



Bush vows to pursue Iraq mission, honoring nation's fallen

By PETE YOST

Associated Press Writer

ARLINGTON, Va. — Quoting letters of the fallen from the war in Iraq, President Bush vowed Monday to a Memorial Day audience of military families and soldiers in uniform that the nation will honor its dead by striving for peace and democracy, no matter the cost.

"We must honor them by completing the mission for which they gave their lives; by defeating the terrorists," the

president told a supportive crowd of several thousand people at Arlington National Cemetery.

Bush's remarks come as the U.S. military supports a massive weekend show of force in Baghdad by Iraqi forces aimed at halting attacks by insurgents. The violence has killed more than 700 people since Iraq's new government was announced April 28. The sweep of Baghdad was answered by counterattacks by insurgents; and south of the city, two sui-

cide bombers blew themselves up in a crowd of police officers, killing up to 30 people and wounding dozens.

The president's tribute at Arlington came in sharply different circumstances from the Memorial Day visit Bush made to the cemetery's Tomb of the Unknowns two years ago, just as the nation's problems stemming from the Iraq war were becoming apparent.

Before his Memorial Day remarks in 2003, Bush had declared major combat opera-

tions at an end, the U.S. government confidently predicted that weapons of mass destruction would be found and American generals said troops were in the process of stabilizing Iraq.

At that time, some 160 American soldiers had been killed in Iraq. Today, the total is over 1,650.

On Monday, Bush evoked the memories of American soldiers who have died, reading excerpts from the letters they wrote, in some cases letters that

were to be opened only in the event that the soldier didn't make it home.

"My death will mean nothing if you stop now," Louisiana National Guard Sgt. Michael Evans wrote in a letter home. Evans died Jan. 28 while on patrol in western Baghdad, part of a major security operation to protect the first free Iraqi elections in more than 50 years.

"I know it'll be hard, but I gave my life so you could live,

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Solons wrap up session

By KELLEY SHANNON

Associated Press Writer

AUSTIN — Done. Finished. Complete. The work of the 2005 Texas Legislature is over, all except school finance.

Texas school children will have to wait for another day.

"Basically it looks like we have to limp along until courts deal with this and we get a special session," said Richard Kouri, lobbyist for the Texas State Teachers Association. "All in all, this was a very disappointing session for public schools."

Lawmakers accomplished the one job they were constitutionally required to do — passing a state budget. Over the weekend lawmakers struck a deal on a \$139 billion two-year spending plan, although Republican Gov. Rick Perry and his veto pen will have the final say.

Legislators also placed more restrictions on abortion, put to Texas voters the question of banning gay marriage and declared the chuck wagon the state's official vehicle.

The 140-day regular session adjourned Monday.

When it came to pumping more money into public schools and replacing Texas' share-the-wealth education funding system, House and Senate members disagreed, despite a last-minute surge of weekend negotiating. The two Republican leaders, House Speaker Tom Craddick and Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst, were at loggerheads, and the finger-pointing began.

The House and Senate sparred over what kind of business tax to impose

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RIDE TO REMEMBER



Hundreds of motorcycles rumble past the Big Spring Vietnam Veterans Memorial Monday afternoon. The cycling enthusiasts visited the memorial as part of their annual Memorial Day Ride To Remember.

Herald photo/Steve Reagan

'Click It or Ticket' campaign yielding results

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

So far, so good.

That's the word from local Department of Public Safety Sgt. Jason Hester, as DPS, along with other local law enforcement agencies, move into week two of the statewide "Click It or Ticket" campaign.

"Since the program got under way, we haven't had any fatalities or bad accidents in this area," said Hester. "I really

think the Click It or Ticket campaign is having an impact on the way people look at wearing their safety belts. I know I've seen a definite change in it over the eight years I've been with DPS."

Hester said the media blitz, which is targeting radio, televisions and numerous billboards across the state, appears to be getting the message across that seat belts save lives.

Law enforcement agen-

cies are cracking down on seat belt violations, part of the Click It or Ticket STEP (Selective Traffic Enforcement Program) wave which got under way last week, and continues through Sunday, June 5.

Hester said Troopers are looking at three different highway infractions during the campaign — three infractions that are the leading cause of accidents on Texas highways.

"In the day, the troopers are looking mainly for

seat belt and speeding violations," said Hester. "At night we shift our attention to seat belt violation and driving while intoxicated. Those three things are the leading causes of accidents."

And if you happen to be pulled over by a DPS trooper for a seat belt violation, Hester said you might as well save your breath.

"We have a zero tolerance rule for those violations," said Hester. "So if you get pulled over for a

seat belt violations, don't bother with excuses — you're getting a ticket. No way around it."

While seat belt safety is a major concern for troopers during the Click It or Ticket campaign, Hester said it's important to remember other rules of the road, especially during inclement weather.

"We're supposed to have a lot of inclement weather in the coming week, and it's important for people

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Charges against alleged terror backers detailed

By LARRY NEUMEISTER

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NEW YORK — In the days before their arrest on terrorism charges, two American citizens swore a formal oath of loyalty to al-Qaida as they conspired to use their skills in martial arts and medicine to aid international terrorism, prosecutors said.

Dr. Rafiq Abdus Sabir, 50, of Boca Raton, Fla., and Tarik Shah, 42, of New York, were to make their first appearances Tuesday in federal courthouses in Fort Pierce, Fla., and Manhattan, respectively.

The names of their lawyers were not available Monday.

The men were arrested Friday on a charge they conspired to provide material support to al-Qaida, an FBI agent said. If convicted, each could face a maximum sentence of 15 years in prison and a fine up to \$250,000.

The one-count complaint details a sting operation from 2003 to 2005 in which the two men took an oath pledging their allegiance to al-Qaida.

Prosecutors said Sabir, an Ivy League-educated doctor, agreed to treat jihadists, or holy warriors, in Saudi Arabia. Shah, a jazz musician and a self-

described martial arts expert, allegedly agreed to train them in hand-to-hand combat.

Shah's mother, Marlene Jenkins of Albany, told the South Florida Sun-Sentinel the charge against her son is ridiculous and insisted he's not a terrorist. Sabir's former wife, Ingrid Doyle of New York, told the newspaper he was a good father and husband, and a hard-working man.

An 18-page complaint unsealed Monday repeatedly described Shah's zest to train "brothers" for urban war-

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Obituaries

Alfred Tidwell



Alfred Tidwell, 82, of Big Spring died 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 Mount Olive Memorial Park.

The family will receive relatives and friends from 6 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

He was born Dec. 22, 1923, in Roswell, N.M., and married LaVonna Marie Anderson April 15, 1944, in Millinston, Tenn.

Mr. Tidwell had been a resident of Howard County since 1941. He joined the United States Navy in November of 1942 and was discharged in November of 1945. He owned and operated a preventative maintenance service company until 1994.

Alfred had never retired, just changed jobs, most of which involved helping others, which was his passion. If he had hobbies, they involved working, helping others, fishing and enjoying life.

His family was very special, especially the grandchildren, great-grandchildren and Babbs, his best friend. He was a member of the First United Methodist Church of Coahoma.

Alfred was a very active member of Staked Plains Lodge No. 598, A.F. & A.M., and a member of the Suez Shrine Temple, Big Spring Chapter No. 178, R.A.M., Big Spring Council No. 117, R. & S. M., Big Spring Commandery No. 31 Knights Templar and Big Spring Chapter No. 67, Order of the Eastern Star.

He was also active in Rainbows and the Big Spring Senior Citizens Center and 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, Tanya Jane Price of Fort Walton Beach, Fla., and Sheila Ann and Albert LaRochelle of Townsend, Vt.; 12 grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; and one brother, Fred Tidwell of Bakersfield, Calif.

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, P.O. Box 3463, Big Spring 79721-3463.

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

Paid obituary

Judy Thompson

Judy Thompson, 62, of Big Spring died Monday, May 30, 2005, at her residence. Her services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

Jeffery Kemp

Jeffery Kemp, 54, died Monday, May 30, 2005, in a local hospital. His services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

Sandra Nobles

Sandra Nobles, 65, of Colorado City died Tuesday, May 31, 2005, at her residence. Her services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

Donald Houghton

Donald Houghton, 67, of Big Spring died Tuesday, May 31, 2005, in a Midland hospital. His services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

Lottery

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Monday night: Winning numbers drawn: 15-24-30-34-35. Number matching five of five: 1. Prize per winner: \$32,238. Next Cash 5 drawing: Tonight.

Results of the Texas Two Step drawing Monday night: Winning numbers drawn: 4-8-13-24. Bonus Ball: 23. Number matching four of four, plus Bonus Ball: 0. Estimated jackpot for Thursday night drawing: \$625,000.

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Monday night, in order: 1-9-4

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Monday afternoon, in order: 0-0-6

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Bobby Joe 'Bob' Spears



Bobby Joe "Bob" Spears, 77, of Big Spring died 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. until 8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

He was born Nov. 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 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 United States 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.npelwelch.com.

