



## DENIM AND DIAMONDS



Above, Alton Kenny of Slaton, one of the members of Full House, entertains the crowd of 200-plus attending the Denim and Diamond Barbecue and Dance held Friday night. The evening's events included a country-western dance held on Matthews Street. Denim and Diamonds is an annual fundraiser for the Big Spring Hospital and was hosted this year by home owners Stacy and Mark Barr, Scott and Mary Kay McLaughlin, Vicki and Eddy Cole and Leslie Elrod. At left, Kenny McClure takes a spin around Matthews Street with April Chambers during the Denim and Diamonds Barbecue and Dance. The father/step-daughter duo were among a number of attendees who took their turn on the dance "floor" Friday night.

## Lockup lockdown

Officials, citizens have differing opinions on proposed jail facility

By STEVE REAGAN  
Staff Writer

Almost everyone attending Friday's special meeting of the Howard County Commissioners' Court agrees that the county needs a new jail.

The price tag for the proposed joint law enforcement center, however, has some people figuratively up in arms.

Opposition to the new center came from within and without the commissioners court, as both the location and cost of the facility came under fire.

Plans for the facility call for construction of a building on the west side of Big Spring that would house a 144-bed jail, as well as administrative offices for both the Howard County Sheriff's Office and Big Spring Police Department. Cost of the facility was estimated at between \$10 million and \$11 million.

That figure was just too high, local resident Frank Parker said, who supports the idea of constructing a 96-bed jail-only facility that he believes would cost taxpayers about \$7 million less than the proposed center.

**"I think we should just concentrate on (building) our own jail, and forget about the city."**

—Emma Brown, county commissioner

**"I'll think that 144 beds is what we should go for. That way, we would be able to contract with state and federal officials to handle their (extra) prisoners."**

—Bill Crooker, county commissioner

"My opinion is that this just won't fly, because of the increases in our taxes," Parker said. "I think we need a new jail, and (the joint law enforcement center) might have some benefits, but not \$7 million worth of benefits."

Parker was joined in

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## Rookie senator deems first term a success

Senator favors special school finance session

By STEVE REAGAN  
Staff Writer

Big Spring's state senator said he supports the calling of a special session of the state legislature to craft an elusive school finance reform package.

Sen. Kel Seliger (R-Amarillo) said he supports another session of the legislature to adopt a finance package for schools — an

**"I think it was better to have no bill at all than a bad bill."**

—Sen. Kel Seliger

issue lawmakers failed to pass during their recently adjourned regular session. State financing for Texas'

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Dallas Morning News photo

**'Learning experience' enjoyable for Seliger**

By STEVE REAGAN  
Staff Writer

Life as a first-time state senator can definitely be a learning experience.

Kel Seliger (R-Amarillo), Big Spring's representative in the Texas Senate, recently returned home after the 79th Legislature adjourned May 30. As a rookie lawmaker, he said the most important thing he could

accomplish in Austin was to become familiar with the Legislature's inner workings.

"I knew that one of the most important things for me was to learn how things work," Seliger said. "In those terms, (the session) was a tremendous success for me."

Seliger authored or co-

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## Jackson awaits verdict

SANTA MARIA, Calif. (AP) — Michael Jackson's fate is in the hands of a jury.

Jurors received the child-molestation case against the pop star Friday afternoon and deliberated for about two hours before adjourning for the weekend.

Defense attorney Thomas Mesereau Jr. ended his closing argument after playing video outtakes from an interview in which Jackson says his love for children is pure and innocent.

Senior Deputy District Attorney Ron Zonen responded with a video of the

teenage accuser describing how Jackson allegedly molested him.

"You've just witnessed the seven worst minutes of this young man's life," Zonen told jurors at the end of the recording.

The trial began with prosecutors playing "Living With Michael Jackson," the documentary in which the entertainer is seen holding hands with his accuser and saying he lets children sleep in his bed for innocent sleepovers.

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Michael Jackson arrives at the courthouse in Santa Maria, Calif.



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Obituaries

Gary Don Chilcoat Carey



Gary Don Chilcoat Carey, 61, died at 12:30 a.m. May 22, 2005, in Colorado Springs, Colo., while visiting his son and family. His memorial service is 2 p.m. Saturday, June 11, 2005, at First Christian Church, 911 Goliad St., following viewing and cremation in Colorado.

He was born Oct. 2, 1943, in Sundown, lived in Denver City until his senior year in high school and then made Big Spring his home. He worked as a hairdresser at Webb Air Force Base until he opened LaContesa Beauty Salon, which he owned from 1968 to 1995.

Gary Don then became the director of cosmetology at Howard College, where he served for the next 10 years. His love of Big Spring was evident in all he did, which included city councilman, member of First Methodist Church, present member of First Christian Church and Choir and member of Grand Lodge 1340 of Big Spring.

Gary Don was a Marine reserve sergeant, a past president of Texas Cosmetology Association and held many other titles as well, including Little League coach and was an avid gymnastics fan.

His children and grandchildren were his greatest joy and he was always first in line to get new Disney movies to share with them.

Gary Don is survived by his son, William (Bill) Dean Carey, and daughter, Kendra DeLaine Carey Willingham; daughter-in-law, LeShawn Renee Carey and son-in-law, Bobby Don Willingham; grandchildren Delaney Shalee Carey, Kelby Laine Willingham and Grayson Dean Willingham; two brothers, Keith Carey of Big Spring and Mike Carey of Lake Thomas; and two sisters, Nancy and husband, Jerry McKnight of Gilmer and Pat and husband, Mike Roberson of Hobbs, N.M.

He had many nieces, nephews and beloved cousins. Honorary survivors are his students, co-workers and friends, all who will greatly miss him.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Barbara Frost Kilpatrick, stepfather, Joe Kilpatrick, adopted father, Slim Carey, father, R.L. Chilcoat and stepmother, Mary Chilcoat.

The family appreciates your prayers and concerns and requests, in lieu of flowers, please send donations to the Gary Don Carey Memorial Scholarship at Howard College, in care of Jan Foresyth, 1001 Birdwell Lane, Big Spring 79720.

*Paid obituary*

Isabell D. Runyan

Isabell D. Runyan, 83, of Big Spring, died on Saturday, June 4, 2005, in a local nursing home. Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Monday, June 6, 2005 at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church with the Rev. James Plagens, pastor, officiating. Interment will follow at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

A vigil service will be held Sunday at 7 p.m. in the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel.

Mrs. Runyan was born Sept. 2, 1921, in Waco County and married Raymond Cecil Runyan Sept. 26, 1956, in Big Spring. He preceded her in death on April 23, 1972.

Isabell had been a resident of Big Spring since 1934 and had worked at the Liberty Cafe for many years and at the Big Spring State Hospital for two and a half years.

She was a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church. Survivors include one sister, Felix Gonzalez of Big Spring; one brother, Margarito Duran of Amarillo; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by a daughter, Alma Jean Runyan on July 5, 1973; two brothers and two sisters.

The family suggest memorials be made to the American Diabetes Association, 10 Desta Drive, Suite 220E, Midland, 79705.

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

George Cole

George Cole, 81, formerly of Big Spring, died May 27, 2005 in Scottsdale, Ariz.

He was born Aug. 14, 1923 in War Eagle, W. Va. He was stationed at Webb Air Force Base in 1952, and moved back to Big Spring in 1966 after retiring from the U.S. Air Force. He moved to Arizona in 1988.

He is survived by two daughters, Peggy Lumsden and Terri Hedgecock; a son, George Cole II; four grandchildren; and a great-grandchild.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Maudine Cole, on Jan. 19, 2005.

Jimmy C. Young

Jimmy C. Young, 52, of Big Spring died, Friday, June 3, 2005, at 12:25 p.m. at his residence. Services are Pending with Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Alicia Montez



Alicia Montez, 84, a homemaker, passed away Thursday, June 2, 2005, at home. Mass of Christian Burial is 10 a.m. Monday, June 6, 2005, at Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church in Fort Worth. Burial is in the Laurel Land Memorial Park.

Visitation is 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Sunday, with a rosary at 7 p.m., at Lucas Funeral Home Chapel in Fort Worth.

Alicia was born May 19, 1921, in Marfa, the daughter of Feliciano and Lazara Alvarez. Her father worked for the railroad. He was born in San Luis Potosi, Mexico. Mr. Alvarez died in 1931 in Houston when Alicia was 10 years old.

Alicia had two sisters, Socorro and Mercedes and three brothers, Joaquin, Ramon and one who died in infancy. After the death of her father, Alicia's mother struggled financially in raising the children, but the family always had enough to eat.

Alicia married Ramon Montez in December 1940 in Marfa. At the time of their marriage, Ramon was working for the railroad out of Marfa. Alicia and Ramon had three children, Isabel, Ramon Jr. and Jose.

In 1944, the family moved to Big Spring, where Alicia's husband operated a roofing business for many years. She helped him with the business in addition to keeping the house and raising their three children.

In 1982, Alicia moved to Fort Worth, where her three adult children were living.

Alicia was a much-loved mother and grandmother, a member of Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church and an active participant since 1993 in the Worth Heights Senior Citizens Center.

Survivors include her children, Isabel Menge and husband, Paul, Ramon Montez Jr., and Jose Montez and wife, Iris, all of Fort Worth; grandchildren, Henry Vasquez and wife, Julie of Kemp, Steve Vasquez and wife, Glyn of Saginaw, Alice Diaz of Terrell, Helen Mains and husband, Burt of Waxahachie, Annie Montez Daub and husband, Marcus of The Colony, Naomi Montez of Dallas, Lena Adame and husband, Fernando of Fort Worth, Socorro Yvonne Jones and husband, Brian of Mesquite and Joe Montez Jr. and wife, Tracey, of Keller; great-grandchildren, Margaret, Edward and Raymond Vasquez of Kemp, Joe and Johnnie Diaz of Waxahachie, Steven Diaz of Houston, Michael Diaz of Terrell, Brittany Vandan of Fort Worth, Bobbie Vandan and Ryan Caldera of Waxahachie, Alysa Marie and Teresa Montez of Fort Worth, Elizabeth and Fernando Adame Jr. of Fort Worth and Marco Roman Montez Daub of The Colony; her brother, Joaquin Alvarez and wife, Lena, of Miami, Ariz.; and her sister, Mercedes Rodriguez and husband, Raimundo, of Sanger, Calif.

Arrangements are under the direction of Lucas Funeral Home. View and sign guestbook at www.star-telegram.com/obituaries.

*Paid obituary*

Police blotter

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

- ROBERT GONZALES, 33, 209 Manuel, was arrested on local warrants.
- ROSALINDA LOPEZ, 40, 504 Presidio, was arrested on a charge of theft.
- WENDY ANN THOMAS, 40, 504 E. 16th, was arrested on local warrants.
- JOHNNY HARDEMAN, 44, 109 N.E. Ninth, was arrested on a parole violation warrant.
- JERRY LYNN BROOKS JR., 23, 1009 Hilltop Rd., was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.
- PAUL RAY FLANNELL, 47, 1106 W. Fourth, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.
- BURGLARY OF A HABITATION was reported on the 1200 block of Wood Street.
- POSSESSION/DELIVERY OF DRUG PARAPHERNALIA was reported on the 100 block of Grant.
- THEFT was reported on the 1700 block of FM 700, the 1800 block of Gregg, and the 1800 block of FM

Lottery

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Friday night:

- Winning numbers drawn: 2-3-24-28-31.
- Number matching five of five: 1.
- Prize per winner: \$39,079.
- Matching four of five: 96. Prize: \$184.
- Matching three of five: 3,542. Prize: \$11.
- Matching two of five: 38,335. Prize: \$2.
- Next Cash 5 drawing: Saturday night.

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Friday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 8-5-9

Bulletin board

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

MONDAY

- Keep Big Spring Beautiful meets at noon in the Dragon China 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 north-west 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.

TUESDAY

- Intermediate Line Dance classes begin at 9 a.m. in the Spring City Senior Citizen's Center. Call 267-1628.
- Coahoma Senior Citizen luncheon is set for 11 a.m. in the Coahoma Community Center.
- Big Spring Rotary Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.
- 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.
- Big Spring High School class of 2007 parents meeting at 6:30 p.m. in the high school library. Call Janet Abner at 264-0023 or Valarie Robertson at 816-6405.
- Texas Motorcycle Rights Association meets at 7 p.m. in the Spanish Inn. The public is invited. Call 268-6421 for more information.
- VFW Post 2013 meets at 7 p.m. in the VFW Hall, 500 Driver Road.
- Sheriff's Posse meets at 7 p.m. in the clubhouse on the Andrews Highway.
- Alzheimer's Association, the Greater West Texas Chapter meets at 2 p.m. in the Howard County Library conference room, 500 S. Main.
- Gospel Singing in the Kentwood Activity Center at 7 p.m. with special guest singers from Midland and Colorado City. Everyone is welcome.
- Concerned Citizens for Big Spring meets at 7 p.m. in the meeting room of the Howard County Library, 500 S. Main.

Weather

Sunday...Partly cloudy. A 20 percent chance of thunderstorms in the afternoon. Highs in the mid 90s. South winds 10 to 15 mph.

Sunday night...Partly cloudy. Slight chance of thunderstorms in the evening. Then isolated showers and thunderstorms after midnight. Lows in the upper 60s. South winds 10 to 15 mph. The chance of rain is 20 percent.

Monday...Partly cloudy. Isolated thunderstorms in the afternoon. Highs in the mid 90s. South winds 10 to 15 mph.

Monday night...Partly cloudy with a slight chance of thunderstorms and isolated showers. Lows in the mid 60s. The chance of rain is 20 percent.

Tuesday...Partly cloudy. A 20 percent chance of thunderstorms in the afternoon. Highs in the upper 90s.

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

Wednesday...Partly cloudy. A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms in the afternoon. Highs in the upper 90s.

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

Thursday...Partly cloudy. A 20 percent chance of thunderstorms in the afternoon. Highs in the mid 90s.

Thursday night...Partly cloudy. A 20 percent chance of thunderstorms in the evening. Lows in the upper 60s.

Friday...Partly cloudy. A 20 percent chance of thunderstorms in the afternoon. Highs in the mid 90s.

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# Local trio enjoys friendly competition

## Howard County vets attend 19th National Veterans Golden Age Games in Norman, Okla.

By **BILL MCCLELLAN**  
News Editor

Keeping physically fit and reuniting friendships are just two of the reasons a trio of Howard County residents ventured to Norman, Okla., last month to participate in some friendly competition.

Taking pride in its veterans is why the Department of Veterans Affairs, the Veterans of Foreign Wars and Ladies Auxiliary and the Veterans Canteen Service put on the 19th National Veterans Golden Age Games.

"Those friends and neighbors who stood tall for freedom 30, 40 and even 50 years ago in the military are now among our most distinguished veterans," said Veterans Affairs Secretary Jim Nicholson. "They earned our respect and gratitude when they were in uniform. They continue to inspire us today."

Navy veteran Karol Smith and Army veterans Leo Welch and Jimmy Batie were among more than 500 participants in the Games, which took place May 21-26.

"Participating in the National Veterans Golden Age Games enables me to remain active," said 69-

year-old Smith, who competed in the Games for the second time. "This is my small way of thanking the VA for providing my health care needs. I entered the bowling and horseshoe events this year just for fun."

Contestants competed in six age categories in ambulatory, wheelchair or visually impaired divisions. Events included swimming, bicycling, table tennis, dominoes, shuffleboard, horseshoes, nine-ball, bowling, check-

ers, golf, croquet, shot put, discus and air rifles.

All participants were U.S. military veterans age 55 and older, receiving medical care through the Department of Veterans Affairs. Smith, Welch and Batie all receive care at the Big Spring VA Medical Center.

"I thoroughly enjoy the competition and meeting new people at the Golden Age Games," said Batie, who competed in shuffleboard and bowling.

"I have to exercise and this is just a great and painless way to do it," the 63-year-old added. "This makes life worth living."

Welch, past commander of VFW Post 2013 in Big Spring, is no newcomer to the Games.

"I have been coming to the Games for many years," said Welch, 82, who competed in checkers and horseshoes.

"They make me feel young. I always enjoy seeing the many friends I have made over the years and meeting new people."

"They treated us royally. It was a lot of fun."



Courtesy photo  
Former VFW Commander Leo Welch competes in checkers during the Golden Age Games in Norman, Okla. Welch has attended many of the previous annual competitions for veterans.



Karol Smith, left, poses with Veterans Affairs Secretary Jim Nicholson during the 19th National Veterans Golden Age Games. She was one of three Howard County

veterans to participate in the Games.

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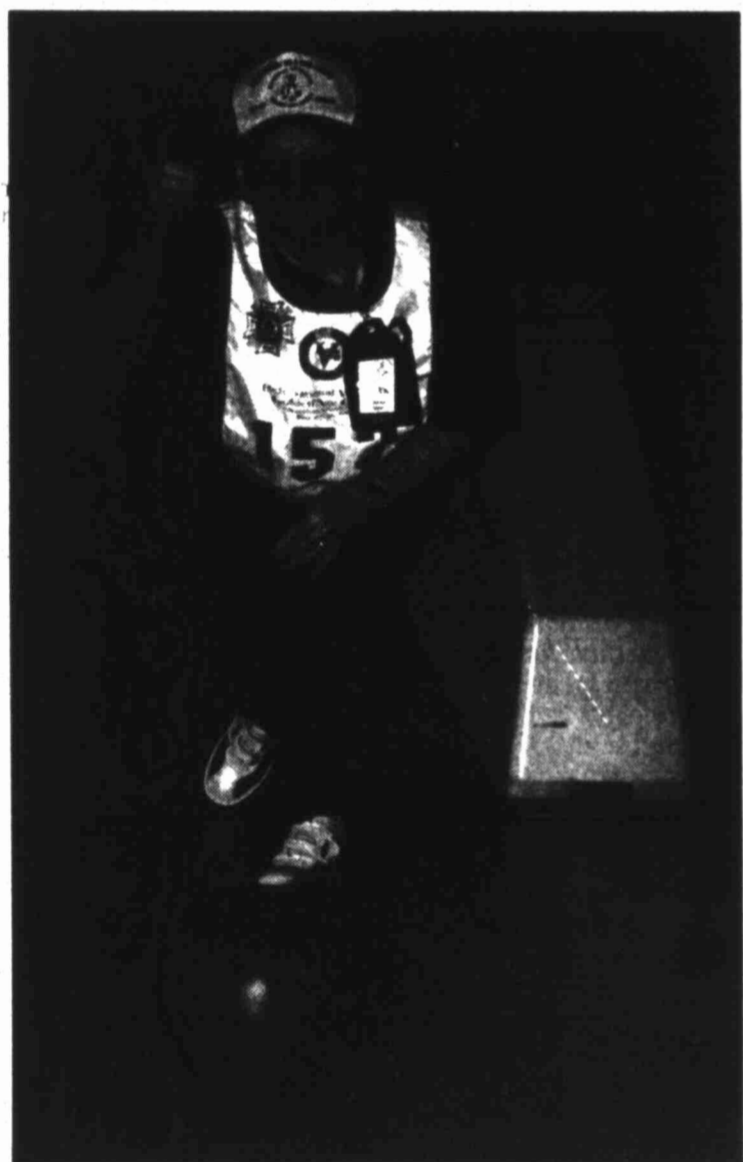
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Jimmy Batie, an Army veteran, enjoys some bowling during the Games in Norman, Okla.

