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CRMWD to consider purifying effluent from proposed plant

What: Public meeting on water reclamation study, presented by the Colorado River Municipal Water District.

Where: Dora Roberts Community Center, 100 Whipkey Drive.

When: 1 p.m. Tuesday.

Special to the Herald

More than 10 years into our most recent drought, West Texas reservoirs continue to struggle with low water impounded volumes that adversely impact both quantity and quality, according to the Colorado River Municipal Water District.

To combat this, the water district has sought new ways to continue to supply the area

with adequate water. One solution, CRMWD says, seems obvious. By simply taking reclaiming — the effluent from wastewater treatment plants. purifying it and reusing it before it can evaporate or run off, the district can potentially provide an additional 13 million gallons per day of bottled-quality water.

For information on the process, the public is invited to attend an informational session at 1 p.m. Tuesday at the Dora

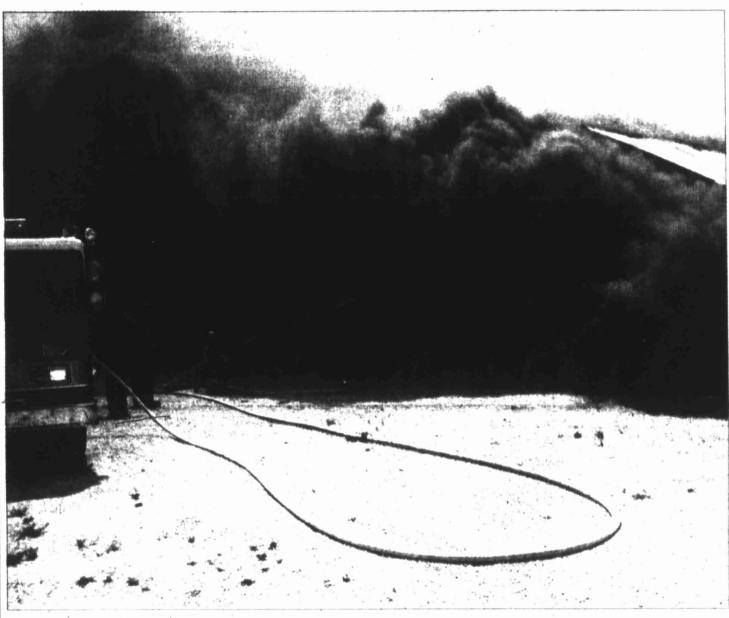
Roberts Community Center.

"Let's face it, all water is used water," said Chris Wingert, CRMWD assistant general manager. "Wastewater typically travels through streams where it eventually becomes part of surface water reservoirs to be pumped out and treated for drinking or other potable uses. Alternately, the wastewater may be absorbed into the ground where it is contained in underground aquifers before being pumped out and used for See WATER, Page 3A

beneficial purposes. Either way, virtually all water sources are impacted by treated wastewater to one degree or another.

"Current science cannot create new water, and there simply is not enough water to use it as carelessly as we do now. The proposed method of water reclamation, or intentional water reuse, is already working in many places around the world, and makes some here in

None injured in blaze



A Big Spring Fire Department firefighter battles a barn fire about 17 miles north of Big Spring Friday afternoon. No injuries were reported, but the structure sustained heavy damage, officials said. The cause of the blaze is still under

Budget time

Rising expenditures make planning difficult for city

By BILL MCCLELLAN

News Editor

Big Spring City Council will meet with city staff Monday and Tuesday to begin work on the 2005-2006 budget.

Both sessions will be held in council chambers at 307 E. Fourth St. Monday's workshop will begin at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday's budget session is set to begin immediately following a special city council meeting and should get under way about 5:45 p.m. The council meeting is set for 5:30 p.m. and being held due to the lack of a quorum a week ago.

City Manager Fuqua said increased costs are making it tough to hammer out a budget for the coming year.

"The big issue at this time is all of our expenditures are going up gasoline, electricity, natural gas. Even the rock for our seal coat program went up 54 percent compared to last year," he said. "It's making it more and more difficult to keep See CITY, Page 3A

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Fuqua gasoline, electricity, natural gas. Even the rock for our seal coat program went up 54 pércent compared to

a balanced budget."

last year."

So-called "big ticket" items in the budget include the water and waste water treatment plants.

"The last major repairs at the waste water treatment plant were done in 1993, and that's obviously a very caustic environment," the city manager said.

"And of course we want to continue with our water line replacement

Forsan ISD trustees slated for budget review Monday

By STEVE REAGAN

Staff Writer

The Forsan Independent School District trustees will begin hammering out next year's budget when they hold their monthly meeting at 7 p.m. Monday in the administration board room.

Business District Manager Dianna Walker said that, excluding drasfinance by the state legislature, no major budgetary changes are forthcoming.

"We're going to try and keep it pretty similar to last year," Walker said, comparing the proposed budget to last year's \$5.15 million financial package.

Barring last-minute property tax relief by the legislature, Forsan ISD's tax rate likely will tic changes in school remain at \$1.50 per \$100. See FISD, Page 3A

valuation, the maximum permissible by law.

This new fiscal year marks the first in which Forsan will have to begin paying off last year's \$4 million bond issue, which was approved by voters to finance renovations on all district campuses.

Walker said \$449,000 is earmarked this year for repayment on the debt,

WTO to present public forum to address community needs

By MARSHA STURDIVANT

Features Editor

A public forum allowing Howard County residents to name the greatest concerns about their community begins at 6 p.m. Monday in the Howard County library basement meeting

by West Texas Presented Opportunities, the forum is part of the Community Needs Assessment Grant procedure and will give those attending an opportunity to name the services and resources lacking in Howard



"They do this every five years and what we decide and submit that night will be sent to the state and ultimately Washington, D.C. This is our chance for our voice to be heard, for our concerns to be named and

ultimately this will affect funding for our community," said Becky Newmann, director of Big Spring WTO.

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CHINA A GLOBAL PLAYER

If the 20th was the American century. the 21st may



belong to China. Just five years into it, China has become the world's third-largest trader, one of its fastest-growing economies, a rising military power in Northeast Asia and a global player extending its influence in Africa, the Middle East and Latin America. See article, Page 6A.

DUCT TAPE FORMALS

FORREST CITY, Ark. (AP) — It took 25 rolls of duct tape and more than four weeks of work, but two high school students earned \$2,500 college scholarships after donning formal wear made from the adhesive to their prom. Krystal Long and Casey Isringhouse, both 18, won the 2005 Stuck at Prom scholarship contest. "Everyone loved the outfits and couldn't believe they were actually made of duct tape," Long said. The pair was selected from more than 260 couples from 44 states and Canada.

INSIDE TODAY'S ISSUE



Cover Story: Volunteer **Emergency** Medical Technicians (EMTs) are not as common as they used to be in rural areas and small towns. Still.

they're the first

to respond during medical emergencies in places such as Nowata, Okla. (pop. 3,971) and Browns Valley, Minn. (pop. 690).

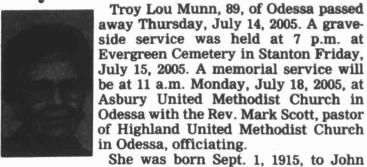


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Obituaries

Troy Lou Munn



and Jennie (Allison) Blocker in Stanton. She was reared in Martin County and attended school in the Courtney Community. Troy married W.H. Munn Dec. 16. 1933, in Big Spring. They lived in Andrews for 40 years and for the last 10 years they made their home

Troy was a life-long Methodist. He was a member of the Highland United Methodist Church in Odessa at the time of her death. She was a member of the United Methodist Women's Association and a long-time member of the Rebecka Lodge.

She was a loving mother and wife whose family and church always came first.

Survivors include her husband, W.H. Munn; three daughters, Helen Cook of Odessa, Mary Steed of Midland and Ruth Ann Page and her husband, Dennis of Midland; three sons, Pat Munn and his wife, Jan of Odessa, Mike Munn and his wife, Sue of Midland and Jimmy Munn and his wife, Suzan of Big Spring; 16 grandchildren; 28 great-grandchildren; and two greatgreat-grandchildren; a sister, Betty Sadler of Odessa; and a brother, John Blocker Jr. and his wife, Betty Jo of Hobbs N.M.; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Arrangements under the direction of Gilbreath Funeral Home of Stanton. Online condolences can be made at www.npwelch.com.

Paid obituary

Anna Marie Mills



Anna Marie "Sally" Mills, 79, of Midland, formerly of Big Spring, died at 9:50 a.m. Thursday, July 14, 2005, at Midland Memorial Hospital. Services will be 2 p.m. Monday at Myers & Smith Chapel with the Rev. Elwin Collom, of Coahoma, and the Rev. Harold Mills, of Plano, officiating. Burial will be at Trinity Memorial Park. The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. Sunday at Myers & Smith Funeral

She was born March 3, 1926, at Hugo, Colo. to August and Margaret Grube. She grew up in Hugo and later Denton, where her father helped build the stadium at North Texas State University. She graduated from nursing school at St. Paul's Hospital in Dallas in 1943. She began her career as a registered nurse at the V.A.

Hospital in McKinney, and later transferred to Big Spring when the V.A. Hospital opened here in 1950. Anna was the surgical supervisor at the V.A. and later worked in the emergency room at Malone and Hogan Hospital. She also worked at Malone and Hogan Clinic for Dr. Dillon. Anna was a school nurse for the Head Start Program of the Big Spring school district for 18 years, and was later evening supervisor on the West Unit at the Big Spring State Hospital. She married Royal Mills in 1950 at St. Thomas

Catholic Church in Big Spring. They moved to Midland in 1999.

She is survived by her husband, Royal Mills of Midland; a son, Bobby Mills of Midland; three grandchildren: Deric Calhoun and his wife, Amber, of San Angelo, Dillan Calhoun of Midland, and Amanda Calhoun of Arlington.

In addition to her parents she was preceded in death by 2 daughters, Teresa Anne Mills in 1956, and Becky Calhoun in 2002.

Pallbearers will be Deric Calhoun, Dillan Calhoun, Pepper Sullivan and Bobby Mills.

The family suggests memorials to Big Spring Humane Society, P. O. Box 823, Big Spring 79721

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

Weather

Sunday...Partly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the mid 90s. South winds 10 to 15 mph.

Sunday night...Partly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the lower 70s. South winds around 15 mph.

Monday...Partly cloudy. Isolated showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the mid 90s. Southeast winds around 15 mph.

Monday night...Partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 70s. Tuesday...Partly cloudy. Isolated showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the upper 90s.

Tuesday night...Partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 70s. Wednesday...Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 90s.

Support groups

MONDAY

 Encourager's Support Group — All widows and widowers are invited to a covered dish dinner beginning at 6 p.m. in the First Presbyterian Church, Seventh and Runnels streets. Enter through the north door. For more information, call 398-5522.

TUESDAY

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

THURSDAY

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

Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity Friday:

 GUADALUPE NIETO, 37, 1310 Park, was arrested on a capias warrant.

• NICK HERNANDEZ, 27, 710 N.W. Eighth, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.

· ANDRES LUGO, 27, No address given, was arrested on a hold for the ICE. • LONDA COPELAND, 32, 1400 E. 14th, was arrest-

ed on a hold for the HCSO. • CHRISTOPHER LOPEZ, 32, 621 State, was arrest-

ed on a charge of public intoxication. OVIDIO PAZ-AVALENDO, 39, no address given,

was arrested on a hold for the ICE. JOSE GARZA CABALLERO, 27, no address given,

was arrested on a hold for the ICE. · ASSAULT was reported on the 900 block of Willia

and the 400 block of Gregg. BURGLARY OF A BUILDING was reported on the 1500 block of FM 700.

· ASSAULT was reported on the 4000 block of W.

Sheriff's report

The Howard County Sheriff's Office reported the following activity Friday:

• SHOTS FIRED was reported on the 7900 block of

· RECKLESS DRIVER was reported.

Take note

 ODYSSEY HEALTH CARE HOSPICE CARE GIVER DINNER is 6 p.m. Tuesday at Christ Community Church, 1008 Birdwell Lane. Open to all caregivers, past and current. Call Sadie Watkins at 263-5999 for more information.

 PUBLIC FORUM ON NEEDS OF LOW-INCOME RESIDENTS OF HOWARD COUNTY is set for 6 p.m. Monday at the Howard County Library in the downstairs meeting room. Call Becky at 267-9536 with questions or for more information.

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

Hamm at 263-7827.

 CLASS OF 1970 35th ANNIVERSARY HOME-COMING set for September. All classmates should send an e-mail address to Clarinda Harris Wright at richardwright@cox.net. For more information, visit www.bshsalumni.com/SiteMap/htm.

• THE BIG SPRING HIGH SCHOOL OLDTIMERS (those who graduated before 1940) are planning a reunion for the annual BSHS Homecoming Sept. 16-17. Anyone able to attend a reunion Sept. 17 should call 432-267-2900 and leave phone and address information.

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

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

Lottery

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Friday night: Winning numbers drawn: 5-18-20-22-29. Number matching five of five: 1. Prize per winner: \$35,718. Winning tickets sold in: Wheelock. Matching four of five: 116. Prize: \$139. Matching three of five: 3,613. Prize: \$10. Matching two of five: 36,580. Prize: \$2. Next Cash 5 drawing: Saturday night.

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Friday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 5-2-6

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Bulletin board

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MONDAY

· 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

• Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) No. 21 meets at 5 p.m. in the Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center, 306 W. Third, for weigh-in. The meeting begins at 5:30 p.m. Call 1-800-392-8677 or 263-0391 or 263-1758.

• Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) No. TX 1756 meets at 5:30 p.m. Monday in the 11th and Birdwell Lane Church of Christ. A different program is offered every week, and anyone 7 years old or older is welcome to attend. Please enter through the northwest door. Call 263-2786 for more information.

· Evening Lions Club meets at 6:30 p.m. in the La Posada Restaurant.

• DAV and Auxiliary Chapter 47 meets at 6:30 p.m. at 610 Abrams St.

· Christian Singles Fellowship meets from 7 p.m. until 9 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church Youth Hall. All singles in the community are invited for an evening of fellowship, food and table games. · 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-

· Big Spring Rotary Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane. • Big Spring Band Boosters meets at 5:30 p.m. in the

high school band hall. All band parents are invited to attend. • Big Spring Art Association meets at 7 p.m. in the Howard County Library. All working artists and

those interested in art are invited to attend. Concerned Citizens for Big Spring meets at 7 p.m. in the meeting room of the Howard County Library, 500 S. Main.

WEDNESDAY

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

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

· Downtown Lions Club meets at noon at the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane. Line dancing begins at 1 p.m. in the Spring City

Senior Citizen's Center in the Industrial Park. Call 267-6966 or 267-1628. · Duplicate Bridge Club meets at 1 p.m. in the Big

Spring Country Club. • Fraternal Order of Eagles Aerie meets at 7 In the Eagles Lodge, 703 W. Third St.

