



Remembering the ultimate sacrifice

Memorial Day tributes begin with ceremony for the fallen at Trinity Memorial Park

By STEVE REAGAN

Staff Writer

On a warm, muggy Sunday, about 100 people gathered at Trinity Memorial Park to remember those Howard County residents who gave "the last, full measure of devotion" to their country.

Memorial Day is set aside to recall those who have died in service to this country. At Sunday's event, that remembrance ranged from a 21-gun salute to the playing of "Taps" to the singing of "God Bless America."

Retired Air Force Col. Jim Little, currently director of the McMahan-Wrinkle Airpark, told those in attendance that, for him, Memorial Day means more than just remembering how many have fallen in service to their country.

"It's about names, faces and places," Little said. "It's about remembering

friends, loved ones and comrades who are lost — and where they were lost ... If you can go to those places and not be touched, well, there's something wrong. I saw a lot of these faces, and they're no longer numbers to me."

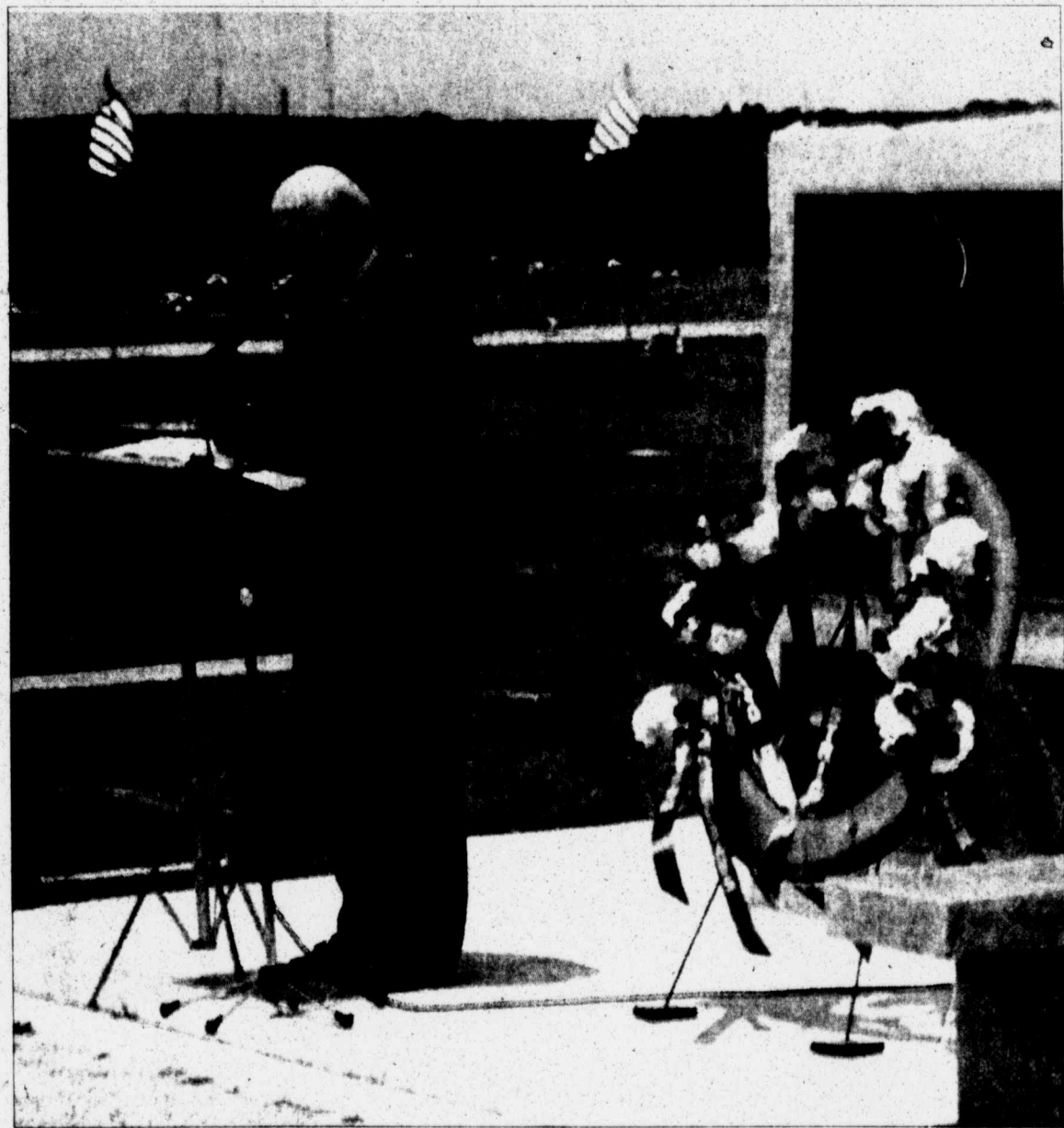
Answering the call of their country, then making the ultimate sacrifice during that service, will forever separate those men and women, Little said.

"That (sacrifice) has set them apart, and revered them in the eyes of their fellow Americans and others throughout the world," he said. "Rest well, brave souls, for your's is the sleep of heroes."

Special music for the event was provided by Helen Martin, while an honor guard from Goodfellow Air Force Base in San Angelo provided a 21-gun salute, the playing of "Taps," and the retiring of the colors.



Above, an honor guard from Goodfellow Air Force Base in San Angelo lowers the U.S. flag during Memorial Day observances at Trinity Memorial Park Monday. Retired Air Force Col. Jim Little, at right, was the featured speaker at the event.



Simmons leads list of locals honored by KTB

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

Keep Texas Beautiful gave a heart-felt thanks to the men and women that volunteer to preserve the beauty of the Lone Star State each year, announcing this week the winners in nine categories that honor efforts in enhancing their communities and protecting the Texas environment.

And several of those honored were from Big Spring.

The Keep Texas Beautiful Awards recognize deserving youth, schools, senior citizens, community groups and individuals, civic organizations, law enforcement officials, and media and government entities for their commitment to litter prevention and cleanup, illegal dumping enforcement, the education and publicity of environmental issues, and community beautification.

"We are continually amazed by the outstanding work that is being done each year," said Joanne Weik, KTB president. "Each application we receive is an inspiration to KTB. The work

these youth, educators, organizations, businesses and individuals do sets a great example for every Texan to follow."

In the Ruthe Jackson Youth Leadership Awards for 2004-2005, which recognizes outstanding efforts made by youth whose accomplishments are bringing about cleaner, more beautiful campuses, parks and communities, the Bauer Magnet School Extended Day Junior Master Gardeners received an honorable mention.

In the O.P. Schnabel Senior Citizen

Awards for 2004-2005, which recognizes senior citizens in special categories of men, women, senior groups and couples who have exhibited long-term dedication to the principles of KTB, Pat Simmons, president of Keep Big Spring Beautiful, took first place in the female division.

Simmons said the news that she had won the award came as a total shock.

"I was at home relaxing when Jan Forsythe and Jan Hanson came by and

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Chamber seeking rodeo banner sponsors

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

The Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce is getting the community in the rodeo spirit, as the annual Big Spring Rodeo and Cowboy Reunion sets to get under way June 16-18 at the Howard County Rodeo Bowl.

Debbye ValVerde, executive director of the local chamber, said area businesses will have the chance to "cowboy up" this season by sponsoring rodeo banners.

"The Big Spring Area Chamber of

Commerce is working with the Rodeo Association once again this year in helping to decorate the town with rodeo banners," said ValVerde. "The banners are red, white and blue with a panel in the middle that has the word 'Welcome' in the middle."

ValVerde said the banners will be put up and taken down by the same company, offering area businesses a chance to show their support for the annual rodeo with little or no "physical" effort.

"The company we work with is Flying J Flag and Banner Service," ValVerde explained. "They come in and put up

the banners several days before the rodeo and then they take them down after the rodeo is over. You don't have to lift a finger — they do all the work."

ValVerde said the chamber staff will be calling last year's participants in the banner program, but if you don't receive a call for some reason, don't feel left out.

"Chamber staff will be calling all previous participants. Last year we had 75 businesses participate," said ValVerde. "It looks really good, especially when

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Obituaries

Bobby Joe Spears



Bobby Joe "Bob" Spears, 77, of Big Spring, died on Saturday, May 28, 2005, in a local hospital. Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Tuesday, May 31, 2005 at the First Church of the Nazarene in Big Spring, with the Rev. Byron Brown, pastor, officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park. The family will receive friends from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

He was born on Oct. 10, 1927, in Wellington to William and Vida Spears. Bob was raised in Wellington and graduated from Wellington High School and attended Texas Tech University. He married Gerry Clifton on Aug. 15, 1948 in Lubbock, and they moved to Big Spring in 1952 from Lubbock. He was manager of the Piggly Wiggly Supermarket here for 23 years and then later owned several restaurants and dealt in real estate for a number of years before he retired.

Bob served in the U.S. Army at the end of World War II. He was an active member of First Church of the Nazarene and had been a longtime member of Gideons International until his health failed.

Survivors include his wife, Gerry Spears of Big Spring; three daughters, Teresa Thomas and husband, Randy of Big Spring; Karen Fulton of Stanton; and Tammy Chaney and husband, Joe of Big Spring; three grandsons, Garrett and Tyler Fulton of Stanton; and Trent Thomas of Big Spring.

Mr. Spears was preceded in death by his parents, William and Vida Spears, and one brother, Billy Wayne Spears.

The family suggests memorials be made to the First Church of the Nazarene, 1400 Lancaster, Big Spring, 79720.

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

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Martha Martinez



Martha Fierro Martinez, 52, of Houston formerly of Big Spring, died on Thursday, May 26, 2005, in Houston after a long and valiant fight. Her sweet spirit permeated every part of her life and even unto death she touched the lives of many.

As a retired teacher, her testimony lives on in the lives of her students. As a devoted daughter, mother, sister and friend, she leaves a beautiful legacy.

