



## Alon USA buying three refineries, seven asphalt terminals

### Special to the Herald

Alon USA Energy, owner of the Big Spring Refinery, has reached agreements to purchase three refineries and seven asphalt terminals across the Southwest.

David Wiessman, executive chairman of the board, announced Monday that the company will purchase Paramount Petroleum

Corporation, except for certain real estate assets, and Edgington Oil Company.

"Our IPO in July 2005 was designed to place the Company on a growth path in order to achieve the further integration of our business," said Wiessman. "These two acquisitions will more than double our refining capacity, improve our risk profile as a single refiner and allow us to expand into



Wiessman

higher value-added asphalt business. We will continue to pursue well-thought-out growth in the Southwest."

The Paramount transaction will include the company's 54,000 bpd (barrels per day) refinery in Paramount, Calif.; its 12,000 bpd heavy crude refinery in

Portland, Ore.; seven asphalt terminals; and 50 percent interest in Wright Asphalt Products Company, which specializes in patented tire rubber modified asphalt products provided in six terminals.

The asphalt terminals are located in Seattle, Wash.; Elk Grove, Calif.; Mojave, Calif.; Reno, Nev.; and Phoenix, Fredonia and Flagstaff, Ariz.

According to a press release

from Alon USA, the purchase price of the Paramount transaction consists of \$307 million in cash and the assumption of approximately \$100 million of net debt. The transaction is expected to close during the latter portion of the second quarter or early during the third quarter of 2006, following regulatory approvals.

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Judy Terelitsky, lap counting chairperson, signs the Wall of Hope banner as advocacy chairman Ronnie Wood, center, and Relay For Life co-chairman Howard Steward look on. The Howard Glasscock Relay For Life is set for May 19-20 at Blankenship Field on the Big Spring High School campus.

## Local Relay ambassador taking cause to Washington

### By NANCY KOGER

#### Special to the Herald

Ronnie Wood will be taking his cause to Washington.

Among Howard Glasscock Relay For Life's planning commit-

tee chairpersons, Ronnie heads up the Advocacy Committee. This position is only a part of his responsibility as a Celebration Ambassador from this congressional district to the 2006 Celebration on the Hill in

Washington, D.C. Sept. 19-20, exactly four months after the local Relay.

Other responsibilities he takes on during his two-year commitment are to recruit and mentor

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## Survey says...

City services receive good marks but water quality takes a back seat

### By STEVE REAGAN

#### Staff Writer

City officials generally liked what they saw from the results of a recent survey rating city services and the quality of life in Big Spring.

The survey, conducted by The Kitchens Group of Maitland, Fla., polled 400 local residents in April and got their responses to a variety of topics, ranging from evaluations of individual city departments to how they'd like the city to proceed in downtown development.

The telephone survey had a margin of error of plus or minus 4.9 percent.

Interestingly, what people liked best — and least — about living in Big Spring was interconnected.

When asked what they like best about living here, respondents pointed to the fact that Big Spring is a small, quiet town full of friendly, caring people.

### "It'll be a

tool for us

to use in

the future,

and it

gives us a

sort of road map. It

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opportunity to do

what (residents) what

us to do."



McEwen

However, Big Spring's size was a negative factor as well, as the leading negative factor cited in the survey was "not enough stores, shops and restaurants," as well as a lack of jobs.

Likewise, individual city departments, for the most part, fared well in the survey, but the overall job rating of the city was split.

Forty-nine percent of

respondents rated the city's job performance as "only fair" or worse, compared to 46 percent who gave a positive rating.

"Specific city services did very well, except for water," City Mayor Russ McEwen said. "But overall, we had slightly negative numbers."

Not surprisingly, Big Spring's drinking water received the biggest slam from survey respondents, with 81 percent giving it a sub-par rating.

"I wasn't surprised by that," McEwen said with a shrug.

Otherwise, however, city services received a thumbs up from respondents. Ambulance, parks and playgrounds, police and fire department services all received high marks in the survey.

Survey participants also were asked questions pertaining to various proposals currently under con-

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## Community invited to National Day of Prayer observance

□ 12:15 p.m. Thursday at Dora Roberts Community Center.

### By THOMAS JENKINS

#### Staff Writer

In God we trust.