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Police blotter

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

- JOHN EDWIN SCHLEICH, 41, 1421 Hillside, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.
- WOODSON MCEWEN, 22, 403 E. Eighth, was arrested on local warrants.
- JOHN EDWIN SANDERS, 26, 510 S. Benton, was arrested on a Howard County warrant.
- BURGLARY OF A HABITATION was reported on the 2400 block of 25th Street.
- CRIMINAL TRESPASS was reported on the 1400 block of Sixth and the 700 block of Interstate 20.
- CRIMINAL TRESPASS WARNING was issued on the 1300 block of Gregg Street.
- THEFT was reported on the 1800 block of Gregg, the 1100 block of Lamesa, the 2300 block of Wasson and the 1200 block of 11th Place.

Sheriff's report

The Howard County Sheriff's Office reported the following incidents between 8 a.m. Monday and 8 a.m. Tuesday:

- TONY DELAGARZA, 40, was transferred from the BSPD after his arrest on a charge of driving while license invalid.
- JIM BOB WHITE, 38, was transferred from the BSPD after his arrest on a charge of driving while license invalid.
- FERNANDO RUIZ, 44, was transferred from the BSPD after his arrest on a charge of criminal mischief.
- MIGUEL ENRIQUE JUAREZ, 17, was transferred from the BSPD after his arrest on a charge of possession of marijuana.
- JACOB VILLA, 18, was transferred from the BSPD after his arrest on a charge of unlawfully carrying a weapon.
- ALMUS HENRY HILL, 62, was transferred from the BSPD after his arrest on a charge of driving while intoxicated.
- TERESA ANN SIMS, 45, was transferred from the BSPD after her arrest on a charge of driving while intoxicated.
- SAMUEL KYLE YARBOROUGH, 21, was arrested on a charge of tampering with governmental records, public intoxication and failure to appear.
- FRANK LEE JACKSON, 46, was arrested on a charge of disorderly conduct/language.
- CHRISTOPHER DAVID GONZALES, 30, was arrested on a charge of theft of service.
- JACOB ORION DAILY, 18, was arrested on a charge of possession of a controlled substance.
- JOHN E. SANDERS, 26, was arrested on a charge of harassment.

Take note

• REHEARSALS FOR THE BIG SPRING SUMPHONY 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.

• 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.

Correction

In Friday's Herald, Big Spring Independent School District Assistant Superintendent Rey Villarreal was quoted as saying that the addition of 30 minutes to the school day for the 2005-06 school year was designed to give teachers more "time of TAKS." The quote should have read, "more time on tasks," Villarreal said. Also, school officials said they have no plans to lengthen the school day past what's called for in 2005-06.

Fire/EMS

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

- MEDICAL was reported on the 800 block of Culp in Coahoma. Service was refused.
- MEDICAL was reported on the 1400 block of Tucson. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported on the 400 block of N. First in Coahoma. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported on the 1200 block of E. Third. One person was transported to the Big Spring VAMC.
- MEDICAL was reported on the 6200 block of Midway Road. Service was refused.
- MEDICAL was reported on the 1700 block of Lancaster. One person was transported to SMMC.
- TRAFFIC ACCIDENT was reported on the 800 block of Willia Street. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported on the 1400 block of State Park Drive. One person was transported to SMMC.
- TRAUMA was reported on the 2600 block of Carol. One person was transported to SMMC.
- TRAUMA was reported on the 400 block of N.E. 10th. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported on the 1800 block of N. Highway 87. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported on the 200 block of Texas Road. Service was refused.
- TRAUMA was reported on the 1100 block of Highway 176. Service was refused.

- MEDICAL was reported on the 1600 block of E. 17th. One person was transported to SMMC.
- TRAUMA was reported on the 500 block of W. 17th. Service was refused.
- MEDICAL was reported on the 3200 block of Parkway. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported on the 3900 block of Hamilton. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported on the 4200 block of Walnut. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported on the 200 block of Texas Road. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported on the 2000 block of Virginia. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported on the 100 block of W. 19th. One person was transported to Big Spring VAMC.
- MEDICAL was reported on the 1300 block of Stanford. Service was refused.
- MEDICAL was reported on the 1800 block of N. Highway 87. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported on the 5400 block of Opal Lane. One person was transported to SMMC.
- TRAUMA was reported on the 1000 block of Baylor. One person was transported to SMMC.
- TRAUMA was reported on the 3200 block of Parkway. One person was transported to SMMC.
- TRAUMA was reported on the 2300 block of Wasson. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported on the 500 block of Westover. One person was transported to the VAMC.
- TRAUMA was reported on the 1300 block of Utah. One person was transported to SMMC.

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Federal officials shut down BitTorrent download site

Law enforcement officials shut down a computer network last week that distributed illegal copies of Star Wars: Episode III — Revenge of the Sith before it appeared in movie theaters.

Federal agents executed 10 search warrants and seized the main server in a network that had allowed people to download nearly 18,000 movies and software programs, including many current releases, the FBI and the U.S. Department of Homeland Security said.



THOMAS JENKINS

The Elite Torrents network, found online at www.elitetorrents.org, relied on a technology called BitTorrent that allows users to quickly download digital movies and other large files by copying them from many computers at once. The network signed up 133,000 members who collectively downloaded 2.1 million files, according to the Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) division of the Homeland Security Department.

Visitors to the Web site saw a notice that read, "This site has been permanently shut down by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement."

The raid targeted administrators of the network and those who provided movies and other copyrighted material. Similar cases in the past have found that such "first providers" are typically entertainment industry insiders rather than outside hackers.

Agents executed search warrants in Arizona, Illinois, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Kansas, Texas, Virginia and Wisconsin. No arrests have been made, but the investigation continues, ICE spokeswoman Jamie Zueback said. Elite Torrents offered a "vir-

tually unlimited" selection of material, ICE said. The latest Star Wars movie was available on the network more than six hours before it was first shown in theaters, and within 24 hours, it was copied more than 10,000 times.

The Motion Picture Association, an industry group, helped with the investigation, ICE said. Movie studios are trying to avoid the fate of the music industry, which claims it has lost hundreds of millions of dollars worth of sales due to online file sharing.

Digital movies are about 50 times larger than music files, which makes them more cumbersome to download. New technologies like BitTorrent, however — and increased high-speed Internet use — are closing the gap.

The Motion Picture Association has managed to shut down at least five BitTorrent networks through lawsuits, and has also sued individuals who use them.

BitTorrent networks have caused headaches for software makers as well.

Apple Computer Inc. has sued three men for posting the latest version of its Mac OS X operating system on a BitTorrent site six months before it was commercially released.

The FBI is investigating a computer system security breach at Stanford University that may have put the personal information of nearly 10,000 people at risk, the university said last week.

The intrusion occurred at the Career Development Center on May 11, when someone gained access to the school's network from outside the university, Stanford general counsel Debra Zumwalt said.

The university said that it began notifying people about the incident on Monday, contacting about 9,600 clients — mostly students — and 300 recruiters who registered at the office since 1996.

Client records included Social Security numbers and resumes, financial data, and government information, the university said. However, some recruiter records included credit card information.

When the network breach was detected, the center's computers were temporarily disabled and the incident was reported to the FBI field office in San Jose, Calif.

"Protection of confidential information is a high priority of Stanford," Zumwalt said in a statement. "Since this incident, we have been working to understand this breach of our system and ways to prevent a recurrence."

The notifications were made in accordance with the 2003 Security Breach Information Act, which requires companies to disclose incidents in which a California resident's confidential information has been jeopardized.

The break-in follows a similar incident at Virginia's George Mason University in January, in which hackers gained access to the personal information, including Social Security numbers, of more than 30,000 students, faculty and staff. As a result of the attack, the university promised to change the manner in which it uses Social Security numbers to identify people, including striking the codes from its campus IDs.

A new analysis of last year's Witty worm by three university researchers documents the worm's spread and claims that U.S. military computers and inside knowledge about vulnerable systems were an early propellant for the worm.

The report, which was published by Abhishek Kumar, a student at the Georgia Institute of Technology at Georgia Tech, claims to use a novel method to retrace the spread of the worm — which targeted vulnerable products from Internet Security Systems Inc. — by locating a machine in Europe that was the first computer

infected by the worm. The techniques that the researchers developed could help with future worm studies, the authors say.

The study was led by Kumar, who at the time was working as a summer intern at the International Computer Science Institute at the University of California at Berkeley.

The CIA recently conducted a war game to simulate an unprecedented, Sept. 11-like electronic assault against the United States.

The three-day exercise, known as "Silent Horizon," is meant to test the ability of government and industry to respond to escalating Internet disruptions over many months, according to participants.

The simulated attacks were carried out five years in the future by a fictional new alliance of anti-American organizations that included anti-globalization hackers.

The most serious damage was expected to be inflicted in the closing hours of the war game.

The national security simulation was significant because its premise — a devastating cyberattack that affects government and parts of the economy on the scale of the 2001 suicide hijackings — contradicts assurances by U.S. counterterrorism experts that such effects from a cyberattack are highly unlikely.