She leaves behind her long-time devoted friend, Felix Martinez, who stood beside her until the end, and two sons, Matthew Martinez and Jordan Martinez, both of Midland. She is also survived by her mother, Celia Fierro of Big Spring; her sister, Cynthia Fierro Harvey and her husband, Dean, of Houston; a brother, Agustin Fierro Jr., of Big Spring, and a special niece, Elizabeth Grace Harvey of Houston.

She was preceded in death by her father, Agustin Fierro Sr.

The family is forever grateful to Dr. Victor Ankoma-Sey and the staff of the Liver Associates of Texas and the physicians and nurses at St. Luke's Episcopal Hospital in Houston for their extraordinary care.

A vigil and rosary will be held at 7:30 p.m. Monday, May 30, 2005, at Myers & Smith Funeral Home in Big Spring. Services will be held at Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church at 11:00 a.m. Tuesday, May 31, 2005, in Big Spring with interment immediately following at Trinity Memorial Park.

Because of Martha's commitment to education, in lieu of flowers, gifts may be made to an education fund established for her sons. Contributions may be made to College Savings Iowa fbo Matthew Martinez; fbo Jordan Martinez and sent to Jackie Wadsworth, CEO, IMS Securities, 1500 City West Blvd., Suite 500, Houston, Texas 77042.

Pallbearers will be Albert Ramirez, John Martinez, Richard Sparks, Franks Martinez, Raymond Chavez, and Phillippe Morales.

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

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Weather

Today - Partly cloudy. Areas of fog in the morning. A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms in the afternoon. Highs in the mid 80s. Northeast winds around 10 mph shifting to the east in the afternoon.

Tonight - Mostly cloudy. Slight chance of showers and thunderstorms in the evening - Then isolated showers and thunderstorms after midnight. Some thunderstorms may be severe in the evening. Lows in the lower 60s. Southeast winds around 10 mph. The chance of rain is 20 percent.

Tuesday - Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the lower 90s. Southwest winds around 10 mph.

Tuesday night - Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the lower 60s. Southwest winds around 10 mph.

Wednesday - Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the upper 80s. East winds 10 to 15 mph.

Wednesday night - Partly cloudy. Isolated showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the mid 60s.

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Alfred Tidwell



Alfred Tidwell, 82, of Big Spring, died on Saturday, May 28, 2005 at his residence. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Wednesday, June 1, 2005 at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with the Rev. Donita Lea, pastor of First United Methodist Church of Coahoma, officiating. Interment will follow at Mt. Olive Memorial Park. The family will receive relatives and friends from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

He was born on Dec. 22, 1923, in Roswell, Texas and married LaVonna Marie Anderson on April 15, 1944 in Millington, Tenn.

Mr. Tidwell had been a resident of Howard County since 1941. He joined the U.S. Navy in November of 1942 and was discharged in November 1945. He owned and operated a preventative maintenance service company until 1994. His hobbies included involved working, helping others, fishing and enjoying life.

He was a member of the First United Methodist Church of Coahoma and was a very active member of Staked Plains Lodge #598, A.F. & A.M. He was also active in Rainbows, Shriners, Eastern Star and the Big Spring Senior Citizens Center. He had been a leader of the Boy Scout Program at Wesley United Methodist Church.

Survivors include his wife, LaVonna "Bonnie" Tidwell of Big Spring; two sons and daughters-in-law, Charles and Dorothy Tidwell, and Johnny and Darlene Tidwell, all of Big Spring; two daughters and one son-in-law, Tonya Jane Price of Fort Walton Beach, Fla., and Sheila Ann and Albert LaRochelle of Townsend, Vt.; and one brother, Fred Tidwell of Midland.

He was preceded in death by his parents, one daughter, three brothers, three sisters and one son-in-law.

The family suggests memorials to the Alzheimer's Foundation, Greater West Texas Chapter, 4400 N. Big Spring, Suite C-32, Midland 79705 or Big Spring Senior Citizens Center, PO Box 3463, Big Spring 79721-3463.

Robert Gonzales Sr.

Robert Gonzales Sr., 37, of Big Spring died at 8:55 p.m. Friday, May 27, 2005, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. Vigil services were at 7 p.m. Sunday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral Mass was at 11 a.m. Monday, May 30, 2005, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church with the Rev. James Plagens officiating. Burial was at Mount Olive Memorial Park.



He was born Sept. 29, 1967, in Big Spring. He worked in maintenance at Goodfellow Air Force Base in San Angelo, and at Howard College in Big Spring. He later worked in construction and the oil field. He was a lifetime resident of Big Spring and was a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church.

He is survived by his mother, Rachel Gonzales of Big Spring; two daughters, Marissa Gonzales Castillo of Jacksonville, N.C., and Rebecca Renee Gonzales of El Paso; two sons, Robert Gonzales Jr. and Andrew Ray Gonzales, both of Big Spring; two sisters, Sylvia Parras of Dallas and Tammy Tabera of Colton, Calif.; a brother, Arthur Gonzales of Dallas; two nieces and four nephews.

He was preceded in death by his father, Carlos Franco.

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

Lee Ida Burchett

Lee Ida Burchett, 90, of Big Spring died at 12:25 p.m. Saturday, May 28, 2005, at Mountain View Lodge in Big Spring. Funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, June 1, 2005 at Myers & Smith Chapel with the Rev. Dwayne Wheat officiating. Burial will be at Trinity Memorial Park. The family will receive friends from 6:30 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. Tuesday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

She was born Nov. 2, 1914, in Howard County, and married Millard G. Burchett on Dec. 17, 1930, in Lovington, N.M. He preceded her in death on Dec. 2, 1984. Mr. and Mrs. Burchett farmed in Martin County from 1937 until 1973. She was a lifetime resident of Howard and Martin counties and was a Baptist.

She is survived by a daughter, Melba Mathis of Big Spring; a son, Delbert Burchett of Big Spring; seven grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; and several great-great-grandchildren.

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Lottery

Results of the Lotto Texas drawing Saturday night: Winning numbers drawn: 3-6-9-29-36. Bonus Ball: 28. Number matching five of five, plus Bonus Ball: 0. Estimated jackpot for Wednesday night drawing: \$6 million.

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Saturday night: Winning numbers drawn: 19-28-35-2-3. Number matching five of five: 0. Next Cash 5 drawing: Tonight.

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Saturday night, in order: 9-5-4

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Saturday afternoon, in order: 4-7-7

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TODAY
• 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 Stitchin' 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.

• Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) No. 21 meets at 5 p.m. in the Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center, 306 W. Third for weigh-in. The meeting begins at 5:30 p.m. Call 1-800-392-8677 or 263-0391 or 263-1758.
• Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) No. TX 1756 meets at 5:30 p.m. Monday in the 11th and Birdwell Lane Church of Christ. A different program is offered every week, and anyone 7 years old or older is welcome to attend. Please enter through the northwest door. Call 263-2786 for more information.
• Evening Lions Club meets at 6:30 p.m. in La Posada Restaurant.
• Howard County ARC meets at 806 E. Third in the Bingo Hall. Call 264-0674 for more information.
• Prospector's Club work night begins at 7 p.m. at 606 E. Third.

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BSISD summer lunch program available to everyone

By STEVE REAGAN
Staff Writer

You don't have to be a student of the Big Spring Independent School District to participate in its Summer Food Service Program.

All that's required is an appetite — and perhaps a few dollars.

BSISD Food Services will provide its annual summer meal program to Big Spring residents from June 1 through June 30 at four district campuses — Big Spring High School and Bauer, Marcy and Moss elementary schools, according

to Joann Knox, director of food services. Breakfast and lunch will be provided free of charge to anyone 18 years of age or younger, while adults will be charged \$1 for breakfast and \$2.35 for lunch. Meals will be provided Monday through Friday, and the program is open to anyone.

"A few years ago, the Department of Agriculture began requiring that if a district had more than 50 percent of its students on the free lunch program, it had to provide a summer menu, as well," Knox said. "Their reasoning was

that the students were getting a nutritious meal during the school year, but not during the summer."

Participation in the program is usually good during June, but dwindles around the July 4 weekend, which is why the district doesn't offer the program after June 30, Knox said.

Patrons can expect pretty much the standard school cafeteria menu, with a few exceptions, she noted.

"It's pretty much the same food we serve during the school year ... but we do try a few new things, a few of our reg-

ulars and we have more fresh fruits and vegetables that aren't normally available during the school year," she said.

Breakfast will be served at the high school and Moss Elementary only. Hours for breakfast will be 8 a.m. to 9 a.m., while lunch will be served at all four campuses from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m.

For more information, contact BSISD Food Services at 264-3635.

Contact Staff Writer Steve Reagan at 263-7331, ext. 234 or by e-mail at reporter@bigspringherald.com.

TEXAS BRIEFS

Texas A&M working to preserve WWII battlesite at Normandy

HOUSTON (AP) — Pointe du Hoc in France was the site of one of the toughest battles during the D-Day invasion of World War II.

U.S. Army Rangers used grappling hooks and ladders to climb the 130-foot cliff that hung above Omaha and Utah beaches and was dotted with German heavy guns that needed to be taken out to ensure the invasion's success.

The guns eventually were destroyed but at a heavy cost: Of the 225 Rangers in the June 6, 1944 mission, only 90 remained fit to fight. The rest were killed, wounded or taken prisoner.

The cliff-top today remains a monument to the battle, but a group of Texas A&M researchers are worried the various concrete bunkers and bullet-ridden buildings still remaining at the site will continue decaying and one day will be gone.

At the start of June, the researchers will travel to Pointe du Hoc as part of their ongoing effort to preserve the site. The group of professors and students will be there for about a month. It will be the third year in a row they've worked there.