It's a message we see and hear

every day. However, that message will burn even brighter Thursday afternoon when hands will be joined and prayers lifted to the heavens as area Christian leaders come together for the National Day of Prayer.

Slated for 12:15 p.m. until 12:45 p.m. at the Dora Roberts

Community Center, located at 100 Whipkey Drive, the National Day of Prayer has become something of a Big Spring — and national — tradition.

Local Day of Prayer coordinator Everett Bender, who has been leading the annual charge for several years, said he hopes

area residents will use their lunch break to help lift their voices in prayer.

"We're having it between 12:15 p.m. and 12:45 p.m. so people can come out on their lunch hour," said Bender. "And we'll do everything we can to start and finish everything right on time so they can get back to

work within that one hour period.

"This year's featured speaker is Brig. General Eddy Spurgin, who serves as deputy commander of the Texas National Guard. Big Spring Mayor Russ McEwen will also speak, giving

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## Post office wants to boost stamp prices, issue forever stamp

### By RANDOLPH E. SCHMID

#### Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — The Postal Service said Wednesday it wants to raise the price of a first-class stamp by 3 cents — to 42 cents — and suggested a "forever" stamp that people could use as hedge against

future rate inflation.

The changes would take effect in the spring of 2007 if approved by the independent Postal Rate Commission.

"A forever stamp would help ease the transition to any future price adjustments," board Chairman James C. Miller III said.

Postmaster General John E. Potter said the agency would not be making a rate change if it were not necessary.

"The Postal Service is not immune to the cost pressures affecting every household and business in America," Potter said.

For example, each penny

increase in the price of a gallon of gasoline costs the post office \$8 million, and payroll, health expenses and other costs also have been rising.

And, unlike private delivery companies, the post office cannot simply add a fuel surcharge to its rates.

The forever stamp would help

soften the blow of a rate increase by allowing customers to stock up. As originally proposed it would sell for the first class rate and, once purchased, the special stamp would remain valid for whatever the first-class rate is when it is used,

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### KNOWS NO BOUNDS

KUALA LUMPUR, Malaysia (AP) — A 33-year-old man in northern Malaysia has married a 104-year-old woman, saying mutual respect and friendship had turned to love, a news report said.

It was Muhammad Noor Che Musa's first marriage and his wife's 21st, according to *The Star* newspaper on Tuesday, citing a report in the Malay-language *Harian Metro* tabloid.

Muhamad, an ex-army serviceman said he found peace and a sense of belonging after meeting Wook Kundor, whom he said he initially sympathized with because she was childless, old and alone, the report said.

### 2007 FARM BILL

Tuesday, May 9, the House Agriculture Committee will hold a public hearing in San Angelo on the 2007 Farm Bill.

The hearing will be held at the C.J. Davidson Conference Center on the Angelo State University campus. A time for the event has yet to be announced.

"I want to encourage producers in the 19th district to attend the hearing," said U.S. Rep. Randy Neugebauer. "While the official panel of witnesses is limited, all farmers are welcome to submit testimony in writing to the Committee at the hearing. If you can't attend, you can submit written comments to the Committee up to 30 days after the hearing."

### EASTERTIDE OFFERING

St. Mary's Episcopal Church will hold the second of two brief concerts in celebration of the Easter season Thursday.

The concert, set for 12:05 p.m., will feature Joyce Bradley, soprano; Joseph Dawes, baritone and alto recorder; Linda Hill, organ and piano; Scott McLaughlin, guitar; Gloria Steelman, flute and violin; Villia Walter, cello and piano; and the Bauer Magnet Elementary School Fourth Grade Choir, directed by Susan Dawes.

The concert will feature pieces based on well-known gospel hymns and spirituals.

A light lunch will be provided after the 30-minute concert. There is no admission fee. St. Mary's is at 10th and Goliad.

## Obituaries

## Charlie Welch

Charlie Welch, 69, of Stanton died Monday, May 1, 2006, at his residence. Funeral services will be held at 1:30 p.m. Thursday, May 4, 2006, at the First Baptist Church Stanton with the Rev. Waymon Swoopes, pastor of Greenwood Baptist Church, officiating. Interment will follow at Resthaven Memorial Park in Midland.

The family will receive friends from 7 p.m. until 9 p.m. Wednesday, May 3, 2006, at the funeral home.