"You hear less and less about the digital Pearl Harbor," said Dennis McGrath, who has helped run three similar exercises for the Institute for Security Technology Studies at Dartmouth College. "What people call cyberterrorism, it's just not at the top of the list."

The CIA's little-known Information Operations Center, which evaluates threats to U.S. computer systems from foreign governments, criminal organizations and hackers, was running the war game.

About 75 people, mostly from the CIA, along with other cur-

rent and former U.S. officials, gathered in conference rooms and pretended to react to signs of mock computer attacks.

The government remains most concerned about terrorists using explosions, radiation and biological threats. FBI Director Robert Mueller warned earlier this year that terrorists increasingly are recruiting computer scientists but said most hackers "do not have the resources or motivation to attack the U.S. critical information infrastructures."

The government's most recent intelligence assessment of future threats through the year 2020 said cyberattacks are expected but terrorists "will continue to primarily employ conventional weapons." Authorities have expressed concerns about terrorists combining physical attacks such as bombings with hacker attacks to disrupt rescue efforts, known as hybrid or "swarming" attacks.

"One of the things the intelligence community was accused of was a lack of imagination," said Dorothy Denning of the Naval Postgraduate School, an expert on Internet threats who was invited by the CIA to participate but declined. "You want to think about not just what you think may affect you but about scenarios that might seem unlikely."

An earlier cyberterrorism exercise called "Livewire" for the Homeland Security Department and other federal agencies concluded there were serious questions over government's role during a cyberattack depending on who was identified as the culprit — terrorists, a foreign government or bored teenagers.

It also questioned whether the U.S. government would be able to detect the early stages of such an attack without significant help from private technology companies.

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Debate continues about depression treatment device

By JUAN A. LOZANO
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HOUSTON — At age 3, Karmen McGuffee would spend sleepless nights, worried over whether her little sister was still breathing.

It wasn't until her late teens, after her mother found her on the floor in a fetal position, bleeding from self-inflicted deep scratches, that she was diagnosed with severe depression.

"Medications would work for six months to a year. Then (doctors) would have to start all over or add another one or decrease one. That roller coaster went on from 19 until I was 28," said McGuffee, now a 34-year-old mother who lives in the Dallas suburb of Garland.

A tiny device about the size of a pocketwatch finally helped, McGuffee said.

The Vagus Nerve Stimulator has treated hundreds of depression patients in clinical trials across the country. It's on the verge of being the first depression treatment device to be approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration.

But the progress comes amid questions about whether the device's Houston-based manufac-

turer, Cyberonics Inc., has sufficiently proven that it's safe and it works.

The stimulator, which weighs less than an ounce, is similar to a pacemaker, delivering mild electrical pulses for 30 seconds every 5 minutes to the vagus nerve, a long nerve in the neck that carries information to many areas of the brain that control mood, sleep and other functions.

Cyberonics originally spent 10 years and \$70 million developing the device as a therapy for epilepsy, gaining FDA approval in July 1997. The company later learned that stimulating the vagus nerve also helped relieve depression.

Nearly 19 million American adults suffer from depression, according to the National Institute of Mental Health. Nearly 10 million of these adults experience major depression, which is often resistant to treatments such as psychotherapy, medications and shock therapy.

The stimulator is implanted under the skin on the left side of a patient's chest. Another small incision is made in the neck to wrap small wires from it around the vagus nerve. The implant and surgery costs about \$20,000.

"The effectiveness of the treatment improves over time and the nuisance side effects associated with the therapy decline over time, opposite most antidepressants," Cyberonics CEO Robert Cummins said.

Side effects can include voice alteration, scratchy throat, cough and shortness of breath.

Although the device gave her a gravelly voice that quivers, Marna Davenport said the effects were worth it.

Davenport, a 51-year-old college instructor from Columbia, S.C., had tried about 30 different kinds of medication combinations since she was 22, as well as shock treatment, but nothing worked.

"It sort of robbed me of all the color in my life," she said of her depression. "I felt that one day it would kill me."

Davenport got the device in January 2001, but didn't feel the full effect until 18 months later. She now considers herself the "happiest girl you ever met," but still takes antidepressants, eats well and exercises to control her depression.

Davenport said she looks forward to final FDA approval for the device so others can benefit.

In June 2004, an FDA

advisory panel voted 5-2 to recommend approval for patients with major depression. But six of the seven panel members were concerned about Cyberonics' two main studies on the device in which the patients were not randomly assigned to receive the treatment or a placebo. Random assignments prevent those conducting the study from manipulating who gets the treatment and who gets a placebo.

Cummins said the studies were conducted thoroughly enough to prove the treatment effective.

Richard Malone, a professor of psychiatry at Drexel University in Philadelphia, criticized Cyberonics for not doing a true double-blind study.

"For most drugs, if you don't show efficacy in double blind studies, you haven't shown that it's effective," Malone said.

The FDA went against its panel's recommendation and decided in August not to approve the device.

When Cyberonics gave the FDA more data showing that 18 percent of patients were depression free, 35 percent had

reduced depressive symptoms by half and 57 percent had some benefit after two years of treatment, the FDA gave the stimulator preliminary approval in February.

Final approval was expected by the end of May but continuing debate could delay that.

On May 11, the consumer group Public Citizen wrote the FDA, opposing the agency's approval of the device because it "does not come close to meeting FDA's approval standards, and may well do more harm than good."

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Average Texans faces myriad changes in daily life

By JIM VERTUNO
Associated Press Writer

AUSTIN — With another legislative session come and gone, Texas lawmakers left the Lone Star State better for some Average Joes, worse for others and standing still on some of the biggest issues of the session.

If you're a state employee, you're getting a pay raise. If you're a teacher, you won't.

You'll still have to go to Louisiana to play the slots, but if beer, smokes and Fritos are your thing, those threats of new snack, cigarette and alcohol taxes fell flat.

And if you're putting on the pounds eating fast food for lunch every day, forget about suing that sandwich maker. Texas won't allow it.

Much of the 140-day session was dominated by talk of what lawmakers hoped — and warned — they would deliver to the Average Joe.

Property owners heard their taxes were going down. They won't. That idea collapsed with the failure of the school finance plan.

Threats of increased sales and alcohol taxes, new taxes on snacks, bottled water and a brief flirtation with a proposed water tax all eventually went down the drain.

And while some lawmakers hoped to pave the way for slot machines in Texas, that option crapped out under pressure from social conservatives and liberal groups who joined forces to dash expansion of gambling.

The nation laughed when the House voted to ban suggestive cheerleading on the sideline. But while the bumpin' and grindin' may still go on under the Friday night lights, it's a sure bet that the attention will cause schools to tone down the routines.

The session affected Texans of all ages. Children in abusive homes should get help from the state after lawmakers paved the way to hire thousands more Child Protective Services caseworkers.

Teenagers cruising the streets could find themselves crossways with the law if they're caught talking on a cell phone while driving. Lawmakers passed a bill that prohibits minors from using

cell phones and pagers while driving for six months after getting their driver's license.

For the rest of Texas drivers, things could speed up or slow down, depending on the stretch of road. One bill allows cities to alter speed limits in urban areas, while another raises speed limits to 80 mph on some rural spans of highway.

Pregnant teenage girls face a new hurdle to get an abortion. Instead of just telling a parent they plan to have one, they now must get their consent in writing first.

The state is going to ask high school athletes if they take steroids. If enough say they do, mandatory testing could be in the near future.

And if you want cheaper

prescription drugs, a state-sponsored Web site will help Texans buy them cheaply and safely from Canada.

While crime doesn't pay, sitting on a jury will fatten the wallet a bit. Lawmakers boosted jury pay from \$6 a day to \$40. If it happens to be a capital murder case, there's a new option there, too. If signed into law by Gov. Rick Perry, capital murder juries could sentence convicts to life in prison.

Some bills sound like new laws but really just clarify ones already on the books.

Parents can still spank their children. Gay people can still take in foster children but still can't marry. The marriage ban was already in the law and now voters statewide

will decide in November whether to write it into the state Constitution.

Hazing at colleges and universities is still against the law but the penalties will get tougher. Rowdy students can still drink in the wee morning hours of their 21st birthday after attempts to put a cork on celebration guzzling until 7 a.m. failed.

State lawmakers left the Capitol Monday with plenty of unfinished business. Attempts at school finance reform failed miserably and Perry hasn't said yet if he'll sign the \$139 billion state budget.

A veto would bring everyone back to Austin for more rounds of late-night debates and back-room deals to negotiate the best way for Texans to live their daily lives.

Scores of lawmakers belatedly disclose special interest trips

By LARRY MARGASAK
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — At least 43 House members and dozens of aides failed to publicly report travel financed by special interests until Majority Leader Tom DeLay's trips were scrutinized, an Associated Press review shows.

Despite a rule requiring public disclosure within 30 days after a trip's conclusion, the AP found at least 198 recently filed travel reports that were as much as eight years late.