THURSDAY

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

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

· Kiwanis Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane. Call 267

· Citizen's Police Academy Alumni Association

meets at 5:30 p.m. in the RSVP office at 501 Runnels. American Legion Post 506 meets at 6 p.m. Call 263-2084 for more information. Rackley-Swords 379, Vietnam Veterans of America meets at 7 p.m. in the Sparenburg Building,

309 S. Main St.

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

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Lottery paid for goods it never received FISD

AUSTIN (AP) — The embattled Texas Lottery Commission is investigating why the agency paid a Nevada company more than \$300,000 for goods it hasn't received.

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The lottery's purchasing department authorized an advanced payment to JB & Associates in February 2004 to buy promotional items such as umbrellas, coffee mugs and vinyl wallets, the Fort Worth Star-Telegram reported.

JB, based in Reno, Nev., received at least \$332,427, but the lottery said it is still owed about \$311,000 in undelivered merchandise. Lottery spokesman Bobby Heith said paying in advance for such goods violates the purchasing policies for state agencies.

"An internal audit into the matter is ongoing, and we have also asked the state auditor's office to

something that causes us a great deal of concern."

Heith said it was not a criminal investigation but said any evidence that is found to suggest illegal activity will be turned over to the appropriate authorities.

Joel Bowen, who owns JB, said the lottery picked his company in 2003 to procure the items. He turned to an importing look into it independent- broker to get the merly," Heith said. "This is chandise from China,

He said the broker wanted to be paid in advance.

Bowen said the broker has told him factors such as a typhoon and escalating oil prices worldwide have contributed to the slowdown.

The purchasing agent authorized "the who advance payment has since been dismissed from the commission, said Heith, who declined to say whether her depar-

where it was to be made. ture was related to the problem.

The revelation is another black eye for an agency that's been sharply criticized for inflating Lotto Texas jackpots.

Executive Director Reagan Greer resigned last week after signing off on an \$8 million jackpot for the June 8 drawing when estimations showed ticket sales could only cover \$6.5 million.

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which will take 15 years to settle.

Also, tentative plans call for an across-theboard 3.5 percent pay raise for administrators and other professional staffers. Teacher will receive a "step" raise depending on their place in the state pay scale, Walker said.

The budget and tax rate will be formalized sometime in August, she added.

In other business,

trustees will consider: Implementation of a district-wide drug-testing policy for students participating in extra-curricular activities.

· Tax collection contracts.

· Handbooks and codes of conduct for all district students.

 Student transfer list for 2005-06.

 Employments and resignations.

stood in line Friday to

hit the Mexican coast by Sunday, possibly somewhere near Cancun. From few days. there it could cross over the Yucatan peninsula, uate and routes were post-

TEXAS BRIEFS

PUC OKs agreement in AT&T case

AUSTIN (AP) — State regulators on Friday

ordered AT&T to pay a \$195,000 fine for what

the Public Utility Commission called an

'extensive case involving billing errors and

The company also will pay the attorney

general's office \$195,000 in legal fees, the

The fine comes on top of the more than

The key issue, the PUC said, involved a

\$3.95 monthly charge to residential long dis-

AT&T customers said the company failed

to tell them about products and services

offered and their costs and failed to show

that customers agreed to receive the prod-

ucts and services, the PUC said. The PUC

\$800,000 AT&T already has refunded its cus-

(AP) - Some South travel across the Gulf ed toward Texas and hit land near the U.S. border with Mexico, according to the U.S. National Hurricane

Forecasters in South low-lying areas that can Emily was expected to Texas were advising residents to watch local weather reports in next

Areas that should evac-

Department Transportation Web site. **Emergency** management officials also suggested that people who live in flood make arrangements

"We're all preparing in a small way, making sure generators are working, gathering necessary sup-

to stay outside the area.

Texas plies. We're most concerned about the coast," said Chano Falcon, district maintenance administrator with the Texas Department Transportation.

> In Port Isabel, Porfilio Leus had his car inspected and said his family had reserved a hotel room in Brownsville. At a store in Harlingen, dozens

> > Stauber said.

spokesman said.

buy plywood to protect windows at home and work from flying debris. "It's better to be safe

than sorry," said Juan

The American Red Cross' South Texas chapter was prepared to open shelters, said executive director Michael Huckabee.

Antonio, Union Pacific spokeswoman Robin

EL PASO (AP) - A sport utility vehicle

speeding toward a border crossing plowed

into a family of street vendors Friday,

killing two children and injuring their moth-

er and two sisters, a U.S. customs

The SUV had blood on a bumper and was

dragging a baby stroller underneath when it

stopped at a border checkpoint near down-

town El Paso, said Roger Maier, spokesman

Soon after the SUV stopped, Mexican offi-

cials reported to U.S. agents that a vehicle

had crashed into a family on the Ciudad

Juarez side of the Bridge of the Americas,

Rafael Perez Jr., 19, was jailed in El Paso

killing the girls, ages 4 and 5, Maier said.

for U.S. Customs and Border Protection.

Speeding SUV kills 2 children

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program. There again, every time the price of gasoline goes up, the price of PVC pipe goes up, so it's really expensive," he added.

Fuqua said Monday's session will primarily focus on the general fund departments while Tuesday's workshop will touch on utilities, repairs needed and some of the small budgets.

"The mayor has ask that this year we meet Monday and Tuesday and then take a week or two for the council to think over everything and study, and then hold another workshop again after the Aug. 9 council

meeting," said Fuqua. The budget will have to must be in place by Oct.

South Texas readies for Hurricane Emily

Texas residents were making preparations to weather Hurricane Emily as officials mobilized in case the storm hits the

Center in Miami.

also said it received complaints that after customers called AT&T to report the billing errors, the company refused to address them, misinformed customers and subjected them to repeated sales pitches.

Train-truck wreck causes derailment

NATALIA (AP) - An 18-wheeler collided with a train on Friday, killing a passenger in the truck and causing more than two dozen train cars to derail, authorities said.

The truck was hit on its passenger side as it turned onto a private road, Natalia City Manager Beth Eonesio said.

Medina County Sheriff Gilbert Rodriguez said Marta Garcia, 46, of Dilley, died in the

Her husband, Manuel Ochoa Garcia, 59, was the truck's driver. His condition at a San Antonio hospital was not immediately available. Two locomotives and 25 cars derailed in on suspicion of driving while intoxicated, El

transportation and child care. ty, she said. "We will be suggesting all types ty. These 15 topics will then be compared with 15 topics provid- of services to help meet these

the collision about 30 miles southeast of San Paso police said.

ed by the Texas Department of needs," Newmann said. The event will allow communi- Housing, and will then be Everyone, including elected

ty members to select 15 concerns reduced to the five most impor- officials and community leaders, For more information, contact for the community, such as tant needs within the communi- is urged to attend to help deter- Newmann at 267-9536.

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"We hope to see everyone there who cares about this community," Newmann said.

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West Texas."

Reclaiming water starts with effluent (water that has been treated) from the treatment wastewater plant - water that ordinarily goes to local streams. For Big Spring, that water is released into Beals Creek, where it runs into the E.V. Spence Reservoir, mixes with natural runoff from the watershed, and is then pumped back to the Big Spring Water Treatment Plant for treatment and distribution to residents.

Instead of this current form of indirect reuse, the reclamation project proposes to give the effluent a much more thorough cleansing before it is blended with lake water and the mixture is delivered to a water treatment plant for final purification.

proposed the At CRMWD Reclaimed Water Treatment Plant, pretreated effluent water would go through three stages of purification: membrane filtration, reverse osmosis and ultraviolet oxidation the same treatment processes used by many

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bottled water plants, officials say.

The initial cleaning, membrane filtration, uses a microfiltration or ultrafiltration membrane to screen out any foreign particles that remain from the wastewater plant. The next stage, reverse osmosis, provides several advantages over regular reservoir water, Wingert said.

By using a semi-permeable membrane that allows only H2O particles to pass through, reverse osmosis works at the molecular level.

"Not only does this succeed in getting out any potentially unhealthy particles, it also filters out most salts, thereby decreasing the salinity and improving the overall quality of the water, yielding 'softer,' less mineral-saturated drinking water," he explained.

The final stage exposes

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the water to ultraviolet light oxidation, which disinfects the water and breaks down organic compounds. This stage also provides a redundant "safety net" to the R/O treatment, since it is toxic to pathogens and viruses.

"The water emerges from the proposed plant not only meets, but exceeds, all primary water standards set by the Environmental Protection Agency and the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality," said Wingert. "In addition, the reclaimed water will meet almost all of the recommended, mandatory guidelines set by the EPA that focus on health and taste."

Following these multiple treatments, reclaimed water would be blended with water from local lakes and the mixture would be treated all over again at the existing

water treatment plant, with reclaimed water making up 10 to 30 percent of the supply.

"Reclaiming water will reduce the loss from evaporation or runoff and deliver a remarkable amount of additional supplies — potentially two million gallons of high quality water per day for Big Spring alone," said Wingert. "All these benefits come from simply accelerating the natural water cycle in a safe man-

Wingert said water reclamation will also prove cheaper in the long run, with an estimated cost to the city of Big Spring running at about \$1.67 per 1,000 gallons.

"Moreover, by keeping the reclaimed water out of the streams and having it available virtually at the point of need, cities can pump less water from the lakes, decreasing both the energy and expense of aged to attend.

delivering water," he noted.

To ease startup costs, potential funding assistance could come from agencies such as the **Texas Water Development** Board and the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation.

"Water reclamation is already working both worldwide and here in Texas. El Paso has put its reclaimed water back into their aguifers for 30 years.

Other success stories include Clearwater, Fla.; Orange County, Calif.; and Tucson, Ariz.,' Wingert added. "Reclaimed water gives consumers an economical, abundant supply of the cleanest possible water. An obvious solution to a persistent problem, water reclamation signals clear progress for West Texas.

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OUR VIEWS

We're asking our military personnel to tell their stories

merica is at war in Iraq and Afghanistan — the nightly news on television and Associated Press wire tell us that every day. What those news reports don't tell us is much about the young men and women from Big Spring, Howard County and the Crossroads area who are serving in the military.

Unfortunately, we never seem to see one of "our boys" or "our girls" in televised news reports, or hear from them in wire service accounts.

On rare occasions the military has released feature stories involving a soldier or sailor from our area, but we'd like to have more. Much more. We're betting our readers do, too.

Obviously, none of us can ask the Department of Defense to provide us with stories and pictures about what the Crossroads' soldiers, sailors, airmen and Marines are doing around the globe, but it seems to us that they and their families probably can.

Today's military personnel have access to communicate almost instantly with friends and family — a capability America's fighting then and women from past wars could only dream about. Access to the Internet and e-mail have made that

In fact, a great many of them have free access to the *Herald's* website. We make that possible in hopes of bringing home a little closer for them while they're away helping protect the freedoms we all enjoy.

We here at the *Herald* hope they can help return the favor and make the most of those communications assets.

We're asking them to share their experiences. thoughts, aspirations and photographs with us through e-mail. And obviously, we'd be very proud to have parents, grandparents, brothers and sisters share any news they get from their loved ones serving both overseas and domestically.

They need only send their e-mails to editor@bigspringherald.com. Don't worry about putting together documents ... just send your messages as the body of the e-mail. But if there's a document already ready, go ahead and attach it. All pictures should be sent as jpeg attachments, however.

It seems almost every day we hear "the media" doesn't provide a true picture of what the men and women in our military encounter "over there." We believe letting our young people tell the story from the field will do a much better job of telling the "real story" than any embedded reporter ever could.

We can't wait to hear from them.

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

Dear Lord, You are reaching out in our direction if we will just pay attention.

Amen

Cell phones: A ring-ingly bad idea

Random thoughts while trying not to think about my bills:

hile not the most high-tech guy in these parts, I don't see technology as this great monster that threatens to destroy all that we hold dear.

But I'm willing to reconsider that stance when it comes to cell phones. Don't get me wrong

—☐I'm not opposed to cell phones per se. They're a dandy idea, and goodness knows they certainly help us keep in touch with family, friends and co-workers.

It's just that after a day of listening to the darned things go off at all times, interrupting my train of thought (yeah, I know ... not that big an accomplishment) or my enjoyment of a meal, I'm ready to collect all of them in a big box, weigh it down in cement and drop said box into the nearest lake.

I know this may be hard to believe, but there was a time, not too long ago, when there were no cell phones. Apparently, if one wanted to talk on the phone, one had to be at his or her home, or the office, or at a friend's house.

Thankfully, some technological wizard corrected this sorry state of affairs and invented the wireless telephone. Soon afterward, peace reigned, all known diseases were cured and everyone became rich and good-looking.

Of course, I jest. What really happened is that people found they could talk to anyone, practically anywhere, at any time.

Amazingly, some folks think this is a good thing.

Call me old-fashioned, but there are times when I really, really, really don't want to hear a telephone ring. I understand that some people need to stay in touch with loved ones or co-workers, but I don't find myself under the same obligation.

And nowhere are my quaint beliefs more reinforced than when I'm at a restaurant. I enjoy conversation, and Muzak usually doesn't grate too much on my nerves, unless it's some flute-heavy rendition of my favorite Led Zeppelin

But to pile the sound a ringing phone on top of those other things does tend to annoy me at times.

Being the progressive sort of person I am, however, I adapted to this intrusion.

But the techno-wizards weren't through with me yet. In a spasm of genius, someone decided that modifying the ringtones of the wireless gizmos to simulate popular tunes would be a wonderful

These are the same type of people who probably think disco is the ultimate in musical evolution, but I digress.

Now, instead of having to just put up with the Muzak version of "Stairway to Heaven," a trip to my favorite eatery now features the additional treat of listening to tinny-sounding, electronic snippets of all sorts of tunes.

Believe me, there's nothing like having to listen to a five-second electronic version of Beethoven's Ninth Symphony to make that cheeseburger more enjoyable.

Duh-duh-duh-DUHHHHHH (chomp!), duh-duh-duh-DUHHHH-HH (chomp!).

Instead of simply chowing down, a trip to the restaurant now has evolved into Synchronized Eating. Perhaps the Olympics can put this on the program in the near future.

But, being the modern day Da Vinci I am, I once again adapted. And, once again, the techno-wizards had another surprise in store for me.

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Now, in addition to the annoying sound of an electronic jingle. many cell phones have the added attraction of featuring walkietalkie capability. That means that not only do you get treated to Ravel's Bolero, you also get to listen to both ends of a person's conversation, with a few beeps and squawks thrown in for good mea-

Again, I understand the concept behind the walkie-talkie feature. Hands-free communication definitely comes in (ha-ha) handy when you're driving a car or performing some other crucial activity that requires both hands.