He was born Nov. 18, 1936, in Tarzan and married Barbara Gay Meek Dec. 1, 1972, in Midland. She preceded him in death July 15, 2003.

Charlie was a longtime resident of the Martin County area and a graduate of Courtney High School. He enjoyed hunting and fishing, but was especially proud of his grandson.

He owned and operated a retail store for 30 years. He was a Baptist and a member of the Texas Wildlife Association and a supporter of 4-H Club.

Survivors include one son and daughter-in-law, Irvin and Karla Welch of Richmond; two stepsons, James Meek and Danny Meek, both of Midland; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Benny and Latrell Welch of Stanton and Eldon and Georgia Welch of Tarzan; two sisters and brothers-in-law, Gracie and Clarence "Sonny" Percy of Midwest City, Okla., and Glynda and Mac Tunnell of Tarzan; one grandson, Ryan Welch; three stepgrandchildren, Sgt. Conrad Meek of Savannah, Ga., Julie Heidelberg of Stanton and Toby Meek of Midland; two stepgrandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was also preceded in death by his parents.

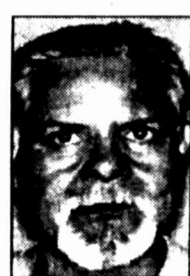
The family suggests memorials be made to Texas Wildlife Association, "Texas Youth Hunting Program," 2800 N.E. Loop 410 Ste. 105, San Antonio 78218. Checks should be made to TWA Foundation, memo-TYHP-Charlie Welch or online at www.tyhp.org.

Memorials may also be made to the Clayton Henson Memorial Fund, Permian Basin Area Foundation, 550 W. Texas Ave., Midland 79701.

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

*Paid obituary*

## Braulio "LaLo" Alarcon



Braulio "LaLo" Alarcon, 55, of Lubbock died Tuesday, May 2, 2006. Rosary is today at 7 p.m. in Calvillo Funeral Home Chapel in Lubbock. Mass is 10 a.m. Friday, May 5, 2006, in St. Elizabeth's Catholic Church with the Rev. Tom Diebel officiating. Burial is in Peaceful Gardens Memorial Park in Lubbock.

He was born Feb. 23, 1951, in Big Spring to the late Encarnacion and Irene Olague. He moved to Lubbock from Mundelein, Ill., in 1996. He was a devoted Catholic.

Survivors include his wife, Hilda Rodriguez; a son, Michael Munoz of Lubbock; and three daughters, Ermalinda Saiz of Big Spring, Bertha Rubio of Lubbock and Felisha Garay of Mundelein, Ill.

Arrangements are under the direction of Calvillo Funeral Home of Lubbock.

## Weather

Tonight...Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Some thunderstorms may produce damaging winds and large hail. Lows in the mid 60s. South winds 10 to 20 mph.

Thursday...Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the mid 80s. West winds around 10 mph increasing to northwest 15 to 25 mph in the afternoon.

Thursday night...Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Windy...Cooler. Lows in the mid 50s. Northeast winds 20 to 30 mph decreasing to 10 to 15 mph after Midnight.

Friday...Partly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms. Cooler. Highs in the mid 70s. Northeast winds 10 to 20 mph. The chance of rain is 20 percent.

Friday night...Partly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the mid 50s. The chance of rain is 20 percent.

Saturday...Partly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the upper 70s. The chance of rain is 20 percent.

Saturday night...Partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 50s.

Sunday...Partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 80s.

Sunday night...Partly cloudy. Lows in the upper 50s.

Monday...Partly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the mid 90s.

Monday night...Mostly clear. Lows in the lower 60s.

## Support Groups

## WEDNESDAY

• RSD (Reflex Sympathetic Dystrophy, a chronic pain disease), a new support and informative group meets at 213 Circle. Call Tena at 267-1883 or Lucy at 264-1213 for more information.

## THURSDAY

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

## FRIDAY

• AA open discussion meeting from noon until 1 p.m. at 605 Settles. Open Big Book study meeting, 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.

## SATURDAY

• Alcoholics Anonymous open discussion meeting, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. Open podium/speakers meeting 615 Settles 8 p.m. until 9 p.m. Open birthday night, no smoking meeting the last Saturday of each month at 8 p.m.