Child Protective Services reform plan now headed to governor

AUSTIN (AP) — The Senate and House both signed off on an overhaul of the state's embattled Child Protective Services agency on Sunday, sending legislation to Gov. Rick Perry for his signature.

Perry gave his support to the bill Friday, when House and Senate negotiators reached a compromise on the reform plan that they say will allow for the hiring of an additional 2,500 CPS workers, cut caseloads and move some of the agency's tasks to the private sector.

The governor had designated CPS reform an emergency issue. The designation came 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 stay with their parents.

"This is an issue that has affected all of us and affected us on a very emotional level," said bill sponsor Sen. Jane Nelson, R-Lewisville. "I really believe this is going to have an impact on many lives."

One of the top criticisms of CPS has been the large number of caseloads that CPS investigators have to carry. Investigators now are responsible for an average of 74 cases per month. Under the reforms and additional hiring, caseloads would drop to about 45. The Child Welfare League of America recommends investigators generally be assigned 12 to 15 cases. No states meet those guidelines, Nelson said.

Budget writers appropriated nearly \$250 million for the CPS reform effort.

\$139 billion spending plan sent to governor for approval

AUSTIN (AP) — A \$139 billion two-year budget plan is on its way to Republican Gov. Rick Perry's desk after the House passed it Sunday.

With a vote of 104-40, lawmakers approved a proposal that would increase state spending by about 10 percent. The Senate approved the same plan Saturday with a vote of 30-1.

Perry has the authority to veto specific items in the budget plan as well as the supplemental budget plan both chambers approved Sunday. The supplemental budget would provide \$2.8 billion to cover gaps in the current budget and for future public education reform.

"He's going to get out his red pen and make appropriate and fiscally responsible decisions on that budget," Perry spokeswoman Kathy Walt said.

Perry also could veto the budget plans, but Walt said it is too early to speculate on whether that would happen, essentially necessitating a special session. Passing a balanced budget is the only task legislators are constitutionally required to accomplish during their 140-day session that ends Monday.

Six pianists make way to finals in 12th Van Cliburn competition

FORT WORTH (AP) — Three men and three women have made the finals of the 12th Van Cliburn International Piano Competition.

For the first time in the competition's history, three Asian women have reached the finals. Two Italians and a Russian make up the men.

What began with 35 pianists battling it out on the ivories 10 days ago resulted in the following finalists: Davide Cabassi, 28, Italy; Sa Chen, 25, China; Chu-Fang Huang, 22, China; Alexander Kobrin, 25, Russia; Roberto Plano, 26, Italy; and Joyce Yang, 19, South Korea.

"I feel so very lucky," Chen said. "But at the same time I feel almost a kind of terrible pity for the others."

The finals begin Wednesday night, and the gold medalists will be announced Sunday.

As many as four pianists can receive the gold medal this year. Gold medal prizes are worth more than \$500,000. The top award includes international concert dates and three seasons of career management.

Retired police officer electrocuted trying to remove power line

HOUSTON (AP) — A retired Houston police officer died after grabbing a downed power line tangled under her car.

Former Sgt. Patricia L. Fawkes, 70, stopped along the road Sunday morning to remove a wire from under her car. Apparently, she did not know it was a power line.

Lawmakers planning Vietnam memorial on Capitol grounds

AUSTIN (AP) — In San Antonio, a sculpture portrays a soldier searching the skies for an evacuation helicopter while comforting a wounded comrade. In San Angelo, a real Huey helicopter sits on a pole above the trees.

But in a state that is home to some 160,000 Vietnam War veterans, the lack of a memorial on the grounds of the Texas Capitol seemed neglectful to some state legislators.

So a group of lawmaker-veterans pushed a resolution this session to build a memorial worthy of the sacrifice of Texas' Vietnam veterans.

"They tried to sweep us under the rug, as if we didn't exist," said state Sen. Juan Hinojosa, D-McAllen and a Marine veteran of Vietnam.

"Right or wrong, we were American soldiers representing our country in battle. The way we were treated when we came back was shameful."

State Rep. Wayne Smith, R-Baytown and another Vietnam vet, wrote the proposal, and Hinojosa sponsored the resolution in the Senate. Gov. Rick Perry authorized construction.

Private donors will finance the estimated \$250,000 cost, Smith said. A committee will choose the artist after the legislative session ends.

The design has yet to be determined, but it will be more commanding than Austin's memorial in Waterloo Park, a metal obelisk with a star on top.

"It's too dinky," said Don Dorsey, a former Marine scout sniper and president of the Texas Association of Vietnam Veterans. "It's stuck away in the trees as if it was an embarrassment."

In comparison, the San Antonio sculpture stands about 10 feet tall and weighs 10 tons. The San Angelo Huey weighs 6,000 pounds and is 57 feet long.

"What I envision is a monument that shows the diversity of Americans and backgrounds that

went to Vietnam," Hinojosa said. "I imagine soldiers: They were the grunts."

He suggested the design include rice paddies, jungles and water buffalo.

"I don't think it needs to be anything especially elaborate," said Roy McCrary, the head of the Austin chapter of the Vietnam Veterans of America. "Not only did men serve, but women, too. It wouldn't hurt to recognize them as well. Without nurses over there, some of us wouldn't make it back."

Dorsey said he preferred something similar to the national memorial with names of the 3,416

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Robert Gonzales, Sr., 37, died Friday. Funeral Mass was at 11:00 AM Monday at Sacred Heart Catholic Church with burial at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

Martha Martinez, 52, died Thursday. Vigil Services will be at 7:30 PM Monday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral Mass will be at 11:00 AM Tuesday at Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church with burial at Trinity Memorial Park.

Lee Ida Burchett, 90, died Saturday. Funeral services will be at 10:30 AM Wednesday at Myers & Smith Chapel with burial at Trinity Memorial Park. The family will receive friends from 6:30 until 8:00 PM Tuesday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

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told me," said Simmons. "I was flabbergasted! I just couldn't believe it. It's such an incredible honor. I'm still trying to find out what I did to get the award."

In the Government Award for 2004-2005, which recognizes outstanding contributions by government to support the mission of Keep Texas Beautiful, the city of Big Spring Code Enforcement department received a certificate of merit.

In the Media Awards category for 2004-2005, which recognizes local newspapers, radio and

television stations for outstanding public service efforts designed to educate, inform and encourage public involvement in local litter prevention, solid waste issues and community beautification, the Big Spring Herald took second place.

The annual awards will be presented during the 38th Annual KTB Conference June 27-30 at the Renaissance Houston Hotel Greenway Plaza. Information about the winners and the conference is available on the KTB Web site at www.ktb.org.

Big Spring also received accolades from Gov. Rick Perry himself, receiving an award of excellence in the

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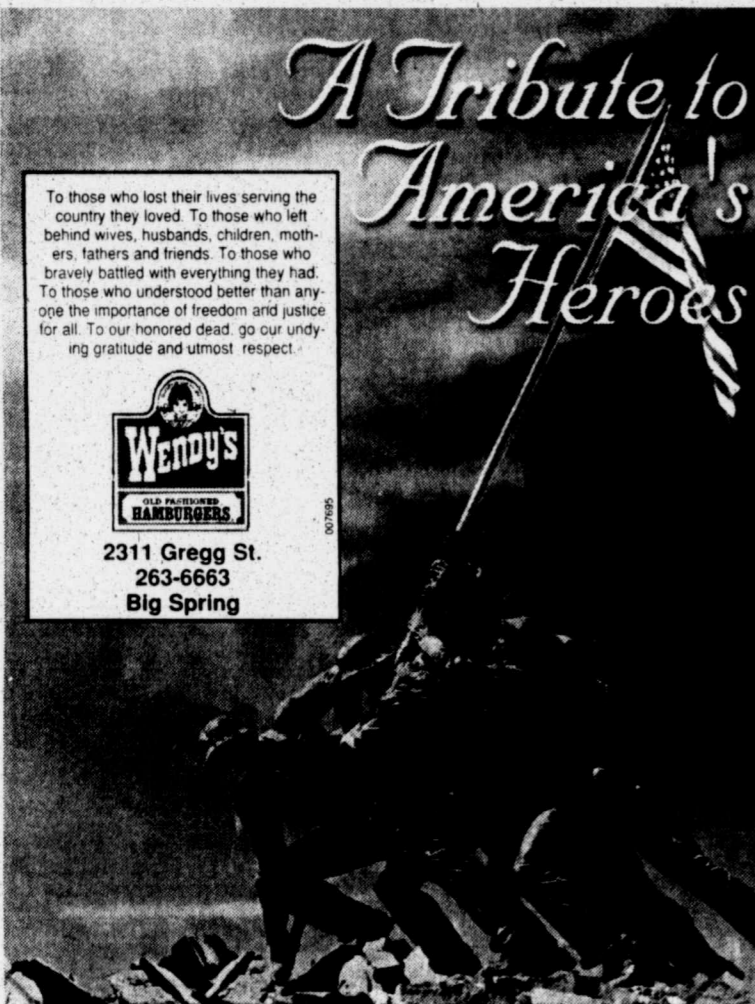
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Where are the conservatives?

Enough already. Can we interrupt the culture wars for long enough to remember that it wasn't Newsweek that flew those air-planes into the Twin Towers, killing thousands of our mothers and fathers and children?



SUSAN ESTRICH

Where are the conservatives when we need them, to remind us that the answer to everything isn't to Blame America First, and forget that we have real enemies out there whom we need to be fighting against? Was this what Bill O'Reilly was trying to say to my metaphorically challenged friends at the Los Angeles Times, who own the only big mimeograph machine on this side of the Santa Monica mountains? (O'Reilly had asserted on-air that the Times wouldn't understand why he objected to giving legal representation to Guantanamo Bay detainees until terrorists kidnapped and cut off editorial page editor Michael Kinsley's head.)

