurance representatives present to represent that segment of our city.

RALPH McLAUGHLIN
BIG SPRING

TO THE EDITOR:

My husband and I have an RV. Last week we decided to make the 200-mile trip from Canyon down to your state park.

What a wonderful decision it was. The park was beautiful. Prickly pear, yucca and wild flowers were blooming, mockingbirds were singing and a cool breeze provided wonderful nights.

All the people we came in contact with were very friendly and courteous. I love people who will visit with you about the selection of a honeydew melon and commiserate with you about the price of tomatoes and the quality of cucumbers. Why, I was even trying on a summer straw hat and a gentleman paused to tell me it looked good (it really didn't). Does it get any better than that?

I recommend that everyone drive up to the park's overlook drive at about 8:30 in the evening, sit on one of the nice benches and watch the most beautiful sunset you will ever see. Linger until after dark and enjoy the fabulous full moon and the city lights below. Maybe offer a little prayer to the one who made it all.

Thank you for an enjoyable four nights in your city. It may be the best kept secret around.

MRS. GEORGE BULMAN
CANYON

TO THE EDITOR:

I have just returned from the Albuquerque VA Hospital. I wish to give a hearty "thank you" to the citizens of Big Spring for their participation and support of our first pow-wow.

To my knowledge, it had been nine years since a pow-wow had been held in Big Spring.

I am very thankful for the acknowledgment of Big Spring's citizenry accepting the fact that American Indians had the primary part of the history of Big Spring.

I look forward to greater pow-wows and participation from Big Spring citizens in the future.

DARLENE M. BURSCH
BIG SPRING

TO THE EDITOR:

It seems that Big Spring has two persistent problems: the Settles Hotel and the new jail.

Why not just put the new jail in the hotel?

MIKE CRADDOCK
BIG SPRING

TO THE EDITOR:

I read with interest your editorial inclusion of the Austin American Statesman opinion regarding Sen. Robert Duncan's, et al efforts to help return the Teacher Retirement System to sound financial footing.

Let me take a moment to remind you that a major contribution to the current problem was the 1995 "temporary" lowering of the states' contribution into TRS from 8.12 percent to the current 6 percent. This percentage is also the lowest legal amount the state can contribute.

This "temporary" 10-year decrease of state contribution just might be a large cause of the current problem. Over the last 10 years this "temporary" action amounts to more than a 20 percent drop in state contribution into TRS.

By the time the next Legislature meets in two years, this so-called "temporary" cut will be close to 25 percent.

As a first step, how about putting an end to this "temporary" action by the Legislature?

May I also offer another small bit of information about another action regarding pensions this legislature has taken that I find disturbing. Lawmakers in Austin passed a \$22,000 pay increase for

state judges. Great news for state judges, but as part of this action, the legislators also gave themselves a \$6,100 pension raise to \$34,000 for lawmakers with 12 years of service and 50 years of age.

I, as an educator retired with 30 years of service, don't even come close to drawing that much of an annuity. This is a classic example of a double standard.

MIKE PROCTOR
BIG SPRING

TO THE EDITOR:

Gary Simer showed courage and common sense when he proposed halting study on the jail plan currently under consideration and your editorial attacks him.

Wednesday's editorial encourages "patience" while the county is headed rapidly toward spending another \$430,000 (the amount spent in 1994) on jail consultants and architects. The *Herald* is entitled to its opinion, misguided as it is, but you aren't entitled to your own facts — the commissioners didn't decide not to proceed with the jail project in 1994; the voters rejected the project. Apparently, some think the voters rejected the 1994 proposal because it was too small and too close to the courts — they have increased the size of the facility by 50 percent and moved it to the edge of town.

Commissioner Simer correctly recommends we not make the same mistake again. The study has gone far enough to know the voters won't approve this mammoth project — 77,000 square feet, \$12 million, raising county property taxes 15 percent, duplicating assets we already have. Think what the utility bills will be and the jail personnel requirements. Being "patient" with waste and futility isn't wise.

The *Herald* bought the big jail and joint law enforcement center concept years ago and you quit looking at the facts. Your news is slanted in the direction and editorials come forth at a hint of opposition. You ignore facts not supporting your prejudice. You continue to say sending prisoners to other county jails is unduly costly; it costs \$87.50 a day to house prisoners elsewhere (including transportation) and \$48 to keep them in our jail, and it will cost more in any new jail.

The Jail Commission recommendation is flawed not because its formula is wrong, but because it was given the wrong data. Population assumptions are 12 percent too high because that is the percentage of our population in state or federal prison here, thus having no effect on a county jail.

Our small population growth from 1990 is due to more state and federal prisoners. According to the U.S. Census Bureau, our population has decreased about 3 percent since 2000. But our county jail inmates increased by 30 percent in the last three years — no explanation as to why. One can take the commission's formula using correct data and the jail size is a little more than half that recommended.

Big Spring has a lower crime rate and incarceration than the rest of the state, because we are much older than the average Texan — our over 65 population is 35 percent higher. Exclude those youngsters in prison here and we are on average six years older than the rest of Texas.

Commissioner Simer supports a new joint city/county jail, as I do, but not one to house 144 prisoners two miles from the court. We averaged a record high 60 prisoners a day in 2004.

A joint law enforcement center might be good, but the cost is too high — too high to build and too high to operate. A joint jail will give the city additional space for its police department. The county courthouse has ample room for the sheriff's use. Also, this will help our decaying downtown.

Anyone wanting information to support my opinion can call me at 264-0770.

Having said all this, I also want to say that Big Spring is lucky to have a fine little newspaper like the *Herald*.

FRANK PARKER
BIG SPRING

TO THE EDITOR:

On May 24 Washington Elementary hosted the first "Cowboy Poetry Awards Banquet and Cookout," the crowning event

of a district-wide, month-long workshop that taught the students the art and history of writing cowboy poetry. It was an event that will live in my memory for the rest of my years. Seeing the children come up and listening to them recite their poetry was a blessing to me. I know that when the workshop first started many of these children were shy and rather quiet. I am amazed at how each of them rose to new levels of confidence as they worked on the class poems and their own individual ones as well.

The program, which started as a pilot program with two classes last year, has grown to include 10 classes and almost 200 students with more growth predicted in the coming year. At the cookout, about 175 parents, teachers, school board members and staff were in attendance to celebrate the achievements of the almost 200 young poets. Many of the Big Spring fourth-grade cowboy poets filled the air with tall tales and tongue-twisting rhymes and I am proud of every one of them, not just the ones that entered the contest. The crowd gathered on blankets and in lawn chairs as the poets recited their works and round after round of applause was given as the children entertained the crowd and collected their prizes.

I wish to thank the businesses that provided prizes and use of the canopies and portable air conditioner, as well as the Greater Big Spring Rotary Club for its help in seeing that all the kids went away with something by providing "Texas Flag" bandanas and gift cards. I am also grateful for the loving support of my wife Jan who gave me strength during the workshop and for all the time we spent recording and editing the poems for the CDs the children received.

The entire project could not have been possible without the help of many people. I wish to thank the Big Spring ISD administration, Donna Amonett, Connie Helms, Rosie Lain and Linda Long for all their assistance in the program design and technical support and all the teachers that made time for me to come into their classrooms, as well as their help with the students' assignments. I wish to thank the school staff that helped by cooking the food and setting up the equipment for the cookout. And I also want to thank the contest judges, Quail Dobbs, Tumbleweed Smith and Sheriff Dale Walker.

I truly hope that someday each of you will have a chance to hear some of the fine poems that these talented children created. It will always be a bright spot in my life and I am grateful for the chance to have come to know each of them. I hope you are as proud of them as I am.

CARL CONDRAY
BIG SPRING

TO THE EDITOR:

The family of Trooper Troy M. Hogue would like to thank the citizens of Big Spring, the Big Spring Police Department, the Department of Public Safety's troopers in Howard County and the officers from other counties and cities for the beautiful memorial and rededication ceremony held for the relocation of the monuments to Troopers Troy Hogue and Jimmie Parks.

The words said by DPS Sgt. Jason Hester, DPS Capt. Ron Joy, Sheriff Dale Walker, County Judge Ben Lockhart and Texas Commission on Law Enforcement Director Frank Woodall were very heartwarming and touching.

We also thank the late Richard Metcalf and his brother Don for seeing the monuments finished, as well as the DPS and its employees, the Texas Department of Transportation, Texas Department of Criminal Justice "80 John" Wallace Unit, Big Spring Police Association, Department of Public Safety Officers Association, Howard County Sheriff's Department and businesses that made it a special day.

To all the families of all law enforcement officers and the sacrifices you go through on a daily basis, this was such an honor to our family and all law enforcement.

A special thank you is owed to Sgt. Hester for all his hard work. May God bless you all.

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Amarillo man sentenced to death in triple homicide of neighbors

AMARILLO (AP) — A 47-year-old Amarillo man has been sentenced to death after being convicted in the shotgun slayings of three neighbors at their home.

It took a jury about five hours to decide on the death penalty for Jimmie Lucero on Wednesday. He was convicted on Monday in the deaths of 71-year-old Pedro Robledo, his 72-year-old wife, Maria, and their daughter, Fabiana, 31.

Prosecutors said Lucero killed Pedro Robledo with a shotgun blast as he pulled up in his car to the family's home in September 2003.

The state said Lucero then burst into the home, shooting Maria Manuela Robledo to death on her couch before breaking into a bedroom and shooting to death Fabiana Robledo and severely wounding Guadalupe Robledo.

During closing arguments, prosecutor Chuck Slaughter cited a series of assaults, break-ins and other crimes he said showed Lucero was a continuing threat to society.

Defense attorney Max Peck asked jurors in his closing remarks to consider a life sentence.

In the defense's final closing statement, attorney Joe Marr Wilson said Lucero had a good side and a bad side. He said Lucero was a dutiful son who loved and cared for his mother, and also a man who "flipped out" and killed three of his neighbors.

Wilson said that while Lucero had trouble relating to adults, he seemed to get along with children. Wilson suggested that that could be a reason why Lucero spared the life of Fabiana Robledo's 18-month-old son during the shooting.

Beaumont mother receives 20 years in baby's death

BEAUMONT (AP) — A 21-year-old Beaumont woman has been sentenced to 20 years in prison after pleading guilty to injury to a child in the death of her live-in boyfriend's infant son.

Tasha Nicole Hendrickson, who was sentenced Friday, pleaded guilty last month in the case.

According to a police affidavit, Hendrickson threw 7-month-old Autholia Jermaine Westbrook Jr. to the floor of the couple's Beaumont home when he would not stop crying last July.

She was originally charged with a first-degree felony offense, but the district attorney's office changed the charges to a second degree felony when it found the evidence showed her actions were reckless, rather than intentional, assistant district attorney Wendell C. Radford Jr. said. That lowered the maximum sentence from life to twenty

years. Hendrickson's attorney, Don Duesler, pleaded for probation. He said that Hendrickson had a difficult upbringing and was living under stressful circumstances at the time of the child's death.

Last July, she was working as a waitress and living with her boyfriend with five small children — two of hers and three of his.

Former nurse is sentenced to 99 years in patient's death

EDINBURG (AP) — A 55-year-old former home health care worker convicted of killing a 68-year-old patient with insulin has been sentenced to 99 years in prison.

The 12-member jury took 35 minutes Friday to sentence Jeanine Hannah. She was convicted Wednesday of one count of murder and one count of injury to an elderly person over the age of 65.

"We feel justice has been done in this case," Hidalgo County Assistant District Attorney William McPherson told jurors.

Hannah's attorneys said they would file a notice of appeal by Tuesday. Asked if she wanted to comment as deputies escorted her from the courtroom, Hannah said, "Yes, I do. I'm not guilty."

Hannah was a caretaker for Margaret Bradley, who lived with her daughter in McAllen and suffered from multiple sclerosis. Bradley did not require insulin.

Doctors initially ruled that her death in May 2002 was from natural causes, but changed the death certificate to a homicide after blood tests showed she died from an insulin overdose.

Hannah pleaded no contest to charges she stole nearly \$4,600 from Bradley and was awaiting sentencing when indicted for murder in October 2004.

She was charged with stealing from elderly patients in 1999 in Oregon and indicted on nine theft charges. In exchange for a no contest plea in 2000, she received five years of probation and was ordered to repay \$27,000 to her victims, according to records from courts and the Texas Board of Nurse Examiners.

She lied about her name and background to become a caretaker for Bradley.

DPS trooper struck in head during training drill dies

AUSTIN (AP) — A Texas Department of Public Safety trainee died Friday, more than a week after he was struck in the head during a training exercise.

Trooper trainee Jimmy Ray Carty Jr., 29, of Grand Saline underwent emergency surgery May 19 following his injury during an arrest and control tactics drill. DPS spokesman Lisa Block said she did not know how or what Carty was struck with.

Block did not know the cause of death. An official at Brackenridge Hospital, where Carty was admitted, would not release any details.

"The DPS family is deeply saddened by the loss of recruit Jimmy Ray Carty Jr.," DPS executive director Thomas A. Davis Jr. said. "Our thoughts and prayers are with his family during this difficult time."

Carty was a former deputy in the Smith County Sheriff's Department. He had applied several times to become a state trooper before he was accepted last year.

"He was an outstanding employee," Smith County Sheriff J.B. Smith said in Saturday's editions of the Tyler Morning Telegraph. "He's another example of employees who use us as a training ground and then go on to bigger and better things."

Block said DPS is reviewing the procedures trainees go through to determine if any changes need to be made.

DPS spokesman Tom Vinger said the last time last time a DPS trainee was seriously hurt was 1988. Block said improvements in equipment, including head gear and training techniques, were made after that incident.

DPS has said Carty was one of 123 recruits in a six-month class that began in January.

Man killed by police after he fatally shot estranged wife

BROWNWOOD (AP) — Brownwood police killed a man Friday after he fatally shot his estranged wife and later wounded two officers.

The woman had filed for divorce May 17, court records indicate.

Police Chief Virgil Cowin said that a 911 call Friday morning from a residence led to an officer being sent to the house.

Mona Williams, 48, and her college-age daughter walked out of the house to meet police officer James Fuller as he drove up, Cowin said.

Steve Williams, 40 then fatally shot his wife in the head, police said. Authorities said he fired at his daughter but missed.

Fuller returned fire as Steve Williams went back inside, but authorities were not immediately sure whether the gunman was wounded.

The standoff ended around 10:40 a.m. Friday when police stormed into the home and Steve Williams opened fire,

wounding two officers in the legs. The officers returned fire and killed the gunman.

The officers suffered non-life threatening injuries and were stable at Brownwood Regional Medical Center.

Officer Richard Williams was shot in the right leg, just above the knee, and officer Larry Owings was wounded in both legs, Cowin said.

Brownsville family arrested on drug smuggling charges

BROWNSVILLE (AP) — A 57-year-old woman and five of her children have been charged with running a multimillion-dollar drug-smuggling operation, federal prosecutors said Friday.

Juana Ramos, her daughter, her four sons and a daughter-in-law were accused of bringing about 8 tons of cocaine into the southeastern United States from Mexico through the Rio Grande Valley. They were arrested Wednesday, along with eight other people.

All 15 people, along with two others who had not been arrested by Friday, were indicted this month on federal charges including conspiracy to possess and distribute cocaine and marijuana, money laundering, and possession with intent to distribute cocaine.

Authorities believe Ramos' organization smuggled about 2 tons of cocaine into the U.S. annually for at least the past four years.

U.S. Attorney Donald W. Washington in Louisiana said Ramos and her children were the heads of the group that distributed drugs in Texas, Louisiana and other states. All the federal charges will be tried in Louisiana.

8-ton marijuana load seized at checkpoint by customs agents

FALFURRIAS (AP) — Federal agents found more than 8 tons of marijuana valued at almost \$14 million in a truckload of fruit, U.S. Customs and Border Protection said Friday.

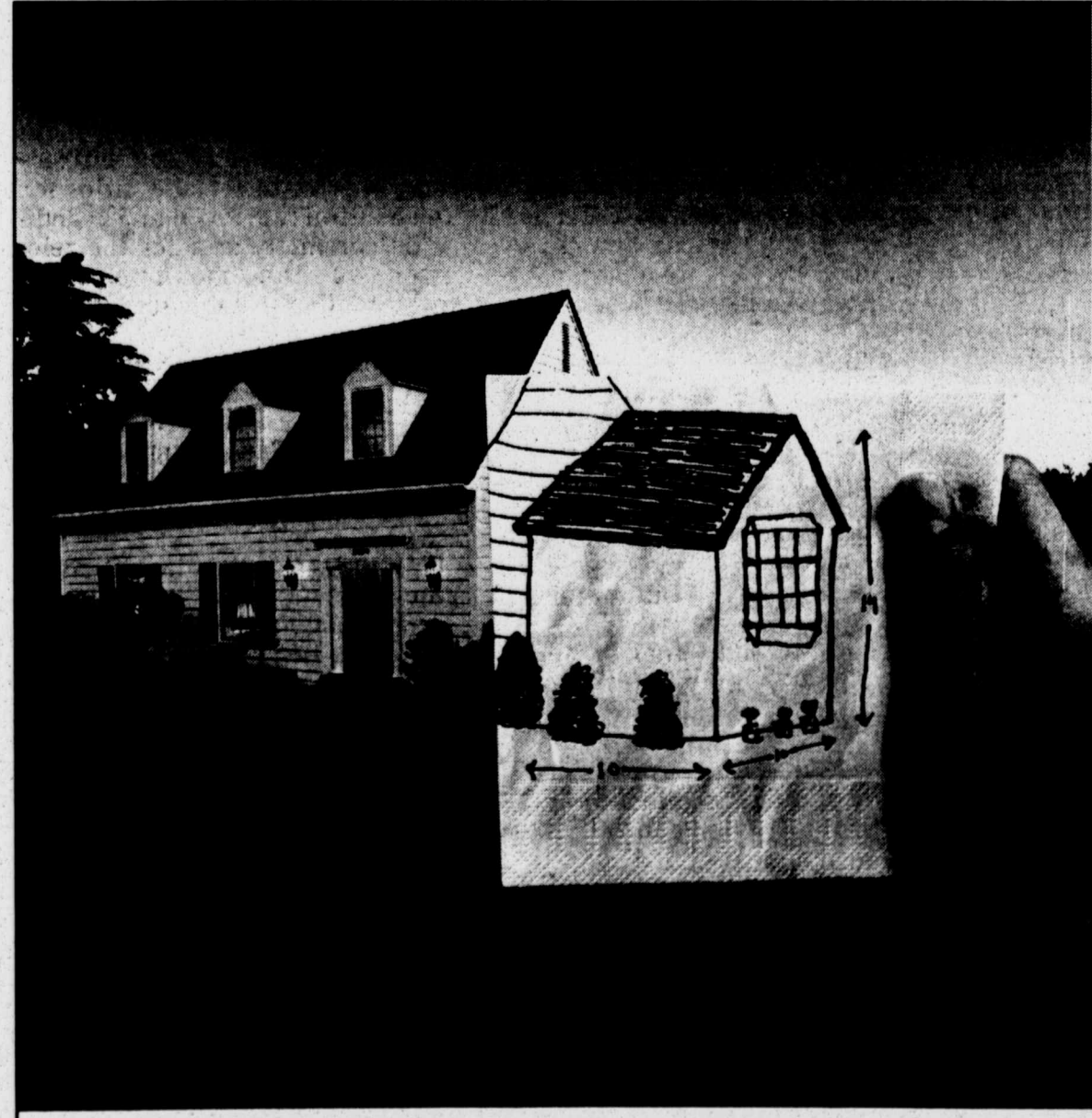
The seizure occurred about 6 a.m. Thursday at a Border Patrol checkpoint about 75 miles north of the Texas-Mexico border.