## Police blotter

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

• **SALVADOR PEREZ**, 35, of 1503 Scurry, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of Class C assault/family violence.

• **JANA GIBBS**, 46, of 1011 N. Main Street, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of driving while license invalid and a local capias warrant.

• **OSWALDA MARTINEZ**, 52, of 2501 Kelly Circle, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of driving while license invalid.

• **MIKE MANZANAREZ**, 23, of 3006 Cherokee, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of driving while license invalid.

• **SHANNON BOUDREAU**, 35, of 1317 Sycamore, was arrested Wednesday on a charge of theft.

• **CHRISTOPHER CASTANUELA**, 22, of 4117 Muir Drive, was arrested Wednesday on a charge of theft.

• **AMANDA HEFFINGTON**, 26, of 206 Circle, was arrested Wednesday on charges of theft and duty on striking a fixture.

• **THEFT** was reported in the 900 block of Willia.

• **INTERFERING WITH AN EMERGENCY PHONE CALL** was reported in the 500 block of Gunter.

• **DEADLY CONDUCT/DISCHARGE OF A FIREARM** was reported in the 500 block of Lamesa.

• **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported:

- in the 1800 block of Nolan.

- in the 300 block of 11th Place.

• **ASSAULT CLASS C/FAMILY VIOLENCE** was reported:

- in the 600 block of Highland Drive.

- in the 1400 block of Wood.

- in the 400 block of Seventh Street.

## Sheriff's report

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

• **DIETA CRAIG**, 31, was arrested Tuesday by the HCSO on a charge of theft of services.

• **JAMIE MONTES LEOS**, 29, was transferred to the county jail Tuesday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while license suspended/invalid.

• **DAVID CHRISTOPHER PETREE**, 21, was transferred to the county jail Tuesday by the BSPD on a charge of interfering with an emergency phone call.

• **JESSICA BLANCO**, 24, was transferred to the county jail Tuesday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while license suspended/invalid.

• **NOEL ORTEGA**, 28, was transferred to the county jail Tuesday by the BSPD on charges of driving while intoxicated - third or more offense, driving while license invalid, driving while license invalid with a previous conviction, accident involving damage to a vehicle and a motion to revoke probation for driving while intoxicated - second offense.

## Fire/EMS

The Big Spring Fire Department and Emergency Medical Services reported the following activity:

• **MEDICAL** in the 3200 block of East Highway 350. One person was transported to SMMC.

• **TRAUMA** was reported in the 3400 block of Avenue X. One person was transported to SMMC.

• **MEDICAL** was reported in the 2000 block of Virginia. One person was transported to SMMC.

## Lottery

The jackpot in the multistate Mega Millions lottery drawing grew to \$54 million Wednesday.

None of the tickets sold for Tuesday's \$41 million drawing matched all five lotto numbers. The next drawing will be Friday.

The winning numbers from Tuesday's drawing were: 7, 11, 22, 27 and 31. The Mega Ball number was 33.

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Tuesday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 2-12-25-27-37.

Number matching five of five: 1.

Prize per winner: \$29,741.

Next Cash 5 drawing: Wednesday night.

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Tuesday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 9-6-8

## Take Note

• **HOSPITALITY HOUSE OPEN HOUSE** is 2 p.m. until 4 p.m. Sunday at 1202 W. Fourth St.

• **RETIRED GUITAR/FIDDLE PLAYER** is looking for others interested in playing old-time country and bluegrass music, just for the enjoyment. Call 264-0182.

• **ISAIAH 58 RECEPTION AND OPEN HOUSE** is set for 5 p.m. until 7 p.m. Thursday at 107 Runnels St. Call 268-1270 for more information.

• **AARP SENIOR CITIZEN DRIVER SAFETY COURSE** is May 11-12 from 9:30 a.m. until 2 p.m. each day at the Spring City Senior Center. Cost is \$10. Call the center at 267-1628 for more information.

• **AN ACCOUNT FOR JACK HANSON** has been established at T&P Credit Union for donations to assist with expenses related to his heart surgery. Call 399-4562 or 399-4770 for more information.