In their absolute joyful, crimson, Dan Rather-hating zeal to go after the newsmagazine that is owned by The Washington Post and seems to have establishment written all over it, the right has ignored all its own usual cautions and gone utterly bananas. Pat Buchanan is ready to lock these guys up for sedition. That's right, and he's talking about the Newsweek guys. He doesn't even care if the item is true. We should

blame Americans for the fact that people who hate us riot and kill each other. Imagine what Pat would say if I said that.

Let me not excuse my friends on the left, who insist, notwithstanding no evidence to support them, that the retracted item was true. Go listen to Stephanie Miller.

And then there are the editorials that call for closing Gitmo down and giving every detainee a lawyer to ensure that we will learn absolutely nothing about anything from this moment forward, which is the responsibility of lawyers.

Michael Isikoff, the Newsweek reporter, is no left-winger. He's just a brilliant reporter, which doesn't mean he or anyone else bats 1.000. Now everyone is a true believer on confidential sources. But what about those folks in the administration who are letting two reporters, Judy Miller and Matt Cooper, face jail because they won't give their names in an inquiry arising out of a Bob Novak column that revealed the identity of a CIA operative? Funny, I haven't seen anyone stepping forward to Rector Scott McClellan's lectern.

It was a Periscope Item. No one paid any attention. No network picked up the story. No liberals went nuts. No talk rad.o. No ACLU. Why not? Because the detainees themselves have spread these sorts of rumors all along for the purpose of accomplishing precisely what happened here: fermenting unrest against the United States. Sure, they would have preferred to have American servicemen and women die, but you can't always predict who the victims

will be when you play with fire. More to the point, and not to be blunt about it, but who cares? The people spreading these stories in the first instance are there because of their connection to terrorists who have killed innocent Americans. This is about 9-11. The job of the Americans interrogating them is to make sure they don't kill any more, and to do almost anything it takes to accomplish that. If the incidents described in the Newsweek report were the worse that happened to keep this country safe from terrorism, my guess is you won't hear 99 percent of this country complaining.

If people who hate us don't like that, perhaps they could take more responsibility for not allowing terrorists to train in their country to slaughter Americans. Then we won't need to send our kids in to clean out their terrorist camps and to try to break up the terrorist plots before they strike again.

People used to say that partisan politics should stop at the waters edge. Maybe we could impose that rule on our never-ending, bloodthirsty culture wars.

In our thirst to kill each other — metaphorically, of course — we make it easier for our real enemies.

It's the difference between a culture war and a real one.

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OUR VIEWS
Our nation's fallen may they never, ever be forgotten

Finally. The real thing. Unlike most years, the calendar for 2005 lists only one Memorial Day: May 30, the "real" Memorial Day. Most years there are two days designated Memorial Day — the extra one being whatever Monday is being deemed the "observance" day. Memorial Day was unofficially started by a group of Confederate mothers, wives and daughters at Friendship Cemetery in Columbus, Miss., on April 25, 1866. The story goes that the group of women had gone to the cemetery to place flowers on the graves of their loved ones, as well as other Confederate war dead. While placing flowers, they discovered a group of graves without flowers in the corner of the cemetery. They were graves of fallen Union soldiers. The women were thankful that even though their loved ones were dead, they were close to home. Thinking about how the loved ones of the Union soldiers must feel, perhaps not even knowing where their fallen were buried, the women decided to place flowers on the graves of all of those killed in the Civil War — both Blue and Gray.

At that time, the observance was known as Decoration Day. In 1868, Gen. John Logan, commander of the Union Army veterans organization, formalized the custom by setting May 30 as the day to decorate the graves of the war dead with flowers and flags. Many Americans of a certain age still think of it as Decoration Day, especially in the Deep South. In our pursuit of three-day weekends, however, we moved Memorial Day to the last Monday in May. Some veterans organizations later regretted their support for the switch because the day seemed to lose some of its solemnity. In truth, Memorial Day weekend has assumed a role in our lives far from its original purpose: It is the kickoff to summer, the time when swimming pools open, a time for graduation and the end of school, the running of the Indy 500 and a time for garage sales and cookouts. While sunburns and barbecues are not what either the Confederate women or Union Gen. Logan had in mind, the secular cheerfulness of Memorial Day weekend is not at all unfortunate. Memorial Day has always been observed most solemnly and seriously when the grief of war was fresh and painful, as it is today with more than 100,000 U.S. military personnel in harms way in Iraq and Afghanistan. But the holiday weekend will still be a time for celebration. However, let us remember the enjoyment of this weekend was brought to us by a long line of Americans, almost 1.2 million of them, who died in service of this country dating back to the eight Patriots who fell at Lexington in 1775. This holiday weekend, we will salute our own veterans not once, but twice; by attending ceremonies at Trinity Memorial Park on Sunday and followed that today with a trip to the Big Spring Vietnam Memorial. If you haven't done so yet, take a moment to bow your head and silently give thanks for the freedoms we enjoy because of their sacrifices. Remember our fallen. May they never, ever be forgotten.

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YOUR VIEWS

TO THE EDITOR: I am a school administrator and have been in public education for more than 20 years.

Sen. Robert Duncan, from my district, and other legislators are charged with the task of "fixing" the Teacher Retirement System. I'm concerned that his proposals, such as the requirement of working until one is 60, will only make matters worse. It may look good in actuarial tables, but its practical effect could have long term effects that won't immediately "show up" on paper. Sure, most people work until they're 60 and beyond. It doesn't sound that unreasonable. One the other hand, how many public service jobs require four to six years of college and then 38 years on the job before you can retire with full benefits? My son is 19 and wants to be a teacher/coach. I am doing my best to convince him otherwise, and that is a sad omen. I cite the current proposals by Duncan, and ask him if he really wants to go into such a difficult and intense occupation for such a long time. His, and anybody else's odds of making it that long are remote. His love of athletics and people will probably override my wishes. However, if this legislation does come to pass, young, bright individuals who may consider going into education will eventually figure out that it's just not worth it. And that's a long term consequence that can't be measured in dollars until it's too late. It will never cease to amaze me that such a small group of people such as Texas legislators, most of whom have never worked in a public school setting, can make such a

decision that would never be made if it affected them directly.

Congratulations. I think I try to talk my son into becoming a lawyer.

BILL TARLETON GAIL

TO THE EDITOR:

I would like to thank you for printing my letter requesting information on your state. I have been getting mail at school and it is very exciting. I displayed the postcards and other information during our "States Fair" on May 4. I received more mail than anybody else in my class with more than 100 pieces of mail. It was great and I got an "A" on my project. I could not have done it without your and your readers' help. I want to say "thanks a bunch!"

STEVEN LAIRD
NORTHEAST ELEMENTARY
KEARNEY, NEB.

TO THE EDITOR:

It seems that if you don't follow the party line of building a combined law enforcement center, your ideas are deemed foolish by Phil Fuqueron or the local paper editorial will state in so many words that while you may be capable of making decisions for your own successful business, you are decidedly incapable of making decisions for the sake of your constituency. Granted, I have attended only one meeting, the meeting where the first blueprints were revealed. If we had all the money in the world, this center would not be a bad idea. While I do agree Howard County needs a jail, I do not agree that a combined law enforcement center is necessary. I have no idea where

the idea of a combined center came from, but it is a bad decision financially. If combining the two law enforcement entities is so successful, why is it not done in more Texas counties?

I have been told the proposed property is criss-crossed with a gully and will take extensive, costly work to prepare for building. This cost is never talked about.

I know of very few folks who would not like to have the biggest and best of whatever item they wish to purchase. But financial responsibility usually holds them back. I appears that some commissioners and council members have been caught up in the heat of the moment and "let's build big" has become the mantra.

Mr. Miller wanted to appoint a commission to do a growth study concerning Big Spring and Howard County and build a jail accordingly. Why has this not been done? Why are we being asked to spend untold thousands on plans when we don't even know if the growth of this county would warrant such an expense?

One of the things I keep hearing is "we can rent out beds to other counties." This is certainly true. But counties all over West Texas are building, or have built jails with that in mind. Therefore, eventually no county will have a need to rent bed space from another county. A proposed deal with the border patrol sounds nice, but has a contract been signed? Have we gone past the "let's talk about" stage?

We need a jail. Just a jail. Can we please go back to preparing to build a jail? That's what we need, not a \$10 million boondoggle.

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Craddick wields power in final school finance negotiations

By APRIL CASTRO

Associated Press Writer

AUSTIN — The way Texans pay taxes for public schools won't be changing anytime soon.

The 79th Legislative session ends Monday and a new school funding proposal wasn't adopted, despite an order from a state district judge that school funding problems be fixed by October 2005, or state money for schools would cease.

A possible 11th-hour deal that may have led into a special session on the issue was foiled Sunday, and Senate leaders and the office of Gov. Rick Perry say it died in the hands of Republican Speaker Tom Craddick.

"The governor believes that when he left the meeting with the lieutenant governor and the conferees from the House and the Senate, that he had a deal in hand, that agreement had been reached in principle, and he took that directly to the speaker," said Perry spokesman Robert Black. "The only thing we know that happened next is the bill never came up for consideration."

After a turbulent week of increasing pessimism and with two days left in the session, House and Senate negotiators bore down on Saturday, finally grinding out an education spending plan at least some of them thought both sides could agree on.

"We reached an agreement last night between ... a majority of House conferees, a majority of Senate conferees, between Gov. Perry and myself, but apparently not in agreement with Speaker Craddick," said Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst.

The education spending plan was part of a larger package that also would have restructured the state tax system and reduced school property taxes.

Rep. Kent Grusendorf, R-Arlington, who has led House education initiatives, said that negotiators were close, but calling it an agreement would be "a stretch."

"There was no agreement," Craddick said Sunday, a few hours after the criticisms were initially aired.

A plan would have been moot at that hour anyway, Craddick argued.

"He came over to my office at about 11:30 which was past the time you could physically print a bill in the House," Craddick said.