Drug-sniffing dogs alerted agents to a tractor-trailer hauling cantaloupes and bananas. Agents found 542 bundles of marijuana weighing 17,297 pounds and valued at \$13.8 million dollars.

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Hutchison's next move could shake up Texas politics

By SUZANNE GAMBOA
Associated Press Writer
WASHINGTON — In a Texas-size political chess game, Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison plays the role of queen.

She plans to announce this summer whether she'll try to hold her U.S. Senate seat in 2006 or challenge fellow Republican Rick Perry for Texas governor.

"I will make the decision based on what I think is the best thing I could do for Texas," she said.

In the meantime, a long line of Texas officials and political hopefuls are plotting their next move if her seat opens up and backup plans if she stays put.

"She holds the key," said U.S. Rep. Henry Bonilla, R-San Antonio.

Bonilla, who wanted Phil Gramm's seat when the former senator retired in 2001, already has announced he'll seek the Senate seat if Hutchison moves on. He plans to run for his House seat if Hutchison stays.

Democrats are watching closely as well. Some believe a nasty gubernatorial Republican primary — which could also include state Comptroller Carole Keeton Strayhorn, a frequent Perry critic — would increase their candidate's chances in the general election.

"This is the biggest potential shake-up in Texas politics," said Cal Jillson, a political science professor at Southern Methodist University in Dallas.

The last such shake-up came in 1993 when Democratic Sen. Lloyd Bentsen resigned to become Treasury Secretary. His departure triggered a 24-candidate, all-party primary that Hutchison won.

"When a very senior position, particularly a

Senate seat, opens up, every other politician statewide sees an opportunity to move up, and that's what is happening here," Jillson said.

Foremost on the minds of Texas political watchers is whether Hutchison will challenge Perry and force party loyalists to choose sides.

Perry is considered the favorite among social conservative activists, and some say that could make it difficult for Hutchison.

But Hutchison is highly popular statewide, winning her 2000 re-election with 65 percent of the vote. A recent Scripps Howard Texas Poll showed she had a 67 percent job-approval rating that spanned political lines. She also polled better than Perry among Republicans and independents on job performance.

Perry has said he wants Hutchison to stay in Washington. "It's not good for Texas to have a brutal, expensive, contentious primary and Texas to lose its seniority in the Senate," he said.

Perry's campaign spokesman, Luis Saenz, said the governor's supporters "are well prepared for whatever comes his way."

Former Gov. Bill Clements said in an opinion piece in The Dallas Morning News recently that Republicans "risk dividing our party for decades to come" with a competitive primary.

"If Texas Republicans have a blood bath in a primary battle between Kay Bailey Hutchison and Gov. Rick Perry, we are providing the Democrats an opening to make a speedy comeback to political prominence," he wrote.

Hutchison saw a Perry plot behind Clements' words.

"I think it's very obvi-

ous that the Perry campaign is putting things out on a weekly basis to discourage me from running for governor," she said.

On the Democratic side, Chris Bell, who lost his 2004 congressional re-election bid in a Houston-area district that was redrawn by Republicans, is considering a run for governor. He welcomes a crowded Republican field.

"It's a tough road regardless, but I do think that most people feel in order for the stars to align correctly for a Democrat it would be very helpful to have a Republican primary," Bell said.

Outside the GOP, musician and author Kinky Friedman, running as an independent, is the only announced candidate. He's hired political strategist Dean Barkley, a former United States senator who engineered Jesse Ventura's surprise election as Minnesota governor, as his campaign director.

If Hutchison decides to run for governor, the domino effect could be far-reaching.

Texas Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst has considered an U.S. Senate run in previous years and is viewed by political consultants as a possible candidate for Hutchison's seat. A businessman who made millions in the energy industry, Dewhurst has the personal wealth to finance a race. Dewhurst's office would only say he is focused on being lieutenant governor.

A number of Texas officials are considered contenders if Dewhurst's office became vacant, including Attorney General Greg Abbott, political experts said. A spokesman at Abbott's campaign office did not return a call seeking comment.

Bonilla's candidacy

would open his congressional seat and would certainly attract candidates from the Legislature. State Rep. Harvey Hilderbran, R-Kerrville "will definitely run" should Bonilla's seat become available, spokeswoman Lindsay Graham said.

Hutchison's status as the 2006 lynchpin is very different from her early political efforts.

She lost her first race for Congress in a 1982 Republican primary. Nearly a decade ago, GOP conservatives tried to pre-

vent her from being an at-large delegate to the state convention because of her support for Roe v. Wade, the 1973 Supreme Court ruling that legalized abortion.

But Hutchison has been a loyal GOP soldier, actively raising money for the party and its candidates. She is the highest ranking woman in the Senate.

If she stays in the Senate, she could move up in the hierarchy to at least the No. 3 slot as Senate Republican conference chair. She potential-

ly could become No. 2 as majority whip if Pennsylvania Sen. Rick Santorum loses what could be a tough re-election race.

Kentucky Republican Sen. Mitch McConnell promised a Hutchison ascendance during a joint appearance before a group of professional women in Washington last week.

"There are a lot of us hoping she's gonna spend a long time in the Senate being one of our leaders, which she will be as long as she's here," he said.



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Dems slow down voter ID bill with filibuster threat

By JIM VERTUNO
Associated Press Writer

AUSTIN — With the threat of a filibuster and crafty maneuvering with Senate rules, Democrats derailed a Republican-led bill to require Texas voters to show photo identification before casting their ballots.

Senate Democrats were poised late Friday to start a filibuster on the bill at midnight. But before it


started, Sen. Leticia Van de Putte, D-San Antonio, exercised a Senate rule that prevents a bill from carrying unrelated subjects.

The original Senate bill dealt with the transportation code and information stored on the magnetic strip on driver's licenses. The voter ID language, tacked on by the House, affected the state election code.

The Republican sponsor of the measure, Kip Averitt of Waco, was forced to pull the bill down and the Senate instead appointed a conference committee to negotiate differences with the House over the weekend.

With the session ending Monday, the move leaves Republicans little time to

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School finance negotiations going down to wire

By APRIL CASTRO

Associated Press Writer

AUSTIN — A sweeping overhaul of the state's tax system floundered Friday as critical deadlines loomed and lawmakers showed little progress in their attempts to negotiate a new way to pay for public schools.

"We're down to the last days, the last hours, everyone knows we need to get a bill done," Gov. Rick Perry said as he emerged from an afternoon meeting with House Speaker Tom Craddick.

As the weekend arrived, passage of a school funding plan appeared increasingly doomed.

"We have not had active involvement of the House" on tax negotiations, Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst said late Friday afternoon.

After midnight Friday, it would become necessary for lawmakers to vote to suspend their rules to get a school finance deal done this ses-

sion. Throughout the day, the focus had shifted away from schools and taxes and moved toward negotiations on the two-year state budget.

The House and Senate have approved separate proposals for paying for reduced school property taxes and increased education spending. Members of each chamber were appointed to a 10-member conference committee to work out the differences and produce one bill for Perry to sign into law.

Monday is the last day of the 140-day legislative session. Lawmakers can consider bills until midnight Sunday, but tax bills must be signed by negotiators and copies printed for all 181 legislators at least 48 hours before they can be taken up by the Senate.

If there is still no agreement, Perry could call a special session, though he has said repeatedly he

doesn't intend to. A court case over the school funding system is pending before the Texas Supreme court, which could decide the school funding issue itself, throw out a lower court's ruling against the system or give the Legislature more time to deal with the problem.

Lawmakers want to cut local school property taxes and replace them with an array of new consumer and business taxes, such as increased sales, cigarette and alcohol taxes.

The key difference between the chambers on the tax bill has centered on how to restructure the business tax. They also differ on how high to raise the sales tax.

Craddick, who has gained a reputation as a formidable negotiator, exhibited little willingness to waiver on the proposed House tax plan.

"I think we laid the plan out ... that's what we're

interested in," Craddick said.

An estimated five of six Texas businesses now use loopholes in the law to avoid paying state taxes. Both chambers want to close those loopholes but differ on specific replacement schemes.

The Senate wants to make all Texas businesses except sole proprietors pay the restructured franchise tax. The House, however, would exempt general partnerships, publicly traded partnerships, real estate investment trusts and family partnerships and estates.

Sen. Kim Brimer, a Fort Worth Republican, argued that the House tax plan does not raise enough money from businesses to offset the property tax reduction they would get, effectively giving businesses a windfall.

Individual taxpayers, however, would be stuck with a \$700 million hike in their taxes, over and

above the property tax reductions they would receive in the House plan, Brimer said.

House members have criticized the Senate plan for using one-time revenue measures that would not secure property tax reductions beyond the next two years.

While the House has proposed a one-cent increase, senators proposed a smaller amount. Senators ardently oppose a full penny increase on the 6.25 percent tax and have threatened a filibuster.

A separate bill would restructure classroom spending, giving schools about \$3 billion more for new education initiatives, such as a teacher pay

raise. Where that \$3 billion would come from also had stymied progress on the state budget, which stalled temporarily Friday afternoon. Senators accused House members of holding the budget hostage as a bargaining chip, but finally reached a deal later Friday. Unlike the school bills, the budget is the only legislation lawmakers are legally required to pass.

Lawmakers are under pressure to restructure how Texas pays for public schools after a state judge ruled the funding system unconstitutional and ordered schools closed in October if the problems weren't fixed.

GOP lawmakers announce agreement on budget

By BRANDI GRISSOM

Associated Press Writer

AUSTIN — Some key Republican lawmakers said Friday evening they had reached an agreement on a \$139 billion spending plan as they headed into the final days of the regular legislative session.

"We've come to a finalization" on the budget bill, Republican House

Speaker Tom Craddick said Friday evening after hours of closed-door meetings with Republican leaders.

Sen. Steve Ogden, R-Bryan, and Rep. Jim Pitts, R-Waxahachie, leaders of the 10-member House and Senate budget-writing conference committee, also said they had a deal.

However, one key House lawmaker said he was

unaware of a compromise plan and unsure whether he could sign off on it.

"I have not signed it," said Rep. Sylvester Turner, D-Houston, one of the few Democratic conference committee members. "I've not been made privy to any discussions."

Only six committee members, three House members and three Senate members, need to sign off on the plan to

send it to the two full chambers for debate.

Each full chamber will have to vote on two budget plans — one for the regular budget and one for the supplemental budget — before they can be approved by Republican Gov. Rick Perry.

Passing a balanced budget for the coming two years is the only thing the Legislature is constitutionally required to do.

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push the voter ID restrictions through.

A filibuster is a Senate tactic that allows a member to speak on a bill as long as they want to. It's used to kill bills late in a session by preventing lawmakers from taking a vote and can be used as leverage if it threatens the life of other bills.

The Senate chamber was braced for a long night of Democrats delivering long-winded speeches that threatened to drag well into the weekend.

Sen. Rodney Ellis, D-Houston, who had napped earlier during the day, came to the chamber in tennis shoes and wearing a catheter as Senate filibuster rules would not have allowed him to inter-

rupt his speech for bathroom breaks.

To guarantee the bill would die, opponents would have had to talk on the bill until Monday. The more realistic goal was to frustrate Republicans until they gave up on the bill since several big issues, including a new school finance plan, are still unresolved with just three days left in the session.

Averitt, who will chair the Senate conference committee, said he wasn't ready to completely give up on the voter ID language.

"I'd like to see if we could come up with a plan to further install confidence in our electoral process," he said.

Ellis said he "reserves the right" to still filibuster if the language doesn't come out. Ellis

won a significant battle over the bill simply by forcing the delay.

"The clock is ticking," Ellis said. "It clearly goes to the place a lot of bills go to die."

Supporters of the voter ID measure say it will root out voter fraud. Opponents have said it will disenfranchise thousands of Texans who do not have identification, especially those who are

poor, minorities, elderly, students and disabled.

Those without photo identification would be required to present two other forms of identification, such as a birth certificate, utility bill or concealed handgun license.

Voters without proper ID would be allowed to cast a provisional ballot, but it would only be counted after their identity is verified.



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Navy SEAL acquitted of abusing Iraqi prisoner who later died

By SETH HETTENA

Associated Press Writer

SAN DIEGO — A Navy SEAL who was acquitted of beating an Iraqi prisoner who later died said he wants to return to duty in the elite unit.

Jurors deliberated about three hours before finding Lt. Andrew K. Ledford not guilty of all charges

Friday. The 32-year-old SEAL had faced up to 11 years in military prison if he had been convicted of assault, dereliction of duty, conduct unbecoming an officer and making false statements.

Ledford, who had stood at attention for the verdict's reading, burst into a huge smile and embraced his attorney

upon hearing he was acquitted. He later brushed away tears and shook hands with the prosecutors.

"I think that's what makes this country great is that there is a system in place and it works," he said outside court.

Through his attorney, Ledford said he plans to continue serving as a

SEAL. He has been selected for the rank of lieutenant commander, a promotion that was placed on hold pending the outcome of his court martial.

Navy prosecutors left the courtroom without commenting.

"I hope that someone receives a message from this outcome," Ledford's civilian attorney, Frank

Spinner, told reporters. "That we have valiant warriors, brave SEALs, who put their lives on the line and they're human."

Prosecutors said that Ledford failed as a leader on a November 2003 mission after he and his men captured Manadel al-Jamadi, a suspect in the bombing of Red Cross offices in Baghdad that

killed 12.

During a brief stop at an Army base, members of Ledford's SEAL platoon testified that they punched, kicked and struck al-Jamadi with muzzles of their rifles. Instead of ordering his men to halt the beating, Ledford accepted a subordinate's offer to "give this turd a knock" and

Veterans criticize Memorial Day plan to unveil statue of loyalist Rogers

By CHRIS CAROLA

Associated Press Writer

FORT EDWARD, N.Y. — Maj. Robert Rogers, the frontiersman whose 18th century manual on guerrilla warfare has become a blueprint for Army Ranger fighting tactics, is getting what some consider a long-overdue honor: a statue in his memory.

But some veterans believe unveiling the monument on Memorial Day is insensitive because Rogers was loyal to England during the Revolutionary War.

"I think it's a travesty that we would think about honoring a person, especially someone who fought against us, on that day," said Bob Bearor, who served in the Army's 101st Airborne Division in the 1960s. "It's a sacred day. ... Let's honor our dead who died for our country."

The life-size bronze statue is scheduled to be unveiled during a ceremony on Rogers Island in the

Hudson River, 40 miles north of Albany. The island served as the base camp for Rogers' Rangers during the late 1750s, when the British and French fought for control of North America.

The statue will stand near the site where Rogers penned "Rules of Discipline," a common sense guideline for battling the French and their Indian allies in the North American wilderness in 1757. Also known as Rogers' "Standing Orders," the rules have been boiled down over the years from 28 to 19 and are still used to train soldiers at the Army Ranger School at Fort Benning, Ga.

Although some veterans say they have no qualms with the Rogers statue, Bearor and others say they are upset over a local developer's plans to unveil the statue Monday, when the nation honors its war dead.

Bearor says Rogers, a New Hampshire-born

frontiersman who led his Rogers' Rangers on guerrilla raids for the British during the French and Indian War, turned against his fellow Americans in the Revolutionary War.

But organizers of the May 30 event defend the timing.

The local newspaper has editorialized against the Memorial Day ceremony, but some veterans aren't so vexed. "I don't see any problem," said Harold Murray, commander of the Veterans of Foreign Wars post in Glens Falls. "That's going quite a ways back in history."

Richard Fuller is caretaker of the private portion of Rogers Island where the statue will stand. The property is owned by retired construction executive Frank Nastasi of Syosset. Both men are veterans and neither believes that holding the event on Memorial Day shows disrespect for America's war dead, Fuller said.

But the head of a group of former and active-duty Rangers argues the although tribute may be well-intended, it is problematic.

"Memorial Day? They're not thinking that through," said retired Army Capt. Steve Maguire, president of the U.S. Army Ranger Association. "It just seems like I would try a different day."

Although he doesn't deny Rogers' military legacy, Bearor, a French and Indian War re-enactor and author of several books on the conflict, questions holding a Memorial Day tribute to a man who George Washington didn't trust.

Bush defends base closings, says money being wasted and should be spent on war

By JENNIFER LOVEN

Associated Press Writer

ANNAPOLIS, Md. — Speaking out for the first time in favor of controversial base closings, President Bush said Friday the nation is wasting billions of dollars on unnecessary military facilities and needs the money for the war on terrorism.

Bush, who faces opposition from many states to shutting down bases, tried to be reassuring. He said the bases would be chosen fairly and the government would do all it could to help affected communities recover.

But he made clear that the process — however painful — could not be avoided.

In a speech to graduates of the Naval Academy, he said the closings and realignments "will result in a military that is more efficient and better prepared so you can better protect the American peo-

ple against the dangers of this new century."

"In this war, there is only one option and that is victory," he said, to cheers from midshipmen, relatives and faculty at the academy on the shores of the Chesapeake Bay.

When Bush last spoke at a Naval Academy commencement, it was four months before the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks, and his focus was his administration's effort to reshape the military into a faster, lighter and more flexible — but not larger — fighting force.

Since the attacks, and amid a global anti-terror campaign and wars in Afghanistan and Iraq, a top-to-bottom military transformation is even more necessary, Bush said. Keys to the success are new technology, repositioning of global forces, new weapons and realigned bases at home, he said.