• **AN ACCOUNT HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED AT CITIZENS FEDERAL CREDIT UNION** for 21-month-old Madysyn Hillger, in care of her grandmother, Debra Hillger. Madysyn has been diagnosed with a rare neurological-genetic disorder, Rett Syndrome. Donations will be applied to travel, medical and lodging expenses. For more information, call 264-7340 or 816-1024.

## Bulletin Board

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

## TODAY

• Downtown Lions Club meets at noon at the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.

• Line dancing begins at 1 p.m. at the Spring City Senior Citizen's Center in the Industrial Park. Call 267-6966 or 267-1628.

• Duplicate Bridge Club meets at 1 p.m. in the Big Spring Country Club.

• Fraternal Order of Eagles Aerie meets at 7 p.m. in the Eagles Lodge at 703 W. Third.

## THURSDAY

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

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

• National Day of Prayer from 12:15 p.m. until 12:45 p.m. at the Dora Roberst Community Center.

• Kiwanis Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane. Call 267-6479.

• Genealogy Society of Big Spring meets at 7 p.m. in the Howard County Library, 500 S. Main.

• Big Spring Masonic Lodge No. 1340 meets at 7:30 p.m. at 2101 Lancaster.

## FRIDAY

• Signal Mountain Quilting Guild meets from 9 a.m. until about 3 p.m. at St. Mary's Episcopal Church. Call 267-1037 or 267-7281 for more information.

• AMBUCS meet at noon in La Posada Restaurant.

• Greater Big Spring Rotary meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.

• Spring City Senior Citizens country and western dance from 7:30 p.m. until 10:30 p.m. featuring Monroe Casey and the Prowlers. All area seniors are invited.

## SATURDAY

• Second annual Spring Clean Community-wide Flea Market 7 a.m. until 4 p.m. in the Big Spring Mall parking lot.

• Big Spring Cruisers cruise Gregg Street and at the Sonic Drive-In beginning at 6:30 p.m.

• Eagles Lodge Dance at 8:30 p.m. at 703 W. Third.

• Big Spring Squares. Call 263-6305 for more information.

## MONDAY

• 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.

• Big Spring Band Boosters meet at 5:30 p.m. in the Big Spring High School band hall.

• 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.

• Coahoma Lions Club meets at 6 p.m. in the Coahoma Community Center at 306 North Ave.

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

• Archeology Society for Howard and Borden counties meets at 7 p.m. in the Howard County Library Community Room in the basement. Call 270-2615 for more information.

• Prospector's Club work night begins at 7 p.m. at 606 E. Third.

• Big Spring Society of the Order of Beacieants meets at 6:30 p.m. for a meal with meeting that begins at 7:30 p.m. at 221 Main.

• Big Spring Commandry meets at 7:30 p.m. at 221 Main.

## TUESDAY

• Big Spring Rotary Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.

## WEDNESDAY

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

• Senior Circle meets at 10:30 a.m. at Scenic Mountain Medical Center for Sit and Be Fit Chair Aerobics. Those 50 years and older are invited to attend. Call 268-4721.

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

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Garden City High School senior Tyler Bednar will be a member of the Professionals of Architecture in Orlando, Fla. Graduate Systems and Procurement Integrated Office Systems state BPA conference.

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"This Celebration on the Wall of Hope sent people from walk of life and at

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us some insight into Center breakthrough answered prayers in my life."

Bender said Rev. pastor of Family Center, is also expanding in a time of crisis while Rev. Keith Patty Showalter will ministry.

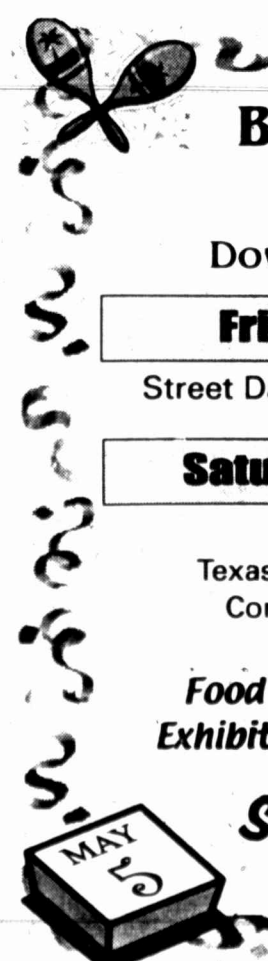
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regardless of increases.