In practice, however, this feature usually serves only to annoy the heck out of me when I'm trying to enjoy a meal. Once, I actually had the pleasure of listening to both ends of a private argument while trying to digest a chicken-fried steak.

That was fun.

But I'm not the type to tilt at windmills. I am a realist, and realistically speaking, cell phones, and all their annoying, nerve-wracking features, are here to stay. I just have to deal with the situation.

Personally, I'm considering take-

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Plame affair gets 'curioser and curiouser'

s the judge in the Judith Miller-Matt Cooper case said, it just gets "curiouser and curiouser." For starters, Judy Miller of The New York Times, who never wrote a word about Valerie Plame, is in prison, while Robert Novak, who

broke the story and printed the name, may be weekending at his posh house on Fenwick Island, Del.

Meanwhile, a truly phenomenal case study in the art of spin has been launched on behalf of Karl Rove, aka Bush's brain, now

that we know he was Cooper's source on

the Plame affair. We have long known that Rove made the repulsive statement to a reporter that Plame, a former CIA undercover operative, was "fair game." Rove was out to smear her husband. Joseph Wilson, who told the truth about Bush's phony claim that Saddam Hussein tried to buy uranium in Niger. What. A. Mess.

According to The Washington Post: "Republicans mounted an aggressive and coordinated defense of Karl Rove Tuesday, contending that the White House's top political adviser did nothing improper or illegal when he discussed a covert CIA official with a reporter. ... The emerging GOP strategy — devised by (Ken) Mehlman (chair of the Republican National Committee) and other Rove loyalists outside the White House — is to try to undermine those Democrats calling for Rove's ouster, play down Rove's role and wait for President Bush's forthcoming Supreme Court selection to drown out the controversy, according to several high-level

Republicans." Actually, Rove and the White House got into trouble in the first place by trying to discredit a critic of the administration. They might want to rethink this strategy. For

one thing, the spin is so factually challenged it makes your head hurt. For example, Wednesday's Wall Street Journal editorial on the subject consists of one stunning misstatement after another. And these are the people who have been given their own program on

A consistent theme of the spin is that "no crime was committed," that outing Plame as a CIA agent meant nothing since she was then working as an analyst in Langley.

Unfortunately, Plame spent years overseas for the CIA working for a civilian firm without benefit of a diplomatic passport, meaning that she was especially vulnerable, could have been executed if caught and showed special courage. True, she was not working undercover when Novak named her in his column. However, as many CIA officers have pointed out, the outing left her former company and colleagues vulnerable. That this was done for petty political revenge is unforgivable. It is a result of being so focused on your political opponents that you take them more seriously than you do the country's real enemies.

Frankly, it reeks of Rove — and it is what's wrong with much of politics today. If the prosecutor cannot prove a crime, Rove should still be fired, not just because Bush said he would fire anyone involved in the leak, but also because what Rove did is ethically disgusting.

Many of my colleagues in the media are having trouble getting a grip on all this. Some have abandoned Judith Miller because she did so much bad reporting on WMD before the war. As the Times itself later admitted, much of its pre-war coverage consisted of "breathless stories built on unsubstantiated 'revelations' that, in many instances, were the anonymity-cloaked assertions of people with vested interests." But that, friends, is a different case.

Of course a reporter does not

have an absolute right to shield a source — even lawyers don't have such a right. But many other professionals have limited rights to confidentiality, including preachers, psychiatrists and counselors. A journalist's limited right to protect confidentiality is recognized by 31 states and the District of Columbia.

Look, reporters come armed with a notebook and a pencil. They do not carry guns, they do not have the power to arrest people, they do not have subpoen a power, they cannot force people to talk by holding them as material witnesses, they cannot sneak into their homes and read their computers. Generally speaking, if the law can't make a case without help from a reporter, they're incompe-

Miller is not protecting a noble whistleblower who dared to go to the press because his sense of integrity had been outraged by official misconduct and he had no other option. That would be your basic Deep Throat. She is, we can assume, protecting some politically motivated hatchet-man who was part of the smear campaign against Plame's husband for telling the truth. And that, too, is irrelevant to the principle involved.

The larger point is that journalists have a constitutionally protected responsibility to find and publish the truth (as dubious as many of our efforts are). Particularly in covering government and politics, that purpose is often served by protecting slimeballs, or at least people with questionable motives. Just because Karl Rove has forgotten about the public interest is not reason for Judy Miller to do so. To find out more about Molly

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Another suicide bomber thwarted in Iraq

11 U.S. soldiers charged with alleged abuse of detainees

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BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — Iraqi police arrested a would-be suicide bomber in the capital before he could detonate an explosive belt among a crowd mourning the victims of an attack earlier this week that killed 27 people, mostly children, an official said. It was the second thwarted attack this week.

Meanwhile, 11 U.S. soldiers have been charged with assaulting detainees in Iraq, the military said Saturday, while three British soldiers were killed by a roadside bomb in a rare attack in the relatively stable southern part of the country.

The would-be bomber arrested

Saturday in Baghdad said he was Libyan, according to police Lt. Mohammed Jassim.

Jassim said police grew suspicious of the man, stopped him and discovered the explosives belt.

On Thursday, Iraqi and U.S. forces captured another suicide bomber before he could detonate his explosives belt as part of coordinated assaults just 150 feet from the Green Zone, the site of the U.S. Embassy and major Iraqi government offices.

The U.S. military said in a statement that the charges against the 11 troops, who served in the Baghdad area but were not otherwise identified, were filed Wednesday after another soldier complained about the alleged assaults.

"None of the insurgents required medical treatment for injuries related to the alleged assault," the statement added., "Only one of the suspected terrorists remains in custody of coalition forces at this time."

The soldiers had been assigned to the Army's Task Force Baghdad but were taken off-duty pending the investigation, the military said, adding that the Army's Criminal Investigation Division would determine whether they should face trial by court-martial.

"Allegations of illegal activities will always be thoroughly investigated," said Lt. Col. Clifford Kent, a Task Force Baghdad spokesman.

alleged mistreatment detainees since the abuse of inmates at Abu Ghraib prison resulted in a major scandal involving America's handling of prisoners both here and in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

The attack against the British occurred as the troops were on patrol about 2:30 a.m. in the city of Amarah in Maysan province, 180 miles southeast of Baghdad. Three British troops were killed and two wounded, according to Britain's Ministry of Defense.

British Prime Minister Tony Blair, a staunch U.S. ally, expressed his condolences for the dead soldiers.

"The bravery of our armed U.S. commanders have been forces was yet again underlined especially sensitive about as they help Iraq and its people

towards the democracy they so desperately want," Blair said Saturday.

The fatalities brought to 92 the number of British servicemen who have died since the Iraq war started in March 2003. Britain has about 8,500-troops in the country, mostly based in the largely Shiite south, where support for the Shiite-led government in Baghdad is stronger.

British losses have been far fewer than those suffered by the larger U.S. force, which is bearing the brunt of the fight against Sunni Arab insurgents in northern, western and central Iraq.

At least 1,763 members of the U.S. military have died since the war started.

11-year-old girl faces felony charge for throwing rock at 9-year-old boy

FRESNO, Calif. (AP) - acknowledged to officers ing a GPS ankle bracelet Bob Ellis said he couldn't or by language difficulboys pelted her with water balloons is being prosecuted on a felony deadly weapon.

An 11-year-old girl who that he started the fight in to monitor her wherethrew a rock to defend late April. He was abouts and is now due herself as neighborhood released from the hospital back in court early next dren. after getting his head stitched up.

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month.

Maribel already has like she's a violent parole såid her hall with one half-hour lawyer, Richard Beshwate, Jr.

Assistant Fresno year-old boy — who under house arrest, wear- County District Attorney

because it involves chil-

Police sent three squad "They're treating her cars and a helicopter in response to a 911 call. But authorities deny that their response was influenced by the setting — a low-income, largely minority neighborhood -

comment on the case ties. Maribel's first language is Spanish and she and her family members speak limited English.

"We responded. We determined a felony assault had taken place and the officers took the actions that were necessary," said Fresno Police

The police report said an officer read Maribel her Miranda rights twice, in English.

The 11-year-old said the officers grabbed her by her shirt from behind.

"I was so scared," she said in Spanish. "I didn't know what they were doing."

Groups question Taser gun safety after suspects' deaths

FORT WORTH (AP) — En route to his Midland home after visiting his sister in Arkansas, archi-Eric Hammock seemed fine as he called his wife while passing through North Texas.

But a few hours later, he was dead.

Fort Worth police say erty and after a chase guarding the property, he got out of his car and tried to hit the officer. The officer then shocked the 43-year-old with a Taser gun and placed him in handcuffs: Hammock struggled to breathe and died an hour later, police

Tarrant County Medical Examiner Nizam Peerwani said Hammock's April death was from cocaine intoxication but that the Tascr may have played a role because he "collapsed within a very, very short time after being tased." Hammock was shocked between three and six times.

"They overdid it," said Kathi Hammock, his wife of 18 years who is suing the gun's manufacturer, Taser Arizona-based International. "I don't care what he did. He didn't deserve the death

penalty." In the past nine months, at least six people in Texas — including three in Fort Worth — have died after authorities shocked them with a Taser gun. Just last week in the Dallas suburb of Euless, a 17-year-old died two days after being shocked three times with a Taser. Police say he was high on drugs and vio-

lent. National statistics on Taser-related deaths vary. The American Civil Liberties Union reports more than 130 deaths in the U.S., while Amnesty International reports more than 120 deaths in the U.S. and Canada

SCENIC MOUNTAIN MEDICAL CENTER Our Community. Our Hospital. 01 W. 11th Pl. Big Spring, TX 2001. The groups want Taser use suspended until studies are done on how the device affects people on drugs or with heart conditions.

stun guns, did not return away from a suspect. several calls seeking com-Hammock trespassed onto ment for this story. The used like cattle prods, a company's private prop- company said in a May affecting only the muscles interview with The with an off-duty officer Associated Press that its touches someone's skin. independent studies, and deaths cited by of Amnesty International did medical examiners list Tasers as a contributing factor. The company also contends Tasers have saved more than 6,000 lives — suspects who otherwise might have been fatally shot by police.

Exchange Commission and the Arizona attorney general have said they are examining Taser's safety claims. Amnesty International and the ACLU say studies cited by the company were done on healthy people and only found no significant heart effects immediately after a shock. In one study, Taser's top medical officer was a consultant. A Taser shoots two

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both figures since June streams of electricity that deliver a 50,000-volt jolt for 5 seconds, temporarily immobilizing a person by over-stimulating the nervous system and causing muscles to lock up. Taser International, the Officers can use the primary manufacturer of device from 15-35 feet

A Taser also can be product is safe, based on However, because a Taser is not a firearm, it is not in only about 10 percent regulated by the government.

About 100,000 people own a Taser, and about 7,300 law enforcement agencies and military installations worldwide use the stun guns, according to the company.

The International Association of Chiefs of The Securities and Police says Tasers are effective if used properly but that more studies are needed.

The group's Taser policy urges officers to use it only to subdue suspects who are violent or about to injure someone; not to use it on a handcuffed person unless he is "overtly assaultive"; to use it the least number of times; and to seek medical attention for anyone who has been shocked.





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China rising as one of world's economic powers

The country's global ambitions, and the hopes of many Chinese for a freer society, rest on the prospect of sustained growth

By TIM JOHNSON

Knight Ridder Newspapers WUHU, China - If the 20th was the American century, the 21st may belong to China.

Just five years into it, China has become the world's third-largest trader, one of its fastest-growing economies, a rising military power in Northeast Asia and a global player extending its influence in Africa. the Middle East and Latin America.

Americans and people around the globe can feel the effects of China's voracious appetite for resources and the enormous output of its factories, staffed by an endless stream of migrants who toil for \$2 a day churning but low-cost goods, undercutting foreign competitors and upending the low-end global work force.

The world has never seen a nation as big as China rise as far and as fast as China has in the last 20 years. Its ascent, like those of the United States, Germany and Japan before it, is challenging more established powers. Its continued progress depends on harmony with these and other nations.

Whether China's rise lifts all the world's boats or sinks some of them will depend, first, on whether its rapid economic development continues. There's no certainty. Small-scale rural protests erupt with growing frequency, and leaders fear a spark that could set off turmoil. Corruption erodes the credibility of the country's communist rulers. Citizens have huge expectations about rising standards of living.

It would be unwise, however, to bet against China. With the exception of India, no other country has such enormous scale, including such a huge pool of highly educated people. And in an age of globalization, no country has been better able than China to swallow the innovations of others and leap ahead of them.

In coming months, Knight Ridder will examine important parts of the story of China's rising power, including its mounting demand for energy, its military buildup, the degradation of the environment and the growing political and economic "soft power" it wields abroad. Other stories will describe how China has largely tamed the Internet, and how U.S. companies have succeeded — or failed — at cracking the Chinese market.

China's conglomerates are on the prowl. Following a path Japan once took, Chinese firms are scouring the globe. But instead of buying trophy buildings and movie studios, they've bought IBM's personal computer business, and they're looking at Maytag and Unocal, the oil company.

Economist Nick Lardy, an expert on China, said its economy was likely to grow rapidly over the next five to 10 years because of its openness to Most of the country is foreign business, high Iran and Sudan.
backward and poor savings rate and huge China's Communist pool of underemployed Party authoritarian rural workers who are eager to work in factories, even for low wages.

> Although much of China's production is still low-tech, the government is pushing innovation and research into areas that



Construction work in progress near a new housing development in Wuhu, China. The land used to be all farmland in the area. Wuhu occupies a populous spot near the heart of central China. Some 250 million people live within a 250-mile radius of the city, which is anchored in Anhul province.

have both civilian and military high-tech poten-

American analysts figure it will be years before China's military is on par with America's. But it doesn't have to be an even match to pose a serious threat. China's submarines soon will acquire supersonic missiles that could slow or damage U.S. aircraft carriers if they moved to defend Taiwan.

In its quest, China has extended its influence to Africa, the Middle East and Latin America. Its "see-no-evil" foreign policy sometimes puts it at odds with the U.S. interest in promoting democracy, human rights and nuclear security. With investment and diplomatic support, for example, Chinas bolsters oil-rich

and pro-business - has had a monopoly on power Opposition banned. While communist ideology has faded, the party stakes its legitimacy instead on its ability to meet rising expectations with rapid economic

development. China's global ambitions — and the hopes of many Chinese for a freer society — rest on the prospect of sustained

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economic openness might lead to greater political freedom, as it has in Taiwan and South Korea. As people get richer, they tend to want to join groups of people with similar interests, they seek to growth. In the long run, protect their rights in

court and, finally, they want a say in how they're governed.