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## OUR VIEWS

Help make  
Pops in Park  
a success

With just a handful of weeks left to make preparations, the Big Spring Fourth of July Foundation is redoubling its efforts in planning for this year's Pops in the Park concert and fireworks display at Comanche Trail Park.

That's especially true in the planning committee's appeals for donations.

The concert and fireworks show carries a price tag of about \$30,000 — money that comes from donations and sponsorships provided by local businesses and individuals. And to date, less than half of that amount has been raised.

Heading into its eighth year, Pops in the Park is a tradition — one the entire community looks forward to, as do those living in other communities.

Foundation members are still in the process of contacting previous donors, as well as soliciting contributions from new sources, seeking donations that make it possible to open the gates for all comers free of charge.

Presenters of the event include the *Big Spring Herald*, Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce, the city of Big Spring, the Big Spring Symphony and KBST. The Big Spring Convention and Visitors Bureau is expected to join that cadre in the next few days.

Presenters contribute donations of \$5,000 or more in funding or in-kind services. For those unable to serve as "Presenters," the committee is also seeking support at different levels — "Patrons" that donate \$3,000 or more; "Sponsors" donating \$1,000 or more; and "Friends" that provide \$100 or more.

There are many others who contribute in smaller amounts, however, and all are important.

We here at the *Herald* are proud to be a part of such a spectacular event and want to encourage others in the community to do the same. Help us make sure Big Spring can keep celebrating our nation's birthday in impressive fashion.

To make donations, contact the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce at 263-7641 or mail them to the chamber office at P.O. Box 1391, Big Spring 79721-1391.

Remember, every dollar makes a difference. And believe us, when Sunday, July 3, rolls around, you'll be glad you helped make the show possible.

## HOW TO CONTACT US

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- By telephone at 263-7331
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- By e-mail Managing Editor John A. Moseley at editor@bigspringherald.com or News Editor Bill McClellan at newsdesk@crcom.net.
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## What was the point to protesting

Editors note: Roger Simon is on vacation. The following column was first published in April 2000.

I got into Dulles Airport at around midnight and the place was deserted except for hundreds of soldiers standing around in the waiting areas dressed in jungle camouflage.

The soldiers were here because thousands of protesters had come to protest something or other at the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund. I say they were protesting "something or other" because they, themselves, couldn't seem to agree on what that was.

Some wanted the World Bank to forgive loans it has made to poor nations, and some were protesting "globalism," and one woman told a reporter she was here because of "animal rights."

When it was pointed out to her that the World Bank and the IMF really don't have much to do with animal rights, she said: "That's OK. People are animals, too."

And who can argue with that? As I walked through the airport, two things struck me about the soldiers: First, they looked fantastically young, hardly more than teen-agers, which I suppose some of them were. Second, wearing jungle camouflage makes little sense in the streets of Washington.

If camouflage is designed to make you blend into your surroundings, they were dressed all wrong. If the troops had dressed up as homeless people pushing shopping carts or tourists with cameras around their necks, then

they would have blended in here. But jungle camouflage? What was that supposed to do?

If it was designed to scare the protesters, it didn't really work. The heavy rains that fell Monday were far more effective at keeping people off the streets than the presence of soldiers or police. But the protesters did achieve one thing: They got a lot of federal workers a day off. (As if they needed it.)

Because the police closed down so many streets around the World Bank and the IMF, the federal government gave the day off to "nonessential" workers at the State, Treasury, Commerce and Interior departments, the White House and other agencies.

And when you add up how many people in those places are "nonessential," you get to quite a number.

A lot of people like me who remember the protests of the '60s have been struggling with the recent protest and the anti-trade protests staged in Seattle last December.

I am sure that when I was in my teens and early 20s covering anti-Vietnam War and civil-rights protests across the country for my college newspaper a lot of people twice my age didn't understand those protests either.

And, maybe like I am doing now, they watched the confrontations on the TV screens and wondered why people were yelling at the police who, after all, were only doing their jobs.

But back in the '60s, things seemed so much clearer. The war

was Wrong, with a capital W (even though many believed it was Right), and racism was Wrong, and those who protested them were part of the Solution, and those who did not were part of the Problem.

Now, I turn on the TV and watch protesters in Seattle dressed like giant sea turtles and protesters in Washington dressed all in black (which means they could also be fashion-conscious New Yorkers) who want the World Bank to stop giving loans to poor nations for oil and natural gas projects because those projects "harm the environment and force poor people off their land."

But without local oil and gas projects, those nations must import their oil and gas, which means they must get big loans, which the protesters are also against.

I am sure there are good answers to these things, but the answers don't seem to be as clear-cut as they were in the '60s, when things were either Right or Wrong.

But I am not complaining. The issues raised by the protesters had, in my opinion, one huge beneficial effect: It kept the media from concentrating on Elian for at least one day.

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## Here I go, complaining again

I often complain about the excess of irony in our national life, but this week, if you're not begoshed by the irony surplus, you haven't been paying attention. If we could just figure out a way to get energy out of the stuff, we'd be set for life.

Liberals for the filibuster; conservatives against it — hilarious. Pentagon loses track of more than \$1 trillion, and the Army can't find 56 airplanes, 32 tanks and 36 Javelin missile command launch units. Not to mention Osama bin Ladin. And more:

— Right-wing Republicans fight to make the world safe from "judicial activists" by appointing Priscilla Owen — the biggest, baddest, worstest judicial activist Texas ever produced — to the federal bench.

Owen is so notorious for reading her own opinions into the law, Attorney General Alberto Gonzales, then her colleague on the Texas Supreme Court, described her opinion in a parental consent case as "an unconscionable act of judicial activism." (For further irony, see Gonzales' subsequent attempts to deny that he was describing Owen.)

Each Owen aficionado here in Texas has his or her own favorite Owen ruling, but I always liked the one about the boy rendered quadriplegic by a defective safety belt, who died waiting for the dilatory Owen to figure out if a lower court decision that the manufacturer owed him enough money for his care was constitutional in Texas. Hey, sometimes it takes more than a year. But she's very pro-life.

In Texas, we elect our Supreme Court, which handles only civil matters. The pattern in Owen's decisions is to favor those corporations and law firms that contributed to her campaigns for office. One little gem involved Enron: Owen wrote the decision that allowed the company to escape paying \$200,000 in school taxes.

In her 1994 campaign, Owen got \$8,600 from Enron and \$31,550

from Vinson and Elkins, the Houston law firm that represented Enron. Enron and V-E showed up in her court two years later, trying to get out of paying school property taxes. Not only did Owen not recuse herself — get this — she wrote the opinion that allowed Enron to choose its own method for property tax assessment, and lo, it cut its own assessed property value by millions of dollars.

Another fave: claiming, on behalf of a contributor, that property owners have a right to pollute the water supply. Moral: Judicial activism, like beauty, is in the eye of the beholder.

— The George Galloway hearing (OK, so it was last week). In addition to being the funniest biter-bit performance in years (if you missed it, the transcript and the video are floating around on the Internet), it was yet another victory for the Brits over the Americans when it comes to spoken English. Holy cow, what a display of pyrotechnic mastery of language. The American senators were left with so much egg on their faces they looked like a bad day at a Tyson chicken plant.

As one of those slow-spoken Americans often out-tap-danced on panels by the nimble-tongued Brits, I defensively assert they don't really think faster and better than we do — they just talk faster and better.

Galloway, a member of the British Parliament, simply danced rings around the clumsy Sen. Norm Coleman of Minnesota, and the others. The hearing bore an uncanny resemblance to the scene in Leonardo DiCaprio's popular bio-pic about Howard Hughes, "The Aviator," in which the deteriorating Hughes triumphs over a low-rent, witch-hunt committee.

In case you missed the flap, Galloway is a way-left Brit M.P. who actually did defend Saddam Hussein before the war, which may or may not have been based on his position that the pre-war boycott of Iraq did nothing to topple Hussein, but was a humanitarian nightmare for Iraqis.

In fact, the boycott, as has long been documented, did kill tens of

thousands of Iraqis, in particular babies and small children. An insane policy. The United Nations' effort to mitigate it was the Oil for Food Program, and Galloway was accused of being a beneficiary of the corruption of that program, via a charitable foundation he had set up.

He has won two libel suits over the accusation, against the Christian Science Monitor and the London Telegraph. The Monitor, by mishap, used crudely forged documents, later discredited, to go after him. Now, British libel law is, frankly, hideous. How its press continues to function in such a lively fashion under that load of legal crap is a mystery to me: The burden of proof there is on the defendant.

Beyond the specifics of those cases, Galloway is generally in bad smell in Britain. This may or may not be attributable to his political enemies, but it is certainly attributable to more journalists than the neo-neo-con Christopher Hitchens, who described Galloway in London's *The Independent* as "a thug and a demagogue, the type of working-class-wideboy-and-proud-of-it who is too used to the expense accounts, the cars and the hotels — all the cigars and back-slapping." (Only a Brit could have written that sentence.)

So here is the irony of ironies. Into our midst comes this one Brit, who deservedly or not carries with him the whiff of bad reputation, to confront our Puritan-pure, sea-green, incorruptible politicians (Heh? Our guys never carry water for their campaign contributors, do they?), and in 20 minutes, he told more truth about our policy and our war in Iraq than any of our politicians have in years.

Reduced to this: George Galloway as truth-teller.

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**SELIGER**

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authored 73 bills and resolutions during his time in Austin, covering issues as critical as equity in school financing, and as mundane as congratulating the Morton High School boys' basketball team on winning a state championship.

Seliger said 51 of those pieces of legislation were passed by the Legislature, "but a lot of good things didn't get passed," he admitted.

As with any representative, Seliger conceded to his share of disappointments during the session. An issue he strongly supported — increased pay for state judges — failed to pass, as did the No. 1

issue facing lawmakers this year, school finance reform.

An issue important to West Texans that he supported, a comprehensive water-rights bill, also failed passage.

"I think this is something that can wait until the next session of the Legislature (in two years)," Seliger said of the water bill. "But we definitely need to pay attention to the issues concerning water in this state."

But Seliger also had successes he could point to. On the water rights front, Seliger helped pass Senate Bill 1870, which authorizes the Permian Basin Underground Water Conservation District to provide for equal representation from both Howard and Martin

counties on its board of directors.

He also pointed to two pieces of legislation dealing with law enforcement. The first, House Bill 2577, mandates that law enforcement agencies must report to the state the reason for a peace officer's termination to prevent those officers with a history of poor performance or unethical behavior from landing a position with another agency.

Also, Seliger sponsored HB 1048, which allows law enforcement officials to seize vehicles used in the unlawful transport of illegal aliens.

"It is a great honor to represent the people of West Texas," he said. "I look forward to ... working with them toward the next session."

**SENATOR**

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public school system came under fire last year when a state district judge ruled it unconstitutional. State Judge John Dietz then gave the state until October of this year to craft another financing package, or he would cut off state aid to schools.

Dietz' order is under appeal to the Texas Supreme Court, which will hear arguments in July.

In response to the judge's decision, Gov. Rick Perry designated school financing an emergency issue during this year's regular session of the Legislature. Despite the governor's urgings, and marathon committee meetings on the subject, House and Senate negotiators were unable to settle their differences and agree on a final bill.

Late last week, Gov. Perry announced that he is leaning toward calling the Legislature back into

special session to enact a school finance bill — a position Seliger said he supports.

"I think he should call a special session," Seliger said. "We still need to do something in the form of school financing and reform. I think he will wait until there's some sort of consensus (for a special session), and then I think it will be fairly short."

Both the state houses passed versions of a finance bill during the regular session, but the major stumbling block to final passage was in how to raise revenue to finance the package. The House version would have raised the state sales tax rate by a penny over the next two years, while also raising the "sin tax" on tobacco and alcohol products. The Senate, meanwhile, would have shifted more of the financial burden to businesses. Both bills called for significant decreases in property taxes.

Although Seliger said

he was disappointed that a final package wasn't approved, he would have been even more disappointed with unacceptable legislation.

"I think it was better to have no bill at all than a bad bill," he said. "The main thing we're going to have to address in a school bill is equity, tax reform and school reform."

Although Seliger voted for the Senate version of the school finance bill, one provision of the reform package he opposed called for pushing the start of the school year past Labor Day for all public schools.

"My opinion is that this is a local decision," he said. "That's why I voted against it in the regular session, and why I'll vote against it if it comes up again ... Some of the main issues (in a special session) are going to be equity, teacher pay increases and availability of school books for children"

**JAIL**

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opposition to the proposed facility by resident Aubrey Weaver Jr., who in addition to opposing the price tag, also wants a smaller jail-only center constructed downtown to help spur revitalization efforts there.

Weaver said he also believes voters won't approve a facility with an \$11 million price tag.

"I don't want this to fail," he said. "I want us to find something that we can all agree on and take it to the voters, because we need something."

Commissioners themselves appeared divided on the issue.

Jerry Kilgore and Bill Crooker were staunch advocates for the proposed facility during Friday's meeting, while Gary Simer — who advo-

cated looking into a cheaper center last month — was joined by Emma Brown in voicing reservations about the joint center. County Judge Ben Lockhart missed the meeting due to illness.

"I think we should just concentrate on (building) our own jail, and forget about the city," Brown said.

They were countered by Kilgore and Crooker, who both believe that a 144-bed facility housing both the BSPD and HCSO would be best for the area's long-term needs.

Crooker cited a state study that said the county's incarceration needs are likely to increase in the future. He also said extra jail beds would allow the county to accept prisoner overflow from other counties, which would bring in additional revenue.

"We need to take into account that our incarcer-

ation rate might increase in the future," Crooker said. "I think that 144 beds is what we should go for. That way, we would be able to contract with state and federal officials to handle their (extra) prisoners."

Kilgore, in response to Weaver's concern for downtown revitalization, also spoke in favor of the west-side plans.

"I'm all for doing anything we can for downtown, but I'm not for doing anything halfway," Kilgore said.

Ed Spooner of HOK Justice of Dallas, the firm contracted by the county to devise plans for the center, also cautioned against cutting corners with the facility.

"I can buy a Yugo, or I can buy a Saab," he said. "Both will get me to the grocery store. But if I get broad-sided in a Yugo, I'm toast."

**JACKSON**

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As jurors began deliberations, a grim-looking Jackson left the courthouse and walked slowly to his entourage's waiting vehicles in front of the courthouse. He rode off

without comment.

The deliberations are the final step in a trial that began 14 weeks ago. Over those 3 1/2 months, the panel of eight women and four men has heard from more than 130 witnesses.

Jackson felt nervous in court but was physically

fine and relieved the trial is nearly over, said his spokeswoman, Raymone K. Bain.

"He's very strong and he has a strong faith in God and the justice system. He is not falling apart. He has been a true soldier in all of this," Bain said.

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- Barbecue Sandwiches \_\_\_\_\_
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- Breakfast \_\_\_\_\_
- Buffet \_\_\_\_\_
- Burritos \_\_\_\_\_
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- Cookies \_\_\_\_\_
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**Grocery Stores**

- Deli \_\_\_\_\_
- Meats \_\_\_\_\_
- Produce \_\_\_\_\_

**Businesses**

- Abstract/Title Co. \_\_\_\_\_
- After School Care \_\_\_\_\_
- Animal Hospital \_\_\_\_\_
- Antique Shop \_\_\_\_\_
- Apartments \_\_\_\_\_
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- Auto Garage \_\_\_\_\_
- Auto Glass \_\_\_\_\_
- Auto Parts \_\_\_\_\_
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**Businesses**

- Car Wash \_\_\_\_\_
- Carpet \_\_\_\_\_
- Cellular Phone \_\_\_\_\_
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- Signs \_\_\_\_\_
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**Businesses**

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- Correctional Officer \_\_\_\_\_
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- CPA \_\_\_\_\_
- Crop Insurance Agent \_\_\_\_\_
- Dentist \_\_\_\_\_
- Electrician \_\_\_\_\_
- EMT \_\_\_\_\_
- Family Doctor \_\_\_\_\_
- Financial Advisor \_\_\_\_\_
- Fire Fighter \_\_\_\_\_
- Gynecologist \_\_\_\_\_
- Hair Stylist \_\_\_\_\_
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- Home Insurance Agent \_\_\_\_\_
- Hospital Volunteer \_\_\_\_\_
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- Nail Tech \_\_\_\_\_
- New Car Salesperson \_\_\_\_\_
- Optometrist \_\_\_\_\_
- Pastor \_\_\_\_\_
- Pediatrician \_\_\_\_\_
- Pharmacist \_\_\_\_\_
- Physical Therapist \_\_\_\_\_
- Police Officer \_\_\_\_\_
- Real Estate Agent \_\_\_\_\_
- Restaurant Server \_\_\_\_\_
- RN \_\_\_\_\_
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- Surgeon \_\_\_\_\_
- Teacher \_\_\_\_\_
- Used Car Salesperson \_\_\_\_\_
- Veterinarian \_\_\_\_\_

# TEXAS BRIEFS

## Arson suspected in fire that killed more than 220 animals

ABILENE (AP) — Arson is suspected after a fire at a pet store early Friday killed more than 220 animals, police and fire officials said.

Among the dead animals were birds, kittens, mice, fish, rabbits, guinea pigs, reptiles, and other small animals, according to a police news release.

"It just disgusts me that there are people out there that would take hundreds of animals' lives," store owner John Stevens told the Abilene Reporter-News in Saturday editions. "We've worked so hard to have a local business here, and for someone to just come in and destroy it."

Abilene police Detective Lynn Beard said the incident remains under investigation, and that some leads were being pursued.

According to police, several birds and other animals were unaccounted for following the fire, including a blue and gold Macaw parrot; two baby Quaker parrots; two baby love birds; a hedgehog and a tortoise.

The building suffered heavy fire and smoke damage.

## Twin convicted of sexual assault

HOUSTON (AP) — Jurors took less than 30 minutes Friday to convict a man of kidnapping and raping a 9-year-old girl despite defense claims that his identical twin brother's same genetic code provided reasonable doubt.

Aldo Penaflor was convicted Friday of aggravated kidnapping and aggravated sexual assault. He faces from 5 years to life in prison and up to a \$10,000 fine on each of the charges.