Once the post office





Courtesy photo

Garden City High School students Katie Gully, left, and Tyler Bednar will compete in the National Business Professionals of America Conference beginning May 10 in Orlando, Fla. Gully placed first in Advanced Office Systems and Procedures and Bednar was third in Integrated Office Systems and Procedures at the recent state BPA conference in Lubbock.

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In addition to the Paramount agreement, Alon also announced the agreement to purchase Edgington Oil Company, a heavy crude refining company located in Long Beach, Calif., for approximately \$52 million in cash plus an amount to be determined for the value of inventory. The Edgington refinery is a top-ping refinery with a nameplate crude capacity of approximately 40,000 bpd. Using heavy crudes, the refinery can produce up to 24,000 bpd. Alon said it anticipates refining heavy crudes at the Edgington refinery. The refinery is linked to

other local refineries and pipeline systems, as well as to a pipeline to the Long Beach dock, which provides additional flexibility for sourcing crude outside California. Merging the Paramount refinery with Edgington into one refinery (78,000 bpd) coupled with the Portland refinery (12,000 bpd) will add 90,000 bpd of refined capacity to the existing 70,000 bpd sour crude refinery in Big Spring. This transaction is also expected to close before the end of June. "These two acquisitions provide significant growth opportunities for Alon. The advantages of heavy crude processing and upgrade of the bottoms via high valued asphalt sales fit our core strategy and our business model well," said Jeff

Morris, Alon's president and CEO. "In addition, Paramount's refinery in the Los Angeles area has recently been upgraded to produce carb diesel and carbob gasoline. We believe our fuels experience and operational capabilities will provide significant future opportunities. Also, the geographic coverage fits us perfectly." The Paramount refinery services the Los Angeles and southern California market. The refined product mix from the Paramount refinery, with a 6.4 complexity rating which is expected to increase following an expansion project, consists of approximately 16 percent light fuels, 26 percent middle distillates, 25 percent gas oils and 30 percent asphalt.

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consideration by city officials. The idea of a joint law-enforcement center operated by both the city and county was favored by 74 percent of respondents, while only 18 percent opposed the issue. "I think the citizens of Big Spring want to see the county and city work together on this issue," McEwen said. "They

want us to show we can have as efficient an operation as possible." McEwen has long been an advocate of a city-county operation. In other proposals, respondents favor a no-smoking policy in public buildings and restaurants (57 percent vs. 39 percent) and stricter code enforcement (58 percent vs. 32 percent). They also support bond issues for street and sidewalk improvement to support private downtown revitalization efforts and for a new

youth athletic complex. However, respondents opposed the idea of closing two city fire stations and combining those operations in a single station. Respondents gave Moore Development of Big Spring a negative rating in its overall performance, with 67 percent saying it has done a "fair" job or worse in attracting new businesses and jobs to Big Spring. A majority (52 percent vs. 32 percent) also believes the Moore Board should include pro-

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Legislative Advocates (which anyone can be for a \$5 or more donation), be in touch with state and national representatives to promote action and funding, attend training and the event of Celebration on the Hill. He is in charge of the Wall of Hope banner at the local Relay, which he hopes to have signed by everyone at the event and which he will take to Washington to add to 3,000 other such banners to be displayed on the Mall to impress lawmakers of the concern and interest of Americans across the nation. "This Celebration and the Wall of Hope represent people from every walk of life and attempts

to reach those in Washington about what's important and what needs to be done," Ronnie stresses. The Celebration on the Hill is not an annual event. At the first one in 2002, a bus which had traveled across the country and had special panels with thousands of signatures was displayed as a banner. At this year's second Celebration, the banners will have thousands more signatures and comments. The owner of Big Spring Farm Supply, Ronnie speaks about importance and need from personal experience. He is a survivor of testicular cancer from 1979. The drug that provided his cure was an experimental drug not approved by the FDA at that time. The American Cancer Society puts 37 percent of its money into

research, but more is needed from government sources to reach the goal of a cure for cancer by 2015. "That's only nine years away, but there are many things that are so close to answers to particular kinds of cancer," says Ronnie, "so we don't want to let up on legislators at all levels." A year after Ronnie's bout with cancer, his wife, Diane, was asked to be on the American Cancer Society board. They remember the fundraisers they had every year. "We had wine and cheese functions at various places, and sometimes we'd raise as much as \$3,000." However, they realized that they were reaching only a small segment of the community, not nearly representative of the