The review covered pre-2005 trips that were disclosed since early March, when news articles questioned whether a lobbyist paid for some of DeLay's travel. A House rule prohibits lawmakers from accepting travel expenses from lobbyists.

Most of the previously undisclosed trips occurred in 2004, but some dated back to the late 1990s. House Minority Whip Steny Hoyer, D-Md., recently disclosed 12 trips, the oldest dating back to 1997.

Stacey Bernards, a spokeswoman for Hoyer, said the office searched the files after the travel issue was raised initially by "Republicans doing opposition research to deflect from their own ethical issues."

Hoyer's undisclosed trips were nearly doubled by Rep. Ellen Tauscher, D-Calif., with 21. Rep. Luis Gutierrez, D-Ill., reported 20 past trips and Rep. Elijah Cummings, D-Md. reported 13.

Republican and Democratic House members were nearly equal rules violators in failing to disclose their personal trips within 30 days after the trip's completion. There were 23 GOP members, 19 Democrats and one independent, all of them months or years late in their reporting to the House public records office.

Staff members for House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., disclosed 11 prior trips, while staff members for DeLay, R-Texas, had four. Rep. John Linder of Georgia, a former chairman of the House Republican campaign organization, belatedly filed nine trips, as did Rep. Maxine Waters, D-Calif.

The volume of unreported trips surprised the former chairman of the House ethics committee,

Rep. Joel Hefley, R-Colo. "I didn't realize the extent of the problem," Hefley said in an interview. "There is no particular sanction (for tardiness) if you come back and file. They get lax. They don't think about it. People will be more aware now. The ethics committee will be more aware that it's a problem."

A spokesman for Gutierrez said the seven-term lawmaker did not know of his obligation to file the required travel disclosure reports.

"In late April, the congressman approached our staff to ask why in the news he was reading all this information about trips," spokesman Scott Frotman said.

Cummings' spokeswoman Trudy Perkins said the original reports were sent to the House's public records office on time throughout 2004, using an internal mail system. They never made it to the public files.

"It was our understanding they were on file. It was odd, certainly," Perkins said.

Hayley Rumback, press secretary for Tauscher, said, "A recent review of our travel records showed that while all travel was properly disclosed on annual financial disclosure statements, some additional travel disclosure forms were not filed. We have corrected this oversight."

The travel in question is not for official government trips known as CODELS, shorthand for Congressional Delegations.

The special interest trips are usually financed by corporations, trade groups, think tanks, universities and others.

"This sudden rush to file reports on previously undisclosed trips is certainly filling many pages of congressional passports," said Kent Cooper, head of the PoliticalMoneyLine Internet site that tracks political donations and travel.

Some lawmakers and staff members wrote apologetic letters to the House ethics committee.

Rep. John Boehner, R-Ohio, said he discovered "my staff had failed to submit a travel disclosure" for a trip to Scotland in August 2004, an error made "during a staff transition."

Elizabeth Greer, an aide to Rep. F. Allen Boyd Jr.,

D-Fla., took responsibility for not filing her documents after a trip to Kenya in December 2004. She said she completed the form soon after the trip, but "found it still buried on my desk recently. It simply slipped off my radar screen and found its way to the bottom of a pile."

One late filer, Republican Rep. Melissa Hart of Pennsylvania, is a member of the ethics committee who could make judgments on DeLay's travel.

DeLay has asked the committee to review his travel, following allega-

tions that a lobbyist paid for some of his trips despite a ban on such payments.

"Someone had done a story and incorrectly listed my travel," Hart said in an interview, explaining what led her to check her records. She found an unreported trip she made to Hungary and Germany last November.

Popular destinations listed in the tardy disclosures included Amelia Island, Fla.; New York City; San Juan, Puerto Rico; San Francisco; San Diego; Miami and Las Vegas. Foreign sites included Cuba, Taiwan

and Israel.

Among the most expensive trips:

- Rep. Jim Matheson, D-Utah, and his wife, Amy, traveled to Australia last November, listing a combined airfare of \$24,804 paid by the American Australian Association. The nonprofit group says it is devoted to strengthening relations between the United States and two allies, Australia and New Zealand. Matheson said meals and lodging were picked up by the Australian government.
- Rep. Bob Beauprez, R-Colo., and his wife, Claudia, traveled to Israel

and Spain last November and December, listing the cost at \$21,226. The travel, for participation in a Jerusalem conference, was financed by the Michael Cherney Foundation. The organization has various charity projects in Israel, including help for victims of suicide bombings.

- Rep. John Linder, R-Ga., and his wife, Lynne, traveled to Israel and Jordan in January 2004 at a cost of \$19,650. Linder said the trip, sponsored by The Jerusalem Fund, was designed to promote international understand-

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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 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 \$60 per person.

For more information or to pre-register, call head coach Earl Diddle at 432-264-5043 or assistant coach Eric Rodewald at 432-816-4327.

Pistons still comfortable being down to Miami

By LARRY LAGE

AP Sports Writer

AUBURN HILLS, Mich. (AP) — Based on their history, the Detroit Pistons might have the Miami Heat right where they want them.

Down 2-1 in the Eastern Conference finals, the Pistons find themselves playing from behind during a third straight post-season run.

"It definitely brings back some memories," Chauncey Billups said Monday. "But our team is always at our best when

our backs are against the wall."

The defending champions trailed Indiana 2-1 in the conference semifinals, then advanced to play the Heat with three straight wins. The Pistons went to New Jersey behind 3-2 in the same round last season, and responded by winning two in a row. With their four current starters playing key roles, the Pistons made a rare rally from a 3-1 deficit against Orlando in the first round two years ago. The Pistons, trying to

keep their minds on the task at hand while at the same time dealing with questions about coach Larry Brown's uncertain future with the team, have an opportunity to start another rally Tuesday night at home in Game 4.

"They're the champs and they're not going to just give up," Miami's Shaquille O'Neal said. "They're going to be coming with everything they've got. We just have to match that and continue to do what we do. If we

do that, we should be OK."

Brown made a hasty exit at practice Monday before anyone asked him about the Cleveland Cavaliers, who are eager to become Brown's next employer.

The latest report said the Cavs had asked Brown to decide by Monday whether he would become their president of basketball operations. Brown is known to have had discussions with Cavaliers' representatives, but he also has

been insistent that he wants to address a health problem after the season ends before deciding exactly what his next career move will be.

Reached Monday by The Associated Press as he watched a movie with his daughter, Brown refused comment other than to say: "If I'm healthy, my goal is to be the coach of the Detroit Pistons. That's the only thing that's really real."

Miami has gained confidence. See EAST FINALS, Page 2B



KRT photo/Gorassini-Zabulon, Abaca Press
Spain's Rafael Nadal defeats Belgium's Xavier Malisse 6-2, 6-2, 6-4 in their second round of the French Tennis Open at Roland Garros arena in Paris, France May 25. The streaking Nadal is on a collision course to meet No. 1 Roger Federer in the semifinals.

Nadal, Petrova advance in France

By STEVEN WINE

AP Sports Writer

PARIS (AP) — Nadia Petrova advanced to the French Open semifinals for the second time, beating 17-year-old Ana Ivanovic 6-2, 6-2 Tuesday.

Petrova also reached the final four in 2003 before losing to Kim Clijsters. The 22-year-old Russian is seeded seventh but has yet to win a WTA Tour title.

Advancing in 64 minutes, Petrova has lost

just 33 games and one set in her five matches. Ivanovic, seeded 29th, hit just 10 winners and had 33 unforced errors.

One delay for booing and another for rain failed to deter Rafael Nadal, who remained on schedule for a possible semifinal showdown against top-ranked Roger Federer.

The 18-year-old Nadal extended his winning streak to 21 matches with a fourth-round, two-day victory over

Sebastien Grosjean of France, 6-4, 3-6, 6-0, 6-3. Jeers halted play for 10 minutes Sunday, and showers forced an overnight postponement in the third set before Nadal closed out the win Monday.

Nadal's most recent loss came two months ago, when Federer dropped the first two sets and trailed 4-1 in the third before he rallied to beat the youngster in the

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Reds rough up Astros' bullpen in rout

By MICHAEL A. LUTZ

AP Sports Writer

HOUSTON (AP) — Cincinnati manager Dave Miley wasn't sure what to expect from Aaron Harang Monday. He found out in a hurry.

Skipped in his last start because of the flu, Harang tied his career high with 10 strikeouts and benefited from a three-RBI performance by Joe Randa as the Reds snapped a four-game road losing streak with a 9-0 victory over Roger Clemens and the Houston Astros.

"We didn't know what to expect out of Aaron, and to get seven innings out of him was great," Miley said. "He got fatigued after the seventh

but that was solid pitching right there. He made pitches he needed to."

Clemens (3-3) made his first start since last Tuesday, when he left after five scoreless innings with a strained right groin. He allowed two runs in eight innings, giving up four hits and a walk while striking out seven.