During the trial, which began Tuesday, Aldo Penaflor's twin brother, Hugo, testified he was driving a car the brothers had stolen that day in 2001 while Aldo Penaflor sexually assaulted the girl in the back seat.

Aldo Penaflor confessed to police that he raped the girl. In that videotaped confession, which was shown to jurors, he said he believed he was going to hell and that he stopped the rape after about 10 minutes because "something felt wrong about it."

"They don't know" which brother committed the crimes, Aldo Penaflor's attorney, Gilbert Villarreal said of prosecutors. "What they knew is they had a primary target."

A DNA expert from the Harris County medical examiner's office testified semen found on the little girl's jeans and underwear pointed to both brothers.

But prosecutors told jurors the twins' statements proved which of the two was responsible for the attack of the girl on Oct. 13, 2001.

## Mother gets 12-year sentence for discarding newborn

ATHENS (AP) — An East Texas woman was sentenced to 12 years in prison for discarding her newborn boy behind the restaurant where she worked.

Tiaka Meranda Barron, 21, of Athens, pleaded guilty in March to a charge of injury to a child. She was sentenced on Friday.

She originally was charged with capital murder, but

prosecutors filed a new charge of injury to a child because tests couldn't determine whether the baby was alive when he was abandoned.

Barron maintained the baby was already dead when she left him behind the restaurant in March 2004.

Athens is located about 65 miles southeast of Dallas.

## Man indicted in crash that killed four

EDINBURG (AP) — A man whose blood alcohol level was more than three times the legal limit when his truck collided with a family's minivan has been indicted on charges of intoxicated manslaughter in the crash that killed four children.

The seven-count indictment issued Thursday charges Juan Jose Garza of Weslaco with four counts of intoxicated manslaughter with a vehicle, two counts of intoxicated assault with a vehicle, serious bodily injury, and one count of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.

Rodolfo Garcia and Anna Pacheco of Donna lost all four of their children in the crash, which happened after an Easter weekend visit to nearby family.

The children — 9-year-old Stephanie Pacheco, 8-year-old Rodolfo Garcia, 6-year-old Hector Manuel, and 1-year-old Angel Jesus Garcia — were not wearing seat belts and were ejected from the minivan.

Blood tests showed that Garza, a 29-year-old self-employed construction worker who had no criminal record, had a blood alcohol level of .268. The legal limit is .08.

Police said Garza admitted to spending the day drinking beer and had no memory of how he lost control of his truck. Garza remained in Hidalgo County Jail on \$650,000 bond. He is scheduled for arraignment on June 24.

# Lawmaker, chief justice quarrel over judicial pay

AUSTIN (AP) — A state lawmaker from Austin says Texas Supreme Court Chief Justice Wallace Jefferson threatened to punish him politically if judges did not get a pay raise during the recent legislative session.

But Jefferson said Thursday that Rep. Terry Keel, R-Austin, misunderstood what he had said in a late-night, intense phone conversation during the final hours of the legislative session and that Keel hung up before he could correct that impression.

Keel disagreed. "It's not something I'd misunderstand," he was quoted as saying in Friday's Austin American-Statesman.

The spat between the two prominent Republicans occurred as proposed judicial pay raise was about to die in the Legislature. The session ended Monday without passage of the pay raise.

The state's constitution says a judge may be disciplined for casting "public discredit upon the judiciary or administration of justice," and the Texas

Code of Judicial Conduct discourages "inappropriate" political behavior by judges.

A third-party complaint could force the matter into the legal arena.

The confrontation began late Sunday as lawmakers rushed to meet a midnight deadline to approve all legislation, including raises of at least 20 percent for state judges. Lawmakers' pensions are tied to judges' salaries.

Jefferson had called for higher pay for judges in a speech to the Legislature early in the session, warning that judges are leaving the bench because of low pay.

Jefferson said he was calling lawmakers Sunday night to see what he could do to dislodge the logjam over the legislation. Keel returned Jefferson's call after 11 p.m. from the House floor.

Negotiations were breaking down over a dispute between Keel and Sen. Rodney Ellis, a Houston Democrat who wanted to add representation of poor defendants to the legislative mix. At one point, Ellis threat-

ened to filibuster the judicial pay bill to get his way on the other legislation. Keel supports judicial pay raises.

After briefing Jefferson, Keel said an agitated Jefferson told him he and other judges "would see to it" that Keel and Ellis got opponents next year.

Keel said he was offended by Jefferson's remarks and told him so.

"I said, 'You are out of line. That is as inappropriate as me calling you about something pending before the court and making a threat,'" Keel said. Jefferson said he would never make that kind of threat.

"If any judge said what Rep. Keel thought was said, I would join him in condemning any kind of threat," he said.

Keel and Jefferson agree that Keel then hung up on the chief justice. But Jefferson said Keel, under intense pressure, didn't hear him correctly.

"I said, 'It will be very difficult for me and many judges to run in 2006 if this bill does not pass,'" Jefferson said. "We couldn't clarify it because he hung up the phone."

# Foundation urges men to be screened for prostate cancer

## Special to the Herald

The Kidney & Urology Foundation a national not-for-profit organization dedicated to helping people avoid the debilitating effects of kidney and urologic disease — disorders affecting as many as 70 million Americans today — is urging men to get screened for prostate cancer if they suspect they may be at risk for the deadly disease.

Men who are 50 years and older, who have a relative with prostate cancer, are of African-American descent or eat a lot of animal fat are at an increased risk for the disease.

Although early prostate cancer does not typically cause symptoms, some of the following conditions

may indicate that you could be suffering from the disease:

— A need to urinate more often, especially at night.

— Trouble starting urination.

— Difficulty holding urine back.

— An inability to urinate at times.

— Weak or interrupted flow of urine.

— Painful urination or a burning sensation when urinating.

— Difficulty in experiencing an erection.

— Painful ejaculation.

— Blood in the urine or semen.

— Pain and/or stiffness in the lower back, hips or upper thighs.

If you are experiencing one or more of these symptoms, you may have prostate cancer or another

health condition called benign prostatic hyperplasia, or simply an infection.

Men who experience symptoms like these should visit an urologist — a physician who specializes in treating diseases of the genitourinary system.

The Kidney & Urology Foundation was formed to more aggressively focus on kidney and urology research, to nurture the development of new therapies and to make research and new therapies more accessible to people in need.

To learn more about prostate cancer or to find an urologist near you, contact the foundation by visiting [www.kidneyurology.org](http://www.kidneyurology.org) or calling (800) 633-6628.

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## U.S. confirms Gitmo soldier kicked Quran

WASHINGTON (AP) — U.S. military officials say no guard at the Guantanamo Bay prison for terror suspects flushed a detainee's Quran down the toilet, but they disclosed that a Muslim holy book was splashed with urine. In other newly disclosed incidents, a detainee's Quran was deliberately kicked and another was stepped on.

On March 25, a detainee complained to guards that "urine came through an air vent" and splashed on him and his Quran. A guard admitted he was at fault, but a report released Friday evening offering new details about Quran mishandling incidents did not make clear whether the guard intended the result.

In another confirmed incident, water balloons thrown by prison guards caused an unspecified number of Qurans to get wet, and in a confirmed but ambiguous case, a two-word obscenity was written in English on the inside cover of a Quran.

The findings, released after normal business hours Friday evening and after the major TV networks had aired their evening news programs, are among the results of an investigation last month by Brig. Gen. Jay Hood, the commander of the detention center in Cuba. A Newsweek magazine report — later retracted — that a U.S. soldier had flushed one Guantanamo Bay detainee's Quran down a toilet triggered the investigation.

The story stirred worldwide controversy, and the Bush administration blamed it for deadly demonstrations in Afghanistan.

## Rumsfeld: China's military buildup a threat

SINGAPORE (AP) — China's military buildup, particularly its positioning of hundreds of missiles facing Taiwan, is a threat to Asian security, Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld said Saturday.

Rumsfeld rebuked China at a regional security conference here, saying it was pouring huge resources into its military and buying large amounts of sophisticated weapons despite facing no threat from any other country.

The Pentagon chief's remarks signaled a harder line against China from the Bush administration, which has criticized Beijing over trade and human rights issues but not directly challenged its military buildup.

The director of the Asia bureau of China's foreign

ministry, Cui Tiankai, was in the audience for Rumsfeld's speech and reacted strongly.

"Since the U.S. is spending a lot more money than China is doing on defense, the U.S. should understand that every country has its own security concerns and every country is entitled to spend money necessary for its own defense," Cui told The Associated Press.

## Judge says Saddam's 'morale' collapses due to charges against him

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — Saddam Hussein's morale has plummeted as the gravity of the war crimes charges he faces sinks in, according to the judge trying him. U.S. and Iraqi forces arrested an Iraqi regarded as a top terror leader in northern Iraq.

The judge in Saddam's trial, Raid Juhri, told the London-based Asharq al-Awsat newspaper in an interview that the ousted president and some of the 11 other detained former regime figures are facing "12 cases" carrying punishments from life in jail to the death penalty.

"The ousted president has suffered a collapse in his morale because he understands the extent of the charges against him and because he's certain that he will stand trial before an impartial court," Juhri was quoted as saying.

Saddam's lawyer, Khalil al-Duleimi, rejected Juhri's comments, telling The Associated Press that his client was in high spirits and that he was not aware of the 12 cases the judge referred to.

In a coup for security forces battling a raging insurgency in northern Iraq, a terror suspect known as Mullah Mahdi was detained early Saturday along with his brother, three other Iraqis and a non-Iraqi Arab national in eastern Mosul, 225 miles northwest of Baghdad, said Iraqi army Maj. Gen. Khalil Ahmed al-Obeidi.

## Diocese to pay \$120M in sex abuse case

COVINGTON, Ky. (AP) — The Roman Catholic Diocese of Covington, with its small flock of parishioners, moved to the forefront of the church abuse scandal by agreeing to set up a \$120 million fund to compensate victims spanning a half century.

The settlement announced Friday would be the nation's largest and would conclude a class-action lawsuit on behalf of victims that accuses the diocese of a cover-up of sexual abuse by priests and others over five decades.

"After personally meeting with more than 70 victims, I am painfully aware that no amount of money can

compensate for the harm these victims suffered as innocent children," Covington Bishop Roger Foys said in a statement. "Nevertheless, I pray that this settlement will bring some measure of peace and healing to victims and their loved ones."

The settlement must be approved by a Kentucky judge.

Victims will be grouped into four categories based on the severity of abuse, and compensation will range from \$5,000 to \$450,000 per person, before attorney fees are deducted.

## FBI joins search for missing Alabama teen

ORANJESTAD, Aruba (AP) — More FBI agents headed to Aruba to help search for an Alabama teenager whose disappearance on the last day of a high school graduation trip has shaken the quiet Dutch Caribbean island.

Police and volunteers combed beaches and scrubland for a fifth consecutive day, but found no sign of Natalee Holloway, 18, whose mother had tearfully pleaded for more U.S. help in the search.

Her mother and stepfather rushed to a police station late Friday night when police thought they might have found the teen in a car with some Arubans. Police said they detained a young American woman — a blonde like Holloway — because she presented what they suspected was false identification.

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## Intelligence gathers growing evidence that terrorists have been hiding in Iran

WASHINGTON (AP) — Mounting evidence gathered over several years, has U.S. and foreign intelligence agencies increasingly convinced that leading terror suspects have been living in Iran.

Their existence in the Islamic republic poses an ongoing problem to top Bush administration officials, who have warned Middle Eastern countries against providing shelter or other aid to terrorists.

The evidence includes communications by a fugitive mastermind of the 1996 Khobar Towers bombing and the capture of a Saudi militant who appeared in a video in which Osama bin Laden confirmed he ordered the Sept. 11 attacks, according to U.S. and foreign officials.

They spoke on condition of anonymity because much of the evidence remains classified.

Saudi intelligence officers tracked and apprehended Khaled bin Ouda bin Mohammed al-Harbi last year in eastern Iran, officials said. The arrest came nearly three years after the cleric had appeared with bin Laden and discussed details of the Sept. 11 planning during a dinner that was videotaped and aired across the world.

The capture was a coup for Saudi Arabia, which spent months tracking him and setting up the intelligence operation that led to his being taken into custody in exchange for eventual amnesty.

The officials said interrogations of al-Harbi, who is now in Saudi Arabia, have yielded confirma-

tion of many al-Qaida tactics, including how members crossed into Iran after the U.S. began military operations to rout al-Qaida and the Taliban from Afghanistan.

Al-Harbi is believed to have been paralyzed from the waist down while fighting in the 1990s alongside Muslim extremists in Bosnia and Afghanistan, and he surprised intelligence officials when he appeared in the December 2001 video with bin Laden.

"Everybody praises what you did," al-Harbi said on the tape.

U.S. and foreign intelligence agencies also have evidence stretching back to the late 1990s that indicates Ahmad Ibrahim al-Mughassil remains in hiding in Iran. He is wanted as one of the masterminds of the Khobar Towers bombing in Saudi Arabia that killed 19 Americans.

Al-Mughassil, who also goes by the alias Abu Omran, has been charged as a fugitive by the United States — accused of conspiracy to commit

murder in the attacks — and has a \$5 million bounty on his head.

U.S. authorities have long alleged that the 1996 bombing was carried out by a Saudi wing of the militant group Hezbollah, which receives support from Iran and Syria.

Intelligence agencies gathered evidence, including a specific phone number, as early as 1997 indicating that al-Mughassil was living in Iran, and they have other information indicating his whereabouts.

U.S. officials have not publicly discussed the Saudi capture of al-Harbi or their evidence on al-Mughassil's whereabouts, but they have increasingly raised questions about Iran's efforts to turn over other suspected terrorists believed to be under some form of loose house arrest.

Nicholas Burns, State Department undersecretary for political affairs, told Congress last month that Iran has refused to identify al-Qaida members it has in custody.

"Iran continues to hold

senior al-Qaida leaders who are wanted for murdering Americans and others in the 1998 East Africa Embassy bombings and for plotting to kill countless others," Burns said.

Top administration officials have repeatedly warned Iran against harboring or assisting suspected terrorists.

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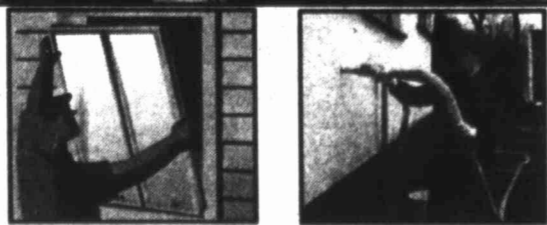
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**Celebrity Top Five**

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2. "American Idol" (Tuesday), Fox.
3. "CSI: Miami," CBS.
4. "Lost," ABC.
5. "House," Fox. (From Nielsen Media Research)

**Film**

1. "Star Wars: Episode III — Revenge of the Sith."
2. "Madagascar," DreamWorks.
3. "The Longest Yard," Paramount.
4. "Monster-In-Law," New Line.
5. "Kicking & Screaming," Universal. (From Exhibitor Relations Co.)

**Hot Five**

1. "We Belong Together," Mariah Carey. Island.
2. "Hollaback Girl," Gwen Stefani. Interscope.
3. "Oh," Ciara (feat. Ludacris). Sho'nuff-MusicLine.
4. "Just a Lil Bit," 50 Cent. Shady.
5. "Don't Phunk With My Heart," The Black Eyed Peas. A&M. (From Billboard magazine)

**Albums**

1. "Out of Exile," Audioslave. Epic.
2. "Be," Common. G.O.O.D.
3. "The Emancipation of Mimi," Mariah Carey. Island. (Platinum)
4. "Mezmerize," System of a Down. American.
5. "Honkytonk University," Toby Keith. DreamWorks. (From Billboard magazine)

**Concert Tours**

1. U2.
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5. Josh Groban. (From Pollstar)

**Kid Video Sales**

1. "Dora the Explorer: It's a Party," Paramount Home Entertainment.

2. "Thomas the Tank Engine: Hooray for Thomas (w/Toy)," Hit Entertainment.
3. "Aloha Scooby Doo," Warner Home Video.
4. "Barbie: Fairytopia," Lions Gate Home Entertainment.
5. "Dora the Explorer: Silly Fiesta," Paramount Home Entertainment. (From Billboard magazine)

**VHS Rentals**

1. "National Treasure," Dimension Home Video.
2. "White Noise," Universal Studios Home Video.
3. "In Good Company," Universal Studios Home Video.
4. "Assault on Precinct 13," Universal Studios Home Video.
5. "Meet the Fockers," Universal Studios Home Video. (From Billboard magazine)

**VHS Sales**

1. "Racing Stripes," Warner Home Video.
2. "Dora the Explorer: It's a Party," Paramount Home Entertainment.
3. "National Treasure," Dimension Home Video.
4. "The SpongeBob SquarePants Movie," Paramount Home Entertainment.
5. "Lemony Snicket's A Series of Unfortunate Events," Paramount Home Entertainment. (From Billboard magazine)

**DVD Sales**

1. "Team America: World Police Special Unrated Edition," Paramount Home Entertainment.
2. "Seinfeld: The Complete Fourth Season," Columbia TriStar Home Entertainment.
3. "White Noise (Widescreen)," Universal Studios Home Video.
4. "White Noise (Full Screen)," Universal Studios Home Video.
5. "National Treasure (Full Screen)," Dimension Home Video. (From Billboard magazine)

**Best Sellers — video**

**Top Kid Video Sales**

- (Compiled from a national sample of sales reports)
1. "Dora the Explorer: It's a Party," Paramount Home Entertainment.
  2. "Thomas the Tank Engine: Hooray for Thomas (w/Toy)," Hit Entertainment.
  3. "Aloha Scooby Doo," Warner Home Video.
  4. "Barbie: Fairytopia," Lions Gate Home Entertainment.
  5. "Dora the Explorer: Silly Fiesta," Paramount Home Entertainment.
  6. "Dora the Explorer: Big Sister Dora," Paramount Home Entertainment.
  7. "Max & Ruby: Springtime for Max & Ruby," Mickledeon Video.
  8. "Disney Princess Stories Volume 2," Walt Disney Home Entertainment.
  9. "Elmo's World: Food, Water and Exercise," Sony Wonder.
  10. "Barney: Let's Go to the Farm," Hit Entertainment.

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6. "The Incredibles," Walt Disney Home Video.
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8. "Shark Tale," DreamWorks Home Entertainment.
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  6. "National Treasure (Widescreen)," Dimension Home Video.
  7. "Son of The Mask," New Line Home Entertainment.
  8. "Racing Stripes (Full Screen)," Warner Home Video.
  9. "Star Wars: Episode II — Attack of the Clones (Widescreen)," FoxVideo.
  10. "Assault on Precinct 13 (Widescreen)," Universal Studios Home Video. Copyright 2005, VNU Business Media and Nielsen SoundScan, Inc.