people who had been touched by cancer. Then in 1994, the Relay For Life event was instituted here, and as Ronnie describes it, "It just fit and took off. That first year we made \$29,000, which was huge, compared to the \$2,900 we'd usually made." Diane was on the planning committee for the Relay so Ronnie helped out by setting up a canopy over the workers, picking up trash, walking for a team, or whatever needed doing. Following that, he served on various committees for two years. When the American Cancer Society formed its sister advocacy organization, ACS Cancer Action Network, Ronnie felt this was the place he fit in the fight against America's most dreaded disease. About the Cancer Action Network he submits, "We

don't support any candidate; all we try to do is give each candidate an opportunity to answer a survey and support a list of issues to do with American Cancer Society." Explaining why he commits his time as a Celebration Advocate, Wood says, "Somebody has to do it, and I enjoy getting to know people in government. Every dollar is so important to the cause of saving a life, toward the end of finding a cure." The Howard Glasscock Relay For Life is scheduled May 19-20 at Blankenship Field in Big Spring.

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**PRAYER**

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us some insight into the VA Medical Center breakthrough and other answered prayers in our community." Bender said Rev. Sam Segundo, pastor of Family Faith Victory Center, is also expected to lead the group in a time of corporate prayer, while Rev. Keith Showalter and Patty Showalter will provide music ministry. Although the National Day of Prayer didn't become a government

declared event until 1952, when a joint resolution by Congress, signed by President Truman, made it official, it's been a part of America's heritage for more than 200 years. The first call to prayer came in 1775, when the Continental Congress asked the colonies to pray for wisdom in forming a nation. The call for prayer has continued through history, including President Lincoln's proclamation of a day of "humiliation, fasting, and prayer" in 1863. Like Thanksgiving or Christmas, the National Day of Prayer has become a national observance

placed on all Hallmark calendars and observed annually across the nation. In 2004, local, state and federal observances were held from sunrise in Maine to sunset in Hawaii, uniting Americans from all socio-economic, political and ethnic backgrounds in prayer for the nation. For more information on the local prayer presentation, contact Bender at 263-0556. Contact Staff Writer Thomas Jenkins at 263-7331 ext. 232 or by e-mail citydesk@bigspringherald.com

Before that, the price had been unchanged since 2002. The proposed increase would boost the price of mailing a letter to 42 cents.

**STAMPS**

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regardless of future increases. Once the post office pro-

poses a rate change, including the new stamp, the matter goes to the Postal Rate Commission, which holds hearings and has 10 months to consider the matter before

responding. The earliest a change would take effect would be May 2007. The cost of a first-class stamp went from 37 cents to 39 cents in January.

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## OUR VIEWS

### Let's make Cinco de Mayo festival a fun time for all

Ready to have a little fun? Well, we are. And luckily, this weekend has been set aside for our community's Cinco de Mayo festival, which organizers say will be two days of food and fun at Heart of the City Park in downtown Big Spring.

Fight off the bat, we think we need to thank festival coordinator Kelly Zant for helping dispel several misconceptions about the history of the annual Cinco de Mayo celebration.

Zant had been asked by quite a few people why she thought a Cinco de Mayo festival was needed. Many, she said, thought Cinco de Mayo was Mexican Independence Day. That, however, is actually Diez y Sies de Septiembre (the 16th of September, not the 5th of May).

Cinco de Mayo is a holiday for Mexican Americans because it commemorates the day in 1862 — some 52 years following Mexico having declared its independence — that a badly outnumbered force of Mexican soldiers defeated a force of French and Mexican army traitors in a battle at Puebla.

Oh, yes, the the Mexican army that pulled off this victory was led by Texas-born Gen. Zaragoza.

There are perhaps many who might complain that in the wake of Monday's "Day Without Immigrants" and corresponding boycotts, deciding to stage a two-day celebration of a traditional Mexican holiday is not a good idea.

We, however, disagree. Big Spring, like a great many Texas cities our size, has a sizable Hispanic population. We're not talking about illegal aliens. We're not naive enough to say there are no illegal immigrants in our community, but for the most part, our Hispanic community is made up of American citizens.