After a single to center by Sean Casey in the third, Clemens retired the next 11 batters in a row and 16 of his last 17.

"I was blessed that my leg stayed under me today," Clemens said. "I started out slowly and tried to build up to it. I just thanked my lucky stars they stayed under

me."

The Reds scored seven runs off three relievers in the ninth, highlighted by Ryan Freel's three-run homer and Jason LaRue's two-run single, both off Russ Springer.

The Astros were shut out for a league-leading ninth time this season.

"Nobody likes to be shut out nine times this early in the season," Astros manager Phil Garner said. "The guys are working on it. It's not from a lack of effort."

Harang (4-2) allowed five hits and walked one in seven innings.

The Astros loaded the bases with one out in the

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Alive for now

• Suns salvage game from Spurs at SBC Center

By T.A. BADGER

Associated Press Writer

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — The Phoenix Suns played their ideal game.

Their uptempo offense was in gear from the opening tip. They got good inside production. They made half of their 3-point attempts.

But even with all that, the Suns had only a one-point lead over San Antonio in the final minute of Game 4 of the Western Conference finals Monday night.

Not known for their defense, the Suns then came up with the defensive play of the night from Amare Stoudemire and held on for a 111-106 victory.

"For our own pride, we weren't going to concede anything," Quentin Richardson said.

With the victory, the Suns avoided a sweep and sent the best-of-seven series back to Phoenix for Game 5 on Wednesday night.

The Spurs would have iced the series if Tim Duncan had shot his free throws the way he did in the first three games. Duncan, 15-of-15 in Game 3 and 33-of-36 in the first three games, was 3-of-12 in Game 4.

A little luck on the rim could have changed a few of Duncan's errant free throws into points, but several in the fourth quarter were beyond help.

With San Antonio down 93-85, he put one up so short that the ball barely grazed the bottom of the net. A minute later, he had two more glance gently off the side of the rim. The Spurs were 3-for-9 in the fourth quarter and 11-for-23 overall.

"It's frustrating because we played so badly, but we still had a chance to win," Duncan said. "They played very well and we played poorly, so the combination of both really gave them the game. We helped them a bunch."

For the first time in the series, the running Suns had more fast-break points (26) than the Spurs (13). Phoenix shot 57 percent from the field and made nine of its 18 3-pointers, while San

Antonio shot 44 percent and was 11-for-25 on its 3-point tries.

But five of the Spurs' 3-pointers came in the fourth quarter to help them nearly erase a deficit that swelled to 12 late in the third.

Bruce Bowen's third 3-pointer pulled San Antonio to 107-106 with 1:03 remaining.

Stoudemire made a layup on the Suns' next possession and then showed his defensive strength with a spectacular play. Duncan got the ball inside and lunged toward the basket for a dunk with 35 seconds left, but Stoudemire went up with him for the block and also came away with the rebound.

Joe Johnson missed a 15-footer for Phoenix with 12 seconds left, but Stoudemire grabbed the offensive rebound. The Spurs were forced to foul Steve Nash, who made both free throws to round out the scoring.

Stoudemire, who scored 11 points in the fourth and stole a pass from Duncan in the final minutes, finished with 31 points. He's averaging nearly 36 points in the series.

Johnson, in his second game wearing a mask to protect his fractured left eye socket, had 26 points on 10-for-15 shooting, and Nash added 17 points and 12 assists.

Manu Ginobili had 28 points and seven assists for San Antonio. Duncan, Bowen and Robert Horry each scored 15 points, and Duncan also had 16 rebounds.

Duncan, the two-time MVP, scored just four points in the second half. At times, he played so passively that coach Gregg Popovich yelled at him to be tougher.

Down 59-52 at halftime, Phoenix made 15 of its 20 shots and scored 35 points in the third quarter while the Spurs shot 36 percent (8-for-22).

Duncan didn't score at all in the third, and Tony Parker too often spun out of control while trying to go inside.

Parker was 1-for-6 in the quarter, and finished with 13 points.

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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.

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 Saturday and Sunday.

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.

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.

EAST FINALS

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dence and Detroit has become frustrated with the way the games have been decided in the fourth quarter.

The Pistons blamed officiating for putting them in a funk Sunday night.

"It wasn't them that frustrated us," Ben Wallace said.

O'Neal also took a swipe at the officials for the way they've allowed the Pistons to defend him.

"That's their whole team's job, to foul me and I still don't get the call," he said. "But I'm used to it."

Miami coach Stan Van Gundy gave Detroit credit for what it has done to give the Heat problems during the series, knowing the Pistons were not doing the same.

"If they don't have the respect for us to think we're having anything to do with winning games, that's fine," Van Gundy said.

Just as it did during the regular season, Dwyane Wade's play has been directly tied to results against the Pistons.

Miami has won the previous two games with Wade scoring a combined 76 points, and it lost the series opener after he missed 18 of 25 shots.

In Detroit's two wins in the regular season against the Heat, Wade scored just five in one game and missed 11 of 17 shots in the other meeting.

In Miami's victory over the Pistons on Dec. 30, Wade had 31 points, 10 assists and 10 rebounds — his lone triple-double in two NBA seasons.

The Pistons might play reserve Lindsey Hunter more in Game 4, hoping he can slow down Wade like he did for stretches of the previous game.

"He does a great job of pressuring, but at the same time, I feel very confident that I can get the shot when I want a shot," Wade said.



Detroit's Ben Wallace fights for a rebound with Miami's Christian Laettner during the second quarter of Game 3 between the Detroit Pistons and the Miami Heat Sunday at the Palace of Auburn Hills, Mich.

FRENCH

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Key Biscayne final. The rematch could come Friday — Nadal's 19th birthday.

Playing at Roland Garros for the first time, the precocious Spaniard discovered during his latest victory how noisy French fans can be. They began hooting in the second set when a linesman ruled a shot by Nadal on the line, helping him win the point for a 1-0 lead.

Damien Steiner refused to climb down from the umpire's chair to check

the mark, and Grosjean became incensed. The jeers subsided only when the Frenchman made a gesture appealing for quiet.

"The crowd yesterday didn't really behave as they maybe should behave when watching a match," Nadal said. "But this is France, it's not Spain. I've never seen anything like that in Spain, that's for sure. It was just a really silly thing."

When play resumed Monday before a different audience, but the same umpire, Nadal won nine of the final 12 games.

"Today the crowd was much more respectful," he said, "so that was better."

Three other title contenders were eliminated — defending champion Gaston Gaudio, 2004 runner-up Guillermo Coria and reigning Australian Open champion Marat Safin.

The other quarterfinal Wednesday will be an all-Argentine matchup between unseeded Mariano Puerta and No. 9 Guillermo Canas.

Puerta beat another Argentine, Jose Acasuso, 6-4, 6-1, 6-1. Canas advanced when Nicolas

Kiefer withdrew hours before their match because of a neck injury.

Winners in women's play included teenagers Maria Sharapova and Ana Ivanovic. The second-seeded Sharapova, 18, completed a match suspended overnight because of rain, beating Nuria Llagostera Vives 6-2, 6-3. Ivanovic, a 17-year-old Serb seeded 29th, beat No. 22 Francesca Schiavone 6-4, 6-7 (3), 6-3.

Justine Henin-Hardenne overcame two match points to beat reigning U.S. Open champion Svetlana Kuznetsova 7-6 (6), 4-6, 7-5.

ASTROS

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second off Harang on a walk by Morgan Ensberg, an infield hit by Adam Everett and a single to shallow left by Brad Ausmus. But Clemens struck out and Willy Taveras hit into a force to end the threat.

After that, Harang gave up two singles and didn't allow a runner past first base.

Facing Clemens made the victory even sweeter.

"To be able to go out and throw against him is something you might only get to do once in a lifetime," Harang said.

Clemens walked Adam Dunn with one out in the

second and Randa followed with a shot into the left-field seats.

"I don't think it was that great a pitch," Clemens said. "But that's what major league hitters do if you leave a ball up liked that."

The Astros have been shut out four times in Clemens' 11 starts this year, and have totaled

just 18 runs in support of their ace. Clemens refused to complain.

"No, frustrating is when my body breaks down like it did in Chicago," Clemens said. "I just very much dislike putting my guys down 2-0. It's disappointing. I just don't want it to wear on them and it is. We're just not that good right now."

Bedtime Stories

ASHLEY AIRPLANE MEETS KAYLIN CANARY

A lot of bedtime stories begin with an animal in the woods or a person living in a house, but here we go again. Not your or my stories! Let's begin this one at — hmmm, where would you like to begin this one? Did I hear someone say, "At an airport?" Who said that? Well, ok, if you

wings that, when the sunlight hit her, seemed to be wings of gold. And those gold wings could help her fly and fly! She had a very powerful engine, too. That engine could take Ashley faster than a bird could fly. Ashley knew this because she

had raced the fastest of birds many times. Even Linda Eagle and Eric Hawk could not catch Ashley in a race through the white cotton clouds. But Linda and Eric had a lot of fun trying, and so did Ashley!