**Billboard Chart Leaders**

- (Compiled from national retail sales/airplay/rental charts)
- HOT POP SONG:** "We Belong Together," Mariah Carey. Island.
- TOP POP ALBUM:** "Out of Exile," Audioslave.
- HOT R&B/HIP-HOP SONG:** "We Belong Together," Mariah Carey.
- TOP R&B/HIP-HOP ALBUM:** "Be," Common.
- HOT COUNTRY SONG:** "Making Memories of Us," Keith Urban.
- TOP COUNTRY ALBUM:** "Honkytonk University," Toby Keith.
- TOP VHS RENTAL:** "National Treasure."
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# Why not personalize your rain kit?

By **KATHY ANTONIOTTI**  
Knight Ridder Newspapers

AKRON, Ohio — Some detailing can turn umbrella, raincoat and boots into matching foul weather accessories.

I think the best man-made device ever invented to control the weather is an umbrella. If you take one with you, sunny skies are sure to prevail. Conversely, leaving your umbrella at home because you don't think it will rain is an absolute guarantee that a deluge is in your immediate future.

This isn't a modern-day quandary. The great American writer, essayist and poet Ralph Waldo Emerson said that if you build a better mousetrap, the world will beat a path to your door. But it's obvious that keeping the rain at bay was more important to our ancestors than worrying about mice, for evidence from wall paintings in Greece, Egypt and China proves people have been using umbrellas for 4,000 years.

But early in history, only noblemen were allowed to have umbrellas, or parasols, to keep the sun from burning the tops of their very important heads. The word umbrella comes from the root word "umbra" meaning shade. It is thought that the Chinese made the umbrella better by waxing and lacquering paper parasols so they also could...

It has proved to be one of the best examples of Emerson's "better mousetrap" theory and the modern-day stock market investor's dream. Do you know one person who does not own an umbrella today?

It took a while for the umbrella to gain popularity. In the 16th century, when using one was fashionable only for ladies, writer Jonas Hanway decided to flaunt fashion taboos and carry one to shield rain. Even though he was taunted and ridiculed, he continued to carry an umbrella for 30 years, until other sensible men made it an essential part of their wardrobes. In England, gentlemen referred to the accessory as a "Hanway" in his honor. As a matter of fact, the very first umbrella shop opened in London in 1830. Today, James Smith and Sons is still located on the original site.

While early European umbrellas were made of heavy wood or whalebone, Samuel Fox, founder of the English Steels Co., claims to have invented the steel ribbed umbrella design in 1852 as a way of using up his stock of farthingale stays,



KRT photo/Ken Love, Akron Beacon Journal  
Waterproof glue and designs can customize any umbrella, or rain coat. It's fun and easy to do.

steel stays used in women's corsets. About the same time, it became fashionable to cover the metal frames with silk, lace and fringe. It was another hundred years before the next major technical improvement, the collapsible umbrella, was manufactured.

Today, it isn't unusual to see umbrellas in sedate colors, bright, fun colors or clear vinyl material that you can see through. An umbrella may be large enough to cover your picnic table or small enough to be tucked inside a satchel. Meanwhile, the modern mousetrap hasn't changed all that much since British inventor James Henry Atkinson built the "Little Nipper," the classic snapping mousetrap, in 1897.

**Funbrellas**

Use the directions I found at [www.familyfun.go.com](http://www.familyfun.go.com) to make a "funbrella" and to decorate raincoats and boots. I modified the instructions and used waterproof glue and peel-and-stick foam shapes for decorations. You can find a recipe for waterproof glue that an adult can make at [www.easyfunschool.com/article1090.htm](http://www.easyfunschool.com/article1090.htm) on the Web.

Supplies you will need:  
— Solid-color umbrella.  
— Peel-and-stick foam shapes.  
— Waterproof glue.

Peel-and-stick foam shapes purchased from a craft store makes this job easier because the shapes will stick to the fabric long enough for you to develop your design before you permanently adhere it to the fabric. I

chose a brightly colored floral pattern and placed it around the bottom edge of the umbrella for a maximum visual effect. Open the umbrella and spend some time placing your pictures on the fabric, working on one panel

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at a time, until you are happy with your overall design.

Remove each piece of the picture one piece at a time and glue to the fabric. Work around the umbrella until all the foam pieces are permanently glued. Let dry.

Kathy Antonioti writes a craft column for the Beacon Journal. If you have a craft idea or question, contact Kathy Antonioti, Akron Beacon Journal, P.O. Box 640, Akron OH 44309-0640; 330-996-3565; or via e-mail at [kantonioti\(AT\)thebeacon-journal.com](mailto:kantonioti(AT)thebeacon-journal.com)

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• Games 2 p.m.

**June 2 • Thursday**

• Mall Walking - 8:00 am (Meet at the Mall & walk together)  
• Coffee @ Gale's - 10:00 am (Coffee With Members)

**June 3 • Friday**

• Treasure Troops - 8:30 a.m. (Shopping at garage sales)  
• Lunch at Subway - 11:30 a.m.

**June 6 • Monday**

• Sit & Be Fit - 4:00 p.m. (Chair exercises)

**June 7 • Tuesday**

• Mall Walking - 8:00 am (Meet at the Mall & walk together)  
• Coffee at Parkplace - 10:00 a.m. (Parkplace Retirement Center)  
• Supper Club - 5:30 p.m. (Al's Bar-B-Q)

**June 8 • Wednesday**

• Senior Appreciation Day - 11:30 a.m. (Meet at the Mall and walk together)

**June 9 • Thursday**

• Mall Walking - 8:00 a.m. (Meet at the Mall & walk together)  
• Coffee @ Gales' - 10:00 a.m. (Coffee with members)

**June 10 • Friday**

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**June 11 • Saturday**

• Auction to benefit children's project, Rail Road Plaza - 10:00 a.m.

**June 13 • Monday**

Office Closed

**June 14 • Tuesday**

• Mall Walking - 8:00 a.m. (Meet at the mall and walk together)  
• Supper Club - 5:30 a.m. (Gregg's Grill)

**June 15 • Wednesday**

• Senior Appreciation Day - 11:30 a.m. (Meet at the mall and walk together)  
• Meet and Greet Ice Cream and Cookies Social - 2:00 p.m. @ Hospital

**June 16 • Thursday**

• Mall Walking - 8:00 am (Meet at the Mall & walk together)  
• Coffee @ Gales' - 10:00 a.m. (Coffee with members)

**June 17 • Friday**

• Pot Luck & Bingo - 11:30 a.m.

**June 19 • Sunday**

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**June 20 • Monday**

• Lunch Bunch & Birthdays La Posada - 11:00 a.m.  
• Games 2 p.m.  
• Sit & Be Fit - 4:00 p.m. (chair exercises)

**June 21 • Tuesday**

• Mall Walking - 8 a.m. (Meet at the Mall and walk together)  
• Supper Club - 5:30 p.m. "Cowboys"

**June 22 • Wednesday**

• Senior Appreciation Day - 11:30 a.m. (Eat for \$2 in the hospital cafeteria)

**June 23 • Thursday**

• Mall Walking - 8:00 a.m. (Meet at the Mall & walk together)  
• Coffee@Gales' - 10:00 a.m. (Coffee with members)  
• Lunch-N-Learn 11:30 a.m.

**June 24 • Friday**

• New Mexico Casino Trip - 10:00 a.m. RSVP Early to Anita @ 268-4721

**June 25 • Saturday**

Child Birth Classes 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Laurie Burks, RN Certified Birth Educator 2nd Floor Hospital

**June 27 • Monday**

• Sit & Be Fit - 4:00 p.m. (Chair Exercises)

**June 28 • Tuesday**

• Mall walking - 8 a.m. (meet at the Mall & walk together)  
• Supper Club "Furrs" - 5:30 p.m.

**June 29 • Friday**

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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, and Sunday 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 sets junior clinics

The Big Spring Country Club has set up a summer junior clinic and an advanced summer junior clinic.

The clinics begin Tuesday and run through August 4.

Both clinics will be Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.

The junior clinic costs \$150, while the advanced junior clinic costs \$200.

All participants in the advanced clinic must be entering ninth grade or pass a skills test.

The fee includes instruction and range club membership for the child for June through August.

For more information, call the golf shop at 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.

### 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 Blasiangame at 263-8431.

## Butler stepped down because time was right

• Big Spring A.D. ready for some much needed time off

By STEVE REAGAN

Staff Writer

For Dwight Butler, the decision came down to his belief that it was time for a change — both professionally and personally.

Butler, the head football coach and athletic director at Big Spring High School since 1991, met with school officials last week and announced his desire to step down from his current positions and pursue an administrative

post with the school district.

Big Spring School Superintendent Michael Downes said that he and Butler will decide on what position the former coach will take in the near future.

"The main reason for this is that with my contract running out (at the end of the 2005-06 school year) and with so many of our coaches leaving, I just felt it was the right time for a change,"

Butler said. "I think it will be a good time for them to bring in someone who could hire his own people and start over."

Butler, who began his coaching career in 1978, came to Big Spring as assistant coach and defensive coordinator under head coach/AD David Thompson in 1988. After Thompson left in 1991 for a similar position at South Grand Prairie High School in 1991, Butler was named to the top spot.

In 14 seasons at the helm, Butler's football teams amassed an 80-70-1 record and reached the postseason several times, including seven of the

last 11 years. He leaves as one of the longest-tenured head football coaches in BSHS history.

"That's one of the things I'm most proud of, that we hold some records," Butler said, ticking off a list that includes most wins by a BSHS coaching staff, most playoff appearances and most wins in the playoffs.

"As athletic director, I'm most proud of the fact that every team at the high school has been in the playoffs at least two times," he said. "There's not a lot of schools that can say that. I think it speaks very highly of the people we brought in as

coaches, as well as the young people who played those sports."

Aside from switching responsibilities within the school district, Butler said he is looking forward to some time off.

"This may be the first time I've had a vacation in 25 years," he said. "I've never taken a three-week vacation since I've been here. It's a good time to do some 'honey-dos' I've been putting off — and my wife has plenty of them for me to do."

"There's been so many great people I've worked with at Big Spring ISD, I can't even mention them all," he added.



BUTLER

## Henin-Hardenne comeback starts at Roland Garros

• Belgian rolls through Mary Pierce in two easy sets

By STEVEN WINE

AP Sports Writer

PARIS (AP) — Justine Henin-Hardenne beat a rattled and fumbling Mary Pierce 6-1, 6-1 Saturday to win the French Open, capping a remarkable comeback from a blood virus with her fourth Grand Slam title and her second at Roland Garros.

It was the most lopsided major final since Steffi Graf beat Natasha Zvereva 6-0, 6-0 to win the French Open in 1988.

Henin-Hardenne won 14 consecutive points early and swept nine games in a row in her first major event since returning from a seven-month lay-off. The energy-sapping virus left her bedridden last year, but since returning in March she's 27-1 and has won 24 consecutive matches, all on clay.

The Belgian, seeded 10th, also won the 2003 Roland Garros title.

"It's a lot of emotion for me," a smiling Henin-Hardenne said in French during the trophy ceremony. "I lived through very difficult moments last year. This fills me with happiness."

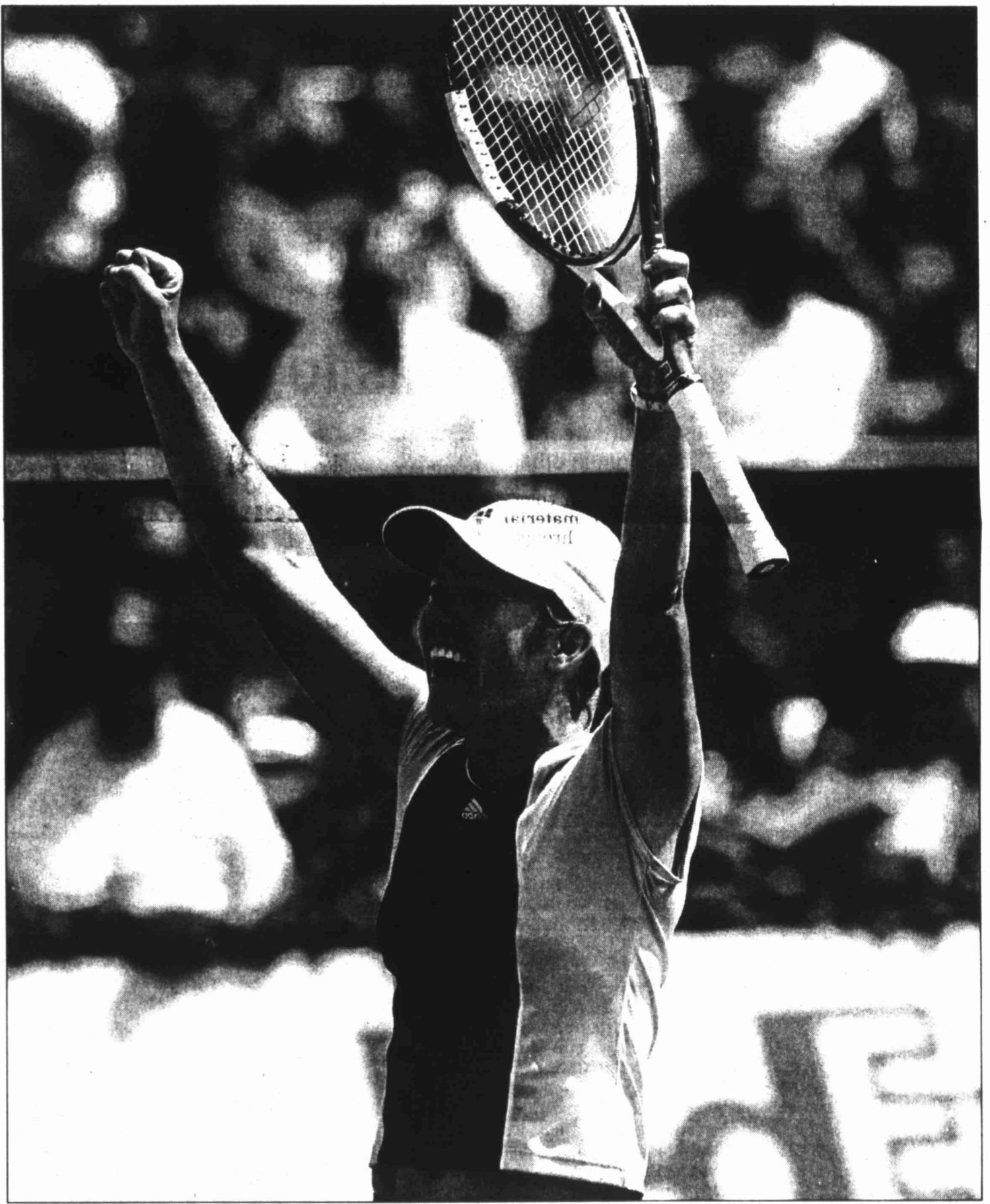
The No. 21-seeded Pierce, a Frenchwoman staging a career comeback herself by reaching her first major final since winning the French Open in 2000, was unnerved by the occasion. Afterward, she took several deep breaths and fought back tears when she addressed the crowd.

"Excuse me. It's very difficult to speak right now," she said in French. "I'm sad because I lost. I wanted to play a better match. I'm sorry it didn't last very long."

The flat groundstrokes that landed on the line in her previous two wins, including a quarterfinal victory over top-ranked Lindsay Davenport, this time sailed just long or wide. Pierce also hit many ugly shots, shanking easy volleys, blowing overheads and sending mis-hit groundstrokes looping short or wildly off the court.

The center court crowd included the prince and prime minister of Belgium, but most fans cheered in support of the struggling Pierce. They occasionally groaned as her mistakes mounted, and at least once there were whistles jeering her shaky performance.

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Belgium's Justine Henin-Hardenne defeats Russia's Nadia Petrova 6-2, 6-3 in their semifinal of the French Tennis Open at Roland Garros Arena in Paris, France, Thursday. Henin-Hardenne swept through Mary Pierce Saturday in the championship match to capture her second title at Roland Garros and her fourth slam title overall.

## Nadal defeats No. 1 Federer on 19th birthday

By STEVEN WINE

AP Sports Writer

PARIS (AP) — Sorry, Roger.

When teen sensation Rafael Nadal won an 18-shot rally to complete his most impressive victory yet, he collapsed on his back and rose covered with the clay he loves. Then he trotted to the net to shake hands with top-ranked Roger Federer.

"I said, 'I'm sorry for you,'" Nadal said. "He said, 'No, no, you played very well.' ... It's not easy when one player is the No. 1 and lost in the semifinal of a Grand Slam at Roland Garros when he never won here. And he's unbelievable, no?"

Unbelievable, perhaps,

but not unbeatable. Federer lost to Nadal 6-3, 4-6, 6-4, 6-3 in the semifinals of the French Open. The result Friday altered the balance of power atop the men's game, with Federer's reign no longer quite so secure, and advanced Nadal to the final Sunday against unseeded Mariano Puerta.

Playing on his 19th birthday, Nadal avenged a loss to Federer at Key Biscayne two months ago and extended his winning streak to 23 matches, all on clay. The Spaniard became the youngest men's finalist at Roland Garros since Michael Chang, the 1989 champion at age 17.

"My best present for today is this match, no?" Nadal said in his rapidly improving English.

With light fading in the final set, Nadal swept the last five games and stopped Federer short in his bid for his first French Open title to complete a career Grand Slam.

"I would say the disappointment is in control," Federer said. "I'm not going to destroy the locker room and never play tennis again. I feel like the motivation's big to come back the next few years and to do better. I still have more left in me in the French Open."

Nadal and Puerta, who beat Russian Nikolay

Davydenko 6-3, 5-7, 2-6, 6-4, 6-4, will play in their first major final. It will be the first all-lefty men's final at Roland Garros in the Open era. Nadal will try to become the first man since Mats Wilander in 1982 to win the French Open in his debut.

"It will be a very difficult match," said Nadal, seeded fourth. "I'll have to play my best tennis, and only like that will I be able to win."

The Mallorcan played with his characteristic creativity and charisma against Federer, racing to an early lead and overcoming a 3-1 deficit in the final set. His heavy top

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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 Friday and Saturday.

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

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.

**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 second and third camps will take place July 18-21.

The second camp is open for kindergarten through third grade boys and girls. Registration will take place from 8:30 a.m. to 9 a.m. July 18. The camp runs from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. and costs \$50 per person.

The third camp is for fourth through sixth grade girls. Registration for this camp will take place from 12:30 p.m. to 1 p.m. July 18. The camp runs from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. and costs \$60 per person.