Bush said he under-

stands the fears in cities where bases have been marked for changes or closure. The first round of closings in a decade has members of Congress and local officials working hard to protect the 33 major bases slated for closure and the 29 others proposed for downsizing.

"I know firsthand how hard base closings can be on local communities," said the former Texas governor who saw facilities shut down in his state.

Members of the congressionally chartered Base Closure and Realignment Commission (BRAC) will visit bases and hold hearings on the Pentagon proposal. The plan aims to save \$48.8 billion over 20 years by eliminating redundant and inefficient facilities and promoting cooperation among the Army, Navy, Air Force and Marine Corps.

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The winners of each category will be revealed to the public in our upcoming special section "The Reader's Choice" to be published on Sunday, June 26, 2005.

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Dining/Restaurants

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- Auto Parts _____
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- Book Store _____
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- Check Cashing _____
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- Office Supply _____
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- RV Dealer _____
- Screen Printing _____
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- CNA _____
- CPA _____
- Crop Insurance Agent _____
- Dentist _____
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By S. SRINIVAS

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Clinton says enough money is available for tsunami recovery

By S. SRINIVASAN

Associated Press Writer

NAGAPATTINAM, India — Former President Bill Clinton said Friday there was enough money available for rebuilding the tsunami-ravaged regions of Asia, but coordination between aid groups and local authorities will be crucial.

Clinton said it was critical for aid groups and local officials to make sure the money pledged

by donor nations and agencies is actually used for tsunami survivors.

"Money is not going to be a problem," Clinton said as he wound up a tour of the tsunami-hit southern Indian coast and headed for neighboring Sri Lanka. He said aid groups have \$3 billion collected from the United States, Europe, and other countries.

Clinton, recently appointed United Nations special envoy

for tsunami recovery, is touring the region to oversee reconstruction efforts in India, Sri Lanka, the Maldives and Indonesia. The Dec. 26 tsunami killed more than 173,000 people in 11 nations and wreaked widespread destruction of homes and property.

Clinton praised India's success in handling the disaster, but urged the government and the aid groups to move quickly to provide permanent shelters

for homeless survivors.

The Indian government, which declined foreign help for immediate relief work after the disaster, quickly built tens of thousands of temporary shelters for survivors. It now faces the challenge of building them permanent homes and restoring their livelihoods. New Delhi also helped Sri Lanka and Indonesia — the hardest hit countries — with relief work.

"India has done an excellent

job," Clinton said. "The world community appreciates India for going to the help of other countries."

Clinton was speaking after a daylong survey of the southern Indian district of Nagapattinam, where he heard gritty stories of survival and recovery in impoverished communities devastated by the tsunami.

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THE WORLD IN BRIEF

Nuclear treaty failure sets tone for summit to be held in future

UNITED NATIONS (AP) — The failure of a global nuclear conference leaves it to President Bush and other world leaders to "think outside the box" at a September summit and find new ways to stem the spread of nuclear arms, U.N. officials say.

After a month of sharp debate, the conference ended Friday with a whimper: no consensus recommendations for strengthening the Nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty, the pact that has helped keep the lid on doomsday arms since 1970.

The failure comes at a time of mounting nuclear tensions around the world.

North Korea has pulled out of the treaty and says it is building atom bombs. Iran's nuclear fuel program raises questions about possible weapons plans. Arab states view Israel's nuclear arsenal as increasingly provocative. The conference had futilely debated proposals to address all these issues.

Suicide bombers kill five people during attacks in northern Iraq

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — Two suicide attackers detonated car bombs in northern Iraq Saturday, killing at least five Iraqis in violence that claimed more than 20 lives, hospital and police officials said.

The bombs exploded at the entrance to an Iraqi military base in Sinjar, about 75 miles northwest of Mosul, a police official said on condition of anonymity.

The bodies of at least five Iraqis killed in the attack were brought to Sinjar Hospital, said hospital official Ahmed Ali. He added that 40 people had been wounded.

More than 20 people have been killed across Iraq during the past 24 hours, all victims of a raging, increasingly sectarian insurgency that U.S.-backed authorities are struggling to put down.

Meanwhile the brother of Akihiko Saito, a Japanese security consultant missing in Iraq, confirmed he is the dead man pictured on the Internet, Japanese news media reported. Saito's alleged abductors, the Sunni militant group Ansar al-Sunnah Army, purportedly posted the photos of his bloodied body.

Twin bomb explosions in central Indonesia kill 20, police say

JAKARTA, Indonesia (AP) — Suspected Muslim militants set off two bombs Saturday in a Christian-dominated town on the Indonesian island of Sulawesi, killing at least 20 people and wounding 40, police said.

Witnesses said both bombs in the town of Tentena struck a busy meat and produce market near a police station. The first was followed 15 minutes later by a much larger one that flattened food stands.

A Christian clergyman and a 3-year-old boy were among the dead, and two policemen were among the wounded, police said.

Later Saturday police found an unexploded bomb outside a church in the same town, part of an area where Muslim-Christian clashes have claimed hundreds of lives since 2000.

"Clearly these bombs were aimed at disturbing the security situation in this region," said Brig. Gen. Aryanto Sutadi, chief of the Central Sulawesi Police.

Saturday's blasts came two days after warnings of unspecified attacks that prompted the United States to close its embassy and other diplomatic offices in Indonesia until further notice.

King Fahd in stable condition; Saudis pray for his health

RIYADH, Saudi Arabia (AP) — King Fahd, Saudi Arabia's monarch for the last 23 years, was said to be in stable condition Saturday, a day after he was hospitalized for unspecified tests.

But in the capital, where the talk was all of his health, many people said they feared for the worst.

"I'm asking God to protect King Fahd for us and his family," said businessman Ebrahim Al-Khudair, 39. "The stability of the kingdom comes with his name."

Fahd, king since 1982, suffered a debilitating stroke in 1995. His half brother, Crown Prince Abdullah, has been Saudi Arabia's de facto ruler since then, and is expected to become king should Fahd die.

But Saudi Arabia's strategic importance as the holder of the world's largest oil reserves and the fact that it is home to Islam's two holiest shrines means even a stable succession could impact world markets and have widespread political fallout.

Fahd, who is believed to be 82, was admitted to King Faisal Specialist Hospital in Riyadh on Friday.

Iranian hard-liners approve a law to develop nuclear technology

TEHRAN, Iran (AP) — Iran's hard-line Guardian Council on Saturday approved a law that puts pressure on the government to develop nuclear technology that could be used to build atomic weapons, state run radio reported.

Parliament had passed the bill on May 15 and sent it to the Guardian Council for approval. The council must see all bills before they become law.

The passing of the law does not force

the government to resume uranium enrichment immediately but encourages it to pursue nuclear goals in spite of international pressure on Tehran over its nuclear program.

The law calls on the government to develop a nuclear fuel cycle, which would include resuming the process of enriching uranium — a prospect that has drawn criticism from the United States and Europe because the technology could be used in developing atomic weapons.

Iran suspended enrichment last November under international pressure led by the United States. Iran maintains its program is peaceful and only aimed at generating electricity.

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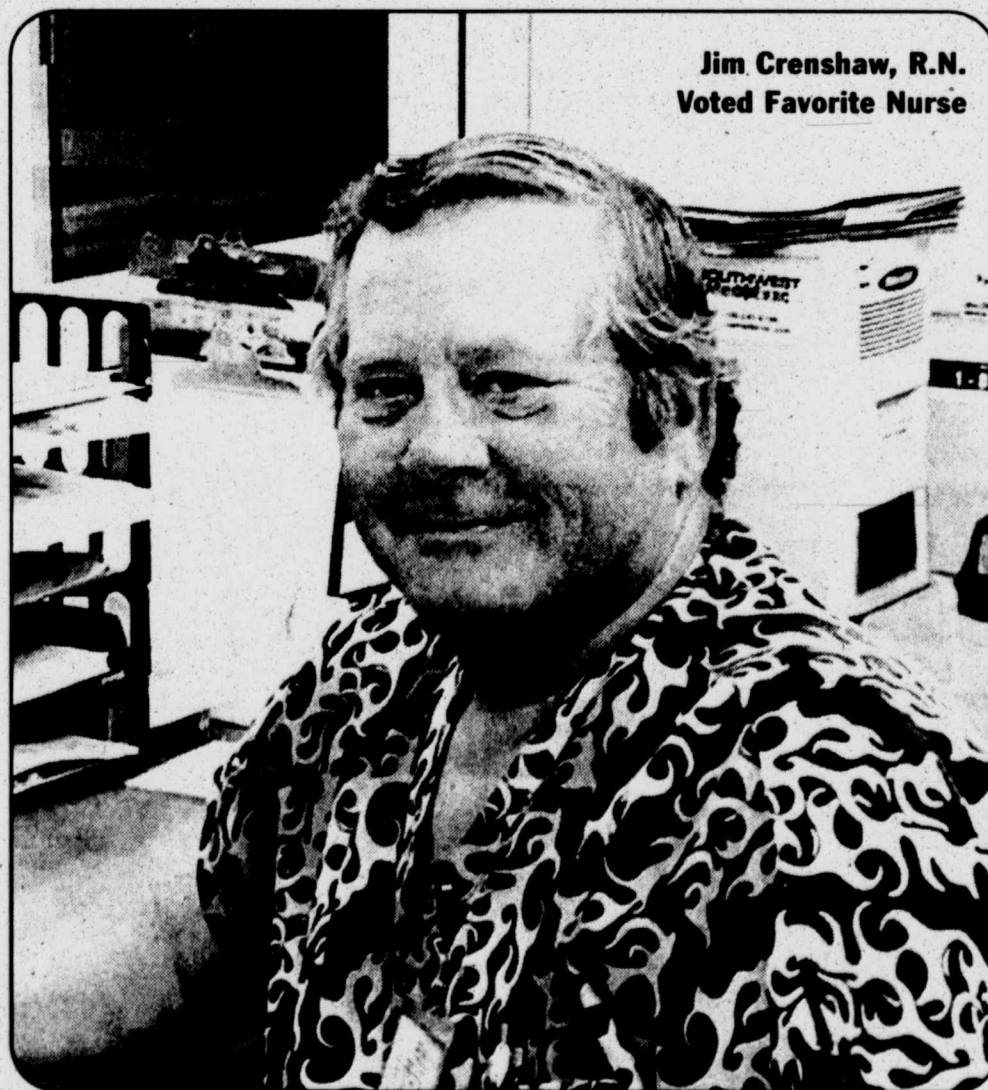
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Thousands hold anti-U.S. rallies to decry alleged desecration of Quran

By MAGGIE MICHAEL

Associated Press Writer

CAIRO, Egypt — Muslims spat on the American flag, threw tomatoes at a picture of President Bush and burned the U.S. Constitution in protests Friday from Iraq to Indonesia over the alleged desecration of Islam's holy book at Guantanamo Bay prison.

Waving copies of the Quran, many of the thousands of demonstrators across the Middle East and Asia chanted anti-American slogans and demanded an apology from the United States, as well as punishment for those who treated the book with disrespect at the U.S. lockup.

U.S. investigators admitted Thursday there was mishandling of the Quran but contend it was mostly inadvertent and deny that one had been put in a toilet. Friday's protests were organized before the officials' comments in Washington.

Many Muslims were outraged earlier this month when Newsweek reported interrogators at the prison at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, flushed a Quran down the toilet to get inmates to talk. The story — later retracted — sparked deadly riots in Afghanistan.

"The desecration of the holy book is outrageous because we consider it to be the word of God," said Asiya Andrabi, head of the Daughters of the Community and one of about 50 women clad in black Islamic veils who marched through Srinagar, India.

Some marchers burned symbolic copies of the U.S. Constitution and the American flag, and school and offices were closed for the demonstration in Srinagar. Later, police fired tear gas and used batons to disperse

hundreds of men who gathered outside a mosque.

Police watched many of the rallies, which were mostly peaceful and organized by Islamic groups around the world shortly after the Newsweek report came out.

In the Egyptian city of Alexandria, some 12,000 Muslims and followers of the outlawed Muslim Brotherhood filled a three-story building and spilled onto surrounding streets, which were sealed off by riot and street police.

Through loudspeakers, speakers called on the government and Mohammed Sayed Tantawi, grand imam of Al-Azhar Mosque, the Sunni Muslim world's most prestigious seat of learning, to demand an American apology.

"Oh arrogant America, the Quran is our constitution," read some banners. Police said 12 protest organizers were arrested.

A demonstration in downtown Cairo drew about 1,000 people, mostly lawyers, who were surrounded by twice as many riot police.

In the Lebanese capital, Beirut, about 1,000 demonstrators burned American and Israel flags and held black banners with the inscription: "But God, Muhammad is God's Messenger."

One speaker shouted, "There are matters that cannot be straightened out unless heads roll!"

The crowd responded: "We will cut off the feet that desecrated the Quran!"

The protests also spread to Sudan, where thousands gathered outside the U.S. Embassy in Khartoum and called for a serious investigation into all violations against Muslims held in Guantanamo.

Japan investigating two men who may be long-lost WWII soldiers in Philippines

By OLIVER TEVES

Associated Press Writer

GENERAL SANTOS, Philippines — Sixty years after the guns of World War II went silent, reports that two Japanese Imperial Army soldiers had been found in the mountains of the southern Philippines sent Japan's diplomats on a frantic mission Friday to try to contact them.

The two men, in their 80s, reportedly have lived on the restive southern island of Mindanao since they were separated from their division, staying on for fear they would face court-martial if they returned to Japan.

A day of waiting at a hotel in General Santos, a city south of Manila, turned to disappointment for Japanese diplomats.

Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi's spokesman, Yu Kameoka, told The Associated Press the men were apparently reluctant to meet with the officials because of the large crowds.

Diplomats were trying to schedule a meeting Saturday through a Japanese mediator, who had contacted the country's embassy in Manila about the men. But prospects grew increasingly dim with each passing hour.

"You should know this type of information comes in all the time," embassy spokesman Shuhei Ogawa said, confirming reports that the unidentified Japanese mediator was relying on information provided by a Filipino contact, who got word about the mystery men from yet another Filipino.

"We really have no idea if these two people exist," he said of the report that the men were the latest of a handful of old soldiers who held out on various islands for decades after the war ended in August 1945.

The story created huge interest in Japan, particularly among veterans marking the 60th anniversary of the war's end. One veteran, Goichi Ichikawa, said he had heard of at least three Japanese men living in the mountains of Mindanao from someone who went there late last year and alerted Japan's government in February. "It's amazing they were able to survive for 60 years," Ichikawa told reporters in the Japanese city of Osaka. "Of course I was stunned."

Japan's Kyodo News agency said the two might be Yoshio Yamakawa, who would be 87, and Tsuzuki Nakauchi, 85, from the 30th Division of the Imperial Japanese Army.

The Philippines, then a U.S. colony, was a major battleground in the Pacific. Japanese occupation is remembered as brutal and marked by massacres of civilians and deaths of hundreds of thousands of U.S. and Filipino soldiers.

According to Japanese government records, the men were part of a unit of 16,000 soldiers on Mindanao, of which only about 3,000 were thought to have survived the war.

Japan's government first learned of the possibility that the former soldiers might still be living in the Philippines late last year.

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IN 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.

Players can purchase mulligans both Saturday and Sunday for \$5 each. There will be free food for the players and prizes for closest to the pin on four different holes.

Tee times for Saturday's first round can be obtained by calling the Big Spring Country Club at 267-5354.

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

B.S. Country Club announces parent-child 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).

The age breakdown in the trophy division is 5-11, 12-15 and 16-18.

For more information, call 267-5354.

Bubba Franks Invite scheduled for June

The fourth annual Big Spring High School Bubba Franks golf tournament will take place Saturday, June 18, at the Big Spring Country Club.

The tournament will start at 8 a.m. and will be a four-person scramble. The cost is \$60 per person and that includes a hamburger lunch and a golf cart.

For more information, contact Gene Piercefield at 267-4205 or 816-1134 or John Sparks at 263-8527.

Pitching clinic set for early June

Terri McClure will conduct a pitching clinic at the Freddie Ezell Softball Clinic in Midland June 7-9.

For more information, contact Freddie Ezell at 432-694-5508.

Mugs' annual eight game tourney set

Mugs will host its annual eight games guarantee softball tournament June 10-12 at the Freddie Ezell Softball Complex.

For more information, contact Freddie Ezell at 432-694-5508.

Sparks to play in all-star football classic

Former Steer athlete chosen to help injured players

By TROY HYDE

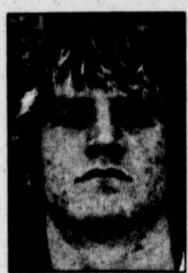
Sports Editor

Big Spring graduate and former Steer football player J. Rich Sparks was recently picked to play in the first-ever West Texas Football Classic, which will take place next Saturday at Lowry Field in Lubbock.

Sparks will join 79 other athletes in this game. The

athletes were first nominated by their high school coaches and then those nominations were sent to a committee who then narrowed their selections down to 80.

"I nominated about eight kids, but J. Rich was the only one selected," said Big Spring head coach Dwight Butler. "Anytime you have a



SPARKS

player selected to something like this it speaks very highly of the athlete and for the program he played for.

"It's an honor for everyone involved."

Sparks was selected as a free safety according to the rosters sent out in a press release, but he expects to play wide receiver. He will play on the South team, which will be coached by Andrews head coach Blaine Springston.

"There are a lot of players in West Texas and it

is a big honor to be able to play with some of the best ones," said Sparks. "I just hope I don't get hurt because I want to play in college."

Sparks has not yet decided on college at this time. He has gotten offers from two Division III schools — Sul Ross University in Alpine and Hardin Simmons University in Abilene. He also has gotten some interest from UTEP and Tarleton State University. If Sparks had to choose a college today it would be

Sul Ross University because he believes he would be able to play right now.

"I just want to play enough to show what I can do," said Sparks. "I am hoping someone will see me play and think they can use me somewhere."

Butler said college coaches aren't allowed to attend these kind of games, but that athletes will be scouted during practices.

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Roberts no-hits Jim Ned

Bulldogettes score two early runs, hang on to take Game 1 of regional final series

By TROY HYDE

Sports Editor

SNYDER — Pitching in the regional finals of the Class 2A playoffs isn't supposed to be easy, but Coahoma junior Kali Roberts made it seem that way Friday afternoon.

Roberts had a perfect game stopped in the fifth inning, but still managed to toss a no hitter on the mound against Jim Ned in Snyder during Game 1 of their regional final series.

The Bulldogettes won the game, 2-0. The second game of the best-of-three series was played Saturday at 5 p.m. in Snyder, but results of that game were unavailable at press time. A third game, if needed, was played 30 minutes after Game 2.