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But China's between rich and poor yawns ever wider, fueling frustration and resentment.

Other potential obsta-

China's banking and financial systems are in serious need of reform.

— Years of rapid growth with little concern for the environment have taken a heavy toll on the land, the air and the health of many people.

- China needs far more energy than it can supply.

 A protectionist backlash could rise from the United States or other countries. Labor-intensive industries such as textiles have been pressing Washington for protectionist measures. The Commerce Department recently agreed to temporary quotas on some cotton clothing from China after global quotas expired in 2004. In addition, U.S. companies lose millions of dollars to Chinese theft of intellectual property, such as

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The 172nd District Court of Jefferson County, Texas, authorized this notice. The Court will have a hearing to decide whether to approve the settlement so that the benefits may be paid.

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WHAT IS THIS ABOUT?

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insurance program complied with the law. It has agreed to this settlement in order to avoid protracted litigation and court costs.

WANT MORE INFORMATION?

If you believe you may have an interest in this settlement, please immediately contact the Class Counsel and request more information:

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The Court will hold a hearing in this case (Cause Number E 170245; Neal Payne, et al v. Fina Oil and Chemical; In the 172nd District Court of Jefferson County, Texas) on September 26, 2005 at 8:30 a.m. to consider whether to approve the settlement and a request by the Class Counsel representing all Class Members for attorneys' fees and costs. You may appear at the hearing, but you do not have to.

Television

- 1. "Dancing With the Stars," ABC
- 2. "CSI: Crime Scene Investigation," CBS.
- 3. "Without a Trace," CBS. 4. "Dancing With the
- Stars" (Wednesday, 8 p.m.)," ABC. 5. "CSI: NY," CBS.
- (From Nielsen Media Research)

- 1. "Fantastic Four," 20th Century Fox. 2. "War of the Worlds,"
- Paramount. 3. "Batman Begins,"
- Warner Bros.
- 4. "Dark Water," Disney. 5. "Mr. & Mrs. Smith," 20th Century Fox.
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Hot Five

- 1. "We Belong Together," Mariah Carey, Island. 2. "Hollaback Girl," Gwen
- Stefani. Interscope. (Platinum — certified sales of 1 million units)
- 3. "Don't Phunk With My Heart," The Black Eyed Peas. A&M. (Gold _ certified sales of more than 500,000)
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- 5. "I'm a Hustla," Cassidy. Full Surface. (From Billboard magazine)

Concert Tours

- 1. U2.
- 2. Dave Matthews Band. 3. Kenny Chesney.
- 4. Tom Petty & The Heartbreakers.
- Stevie Nicks/Don Henley. (From Pollstar)

- **VHS Rentals** 1. "Hitch," Columbia TriStar Home
- Entertainment. 2. "Coach Carter," Paramount Home

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- Entertainment. 3. "Miss Congeniality 2:
- Armed and Fabulous, Warner Home Video. 4. "Hostage," Miramax

Home Entertainment.

"Cursed (Unrated)," Dimension Home Video. (From Billboard magazine)

VH5 Sales

- 1. "Tarzan II," Walt Disney Home Entertainment.
 - 2. "Shrek 2," DreamWorks
 - Home Entertainment. 3. "What's New Scooby Doo? Vol. 5 Sports
 - Spooktacular," Warner Home Video. 4. "The SpongeBob SquarePants Movie,"
 - Paramount Home Entertainment.
 - 5. "The Incredibles," Walt Disney Home Video. (From Billboard magazine)

DVD Sales

- 1. "Hostage," Miramax Home Entertainment.
- 2. "Coach Carter (Full Screen)," Paramount Home Entertainment.
- 3. "Coach Carter (Widescreen)," Paramount Home Entertainment.
- 4. "Hitch (Full Screen)," Columbia TriStar Home Entertainment.
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pirated movies and software. Still, many American companies want an expanded trade relationship.

China's very size — 1.3 billion people — makes questions about its future all the more important.

"China is the largest laboratory of social, economic and political change in modern history," said Zhang Weiwei, a Chinese political scientist who lives in France.

The ripple effects of such rapid, large-scale economic development are being felt in Asia and the rest of the world.

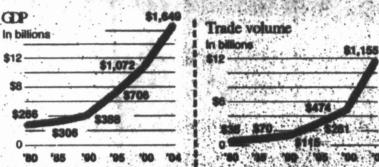
China's growing tensions with Japan, for example, are partly because of disputes over undersea oil deposits in the East China Sea.

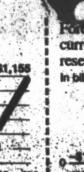
But China's economic power isn't only a source of friction; it's also attracted admiration. Australians, who are doing a brisk business selling to China, now view China more positively than they do the United States, an opinion poll by the prestigious Lowy Institute, a research center in Sydney, found in February. Some 69 percent of Australians look positively on China, while only 58 percent do so on the United States, the poll found.

Eventually, the United States could find itself competing with China for dominance in Asia. It would be the first time the United States faced a challenger with so much economic power.

China's leaders have sought smooth relations with the United States while they focus on domestic problems. In the meantime, a growing China has started to help ernment of Afghanistan to the fight against AIDS.

"Our children and grandchildren are going to live in a world where China will be a very strong and powerful player on the world scene," veteran U.S. diplomat John Negroponte said during a confirmation hearing for his new job as











director.

middle-aged Urban, Chinese marvel at how much their country has changed since they were young.

For three decades after the 1949 revolution, the state assigned jobs and housing, restricted travel and offered a bare-bones welfare system. Simple belongings, such as wristwatches and bicycles, could take years to acquire.

"Twenty years ago, I dreamed of having a watch. My family was too poor to buy me a watch. So I drew one on my wrist with ink," said Li Tao, a research fellow in Beijing at Tsinghua University, one of China's premier institutions. "Now I have a car."

Billboards and TV ads pitch the latest BMW models, liquors and perfumes. Chinese can move about the country, switch jobs, acquire passports, start businesses, and buy and sell homes.

"I used to live in a very shabby apartment. ... The wooden floor was rotten. There were rats everywhere," said ... Yi Shoucheng, a deputy solve global problems, manager at a cutlery facfrom support for the gov- tory in Wuhu, a city in central inland China.

Yi lives in one of the new apartment blocks that are rising around Wuhu, the last deep-water port along the Yangtze River, where industrial zones throb with activity and bulldozers flatten old homes to make way for apartments.

The farming hamlet of intelligence Xiangfengwei is a 40-

minute drive from Wuhu. Running water arrived in 1973, electricity a decade later. Relief from poverty has yet to come. Many people burn straw or coal to cook.

Rural unrest is a potential flash point in China, and the Communist Party keeps close political control.

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dwellers alike are angry over land grabs by corrupt officials. Banking and stock-market scandals simmer. Underground religious sects appear to be expanding. Expectations of rising standards of living could endanger the party's legit-

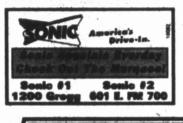
"Everything could fall apart. It's not that stable,"

imacy if unmet.

said Wang Gungwu, the director of the East Asian Institute at the National University of Singapore. "It's a single political party with no transparency (and) little accountability."

. Officials censor news of unrest, muzzle troublemakers, jail dissidents, clamp down on the Internet and stifle religion.

"Their logic is that everything depends on stability," said Wang Yizhou, the deputy director of the Institute of World Economics and Politics at the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences. "Development, growth, reform, all of it depends on one condition: stability."











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July 5 • Tuesday

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Supper C;ub - Red Mesa - 5:30 pm

July 6 • Wednesday

Senior Appreciation Day - 11:30 am (Senior Circle membes eat in the hospital cafeteria for \$2.00 **Games** - 2:00 pm

July 7 • Thursday

Mall Walking - 8:00 am (Meet at the Mall & walk together)

Coffee @ Qale - 10:00 am HARC Bingo - 6:30 pm

July 8 • Friday

POTLUCK & BINGO - 11:30 am

July 11 • Monday

Sit & Be Fit - 4:00 pm (Chair Exercise) Lunch Bunch & Birthdays Gale's - 11:30 am

July 12 • Tuesday

Mall Walking - 8:00 a.m. (Meet at the Mall and walk together) Supper Club - Casa Blanca

5:30 pm

July 13 • Wednesday

Senior Appreciation Day - 11:30 am (Senior Circle members eat in the hospital cafeteria for \$2.00)

July 14 • Thursday

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July 18 • Monday

Games - 2:00 pm Sit & Be Fit - 4:00 pm (Chair Exercise)

July 19 • Tuesday

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Supper Club - Cowboy's - 5:30 pm

July 20 · Wednesday

Senior Appreciation Day - 11:30 am (Senior Circle members eat in the hospital cafeteria for \$2.00)

July 21 • Thursday

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Coffee @ Qale' - 10:00 am

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July 22 • Friday

July 25 · Monday

Summer Mummers - 5:00 pm

Sit & Be Fit - 4:00 pm

(Chair Exercise) Supper Club - Hunan's - 5:30 pm

July 26 • Tuesday

Mall Walking - 8:00 am (Meet at the Mall & walk together)

New Mexico Casino Trip - 9:00 am

July 27 • Wednesday Senior Appreciation Day - 11:30 am

(Senior Circle members eat in the hospital cafeteria for \$2.00)

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3.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 run through August 4.

Both clinics will be Thursdays from 9 a.m. The junior clinic

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

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.

Howard announces men's basketball camp in mid-July

The Howard College men's basketball staff will host another week-long camp July

The camp will cost \$250 per player who wants room and board and \$175 for a commuter. It will take place at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

The camp sign-up will take place July 2 from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. The first day of the camp will be July 24 from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. The camp will run each day from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The Hawk camp format consists of morning and afternoon ses

For more info, contact Howard head coach Mark Adams at 816-6957 or Howard assistant coach Jason Sautter at 816-3200.

Howard women's basketball sets three camp dates

The Howard College women's basketball program will be hosting two more camps this summer.

The camps will both take place Monday through Thursday.

The first camp is open for kindergarten through third grade boys and girls. Registration will take place from 8:30 a.m. to 9 a.m. Monday.

The camp runs from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. and costs \$50 per person. The second camp is

for fourth through sixth grade girls. Registration will take place from 12:30 p.m. to 1 p.m. Monday. The camp runs from 1

p.m. to 4 p.m. and costs \$60 per person.

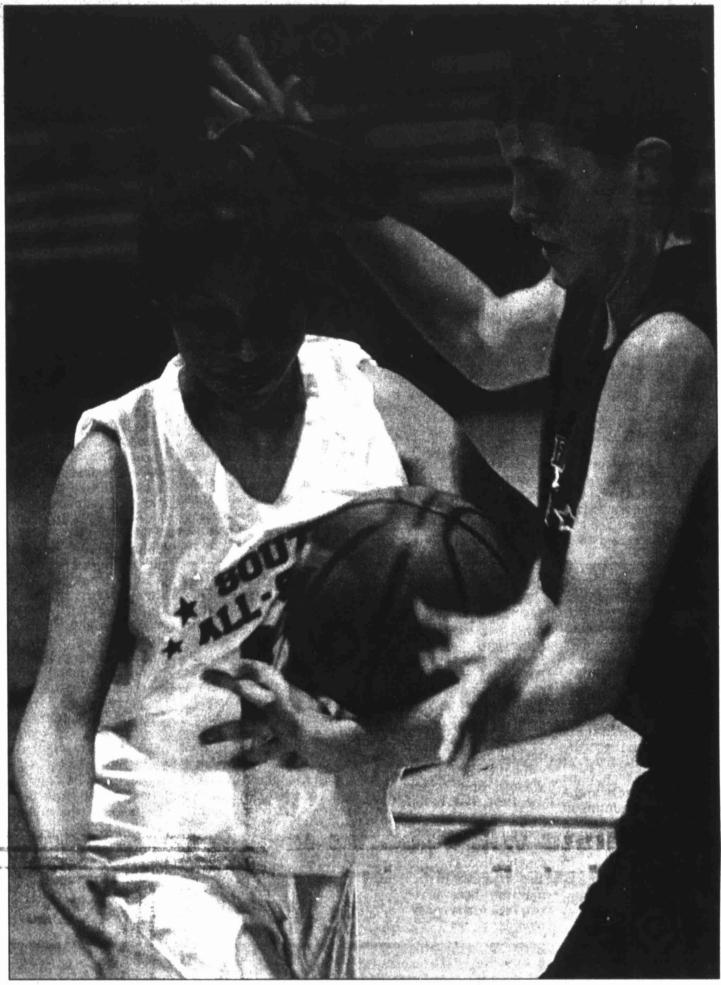
For more information, call Earl Diddle at 264-5043 or Eric Rodewald at 816-4327.

B.S. sets second quarterback meeting

The Big Spring football booster club has set a quarterback club meeting for Monday at 7 p.m. in the Big

All parents of athletes in the football program are encourged to attend.

For more informaion, contact Gene iercefield at 816-1134.



HERALD photo/Troy Hyde

Forsan's Cynthia Becerra, left, battles for a loose ball Friday night in Garden City at the girl's fourth annual All Americas small school basketball game. Becerra scored 10 points for the South team, but the North team won the

Feelin' the blues

Local athletes show off talents at All-Americas games

By TROY HYDE Sports Editor

If you were wearing blue on the basketball court at Garden City High School Friday, then you were most likely happy when the game ended.

The girl's North team and the boy's West team, both of which wore blue jerseys during the game, came away victors at the fourth annual All-Americas small school basketball games.

Several local athletes participated and one came away as the Most Valuable Player of her team.

North all-stars 60 South all-stars 45

The opening game of the night featured high school girl's basketball players from schools Highland, such as Нарру, Klondike, Whitharral, Robert Lee, Trent and Water Valley. And local players from Garden City, Coahoma, Forsan and Grady also participated in what started out to be a very

The offense was hard to come by early as fans

tight game.

were a bit rusty since ending their basketball seasons last March.

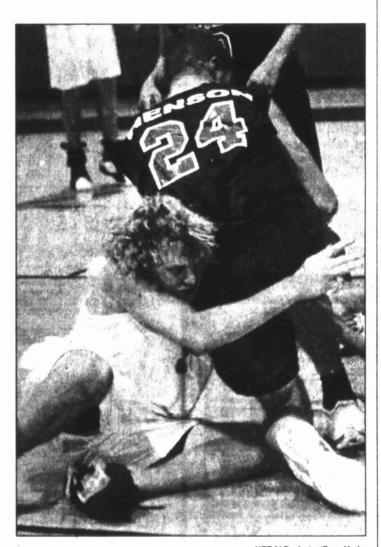
The South team jumped out the gates early in the game and built a 6-0 lead after Coahoma standout Mendy Morgan, who will play basketball this next year at Howard College, hit two jump shots and Forsan's Cynthia Becerra scored a layup off a steal.