Without a signed and printed agreement by midnight Saturday, the House would have needed two-thirds approval to take the measure up — an unlikely feat in the

House. Dewhurst argued that he had agreed-upon parts of the bill ready and the Capitol printing house had made the measure a priority.

Led by Perry, top negotiators from both chambers and Dewhurst spent hours locked in a Capitol conference room before most gave their blessing to a deal on classroom initiatives, such as higher teacher pay. Craddick was absent.

Perry took the signed plan to Craddick's office. He emerged moments later, and the most recent round of the school funding battle was dead.

There apparently was little any of the negotiators could do to persuade Craddick, according to one official who was in the room for negotiations but who did not want to be identified.

Craddick, known around Austin as a fierce negotiator, wielded his power over school finance considerations even before Saturday.

The education spending plan was just part of the school finance overhaul that Perry deemed an emergency issue when the session convened in January. The other part was a bill designed to generate revenue to replace a portion of local school property taxes, through a variety of new business and consumer taxes.

For days last week, negotiations on the business tax stalled, and Senate leaders began to point to Craddick.

Dewhurst said repeatedly that tax negotiators could reach a deal within a matter of hours if senators had the opportunity to work with a "motivated counterparty."

Sen. Kim Brimer, a Fort Worth Republican who was instrumental in crafting the Senate's proposed business tax structure, said Tuesday that the negotiations weren't yet on Craddick's radar, even as other leaders warily began to watch hours go by. Brimer indicated that House negotiators on the tax bill had been instructed by Craddick not to meet with their Senate counterparts.

Earlier Saturday, Craddick and his negotiators had signed and printed their unnegotiated versions of both bills and sent them to senators in what Sen. Florence Shapiro, R-Plano, called a take-it-or-leave-it offer. The move ended talks until Perry got involved.

Craddick, who came to power in 2003 when

Republicans took control of the House for the first time in 130 years, has shown he can rule the

Notable issues of the 2005 Legislature

A look at some bills that made it, and some that didn't, in the regular session of the 79th Texas Legislature, which ends Monday.

PASSED, SIGNED BY GOV. RICK PERRY

- Asbestos lawsuits: Limits the number of lawsuits for asbestos- and silica-related illnesses, allowing only those who have serious illnesses to sue companies.
- FOI Education: Requires all elected and appointed public officials to undergo open government training.
- Military spouse unemployment: Provides unemployment insurance for soldiers' spouses who voluntarily give up their jobs because of a military transfer.
- Hunting protection: Allows property owners to continue hunting on their land or leasing it out to hunters even if the land is annexed by a municipality that bans the discharge of firearms.

PASSED, HEADED TO TEXAS VOTERS

- Gay marriage: Would amend the state constitution to reflect that same-sex marriages are not recognized in Texas.

PASSED, AWAITING ACTION BY GOVERNOR

- State budget: Appropriates \$139 billion in state and federal spending for Texas for the coming two years, representing a 19-percent increase over the previous state budget.
- Abortion: Requires a parent to provide written consent for unmarried girls under 18 to get an abortion. The same bill also restricts doctors from performing abortions on women who have carried a child for more than 26 weeks unless having the baby would jeopardize the woman's life or the baby has serious brain damage.
- Inmate AIDS: Requires that Texas prison inmates be tested for the AIDS virus before they are released.
- Probation: Attempts to ease crowding at Texas prisons by reducing probation terms for felons from 10 years to five. After a probationer has served the five years, a judge would annually review the case to determine whether to terminate the sentence.
- Teacher paperwork: Requires the Texas education commissioner to reduce written reports and paperwork required of school districts, principals and teachers.
- Corporal punishment: Clarifies that parents or other guardians have the right to use corporal punishment to discipline a child.
- Obesity lawsuits: The so-called "cheeseburger bill" bans Texans from suing restaurants or food manufacturers for obesity-related health problems.
- Jury pay: Provides for paying jurors \$40 a day, instead of the current \$6.
- Teacher retirement: Attempts to stabilize the \$9.1 billion Teacher Retirement System; raises the retirement age from 55 to 60 for future teachers; attempts to stop incentives for early teacher retirement; changes the base of retirees' benefits to the highest five years of their salary, instead of the highest of three.
- Consent searches: Requires that drivers must give consent before police officers who do not have probable cause can search their vehicle.
- Life without parole: Gives jurors the option of sentencing capital murderers to life in prison without parole or the death penalty.

- Steroids: requires the University Interscholastic League to study steroid use among Texas high school athletes and develop an education program about the dangers of using performance enhancing drugs.

- Workers' compensation: revamps state workers' compensation system, creating new doctor networks and increasing benefits to injured workers.
- CPS Reform: overhauls state Child Protective Services, allowing the hiring of up to 2,500 new case-workers and moving some agency tasks to the private sector.
- Canadian drugs: sets up a state-run Web site to help Texans buy cheaper prescription drugs from Canada.
- Student regent: allows the governor to appoint a non-voting student regent to the governing board of each public university.

FAILED

- School finance: Would have overhauled the way Texas pays for its public schools; would have reduced school property taxes for homeowners.
- Private school vouchers: Would have provided taxpayer money for some students living in urban school districts to attend private school.
- Video gambling: Would have legalized and taxed video slot machines in Texas.
- Gay Foster Parents: Would have restricted gays from becoming foster parents.
- Lewd cheerleading: Would have banned "overtly sexually suggestive" routines by cheerleaders at school-sponsored events.
- Medical marijuana: Would have created a defense to prosecution for patients who are being treated by a licensed physician and who use marijuana to relieve effects of a legitimate medical condition.
- Body mass index: Would have required school districts to measure the body mass index of students and include the information in regular report cards.
- Cell phones while driving: Would have banned adult motorists from using a cell phone while driving unless it is used with a handsfree device.
- Underage drinking: Would have made it illegal to serve alcohol to 21-year-olds before 7 a.m. on their birthday in an effort to prevent early-morning birthday binge drinking.
- Keg registration: Would have required that beer kegs be labeled with a registration number and mandated that keg purchasers fill out a form with their name, address and phone number and sign an agreement not to allow minors to drink its contents.
- Death penalty moratorium: Would have abolished the death penalty in Texas.
- Cable franchise: Would have made it easier for phone companies to get into the cable business
- Red light cameras: Would have banned cities from using cameras to issue civil citations for red-light runners.
- Willie Nelson highway: Would have named part of State Highway 130 in Central Texas after the famous musician.
- Recorded Votes: Would have asked Texas voters whether to amend the state constitution to require the Legislature to record the individual votes of legislators.

chamber with an iron fist. His way typically prevails, whether the issue is lawsuit limitation, budget

cuts or congressional redistricting. As House speaker, Craddick is the only state

leader who is not elected statewide. He is elected by voters in his Midland district.

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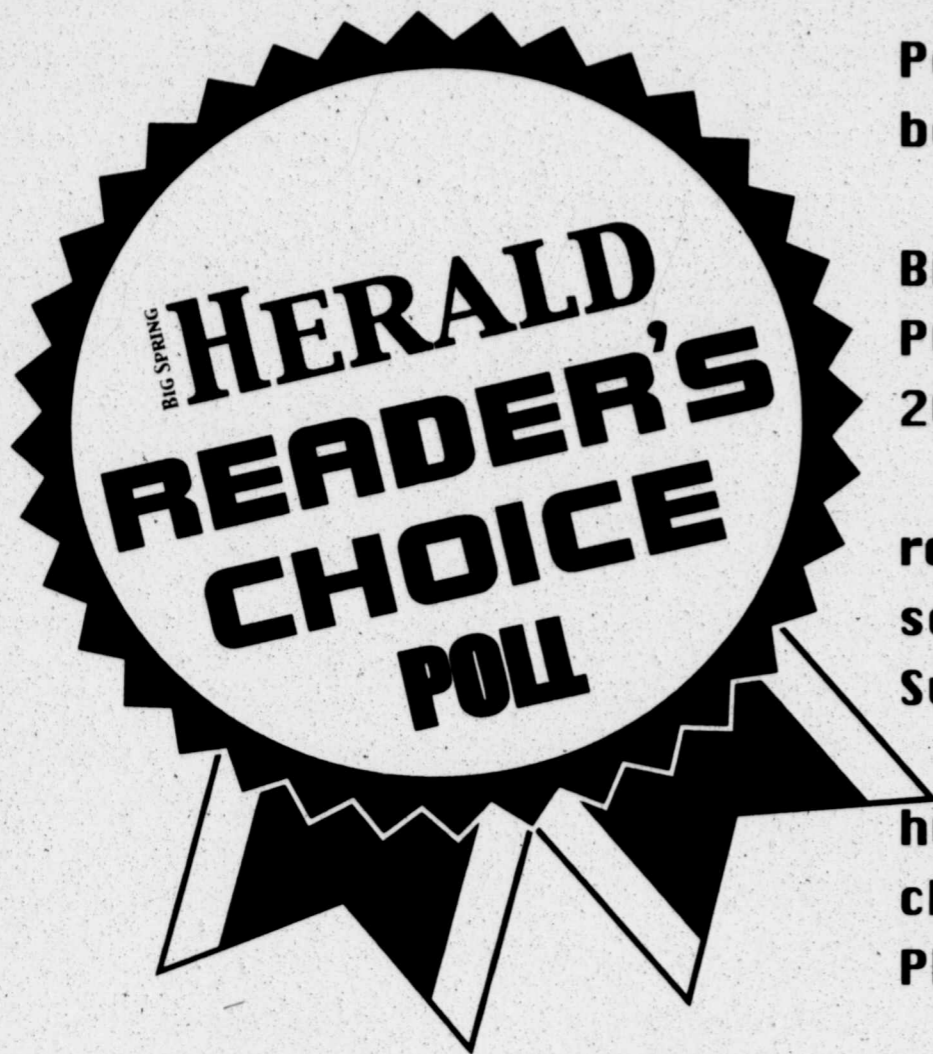
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The winners of each category will be revealed to the public in our upcoming special section "The Reader's Choice" to be published on Sunday, June 26, 2005.