But, our story is also about someone else. A tiny, little canary named Kaylin. You must be thinking right about now, "Why would a canary and an airplane be in a bedtime story?" I really don't know either, but this is the way the story was told to me when I was very small. Do you know what both Kaylin and Ashley can do? Who said, "Fly?" Was that the same person who wanted to start this story off at an airport? I'll bet it was!

Back to the story! Kaylin's home was in a far, far away place called, now, you are not going to believe this, but it's true, the Canary Islands! Now, do you believe me? That is what I was told when I was very

young! Do you know where the Canary Islands are located? Can you find them on a map tomorrow? Good! But, right now, Kaylin lives in Florida, close to Disneyworld. She had always loved it there, but she had always wanted to see her home in the Canary Islands one more time, too! But, she had a problem! The Canary Islands are very far away from Florida and Kaylin would have to fly across a great big ocean to get there. Which ocean would she have to fly across? She was afraid to try to cross the ocean all by herself. It was just too

am homesick and I just want to go back to the place where I was born just one more time," Kaylin cried.

"Well, you can fly, so why don't you just go to those Canary Islands," Ashley asked? "I can fly, but I am afraid to cross that big ocean all by myself, and what if I get tired half-way across, then what will I do?" Kaylin started to cry even more!

"I will help you cross that big ocean. I'll fly right beside you. I won't let you ever get into any danger," Ashley said! "Oh, thank you, thank you," Kaylin said, "I will go home and pack a

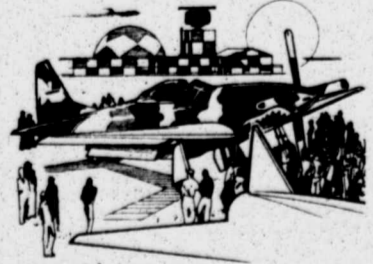
few things and I will be ready to go!" Wait a minute! Pack a few things! What "few things" could a canary possibly pack?

Oh, of course, a toothbrush is one thing and toothpaste is another! Wait another minute! Canaries don't even have teeth! Maybe all birds did have teeth at one time and if

they had brushed them every day, then they — nah, just kidding. Most birds have never had teeth!

Ashley rolled over to the big fuel pumps and started drinking all of the fuel she would need to cross that big ocean. I believe that her favorite fuel was orange juice. Don't laugh! She loved orange juice! That is the way this story goes!

Soon, they were both ready to cross the big ocean. Ashley started up her powerful engine and it began with a roar! Little Kaylin was ready for takeoff, too. Here they go! Down that long airstrip, running, running, faster and faster, until they were both in the air, flying! "Follow me," said Ashley, "I know how to get to those islands."



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Side by side, they flew. Mile after mile! Night came and they were still flying. Do you think they will make it all the way to those Canary Islands? Who said "No!" Was that the same person who answered all of the other questions? It's time that person go to sleep, isn't it? We want this story to have a happy ending, don't we?

Of course, they made it all the way to those Canary Islands.

Good Night!

really want to hear a bedtime story that begins at an airport, let's go! Wait a minute! Do you know what an airport is? Tell me and then we'll begin our story. Did you say that an airport is a place where airplanes come and go? You are so smart that I'll tell the person reading this story to you that you get an extra piece of fruit for breakfast tomorrow morning! But for now, we had better begin our story because I am feeling sleepy, too!

At a very large airport near a very large city, there lived a cute little airplane named Ashley. She had pretty silver wheels and



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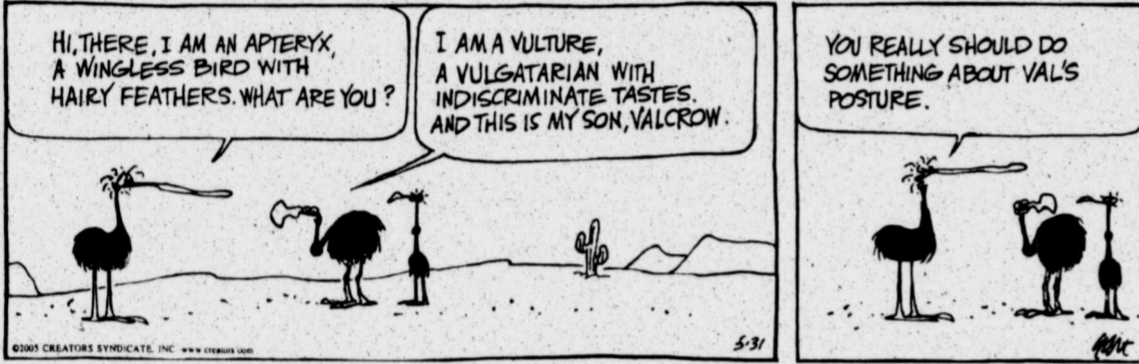
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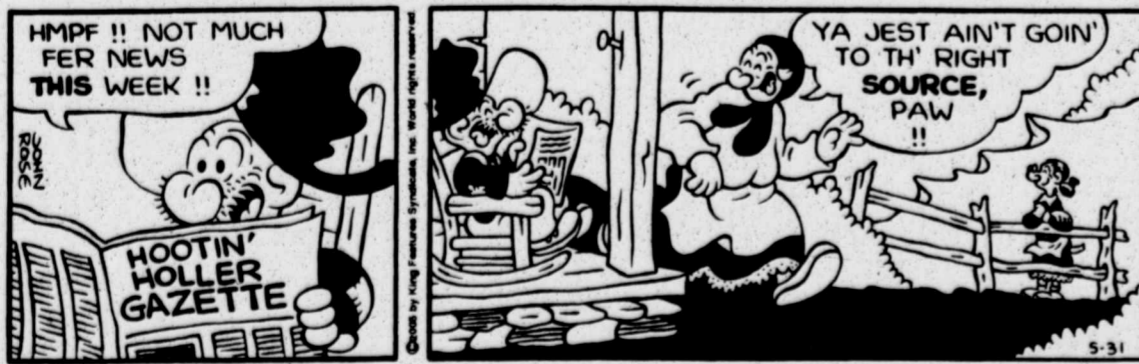
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Today's Highlight in History:
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On this date:
In 1910, the Union of South Africa was founded.
In 1913, the 17th amendment to the Constitution, providing for the popular election of U.S. senators, was declared in effect.
In 1961, South Africa became an independent republic.
In 1962, World War II Gestapo official Adolf Eichmann was hanged in Israel for his role in the Nazi Holocaust.
In 1970, tens of thousands of people died in an earthquake in Peru.
In 1977, the trans-Alaska oil pipeline, three years in

the making, was completed.
In 1985, 88 people were killed and more than 1,000 injured when 41 tornadoes swept through parts of Pennsylvania, Ohio, New York and Ontario, Canada, during an eight-hour period.
In 1994, the United States announced it was no longer aiming long-range nuclear missiles at targets in the former Soviet Union.
Ten years ago: President Clinton declared he was ready to permit the temporary use of American ground forces in Bosnia to help U.N. peacekeepers move to safer positions if necessary.
Five years ago: President Clinton, visiting Portugal, tried to calm fears of a nuclear arms race that would leave Europe vulnerable by promising to share any new missile defense technology with U.S. allies.
Band leader Tito Puente died in New York at age 77.
One year ago: In Memorial Day tributes, President Bush declared that "America is safer"

because of its fighting forces. Alberta Martin, one of the last widows of a Civil War veteran, died in Enterprise, Ala., at age 97.
Today's Birthdays: Actor-director Clint Eastwood is 75. Former Anglican Church envoy Terry Waite is 66. Singer-musician Augie Meyers is 65. Football Hall-of-Famer Joe Namath is 62. Comedian Chris Elliott is 45. Rapper DMC is 41. Rapper Kid Frost is 41. Actress Brooke Shields is 40. Country musician Ed Adkins (The Derailers) is 38. Actor Colin Farrell is 29. Rock musician Scott Klopfenstein (Reel Big Fish) is 28. Actor Curtis Williams Jr. is 18.