For more information, call Earl Diddle at 264-5043 or Eric Rodewald at 816-4327.

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Pierce tried running in place to calm her nerves. She attempted body English to steer errant shots. Rain twice fell briefly, but not hard enough to rescue her with a delay.

Whenever Pierce appeared on the verge of finding her form, Henin-Hardenne squelched the momentum.

The Belgian put away consecutive winners in the next to last game before Pierce hit her sixth double-fault to make it 5-1.

One last error by Pierce — her 29th with a backhand into the net — gave Henin-Hardenne the victory in 62 minutes.

In the men's final Sunday, teen sensation Rafael Nadal will face unseeded Argentine Mariano Puerta. Nadal beat top-ranked Roger Federer in a semifinal showdown Friday, 6-3, 4-6, 6-4, 6-3. Puerta defeated Russian Nikolay Davydenko 6-3, 5-7, 2-6, 6-4, 6-4.

On a cool, breezy, overcast afternoon, Pierce held serve in the opening game, but Henin-Hardenne won the next three games at love. On back-to-back points Pierce blew a forehand sitter, then shanked an overhead.

Sometimes even Pierce's best wasn't good enough. In one sequence

she dug out a low ball, then made a lunging volley but still lost the point.

The agile Henin-Hardenne made several defensive saves to sustain rallies and picked her spots to turn aggressive. A forehand winner put her up 4-1 in the first set, and another that kissed the sideline made it 5-1.

Pierce double-faulted to end the first set, which lasted just 24 minutes. She won only 10 points.

Perhaps her ugliest shot came early in the second set, when she dumped an easy overhead into the net at her feet.

Henin-Hardenne won the next point for a 2-0 lead in the set, and it was 3-0 before Pierce managed to hold serve.

That was the last game she won.

On her way to the final, Henin-Hardenne beat U.S. Open champion Svetlana Kuznetsova and Wimbledon winner Maria Sharapova on consecutive days.

She overcame two match points against Kuznetsova, which makes her the second woman in the Open era to save a match point en route to the Roland Garros title.

Last year's champion, Anastasia Myskina, also did it.

Henin-Hardenne's winning streak on clay is the longest by a woman since Conchita Martinez won 27 matches in a row in 1994-95. She earned \$1,066,401, while Pierce received \$533,205.



KRT photo/Stephanie Kempfner, Abaca Press  
France's Mary Pierce defeats Russia's Elena Likhovtseva 6-1, 6-1 in their semifinal of the French Tennis Open at Roland Garros Arena in Paris, France Thursday. Pierce lost to Justine Henin-Hardenne in two sets in Saturday morning's championship match.

**Andrews falls to Brenham in state semifinals**

**Justin Northwest defeats Elgin in other Class 4A semifinal at Red McCombs Field**

AUSTIN (AP) — Megan Winkelmann pitched a

five-hitter for her 24th win this season as Brenham defeated Andrews 4-1 in the Class 4A softball semifinals Friday at McCombs Field.

Brenham (37-5-1) will play Justin Northwest (31-6) in Saturday's champi-

onship. Brittany Barnhill threw a two-hit shutout to lead Northwest past Elgin 2-0 in Friday's other semifinal.

Catcher Tiffany Dahlquist put Brenham ahead for good with a two-

run double in the first inning, and Brenham added single runs in the fourth and fifth innings. Katie Bush, who scored on Dahlquist's double, went 3-for-3, and Holly Long had two hits.

Andrews (24-8) allowed

10 hits. Winkelmann improved to 24-2.

In Northwest's victory, both its runs were unearned. Barnhill struck out 10.

Katie Garnett allowed three hits and struck out four for Elgin (28-8).

**No. 1 Wolves roll through Osterman at softball WS**

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — Jennifer Ritter pitched a one-hitter and Samantha Findlay had two RBIs as Michigan beat Texas 4-0 in the late game at the NCAA Women's College World Series Friday.

UCLA beat Tennessee 3-1 in the first game.

Findlay's two-run double in the fourth inning was the first earned run Texas' Cat Osterman (29-7) allowed in 60 1-3 innings. The top-seeded Wolverines (62-5) also had RBI singles by Nicole

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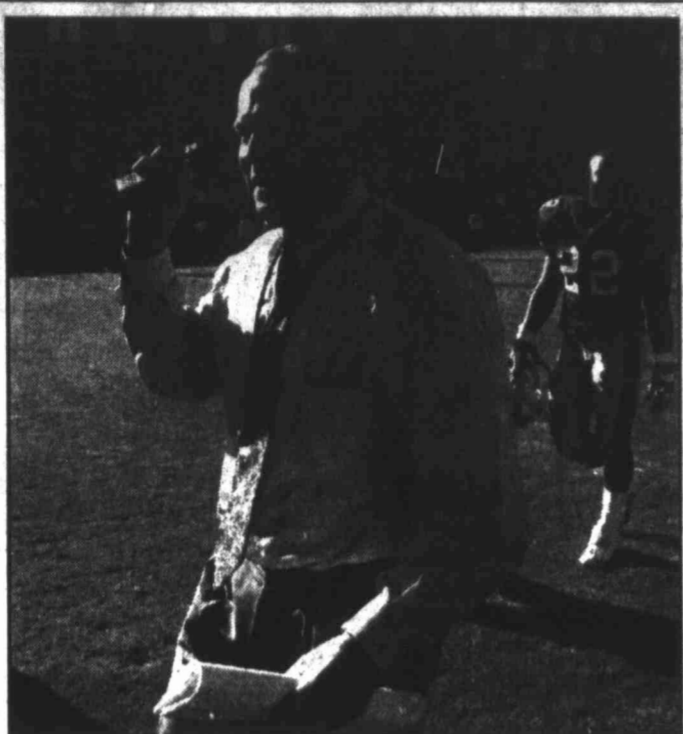
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**IN BRIEF**

**SSSD announces annual tennis camp**  
Big Spring High School has set up its annual tennis camp for Monday through Thursday at the Figure 7 Tennis Courts inside of Comanche Trail Park. The camp will begin at 8 a.m. Monday and 9:30 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 263-3370 or Ted Olesen at 263-336-8901.

**Windhorst repeats as Class 1A champ**  
**AUSTIN (AP)** — Sabrina Johnston had three hits, scored three runs and drove in two runs Saturday to give defending 1A champs Windhorst an 11-0 win over Dallardsville. Big Sandy in a five-inning run ruled shortened championship game. Johnston, the tournament MVP, also notched an unassisted first-inning double play for Windhorst (18-7). Dallardsville's Big Sandy (21-13) loaded the bases in the top of the first inning with one out when Big Sandy's Cassie Battiste slammed a ground ball down the third base line. Johnston snagged it, tagged the runner going home and dove to tag third base for the force out. Windhorst's Chelsie Steinberger pitched a one-hit complete game with four strikeouts and allowed only one base runner after Johnston's first-inning defensive play.

**Wallace fined big for criticism of officials**  
**NEW YORK (AP)** — Detroit forward Rasheed Wallace was fined \$20,000 by the NBA for his public criticism of the officiating in the Pistons' loss in Miami Thursday night in the Eastern Conference finals. The league said Wallace also used "inappropriate language" to the media.



**KRT photo/Bob Larson, Contra Costa Times**  
**San Francisco Forty Niners public relations director Kirk Reynolds, shown in this photo from October 2000, has resigned after a team video designed to show players how to handle situations with the public and media, has turned into an embarrassment for the team because of the situations depicted.**

**Texas offense silent as suddenly red-hot K.C. downs Rangers**

**By DOUG TUCKER**  
AP Sports Writer  
**KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP)** — As the victories pile up, it's getting tougher and tougher for Buddy Bell to deflect the credit away from himself and toward his team.

Matt Stairs homered, Runelvys Hernandez pitched six solid innings and the lowly Kansas City Royals beat Texas 2-1 Friday night for their first four-game winning streak in 21 months.

All four have come under Bell, who was named manager on Tuesday just a few hours before the Royals launched this surge with the first win in a stunning three-game sweep of the New York Yankees.

"To be honest with you, I really haven't done a whole lot," said Bell, who was bench coach at Cleveland before taking over the team with the worst record in the majors.

Bell joined Whitey Herzog as the only Royals skipper to win their first four games. Herzog did it after taking over midway through 1975, the year before the team began a prosperous 10-season run that included six division titles and the 1985 World Series championship.

Rookie left-hander Andrew Sisco (1-1) got his first major league win with 1 1-3 innings of relief. Mike MacDougal,

whom Bell selected as his closer, pitched the ninth for his fifth save in seven opportunities.

Pedro Astacio (2-6) was almost as sharp, going seven innings and allowing only two runs on seven hits.

But against the high-scoring Yankees and Rangers, the Royals have given up only seven runs during the streak.

With the potential tying run at second, Emil Brown made a great shoe-string catch for the last out in the ninth. A week ago when the Royals were losing 37 of their first 50 games, that ball would probably have rolled all the way to the wall.

Stairs hit a 1-0 pitch from Astacio (2-6) over the fence in left leading off the second inning for his seventh home run and second in two games.

Hernandez, who is coming off Tommy John surgery, gave up only three hits and one run in six innings, with five walks and three strikeouts.

"We're more excited to play every day and excited to win," Hernandez said of Bell's effect on the team.

It was tied 1-all when Mark Teahen singled leading off the seventh, went to third on a single by Shane Costa, and scored the tiebreaking run when Buck dropped a soft single into left field.

**UPSET**

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spin from the left side and ability to chase down shots made Federer indecisive and forced him into uncustomary unforced errors — 62 in all.

Federer frequently misfired with a forehand widely touted as the game's best.

"You start thinking about whether you're going to go to the net," Federer said. "This has to do with his game. If you go to the net, you're going to get a shot with a lot of topspin."

Nadal beat darkness as well as Federer. Because the first semifinal lasted five sets following an 88-minute rain delay, it was 6:29 p.m. when the second

match started and 9:16 p.m. when it ended.

"I could hardly see the ball in the end," Federer said. "I'm disappointed we continued."

Preparing to serve at 3-4 in the final set, he asked the chair umpire whether the fifth set would be started in the twilight or postponed until Saturday. But there was no fifth set.

Instead, Federer hit groundstrokes wide on the last two points of the next game to lose serve for the ninth time. Nadal calmly served out the victory.

"I'm not so happy with my performance, to be honest," Federer said. "I didn't feel like he was much better than me. I really thought I had the keys to beat him today, and it was just unfortunate that I wasn't at my

best."

The crowd cheered as Federer departed center court, and Nadal joined the applause. The four-time Grand Slam winner made his best run yet at Roland Garros, and Nadal expects Federer to be a threat on clay — and elsewhere — for years to come.

"Federer for me is the best player wherever," Nadal said. "Federer for me is an amazing player. Federer always shows that he's the best."

Federer had won 28 consecutive sets on clay, including 15 in Paris, but Nadal quickly ended that streak. Federer lost four of his first five service games.

"When you win the first set," Nadal said, "it makes you a little less nervous."



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TEXAS

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Motycka in the third and Tiffany Hass in the seventh.

Osterman allowed six of the eight Michigan hits and struck out 12 in 5 2-3 innings.

Ritter (35-2) went the distance for the Wolverines and struck out 12, allowing only a single by Texas leadoff hitter Mickayla Padilla to open the game.

With the loss, Texas (48-12) will face the winner of the Arizona-California game on Saturday evening.

Michigan next plays Sunday.

In the early game, Anjelica Selden struck out 10 and allowed six hits for the Bruins.

Emily Zaplatosch had a two-out single in the bottom of the first inning to give UCLA a one-run lead and end Tennessee pitcher Monica Abbott's streak of scoreless innings 43 and six shutouts.

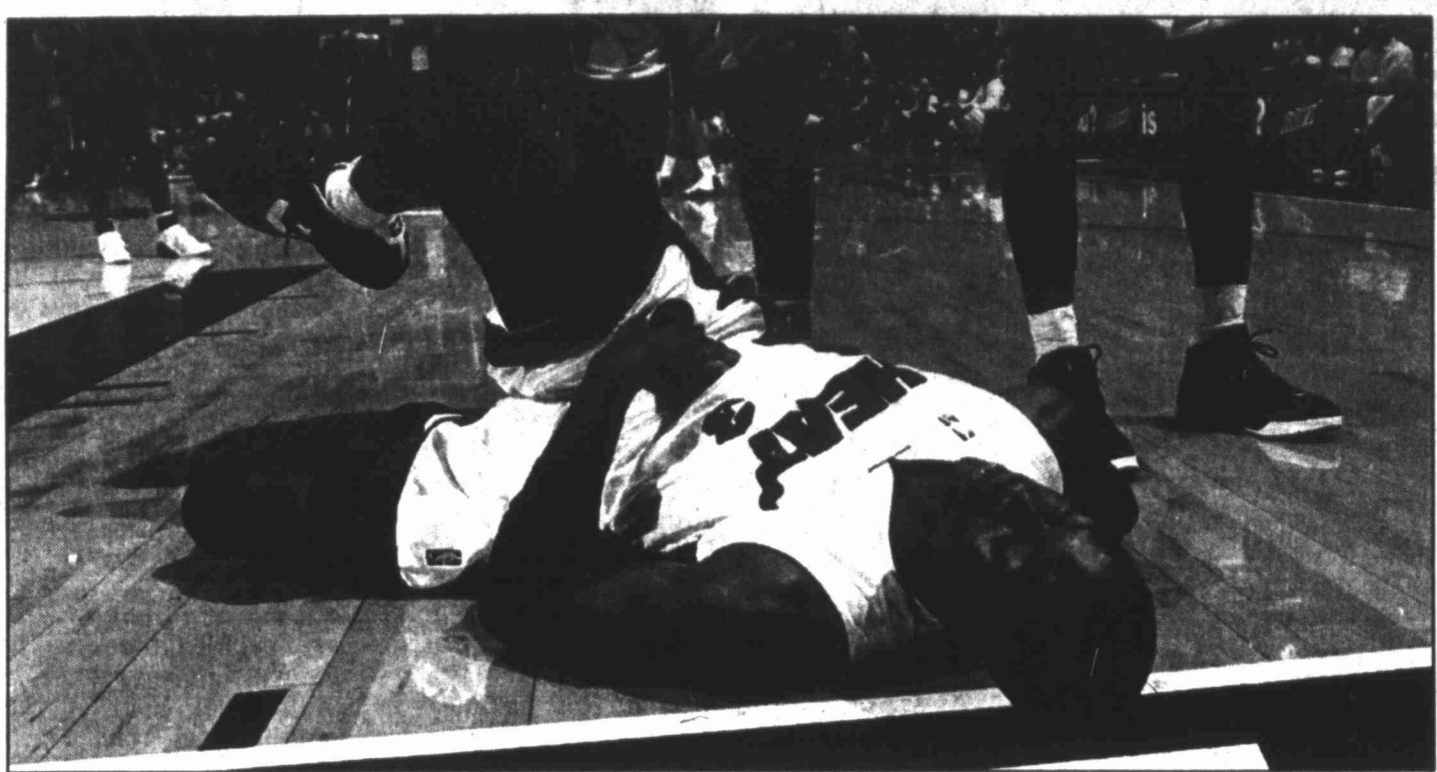
Jodie Legaspi had an RBI single in the fifth inning, and the Bruins (38-18) added another run in the sixth on a throwing error by Abbott (48-8), whose miscue allowed pinch runner Danesha Adams to score.

Selden (27-12), who earned her second victory in the series, gave up a homer to Tonya Callahan with one out in the fourth inning.

Callahan has 10 homers this season.

Tennessee (65-14) will face the winner of Saturday's DePaul-Alabama game.

UCLA next plays Sunday.



The Heat's Dwyane Wade falls to the court in the third quarter of Game 5 of the Eastern Conference Finals in Miami, Fla., Thursday. The Heat defeated the Pistons in Game 5, despite not having Wade for much of the second half. The status for Wade in Game 6 is still unknown. Miami also has two other players — Shaquille O'Neal and Udonis Haslem — playing through injuries.

Astros get shut out by Carpenter, Cardinals

By JOEL ANDERSON

AP Sports Writer

HOUSTON (AP) —

Chris Carpenter pitched eight mostly dominant innings, and Albert Pujols hit a solo homer in the ninth to lead the St. Louis Cardinals to a 2-0 win over the Houston Astros on Friday night.

Carpenter (8-3) became the latest pitcher to stifle the Astros' punchless offense, striking out six and walking two for his fourth win in five starts. Julian Tavarez got three outs for his third save.

Carpenter gave up eight hits and joined a list of starters that includes teammate Mark Mulder, Atlanta's Tim Hudson and Atlanta's Mike Hampton in keeping Houston scoreless for at least seven innings. The Astros have been shut out a major league-leading 10 times this season.

St. Louis found the perfect opponent for a rebound after splitting a four-game series with lowly Colorado.

Jim Edmonds' run-scoring double in the third gave the Cardinals a 1-0 lead, one that would prove too much to overcome for the worst-hitting club in the majors.

Pettitte (3-6) allowed five hits in seven innings, striking out five with no walks. But his solid effort was wasted — again — as the Astros came up with nothing against Carpenter.

Longhorns roll to big win at regional

AUSTIN (AP) — Drew Stubbs hit a three-run homer in the first of two eight-run innings for Texas, which beat Quinnipiac 20-2 in the Austin regional Friday.

Texas (46-14) will face Arkansas (38-20) in the

winner's bracket Saturday. Quinnipiac (26-23) will play Miami of Ohio (44-17) in the first elimination game.

Will Crouch hit a two-run homer, scored four runs and had three RBIs for the Longhorns.

Carson Kainer also hit a two-run homer for Texas, which hit all three of its home runs during an eight-run third inning.

The Longhorns added another eight-running inning in the eighth. Texas' Kenn Kasperek

threw seven innings, allowing two runs on five hits.

Randy Gress homered for Quinnipiac, which committed six errors. Starter Pat Egan lasted just 2 2-3 innings, giving up 10 runs on eight hits.

Rice comes from behind to claim victory

BATON ROUGE, La. (AP) — A two-run homer by Josh Rodriguez in the seventh inning lifted Rice to a 7-3 win over Northwestern State Friday in the NCAA Baton Rouge Regional.

Tied at 3 heading into the bottom of the seventh inning, Adam Hale drew

a two-out walk.

On the next pitch, Rodriguez hit a Shawn Johnston pitch over the left-field wall to give the Owls a 5-3 lead. Rodriguez ended the game 2-for-5 with a pair of runs driven in.

The second-seeded Owls scored a pair of unearned

runs in eighth inning to extend the lead to 7-3.

Rice (42-17) advanced to take on top-seeded LSU Saturday in the winners bracket.

Northwestern State (40-19) will play Marist in an elimination game Saturday.