Thank you for your participation, but please hurry! The deadline is coming soon! Only ballots clipped from the newspaper will be accepted. Please vote in as many categories as possible.

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- French Fries _____
- Hamburgers _____
- Home Cooking _____
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- Nachos _____
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- Mortgage Company _____
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- Office Supply _____
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- Paint Dealer _____
- Pawn Shop _____
- Pest Control _____
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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.

Headin' to Austin

• One strong inning at the plate enough as Bulldogettes head to state tournament

By TROY HYDE

Sports Editor

SNYDER — The only thing better than one no-hitter in the regional final is two no-hitters in the regional final.

Class 2A powerhouse and sixth-ranked Coahoma used a strong third inning at the plate and another dominating performance on the mound by junior Kali Roberts to defeat Jim Ned Saturday in Snyder in a game which was called in the sixth inning due to heavy rain.

The Bulldogettes defeated the Lady Indians, 3-0, and advanced to the their seventh state softball championship tournament, which is the most by any school in any class. Waco Midway and Coahoma were tied heading into this season with six each.

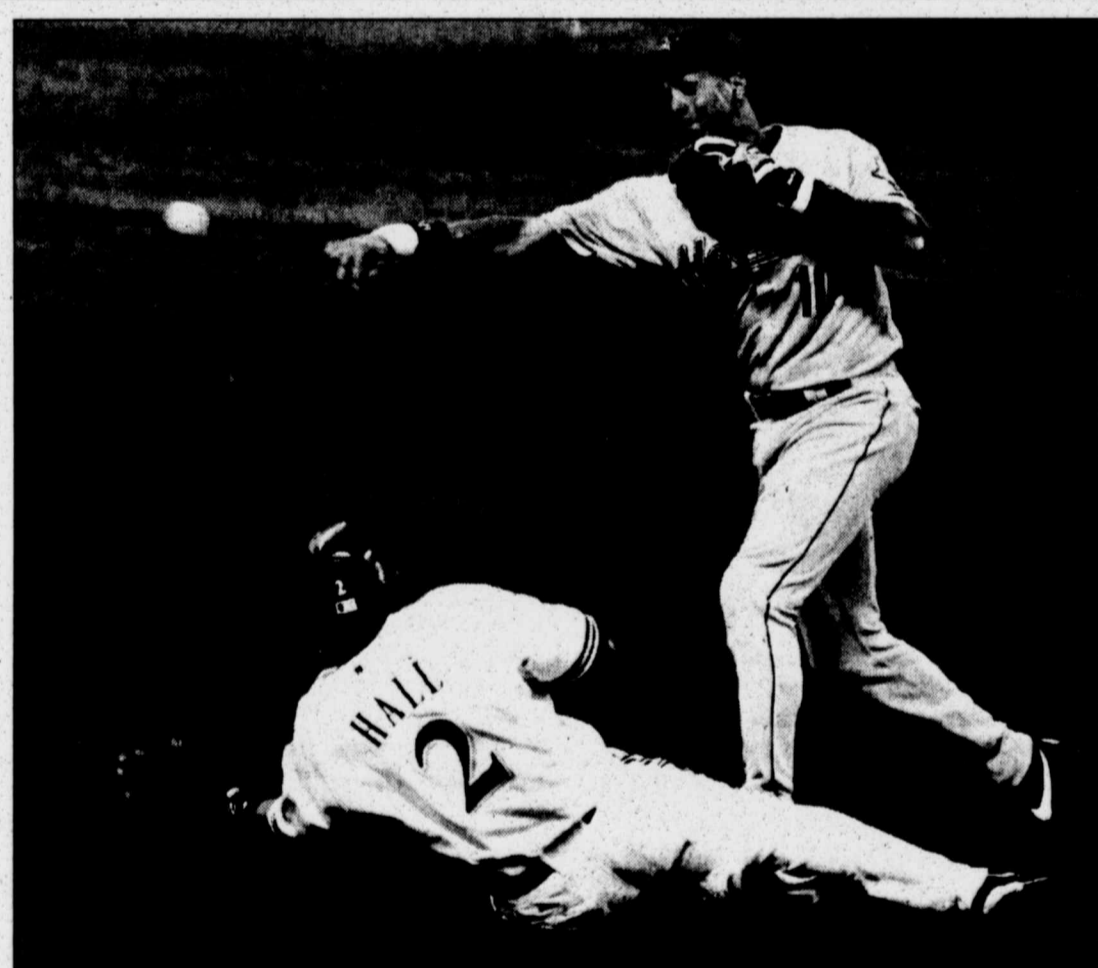
"I felt like two runs would be enough, but when we got that third run I was extremely comfortable," said Coahoma coach Robby Dickenson, who held up his end of a bet at the end of the game with a cart wheel in the outfield.

The Bulldogettes got all three of their runs in the third inning. Senior Cheyenne Grice started the inning off with a walk and then advanced to second on sophomore Ami Martinez's bunt single. Then, with one out, junior Ashle New laced a



HERALD photo/Troy Hyde
Coahoma junior Sarah Dunn, left, and freshman Janice Gonzales celebrate the Bulldogettes' win over Jim Ned Saturday in Snyder. Coahoma swept the Lady Indians in a best-of-three series and advanced to the state softball championship tournament for a state-record seventh time. Dunn had two hits in the game as Coahoma won Game 2, 3-0.

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KRT photo/Karen Sherlock, Milwaukee Journal Sentinel
The Brewers' Bill Hall is out at second base on a play by Houston's Jose Vizcaino during the fourth inning of their game at Miller Park in Milwaukee, Wisc., Saturday. Houston won Saturday's game with the Brewers 9-6, but nearly blew the lead late.

Davenport rallies to win in France

By STEVE WILSTEIN

AP Sports Writer

PARIS (AP) — Lindsay Davenport phoned home with news every bit as shocking to her husband at it was to herself.

She had just reached the French Open quarterfinals Sunday by beating two-time finalist Kim Clijsters, coming back from a set and a break down and winning her fourth straight three-setter at the Grand Slam

event where she had played the least and done the worst. Just a month ago, Davenport considered skipping it altogether, no matter that she was ranked No. 1.

It was 12:46 p.m. in Paris, 3:46 a.m. back home in California, when Davenport watched Clijsters' final forehand sail long to end the match 1-6, 7-5, 6-3. Looking more surprised than elated, celebrating only with a nod

and a momentarily clenched fist, Davenport walked off and reached for her cell phone to call her husband, Jon Leach.

The only American, male or female, left in the French among the 22 who started the tournament, Davenport still thinks it's way too early to talk about her winning the title. Now, at least, in the No. 21-seeded Pierce, she

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Spurs grab huge advantage versus Phoenix, win big

By JAIME ARON

AP Sports Writer

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Their offense already was clicking. Now the San Antonio Spurs have their defense cranked up, too, and that might leave the Phoenix Suns out of ways to beat them.

Eliminating the fast break, denying the paint and running at 3-point shooters, Tim Duncan and the Spurs dismantled everything the Suns tried for most of Game 3 of the Western Conference finals, turning their superb defense into a 102-92 victory Saturday night that puts them on the brink of reaching the championship round.

San Antonio allowed a measly 10 points in the second quarter and just 39 in the first half. Phoenix ended up being held under 106 points for the first time this postseason — well under — reminding everyone of the Spurs who've had the league's stingiest defense the last two seasons, not the club that outscored the Suns by averaging 116 in the first two games.

The Spurs lead the series 3-0, and no team ever rallied from that deficit in the NBA playoffs. Phoenix seems pretty unlikely to change it.

As if the young Suns weren't already dazed by getting beat at their own game in the first two losses, coach Mike D'Antoni admitted his team "got rattled and really played in a frenzy."

The Suns did make a late charge, getting within six twice in the final minute. But Phoenix was forced to foul to stop the clock and get the ball back, and the Spurs thwarted the ploy with Duncan and Manu Ginobili going 6-of-6 from the foul line.

Duncan led San Antonio with 33 points, 15 rebounds and three blocks. A mediocre foul shooter most of his career, he was perfect on 15 attempts and hit several tough baskets down the stretch to slow the Suns' final rally.

Tony Parker had 18 points and seven assists and Ginobili had 18 points and seven rebounds.

Game 4 is Monday night. The Suns can send the series back to Phoenix with a win, while the Spurs will be trying to reach the Finals for the second time in three years and third time in seven.

Amare Stoudemire led the Suns with 34 points.

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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 806-236-8901.

Justin Cowboy Crisis Fund tourney set

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

The tournament is scheduled for Friday, June 17. The tournament costs \$50 per player and the fee includes lunch and fine prizes for top golfers.

For more information, contact Eddy Blasznigame 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 \$60 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 \$60, respectively.

For more information or to pre-register, call head coach Bill Biddle at 432-264-0100 or assistant coach ...

COAHOMA

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hard shot through the middle of the Jim Ned defense. The RBI single scored Grice from third and then an error by the center fielder allowed Martinez to score. New ended up on third after the error, but later scored the final run of the game on Roberts' sacrifice fly to right field.

"Ashle came through for us like she has all year long," said Dickenson. "She struggled a bit yesterday, but I knew she would bounce back today."

The three runs were more than enough for Roberts, who has been flat out unhittable in the postseason. She pitched all five innings and struck out six batters and walked none. Roberts started off the game with three strikeouts in the first inning.

Jim Ned got two runners on in the third inning because of back-to-back errors. Otherwise, Roberts would have tossed a perfect game. However, the runners would not get past second base and they were both stranded on the basepaths.

"She's dominated the whole year, but she also knows that we are here behind her to back her up if the other team does put the ball in play," said senior Cheyenne Grice. "It's very exciting to be going to state, but if we win two more games then it will be perfect."