However, the North allstars battled back to cut the South lead to 8-6 and then tied the game at 9-9 before hitting a 3-pointer as time winded down in the opening quarter. The North led after one quarter, 12-9.

Both teams went backand-forth in the second quarter. Garden City's Megan Niehues scored the first basket of the period and cut her team's deficit to one and then an Ashley James (Robert Lee) putback tied

the score at 13-13. Becerra connected on two free throws shortly after that to give the South the advantage. The South maintained a lead three point moments later after Alison Prown (Water Valley) hit the basket and got fouled.

The game was close until the very last sec- connected on a free could tell the players onds of the second quarthrow of her own with See BASKETBALL, Page 2B



HERALD photo/Troy Hyde Garden City's Chais Goodwin gets on the floor for a loose ball Friday in Garden City at the boy's fourth annual All-Americas small school basketball game. Goodwin scored 13 points in the game.

ter. Grady's Lynsey Pinkerton hit two free throws with 32 seconds to play to give the North team a two point advantage and then Morgan

two seconds left.

The North led at halftime, 22-21.

The third quarter was nothing like the first two as the North took control

Athletics flirt with another no-hitter

· Rangers struggle at plate against former Cy Young winner Zito

By GREG BEACHAM

AP Sports Writer

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) As far as Jay Payton knows: life with the Oakland Athletics is one long dreamscape of unhittable pitching, landmark homers and convincing wins for one of the most dynamic teams in baseball.

Barry Zito and the rest of the A's are hoping to keep this fantasy going for as long as possible.

Zito took a no-hitter into the eighth inning, and Payton hit a two-run homer on his first swing for the surging A's in their fifth straight victory, 7-2 over the Texas Rangers on Friday night.

After Rich Harden took a perfect game into the eighth inning of an 81two-hitter pitch Thursday, Zito (7-8) was nearly flawless until Kevin Mench homered with one out in the eighth — the same spot where Harden's perfection ended.

But after Zito finished up eight innings of twohit ball, Payton had an incredible memory of his two days with the A's.

"I'm (thinking), if they do this every night, we're going to be in pretty good shape the rest of the way," said Payton, who made his first start after arriving in a trade with Boston Wednesday. "It's pretty amazing."

The two games since the All-Star break have been practically perfect for the A's, who have won 15 of 18 to move a seasonhigh three games over and just a halfgame behind the Rangers for second place in the AL West standings.

Eric Chavez hit a threerun homer and Nick Swisher also connected as the A's kept charging back into the playoff race but the night was dominated by Zito, whose resurgence reached its highest point yet.

Zito, who struggled with hard-luck losses early in his first season as Oakland's ace following the departures of Tim Hudson and Mark Mulder, struck out five while winning his fourth straight start. Since making a few mechanical adjustments eight weeks ago, he believes he's pitching even better than in 2002, when he won the AL Cy Young Award.

Zito walked leadoff hitter Gary Matthews Jr., but he was erased on Michael Young's doubleplay grounder. With all his pitches working splendidly, including his famously nasty curveball, Zito faced the minimum 17 batters until Mark DeRosa's two-out walk in the sixth.

"You always know how many hits you give up," Zito said. "You know whether guys are on base or not. ... (A no-hitter) is up there with all the things every pitcher wants to achieve. You've got to expect one every time. If you don't shoot

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The cost to play foot ball is \$70. Flag foot-ball costs \$30, while cheerleaders should expect to pay \$75

For more informa tion, call Daphne Castilaw at 714-4688

Baltimore's Palmeiro reaches unique feat

SEATTLE (AP) Baltimore Orioles slugger Palmeiro became the 26th player to reach 3,000 career hits, curling an RBI double into the leit field corner in the fifth inning of a 6-

3 win over Seattle. Palmeiro also has 566 home runs over his 20-year career joining Hank Aaron Willie Mays and Eddie Murray as the only players with 3,000 hits and 500 homers.

BALCO founder Conte pleads guilty in steroids case

SAN FRANCISCO BALCO (AP) founder Victor Conte pleaded guilty to conspiracy to distribute steroids and money laundering in a deal with federal prosecutors, making it much less likely that top athletes such as Barry Bonds and Jason Giambi will be forced to testify.

Greg Anderson pleaded guilty to the Greg same charges in exchange for a sentence of up to six months. BALCO vice president James Valente pleaded guilty to distributing illegal steroids.

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HERALD photo/Troy Hyde Westbrook's Jared Matlock looks for an opening inside during action at the boy's fourth annual All Americas small school basketball game at Garden City Friday. Matlock was named MVP of his East team after scoring 17 points.

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for the moon, you're never going to get there. That's what my dad always says."

Zito didn't even have a real scare in the first six innings, retiring the Rangers on a series of grounders and popups without a single fly to the outfield. Dan Johnson and Mark Kotsay made exceptional catches in the seventh inning to keep the no-hitter alive.

Rod Barajas doubled moments later, but Zito escaped the jam, earning another standing ovation.

Zito was five outs away from the 11th no-hitter in the franchise history of the Athletics, who had five in Philadelphia and five more in Oakland, Catfish including Hunter's perfect game in 1968. Dave Stewart threw the A's last no-hitter, blanking Toronto 5-0 on June 29, 1990.

After 108 pitches by Zito, new A's reliever Jay Witasick couldn't get an out in the ninth. He allowed Young's RBI double, but Kiko Calero struck out Alfonso Soriano and Mench to

end it. Payton put John Wasdin's 0-1 curve over the tall fence in left-center in the second inning, immediately endearing himself to fans who miss traded outfielder Eric Byrnes. Payton, who seethed as a backup in Boston, was playing for

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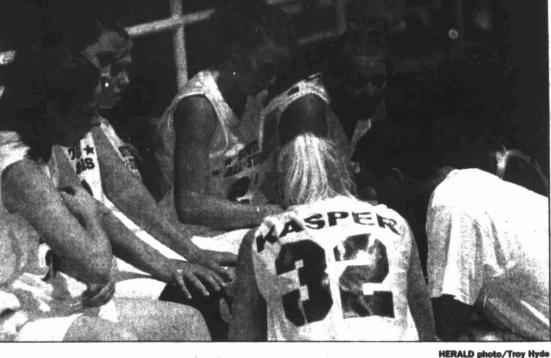
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However, the West and MVP Jacob Henson won the game, 82-62. Henson scored 16 points.

> the first time since July 1. Wasdin (0-1) couldn't get an out in the third inning, finishing with six hits and seven runs allowed. It was the second straight awful spot start for the right-hander, who otherwise has been a solid reliever since the Rangers recalled him in

early June. Joaquin Benoit relieved Wasdin and struck out the first four batters he faced on the way to 4 1-3 scoreless innings, but Texas' hitters couldn't touch Zito. The Rangers also struggled in the field, making three errors two on fairly easy foul



Garden City girl's head coach Brent Kirkland draws up a play for the South team Friday during action at the girl's fourth annual Ali-Americas small school basketball game in Garden City. Kirkland coached the South all-stars, but the North all-stars won the game, 60-45.

BASKETBALL

Continued from Page 1B

of the game for good, outscoring the South 21-8 in the period and taking a 43-29 lead after three quarters.

The South all-stars kept within striking distance in the fourth, but the North stars and Jeannie Kirkland were too good in the end.

The North went on to win by 15 as Kirkland, who is from Witharral, scored 22 of her 24 points in the second half on her way to earning MVP honors.

The South all-stars made a small run late in the game. They scored five straight points from the foul line, but also missed six free throws late in the fourth quarter.

Morgan led her team in scoring with 17 points and won MVP honors for the South. Becerra scored 10 points, while Niehues added eight. Garden City's Krystal Sullivan Pribyla also played in the

game.

West all-stars 82 East all-stars 62

The boy's game was not as close as the fans would have liked. The West allstars took control from the opening tap and never looked back as they cruised to a 20-point win and had four players in double figures on offense.

Westbrook's Jared Matlock kept the East allstars close early, but the West still took a 20-10 lead after the first quarter. A Matlock layup cut the West's lead to 10-6, but the West then went on a 10-4 run to end the period.

And that pretty much set the tone for the rest of the game.

The East did outscore the West in the quarter by one point, but still trailed by nine at the half. Matlock hit a 3-pointer late in the period to cut the lead to seven, but a layup by Dawson's Derek Young pushed it back to nine.

The East again advantage was still too

much to overcome as the West led by eight heading into the final frame. Garden City's Chais Goodwin, who got into early foul trouble and sat out most of the first half. scored seven straight points for the East to cut the lead to six, but the West scored right before the end of the quarter to push its advantage back to eight.

The East did not get any closer in the fourth quarter as the West outscored them 23-11 in the period and went on to win by 20.

Matlock went on to win MVP honors for the East squad as he scored 17 points and Goodwin finished with 13 points, as well.

The West was led by Taylor Wilson of Ropes who finished with 18 points. Young scored 17 points and Jacob Henson of Ropes scored 16 points on his way to MVP honors. Dawson's Kanyon Brown also reached double figures with 10.

Grady's Andrew Villa outscored the West in the also played in the game. and Grady's Brianna third quarter, but the He hit a 3-pointer early in the game.

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Good winter rainfall brought wildflower visitors to the lakes, and raised Lake J.B. Thomas significantly. Always a good fishing attraction, the lake has seen an increase in visitors and fish catches. Catches of black bass around 10 pounds, white bass, blue from two miles up or District (CRMWD)

for most of the activity. District crews have added a fire pit to the South Side Park pavilion and cleared brush and opened the boat ramp at White Island

They also opened Bull Creek Park for bank fishing but the boat ramp needs a few more feet of water to be operational.

Although the E.V. Spence Reservoir is still under 14 percent, it covers a lot of surface area and the fish populations seem to be recovering from the golden alga kills of several years ago.

The O.H. Ivie Reservoir remains a mainstay for recreation, hosting at least four bass tournaments already this year. Passing cool fronts have periodically produced excellent conditions, with less luck when persistent hot weather prevails, according to Ivie fishing and hunting guide Kevin Burleson of Ballinger, who writes an outdoor column.

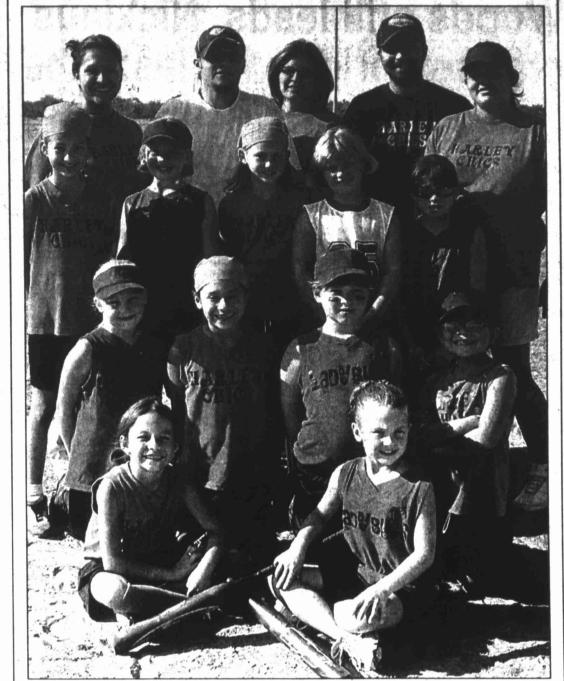
"The best activity has been on the white bass in several areas of the lake," says Burleson, adding that the whites are schooling around open water in the main lake or hanging over the main channels of the rivers

cats and crappie account between the mouths of the rivers. "Casting anything from top water to tail spinners and rattletraps to trolling the shad imitation crank baits are all working when you locate the feeding whites but the majority are probably being taken with minnows at night," he said.

Burleson noted that some crappie fishermen are also doing well at night under the lights near the big trees along the main channel.

"With the continued hot conditions, we're finding the bass patterns revolving around extremely shady conditions, like around the grass beds or in the deeper water near drop offs or fishing under the low light levels of early morning or late evening," Burleson writes. "I usually have to visit several different areas and fish a number of different lures and techniques to pound out a productive day during the heat." Burleson advises keeping the lure wet and the bait moving into enough places until you bump into a lucrative area and pattern.

This article was contributed by the Colorado River Municipal Water



The Big Spring softball all-stars will be competing in the West Texas All-Star Tournament this weekend in San Angelo. Four different age groups will try for the championship in their respective divisions. There will be more than 80 teams competing in the annual tournament. The 8-and-under all-stars are shown above. Front row, from left: Mariah Sarmiento and Skye Rule. Second: Makenzie Roberts, Danie Ortega, Kaylee Kemper and Alicia Hernandez. Third: Nadya Viasana, Leksey Yarber, Baylee Howell, Shiloh Creswell and Alicia Redwine. Back: Coaches Monica Hull, Tony and Jennifer Sarmiento and Chris and Liz Viasana. Not pictured: Devon Maddox.

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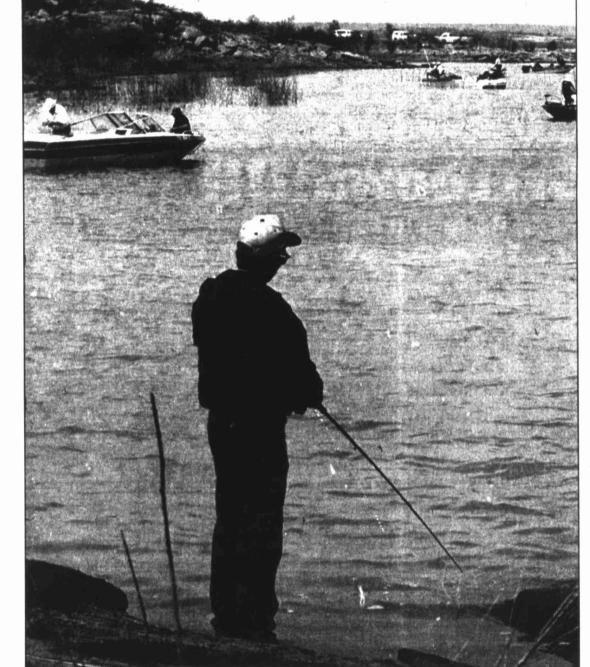
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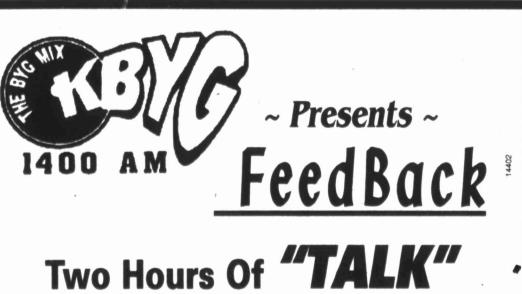
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Woods still leads, Nicklaus crosses bridge for last time

By PAUL NEWBERRY

AP Sports Writer

ANDREWS, Scotland (AP) - Jack Nicklaus had to go out this way, the ball curling into the cup for a birdie, the putter thrust skyward with his left hand one last time at the birthplace of golf.