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6:30 PM	News (CC)	News Wheel-Fortune	Spanish Inocente de Ti	King of the Hill Raymond	News Ent. Tonight	Amarte Asi	News Seinfeld (CC)	Raymond	Booker John Hagee	News-Lehrer	Discovery American Chopper	Classics	CSI: Crime Scene Investign (CC) (DVS)	Law & Order (CC) (DVS)	Live BET Style	That's-Raven That's-Raven	Cinderella Man: Braddock	MLB Baseball: Baltimore	Storm of the Century (CC)
7:30 PM	My Wife-Kids George Lopez	My Wife-Kids George Lopez	Apuesta por un Amor	Trading Spouses	NCIS (CC)	La Mujer en el Espejo	Movie: Traffic (CC)	Friends (CC)	Update/Israel Biblical Israel	Nova (CC) (DVS)	Deadliest Catch	Movie: K-19: The Widowmaker (CC)	CSI: Crime Scene Investign (CC)	NBA Basketball: Eastern Conf. Final Game 4	The Parkers Girlfriends	Homeward Bound: The Incredible Journey	Boxing: Armando	Onies at Boston Red Sox (CC)	Storm of the Century (CC)
8:30 PM	Accordng-Jim	Accordng-Jim	La Madrastra	House (CC)	NCIS (CC)	Los Plateados	-	Sex and-City	Light of the Southwest	Frontline (CC)	Deadliest Catch	Movie: American (CC)	Heat at Pistons	Soul Food (CC)	Sister, Sister Even Stevens	Guerrero vs. Israel Vasquez	Baseball Tonight (CC)	Storm of the Century (CC)	
9:30 PM	News (CC) (DVS)	Blind Justice (CC) (DVS)	Casos de la Vida Real	70s Show Malcolm-Mid.	48 Hours Mystery (CC)	Decisiones	-	Raymond	-	Independent Lens (CC)	Into the Death Zone	45 Movie:	Inside the NBA (CC)	Nightly News BET Style	That's-Raven That's-Raven	Today at the French Open	Baseball Tonight (CC)	Storm of the Century (CC)	
10:30 PM	News (CC) Nightline	News Nightline	Primer Impacto Noticias Univ.	70s Show Raymond	News Late Show-	Noticias Laura	News Tonight Show	Movie: Mars Attacks! (CC)	The Hour of Healing	Roadshow FYI	Deadliest Catch	G.I. Jane (CC)	Wildest Police	Inside the NBA (CC)	Nightly News BET Style	That's-Raven That's-Raven	Baseball Tonight (CC)	Storm of the Century (CC)	
11:30 PM	Ent. Tonight Jimmy Kimmel	Ent. Tonight Jimmy Kimmel	Jimmy Kimmel Live (CC)	Becker (CC)	Letterman	Late Late	Late Night	Joe McGee Rabeo Richman	Sign Off	Deadliest Catch	Deadliest Catch	Wildest Police	Movie: Rocky V	Midnight Love	Proud Family Kim Possible	Cinderella Man: Braddock	NBA Fastbreak Baseball	Storm of the Century (CC)	
12:30 AM	News (CC)	News (CC)	Extra (CC)	Spin City Roseanne	The Insider	Conan O'Brien	Star Trek: Star Trek	Update/Israel Biblical Israel	-	Into the Death Zone	Movie: Night	Blind Date	Club Comic View	Lizzie McGuire Braceface	2004 World Senes of Poker	SportsCenter (CC)	Twilight Zone	Twilight Zone	

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"Do ya think martians wonder if there's life on earth?"

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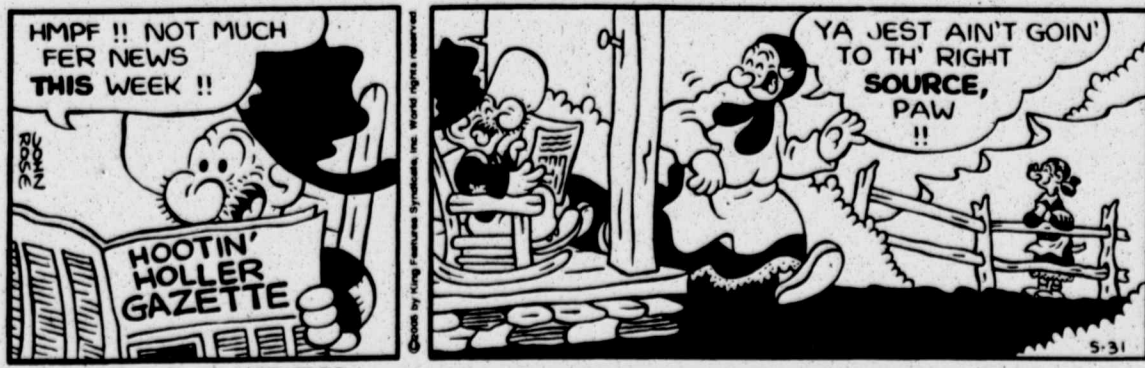
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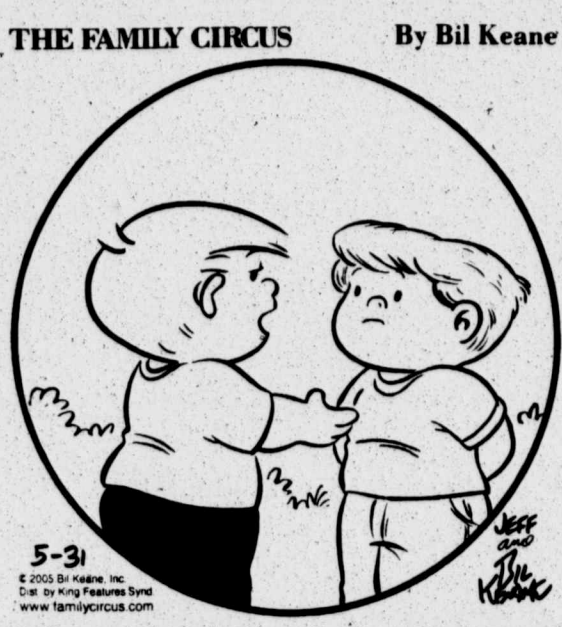
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THE FAMILY CIRCUS



"I heard that before he became Pope Benedict he was a Rap Singer!"

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This Date In History

By The Associated Press

Today's Highlight in History:
On May 31, 1889, more than 2,000 people perished when a dam break sent water rushing through Johnstown, Pa.
On this date:
In 1910, the Union of South Africa was founded.
In 1913, the 17th amendment to the Constitution, providing for the popular election of U.S. senators, was declared in effect.
In 1961, South Africa became an independent republic.
In 1962, World War II Gestapo official Adolf Eichmann was hanged in Israel for his role in the Nazi Holocaust.
In 1970, tens of thousands of people died in an earthquake in Peru.
In 1977, the trans-Alaska oil pipeline, three years in

the making, was completed.
In 1985, 88 people were killed and more than 1,000 injured when 41 tornadoes swept through parts of Pennsylvania, Ohio, New York and Ontario, Canada, during an eight-hour period.
In 1994, the United States announced it was no longer aiming long-range nuclear missiles at targets in the former Soviet Union.
Ten years ago: President Clinton declared he was ready to permit the temporary use of American ground forces in Bosnia to help U.N. peacekeepers move to safer positions if necessary.
Five years ago: President Clinton, visiting Portugal, tried to calm fears of a nuclear arms race that would leave Europe vulnerable by promising to share any new missile defense technology with U.S. allies.
Bandleader Tito Puente died in New York at age 77.
One year ago: In Memorial Day tributes, President Bush declared that "America is safer"

because of its fighting forces. Alberta Martin, one of the last widows of a Civil War veteran, died in Enterprise, Ala., at age 97.
Today's Birthdays: Actor-director Clint Eastwood is 75. Former Anglican Church envoy Terry Waite is 66. Singer-musician Augie Meyers is 65. Football Hall-of-Famer Joe Namath is 62. Comedian Chris Elliott is 45. Rapper DMC is 41. Rapper Kid Frost is 41. Actress Brooke Shields is 40. Country musician Ed Adkins (The Derailers) is 38. Actor Colin Farrell is 29. Rock musician Scott Klopfein (Reel Big Fish) is 28. Actor Curtis Williams Jr. is 18.

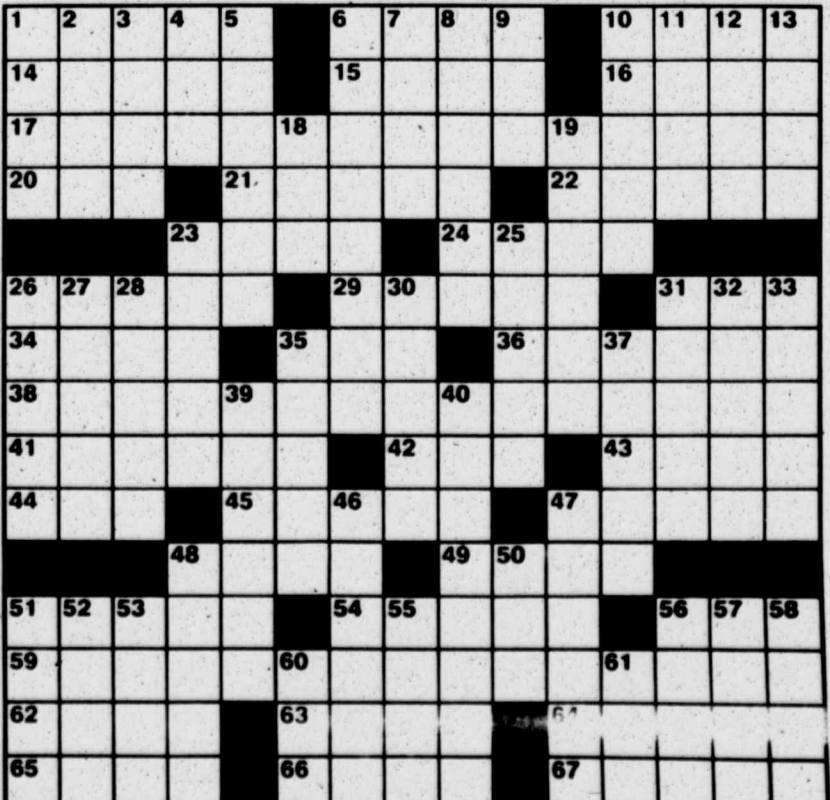
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Newsday Crossword