Coahoma (25-11) will take on Elysian Fields (32-10-1) in the first state semifinal game Thursday at 2 p.m. Troy (22-5) will challenge Weimar (24-10-1) in the other state semifinal game at 4:30 p.m. Weimar defeated Coahoma in the state final two years ago and knocked off the defending champions this past weekend to reach state.

"We are going to have to hit the ball better in Austin, but if Kali can throw like she has been throwing and we can scratch out a few runs then I think we have a good shot to win it," said Dickenson.

Senior catcher Ruby Garcia advanced to base for the third time after the win. She also thinks the team needs to hit the ball better.

"We need to lay off the rise ball," she added. "Our defense will be fine, but we are going to have to get some baserunners."

The Bulldogettes should have scored in the fourth inning, as well, but the run was taken off the board on a questionable call. Grice hit a soft grounder to the Jim Ned infield and apparently beat out the throw to first base, but was called out by the umpire, which then prevented Sarah Bartlett from scoring from third.

Dickenson was not happy with the call and Grice also thought she was safe.

"My foot hit the base before she caught the ball, but I can't change the call that was made," said Grice. "I am just glad we won."

The Bulldogettes also stranded a runner at second in the fifth inning as Magun Gutierrez was pinch running for sophomore Ami Martinez, who got started the inning with a single.

The Bulldogettes were led at the plate by Martinez and junior Sarah Dunn as each hitter collected two singles. New and Roberts had the only two RBIs of the game. Martinez, Grice and New scored the three runs.

The state softball tournament will be played in Austin at the Red McCombs Softball Field beginning Thursday. The Class 2A finals will be played Saturday at 11 a.m.



HERALD photo/Troy Hyde
Coahoma junior Ashle New connects on the game-winning single Saturday against Jim Ned in the second game of a best-of-three series played in Snyder. Senior Cheyenne Grice scored on the RBI single and another run crossed homeplate after an error as New reached third base on the play. The sweep of the Lady Indians in the regional final series advanced Coahoma to the state softball championship tournament later this week.

Patrick's electrifying run gives Indy 500 someone to build on

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Danica Patrick barreled down the front straightaway, dipped toward the inside wall and surged past Dan Wheldon to claim the lead at the Indianapolis 500.

The fans — 300,000 or so — went into a frenzy. They were on their feet all the way around the massive, venerable track, yelling and waving caps in a stirring reminder of the days when drivers named Mario, A.J. and Emerson ruled this place.

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Wheldon came back to win his first Indy 500 on Sunday, re-passing Patrick with seven laps to go and coasting across the line under yellow after a crash on the next-to-last lap.

The victory ended a frustrating quest for car owner Michael Andretti, who finally got his first sip of milk in Victory Lane after so many close-but-no-cigar calls as a dri-

ver.

"It just feels so good," Andretti said. "This place has been tough on me personally. But I just always had the feeling that one day it was going to happen."

Patrick settled for fourth, unable to guard her lead because of a dwindling fuel supply. After all the hubbub over the 5-foot-2, 100-pound driver having an advantage because she's lighter than her male counterparts, she would up a little too light — at least where it really counted, in the fuel tank.

DAVENPORT

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faces a player with similarly hard, flat strokes in a match that's more to her liking. Pierce had to go to 11 match points before beating No. 8 Patty Schnyder, 6-1, 1-6, 6-4.

Davenport has hardly been the only surprise of

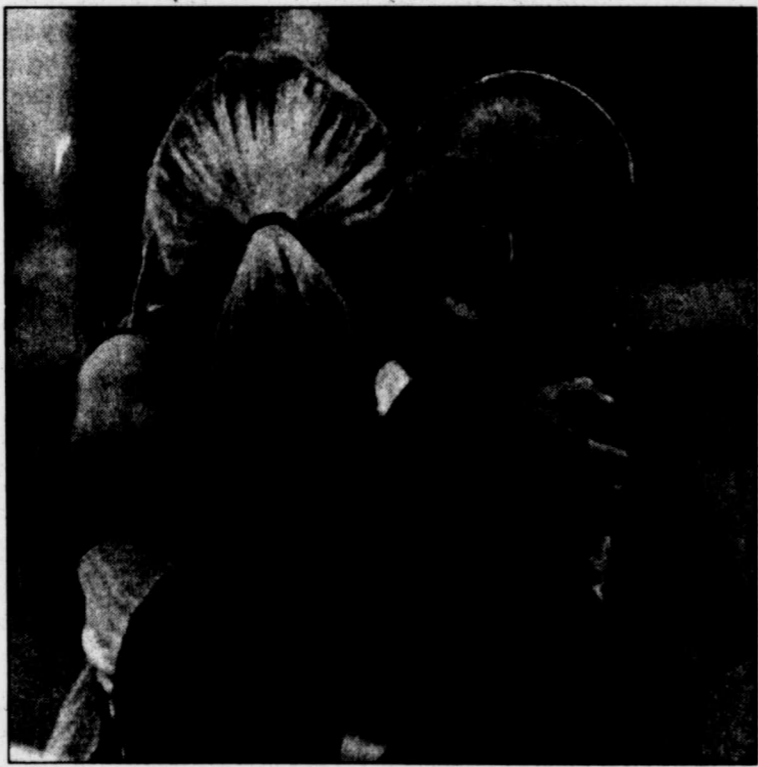
this year's French. Fifteen-year-old Sesil Karantantcheva, the Bulgarian who upset Venus Williams in the third round, advanced to the quarters by downing Emmanuelle Gagliardi 7-5, 6-3.

Clijsters had beaten Davenport six straight times over the past two years, all on the hardcourts that Davenport prefers, and hadn't

dropped a set in her first three matches this tournament.

Despite white bandages wrapped around her right leg, from her thigh to her calf, to take the pressure off her recently injured knee, the Belgian was playing fluidly, neither limping nor restraining herself in any way.

The last time she reached the quarters here was 1999.



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Coahoma senior catcher Ruby Garcia, right, hugs freshman Krista Kerby after the Bulldogettes beat Jim Ned in Game 2 of a best-of-three series Saturday in Snyder. The win qualified Coahoma for a record-setting seventh state softball championship tournament berth in Austin later this week. It will be Garcia's third trip to state in her four years at Coahoma.

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An even much greater danger now threatens us from Iran, because Iran is governed by religiously fanatic mullahs, who do not shrink from bringing any sacrifice, wreaking any destruction, if they believe that it will bring their religion-inspired goals to fruition. The primary targets of that fanatical zeal of the Iranian ayatollahs are the U.S. (the "big Satan") and Israel (the "little Satan"), perceived as being America's agent in the Middle East.

Since Iran is close to possession of long-range missiles, the United States would be in mortal danger of attack by that country. But even short of such attack, Iran, just as Saddam had planned, would be in unquestioned dominance of the Middle East and of its oil supply, the life blood of the Western world. It would cause intolerable damage to life and to the economy of the United States.

But Israel is the most immediate target of Iran's fury. Iran's unquenchable hatred of Israel is totally based on religious rage and on the conviction that "non-believers" have no legitimate place in the Middle East. Iran's leaders have publicly threatened Israel with destruction once they come into possession of nuclear weapons.

Horrible panorama. Israel is such a small country that its one or two nuclear weapons strategically placed in its narrow coastal strip would destroy it. Louis René Beres, professor of political science and international law at Purdue University, has described what would happen if and when Iran's mullahs direct their lethal bombs on Israel. In addition to an immediate death toll in the hundreds of thousands, overwhelming immediate problems would afflict the survivors. Beyond the immediate burn injuries, Israelis would be crushed by collapsing buildings and torn to shreds by flying glass. Others would fall victim to raging firestorms. Fallout injuries would include whole-body radiation injuries and injuries produced by deposits of radioactive substances within the body. After an Iranian nuclear attack, medical facilities would be taxed beyond capacity. Water supplies would become altogether unusable. Housing and shelter would be unavailable for hundreds of thousands. Transportation and all other communication would break down and food shortages would be critical and long-term.

Normal human society would cease. Many of the survivors could expect an increase in serious degenerative diseases, also premature death, impairment of vision and sterility. A vastly increased incidence of all kinds of cancers would be unavoidable. Many balanced relationships in nature would be destroyed, upset by the extensive fallout. Survivors would have to deal with mushrooming insect hordes that would spread from the radiation-damaged areas in which they arose. This fact, coupled with the prevalence of unburied corpses, uncontrolled waste and untreated sewage, would generate tens of trillions of flies and mosquitoes. Breeding in the dead bodies, these insects would make it impossible to control typhus, malaria, dengue fever and encephalitis. But beyond that, throughout Israel, the largest health threat would be posed by hundreds of thousands of rotting human corpses. The survivors might enjoy the dead.

The effects of a nuclear attack on Israel are too horrible to consider. Even the description given above cannot begin to do justice to the devastation and to the total destruction that would be wrought. There can be little question that, as its final action as a coherent society, Israel would use its own considerable military might against its tormentors and would convert the entire Middle East into a hell, in which ultimately nothing could survive. It is clear that that has to be prevented at all cost, and that no effort should be spared to keep the hands of the evil ayatollahs off the nuclear trigger. One hopes that it can be done by persuasion and diplomacy. But if it can not, somebody — perhaps the United States or perhaps Israel, with or without the approval of the United States — would have to preempt and, by whatever means, keep Iran from acquiring nuclear weapons. It is the most important cause of our time. The survival of the world is at stake.

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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

Annie's Mailbox

Dear Annie: My husband and I have been married nearly 23 years. We have two great kids, good jobs, a nice house and lots of friends. I was very happy, and certain he was my soul mate, but then something changed.

I don't know exactly what happened, but for about a year, I have felt less connected to him and more attracted to "Carlo," a business associate. In recent months, I wake up at night with images of my husband's funeral in my head, and the person comforting me is Carlo. It's starting to seem like a premonition. While I initially awoke in tears, now I just try to go back to sleep.