"They couldn't hit her very hard and when they did put the bat on the ball, the defense behind Kali stepped up and made the plays," said Coahoma coach Robby Dickenson.

Roberts' only blemish on the stat sheet was a walk she gave up with two outs in the fifth inning. She forced a full count and did not get the call on two close pitches. She also finished with nine strikeouts and recorded 11 ground ball outs. And this all came while pitching with a sore leg.

"I can't let the fact that my leg hurts effect me out there because I don't want to let my team down," said Roberts. "I will fight the pain because I want to go to state."

Coahoma played error-free in the field behind Roberts. Jim Ned committed back-to-back errors in the third inning, but neither one led to any Bulldogette runs.

"I feel very comfortable with the defense behind me," said Roberts, who struck out the side in the sixth inning and recorded a strikeout in every inning except the seventh. "(Jim Ned) started to get on me late so I couldn't have thrown the no-hitter without my

defense."

Coahoma had several chances to score early in the game. The Bulldogettes threatened in the first and third innings, but stranded two runners on base both times.

The Bulldogettes' only runs on the game were scored in the second inning. Junior Sarah Dunn walked after forcing a full count to start the inning then moved to second on a sacrifice bunt by junior Drew Wells. Senior Cheyenne Grice came up one out later and singled to right field and then stole second base. Both Dunn and Grice scored on the next at-bat as sophomore Ami Martinez sent a two-out bloop double just inside the foul line in left field.

"I was a little anxious early on in the at-bat because I didn't do very well the last time I hit," said Martinez, "but I just

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Coahoma sophomore Ami Martinez, left, and junior Kali Roberts celebrate with a hug after Game 1 of the Bulldogettes' regional final series against Jim Ned Friday afternoon in Snyder. Coahoma won the game 2-0. Roberts tossed a no-hitter on the mound, while Martinez delivered the hit which scored the game's only runs.

Three Steer football coaches resign from position with squad

Swim coach gets out of field completely

By TROY HYDE

Sports Editor

Four Big Spring High School coaches, including three who have duties with the football team, have put in their formal resignations to Big Spring Athletic Director Dwight Butler.

Football assistants Jason Phillips, J. R. Compton and Bill Black as well as head swimming coach Casey Pacheco have all decided to leave Big Spring's school dis-

trict.

Phillips, who also served as the Steers' head baseball coach, has decided to take a job at Forsan. Phillips will be the first-ever baseball coach for the Buffaloes as they begin action on the diamond next spring.

Compton served as the Steers' offensive coordinator during football season last year, but now takes his coaching abilities to Class 5A Temple where he will serve as the wide receivers coach.

Black will move on to Class 4A Ennis High School next year. Ennis High School has won two out of the last three 4A state titles and Black will take over there as the offensive lineman coach after holding that same position at Big Spring last year.

Pacheco took over the swimming program last season and sent a boy's

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Coahoma freshman Krista Kerby fouls off a pitch Friday afternoon in Snyder during the Bulldogettes' shutout win in Game 1 of their regional final playoff series with Jim Ned.

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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 the tournaments 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 Comanche 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 806-238-8901.

Justin Cowboy Crisis Fund toumey 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 hosting 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 \$80 per person.

The Howard College women's basketball program will also hold two other camps this summer. They will be both take place July 18-21 and they cost \$50 and \$80, respectively.

For more information, contact coach Earl Howard at 432-263-3043 or contact coach Steve Howard at 432-263-3043.

COAHOMA

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stayed focused and kept my head down and came through for my team."

Dickenson said his team got the hits when it needed them.

"Sometimes the little dink hits hurt you the most in this game," he added.

Coahoma went down in order in the fourth and fifth innings. Dunn got a single in the sixth inning, but pinch runner Sarah Bartlett ended up getting stranded at second base.

"Our timing was off a bit and our selection on some pitches wasn't very good," said Dickenson.

The Bulldogettes only managed to get four hits in the game and got on base three other times with walks. They also stranded six runners on base.

Dickenson, Roberts and Martinez all agree that the bats are going to have to get better if they are going win the series.

"We need to be focused and stay off her rise ball," said Martinez.

Roberts added, "We were a bit anxious at the plate and just need to see



the ball better. Her ball moves a lot, but we can hit her. It is nothing we haven't seen before."

Taran Sharp took the loss on the mound for Jim Ned. She threw seven strong innings though as she allowed just two earned runs on four hits and gave up three walks and struck out eight.

"Their pitcher threw well, but she didn't throw as hard as the Holliday pitcher did," said Dickenson. "We are going to have to find a way to score some more runs though."

"As long as Kali is doing her thing on the mound, I don't think we will have any trouble (Saturday)."

Martinez's two-run double led Coahoma (25-11) at the plate.

Roberts had a single and a walk, while Dunn finished with a single, a walk and a run. Grice also singled, stole a base and scored a run.



HERALD photo/Troy Hyde
Coahoma sophomore Aml Martinez delivers the game-winning two-run double in the second inning of Game 1 of the Bulldogettes' best-of-three regional final series with Jim Ned Friday at Snyder. Coahoma won the game, 2-0, and had a chance to earn a berth to state with a win Saturday. Results from Saturday were unavailable at press time.

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"That is where the guys will get looked at," said Butler. "If guys do some good things then it will be seen, but it has to be done in practice."

Proceeds from the game will be used to benefit football players that have been permanently injured while playing football. The game will cost \$5 for adults and \$3 for students. Tickets can be purchased at any five of the Cardinal's locations in Lubbock or by calling Scott Harrison at 1-800-723-8233. Kick-off is set for 7 p.m. Saturday.

Joining Sparks on the South all-stars team from District 4-4A will be: Rashaud Ellis and Dean Kellum of Plainview; Isaac McQueen, Jessie Ortiz and Chris Stephens of Andrews; Cody Brenon, Eloy Saucedo and Matt Rendon of Frenship.

The district also has a few athletes playing for the North squad. Johnathan Kittley and Steven Caballero of Frenship will be joined by Gerald Johnson of Lubbock Estacado. Joe Robertson of Lockney will coach the North all-stars.

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relay team (Daniel Pike, Ryan Hughey, Scott Thomas and Todd Seber) and Jessica Hughey to the state meet in February. However, he has decided to get out of the business completely.

Big Spring also has a head coaching position open in volleyball after Revis Daggett resigned upon season's end.

Butler said some other coaching positions may become available, but no formal resignations have been made at the present time.



DAGGETT

Soriano hits two bombs in Texas win

ARLINGTON (AP) — Alfonso Soriano hit two home runs, then gave credit to his teammates.

Michael Young and Mark Teixeira also homered, and rookie Chris Young pitched eight strong innings as the Texas Rangers beat the Chicago White Sox 6-2 on Friday night for their season-high seventh straight victory.

The Rangers hit 21 homers during their winning streak, which is the longest active run in the majors.

"The whole team is working together," Soriano said. "The pitching, defense and offense have been great. Chris Young was very good tonight."

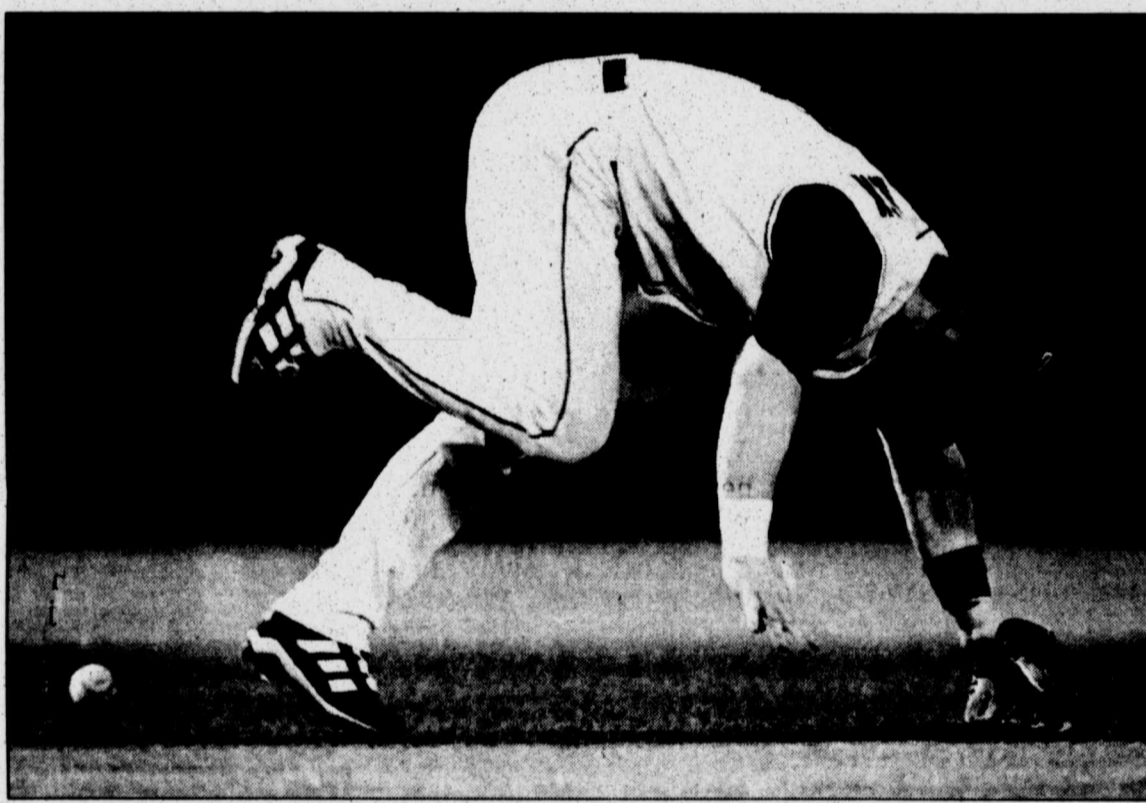
Texas swept consecutive three-game series against last-place teams Houston and Kansas City, but the White Sox presented a more formidable test with the best record in the majors.

"We probably caught them at the right time," Rangers manager Buck Showalter said. "It's nice to get off to a good start against a good club."

Young (5-2) allowed one run and six hits, struck out five and didn't issue a walk to beat rookie Brandon McCarthy (0-1).

Young's fastball was clocked as high as 94 mph and he credited catcher Rod Barajas for calling a good game.

"I had a good fastball



KRT photo/Brian Lawdermilk, Fort Worth Star-Telegram
Texas Rangers infielder Hank Blalock misses a ground ball during his team's game against the Chicago White Sox at Amerquest Field in Arlington Friday. The Rangers won the game 6-2 behind two home runs by Alfonso Soriano.

and that was the key for me," said Young, 3-0 with a 1.14 ERA in his last five starts. "I was able to use my off-speed pitches off my fastball. Rod called a great game. That makes it easy for me."

Young took a shutout into the seventh but Paul Konerko's leadoff homer ended the bid.

Young began the season with a tenuous hold on a rotation spot, but he's solidified his position by going eight innings in three starts this season.

"He's a guy with a lot of

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Brewers shut down struggling Houston, Oswalt suffers loss

By ARNIE STAPLETON

AP Sports Writer
MILWAUKEE (AP) — The Milwaukee Brewers haven't had a winning season since 1992, so they're not about to start judging the quality of their victories.

Doug Davis allowed two hits over seven innings and the Milwaukee Brewers (24-23) beat nemesis Roy Oswalt and the Houston Astros 3-0 on Friday night for their sixth straight win at Miller Park.

"It was ugly, but I was effectively wild tonight," said Davis, who walked five and saw his run support wither after Jeff Cirillo scored on Lyle Overbay's fielder's choice grounder in the first.

Only Damian Miller's two-run single off center fielder Willy Taveras's glove in the eighth gave the Brewers some breathing room, not that Milwaukee manager Ned Yost was one to quibble with his light-hitting lineup.

"It was enough," Yost said. "It was plenty. It's all we needed. We made good on that opportunity."

Davis (6-5) extended his consecutive scoreless innings streak to 17 despite his wildness and he struck out seven. Jorge De La Rosa pitched the eighth and Derrick Turnbow the ninth, earning his seventh save in nine chances. Turnbow allowed the third Houston hit.

The Brewers, who have allowed a total of three runs in their last four games, have won 13 of their last 16 at Miller Park. The Astros fell to 1-6 on their current road trip and are 3-22 away from Minute Maid Park. They have been shut out seven times on the road

and eight overall this season.

"It's absolutely frustrating," Astros manager Phil Garner lamented. "We have to find a way to stop it. You can't expect your pitchers to throw shutouts."

Before leaving with back stiffness, Oswalt (5-6) gave up one run and two hits in six innings. All three of his walks came in the first, when he allowed his one run but also left the bases loaded. He lost for just the fifth time in 15 starts against Milwaukee.

Oswalt said he felt a twinge when he slipped on a pitch early in the game, then toughed it out as long as he could.

"It doesn't hurt, it's just stiff," he said.

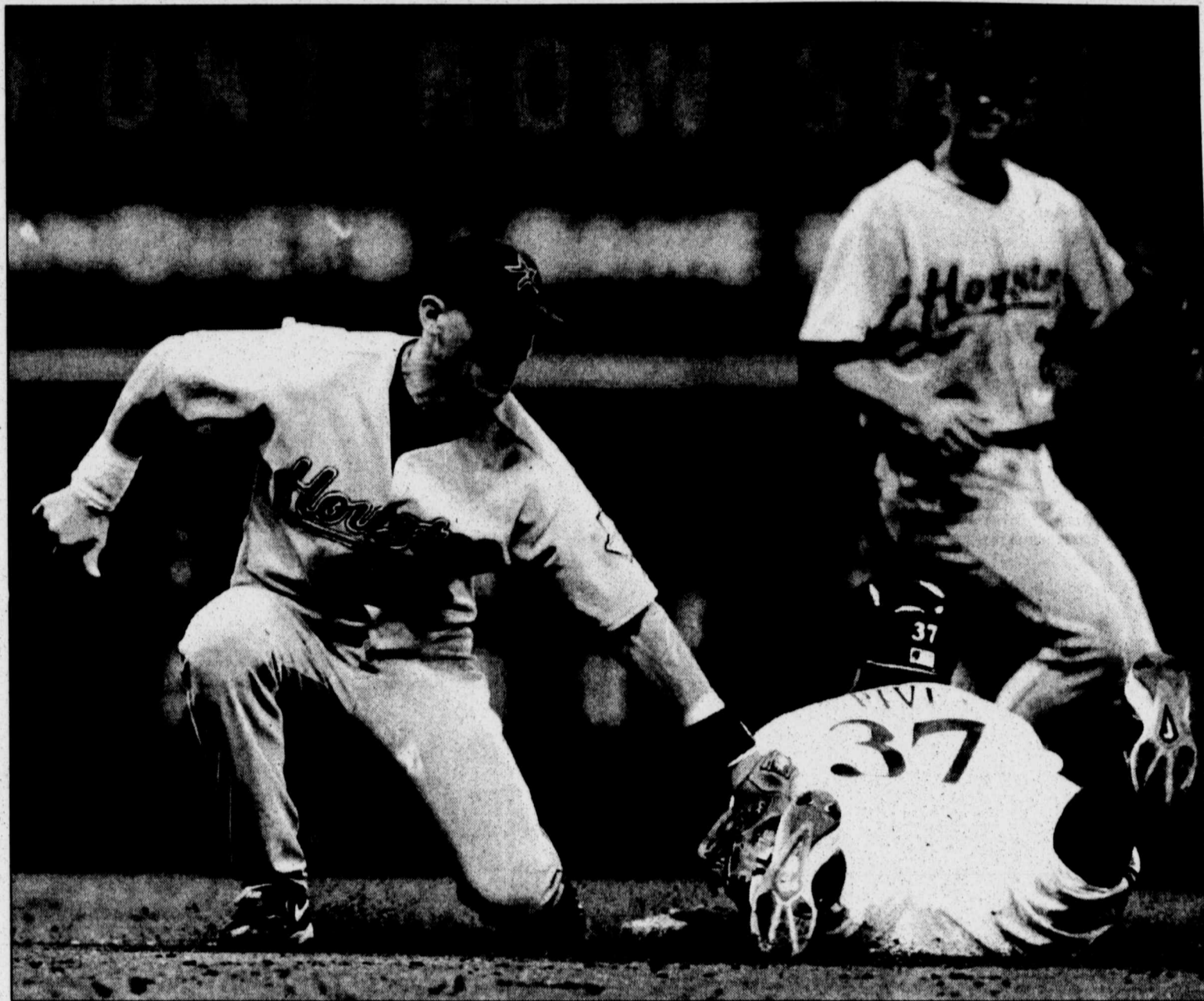
The Astros left the bases loaded in the second when Oswalt made the third out on a close call at first when shortstop Bill Hall fielded his hopper and hurried an off-balance throw.

"The guys on the replay said I made it," Oswalt said. "But (first base umpire Joe Brinkman) said I was out, so I guess it only counts on TV."

Added Garner: "That happened in the second inning. We had plenty of time to do something and we didn't."

The Brewers scored their run off Oswalt when Overbay didn't draw the relay throw at first after third baseman Morgan Ensberg had trouble getting the ball out of his glove and Carlos Lee took out second baseman Craig Biggio to break up what would have been an inning-ending double play.

Hall extended his hitting streak to a career-high eight games with a double leading off the fifth.



Milwaukee's Junior Spivey is safe at second on a stolen base against Houston's Craig Biggio in the seventh inning of their game at Miller Park in Milwaukee, Wis. Friday. The Brewers defeated the Astros, 3-0. Roy Oswalt suffered the loss for Houston, but got no run support from the Astros offense.

Venus falls to 15-year-old at French

By STEVEN WINE

AP Sports Writer
PARIS (AP) — Venus Williams did plenty to beat herself, and 15-year-old Sesil Karatantcheva took care of the rest.

The young Bulgarian upset an erratic Williams 6-3, 1-6, 6-1 Friday in the third round of the French Open.

"I had never heard of her before this match," Williams said. "She played well, definitely. But I also felt like if I just played 10 percent better, I'm going to win this match easily."

Williams hit just nine winners and committed 52 unforced errors, including seven double faults. She lost serve nine times, including all four service games in the final set.

It was the latest Grand Slam disappointment for

the 11th-seeded Williams, who was seeking her fifth major title and her first since 2001. She hoped for a strong showing at Roland Garros after winning a final for the first time in a year last week at Istanbul.

Williams showed up for the customary postmatch news conference shortly after her defeat, explaining that she was eager to return to Florida.