Farewell, Golden Bear. While Tiger Woods threatened to turn another British Open into a rout Friday, Nicklaus faded into retirement on an stirring, tear-filled day at St. Andrews, making birdie on the final hole of his competitive career.

"I knew the hole would move wherever I hit it,' Nicklaus quipped.

The last stroke of the ball didn't matter on the scoreboard - the 14-footer gave Nicklaus an evenpar 72 and a 3-over 147 for the two rounds, not nearly good enough to make the cut.

But it meant everything to the fans who jammed every nook and cranny of the historic 18th hole, straining to get a look at the greatest championship player in the sport's history. Even some of his fellow players came out on the porch of the Royal & Ancient Club, clapping for Nicklaus every step of the way.

Nicklaus propped up his left leg on the famed Swilcan Bridge in the middle of the 18th fairway, blowing kisses and waving to an adoring crowd. Then he called up son Steve, his caddie, and

Watson and Luke Donald the lead when Woods fin-— and their caddies — for a group shot.

Once that was done, Nicklaus walked the rest of the fairway all alone, away wiping inevitable tears as he approached his ball, just short of the green.

Nicklaus putted through the "Valley of Sin," the ball skidding past the flag. After watching Watson — a fierce rival in the 1970s — and Donald putt out, Nicklaus leaned over to study the green, crouched over the ball facing left of the cup and calmly knocked in the sort of putt that helped define some of the signature moments of his career.

Woods arrived at the 18th a half-hour later, ready to pick up the torch that Nicklaus left behind.

Woods cruised to a 67 for an 11-under 133 at the midway point of a tournament that is his to lose.

Don't count on that happening. At this rate, Woods is more likely to eclipse his record-setting performance in 2000, when his 19-under total was the lowest score in relation to par in major tournament history. He ran away from the field for an eight-stroke win.

A few big names attempted to make a run at him. Ernie Els and Phil Mickelson shot 67 and still find themselves eight strokes behind. Vijay Singh posted his second straight 69 and faced a daunting five-shot deficit.

No one in the clubhouse playing partners Tom was within five strokes of

ished. But his quest for a second major title this vear and 10th in his career took a backseat until the weekend.

This day was for saying goodbye to the 65-year-old Nicklaus.

"You have to admire everything," Woods said. "No one played the majors as well. No one was so consistent for so long. He's the greatest who's ever lived in our sport."

Later, the two crossed paths in the interview room.

"Nice playing," Nicklaus said, extending his right hand.

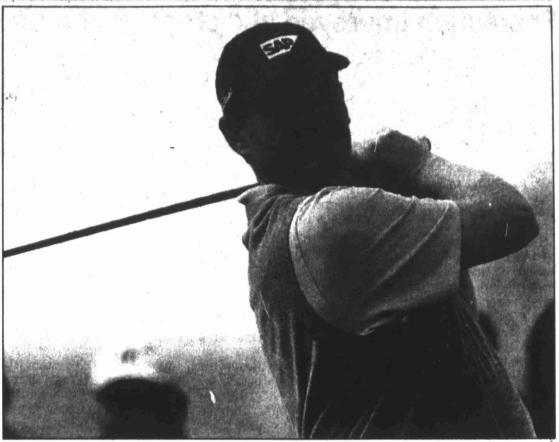
"Thank you, sir," Woods replied as they shook hands. "You know, that's my

best round of the year!" Nicklaus said proudly. "Really?" Woods said.

They exchanged a few words, then more Nicklaus left the podium. "Good luck to you," he said, patting Woods on the shoulder as he walked away.

Nicklaus had hoped to put off his exit until Sunday, arriving at St. Andrews intent on making the cut. But the booming drives, precise irons and clutch putting that led the way to 18 major titles had deserted him with each passing year.

Nicklaus rolled an approach at No. 2 into one of the Old Course's 112 bunkers, leading to a bogey, and knew by the penultimate hole that his tournament — and career



Ernie Els tees off during the second round of the British Open at St. Andrews, Scotland, Friday. Els struggled in the first round, but played better in round two. He is still a long ways back of leader Tiger Woods.

Armstrong extends overall lead, tour scales Pyrenees

Six-time tour champion takes second in stage

DOMAINES. AX-3 France (AP) - Lance Armstrong extended his overall lead as the Tour Pyrenees Saturday in the 14th stage, won by George Totschnig of Austria.

Armstrong placed second, ahead of Italy's Ivan finish line. Basso, with Jan Ullrich fourth.

Denmark grew to 1 minute, 41 seconds. Rasmussen, who had been just 38 seconds behind at the start of the day, placed 8th on the stage that ends at the ski station of Ax-3 Domaines.

Armstrong's lead over de France scaled the Basso grew to 2:46. Basso managed to stay with the Texan up the punishing final climb but couldn't follow his sprint for the

Ullrich fell away toward the top of the ascent, The six-time champi- when Armstrong started on's overall lead over to pile on speed. The Mickael Rasmussen of German dropped 4:34

behind his archrival.

Totschnig was part of a group of riders that escaped from the main pack shortly after the start in Mediterranean town of Agde. He managed to shake off the other members of the group on the day's hardest ascent, and rode from there up the final climb alone to win.

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"An extraordinary day," Totschnig said. "I didn't think it was possible to win a stage like that.'

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A fierce, friendly game of keep the mammals away, above, was one of the activities at Frontier Camp last week. Ridge runners, top left, and water battles were other activities. Mellodie Williams, below, talks with speaker

YoungLife Frontier Camp A life-changing experience

JoungLife, a national, map." Christian non-profit organization for high school students, claims a trip to camp will be "the best week of your life or your money back."

And after spending a week just outside Buena Vista, Colo., at Frontier Ranch, a YoungLife camp, I agree that the experience is one I will never

Matt and Shelly Warren and I gathered nine Big Spring High School students — Travis Callaway, Cassie Garcia, James Hammonds, Michael Loftis, Jeremy Mills, Kristina Moorhead, Brandon Pierce, Amy Smith and Mellodie Frontier Ranch. The entire loaded into two vehicles, and found true love. headed for Colorado.

Once we reached Frontier Ranch, the week spiraled into fast action with an unrelenting pace packed with activities, physical challenges and an

opportunity to make friends. The girls and I were placed into a dorm room, called Deer Foot, in Black Elk Lodge, a three-story log cabin. We each had our own set of bunk beds, and I encouraged the girls to sleep in either or both of the beds, since we had so much

space. Our first night at dinner we were introduced to Billy and Bo Wingo, two brothers headed for the national horseshoe pitching tournament who "misread a

Their motto, "you've got to sling 'em to ring 'em" became so popular, the 500 teen-agers attending camp that week shouted the motto along with story the way Chesney the program leaders.

The program team continued horseshoe theme throughout the week, bringing every camper to squeals of laughter at mealtime with some of their antics, including a pantomime of the song "Total Eclipse of the Heart," by Bonnie Tyler.

Conflict reupted when bad guy, Tex Hold'em tricked the brothers out of the deed to

Other characters' presented throughout the week were Ty Fro and Richard Slimmons, who were there to give exercise advice to the campers. Their Be the man, Anticipate success and Move like you mean it — was another phrase the teen-agers joined.

The two Tonys were disco dudes and Stonehenge was an English rock and roll rip off performer. In fact, the music, both popular and Christian. was one of the bonds that united the campers.

In fact, of all the experiences I had at the ranch, where every destination was uphill, no matter where we were headed, the program leaders and the

presentations at Round Up by YoungLife director Steve Chesney were by far my favorite.

I have never heard the Christ presented it each night. The teen-agers were enthralled by the week's end, with more than 200 making life-changing decisions.

Chesney told the teen-agers that Christ was a volunteer, not a victim, and that the gift of forgiveness is absolutely free. However, choosing to follow Christ will cost everything, he said.

Chesney said God loves each and every one of us, just as we message was punctuated with personal stories and animated speech that drew his listeners into and along for a journey from acceptance of sin and separation from God to salvation through the gift of Jesus Christ.

He spent the entire week getting to know many of the 500-plus campers by name, having conversations and developing relationships. He made a difference with more than one of our campers.

In between lavish meals, Round Up and program, campers were challenged by feats and activities that stretched their courage and perseverance.

right, girls in the swimming pool.



Cassie, overcame their fear of heights and rappelled from 110 feet. Cassie and Kristina line. Mellodie received a Wingo Award for firing the most people in one day.

YoungLife camp works so well because the events all have an element of surprise. The campers are only told what's occurring within the next few minutes or hours and they greet each day wondering what will happen next.

Unfortunately, as a first time leader, I was equally surprised, and made several mistakes. For instance, there was no maid coming to make up all those beds we slept in, as we discovered our last day when we were handed fresh sheets and told we would be inspected

Two of my girls, Amy and for our proper use of hospital corners.

It was with tears in our eyes that we left Frontier Ranch and braved the ropes course, which returned to Big Spring July 10. Williams — at 6 a.m. July 2, saga was resolved when Tex are, not as we want or could be. had the girls sailing through We separated from friends we His delivery of each night's the trees like Tarzan on a zip made from Greenwich. Conn. Atlanta, Ga., Charlotte, N.C., Tennessee and Houston.

And while I might not describe my week at camp as fun - I've never worked so hard in my life — there was no maid service, no room service, no television or radio, no my week at chairs YoungLife camp was one of the most memorable and rewarding experiences of my life.

Photos and story by Marsha Sturdivant, YoungLife adult volunteer and features editor for the Big Spring Herald. Contact her at 263-7331 or e-mail life@bigspringherald.com.



Amy Smith, above, poses with Billy and Bo Wingo, who are Scott Caldwell and Devon Accardi; and dressed up for one special night are Mike Loftis, left, holding Blaise Warren, Cassie Garcia, Brandon Pierce, Jeremy Mills, Travis Callaway and Kristina Moorhead.





Herald photos/Marsha Sturdivant Big Spring campers ready for cabin competition above, are, Matt Warren, left, James Hammonds, Mike Loftis, Jeremy Mills, Brandon Pierce, Travis Callaway, Kristina Moorhead, Amy Smith, Cassie Garcia and Mellodie Williams in front. Travis Callaway, below left, lost a game of farkle to his cabin mates and was saran-wrapped to a frisbee golf tee, and below



Mr. and Mrs. Steven Lee McFarden

Harp, McFarden wed

Steven and Lee McFarden, both of San Angelo, were married at 4 p.m. Saturday, June 4, 2005, at Southland Baptist Church in San Angelo.

The Rev. Kevin McSpadden officiated the ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Larry Harp of Odessa and Beverly Harp of San Angelo. She is the granddaughter Virginia Hartley and the

late Jack Hartley of

Garden City and Dorothy Harp of Sherman. The groom is the son of Donnie and Jodi McFarden of Greenwood and the grandson of Mary

Evans and the late Joe Don Evans of Greenwood and Jack McFarden and the late Nancy McFarden of Clovis, N.M.

Given in marriage by

Kimberly June Harp her mother and father, the bride wore a gown of white satin with an embroidered organza overlay, designed by Mon Cheri.

It featured a strapless soft sweetheart neckline. The satin bodice was intricately beaded and embroidered with rhinestones, seed pearls and sequins. The defined waist was complimented with an organza, A-line shirt. The back was highlighted with a partial corset that extended to a full cathedral train.

The bouquet was made of more than a dozen white roses with a hint of bright red, pink and orange roses tied with white satin ribbon.

Soloist for the ceremony were Cathy McEntire and Monica Peters. Organist was Diane Deatherage.

Walts Midland served as maid of honor and bridesmaids were Genny Meyer of Lubbock, Christie Dyer of Baird, Lindsay McSpadden of Midland, Lola Fuentes of Rowena, Jamie Bradford, Becca Emert and Kerri Brake,

all of San Angelo. Flower girls were Kayla McFarden of San Angelo and Faithlynn Meyer of Lubbock. Matthew Pando of Arlington served as the ring bearer.

Candle lighters for the ceremony were Misti Batla of Big Spring and Dusti Murphy of Midland. Lyndal Watkins of

Midland served as best man and groomsmen were Evan McFarden of Greenwood, Bruce Evans Arlington, David Meyer of Lubbock, Bryan Calef Montes, Harp, Angel Valles and Cody Walts, all of Midland.

Ushers for the ceremony were Jimmy Fine of

Midland, Mark Halfmann of Garden City and John Dyer of Baird.

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Kimberly is a 1997 graduate of Garden City High School and a 2001 graduate of Angelo State University, where she earned a bachelor's degree in education/kinesiology. She is currently pursuing a master's of physical therapy degree and is employed by Shannon Hospital as a fitness specialist.

Steven is a 1998 graduate of Greenwood High School and a 2000 graduate of the Midland Fire Academy. He is currently employed as a firefighter for the city of Midland.

The couple's honeymoon included a sevennight cruise to Key West, Grand Caymen Cozumel, and a stay at a historical bed and breakfast in Fredricksburg.

They have made their home in Veribest.

O'Bryan, Brackeen wed

Richard Earl Brackeen II, both of Ingleside, exchanged wedding vows July 16, 2005, in Ingleside with the Rev. Larry Johnson of Bethel Baptist Church officiat-

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gary O'Bryan of San Angelo and Ms. Nancy Crisp of Menard.

The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Haire of Ingleside and Mr. and Mrs. Richard E. of Brackeen

Jennifer Marie O'Bryan grandson of Mrs. Alice Churchwell of Big Spring and the late Virgil Churchwell of Big Spring.

Vocalist for the ceremony was Michael Peterson. Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore an A-Line strapless, McClintok, off-white grown and carried a pink and black hand-tied circle bouquet with pink roses and daisies black and white streamers made by Wanda Rudinger of Big Spring.

Betsy Lipe, sister of the bride, served as maid of honor and bridesmaids were Kristi Wise, and Jacque Ramon, friends of the bride.

Kiley Davis served as flower girl and ring bearers were Trea Brackeen, son of the groom, and Liam Espinosa, son of the

Jonathon Reed, friend of the groom, served as best man and groomsmen were Mickey Amos and Ronnie Crisp, friends of the groom.

Ushers for the ceremony were Brian Rey and Jeff Wright, U.S. Navy servicemen.

Following the ceremony, a reception was held at Ingleside Beach Club.

The bride had a threetiered white Italian cream cake with pink accents with a castle cake topper.