To make matters worse, in the past few weeks, I've found myself avoiding my husband's touch and even cringed slightly on several occasions when he's kissed me. Also, I've started fantasizing about Carlo when my husband and I are intimate.

I do not understand what is happening. I've known Carlo for nine years at work, and I never gave him a second thought. Now I find myself wanting to be near him, and I keep wishing he'll kiss me. Is this just a midlife crisis? - Tormented Wife

Dear Tormented: It is perfectly normal to fantasize about other men, and your dreams are a way of doing that safely. It's not that you wish your husband were dead. More likely, your dream signifies that you cannot justify being with another man unless your husband did not exist.

The problem is that in your waking life, you are dissatisfied and restless, and worse, you are avoiding intimacy with your husband. Plan a romantic getaway with him, and rekindle some of the excitement you are displacing on Carlo. If you cannot work up any enthusiasm to make the effort, it's time to see a marriage counselor.

Dear Annie: What is the obligation for an aunt and an uncle regarding a church communion for their 11-year-old nephew? My husband and I are not religious and dread the thought of having to sit through the service at church. We'd rather visit the family afterward. We attended our niece's first communion, and I promised myself never again. My sister-in-law said it meant so much to our niece that we were there, but come on, there were over 300 people in the church. My niece had no clue we were in attendance. What is the right thing to do? - Not Another Communion

Dear Not Another: You're not going to like it. The right thing to do is GO. If your main objection is that you find a church service boring or unpleasant, we say take a deep breath and do this for the sake of family harmony. This is a one-time event for a child, and it won't kill you to be supportive for a few hours. Please try.

Tomorrow's Horoscope

BY HOLIDAY MATHIS

Keep it loose. Even your best laid plan will kink up and turn back on itself, so you may as well be flexible.

Besides, good luck drops right into the center of spontaneous action. The sun and Jupiter are in favorable aspect, and one win leads to another. The moon transits through Pisces near Uranus. Anything can and will happen if you believe.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). The urge to spend is overwhelming. Money doesn't grow on trees (although the paper it's printed on is plant material). Since there's no hope for an orchard of Ben Franklins, your best bet is a wise investment plan.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Your need for personal space (and possibly your family) is growing. The truly ambitious look for a new house, but the problem can be remedied simply by getting rid of excess stuff. Dig deep in those closets.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You have more influence over your friends than you know these days. A dear one is on the verge of making a decision based on your casual comments. If you aren't sure, say so now, or this person may blame a mistake on you.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). People in committed relationships have the annoying tendency to want all the single people they know to find a mate. Dare to set your friend up. Or, if single, give in to being fixed up. You will be pleasantly surprised.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Others can't help but be drawn to lovable Leos today. Is it your charm? Your charisma? Your generosity? No, it's the whole package deal. Allow admirers to give you a well-deserved ego boost, but remain outwardly humble.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Your expertise is challenged by someone with a giant ego. Bite your tongue. Humoring this person will save you time-wasting drama, and he or she will soon discover the error of ways.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). What you see as multitasking, others perceive as a lack of focus. You will be more effective if you complete one project before starting the next. Smile when you pick up the phone. The caller will respond accordingly.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Garth Brooks sings your story -- talk about friends in low places ... While your good friend may not be wasting time in dingy bars, he or she is in a low place emotionally. Reach out. This one needs a sympathetic ear.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Anticipation is half the fun of an upcoming special event. You hate it, but the fact is, sometimes planning in advance allows you to make changes to the itinerary to make it "just so." Work it out now!

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19).

Chaos rules the day, and while you can't control the outside world, you can tame your surroundings at home. Rather than expose yourself to the madness, tonight is prime time to catch up on your movie rentals.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). There's more on your to do list than any person could reasonably accomplish in a month. Delegate! You hate giving up control, but competent people are happy to share the burden.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). While U2 may have some difficulty counting to four in Spanish (uno, dos, tres, catorce?), the band certainly knows that you shouldn't let a beautiful day get away. Get moving! The stars cheer on chance encounters.

ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS: "I was born April 15, 1958, and my husband was born April 30, 1958. I got a promotion at work that required me to move 600 miles away. I want my husband to join me. He's mad now, but will he get over it and join me eventually?"

Few can butt heads as hard as Aries (ram) and Taurus (bull) and still come away from the battleground as strong as ever. Your move was a bold embrace of autonomy that your husband wasn't expecting. The surprise has not worn off yet, and he won't make a decision in his present stunned state. Your moon is in Pisces, so your need for connection on deeply emotional levels is intense. If you've felt your husband neglected that emotional side of you in any way, chances are you are unconsciously holding that grudge still and adding to it whenever you need to. These scars only run deeper with the time that passes while your husband decides whether or not to follow you. Saving your marriage depends on your ability to understand fully the position you've put him in by leaving.

Astrologically you have many of the same ideals in love (you both have Venus in Pisces) and should be able to find solid common ground.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: Colin Farrell is Hollywood's bad boy du jour, but there's another side to this Gemini twin -- his moon and Saturn in Cancer show he can also be a tenderhearted homebody. Perhaps the bravado and bad behavior cover his deep need for emotional security and a love he can count on. In late August, Saturn will form a sextile to his natal sun, and he could find both things in a relationship with a colleague.

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This Date In History

By The Associated Press

Today is Monday, May 30, the 150th day of 2005. There are 215 days left in the year. This is the Memorial Day observance.

Today's Highlight in History:

On May 30, 1431, Joan of Arc, condemned as a heretic, was burned at the stake in Rouen, France.

On this date:

In 1539, Spanish explorer Hernando de Soto landed in Florida.

In 1883, 12 people were tortured to death when a rumor that the recently opened Brooklyn Bridge was in imminent danger of collapsing triggered a stampede.

In 1911, Indianapolis saw its first long-distance auto race; Ray Harroun was the

winner.

In 1922, the Lincoln Memorial was dedicated in Washington, D.C., by Chief Justice William Howard Taft.

In 1943, American forces secured the Aleutian island of Attu from the Japanese during World War II.

In 1958, unidentified soldiers killed in World War II and the Korean conflict were buried at Arlington National Cemetery.

In 1971, the American space probe Mariner Nine blasted off from Cape Kennedy, Fla., on a journey to Mars.

In 1982, Spain became NATO's 16th member.

In 1994, Mormon Church president Ezra Taft Benson died in Salt Lake City at age 94.

Ten years ago: In a letter to U.N. Secretary-General Boutros Boutros-Ghali, Bosnian Serb leader Radovan Karadzic demanded guarantees of no further NATO air attacks and de facto recognition of a self-styled Serb state.

Today's Birthdays:

Country musician Johnny Gimble is 79. Actor Clint Walker is 78. Actor Rita Dullea is 69. Actress Kira Lee is 69. Actor Michael J. Pollard is 66. Actor Stephen Tobolowsky is 54. Actor Colm Meaney is 52. Actor Ted McGinley is 47. Actor Ralph Carter is 44. Actress Tonya Pinkins is 43. Country singer Wynonna is 41. Rock musician Tom Morello (Audioslave) is 41. Movie director Antoine Fuqua ("Training Day") is 40. Rock musician Patrick Doherty (Live) is 34. Actor Trey Parker is 33. Rapper Cee-Lo is 31. Actor Blake Bashoff is 24.

Answer to previous puzzle: A crossword puzzle grid with the words LEGALESE, PAGODA, AVEMARIA, ELEVEN, MINICAMS, TOMATO, END, SOIREE, TOI, SCENE, NEARS, INN, TERESA, SIS, MOAT, STRUTS, MONTE, COSSETS, ELAPSED, ADAIR, ELDERS, ROLE, FRA, STUPID, EMU, ALIBI, SPICE, SET, RIDERS, RIC, STANCE, LAIDBACK, EERIE, ENCIRCLE, DRYADS, DISMAYED.

Newsday Crossword

SOMETIMES by Gail Grabowski Edited by Stanley Newman www.stanxwords.com

Crossword puzzle grid with clues for Across and Down. Clues include: 1 Shut forcefully, 5 Arms and legs, 10 Moby Dick pursuer, 14 Game played on horses, 15 Early hr., 16 Wearisome speaker, 17 Highly excited, 18 Asp or cobra, 19 Takes to court, 20 Tenderized beef, 23 Squealer, 24 Stringed instrument, 25 Boxing locale, 27 Diver's gear, 30 Post-office devices, 33 Naughty, 36 School session, 38 Special talent, 39 Hawaiian feast, 41 Historic period, 42 Arthur of tennis, 43 Secret meeting, 45 Heavy weights, 47 Pig's mother, 48 Talks back to, 50 Gardeners' woes, 53 Ship's staff, 54 Cubbyhole, 57 Campfire residue, 59 Criticize after the fact, 64 Frame of mind, 66 Copenhagen natives, 67 Destiny, 68 Tricky tactic, 69 Disney theme park, 70 On the house, 71 Shoe bottom, 72 Shorthand pro, 73 Dance move, 11 Sand-filled timer, 12 Neighborhood, 13 Highest-quality, 21 RN specialty, 22 Go for a field goal, 26 Grandmother, 28 Borscht ingredient, 29 Cupid's weapon, 31 Canyon, 32 Turn aside, 33 Crunchy sandwiches, briefly, 34 Subtle quality, 35 9-to-3 learning place, 37 Lion's hair, 40 Khrushchev's country: Abbr., 44 Golf pegs, 46 Faxes or mails, 49 Stockholm natives, 51 Excavate, 52 Shoe marks, 55 Valentine decoration, 56 Cosmetician, 57 Rock-band boosters, 58 Unaccompanied, 60 Airplane pilot: Abbr., 61 Fairy-tale beginning, 62 Gas in bright signs, 63 Leak slowly, 65 Change the color of.