"I want to leave," she said. "I have nothing more to do here. I just want to go."

Younger sister Serena missed the tournament because of a lingering ankle injury.

Karatantcheva, ranked 98th, won the Roland Garros juniors title last year and earned her first victory in a Grand Slam match earlier this week.

She trains in Florida, and

both her parents are former Bulgarian national champions — dad in rowing, mom in volleyball.

But few expected her to give Williams trouble.

"She really didn't play her best tennis," Karatantcheva said. "I definitely don't think it was the Venus Williams I watch on TV and I see when I started out. But for me, I did give what I could give. I like that I won, no matter what."

Lindsay Davenport refused to wilt in the 85-degree midday heat despite being pushed to three sets for the third consecutive match. The top-ranked Davenport survived her toughest test yet and beat unseeded Frenchwoman Virginie Razzano 7-5, 4-6, 6-4.

"It has been a struggle here," Davenport said. "I'm pretty amazed I'm

still here, given how I feel I've been playing. It gives me a laugh."

Davenport's fourth-round opponent will be two-time French Open runner-up Kim Clijsters, who eliminated No. 20-seeded Daniela Hantuchova 6-4, 6-2.

Clijsters has beaten Davenport in their past six meetings.

"Not the record you want going into a match with someone," Davenport said. "I have a tough time playing her on my favorite surface, let alone my least favorite, clay."

They'll meet on clay for the first time. A victory would put Davenport in the quarterfinals for the first time since 1999 at Roland Garros, the lone Grand Slam title she has

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Bledsoe likes new situation in Dallas

By STEPHEN HAWKINS

AP Sports Writer
IRVING (AP) — Drew Bledsoe is finding there's a difference between playing for Bill Parcells fresh out of college as the No. 1 overall draft pick and as a 12-year veteran quarterback with the Cowboys.

On their first day back on the field together in eight years, Parcells on Friday was content mostly watching Bledsoe from a distance during the start of the Cowboys' only veteran minicamp before training camp.

"A lot of times when I was young, he would stand right behind me when I'd drop back to throw. He was yelling in my ear," Bledsoe said. "It was to the point that I couldn't wait until Sunday so I could get out on the field and get away from him."

Parcells said Bledsoe, 33, is a lot more mature now.

"Obviously, he's been through a lot as a player," he said. "So we'll just see. I just want to see him round into shape and get his timing."

It's the second year in a row the Cowboys have a new veteran starting quarterback who's played for Parcells before.

Bledsoe is eight years younger than Vinny Testaverde, the starter for 15 games last season when the Cowboys were 6-10.

Bledsoe was the top overall pick in 1993 for New England, when Parcells was there. He was the starter as a rookie, and three years later the Patriots reached the Super Bowl.

After Bledsoe was released by Buffalo in February, he reunited with Parcells, signing a three-year contract in Dallas.

He quickly was proclaimed the Cowboys starter, the eighth since three-time Super Bowl winner Troy Aikman's career ended four years ago.

The expectations now are different for Bledsoe than when as a rookie for the Patriots 12 years ago. Or when he went to Buffalo in 2002, after losing his starting job to Tom Brady in New England while injured.

With Parcells and Bledsoe both on the backside of their careers, they don't want to waste any time.

Buffalo, which came one win short of the playoffs last season with Bledsoe, handed over the starting job to youngster J.P. Losman without an on-field competition.

Bledsoe is driven to prove the Bills made the wrong decision, and also reward the faith Parcells has in him.

"It's a totally different circumstance," said receiver Keyshawn Johnson,

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RANGERS

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determination, grit and want-to," Showalter said. "It makes it easy to trust him. That's pretty impressive."

Willie Harris had an RBI single in the ninth off Texas reliever Doug Brocaill to make it 6-2 before Francisco Cordero relieved with runners on first and second.

He got pinch-hitter Timo Perez to fly to left for his 16th save. Left fielder Kevin Mench made a sliding catch to end the game.

McCarthy, who gave up six hits — four homers — and six runs over five innings, was making his second major league start in place of Orlando Hernandez, out with a right shoulder injury.

The White Sox optioned McCarthy to Triple-A Charlotte following the game.

Teixeira's 12th homer in the first gave Texas a 1-0 lead, and Soriano made it 2-0 in the second.

Young's sixth homer, a two-run shot in the fifth, and Soriano's two-run homer later in the fifth, his 14th, stretched the Rangers' advantage to 6-0.

Chicago's offense continues to sputter and the White Sox appeared to be tired.

The team arrived at its hotel in Texas at 4:30 a.m. on Friday after a redeye flight from Anaheim.

Four members of the White Sox lineup are in deep slumps: Juan Uribe (4-for-45), Carl Everett (3-for-34), A.J. Pierzynski (2-for-17) and Jermaine Dye (1-for-17).



KRT photo/Brian Lawdermilk, Fort Worth Star-Telegram
Texas Ranger pitcher Chris Young throws against the White Sox at Ameriquest Field in Arlington Friday. Young got the win on the mound and improved to 5-2 this season.

Nebraska downs Tech in Big 12 Tourney

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — Curtis Ledbetter had the game-winning RBI and Johnny Dorn allowed just five hits as Nebraska beat Texas Tech 2-1 in the Big 12 baseball tournament on Friday.

Ledbetter reached first base on a fielder's choice in the top of the sixth inning, allowing Alex

Gordon to score and give the Cornhuskers (48-13) a 2-0 advantage.

Texas Tech (34-25) narrowed the lead to 2-1 when Cody Fuller singled up the middle to score Brian Capps in the bottom of the seventh, but

Dorn held the Red Raiders hitless over the final two innings.

Gordon finished 1-for-4 with an RBI triple that scored Joe Simokaitis for a 1-0 Nebraska lead early in the sixth.

Dorn (10-1) pitched a complete game, striking out four for Nebraska.

Tanner McElroy (2-4) went the distance for Texas Tech, allowing six hits and two runs.

FRENCH

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yet to win.

Rafael Nadal displayed his characteristic flair and won a center-court showdown between 18-year-old prodigies, beating Frenchman Richard Gasquet 6-4, 6-3, 6-2. The No. 4-seeded Nadal scrambled to win the final point of the second set with an airborne backhand off the wrong foot, threw a leaping uppercut in celebration and backpedaled to his chair.

"This was not an easy match in any way," said Nadal, who has won 20 consecutive matches, all on clay.

Nadal next plays another Frenchman, No. 23 Sebastien Grosjean, who survived four hours in the unseasonable conditions to eliminate No. 16 Radek Stepanek 6-1, 4-6, 3-6, 6-3, 6-4.

Top-ranked Roger Federer, bidding for his first French Open title, beat No. 25-seeded Fernando Gonzalez 7-6 (9), 7-5, 6-2. Federer hit 11 aces, improved to 44-2 this year and said he fears no one in the draw. "I'm No. 1," he said. "I've beaten everyone. Why should I fear anyone?"

Federer next plays No. 14-seeded Carlos Moya, the 1998 champion. Moya failed to convert four match points in the third set and two more in the fifth before finishing off Fernando Vicente 6-4, 7-6 (4), 6-7 (3), 0-6, 6-4.

Defending champion Gaston Gaudio, seeded fifth, beat Felix Mantilla 6-4, 6-4, 6-3. No. 21 Mary Pierce, the 2000 women's champion, beat No. 9

Vera Zvonareva 7-6 (2), 7-5.

No. 4 Elena Dementieva, the runner-up last year, beat Akiko Morigami 6-3, 4-6, 6-3. Dementieva next plays Russian compatriot Elena Likhovtseva, seeded 16th, who beat No. 18 Silvia Farina Elia 7-5, 7-6 (2).

Young Karatantcheva was steady from the baseline and displayed a game reminiscent of Dementieva, only with a better serve.

Karatantcheva remained impassive throughout the match, but when Williams hit one last errant shot on match point — a backhand into the net — the youngster squealed and sank to her knees.

Karatantcheva then leaped and threw a fist, blew kisses and bowed to the crowd on Court Suzanne Lenglen.

"It's obviously great for her," Williams said. "But at the same time I felt like, wow, I kind of beat myself."

Williams had just two winners and 23 errors in the opening set. Her mother and coach, Oracene, sat in the stands shaking her head as the mistakes mounted.

In the second set, Williams steadied her strokes to even the match. But Karatantcheva won the first seven points of the final set, ripped a forehand crosscourt winner to go ahead 2-1 and pulled away from there.

When Karatantcheva checked her cell phone after the match, she said, she had 20 missed calls. "I was kind of nervous with all those people watching me," she said. "But at the end it came out good."

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Haddad, Beitler wed



Miss Margaret Mary Katherine Haddad and Mr. John Paul Beitler III were united in marriage Saturday, May 28, 2005, at seven o'clock in the evening in Perkins Chapel on the campus of Southern Methodist University in Dallas.

The marriage ceremony was officiated by the Rev. Dr. Dave Ring, with music by organist Benjamin Kolodziej, trumpeter Dave Von Blohn, the Candlelight String Quartet and soloist Mr. Terry McDaniel.

Following the ceremony, the bride's parents hosted a reception at the Belo Mansion and Pavilion. Guests were entertained during the cocktail hour by The Arthur Riddles trio. The dinner set entertainment was provided by The Marc Toussaint Jazz Ensemble and Inside Out was the after-dinner party entertainment.

The bride's cake consisted of five hexagonal layers decorated with alternating white fondant Lyon lace and swaging accented with crystals. The top layer was accented with a custom quatrefoil monogram crown with floral accents.

The groom's cake was a chocolate on chocolate three-dimensional representation of four landmark buildings in the Chicago skyline on top of a round bas-relief sculpture with other Chicago cityscapes.

On the eve on the wedding, the groom's parents hosted a rehearsal dinner at Seventeen Seventeen Restaurant in the Dallas Museum of Art, with entertainment by Spanish guitarist James Gabriano. A bridal luncheon was hosted by family friends of the bride on the terrace of the Hotel Crescent Court Friday, May 27, 2005, with music by harpist Naoko Stromberg.

The bride is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Rudy Issa Haddad of Big Spring, Texas. She is the granddaughter of Mrs. Marguerite Orfali Haddad of Big Spring, Texas and the late Dr. Issa Morshed Haddad, and the late Mr. and Mr. Andrew Ottaka.

She is a graduate of Big Spring High School and graduated Magna Cum Laude from Southern Methodist University with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Biology and a minor in Psychology. She is a member of Kappa Kappa Gamma sorority and Phi Beta Kappa Honor Society. Maggie is currently working on a Doctorate in Clinical Psychology at the Illinois School of Professional Psychology.

The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Paul Beitler Jr. of Winnetka, Illinois, and the grandson of Mrs. Normal Larson Powers of Sun City, Florida, and the late Mr. Fred Powers.

The groom is a graduate of New Trier High School in Winnetka, Illinois, and Southern Methodist University, where he received a Bachelor of Arts degree in both History and Philosophy and a minor in Political Science.

He was a member of Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity, serving as President in 2000. He is currently employed with The Beitler Company as an Associate in Tenant Representation.

Escorted by her father, the bride chose an elegant, strapless A-line gown of

tissue silk organza designed for Neiman Marcus by Vera Wang. The ivory gown was embellished with hand appliquéd Lyon lace at the bodice and the hem. The lace was beautifully beaded with imported crystals and framed the chapel-length train.

To complete her ensemble, the bride's silk illusion veil was heavily adorned with the same beaded Lyon lace as the dress and fell to cathedral length beyond the train of the dress.

Serving as maid of honor was Miss Alison Jane Fuqua of Dallas, a friend of the bride. The bridesmaids were Miss Jessica Penrose Beitler of Winnetka, Illinois, sister of the groom, Miss Colleen Elise Garmany of Rochester, Minnesota, Miss Jennifer Leslie George of San Antonio, Miss Kelly Leigh Hollar of Dallas, Miss Sarah Elizabeth Jackson of Dallas, Miss Shannon Leigh McPartland of Dallas and Miss Caroline Melinda Partee of Big Spring, Texas, all friends of the bride.

Serving as the bride's house party were Miss Stacey June Hollar of Dallas and Miss Jennifer Briann Perez of Big Spring, Texas.

The flower girl was Miss Lea Tatum Miller of Platte City, Missouri, a family friend of the bride.

The groom's brother, Mr. Justin Powers Beitler of Winnetka, Illinois, served as best man. The groomsmen were Dr. Christopher Andrew Haddad of Rochester, Minnesota, and Dr. Rudy Morshed Haddad of Rochester, Minnesota, both brothers of the bride, Mr. Brent Markey Mason of Los Angeles, Mr. Christopher Michael McClave of Los Angeles, Mr. Patrick Michael Sheedy of Los Angeles, Mr. Ross Hall Wilkin of Calexico, California, and Mr. Christopher Bruce Gooden of Chicago, Illinois, all friends of the groom.

The ring bearer was Master Edward Sloan Miller of Platte City, Missouri, a family friend of the bride.

Following a honeymoon in Bora Bora, the couple will make their home in Chicago.

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Anniversary



Mr. and Mrs. Leland and Mona Hyatt

Hyatts celebrate 50 years of marriage

Mona and Leland Hyatt celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with a family luncheon May 14. Guests came from as far away as Florida to attend the event, which was hosted by their son and daughter-in-law, Jacques and Kristi of Midland.

Leland Hyatt was born in Raleigh, Ind., and Mona Arnold was born in Fairview, Ind. They met in January of 1955 at the hospital where she worked with his sisters.

They were married in the First Christian Church of Connerville, Ind., May 28, 1955.

They have six children, Rick Hyatt of Chandler, Mark Hyatt of Big Spring, Allen Hyatt of Lubbock, Tanya Shortes of Converse, Arla Tibbels of Kingsbury and Jacques

Hyatt of Midland. He has worked as a dairy farmer and also worked in fabrication. He worked as a custodian for local schools and was custodian for the First Baptist Church of Big Spring for 19 years, where he retired. She worked in nursing and also worked as a secretary for the Salvation Army and First Baptist Church, where they are members.

They enjoy puzzles, reading, cooking, doing crafts and traveling. The couple has lived in Indiana, California and Texas during their marriage.

They made this comment about a their 50-year marriage: "It takes patience, support and respect."

Who's Who



Chandra McBee

Chandra McBee
Chandra McBee graduated May 7, 2005, from Hardin Simmons University with a master's of education in counseling and human development. She is the daughter of Barry and Kelly McBee of Big Spring. She is employed by the Betty Hardwick Center in Abilene.

Carolyn Correa

Carolyn Correa, a Big Spring High School graduate, received her associate of applied science degree from Amarillo College.

Nicci Vizcaino

Nicci Vizcaino of Big Spring a senior majoring in psychology at Sul Ross State University, received the American Southwest Conference All-Academic honors for the spring sports seasons in softball.

To qualify for All-Academic recognition, student-athletes must have lettered during the 2005 season, be in at least their second year of study and maintain a 3.0 or higher grade point average.

Julian L. Garcia



Julian L. Garcia

Big Spring High School student Julian L. Garcia has been selected for membership by the National Society of High School Scholars.

He is the son of Sammy and Irma Ortega.

The society recognizes the top scholars in the nation and invites only those students who have achieved superior academic excellence.

He is now qualified for scholarship opportunities and academic competitions, among other benefits.

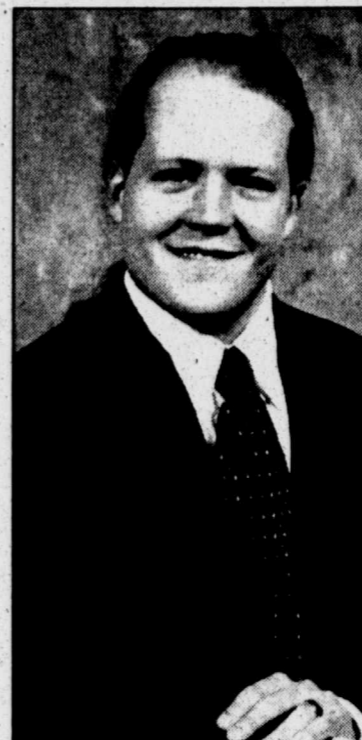
Angel Salazar

Angel Salazar, a 2005 Big Spring High School graduate, has been named a United States Award Winner in football by the United States Achievement Academy.

He is the son of David Salazar and Lolia DeLeon, both of Big Spring and the grandson of Margie Munoz and Angelita Alvarez, both of Big Spring.

He was nominated for this award by Coach

Dwight Butler and he will appear in the United States Achievement Academy Official Yearbook.



Chris Smith

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Chris Smith of Ant, a 1994 graduate of Big Spring High School, received a master's of science degree in electrical engineering on May 14, 2005, from the University of Texas-San Antonio.

He is the son of Gregg and Rose Smith of Big Spring and the grandson of Evangeline Sturm of Luther.

He is employed by Southwest Research Institution of San Antonio.

Terry Denton

Terry Denton of Big Spring, a senior majoring in kinesiology at Sul Ross State University, received American Southwest Conference All-Academic honors for the spring sports seasons in softball.

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Vianca Green

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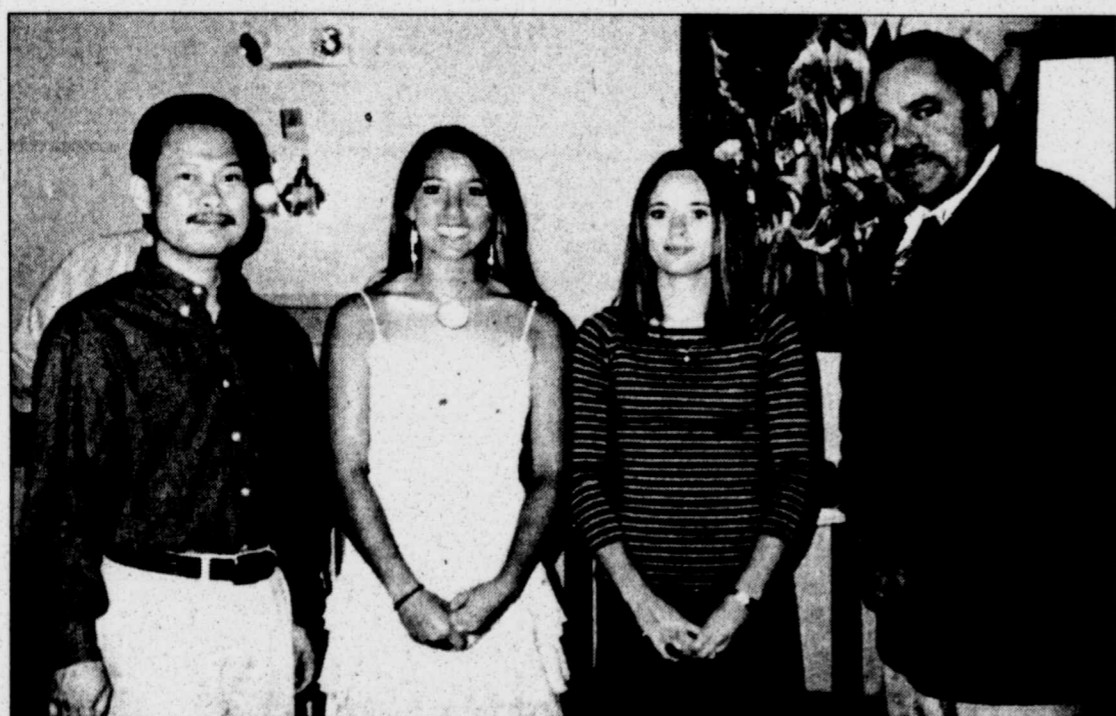
Big Spring High School senior Vianca Green signed with Tyler Junior College May 11, 2005. She accepted an Apache Ladies Basketball Team manager scholarship. She was selected out of hundreds of applicants.