ROUGHING IT by Sally R. Stein
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| ACROSS | DOWN | |
| 1 Biblical tower town | 1 Raton, FL | 32 Backs of envelopes |
| 6 Resorts with hot springs | 2 Nautical hello | 8 Sailor's assent |
| 10 New York Mets' home | 3 Hayloft locale | 9 Unhappy |
| 14 Fictional Scarlett | 4 Go wrong | 10 Instant-replay technique |
| 15 Informal greeting | 5 Oliver Hardy's partner | 11 Pile |
| 16 Low in fat | 6 China's largest city | 12 British noble |
| 17 Shipping-box material | | 13 Rooney of 60 Minutes |
| 20 Author Rand | | 18 From Frankfurt: Abbr. |
| 21 Takes an apartment | | 19 Affectionate greeting |
| 22 Mean to say | | 23 Soak in the tub |
| 23 Arctic Ocean floater | | 25 Fall flower |
| 24 Othello bad guy | | 26 Gandhi colleague |
| 26 Whiny-sounding | | 27 Goodbye, in Guatemala |
| 29 Ungentle | | 28 Tau preceder |
| 31 Toward the rear, at sea | | 30 Kitchen cover-up |
| 34 Polish an article | | 31 Mythical world lifter |
| 35 Touch on the shoulder | | |
| 36 Slow-moving reptile | | |
| 38 Just not done | | |
| 41 Lover boys | | |
| 42 "___ the fields we go..." | | |
| 43 Almanac illustrations | | |
| 44 NATO member | | |
| 45 Things, grammatically speaking | | |
| 47 Deputized group | | |
| 48 Swampy grounds | | |
| 49 Twosome | | |
| 51 Knight's protection | | |



Wacky Facts

President Woodrow Wilson's picture is on the \$100,000 bill, the highest denomination in U.S. paper currency. Only used for bank transactions, the bill was never made available to the public.
— World Almanac for Kids

KID NEWS

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Chatter Box

"The only reason I ever started singing is because I wanted to own a Krispy Kreme donut shop."
— Usher
in J-14 magazine.



Need cash? Get a job

Get started on your future

By PATRICK KAMPERT
Chicago Tribune

You want to make some money but don't want a job that will take over your summer. Better get to work — dreaming up a job that works for you!

Believe it or not, the job you're doing today could provide a big payoff later. Consider this: Microsoft founder Bill Gates started a software company at 15. Talk-show host Oprah Winfrey decided on a speaking career at 12. And Debbi Fields came up with the recipe for Mrs. Fields' cookies at 13.

Start by thinking about your interests. "The first thing I'd ask is, if you could do anything this summer, what would it be?" says Michael Landes, author of "Back Door Jobs."

The key is to find a job that's fun for you. "Any job you don't like is not an easy job," says Adriane Berg, who wrote "The Totally Awesome Business Book for Kids."

Here are jobs you can do now to open doors in your future.

Tutor. Are you good in math or reading? Do you rock at a musical instrument? Teach younger children how to improve their grades or give summer music lessons. Post fliers at day camps, rec centers, swimming pools wherever kids hang out and charge about \$5 per half hour: "Tutoring younger kids is something that could lead to a lot down the road," says Debby Hobgood, co-author of "How to Get a Job If You're a Teenager." "If you want to be a teacher, working with children is something that can help you."

Kennel assistant. Love animals? "Cleaning out the cages or walking the pets doesn't sound glamorous," Hobgood says. "But if you want to be a veterinarian, that's something I would definitely suggest doing."



"My junior high school teacher struck a deal with me: If I did my work and didn't drive everyone in class crazy, I could have 15 minutes at the end of each day to get up and lampoon the teachers. She was pretty creative to come up with that solution, because I was a pain."

— Jim Carrey, on how he honed his craft early, in People.

Start by contacting kennels, vets' offices or the local humane society. Odds are this job won't pay, but it'll look good on your resume.

Pet-sitting is a great way to get some experience working with animals and make some cash. "When neighbors go away on vacation, we bring in the newspaper, let their dogs out, water the plants and bring in the mail for them," says Sarah who at 12 started a pet-sitting business with her 11-year-old friend Eva J.

Computer instructor. To lots of kids, working on the computer is second nature. But that's not true for many older adults. Susan Ireland, author of "The Complete Idiot's Guide to Cool Jobs for Teens," suggests getting a job teaching older people to e-mail or use the 'Net. Hand out fliers at the local senior center or library. Offer five lessons for \$45 and draw customers in with a free 15-minute course.

Volunteer/intern. At 15, Chevy I., may want to be a doctor, but he's not sure. To get a closer look at the profession, he's interning this summer at the research lab of a neurologist. "I got it through my school," he says. He's not paid but earns classroom credit.

Nora F., 13, has a much more short-term goal for her volunteer job. She helps younger kids with the summer reading program at her local library and eventually hopes it leads to a paying position.

Want to volunteer? Check the Yellow Pages under the type of organization you're interested in and see what nonprofit organizations are listed, or go to www.volunteermatch.org. To intern, consider a weeklong internship with someone who works in a career that interests you.

Best bet:
Work out a job
that mixes
business and
pleasure

CELEBS AT WORK

We all have to start somewhere. Here are the first jobs of some famous folks:



◀ **Singer Shania Twain:** Cashier at McDonald's



◀ **"X-Files" star David Duchovny:** Delivering groceries



◀ **Yankees shortstop Derek Jeter:** Mowing lawns



◀ **Comedian Drew Carey:** Waiter at Denny's



◀ **Actress Julia Stiles:** Acting in Apple Jacks commercial



◀ **Actress Janeane Garofalo:** Bike messenger



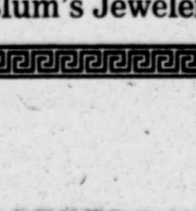
◀ **Actor Ray Romano:** Washed big rig trucks (and says it was his best summer job, ever!)



◀ **"Xena: Warrior Princess" star Lucy Lawless:** Manual labor for mining company



◀ **Actor John Cusack:** Delivered newspapers at a hospital

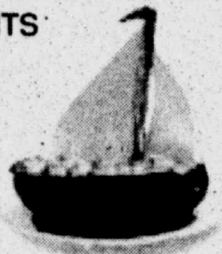


◀ **Singer Nelly:** unloaded trucks for UPS

Try This

A shipshape snack

- Launch your own fleet of edible sailboats.
- INGREDIENTS**
- One red bell pepper
 - Tuna, egg or chicken salad
 - Two thin pretzel sticks
 - Two slices of cheese, each cut into two triangular pieces
 - 1 teaspoon cream cheese



- DIRECTIONS**
1. Ask an adult to help you cut a red pepper in half lengthwise and remove the seeds. Cut a small piece from the pepper to use as a flag.
 2. Fill each pepper boat with your choice of salad.
 3. Sink a thin pretzel-stick mast into the boat.
 4. Add two triangular pieces of cheese for sails.
 5. Use a dab of cream cheese to attach the red pepper flag to the top of the mast.
- Serves 2. — FamilyFun magazine

In The News

'Madagascar' star talks of adventure

Alex the lion, Marty the zebra, Melman the giraffe and Gloria the hippo lead a pampered life at the Central Park Zoo in New York City. Searching for adventure, Marty decides it's time to take the plunge and make a move out of the city and into the wild.



"Madagascar," which opened in theaters last week, follows the animals as they find themselves stranded on the exotic African island of Madagascar. Time For Kids asked Marty (voiced by Chris Rock) all about the midlife crisis that took him and his friends on the adventure of a lifetime.

TFK: What is it like to be such good friends with the King of the Urban Jungle?

MARTY: You know, royalty are just people, too. Backstage, Alex is just a regular guy. He puts his fur on one leg at a time like everybody else.

TFK: Why did you want to leave a familiar place where you have lavish meals and Central Park views?

MARTY: I guess I was having a bit of a mid-life crisis. Didn't know if I was black with white stripes or white with black stripes. Thought I'd find the answer in the wild. And I did. But now I forget what it was.

TFK: Now that you've spent some time in the wild, what do you think about?

MARTY: Nothing like some dirt and a few trees to give you a whole new perspective on life.

TFK: If you could turn in your stripes for a big, bushy lion's mane, would you? Why or why not?

MARTY: Are you kidding? I'll stick with my mohawk. Mohawks are off the chiz-ain!

TFK: What do you like most about Alex? Does he have any annoying habits?

MARTY: I like that even though he sometimes has this instinctual burning desire to eat me, we can still be friends.

— Kathy Satterfield

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