The groom's cake was a 21-inch red fish German chocolate cake.

The bride is 2001 Menard High School graduate and works for the Ingleside Police Department.

The groom is a 1999 Big Spring High School graduate, a Permian Basin Law **Enforcement** Academy graduate and currently works for the Ingleside Police Department.

The couple reside in Ingleside.

Anderson of Mansfield,

friend of the bride, Jamie

Anderson of Odessa, sis-

ter of the groom;, Heather

and Brooke Everett of Big

The best man was John

Arrick of Odessa, father

of the groom;, Buddy

Everett of Big Spring,

brother-in-law of the

groom, Heath Anderson

of Odessa, brother of the

bride and Lars Takla of

Norway, friend of the

The reception was held

Lacey is currently

working on a master's

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Mr. and Mrs. Richard Earl Brackeen II

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Anderson, Arrick wed

Lacey Dawn Anderson matron of honor Janssen of Lubbock and John "Jay" Andrew Arrick of Odessa exchanged wedding vows Saturday, July 9, 2005, at St. Paul the Apostle Chapel in Ore., sister of the bride Horseshoe Bay.

She is the daughter of Spring, sister of the Donny and Lori Anderson of Corpus Christi and Rita Anderson of Big Spring and the granddaughter of Colleen Anderson of Cross Plains and Leta Pruitt and the late Robert Pruitt of Big Spring.

He is the son of John and Sidney Arrick of Odessa and the grandson of Edwinna Carr and the late Fred Carr of Odessa and the late Jewell Arrick of Big Spring.

The bride was given away by her father, Donny Anderson.

The ceremony was performed by Colleen Anderson, the grandmother of the bride. Adrian Calvio of Big Spring was the guitarist and vocalist.

The bride wore a white silk halter dress by Lazaro. She carried a bouquet of white roses and

Jay recently completed his master's degree in

finance and is currently employed by Raymond **James Financial Services** Inc., in Odessa.

After a surprise honey-





Seth William Stovall and Megan Marie Earhart

Earhart, Stovall to wed

and Seth William Stovall will exchange wedding vows at 2 p.m. Aug. 13, 2005, at First Baptist Church in Big Spring. The Rev. Dennis Teeters will officiate.

The bride-elect is the daughter of Dick and Diane Earhart of Big Spring and she is the granddaughter of Dorothy Earhart, also of Big Spring.

The future groom is the son of Gary Stovall of Big Spring and Toni Stovall of Odessa. He is the grandson of Jack and

Megan Marie Earhart Dorothy Stovall of Big Spring and Bonnie and Jay Cushing of Saginaw.

Megan is a 2001 graduate of Coahoma. She will graduate in August of 2005 from the University of Texas at the Permian Basin with a degree in child and family studies and will also receive a teacher's certificate. She is currently employed with Permian Pump and Supply of Odessa.

Seth is a 2003 graduate of Coahoma and is attending Midland College. He is currently employed at Trifecta of Odessa.



Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Earl Edwards

Toman, Edwards wed

Jimmy Earl Edwards, both of Big Spring, were the late Ressie Bridges of married at 4 p.m. Little Rock, Ark. Saturday, June 4, 2005, at Kokepellis with John Cockerham officiating.

The bride is the daughter of Joe and Lynn Toman of Big Spring and the granddaughter of Joe and Evelyn Toman and Betty and the late Joe Bradle of Ashland, Wis.

The groom is the son of Gary and Devona Edwards of Andrews and the grandson of Dorothy

of Ardmore, Okla., and Given in marriage by

her father, the bride wore a floor-length gown with long, sheer sleeves. The gown had a laced back and rhinestones throughout the dress. She carried a beautiful bouquet of a variety of lavender, blue and white.

Brian Michaelz was the vocalist, instrumentalist. Chris Handova was the candle lighter.

Betsy Lynn Toman and and the late G.C. Edwards

crystals.

Attendants

moon, the couple included reside in Midland.

Engagement

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Malle Carrasco celebrates

celebrated her 15th birthday accompanied by her parents, Dr. and Mrs. Manuel R. Carrasco, her sister Karla, grandmother Rosa Rivas and close friends and family with a Caribbean cruise visiting Miami, Grand Cayman, Roatan Island, Belize and Cozumel.

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Malle joined 24 other birthday girls on the cruise. Her friends Meredith Nieto and her mother, Eve Nieto of Big Spring, Gabriela Bello of Odessa, Laura de Jesus of Dominican Republic, Yeter Reyes, Maria Cid and Grace Martin, along with their families, also joined the celebration.

Before boarding the newest Ship Valor in the Ivanhoe Theater June 27, the girls visited San Antonio, Houston, New Orleans and Tallahassee, Fla., accompanied by Malle's mother, Rina Carrasco.

During the seven-day cruise, they celebrated a Hawaiian Petite.

Birthday

Ruth Manuel recently

celebrated her 80th birth-

day with a weekend of

activities shared with

family and friends in

Family members gath-

ered on the evening of

June 24 for swimming

and homemade ice-cream

at the home of her daugh-

June 25, a birthday din-

ner was hosted by daugh-

ters, Sherry Mitchell and

Sandra McElreath, along

with their husbands,

ter, Sandra McElreath.

Manuel celebrates

80th birthday

Arlington.

Miss Malle F. Carrasco different event daily including games, videos and pictures in different port beaches.

Following a candle lighting ceremony with prayer for each girl celebrating her 15th birthday, they joined the captain for the Grand Gala dance and dinner.

Escorted by her parents, Miss Carrasco wore a fulllength, strapless white satin gown beautifully beaded with crystal and pearls. Her hair was adorned with a jeweled tiara embellished with crystal.

After she presented her mother with a beautiful rose, her father pinned her with her first corsage and placed a diamond ring on her finger. She then danced with her dad.

The girls also enjoyed a pageant during cruise.

Carrasco won Miss Most Beautiful Eyes and her sister, Miss Karla won first place for Miss

Mansfield for 37 family

Five of Mrs. Manuel's

six grandchildren and

seven of her 13 great-

grandchildren were in

Mrs. Manuel is an

active volunteer at Scenic

Mountain Medical Center

and a long-time member

of Trinity Baptist Church

She is retired from

She also has another

daughter, Sara Mott of

Midland and is the wife of

the late Kenneth Manuel.

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Malle F. Carrasco

Menu

Spring City Senior Citizens Center

Monday: hamburger steak, potatoes, squash, salad, milk, rolls and fruit.

Tuesday: chicken spaghetti, salad, garlic bread, milk, cake.

Wednesday: beef tips and rice, mixed vegetables, salad, milk, rolls, fruited gelatin.

Thursday: steak fingers, seasoned rice,

beans, salad, milk, rolls pie. Friday: meat loaf, potatoes, green beans, salad,

milk, rolls, fruit.

Lyndsey Nicole Smith of the late Marguerite Olive Zink and the late Marion Thomas. The bride-elect is a 2000

graduate of Big Spring High School and a 2004 graduate of. the University of Texas Permian Basin, where she received a bachelor of business administration in management degree.

The future groom has been serving in the United States Army since May of 2001. He is currently stationed at Fort Hood, assigned to the 1st Calvary 13th Signal Battalion.



July 2-3 was a reunion for the Alexander family at Marylou and Alva Alexander's house.

Lyndsey Nicole Smith and Joshua Aaron Thomas

Smith, Thomas to wed

Community

of Midland and Joshua

Aaron Thomas of Harker

Heights are announcing

their intention to be unit-

ed in marriage at 7 p.m.

July 30, 2005, at the Dora

Lyndsey is the daughter

of Lonnie Smith and

Carla Smith of Big Spring

and the granddaughter of

Dorthy and Charles

Bailey, the late Wayne

Nichols, the late Homer

Smith and late Ethel

Joshua is the son of

Mary Thomas of Harker

Heights and the grandson

"Jackie" King.

Roberts

Center.

Seventy-one relatives attended, traveling from New Jersey, California, Florida, Kansas, Oklahoma and Texas. They gathered in the house and backyard. A 2006 reunion is planned.

Jerry Mitchell and HD



Autumn Skye Holguin

utumn Skye Holguin, a girl, was born July 3, 2005, at 1:41 a.m. weighing 8 pounds, 1 ounce and was 21 1/2 inches long.

She is the daughter of Brandi and Ruben Holguin of Big Spring. Her grandparents are Jim and Betty Nelson of Big Spring and Ramon and Sue Holguin of Forsan. Autumn was welcomed home by big brother, Raven.

ominic D' Anthony Porter, a boy, was born July 6, 2005, at 3:15 p.m., weighing 6 pounds, 14 ounces and was 20 inches long. His parents are Robin McClinton and Otis Porter of Big Spring. His grandparents are Joe and Debra Wooldridge of Big Spring, Otis Porter of Big Spring and Linda Coleman of Riverside. Calif. Dominic was welcomed home by siblings, Alexis Gaitman and Alexandria Porter.

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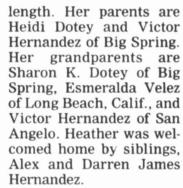
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eather Hernandez, a girl, was born July 8, 2005, at 8:29 a.m. weighing 6 pounds, 12 ounces and was 20 inches in

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John Dee Lawerance Baker Jr., a boy, was born July 3, 2005, at 10:44 weighing 6 pounds, 10 ounces and was 20 inches in length. His parents are Margarita Muniz and John Baker. His grandparents are Juan and Juanita Muniz and Kenney and Audrey Alfano. His great-grandparents are Cirilda Mata and Fran and Mike Mathie of Big Spring.



Ruth Manuel

Christain Andrew Ferguson

hristain Andrew Ferguson, a boy, was born July 1, 2005, at 8:28 a.m. weighing 7 pounds, 1 ounce and was 20 inches in length. He is the son of Donna Ferguson-Rigdon of Big Spring. His grandparents are Frances and the late Austin Ferguson. Christain was welcomed by home siblings Trey Matthew, and Brandi.

by LOUISE BURGESS

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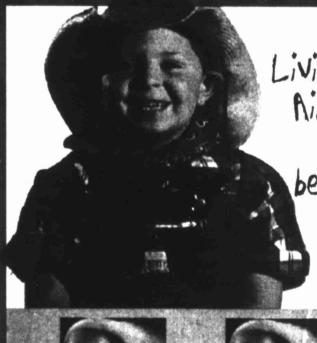
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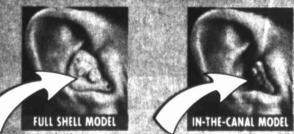
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The aging of a workforce

As more Gen Xers supervise older workers, conflict becomes inevitable

By JORDAN ROBERTSON and BOB MOOS

The Dallas Morning News

Visitors to Starwood Montessori School in Frisco might mistake 27year-old Anita Khandpur for one of its energetic. young teach-

ers. It's imperative that But her youthful companies appearance understand these belies her credentials. generational Khandpur is the entrepredifferences so they who neur can be bridged. founded the school five Businesses that get years ago it will flourish now directs its 40those that don't will member staff flounder." and 300 students.

"The hardest thing about working with so many people and being so young is that you always need to prove yourself," she said. "In my mind, I'm 40.'

An axiom of business has been that authority comes with age. But that's changing.

Employees too young for wrinkles or midlife bulges are joining the management ranks and supervising workers who may have been born decades before them.

Demographics and costcutting are at the heart of the role reversal.

As the first of 76 million baby boomers leave the

work force, either because they retire or are laid off in favor younger and cheaper employees. businesses beginning to stem brain the drain grooming younger workers for management.

Other boomers have no plans to settle into rocking chairs and are launching second careers. When they do, they may find themselves they'll be tossed aside." reporting to someone as young as their children.

"Demographic changes are the biggest employeerelations issue today, and generational issues are very high on the list," said Keith Greene, a organization. spokesman for the Society



KRT photo/Lara Solt, Dallas Morning News Owner Anita Khandpur, left, and teacher Maria Shelkh help students, from left, Dylan Becker and Austin Anderson with their lunches at Starwood Montessori School in Frisco.

Management.

Experts say workplace conflict is unavoidable.

"It's going to be hard for older workers to adjust," said Alex Ramsey, presiof dent LodeStar Universal, a Dallas-based management consulting company. "They truck along for years. Then suddenly, someone younger is over them. They worry

Younger bosses may feel frustrated and anxious.

Many young people are entering the work force with high expectations about how quickly they will reach the top of an

Flush with ambition supervising older work-

for Human Resource and opportunities, some start their own businesses. Others job-hop until almost they get the promotion they believe they deserve.

> When they reach the corner office, they worry older workers won't take them seriously, Ramsey said.

Yet few companies are coaching younger bosses on managing older workers, says Mel Fugate, an assistant professor of management at Southern Methodist University's Cox School of Business.

"They're horribly behind on this," he said. Fugate teaches profes-

sional MBA students in their late 20s and early 30s who are already

ers. He also speaks from personal experience, having been a manager in his

"Working for someone younger will become quite common," he said. 'The trends are clear."

Experts say some companies shy away from the topic out of concern they'll appear to be discriminating based on age. Other businesses don't see a need yet for formal training programs.

Terry Howard, Texas Instruments' diversity director, said that he sees "more evidence" of younger bosses managing older workers but that it's not a pressing issue at the company.

Employees bring up See CONFLICTS, Page 5C

generational issues only

in casual conversations. he said.

Still, a cottage industry of generational consultants is betting just the opposite.

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'This is as white hot as a business topic can get,' said Chuck Underwood, president of Generational Imperative, which counsels companies on managing age differences.

For the first time, he says, four generations are active and critical to the American work force the Silent Generation (ages 60 to 72), baby boomers (ages 40 to 59), Generation Xers (ages 25 to 39) and Millennials (24 and under).

Each brings its own values to the job that employers need to recognize and account for, he said.

"It's imperative that companies understand these generational differences so they can be bridged," Underwood said. "Businesses that get it will flourish - those

Miller sworn in as State **Bar director**

Special to the Herald

Big Spring attorney Robert D. Miller was one of three people sworn in as directors of the State Bar of Texas in Dallas June 23. Miller will represent District 16 for a three-year

He was joined for the ceremony by Elizabeth Rogers, an assistant federal public defender with the Western District of Texas, and Rodolfo Garcia, a retired geologist. Rogers, of Alpine, will represent District 17; Garcia, of Marfa, will serve as a public member. Both with serve three-year terms.

The State Bar of Texas is an administrative agency of the Supreme Court of



Rodolfo (Rudy) Garcia of Marfa, Elizabeth Rogers of Alpine and Bob Miller of Big Spring were sworn in as directors on the State Bar of Texas Board of Directors June 23 in

Enron agrees to settle price-gouging claims with three states for \$47.5 million

By JENNIFER COLEMAN

Associated Press Writer

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) — Bankrupt energy company Enron Corp. has agreed to pay \$47.5 million in cash in a settlement that could eventually top \$1.5 billion to resolve claims that it gouged California and other western states during the 2000-2001 energy crisis.