Scoring an unearned

run in the first inning, the Demons held a 1-0 lead until the third inning when Rice tied the game up on a bases-loaded walk by Daniel Lonsberry.

After Northwestern took a brief 2-1 lead in the top of the fourth inning, Clay Reichenbach hit a two-run homer for Rice.

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Joseph Malcolm Bissonnette and Stephanie Dawn Jones

Jones, Bissonnette to wed

Robby and Sherre Davis of Big Spring announce the engagement of their daughter, Stephanie Dawn Jones to Joseph Malcolm Bissonnette, son of Sharon Arterburn of Fort Worth.

They will exchange wedding vows at 7 p.m. July 30, 2005, at Cornerstone Church in Big Spring.

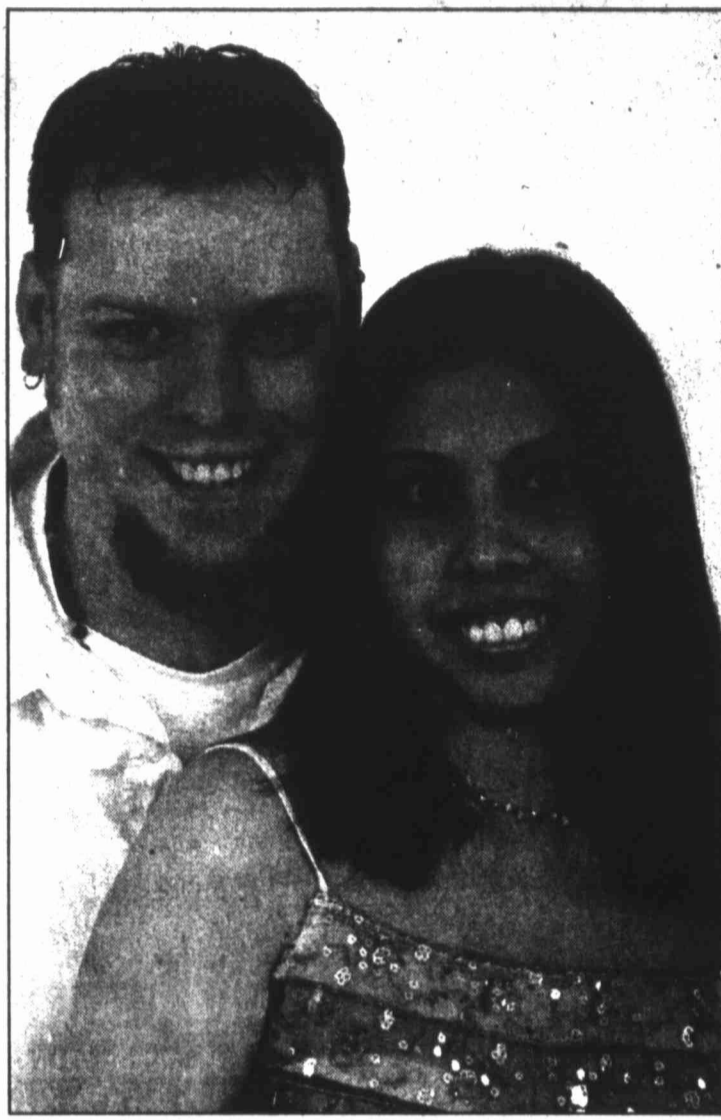
Following the wedding, a reception and dance will be held at the Big Spring Country Club.

She is the granddaughter of Wallace and Mary Spraberry and Sondra McKinney, all of Big Spring.

He is the grandson of Marlene Mann of Fort Worth.

The bride-to-be is a 1996 graduate of Big Spring High School. She graduated from the SouthWest Collegiate Institute for the Deaf (SWCID) with an associate's degree in applied science in interpreter training. She is employed as an interpreter for the deaf at SWCID.

The future groom is a 1995 Haltom High School graduate. He will be attending Howard College. He is employed with the city of Big Spring.



Natalie Uranga and Josh Rochelle

Uranga, Rochelle to wed

Natalie Uranga of Coahoma and Joshua Daniel Rochelle of Merton will exchange wedding vows at 3 p.m. July 23, 2005, at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church.

Natalie is the daughter of Ambrosio and Debbie Uranga of Coahoma and the granddaughter of Valentin and Inez Islas of Coahoma and Josephine and the late Thomas Uranga of Big Spring.

Josh is the son of Richard III and Johnny Lewis of Hurricane, W.V., and Michael Wayne Rochelle of Lawrenceburg, Tenn. He is the grandson of Martha Jane and the late Howard Rochelle of Lawrenceburg, Tenn., Mary Lou and the late Richard E. Lewis Jr. of

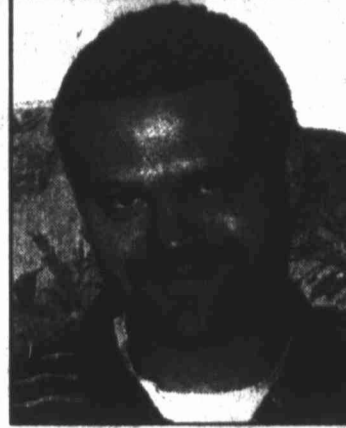
Lamar, and the late James and Ann Lot of Hitchcock.

Natalie is a 2000 graduate of Coahoma High School. She received her bachelor of science degree in interdisciplinary child development and learning from Angelo State University May 14, 2005.

She is employed by Food Basket Pharmacy in San Angelo, where she also received her pharmacy technician license in 2004.

Josh is a 2000 graduate of Irion County High School and will be attending the Culinary Arts Program at Mountain State University in West Virginia in the spring of 2006. He is employed by Chili's Bar and Grill in San Angelo.

Who's Who



Jason Froman

Jason Froman

Jason Dwayne Froman, son of Dale and Theresa Froman of Ackerly, received a master's degree in mathematics from Texas Tech University May 14, 2005. He is a 1998 Sands High School graduate.

Lubbock Christian University President's List

The following local students have been named to the Lubbock Christian University President's List for the 2005 spring semester: William Morgan, Brenda Hamm, Shasta Fuqua, all of Big Spring, and Lauren Green of Coahoma.

In order to be considered a part of the president's list, a student must be taking a minimum of 12 semester hours and achieve a 4.0 grade point average for the entire semester.

Angelo State University dean's list

Local honorees are: Ruben Alvarez, business-management information systems option; Seneca Danielle Arguello, interdisciplinary child development and learning; Rhonda Lynn Barnett, nursing; William Bryan Beck, studio art; Haley R. Butts, biology; Sarah Renee Carman, pre-pharmacy; David Lee Daniel, kinesiology; Raul Andres Garza, biology; Codi Marie Graves, government and psychology; Jessica Diane Gulley, art/secondary certification; Annette S. Henry, interdisciplinary child development and learning; Blaire Kamaron Horn, interdisciplinary child development and learning; Allison P. Jansa, business; Melissa R. Kreher, management; Kaci Lyn Moody, kinesiology; Laura Lea Moore, interdisciplinary child development and learning; Jennifer Marie Morgan, mathematics/secondary certification; Samantha L. Newton, kinesiology; Tiffani B. Paige, communications; Joseph Justin Petrowski, pre-veterinary; Jason Wesley Pribyla, communication; Jessica Ray, mathematics/secondary certification; Melissa Ray, kinesiology; Ashley Cecile Richardson, studio art;

Daryl Dane Richardson, music; Kaycee Marie Schniers, interdisciplinary child development and learning; Joy E. Shaw, interdisciplinary child development and learning; Karen Lea Sterling, interdisciplinary child development and learning; Melissa Ann Strain, kinesiology; and Christopher Ryan Vela, biochemistry. To be eligible for the Dean's List, students must be enrolled full-time and maintain a 3.25 grade point average on a 4.0 scale.

Ashlie Simmons

Ashlie Simmons of Big Spring was among more than 750 Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi who received their degrees during commencement May 14, 2005. Simmons, who graduated magna cum laude, received a bachelor of science degree from the College of Science & Technology.

Sul Ross State University Dean's List

Teri Lynn Denton and Nicci Lynne Vizcaino of Big Spring and Kristyn Ruth Hambleton of Stanton were named to the Sul Ross State University in Alpine Dean's List for 2005, the honor roll of students who maintain a 3.3 or greater grade point average.

Eligible students are undergraduates enrolled for 12 or more semester hours who earn an average of 3.3 or higher on a 4.0 scale.

Kristina D. Nelson

Kristina D. Nelson of Big Spring (79720), received a bachelor of science degree in early childhood education from Texas Christian University during commencement May 14.

Joseph Edward Bumbulis

Joseph Edward Bumbulis of Big Spring received a bachelor of arts degree in religion from the University of Mary Hardin-Baylor during commencement May 7. Two hundred and eighty-four students were awarded degrees of these, 272 received baccalaureate degrees, and 12 received master's degrees.

Texas State Technical College graduates

These students graduated from Texas State Technical College May 21 during the annual commencement exercises at the Abilene Civic Center: Shaelyna Bryant of Big Spring; Armida Serrano of Big Spring; Kimberly Tubbs of Big Spring; Jessica Way of Big Spring; Charles Young of Big Spring; and Chance Doss of Coahoma.

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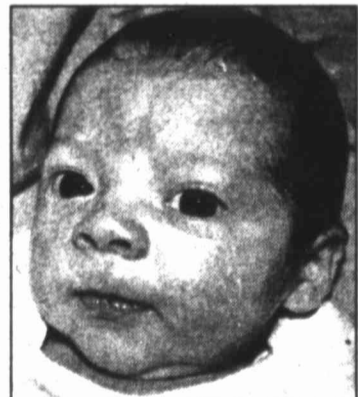
Makenna Lee Webster, a girl, was born May 24, 2005, at 5:14 a.m. weighing 6 pounds, 11 ounces and was 20 1/2 inches long.

His parents are Dawayne and Lana Webster. His grandparents are Robert and Masuyo Weithman of New Washington, Ohio, Danny and Jeana Jackson of Big Spring and Guy Webster of Brownwood.

Phillip Jessie Martinez III, a boy, was born May 6, 2005, at 8:31 a.m. weighing six pounds, nine ounces and was 18 3/4 inches long.

His parents are Phillip and Angie Martinez of Big Spring. His grandparents are Jessie Martinez, Martha Mier and the late Sylvia Lopez.

Phillip was welcomed home by siblings, Christian Islas, Damien Cuellar and Brayden Martinez.



Brit Christopher Ficke

Brit Christopher Ficke, a boy, was born March 14, 2005, weighing 6 pounds, 9 ounces and was 18 3/4 inches long.

He is the son of Christopher and Christie Ficke of Baltimore, Md. He is the grandson of Kenneth and Mary Ann Ficke of Big Spring and Michael and Laura Milam of Sugarland.

Menus

Big Spring ISD

The following sites will be serving lunch from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.: Big Spring High School, 707 11th Place; Marcy Elementary, 2101 Wasson Dr.; Bauer Elementary, 108 NE Ninth St.; and Moss Elementary, 3200 Fordham.

Ages 18 and younger are not charged for the meal. Cost for adults are \$2.35.

Monday: cheeseburger, salad, French fries, baby carrots, cookies and milk.

Tuesday: chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes, green beans, Jello, rolls and milk.

Wednesday: grilled chicken, California vegetables, seasoned rice, kiwi fruit, rolls and milk.

Thursday: fish, broccoli with cheese sauce, black eye peas, mixed fruit,

hushpuppies and milk.

Friday: ravioli, fried okra, peaches, pineapple tidbits, garlic rolls and milk.

Spring City Senior Citizen's Center  
Monday: chicken strips, macaroni and cheese, squash, salad, milk, rolls and fruit.

Tuesday: chicken and tuna salad, pasta salad, fruit salad, milk, crackers, pie.

Wednesday: pork chops, sweet potatoes, spinach, salad, milk, rolls, apple crisp.

Thursday: cheeseburgers, French fries, beans, lettuce and tomatoes, milk, buns, cobbler.

Friday: turkey and dressing, sweet potatoes, green beans, salad, milk, rolls, fruited gelatin.

Seeking Vacation Bible School photos

The Big Spring Herald life! department is planning a special Sunday Life! cover for July featuring Vacation Bible School activities from Howard County.

To participate, bring photos of activities of VBS to the life! department. Identify the children and teachers in each photograph, as well as the activity.

Photos should be of good quality and may be e-mailed to life@bigspringherald.com or visit the newspaper office at 710 Scurry or mail to PO. Box 1431.

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# COWBOY POETRY

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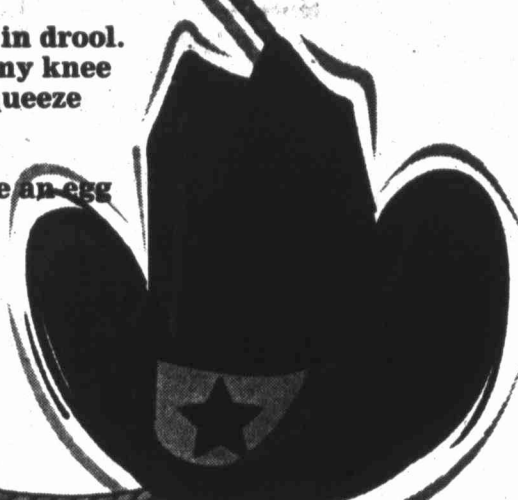
### Kong Fu Bessy

by Christopher Nunez  
Bauer Magnet School

I woke with the rooster this mornin'  
Had to get my chores done how borin'  
Looked in the fridge and no milk to drink  
Headed for the barn, hadn't milked Bessy in a week

I grabbed my pale and stool  
Praying Ol' Bessy wouldn't cover me in drool.  
I put my stool down and kneeled on my knee  
Reached underneath to give her a squeeze

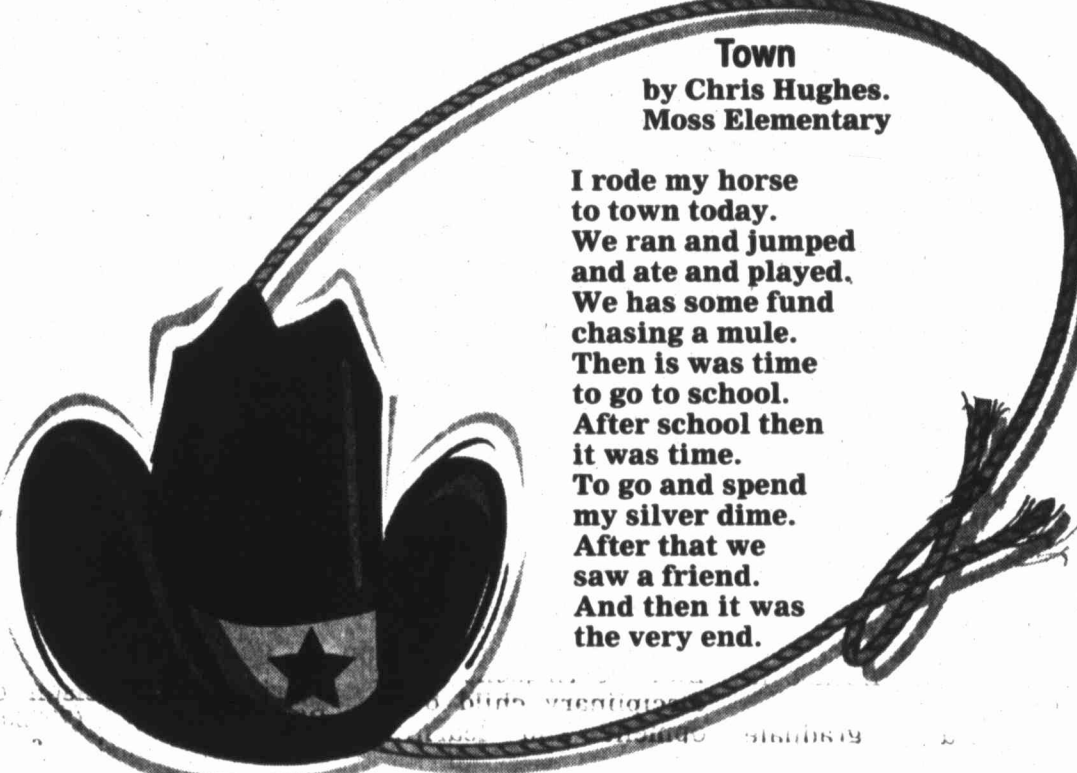
She reared up on her hind legs  
Kicking, punching, & cracked me like an egg  
She hit me until I was black & blue  
I never knew Bessy knew KONG FU



### Town

by Chris Hughes.  
Moss Elementary

I rode my horse  
to town today.  
We ran and jumped  
and ate and played.  
We has some fund  
chasing a mule.  
Then is was time  
to go to school.  
After school then  
it was time.  
To go and spend  
my silver dime.  
After that we  
saw a friend.  
And then it was  
the very end.

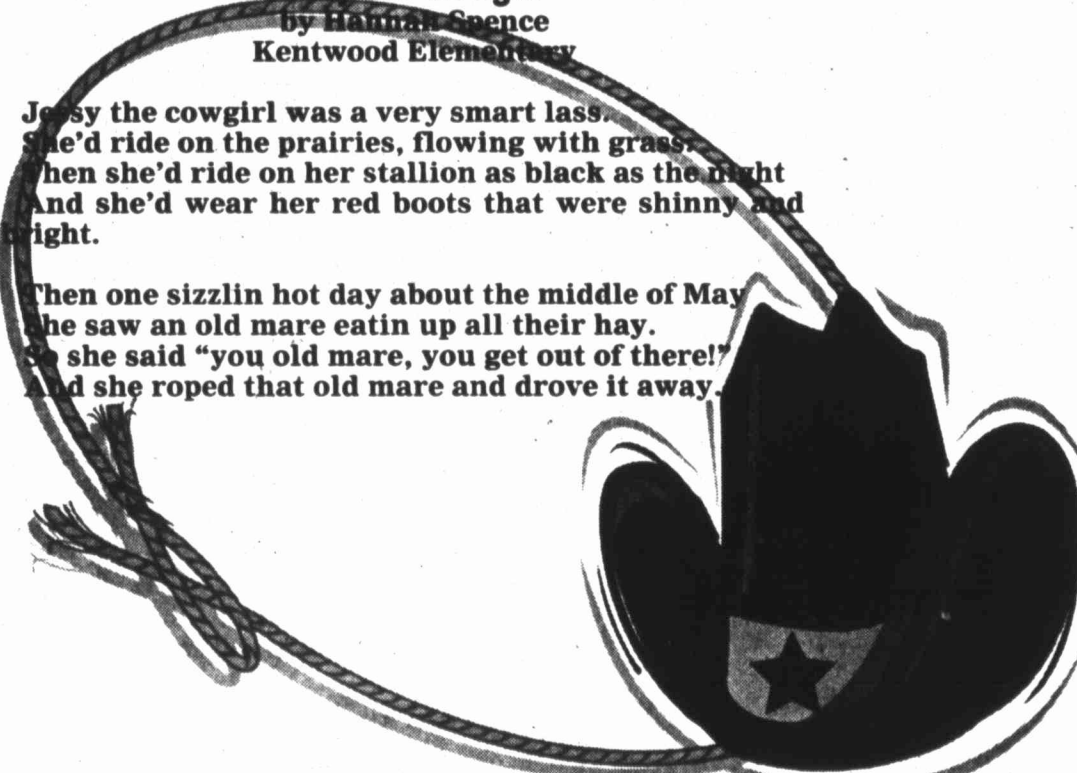


### Jessy the Cowgirl

by Hannah Spence  
Kentwood Elementary

Jessy the cowgirl was a very smart lass.  
She'd ride on the prairies, flowing with grass.  
When she'd ride on her stallion as black as the night  
And she'd wear her red boots that were shiny and tight.