She is the daughter of Felicia Green of Big Spring and Darin Green of San Diego, Calif., and the granddaughter of Era Smith and Sally B. Green, both of Big Spring.

During her time in high school, Green has participated in Rhapsody and sang the National Anthem as an opening act before the San Antonio Spurs Basketball Game in March of 2005.

She has been a member of the Key Club, Spanish Club, and has been involved with girls athletics. She is also a student teacher at Moss Elementary School

SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS



Dr. Melencio Juan, left, and Dr. Manuel Carrasco congratulate Ruby Garcia, left, a Big Spring High School graduate and Colby Ringener, a Stanton High School graduate, recipients of the Permian Basin Medical Society scholarship award. They will each receive a \$1,000 scholarship. This scholarship is given annually to students majoring in the health care field.



Angela Carrillo



Morgan McKinney



Nathan Nalley

New Hope graduates three seniors

New Hope Christian School honored three seniors with high school graduation ceremonies Thursday.

Angela Carrillo is the daughter of Abel and Jocelyn Carrillo.

Morgan McKinney is the daughter of are Rebecca and Larry Smith and the granddaughter of Katie Lara.

Nathan Nalley is the son of Bruce and Belle Schooler of Big Spring

and John and Linda Nalley of Napa, Calif. His grandparents are H.C. and Mary McPherson of Big Spring. He is the great-grandson of Mary Fowler of Big Spring.

In the Military

Air Force Staff Sgt. Chris E. Poitevint

Air Force Staff Sgt. Chris E. Poitevint became a member of the One Million Gallon Club for issuing/refueling aircraft with one million gallons of aviation fuel and maintaining an excellent safety record. Members have applied

and demonstrated safe work habits to increase refueling efficiency while minimizing refueling incidents/accidents.

The sergeant, a fuels journeyman with six years of military service, is assigned to the 99th Logistics Readiness Squadron, Nellis Air Force Base, Las Vegas, Nev.

He is the son of Steve and Cheryl Poitevint of Big Springs.

Poitevint is a 1998 graduate of Big Springs High School.

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Friday: meatloaf, black eyed peas, okra, macaroni salad, milk, cornbread fruit.

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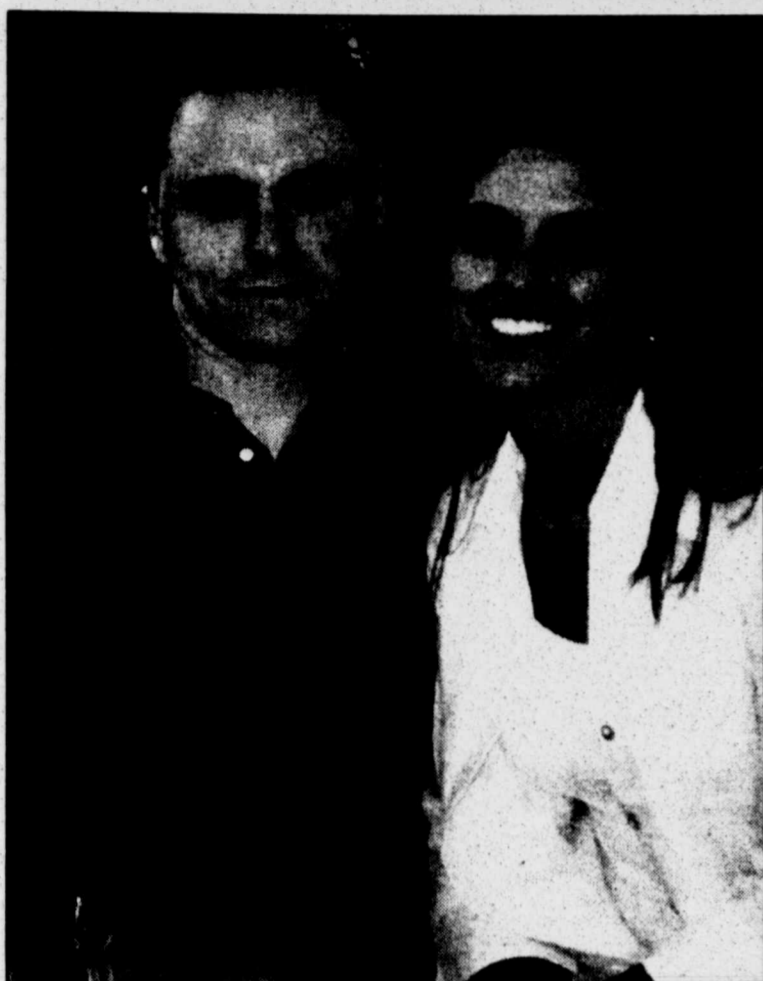
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Engagements



Christopher Allen Olson and Amanda Chey Epley

Epley, Olson to wed

Amanda Chey Epley and Christopher Allen Olson, both of Big Spring, announce their intention to marry at 7 p.m. June 25, 2005, at Trinity Baptist Church.

Amanda is the daughter of J and Kathleen Epley of Big Spring and the granddaughter of Travis and Shirley Fryar of Midland, Barbara and the late Dr. Josh Burnett of Big Spring and the late Cecil and Beverly Epley of Hico.

Christopher is the son of Craig and Jackie Olson of Big Spring and the

grandson of Marjorie and the late Alfred Olson and Lena and the late Jack Perkins, all of Big Spring.

The bride-elect received her bachelor's of science degree from Angelo State University. She will begin teaching fifth grade at Elbow Elementary in the fall.

The groom-to-be received his master's of finance at Texas A&M University in College Station and his bachelor's in business administration degree from Angelo State University. He is self-employed.



Erin Lindsey Eubanks and Scott Crowell

Eubanks, Crowell to wed

Erin Lindsey Eubanks and Scott Crowell, both of College Station, will exchange wedding vows at 6:30 p.m. June 11, 2005, at the First Presbyterian Church in Kilgore.

Erin is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Meyer Eubanks Jr. of McAlester, Okla., and the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Eubanks of Longview.

Scott is the son of Mrs. Pat Long of Hobbs, N.M., and Lynn Crowell of Fort Collins, Colo.

Erin is a 2000 McKinney High School graduate. She received her bachelor

of business administration degree in accounting and her master's of science degree in accounting from Texas A&M University May 13, 2005.

She has accepted a position at Pricewaterhouse Cooper in New York.

Scott is a 2000 Big Spring High School graduate. He received his bachelor of business administration degree in accounting and master's of science degree in finance from Texas A&M University May 13, 2005.

He has accepted a position at Pricewaterhouse Coopers in New York.



John Alan Holleman and Heather Lou Rich

Rich, Holleman to wed

Heather Lou Rich of Big Spring and John Alan Holleman announce their intention to exchange wedding vows at 6 p.m. July 9, 2005, at Midway Baptist Church.

Heather is the daughter of Daryl and Donna Rich of Big Spring.

She is the granddaughter of Ed and Judy Shrum of Big Spring, Charles and Betty Parrish of Coahoma and Cleburne and Metha Rich of Westbrook. She is the great-granddaughter of Virginia Davidson of Big Spring.

John is the son of David and Becky Holleman of Big Spring. He is the

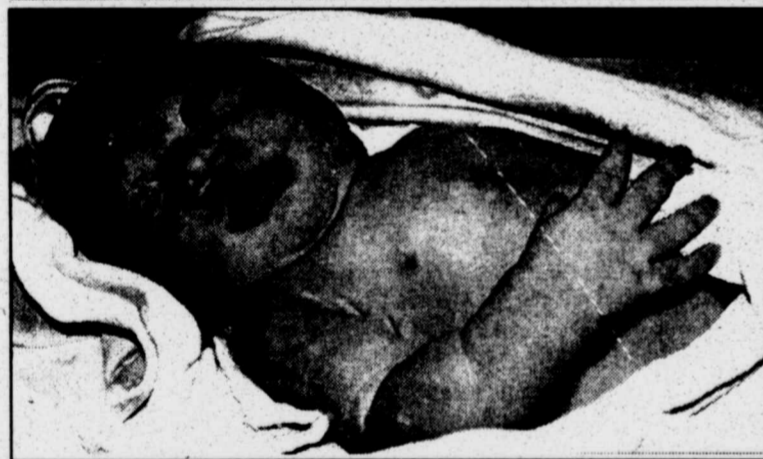
grandson of Freda and the late Birl Holleman of Lubbock, John Dick and Caroline Grisak of Alamogordo, N.M., and Jerry and Myra Smith of Houston.

He is the great-grandson of Pauline Holleman of Lubbock and Gracie and the late Buster Lane of Alamogordo, N.M.

She is a 2002 graduate of Coahoma High School and a 2004 Howard College graduate, where she received her associate of science degree. She is employed by Sunbiling.

He is a 1999 graduate of Coahoma High School and is employed by Cornell Corrections.

Births



Katcher Jude Dawson

Katcher Jude Dawson, a boy, was born May 19, 2005, weighing 8 pounds, 3 ounces and was 21 inches long.

He is the son of Kandace Gard Dawson and Dr. Tom Dawson of Big Spring. He is the grandson of Jay and Judy James of Big Spring, Ken and Vicki Gard of Buffalo, Wyo., Phil and Margie Dawson of Del Rio and the great-grandson of Leo and Carol Gard of Longview.



Paige Madison Rainey

Paige Madison Rainey, a girl, was born Feb. 28, 2005, at 12:18 a.m., weighing 8 pounds, 7 ounces and was 20 1/2 inches long.

She is the daughter of Joshua and Christina Rainey of Pensacola, Fla., formerly of Big Spring. Her grandparents are Wanda and Perry Gamble, Linda and Bob Abbott and Rex and Anecia Rainey, all of Big Spring and Jim and Debbie Atkerson of Odessa.

Robert Nils Bartlett, a boy, was born May 12,

2005, at 2:31 p.m. weighing 8 pounds, 3 ounces and was 21 1/2 inches long.

He is the son of Daniele Bartlett of Big Spring and the grandson of Debbie and Scott VanPelt of Big Spring.



Samuel Lucas Carrillo

Samuel Lucas Carrillo, a boy, was born May 20, 2005, at 9:36 a.m., weighing 6 pounds, 2.5 ounces and was 20 inches long.

He is the son of Samuel and Shannon Carrillo and the grandson of Carol McKee and Pedro and Elisa Carrillo and the great-great nephew of Nell Thorton, all of Big Spring.

Samuel was welcomed home by Haley and Erin.

Jayden Elias Yanez, a boy, was born May 17, 2005, at 6:10 a.m., weighing 9 pounds, 3 ounces and was 21 1/2 inches long.

He is the son of Annette Torres and Mario Yanez of Big Spring and the grandson of Dolores Torres, Lorenzo Torres and Eva and David Yanez, all of Big Spring. Jayden was welcomed home by siblings Jessica, Leah and Anastasia.

Kyle Kaden Raney, a boy, was born May 17, 2005, at 2:26 p.m., weighing 7 pounds, 7 ounces and was 19 3/4 inches long.

He is the son of Catherine Edwards and Christopher Raney of Big Spring.

His grandparents are Susan Walker of Big Spring, the late Thomas Paeth, Carla and Clifford Crow of Lubbock and Ronnie and Melody Raney of Pearland. Kyle is the great-grandson of Bettye Gainus and Harold and Ida Lou Raney, all of Big Spring.

Kyle was welcomed home by siblings, Eric, Alie and Christopher.

Jocelyn Elyse Young, a girl, was born May 17, 2005, at 11:18 p.m., weighing 6 pounds, 10 ounces and

was 20 inches in length.

Her parents are Micky and Kyria Young of Coahoma and the grandson of Amon and Debbie Castleberry of Seminole and Ricky and Vickie Young of Merkel.

Jocelyn was welcomed home by big brother, Landyn Kade.

Eileen Martinez, a girl, was born May 18, 2005, at 2:02 p.m., weighing 7 pounds, 7 ounces and was 20 inches long.

She is the daughter of Jose Luis and Elida Martinez of Coahoma and the granddaughter of Henry and Guadalupe Arredondo and the late Francisco Martinez and Paula Torres.

Eileen was welcomed home by siblings, Ilario and Adrian.

Ella Grace Baucum, a girl, was born May 20, 2005, at 8:15 a.m., weighing 6 pounds, 5 ounces and was 19 1/2 inches long.

Her parents are Ben and Kandace Baucum of Big Spring and her grandparents are Royce and Theresa Rogers of Vicksburg, Miss., and Lon and Iris Baucum of Big Spring.

Ella was welcomed home by siblings Kaegan, Colby and Emma



Ethan Daniel Andrade

Ethan Daniel Andrade, a boy, was born May 11, 2005, at 11:52 p.m., weighing 5 pounds, 9 ounces and was 18 1/2 inches long.

His parents are Daniel and Brittany (Leos) Andrade of Apple Valley, Calif. He is the grandson of Lino and Pat Lee of San Antonio and Felipe and Estela Andrade of Apple Valley, Calif. He is the great-grandson of Robert and Roselia Ramirez and Petra Leos, all of Big Spring, Rosa R. Andrade of Los Angeles, Calif., and Isabel Moreno of Apple Valley, Calif.

Denim and Diamonds Gala set
Denim and Diamonds Gala Barbecue and Street Dance to benefit the Big Spring State Hospital is set to begin at 8:30 p.m. June 3 at 600 Mathews and 606 Mathews.
Music will be provided by Full House and Sulphur Draw.
For more information, call 268-7536 or 268-7535.

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My love alone keeps me alive
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That my love belongs to you

Written by Forsan high school student Derek Pierce and given to his Nana, Dean Kraus

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Personal incomes showed best gain this year in April

By MARTIN CRUTSINGER
AP Economics Writer

WASHINGTON — Personal income rose in April at the fastest pace this year while people's spending slowed after a big jump in March, the government reported Friday.

The Commerce Department reported that incomes rose by 0.7 percent last month, reflecting a big jump in hiring by private sector businesses. The increase followed two 0.5 per-

cent gains in February and March and was the strongest showing since a 4 percent jump in December that had been fueled by a big dividend payment from computer software giant Microsoft.

Consumer spending rose 0.6 percent in April, down from a big 0.9 percent jump in March. Analysts expect the economy to keep moving ahead at a good clip this year in part because they believe that rising employment will provide support for

consumer spending.

The new report showed that inflation pressures remained contained with an inflation gauge preferred by the Federal Reserve showing that prices outside of food and energy rose by 1.6 percent in April, compared to the same month a year ago. That was down from a 1.7 percent increase for the 12 months ending in March.

The government reported on Thursday that the overall economy grew at a 3.5 percent rate

in the first three months of this year, a significant upward revision from the initial estimate a month ago that the economy was growing at a 3.1 percent growth rate.

This upward revision in the gross domestic product and a string of better-than-expected reports in April have eased concerns that were raised by a series of sub-par reports on March activity. Economists had worried that this year's oil shock, which saw crude oil

prices hit new record highs, could trigger a period of prolonged economic weakness.

Disposable incomes rose by 0.5 percent in April.

Even with that increase, the personal savings rate dipped 0.4 percent in April, the lowest level in more than three years. It was the first time that the savings rate fell into negative territory since it came in at minus 0.2 percent in October 2001 during the country's last recession.

CUTTING THE RIBBON



HERALD photo/Christy Hernandez
Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce and the Ambassadors held a ribbon cutting this week to welcome Good Morning Donuts as a new member. Pictured left to right are Katie Griggs, Ambassador; Daphne Valverde, chamber executive director; Tito Arencibia, Ambassador; Myung Ja Ku, owner; Ok hwa Kim, manager; Sheree Moates, chamber board member; Wesley Beauchamp, chamber board member; and Clarence Hartfield, Ambassador.

Regulators sue AIG, nation's largest insurer

By MICHAEL GORMLEY
Associated Press Writer

ALBANY, N.Y. — New York regulators have sued American International Group Inc., accusing the nation's largest insurance company and two former top executives of orchestrating an accounting scheme to boost the company's stock price.

The civil lawsuit, filed Thursday, accuses AIG's former chief executive and chairman, Maurice "Hank" Greenberg, and chief financial officer, Howard I. Smith, of using "deception and fraud" to make the company's financial picture appear brighter than it was, mis-

leading both investors and state regulators.

"The irony of this case is that AIG was a well-run and profitable company that didn't need to cheat," said New York Attorney General Eliot Spitzer, who filed the lawsuit. "And yet, the former top management routinely and persistently resorted to deception and fraud in an apparent effort to improve the company's financial results."

Greenberg, 80, resigned in March, ending nearly 40 years at the helm of the insurance company. Smith was fired about a week later for failing to cooperate with investigators.

Greenberg's attorney,

David Boies, didn't immediately respond to a request from comment and Smith couldn't be reached for comment.

The 37-page suit accuses AIG of employing a variety of questionable accounting devices. The suit said, for example, that AIG "engaged in at least two sham insurance transactions" to give the impression its reserves were higher than they were.

It said Greenberg "personally proposed and negotiated" the deals with General Reinsurance Corp., a unit of billionaire investor Warren Buffett's holding company Berkshire Hathaway Inc. Buffett has said he was

not directly involved in the transaction, and the suit says the deal was worked out between Greenberg and Gen Re's former chief executive.

The suit also alleges AIG concealed losses from insurance underwriting through offshore shell companies; mischaracterized income from the purchase of life insurance policies; and repeatedly lied to state insurance regulators about its ties to offshore companies.