The settlement will end market manipulation and price gouging claims against the once high-flying Houston-based company, California Attorney General Bill Lockyer said Friday. The agreement represent requires approval by the bankruptcy court and the **Federal** Energy Regulatory Commission.

In addition to the cash payment, Enron will provide California with an unsecured claim for \$875 million in the energy company's bankruptcy proceedings. Oregon and Washington would be entitled to \$22.5 million each from that unsecured

The settlement also calls for the company to pay a \$600 million penalty to the three states.

settlement.

All the payments except for the cash settlement that we can accelerate

claims, which often generate payments of only a fraction of the face value. final payment amounts will depend on what is left after Enron's secured creditors are

repaid as part of the bankruptcy proceedings. The deal will allow California to "squeeze justice from this corporate turnip," Lockyer said. "All things considered,

for the state's ratepayers. The settlement helps Enron move forward to resolve its bankruptcy "so

this is a good resolution

unsecured distributions to all other creditors," Enron's interim chief executive officer, Stephen Cooper, said in a statement Friday.

About \$65 billion in claims are awaiting settlement in Enron's bankruptcy case, company officials said.

Lockyer has painted Enron as the mastermind of California's energy crisis, which was marked by blackouts and soaring consumer energy prices. He said the company of using trading schemes to drive up the cost of electricity in the state's newly

See ENRON, Page 5C

Cooperative Extension to train tomorrow's top agricultural producers

exas Cooperative Extension will lead the team training and mentoring agricultural producers through the Tomorrow's Top Agricultural Producer program.

Dr. Jason Johnson, Extension economist in San Angelo, said participants will receive business management training, individualized business plans, and follow-up advice and guidance.

"Business succession is a critical issue facing many Texas agricultural operations," Johnson said. "The TTAP program is an ideal approach for producers preparing to take over the reins of a family operation, desiring to improve their business skills, or those relatively new to agriculture. This curriculum is for profitmotivated farmers and ranchers who are career oriented with less than 10 years of operational experience. Enrollment is limited to 25 operations (maximum of two participants per operation) due to the intensive, hands-on nature of the training.' Extension educators,

university instructors and industry professionals will conduct the four. four-day sessions, which will take place over a two-year period.

Topics, dates and locations for the courses are: Basics of Business Management in

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Amarillo, Nov. 15-18; Production and Financial Planning in College Station, Jan. 17-20, 2006;

 Agricultural Marketing in Dallas, Nov. 14-17, 2006; and

 Wrap-up and mentor introductions in Kerrville, Jan. 15-17,

The training is integrated into a complete business plan that graduates can maintain and use to navigate their operations, Johnson said.

"What differentiates the TTAP program from other executive training programs is the innovative follow-up program," Johnson said. "After completing the entire training, graduates will be assigned a mentor committee comprised of two experienced agricultural producers and one other agricultural professional. The mentors will provide an objective sounding board to enable graduates to adapt their business plans over time in response to changing conditions and opportunities.

"The interaction between TTAP graduates and mentors will also involve at least one sitevisit to the TTAP graduate's operation."

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enhanced, \$500 fine, \$311 court costs, Judgment and Sentence: Melody Lynn Gay, driving while license suspended, \$250 fine, \$261 court costs, 30

days in jail. Probated Judgment: Jose T. Cantu, evading arrest, \$100 fine, \$261 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspend-

ed, six months probation). Probated Judgment: Bryson Oneil Vanderbilt, theft - more than \$50 less than \$500, \$250 fine, \$261 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 12

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Judgment and Sentence: Jorge Antonio Escajeda, driving while license suspended - enhanced, \$500 fine, \$261 court costs, 60 days in jail

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Judgment and Sentence: John Manuel Solis, criminal mischief - more than \$50 less than \$500, \$100 fine, \$261 court costs.

Judgment and Sentence: Earl Perry Hanke, theft by check - more than \$20 less than \$500, \$2,000 fine, \$361 court costs, 180 days in jail.

Probated Judgment: Caden James Hall, driving while intoxicated, \$750 fine, \$276 court costs, 180 days in jall (jall time suspended, six months probation. Probated Judgment: Jesse Roy Perez, terroristic threat, \$500 fine, \$311 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended; six months probation). Probated Judgment: Candida Lynn Whitehead, theft by check - more than \$500 less than \$1,500, \$250 fine, \$311 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 12 months probation). Probated Judgment: Shanna

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Kelli Kemper vs. Chad Kemper, divorce. Amie Michelle Sledge vs. William Bryan Sledge, divorce. Citifinancial Inc. vs. Thelma Reed, accounts, notes and contracts

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Warranty deeds

Grantor: Sammy May and Charlotte Ann May Grantee: Altus A. Kellev II and Property: 1/2 interest in a tract of land

in Section 20, Block 32, T-1-N, T&P RR Co, Survey Date Filed: July 6, 2005 Grantor: Allyn W. Gill Grantee: Clay Harris

Property: Parts of Lots 1,2 and 3, Block 2, McDowell Heights. Date Filed: July 6, 2005

Grantor: Thomas Moreno and Debra K. Moreno Grantee: Clyde James Northcutt Property: Lot 14, Block 2, Seton

Date Filed: July 7, 2005 Grantor: Teddie P. Martinez aka Teddie Paul Martin

Grantee: Celia Torres Lopez Property: N/2 of cf the east 130 feet of Lot 4, Block 18, Cedar Crest Addition Date Filed: July 7, 2005

Grantor: Mary Ann Wylie Grantee: Mary K. Lara Property: Lot 2, Block 31, College Date Filed: July 7, 2005

Grantor: David Krull and Sun Krull Grantee: Jose Cervantes and Belem

Property: A 9.5 acre tract out of Section 10, Block 32, T-1-S, T&P RR Co. Survey

Date Filed: July 7, 2005 Grantor: David L. Machiavello and Terri J. Machiavello Grantee: Ray Cox and Keta Cox

Property: Lots 1 and 12, Block Block Date Filed: July 11, 2005 Grantor: T.F. Roundtree and Jean Roundtree

Grantee: Veterans Land Board Property: A 5 acre tract out of Section 20, Block 32, T-1-N, T&P RR Co.

Date Filed: July 12, 2005 Warranty deeds with vendors lien:

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Grantee: William B. Newton and Page Newton Property: Lot 7, Block 3, Indian Hills Addition Date Filed: July 6, 2005

Grantor: Larry D. Fryar and Sandra M. Fryar Grantee: Robert C. Wegner and

Sherry Wegner Property: The NE/4 of Section 47, Block 32, T-2-N, T&P RR Co. Survey Date Filed: July 6, 2005

Grantor: Gene Hector and Vicki

Grantee: Jimmy Hector Property: Several tracts of land in Section 48, Block 32, T-1-N, T&P RR Co. Survey Date Filed: July 6, 2005

Grantor: Mary K. Lara Grantee: Vincent L. Gray and Vickie

Property: Lot 17, Block 11, Coronado Date Filed: July 7, 2005

Grantor: Gary B. Donelson Property: Lot 1, Block 16, Kentwood Unit 2 Date Filed: July 8, 2005

Grantor: Randy Paige Property: An 11.2 acre tract out of Section 48, Block 32, T-1-N, T&P RR Date Filed: July 12, 2005

ENRON

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deregulated market.

California had sought nearly \$9 billion in refunds for overcharges by dozens of energy companies. Wholesale energy prices hit all-time highs during the crisis.

The state has been negotiating settlements with many of the energy companies through the FERC. The Enron deal announced Friday is the second-largest of the state's energy settlements, behind a deal valued at greater than \$1.6 billion with Houston-based El Paso Corp. FERC Chairman Joseph T. Kelliher

said the settlement with Enron brings to nearly \$6 billion the amount of refunds related to the energy crisis negotiated through the commission.

"The dark cloud of litigation and regulatory uncertainty has been hanging over California for five years now." Kelliher said in a statement Friday. "That's too long. It's time for all of us to step up to the plate and resolve these remaining issues."

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that don't will flounder."

Generational consultant

Claire Raines expects

sparks to fly as more

boomers begin working

for thirtysomething boss-

She says boomers define

themselves by their work

and tend to put in long

hours. Generation Xers,

by contrast, want a better

balance between work

and the rest of their lives.

When they arrive on the

job, it's not the time put

in that matters, she said.

won't be impressed by

they'll be looking at what

their employees produce,"

Raines said. "Meanwhile,

boomers won't under-

stand why their younger

bosses are leaving the

On the other hand, she

Millennials to have no

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boomers when they reach the management ranks in the next decade.

"Both generations have positive attitudes — they should get along just fine," Raines said.

Many young bosses suggest that acknowledging the age gap forthrightly and embracing older employees' experience are crucial to supervising older workers.

"Mutual trust and respect is key," James Appleton, 27, executive vice president of the Dallas office of Mad River Post, a national video post-production company. He manages a staff of nine producers and assistants, most of whom are older than he is.

"They have to trust that I'll listen to their suggestions and try to make calculated decisions accordingly," he said. "And I have to respect that they're experts in their field.' Khandpur, who has a

education. says her advice for young bosses boils down to two simple tips: Get your credentials and know what you're talking about.

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"Doing those two things will move the conversation past age pretty quickly," she said.

It worked when Manuela Behm, 47, applied for a teaching job at the Montessori school. She says she was startled to learn that her boss would be 20 years younger.

"When I met Anita for my interview, I said to myself, 'I'm going to be led by a child!" Behm said. "But after listening to her, I concluded she was very mature for her age."

Judy Stark, a 62-year-old employee at the State Bank in Carrollton, says older workers with younger bosses sometimes develop a chip on their shoulders. "Their defeatist attitude

bachelor's degree in busi- then turns into a self-fulness and a master's in filling prophecy," she

strial produc ped by a jum n utility output, surge n June at the faste in 16 months, pro iding the strongest evi that U.S. man facturing is rebound ng. Meanwhile, whole ale prices were flat. Taken together, the two reports helped to ease fears that manufacturing, hardest hit in the 2001 recession, was in danger of faltering again or that inflation, battered by high energy prices, was threatening to get out of hand. "This is about as close as you can get to a

Marry Poppins economy - practically perfect in every way," said David Wyss, chief economist at Standard & Poor's in New York.

said. "They'd be better off if they just had an optimistic outlook about work."

Stark says she enjoys working for and with younger employers because it keeps her on her toes. At the same time, she says, she feels as though she's teaching them.

"I've had a lifetime of experiences with people, and that helps in dealing with customers," said.

Underwood says the best way out of this generational thicket is for both young and old to avoid stereotypes about age and understand each can learn from the other.

Khandpur recalls how a 60-year-old former assistant consoled her after a hard day.

"Does life get any easier?" Khandpur asked, her head in her hands.

"She said, 'Anita, life doesn't get any easier. You just learn how to handle it better."

"And she was so right."

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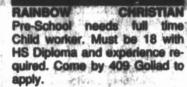
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just arrived in the realm

of Leo. Here Saturn transforms into a kind of Mary Poppins. determined to teach lessons to the earthly chil-

but dren, HOLIDAY promising to MATHIS do so in a playful, mag-

ical way. Using your talent to the fullest potential will be a reappearing theme.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Your compassion radiates, and you attract all kinds of people who need your help. Hopefully they understand that the kind of help you intend to give is to teach others how to fight their own battles.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Matching your pace to what is going on around you will be your key to success. Make sure you are not walking ahead or behind your partner. Walk beside your partner and you both will feel loved.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). So many people expect wonders from a relationship when the most wonderful thing of all might be just having a relationship in the first place. You're grateful now for whatever your (quirky, cranky, crazy) loved ones want to give.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Hold on tight! The twists and turns in your personal life put you on a virtual roller coaster. You'll get the best information from someone who promised they would keep it a secret.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). When you feel like you're out on a limb by yourself. inch your way back to the tree trunk. Return to your roots. You're just the one who could harness the collective genius of your loved ones.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). There's so much to do, and you're successful at getting it done for one reason: Though you're not sure if it's work or play, you know it's fun.

35 Meant

36 Fidel's

brother

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overthrower

40 Spongy

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49 Old-time

The chance to transcend social boundaries is featured tonight.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You'll find your way through a sort of maze. You're a bit of a detective and more cleverly observant than anyone around. Try not to share information that should be revealed by someone else

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You're the problem solver of your group. Difficult, complex behavior might be rewarded by difficult, complex people. However, winning individuals will appreciate a simple and effective solution.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Others will be available when you need them most. Neighbors and relatives have something to share. Anything that artificially alters your mood is unsafe now. Unwind with a massage, yoga or the hot tub.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). What you're doing may be unpopular now, but keep believing and moving in the direction of that belief. Your determination will get you there even if you're unqualified, underfunded or uninvited.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Your dreams are big, but that doesn't mean you have to overcome crazy odds. Don't go looking for 10-foot-high obstacles to jump over. Occupy yourself with stepping over the short roadblocks instead.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Relationships are cyclical. You are coming into a cycle that features new and perhaps very

surprising information. As Warren Buffet once said, "It's only when the tide goes out that you learn who's been swimming naked." FORECAST FOR THE

WEEK AHEAD: The solar passage from Cancer to Leo on Friday begins an empowering phase. When the sun is in Leo, it is in its own home, which is of course a castle in the sky, sitting in its throne, ruling like the lion. This is not to say that Cancer energy is less powerful that's not true. Cancer energy is less willful, however. Cancer power comes from being intuitively connected to natural cycles, from the emotions of people to the phases of the moon to the turning of the tide. Cancer energy is more subconscious, and Leo energy is conscious. So, acting in a more direct way will be effective. What might be offensive early in the week will be considered "moxy" or "chutzpah" at the end of the week and in the weeks to come. Use the Leo energy to become the ruler and king of an area of your life in which you have not taken full responsibility as of yet. Use Leo energy in regards to that issue you are used to blaming on someone else or that task that is not your "job." Take charge, and magic will happen.

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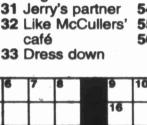
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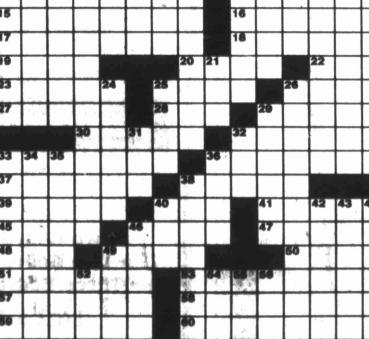
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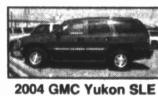
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