Then one sizzlin hot day about the middle of May  
He saw an old mare eatin up all their hay.  
So she said "you old mare, you get out of there!"  
And she roped that old mare and drove it away.



### Being a Cowboy

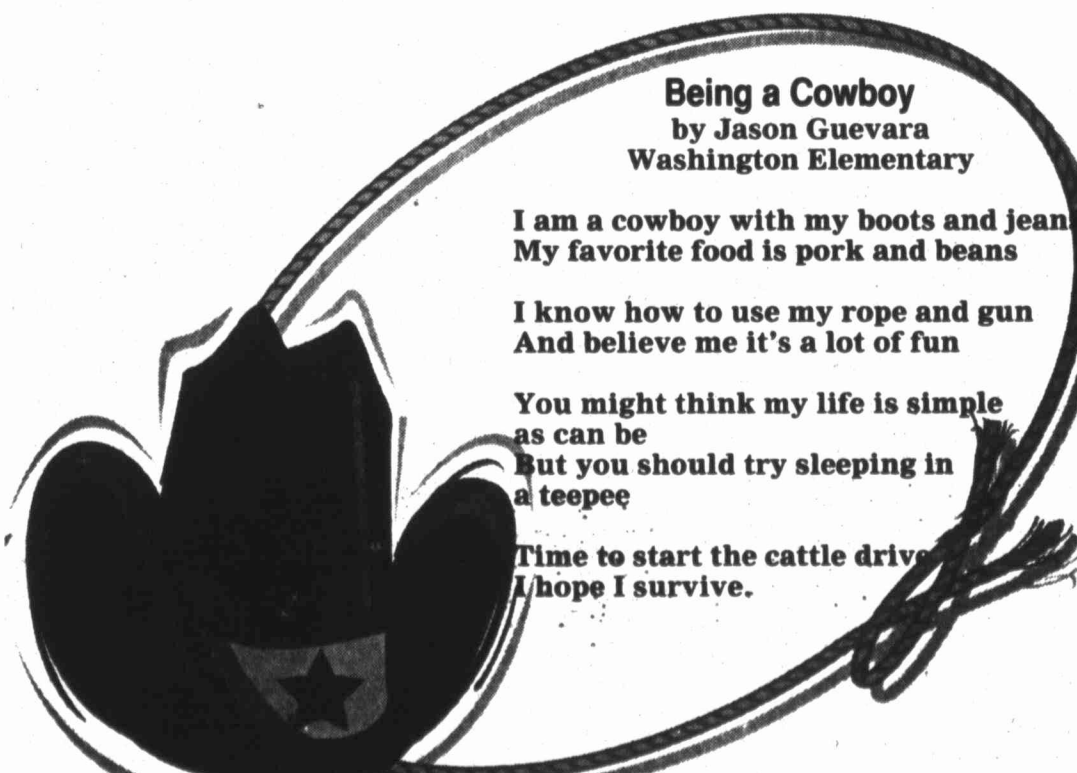
by Jason Guevara  
Washington Elementary

I am a cowboy with my boots and jean  
My favorite food is pork and beans

I know how to use my rope and gun  
And believe me it's a lot of fun

You might think my life is simple  
as can be  
but you should try sleeping in  
a teepee

Time to start the cattle drive  
I hope I survive.



## Local veteran competes in national games

Karol Smith, a Navy veteran from Big Spring, was one of more than 500 veterans in their "golden age" who competed in the 19th National Veterans Golden Age Games in Norman, Okla., May 21-26.

This is the largest sporting event in the world for senior veterans. All participants are U.S. military veterans from across the country, age 55 and older, receiving medical care throughout the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA).

Smith, 69, who currently receives care at the Big Spring VAMC, competed in bowling and horseshoes.

"Participating in the National Veterans Golden Age Games enables me to remain active," said Smith, who competed in the games for the second time.

"This is my small way of thanking the VA for providing my health care needs. I entered the bowling and horseshoes events this year just for fun."

This event is sponsored



Karol Smith

by the Department of Veterans Affairs, the Veterans of Foreign Wars and Ladies Auxiliary, and the Veterans Canteen Service.

Veterans competed in six age categories in ambulatory, wheelchair or visually impaired

divisions.

Events included swimming, bicycling, table tennis, dominoes, shuffleboard, horseshoes, nine-ball, bowling, checkers, golf, croquet, shot-put, discus and air rifles.

## Anniversary

### Swinneys celebrate 50 years of marriage

Don and Ellouise Swinney of Big Spring will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary during a reception at 1 p.m. June 11 at Christ Community Church.

The reception will be hosted by their children, son and daughter-in-law, Kirk and Jan Swinney, daughter, Lisa Swinney, and friends, Alice and Wiley Brown.

Don was born in

Bonham while Ellouise Carroll was born in Big Spring.

The couple were classmates at Big Spring High School. Don and Ellouise were married June 11, 1955.

They have four children, Kirk of Austin, Lisa, Patrick and Brett, all of Big Spring and six grandchildren.

During their 50-year marriage, the couple have

lived in Big Spring, Abilene, Silver, San Angelo, Albuquerque, N.M., and Frankfurt, Germany.

Don is a teacher and Ellouise is a secretary. The couple are affiliated with the Church of Christ. Their hobbies include helping the needy and entertaining.

Comments about their 50-year marriage: "more quality than quantity."

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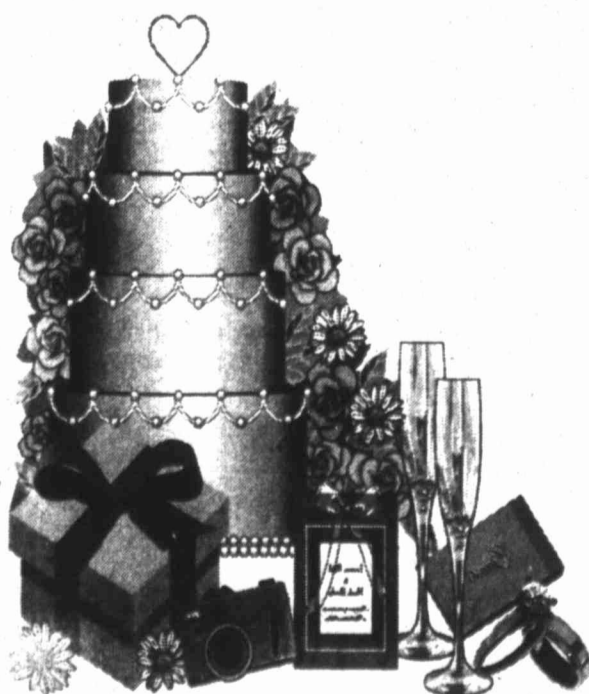
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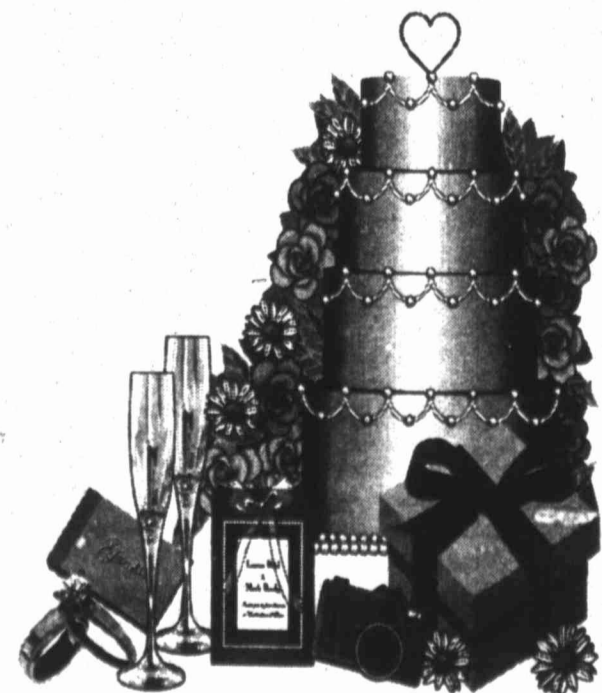


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# Improving water quality

## Public meeting slated for saltcedar spray project

Special to the Herald

A public meeting for the saltcedar spray project along the Colorado River has been scheduled June 13 to provide information for land owners or interested parties, according to Ben Brooks, the project coordinator with the Texas State Soil and Conservation Board (TSS-WCB).

The meeting will be at 6 p.m. Monday, June 13 at the Mitchell County Civic Center, located on the southeast corner of Second and Oak Streets (157 W. Second) in Colorado City. A meal will be catered for the meeting and North Star Helicopter will provide a slide show and movie about spraying and aerial herbicide application. The TSSWCB will have land owner agreements on hand to enroll eligible land owners with riparian property along the Colorado River and Beals

**Current conservative estimates indicate that control of saltcedar in the upper basin could increase yields as much as 4,000 acre-feet of water annually in E.V. Spence Reservoir.**

Creek.

The three-year project was designed to improve water quality and increase stream flow in the Colorado River and its tributaries above the E.V. Spence Reservoir. It is a part of the implementation plan for the Total Maximum Daily Load Study for the E.V. Spence Reservoir, which was completed in 2000 by the Colorado River Municipal Water District and the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality.

The \$3 million saltcedar treatment project is funded by the Environmental Protection Agency with a 319(h) grant from the Clean Water Act and is supported by local matching funds from both the TSS-WCB (brush control in the Champion Creek watershed near Colorado City) and the Colorado River Municipal Water District (water quality programs in the upper

Colorado River basin). The optimal time for treatment is during August and September. The project was originally scheduled to begin during that period in 2004, but

less of the cause, the best tactic was to postpone application until early fall of 2005 to maximize transmission of the herbicide to plant roots. Experts are hopeful that



A helicopter sprays saltcedar in a test application near the E.V. Spence Reservoir. A public meeting on the saltcedar spray project along the Colorado River has been scheduled for 6 p.m. Monday, June 13, in the Mitchell County Civic Center.

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conditions will be optimal to begin treatment in late summer on the main stem of the Colorado River below the Lake J.B. See **PROJECT**, Page 6C

# Stealth switch

## Hide anything with secret foot button

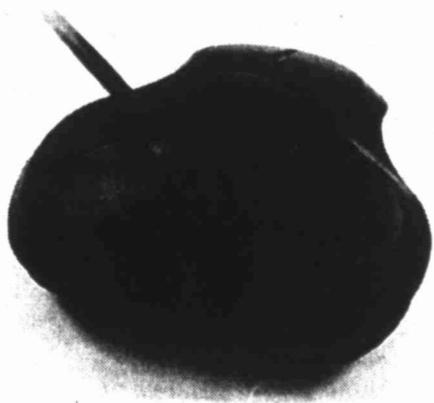
By CRAIG CROSSMAN

Knight Ridder

So there you are at the office playing Solitaire.

You know who you are. Yes you know you should be working on those important documents to meet yet another deadline but your mind keeps wandering and wouldn't it be nice if you could just play a game or two. Of course it's just at that very moment when you're about to win a game that your supervisor happens to stroll by. Busted. And what makes it worse is that it could have been avoided if you just took a simple precaution by installing a StealthSwitch.

Billed by its creator as "The World's First Desktop Cloaking Device," the StealthSwitch is a small switch that's activated by your foot. With a simple click of the switch, you can configure the StealthSwitch to perform a multi-



tude of functions. In my opening Solitaire example for instance, stepping in the StealthSwitch would instantly conceal the Solitaire game and throw up your Microsoft Word or any other application of your choice complete with a working document so you can instantly begin entering data without so

much as skipping a beat.

OK so I know it sounds like I'm encouraging you find ways to goof off at work. But actually the StealthSwitch has some redeeming qualities that I'd like to point out. And besides, I'm not harboring any guilt here because if you're inclined to goof off at work, you're going to do so whether you know about this or not anyway.

Now back to those redeeming features. The StealthSwitch has the ability to literally hide an application and not simply minimize it. Applications are made completely invisible. The StealthSwitch also has the ability to mute the sound, hide the taskbar, hide all desktop icons all with the simple click of the foot switch.

This makes the StealthSwitch ideal in areas where computer

See **SWITCH**, Page 6C

## Understanding your credit score

**B**efore making a major purchase such as a home or automobile, there are two reports you should check—your credit report and your credit score.

While most US consumers are familiar with their credit report, some consumers may not be as familiar with their credit score, also known as their FICO score.

Your credit score includes information about your past credit history, bill paying, number of credit accounts and outstanding debt. These factors are then compiled into a statistical system that creditors use to determine your credit worthiness. This system awards points for each factor and helps predict how likely you are to repay a debt. The points are added to create your credit score.

Credit scoring models are complex, but cannot include certain characteristics like race, sex, national origin, religion, or marital status. While age can be a factor, a scoring system must give equal treatment to elderly applicants. Your credit score may also include information from a credit application such as occupation, length of employment and whether you own or rent your home.

Credit scores range from 300-850 with higher scores going to those individuals who are considered better credit risks. The national median credit score is

723. If your score is less than 620, obtaining loans and new credit may prove difficult.

To improve your credit score, consider the following:

- Pay your bills on time. Payment history makes up 35-percent of your total credit score. Late payments will negatively impact your score.

- To avoid worrying about late payments, you might consider choosing direct debit from your checking account to pay mortgage, auto, utilities and other monthly bills.

- Pay down your debts and try not to add new charges to your credit cards. The more debt you pay off, the better your credit score.

- If you intend to make a major purchase within the next year, start paying off your debt now.

- While too much credit can negatively impact your credit score, too little credit can have the same impact. You want enough credit history to prove that you are a responsible credit risk.

Don't worry about those dozens of credit card offers you receive in the mail each month. While they are very annoying, they will not hurt your credit score, unless you apply for all of them and incur new debt.

It is a good idea to review your credit report at least once a year. Beginning June 1,

See **SCORE**, Page 6C

**BizFact**

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## Tylenol's maker issues recall over possibly confusing packaging

FORT WASHINGTON, Pa. (AP) — The maker of Tylenol said Friday it is voluntarily recalling several children's products because label information may be confusing and could lead to overdosing.

McNeil Consumer & Specialty Pharmaceuticals said it is recalling all lots and all flavors of 80-milligram Children's Tylenol Meltaways packaged in bottles and blisters, 80-milligram Children's Tylenol SoftChews packaged in blisters, and 160-milligram Jr. Tylenol

Meltaways packaged in blisters. The recall affects only SoftChews and Meltaways versions of the product. McNeil is a unit of health care products company Johnson & Johnson Inc.

In 80-milligram products, the recall was triggered by concerns that blister packs containing two pills in each compartment would lead some consumers to believe that the two tablets contained a total of 80 milligrams of acetaminophen; each

See **RECALL**, Page 6C

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Ray Alvarado Sr., 27 and Brandi Michelle Lopez, 28, both of Big Spring  
Terry Lynn Coates Jr., 17, and Stephanie Dawn Baker, 18, both of Big Spring  
Randy Eugene Key, 47, and Jennifer Annette Howell, 34, both of Big Spring  
Joseph Carter Fee, 30, and Shannon Michelle Moore, 25, both of Big Spring

**Warranty deeds**  
Grantor: Deborah H. Adkins  
Grantee: Kelly H. Medans  
Property: West 420 acres of Section 43, Block 32, T-2-N, Howard County and Section 48, Block 32, T-1-N, T&P Survey, Howard County  
Date Filed: May 23, 2005

Grantor: Swartz & Brough, Inc.  
Grantee: Timothy Overton and Angie Blanco  
Property: Lot 2, Block 29, Monticello Addition.  
Date Filed: May 7, 2005

Grantor: Annetta S. Parnell  
Grantee: Richard Lee Parnell  
Property: Lot 4, Block 8, Settles Heights Addition  
Date Filed: May 20, 2005

Grantor: Eva Lewis  
Grantee: A.R. and Callie Salazar  
Property: Lots 28-32, Block 21, Original Town of Coahoma  
Date Filed: May 11, 2005

Grantor: Irwin and Sharon Roberts  
Grantee: William L. and Donna D. Ridling  
Property: Lot 17, Block D, Campeste Estates  
Date Filed: May 26, 2005

Grantor: Robert W. and Danielle Greene  
Grantee: The Robert W. and Danielle Greene Revocable Living Trust  
Property: Lot 14, Block 6, College Park Addition  
Date Filed: May 24, 2005

Grantor: Charles Byron Harris  
Grantee: Brandon E. Iden  
Property: 20 acre tract of land out of SW quarter of Section 3, Block 32, T-1S, T&P Ry. Co. Survey, Howard County.