The suit suggests Greenberg and Smith manipulated the stock for their own financial benefit.

Greenberg was replaced

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Now there are three: Texas joins states with vesicular stomatitis

On May 20, Texas joined New Mexico and Arizona as states with confirmed cases of vesicular stomatitis (VS) this spring. Two Travis County horses were hauled home May 10 from a trail ride in Arizona, where they apparently were exposed to the virus that can cause animals to develop blisters and sores in the mouth, on the tongue, muzzle, teats and hooves. The year's first VS cases were confirmed April 27 in two horses in southwest New Mexico. Since then, infection has been detected in 17 horses on 11 premises in New Mexico, Arizona and now, Texas.

A number of states and countries impose strict testing, per-

mitting and inspection requirements for livestock that originate from VS-affected areas or states. Check with the state or country of destination before hauling livestock from Texas, said Dr. Bob Hillman, head of the Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC), the state's livestock and poultry health regulatory agency.

Phone numbers for other states' animal health regulatory agencies can be obtained from the TAHC's Austin headquarters at 1-800-550-8242. Staff at the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Austin office can be reached at 512-916-5565 for international shipping rules or restrictions.

VS rarely causes death, but an animal can suffer several weeks, while the lesions heal, said Dr. Bob Hillman, who also serves as Texas' state veterinarian. To help prevent the spread of VS, an infected animal and the other livestock on a premises are quarantined

until at least 30 days after the sores heal. Prior to releasing movement restrictions, a regulatory veterinarian will examine the affected animal to ensure healing is complete. Other livestock also will be checked. If infection is detected, the quarantine will begin anew.

Hillman explained that the clinical signs of VS mirror those of the dreaded foreign foot-and-mouth (FMD) disease. Horses are susceptible to VS, but not FMD; however, both diseases can affect cattle, sheep, goats, swine, deer and a number of other species. When sores or blisters are seen in FMD-susceptible animals, we must immediately rule out an introduction of foot-and-mouth disease (FMD). When horses have lesions, a VS test rules out other possible causes for blisters and sores, including toxic plants, chemicals or poison. Tests are run at no charge to

the animal owner, and the VS diagnosis in horses is confirmed at the National Veterinary Services Laboratory (NVSL) in Ames, Iowa.

Hillman noted that the disease occurs sporadically, but outbreaks generally follow a 10- to 15-year cycle. In 1982-83, the country suffered its worst recorded VS outbreak, when infection was confirmed on 617 premises in nine states: Arizona, New Mexico, Colorado, Utah, Wyoming, Idaho, Montana, Nebraska and South Dakota.

Subsequent outbreaks in 1995, 1997 and 1998 were limited to New Mexico, Colorado and Texas, with a few cases in Arizona. Last year, Arizona was "spared," when Texas had 15 VS cases, New Mexico had 80 and Colorado, 199.

Livestock owners and private veterinary practitioners are urged to report suspected cases of VS to their respective state's

livestock health regulatory agency:

• Texas Animal Health Commission, 1-800-550-8242 (operational 24 hours a day).

• New Mexico Livestock Board, 1-505-841-6161.

• Colorado Department of Agriculture, State Veterinarian's Office, 1-303-239-4161.

• Arizona Department of Agriculture, State Veterinarian's Office, 1-602-542-4293.

The TAHC's web site at www.tahc.state.tx.us has additional information on VS and a link to the U.S. Department of Agriculture, where situation reports, maps and movement restrictions and requirements are posted.

Tommy Yeater is the Cooperative Extension agent, agriculture, for Howard County. His office is in the bottom floor of the Howard County Courthouse. He can be reached at 264-2236.

Oil gone?

Some see the beginning of the end for business

By MATT CRENSON
AP National Writer

Could the petroleum joyride be coming to an end?

Some observers of the oil industry think so. They predict that this year, maybe next the world's oil production, having grown exuberantly for more than a century, will peak and begin to decline.

And then it really will be all downhill. The price of oil will increase drastically. Major oil-consuming countries will experience crippling inflation, unemployment and economic instability. Princeton University geologist Kenneth S. Deffeyes predicts "a permanent state of oil shortage."

According to these experts, it will take a decade or more before conservation measures and new technologies can bridge the gap between supply and demand, and even then the situation will be touch and go.

None of this will affect vacation plans this summer. Though gas prices are up, they are expected to remain below \$2.50 a gallon. Accounting for inflation, that's pretty comparable to what motorists paid for most of the 20th century; it only feels expensive because gasoline was unusually cheap between 1986 and 2003.

And there are many who doubt the doomsday scenario will ever come true. Most oil industry analysts think production will continue growing for at least another 30 years. By then, substitute energy sources will be avail-

able to ease the transition into a post-petroleum age.

"This is just silly," said Michael Lynch, president of Strategic Energy and Economic Research in Winchester, Mass. "It's not like industrial civilization is going to come crashing down."

Where you stand on "peak oil," as parties to the debate call it, depends on which forces you consider dominant in controlling the oil markets. People who consider economic forces most important believe that prices are high right now mostly because of increased demand from China and other rapidly growing economies. But eventually, high prices should encourage consumers to use less and producers to pump more.

Deffeyes and many other geologists counter that when it comes to oil, Mother Nature trumps Adam Smith. The way they see it, Saudi Arabia, Russia, Norway and other major producers are already pumping as fast as they can. The only way to increase production capacity is to discover more oil. Yet with a few exceptions, there just isn't much left out there to be discovered.

"The economists all think that if you show up at the cashier's cage with enough currency, God will put more oil in ground," Deffeyes said.

There will be warning signs before global oil production peaks, the bearers of bad news contend. Prices will rise dramatically and become increasingly volatile. With little or no excess

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Virgil David James vs. Charlotte Jean James, divorce.
Centex Home Equity Co. vs. Connie Booth, other civil.
Theda Perez vs. Olga Perez Scott, other civil.
Credigy Receivables Inc. vs. Elena G. Rodriguez, accounts, notes and contracts.
Ex parte Terry Lee Neill vs. In Re, ex parte.

Chris Harris and Karen Harris vs. Edward Kent Morgan, injury or damages with a motor vehicle.
Marriage Licenses:
Micheal Eugene Mendez, 29, and Letisha Kay Bustamante, 23, both of Big Spring.
Ronald Paul Lentz, 60, and Janneatte L. Lynch, 50, both of San Angelo.
Oscar Matthew Robles, 18, and Crystal Marie Martinez, 18, both of Big Spring.
Terry Joe Huitt, 36, and Jana Denise Myphree, 36, both of Big Spring.
Conrad Lavell Mezick, 40, and Veda Carolina Menocal Bravo, 37, both of Big Spring.
Jimmy Earl Edwards, 24, and Betsy Lynn Toman, 23, both of Big Spring.
Kenneth John Guzman Jr., 19, and Elizabeth Gonzales Castro, 20, both of Big Spring.
Ross Emil Bohner, 23, and Ashley Dawn Simpson, 21, both of Big Spring.
Warranty deeds:
Grantor: Carolyn A. Rosales - Brown Family Trust
Grantee: Dorothy McKenzie
Property: Lot 18, Block 1, McEwen Addition
Date Filed: May 19, 2005
Grantor: A.G. Gilbert
Grantee: Karen M. Burden
Property: A 1 acre tract out of Section 30, Block 31, T-1-N, T&P RR Co. Survey
Date Filed: May 20, 2005
Grantor: Shane Brim and Brandy Bruce
Grantee: Ronnie Powers

Property: The N/62 feet of the E/110 feet of lot 1, Block 2, Wright Second Addition
Date Filed: May 20, 2005
Grantor: Temple Jo Grantham
Grantee: Lyle R. Grantham and Lorrie L. Grantham
Property: The SW/4 of Section 8, Block 33, T-2-N, T&P RR Co. Survey
Date Filed: May 20, 2005
Grantor: Lyle R. Grantham and Lorrie Grantham
Grantee: Temple Jo Grantham
Property: A 160 acre tract out of Section 5, Block 33, T-2-N, T&P RR Co. Survey.
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Grantee: Jimmy Allen Cook and Debra Calley Cook
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Grantee: Bobbi Haile
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Date Filed: May 23, 2005
Grantor: Sara King Webb
Grantee: Bill Tune
Property: A 2 acre tract out of Section 41, Block 32, T-1-N, T&P RR Co. Survey
Date Filed: May 24, 2005
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production capacity, minor supply disruptions will send the oil markets into a tizzy. So will periodic admissions by oil companies and petroleum-rich nations that they have been overestimating their reserves.
Oil producers will grow flush with cash. And because the price of oil ultimately affects the cost of just about everything else in the economy, inflation will rear its ugly head.
Anybody who has been paying close attention to the news lately may feel a bit queasy at this stage. Could \$5-a-gallon gas be right around the corner?
"The world has never seen anything like this before and so we just really don't know," said Robert L. Hirsch, an energy analyst at Science Applications International Corp., a Santa Monica, Calif., consulting firm.
He added, "there's a number of really competent professionals that are very pessimistic."
The pessimism stems from a legendary episode in the history of petroleum geology. Back in 1956, a geologist named M. King Hubbert predicted that U.S. oil production would peak in 1970.
His superiors at Shell Oil were aghast. They even tried to persuade Hubbert not to speak publicly about his work. His peers were skeptical.
Hubbert was right. U.S. oil production did peak in 1970, and it has declined steadily ever since. Even impressive discoveries such as Alaska's Prudhoe Bay, with 13 billion barrels in recoverable reserves, haven't been

able to reverse that trend. Hubbert started his analysis by gathering statistics on how much oil had been discovered and produced in the Lower 48 states between 1901 and 1956. His data showed that the country's oil reserves had increased rapidly from 1901 until the 1930s, then more slowly after that.
When Hubbert graphed that pattern it looked very much like America's oil supply was about to peak. Soon, it appeared, America's petroleum reserves would reach an all-time maximum. And then they would begin to shrink as the oil companies extracted crude from the ground faster than geologists could find it.
Hubbert knew some oil fields were easier to find than others. Those big finds would come first, and then the pace of discovery would decline as the remaining pool of oil resided in progressively smaller and more elusive deposits.
The production figures followed a similar pattern, but it looked like they would peak a few years later than reserves.
After all, oil can't be pumped out of the ground the instant it is discovered. Lease agreements have to be negotiated, wells drilled, pipelines built; the development process can take years.
When Hubbert extended the production curve into the future it looked like it would peak around 1970. Every year after that, America would pump less oil than it had the year before.
Hubbert had yet another mathematical trick up his sleeve. Assuming that the reserves decline was going to be a mirror image of the rise, geologists would have found

exactly half of the oil in the Lower 48 when the curve peaked. Doubling that number gave Hubbert the grand total of all recoverable oil under the continental United States: 170 billion barrels.
At first, critics objected to Hubbert's analysis, arguing that technological improvements in exploration and recovery would increase the amount of available oil.
They did, but not enough to extend production beyond the limits Hubbert had projected. Even if you throw in the unexpected discovery of oil in Alaska, America's petroleum production history has proceeded almost exactly as Hubbert predicted it would.
Critics claim that Hubbert simply got lucky. "When it pretty much

worked," Lynch said, "he decided, aha, it has to be a bell curve."
Many experts see no reason global oil production has to peak at all. It could plateau and then gradually fall as the economy converts to other forms of energy.
"Even in 30 to 40 years there's still going to be huge amounts of oil in the Middle East," said Daniel Sperling, director of the Institute of Transportation Studies at the University of California, Davis.
A few years ago, geologists began applying Hubbert's methods to the entire world's oil production. Their analyses indicated that global oil production would peak some time during the first decade of the 21st century.

Deffeyes thinks the peak will be in late 2005 or early 2006. Houston investment banker Matthew Simmons puts it at 2007 to 2009. California Institute of Technology physicist David Goodstein, whose book "The End of Oil" was published last year, predicts it will arrive before 2010.
"The exact date doesn't really matter," said Hirsch, because he believes it's already too late. In an analysis he did for the U.S. Department of Energy in February, Hirsch concluded that it will take more than a decade for the U.S. economy to adapt to declining oil production.
"You've got to do really big things in order to dent the problem. And if you're on the backside of the supply curve you're

chasing the train after it's already left the station," he said.
The median lifetime of an American automobile is 17 years. That means even if the government immediately mandated a drastic increase in fuel efficiency standards, the conservation benefits wouldn't fully take effect for almost two decades.
And though conservation would certainly be necessary in a crisis, it wouldn't be enough. Fully mitigating the sting of decreasing oil supplies would require developing alternate sources of energy.
If oil supplies really do decline in the next few decades, America's energy survival will hinge on the last century's technology, not the next one's, Hirsch's report said.

AIG

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as CEO by Martin J. Sullivan, 50, who had served as vice chairman and co-chief operating officer. When named in mid-March to the post, he became just the third man to hold the post since AIG's founding in 1919. Sullivan and his new

management team have been working to prepare the company's annual report for 2004 and make previously announced accounting adjustments that will cut AIG's value by some \$2.7 billion. The report is expected to be released Tuesday.
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The successful candidate(s) for our position(s) will act as the focal point for integrating HES practices and policies into daily operations at the plant(s): audits and assessments, training, emergency response planning, internal and external reporting, conducting investigations, record-keeping, conducting team and tagline safety meetings, and occasional contractor meetings. **Additional requirements include:** BS degree in safety or environmental related field or equivalent experience, experience in reporting: Flare, VOC, SRU, ability to work with employees, contractors and the public to continually reduce safety and environmental incidents, excellent knowledge of regulatory requirements at the federal, state and local levels in the areas of health, safety and the environment as concerns oil and gas plant/production operations, working knowledge of industrial hygiene issues including: NORM, asbestos, benzene, H2S, PCB, and noise, experience in produced spill cleanup and remediation, ability to travel up to 20% of the time.

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The Workover/Completions Specialist is responsible for planning, organizing, coordinating, and supervising well servicing, workover, and completions activities. Position is also responsible for performing root cause failure analysis, and recommending solutions for downhole problems. Duties include performing rig coordination, supervision, and safety inspections; completing timely and accurate documentation of well work performed within appropriate software program; tracking well service and material costs, assisting in managing downhole budget, and seeking cost reduction and efficiency enhancement methods; working closely with cross functional team to ensure maximum production and injection efficiency and to reduce failures and problem wells.

- 5+ years directly related experience
- Demonstrated ability and experience to coordinate and supervise well servicing activities
- Demonstrated project management skills and experience in planning, scheduling, organizing and supervising well servicing equipment
- Knowledgeable of best practices in well pulling, well repair and stimulation
- Experience in performing root cause failure analysis
- Experience in working economic evaluations
- Knowledgeable of chemical treatment options and familiarity with downhole pump and equipment products and associated applications

ARTIFICIAL LIFT SPECIALIST - Snyder Area

The Artificial Lift Specialist is responsible for overall design and coordination of artificial lift activities and analysis of well performance. Daily interaction with production personnel, automation technician, downhole specialist, engineers, service providers and others will be necessary to ensure production issues are managed appropriately. Responsibilities include monitoring and optimizing well performance, optimizing the economics of artificial lift installations and working closely with a cross-functional team to ensure maximum production efficiency. The role includes designing new installations, performing root cause failure analysis, solving complex artificial lift problems, reducing failure frequency and problem wells, understanding total cost of operation, improving well test accuracy, introducing and applying new technology and accurate data reporting.

- 3+ years experience in beam and ESP well analysis (waterflood or CO2), working knowledge of the control of beam and ESP pumped wells
- Working knowledge of downhole diagnostic applications, techniques and nomenclature and knowledgeable of downhole pump and equipment products and their vendors
- Project management skills
- Ability to read and analyze well data
- Effective communication skills to coordinate problem solving root cause failure analysis, well/pattern reviews and installation recommendations

PRODUCTION TECH - Snyder Area & Spraberry Trend Area

Operation, surveillance, and troubleshooting oilfield surface equipment. This includes validating and inputting production data, performing preventative maintenance, minor maintenance, and minor repairs on equipment, reporting spills and leaks, initiating process for major equipment repairs, serving as a company representative for the sale of oil, gas, and condensate, and coordinating abandonment of facilities.

- Minimum of 3 years of oil field production experience. Waterflood or CO2 flood experience strongly preferred
- Requires proficient skills in the operation, maintenance, and troubleshooting of basic production facility equipment (i.e., separators, heater treaters, FWKO, LACT and VRUs)
- Demonstrated ability to review and analyze production trends and determine appropriate action to remedy problems
- Demonstrated ability to troubleshoot mechanical problems and perform root cause failure analysis
- Experience in repairing minor mechanical problems and performing preventative maintenance
- Position requires incumbents to provide relief for other production techs, take call-outs, and work on assigned weekends

PRODUCTION TECH - INJECTION - Snyder Area

This position is responsible for operation, surveillance, and troubleshooting water and CO2 injection. This includes validating and inputting injection data and well control parameters, evaluating injection trends and looking for optimization opportunities; managing the water transfer system, managing and tracking injection system costs, performing preventative maintenance, minor maintenance, and minor repairs on equipment, performing WAG switches, reporting spills and leaks, and initiating process for major equipment repairs.

- 3-5 years oilfield experience
- Experience in performing root cause failure analysis
- Troubleshooting skills
- Thorough knowledge of injection equipment including water injection stations, injection piping and wellheads, and all pertinent automation equipment
- Ability to review and analyze injection trends and making appropriate recommendations to remedy problems
- Ability to perform preventative maintenance and to participate in reliability centered maintenance analyses and perform minor mechanical repairs
- Capable of basic troubleshooting of automation and electrical equipment. Also capable of repairing some equipment and of changing out fuses, relays, etc.
- Position may require incumbent to provide relief for other production techs, take call-outs, and work on assigned weekends

EQUIPMENT TECH - Snyder Area and Spraberry Trend Area

Equipment Techs maintain and make repairs to equipment as needed to achieve maximum uptime and efficient operations. Key responsibilities include: preventative and predictive maintenance, planning and scheduling equipment repairs, maintaining mechanical integrity on surface equipment and input of data into and utilization of a maintenance management system for planning and scheduling work. These responsibilities are done in conjunction with other team members to ensure work does not interrupt ongoing operations.

- 3-5 years directly related oilfield experience
- Working knowledge of pumps, compressors and other rotating equipment and specialized tools for measurement, alignment and vibration analysis
- Working knowledge of basic production field equipment for operation, maintenance and troubleshooting
- Demonstrated ability to document, review and follow written maintenance procedures
- Basic knowledge of OSHA 1910.119 (Process Safety Management)
- Ability to troubleshoot and respond to equipment problems
- Working knowledge of root cause failure analysis problem solving
- Ability to lead reliability centered maintenance analyses and activities
- Ability to respond to call-out situations to address and independently resolve problems
- Maximo skills and experience a plus

AUTOMATION TECH- Snyder Area

This position is responsible for design, specification, installation, programming, calibration, preventive maintenance, troubleshooting, and repair of automation equipment in order to improve oilfield system operation/uptime and reduce total operating costs.

- 3-5 years directly related oilfield experience
- Excellent knowledge of automation host systems and strong diagnostic and repair skills for complex problems in automation systems
- Expert in using test equipment pertaining to job, including oscilloscope, function generators, radio service monitor, etc.
- Able to perform general PM work: testing end devices, temperature shutdowns, pressure switches, level shutdowns
- Understanding of pneumatic instrumentation: calibration and maintenance
- Electrically qualified per OSHA 1910.269 up to 600V
- Skillful in reading electronic schematics, identifying components, and understanding their functions
- Able to calibrate and troubleshoot automation end devices and able to read, program, install and troubleshoot complex PLC programs
- Ability to respond to call-out situations to address and independently resolve problems

ELECTRICAL TECH - Snyder Area

The electrical tech is responsible for the design, specification, installation, programming, calibration, preventive maintenance, troubleshooting, and repair of electrical equipment in order to improve system operation/uptime and reduce total operating costs.

- Excellent diagnostic and repair skills for complex problems in electrical systems
- Capable of installing, troubleshooting, and repairing switchboard control panels and components, motor circuits, building and lighting circuits, and control circuits
- Capable of understanding mechanical relay logic and ladder logic
- Capable of programming simple ladder logic programs
- Proficient at reading electrical schematics and at using all test equipment associated with troubleshooting electrical equipment
- Familiar with working with high voltage regulators, reclosers, switching capacitor banks, and Schweitzer Engineering Labs (SEL) recloser controllers and relays
- Electrically qualified per OSHA 1910.269 up to 600V and knowledgeable of NEC, OSHA, and internal electrical standards
- Able to effectively interface with electrical engineers and energy providers and able to safely supervise electrical contract work
- Able to perform preventive maintenance on electrical equipment such as switchgear, breakers, etc.
- 3-5 years oilfield experience preferred
- Ability to respond to call-out situations to address and independently resolve problems

HEALTH/ENVIRONMENTAL/SAFETY (HES) SPECIALIST - Snyder Area and Spraberry Trend Area

This position is the focal point for integrating HES practices and policies into daily operations. Responsibilities include: audits and assessments, training, emergency response planning, internal and external reporting, conducting investigations, record-keeping, conducting team and tailgate safety meetings, and occasional contractor meetings.

- 5-10 years oilfield experience with a pro-active attitude for personal safety and the safety of co-workers, contractors & the public
- Ability to implement company safety programs in harmony with regulatory requirements to yield a safe, healthy and environmentally benign work place for company employees and contractors
- Ability to work with employees, contractors and the public to continually reduce safety and environmental incidents.
- Working knowledge of oil and gas onshore operations
- Excellent knowledge of regulatory requirements at the federal, state and local levels in the areas of health, safety and the environment as concerns oil and gas production operations
- Experience in produced spill cleanup and remediation

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Sealed proposals addressed to the Honorable Mayor and City Commission of the City of Big Spring, Texas, will be received at the office of the Director of Public Works, 310 Nolan, 2nd Floor, until 3:00 p.m. June 21, 2005. Immediately following the closing time for receipt of bids, proposals will be publicly opened and read aloud. Any bid received after closing time will be returned unopened. Bids will be tabulated and presented to the City Commission for award at a later date.

Improvements to the Big Spring Wastewater Treatment Plant include renovations to the final clarifier.

Bidders must submit a Cashier's or Certified Check issued by a bank satisfactory to the Owner, or a Proposal Bond from a reliable Surety Company, payable without recourse to the order of the City of Big Spring, in an amount not less than five percent (5%) of the largest possible bid submitted as a guaranty that the Bidder will enter into a contract and execute bonds in the forms provided within fifteen (15) days after notice of award of contract to him. Bids without the required check or Proposal Bond will not be considered.

The successful Bidder will must furnish a Performance Bond and a Payment Bond, each in the amount of the contract, from a Surety Company, holding a permit from the State of Texas, to act as a Surety or other Surety or Sureties satisfactory to the Owner. If the total bid is less than \$25,000, Performance and Payment Bonds will not be required.

Bidders are expected to inspect the site of the work and to inform themselves regarding all local conditions.

Information for bidders, proposal forms, specifications and plans are on file in the office of the City of Big Spring, Texas, and at the office of Parkhill, Smith & Cooper, Inc., Consulting Engineers, 4222 85th Street, Lubbock, Texas, 79423.

Copies of the plans, specifications and contract documents may be secured at the office of Parkhill, Smith & Cooper, Inc., Consulting Engineers, 4222 85th Street, Lubbock, Texas 79423 (Phone (806) 473-2200) for a price of Thirty-five (\$35.00) for each set of plans and specifications. Upon return (of each set of documents) in good condition and within 15 days after the bids have been opened, the entire deposit will be refunded. Attention is called to the fact that there must be paid on this project not less than the general prevailing rates of wages which have been established by the Secretary of Labor.

Equal Opportunity in Employment: All qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex, or national origin. Bidders on this work will be required to comply with the President's Executive Order No. 11256, as amended. The requirements for bidders and contractors under this order are explained in the specifications. CITY OF BIG SPRING, TEXAS By: Honorable Russ McEwen, Mayor #4569 May 29 & June 5, 2005.

BY HOLIDAY MATHIS

As Venus opposes Pluto, powerful people become more interesting and interesting people become more powerful. The deeper levels of human behavior hold fascination -- why we do what we do can be a topic of endless discussion. At some point, we must stop asking why and decide to either change or not. The



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Gemini sun votes for change.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Entertaining is highlighted. Relax, so your guests will, too. Nobody expects perfection, and in fact, it would only make others uncomfortable. You're good enough, you're smart enough, and people like you.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). The fact that you know you're right coupled with your stubbornness might make it difficult to concede defeat, but your sense of humor will help you laugh when you look back.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Temptation abounds. Sure, there is probably forgiveness on the other side, but that's not the point. As signmate Jewel once sang, "Who will save your soul, if you don't save your own?"

CANCER (June 22-July 22). When you hit a snag in the finding love department, you can be sure this is due to holding on to vestiges of the painful past. Since you love to explore your psyche, consider this an invitation to do so.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Get some distance from your problem, and you'll be able to see the loophole that can free you. Just don't let your mind churn over things that don't really matter in the long run!

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept.

22). Use time off to consider this: Giving of yourself in order to earn a wage is not the only way to go. Work up the steely determination you need to follow through on potentially lucrative projects of your own invention.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). The world will act as your distorted mirror, reflecting back your attitude times three. Open up to loved ones, not by complaining about what's going wrong, but by sharing your dreams and goals.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You speak with confidence and come across as a warm, caring person. In fact, you might attract someone who not only approves of you and likes you, but also orbits around you in the week to come.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You say that you are flexible, but must admit that part of you is fixed on your current path. If you ask for advice, you'll get it and won't be the least inclined to follow it. Stop looking for validation, and just do it your way.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Your finances are in order, and you are proud of this. If just for one day, throw off that yoke of restraint, and splurge on something fabulous. You've earned it -- literally.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). The stars favor being economical, much to your chagrin. You have several purchases you want to make, but put those credit cards away. Finances will improve with a shift in the planets in the coming weeks.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Nothing and nobody can stop you from having the treasures that are rightfully yours. What do you imagine you were meant to have in this lifetime? Knowing this helps you get your bounty.

FORECAST FOR THE WEEK AHEAD: There may be nothing new under the sun, but with the sun and Mercury transiting through Gemini, things certainly seem new. Love is a variation on an ancient theme. Business is a twist on a tried and true recipe. And friendships are an old story, but told from a different point of view. Speaking of old stories, in Greek mythology, the constellation Gemini was created to honor the twin sons of Zeus. These twins were responsible for the phenomenon called Saint Elmo's fire -- a bit of relatively harmless electricity that bounces off objects to add to the drama of the storm. This image perfectly illustrates what happens in our day-to-day life this week. There will be excitement that looks more significant than it

is, an occurrence meant to keep us on our toes. Complacency is the enemy! Alarming surprises serve to revive and refresh us. We may have to give up our preconceived notions in order to accept something better. Unfortunately, "better" doesn't always look better at first. A degree of faith is required. The most successful attitude to adopt this week is a combination of optimism and flexibility.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: Melissa Etheridge once sang that she was "Brave and Crazy," which is something she later proved by singing her heart out at the Grammy Awards with a shaved head. Etheridge wins the fight against breast cancer using her Gemini optimism and adaptability. She helps other women win as well through her public sharing (her Mars, the warrior, is in Leo, the sign of publicity).

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Legals

City of Big Spring
Zoning Board of Adjustments
and Appeals

The City of Big Spring Zoning Board of Adjustments will hold a meeting on Wednesday, June 8, 2005 at 5:30 pm in the City Council Chambers, located at 307 E. 4th Street Big Spring, Texas to consider the following:

Jimmy Honea, LT 1 BK 1 of Rock Division, Located at 2603 Cactus St, is requesting a carport variance.

Kenny Davis Chief Building Official #4576 May 29 & 30, 2005

PUBLIC NOTICE

Sale to satisfy landlord's lien of household furniture, clothes and other items of the following tenants now stored at AAA Mini Storage, 3301 E. FM 700, Big Spring, TX 79720.

Melissa Sanchez, space #251
James McMillan, space #303
Karia Partlow, space #318
Consuello Mendoza, space #353
Josh Gibson, space #360
Sally Solis, space #6
D/Carlota Mata, space #11
Veronica Gonzalez, space #32
Amber R. Ramirez, space #70
Orville Pirraglia, space #93 & #38
Calvin Belvin, space #130
Richard Ruiz, space #193

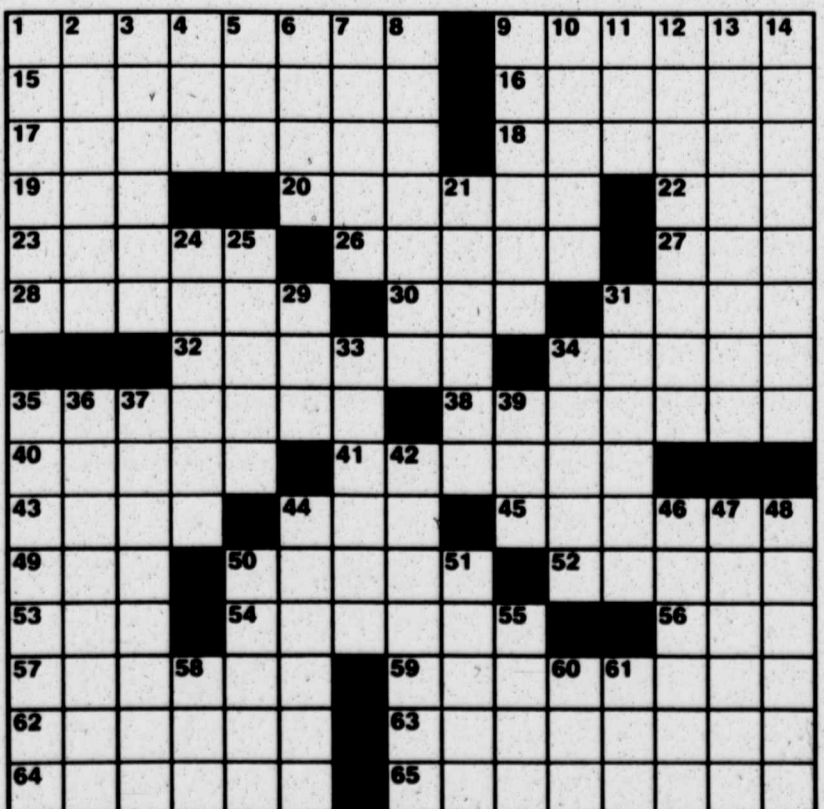
Sale to be held at 6:00 P.M. June 11, 2005, Crossroads Auction Co., 6607 North Service Road, Big Spring, TX, 79720, to the highest bidder. We reserve the right to accept or reject any bid. #4571 May 29 & June 3 & 9, 2005

Answer to previous puzzle
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Newsday Crossword SATURDAY STUMPER by Daniel R. Stark

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| 9 Place of worship | 62 More creepy | 10 A Lesson From | 37 Healthful |
| 15 Schubert opus | 63 Gird | 11 Sparkler | 39 Father of Franny and Zooey |
| 16 Curfew, maybe | 64 Tree nymphs | 12 Loud bursts | 42 Did file work |
| 17 Personal recorders | 65 Upset | 13 Go off | 44 Some ads |
| 18 Red fruit | DOWN | 14 Chosen, in a way | 46 Sea rover's activity |
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| 20 Evening do | 2 Make plain | 24 Loch sighting | 48 Knocked flat |
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| 27 Quaint hotel | 6 Times | 33 Net name | 58 Performer |
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Annie's Mailbox: Advice for those in need



KATHY MITCHELL
MARCY SUGAR

Dear Annie: I was appalled at the advice you gave a 22-year-old shy college student who wanted to ask a girl out. You suggested he ask about her finals or what she thinks of her classes, so that the next time he sees her, "You'll be friends."

For males, being friends is the absolute last thing you want to be with a girl. No girl ever looks at a friend and says, "He's hot." A guy today must make it clear from the very beginning that he wants a sexual relationship to avoid being tossed

into the "friend" trap. I'd tell "Shy Guy" to upgrade his wardrobe, buy some "bling-bling" and start paying attention to hygiene. He can then run some game on the girl by feeding her lines and clever compliments.

I am 22 and in college. I used to be a "nice guy" until I realized that being nice only gets you a girl who talks about how bad her boyfriend treats her. No amount of kindness will get her to dump the bad guy for you. By becoming a jerk, I've managed to exude a sense of attraction my girlfriends find irresistible, even though, I admit, I neglect them sometimes.

There is a purpose for nice guys, though. They provide the girls with emotional support, while we get all the action. Although they will never admit it, most women prefer the dangerous, tough-guy jerk to the kind, loyal nice guy. It's just a fact of life. — SoCali Playa

Dear Prince Charming: We appreciate your honesty, and you make some good points — there are indeed emotionally insecure girls who think they deserve guys who treat them like dirt. And if a guy is looking only to score, he can behave like a callous pig, and some girls will find that attractive.

Somewhere underneath your "jerk" exterior is a nice guy. When you decide you want to settle down, we doubt you will be content with your current female companions. And the ones you want, the ones who are worth

it, may find you a total waste of time. Be careful what you wish for.

Dear Annie: I was married for 39 years, and my husband has been deceased for the last 10. I now have a new love, whom I adore. Is it inappropriate to have pictures of my late husband around the home? I want to do the caring and considerate thing for my new guy. — Raleigh, N.C.

Dear Raleigh: Your new guy knows you had a husband, and it is natural to have a few of his photos around. However, you might want to box up the majority of these pictures so you can make room for some new ones.

Dear Annie: While visiting the East Coast last summer, I contracted Lyme disease and was on antibiotics for nearly five weeks. If not caught early, the infection can go into the nervous system, brain, spine, etc., and show up years later, only to be misdiagnosed as MS, chronic fatigue or arthritis.

You just need a simple blood test for Lyme disease. After what I've learned, everyone should be tested for this. — Idaho

Dear Idaho: Lyme disease is caused by bacteria from deer ticks and is most prevalent in the summer. Usually, a small, red skin rash develops at the site of the bite between three and 32 days later, and may be accompanied by flu-like symptoms.

Those enjoying the outdoors should avoid areas where ticks live. Wear light-colored, long-sleeved shirts, long pants, high socks (with pants tucked into the socks) and closed shoes or boots. Apply DEET to clothing. Conduct regular tick checks, and remove any ticks (including the head) with tweezers, and apply antiseptic. For more information, contact the American Lyme Disease Foundation Inc. (www.aldf.com), 293 Route 100, Somers, N.Y. 10589.

Dear Annie: My mother is a wonderful business-woman, but she hangs

out with the wrong crowd. All her friends are divorcees who can't get their lives together. They drag my mom into late nights out, to drink booze and cheer them up when they're down. Over the past few years, my mom has fallen into their lifestyle. Also, Mom and I share the same car, and I suspect she's smoking again. And after my dad leaves for work at night, I see her doing a lot of drinking.

We have a good family environment, and until my older brother moved out after high school, I thought everything was great. I'm old enough for Mom to tell me the truth, but when I confront her, she makes up excuses. I know this is unhealthy, and I've told her numerous times, but that just makes her hide her problems from me.

I talked with my dad about this, and now I'm worried that he's falling out of love with her. I figure people abuse drugs and alcohol because they are depressed or are having a rough time, but that couldn't be my mom. I love her with all my heart. Do you have any suggestions for me? — Lost in the Valley

Dear Lost: You are not responsible for saving your parents' marriage or correcting your mother's behavior. This is too great a burden to put on your young shoulders. Your parents need professional help, and we hope they get it soon. You can benefit from talking about this with your school counselor, a favorite teacher or a trusted adult relative who will provide you with emotional support and let your parents know that your concerns should not be taken lightly.

Annie's Mailbox is written by Kathy Mitchell and Marcy Sugar, longtime editors of the Ann Landers column. Please e-mail your questions to annies-mailbox@comcast.net, or write to: Annie's Mailbox, P.O. Box 118190, Chicago, IL 60611.

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A USER'S GUIDE TO

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BIG SPRING HERALD

Each day. The *Big Spring Herald* receives calls from readers - just like you - who have important questions about how the newspaper works and the services it offers. For your information and convenience, we have compiled this page of answers to readers' most frequently asked questions.

Save this page for future reference

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REPORT THE SCORE

You can report your sports results between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. by calling 263-7331, faxing 264-7205 or drop your results at the *Big Spring Herald* office at 710 Scurry, Big Spring.

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To announce activities or events, mail or bring by the office a typed news release or fact sheet to Editor John Moseley as far in advance as possible. The release should include the who, what, why, when, and where of the event, and the name and telephone number of a contact person. If you have a timely news item, call John Moseley at 263-7331, ext. 230.

HOW TO

LOCATE A SPECIFIC STORY

If you are unable to locate an article, call 263-7331, or come by the *Big Spring Herald* at 710 Scurry, and we will try to assist you. Remember, we can only provide information that appeared in the *Big Spring Herald*.

HOW

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