Date Filed: May 26, 2005

Grantor: Jackie Hipp  
Grantee: Bill Hipp  
Property: Lot 1, Block 9, Cole & Strayhorn Addition  
Date Filed: Aug. 6, 2001

Grantor: Eula May Buzbee  
Grantee: Alicia A. Buzbee  
Property: Lot 4, Block 1, Wright's Second Addition  
Date Filed: May 27, 2005

Grantor: James Percy Dillon  
Grantee: Bena and Jacob Braxton  
Property: Lot 3, Block 24, College Heights Addition  
Date Filed: May 27, 2005

Grantor: Kenneth R. and Tami S. Maberry  
Grantee: GMAC Global Relocation Services, Inc.  
Property: A 2.64 acre tract of land out of the SE quarter of Section 4, block 32, T-1-S, T&P Ry. Co. Survey  
Date Filed: May 18, 2005

Grantor: Fidel Calderon  
Grantee: Steve F. Madry  
Property: Lot 5, Block 9, Monticello Addition  
Date Filed: May 26, 2005

**Warranty deeds with vendors in**  
Grantor: Henry and Lisa Franco  
Grantee: Luanna Franco  
Property: Middle 50' of NE

quarter block 22, College heights Addition  
Date Filed: May 26, 2005

Grantor: Nadine Couch  
Grantee: Jame and Cynthia Salan  
Property: Lot 20, block 11, Monticello Addition  
Date Filed: May 25, 2005

Grantor: Patricia Johnston Edwards  
Grantee: Cindy Langston  
Property: E. 40' and W. 30' of Lot 5, Block 5, May Thixton Addition  
Date Filed: May 27, 2005

Grantor: Alton L. and Becky Fields  
Grantee: Ruben V. and Rebecca B. Cervantes  
Property: Lot 11, Block 2, College Park Addition  
Date Filed: May 27, 2005

Grantor: Guillermo and Rossanna Zegarra  
Grantee: Ray E. and Barara D. Kennedy  
Property: Lot 9, Block 7, Highland South Addition  
Date Filed: May 24, 2005

Grantor: Paul C. and Rhonda D. Gibbs  
Grantee: Connie Newell  
Property: 2.307 acre tract of land out of NW quarter of Section 21, Block 32, T-1-S, T&P Ry. Co. Survey  
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SWITCH

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RECALL

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tablet contains 80 milligrams. The company eliminated the double-pill blister cavity design for a single pill cavity design in the first quarter, McNeil spokeswoman Kathy Fallon said. As for bottled products and the 160-milligram

product, the company said that labeling on the front panel of the carton could confuse consumers on proper dosages. The spokeswoman said McNeil was changing wording on the front of the package to say that each "tablet" contains the given strength of acetaminophen rather than each "dose." In all cases, caregivers should follow the dosage directions in the medica-

tions' "Drug Facts" label or on the bottle label, Fallon said. Fallon said the company was alerted to the possible confusion after receiving calls from consumers con-

cerning proper dosing. She said she didn't know how many units were affected by the recall, or how long it would take to complete. She said the company had no reports

of adverse events related to dosing. The company is not asking for returns, because nothing is wrong with the medication itself, Fallon said. McNeil is launching

a campaign to alert consumers about proper dosages. The company said it notified the Food and Drug Administration of the voluntary recall.

SCORE

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PROJECT

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Thomas dam in Scurry County. The project will continue down river through the confluence of Beals Creek in Mitchell County and into the upper end of the E.V. Spence Reservoir. Major tributaries to the river that contain significant stands of saltcedar will also be treated including Beals Creek east of Big Spring in Howard County. Plans are to continue treatment through the lake basin of the E.V. Spence Reservoir in 2006. Planning for the project has occurred over the last five years with cooperative efforts by the Upper Colorado, Howard County, Mitchell County and Coke County Soil and Water Conservation

Districts, Texas Cooperative Extension (San Angelo), the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Austin) and CRMWD. The District has participated in a concurrent project with the U.S. Agricultural Research Service aimed at biological control through introduction of the saltcedar beetle, a natural predator that feeds on the invasive plant. Current conservative estimates indicate that control of saltcedar in the upper basin could increase yields as much as 4,000 acre-feet of water annually in E.V. Spence Reservoir. For more information, contact TSSWCB project manager Ben Brooks 325-481-0335 or CRMWD Natural Resources Manager Okla Thornton at 432-267-6341.

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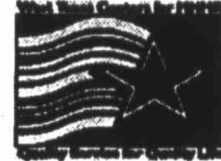
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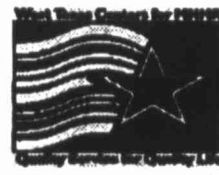
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1. Have a documented proof of High School Graduation or copy of GED.
2. Pass a pre-employment drug screen.
3. Post-employment Criminal History check must be clear of felony convictions to continue employment with the agency.

Applications available on line @ www.gopb.org.

Agency offers OJT, benefit package for all full and part-time employees. Applicants may apply at Lakeview Head Start 1107 NW 7th St. Big Spring, Tx. Applications will be taken between 9am-4pm. Job closes June 9, 2005 @ 4:00 pm. All interview will be held at the Administration Office at 206 W. 5th Odessa, TX.

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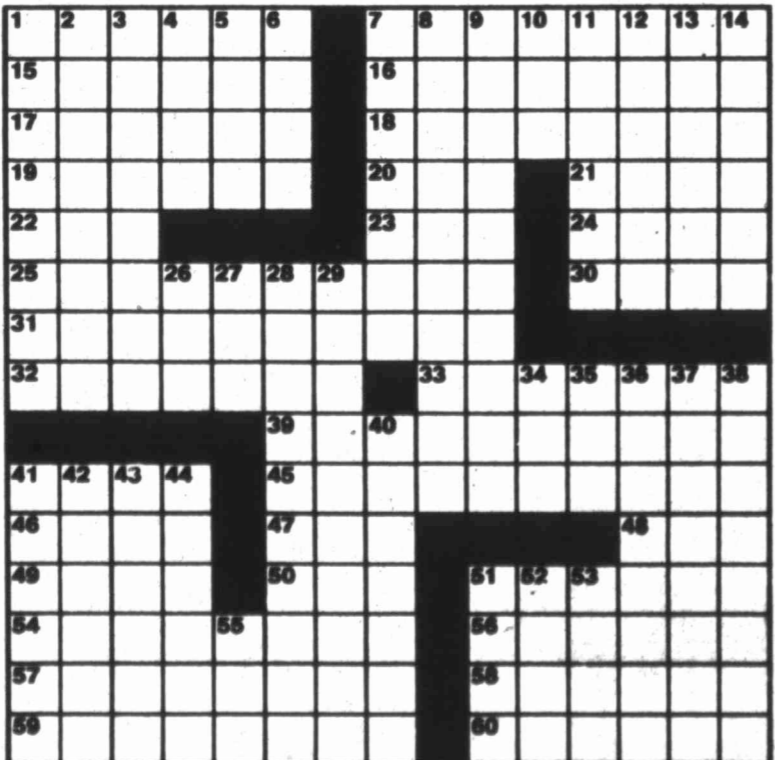
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Newsday Crossword

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|-----------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| <b>ACROSS</b>                     | <b>DOWN</b>                      |
| 1 Some operatives                 | 1 Type of financial statement    |
| 7 Major staff changes             | 2 Livestock bane                 |
| 15 Creepshow director             | 3 Truffles ingredient            |
| 16 Franchise operator             | 4 Settle in                      |
| 17 Purple Dust playwright         | 5 Fruit                          |
| 18 Swell                          | 6 Nutritious seeds               |
| 19 Foibles' opposites             | 7 Possible future surprise       |
| 20 Un saison                      | 8 Documented                     |
| 21 Turkish titles                 | 9 Entry need, perhaps            |
| 22 Be shy                         | 10 New Zealand parrot            |
| 23 Like some chgs.                | 11 Twine                         |
| 24 Hebrides resident              | 12 Normal procedures             |
| 25 Museum employees               | 13 Essence source                |
| 30 Humble company                 | 14 Handles                       |
| 31 Not literal                    | 26 It may move you               |
| 32 Drapery, e.g.                  | 27 WB alternative                |
| 33 Least worried                  | 28 Rich dessert                  |
| 39 Squadron                       | 29 Close contests                |
| 41 Half a Western nickname        | 34 Symbol for O'Hare             |
| 45 Auto light                     | 35 Part of MLS                   |
| 46 Book leather                   | 36 Style                         |
| 47 "The ___ King" (Schubert song) | 37 More oblique                  |
| 48 Economic meas.                 | 38 Brouhahas                     |
| 49 City near Haifa                | 40 Lord                          |
| 50 1st Air ___ Div.               | 41 Where John Paul II Airport is |
| 51 Until now                      | 42 Geological epoch              |
| 54 Stayed even                    | 43 The Mirror Crack'd sleuth     |
| 56 He spent the winter in Hades   | 44 Truck capacity, perhaps       |
|                                   | 45 He swore in Hoover            |
|                                   | 46 Singer with Krupa's orchestra |
|                                   | 47 Dress                         |
|                                   | 48 Pounded root dish             |



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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING  
The Glasscock County Commissioners will conduct a public hearing on June 27, 2005, at 9:00 a.m. in the district courtroom at Garden City, Texas to receive public input concerning a tax abatement agreement with Wind Plus, Inc. All interested parties are encouraged to attend and present their views.  
W.E. Bednar  
Glasscock County Judge  
June 3, 2005  
#4586 June 5, 2005

LEGAL NOTICE

The Forsan Independent School District, Forsan, Texas is accepting bids for the following: Year 2005 Improvements (Band Hall/ Auditorium Addition & Renovation) for Forsan ISD. All bids must be submitted by 3:00 P.M. local time, June 30, 2005 and addressed to or faxed to:

Amyby Loftland,  
Construction Manager  
Grimes and Associates  
c/o Grimes and Associates  
21103 FM 179  
Wolfforth, Texas 79382  
Fax: (806)863-2479  
Plans, Bid Packages and Specifications are available and may be acquired from:

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Separate bids will be received for each bid package or a combination of bid packages.

A Pre-Bid Conference will be held at 3:00 P.M., local time, June 16, 2005. All interested parties should meet at the Superintendent's Office, Forsan, Texas.

The Forsan Independent School District Board of Trustees reserves the right to reject any or all bids, and waive all formalities.  
#4579 June 5 & 12, 2005.

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SECTION 00020  
ADVERTISEMENT AND INVITATION FOR BIDS  
Sealed proposals addressed to the Honorable Mayor and City Commission of the City of Big Spring, Texas, will be received at the office of the Director of Public Works, 310 Nolan, 2nd Floor, until 3:00 p.m. June 21, 2005. Immediately following the closing time for receipt of bids, proposals will be publicly opened and read aloud. Any bid received after closing time will be returned unopened. Bids will be tabulated and presented to the City Commission for award at a later date.

Improvements to the Big Spring Wastewater Treatment Plant include renovations to the final clarifier. Bidders must submit a Cashier's or Certified Check issued by a bank satisfactory to the Owner, or a Proposal Bond from a reliable Surety Company, payable without recourse to the order of the City of Big Spring, in an amount not less than five percent (5%) of the largest possible bid submitted as a guaranty that the Bidder will enter into a contract and execute bonds in the forms provided within fifteen (15) days after notice of award of contract to him. Bids without the required check or Proposal Bond will not be considered.

The successful Bidder will must furnish a Performance Bond and a Payment Bond, each in the amount of the contract, from a Surety Company, holding a permit from the State of Texas, to act as a Surety or other Surety or Sureties satisfactory to the Owner. If the total bid is less than \$25,000, Performance and Payment Bonds will not be required.

Bidders are expected to inspect the site of the work and to inform themselves regarding all local conditions.

Information for bidders, proposal forms, specifications and plans are on file in the office of the City of Big Spring, Texas, and at the office of Parkhill, Smith & Cooper, Inc., Consulting Engineers, 4222 85th Street, Lubbock, Texas, 79423. Copies of the plans, specifications and contract documents may be secured at the office of Parkhill, Smith & Cooper, Inc., Consulting Engineers, 4222 85th Street, Lubbock, Texas 79423 (Phone (806) 473-2200) for a price of Thirty-five (\$35.00) for each set of plans and specifications. Upon return (of each set of documents) in good condition and within 15 days after the bids have been opened, the entire deposit will be refunded. Attention is called to the fact that there must be paid on this project not less than the general prevailing rates of wages which have been established by the Secretary of Labor.

Equal Opportunity in Employment: All qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex, or national origin. Bidders on this work will be required to comply with the President's Executive Order No. 11256, as amended. The requirements for bidders and contractors under this order are explained in the specifications.  
CITY OF BIG SPRING, TEXAS  
By: Honorable Russ McEwen, Mayor  
#4569 May 29 & June 5, 2005.

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING  
The Howard County Commissioners will conduct a public hearing on Monday, June 13, 2005 at 10:00 a.m. in the County Commissioners Court, located at 300 Main Street, Big Spring, Texas to receive public input concerning the adoption of an ordinance designating an re-investment zone. The proposed zone areas are as follows: Begin at the southern point of the Big Spring City Limits that intersects with US 87, follow the City Limits to Midway Road, east on midway to CR 37, north on CR 37, to I-20 to FM 821, south on FM 821 to US 87, north on US 87 to the point of origin excluding the City of Forsan and the City of Coahoma. A map of the proposed zone is located at the County Courthouse, 300 Main Street. All interested parties, including residents of the proposed zone, are encouraged to attend and present their views.  
Ben Lockhart,  
County Judge  
Date 5/24/05  
#4581 June 5, 2005

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING  
The Howard County Board of Trustees will conduct a public hearing on Monday, June 13, 2005, at 12:30 p.m. in the East Room of the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum, Howard College, 1001 Birdwell Lane, Big Spring, Texas to receive public input concerning the consideration of a Tax Abatement Agreement with Sid Richardson Carbon Co. All interested parties are encouraged to attend and present their views.  
Dr. Cheryl Sparks  
President  
Date: June 2, 2005  
#4580 June 5, 2005.

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING  
The Howard County Commissioners will conduct a public hearing on June 13, 2005, at 10:00 a.m. in the County Commissioners Court, located at 300 Main St., Big Spring, Texas to receive public input concerning the consideration of a Tax Abatement Agreement with Sid Richardson Carbon Co. All interested parties are encouraged to attend and present their views.  
Ben Lockhart  
County Judge  
May 24, 2005  
#4582 June 5, 2005

Tomorrow's Horoscope

BY HOLIDAY MATHIS  
Jupiter, the Daddy Warbucks of the sky, does an about-face — at least that's how it appears from our earthly position. Now that the abundant planet is flying straight, we have a direct line to the "goods" — whatever that means in each individual life. Whether it's more love, more money or just more cake, it's easier to figure out how to get it!

ARIES (March 21-April

19). You're grappling with the general idea of responsibility. You can benefit from being more hands-on with a project or key relationship. If you don't control your destiny, somebody else will!

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Your need to be included is in direct competition with your need for independence. Therefore, you are sending crazy, mixed messages. People aren't quite sure how to take you — yet that makes you more attractive.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You are capable of turning an inconvenience or an upheaval into a win-win situation. Just use your famous charm. You'll finally get around to returning calls (days late). It seems people are busy (as opposed to flaky) after all.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Circulate and make your presence known. If you're not informing people of how you can help them in business, you're creating new social opportunities. You'll make serious eye contact with a stranger. Break the ice first.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You like the feeling of being loved and cherished by someone. Who doesn't? But over the past couple of weeks, you've come to realize that you'd rather be independent than settle for BTN (that's Better Than Nothing).

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You have to act fast in order to preserve someone's feelings. If you don't look out for this person, chances are no one will. Be a protector and a friend. At the end of the day, you'll feel terrific about your place in the world.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Bright new faces, romance and important contacts electrify the scene. Pay attention to trends, buzzwords and what leaders are doing. All of these help you develop your own original style.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You wake up and remember the things that you forgot to do yesterday. Was it somebody's birthday? Was there an assignment you forgot to turn in? Whatever the misstep, correct it before noon, and the damage is minimal.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Bringing together financial dreams and reality can be one of life's great obstacles. The stars favor prudent spending and well-planned investments. Lucky activities include clipping coupons and checking the clearance rack.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). When feeling doubtful or insecure, say as little as possible. This feeling will pass quickly. Besides, it's easy to capture and hold someone's attention if they think you have a burning secret.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Your social skills redefine the word smooth. You have a knack for making even the shyest wallflower feel like the most important person at the party. The person you save from obscurity has the potential to be a great friend.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You'd love to see the perfection of the world, but your current improvement plan is forcing you to look at the flaws. Complete honesty will be your main tool to becoming the absolute best you can be.

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SECTION 00020  
ADVERTISEMENT AND INVITATION FOR BIDS

The City of Big Spring, Texas will receive bids for the project as follows: Sanitary Sewer Improvements, TCDP Project #724901, until 2:00 p.m. on June 21, 2005, at 310 Nolan, Big Spring, Texas 79720. The bids will be publicly opened and read aloud immediately after closing time for receipt of bids.

Bid/Contract Documents, including Drawings and Technical Specifications are on file at Parkhill, Smith & Cooper, Inc., 4222 85th Street, Lubbock, Texas, 79423.

Copies of the Bid/Contract Documents for "Sanitary Sewer Improvements, TCDP Project #724901" may be obtained depositing \$40.00 with Parkhill, Smith & Cooper, Inc. for each set of documents obtained. The entire deposit will be refunded if each set of the documents and drawings are returned in good conditions within 15 days following the bid opening.

The project "Sanitary Sewer Improvements, TCDP Project #724901" includes furnishings all necessary materials, machinery, equipment, superintendence and labor for the following:

Rehabilitation of existing approximately 9,500 L.F. of 6", 8" and 10" sanitary sewer by the trenchless technology cured-in-place pipe (CIPP).

Bidders are expected to inspect the site of the work and to inform themselves regarding all local conditions.

A mandatory pre-bid conference will be held at 2:00 p.m. on June 7, 2005 at 310 Nolan, Big Spring, Texas.

A bid bond in the amount of 5% of the bid issued by an acceptable surety shall be submitted with each bid for each project. A certified check or bank draft payable to the City of Big Spring, Texas, or negotiable U.S. Government Bonds (as per value) may be submitted in lieu of the Bid Bond.

The successful bidder must furnish a Performance Bond and a Payment Bond, each in the amount of the contract, from a Surety Company holding a permit from the State of Texas, to act as a Surety or other Surety or Sureties satisfactory to the Owner. If the total bid of one project is less than \$25,000, Performance and Payment Bonds will not be required for the project.

Attention is called to the fact that not less than the federally determined prevailing (Davis-Bacon) wage rate, as issued by the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs and contained in the contract documents must be paid on this project. In addition, the successful bidder must ensure that employees and applicants for employment are not discriminated against because of their race, color, religion, sex or national origin.

The City of Big Spring, Texas reserves the right to reject any or all bids or to waive any informalities in the bidding.

Bids may be held by the City of Big Spring, Texas for a period not to exceed sixty (60) days from the date of the bid opening for the purpose of reviewing the bids and investigating the Bidders qualifications prior to the contract award.

All contractors/subcontractors which are debarred, suspended or otherwise excluded from or ineligible for participation on federal assistance programs may not undertake any activity in part or in full under the TCDP project.  
City of Big Spring, Texas  
Russ McEwen, Mayor  
#4575 May 29 & June 5, 2005.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Glasscock County Commissioners Court will conduct a public hearing on Monday, June 13, 2005 at 9:00 a.m. in the district courtroom of the courthouse at Garden City, Texas to receive public input concerning adoption of a resolution designating an investment zone. The proposed areas are: sections 4 and 6, and sections 10 and 12 in Block 32 Township 3 South. A map including the proposed zone is located in the county courthouse.  
W.E. Bednar  
Glasscock County Judge  
June 3, 2005  
#4585 June 5, 2005

Answer to previous puzzle

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