Why more than half of the Herald's staff is made up of Spanish surnamed employees. We doubt we're the only business in Big Spring that can say that.

No, our Hispanic community is just that ... ours. These are our neighbors and co-workers. We attend church with them. Our children go to school with their children and play youth sports with them. We revel in their successes and they in ours.

And that's why we need to make sure that this weekend, Big Spring's Cinco de Mayo Festival is true family fun for us all.

We're looking forward to combining great food, great country and Tejano music and even trying a dance or two.

The festival will get under way at 6 p.m. Friday and continue through midnight. Saturday's schedule calls for activities from 10:30 a.m. to midnight.

We'll see you there.

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## A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

Dear Lord, when we pursue You during our daylight and evening hours great things happen.

Amen

# An anthem for the foolish

At a time when American xenophobia is at an all-time high, when Latinos have learned that taking their own countries' flags to immigrant-rights demonstrations is not a very bright idea, out comes a U.S. national anthem with lyrics sung in Spanish.

O Jose can you see how offensive that can be?

Even if it was done with the best intentions — paying tribute to the nation that gave us refuge — the singers and producers who participated in this recording must have known that it would be controversial.

And so the question becomes: Were they really doing it as a tribute, or were they just seeking attention, regardless of the negative consequences they knew were forthcoming? Where they doing it for their community or for themselves?

The project, involving artists such as Wyclef Jean, hip-hop's Pitbull (Armando Perez) and Puerto Rican singers Carlos Ponce and Olga Tanon, was the idea of British music producer Adam Kidron, who heads the record label Urban Box Office and obviously had the box office in mind.

They say they are going to put the anthem in an album called "Somos Americanos" (We are Americans), which will sell for \$10. And they think they are being generous — \$1 from each album will go to an immigrants organization.

They say they did it to support the burgeoning immigrant-rights movement. But Latinos who truly support that movement are rapidly recognizing that the new anthem has had the opposite effect.

It gave the anti-immigrant

zealots an excuse to throw temper tantrums. In xenophobic minds, the work of a few idiotic record producers is proof that there is a conspiracy by millions of Latinos to "take over" the country and change American culture.

Even President Bush, who has been acting like a chameleon on the immigration debate, used the new anthem to change his color again.

"I think the national anthem ought to be sung in English," said the president, who then used the song as an excuse to come out against the "Day Without Immigrants." — Monday's national work stoppage called by immigrant rights activists to dramatize the importance of immigrants to the U.S. economy.

"I'm not a supporter of boycotts," Bush said.

It also gave him an excuse to flirt with the right-wing extremists who promote the false notion that Latinos refuse to learn English.

"I think people who want to be a citizen of this country ought to learn English," Bush added, "and they ought to learn to sing the national anthem in English."

Of course, he did not mention that funding for English as a Second Language courses have been severely slashed and that many ESL programs have long waiting lists of immigrants eager to learn English.

Yet the new anthem's producers, up against massive criticism, are also promoting that notion. They are now claiming that they wrote the song for Latinos who can't understand English.

But would those Latinos like it if foreigners went to Mexico, Puerto Rico or any other Latin-American country and changed the language of their national anthems? I would think not.

Adding salt to the wounds, the track, released Friday, is not

called "The Star-Spangled Banner, but "Nuestro Himno" — Our Anthem — as if we Latinos were entitled to have a separate national anthem.

And it is not even a true translation of "The Star-Spangled Banner." Although some parts of the Spanish version convey the same ideas as the English version, other parts contain lyrics that Americans have never sung at a ballgame. "My people keep fighting," it says in Spanish. "It's time to break the chains."

What? Could you sing that again?

One thing is to write a Spanish-language protest song for the marching immigrants, and another thing is to alter the U.S. national anthem and hurt the cause you claim to be promoting.

Those who still defend the new anthem argue that many different renditions and music styles have been used to interpret "The Star-Spangled Banner" — from country to gospel. But not in a different language, not in a way that would give conservative extremists an excuse to pounce on immigrants.

Let's face it, on the stupidity chart, altering the American national anthem is right up there with changing the taste of Coca-Cola. You have to wonder what they were thinking when they decided to do something so ill-advised.

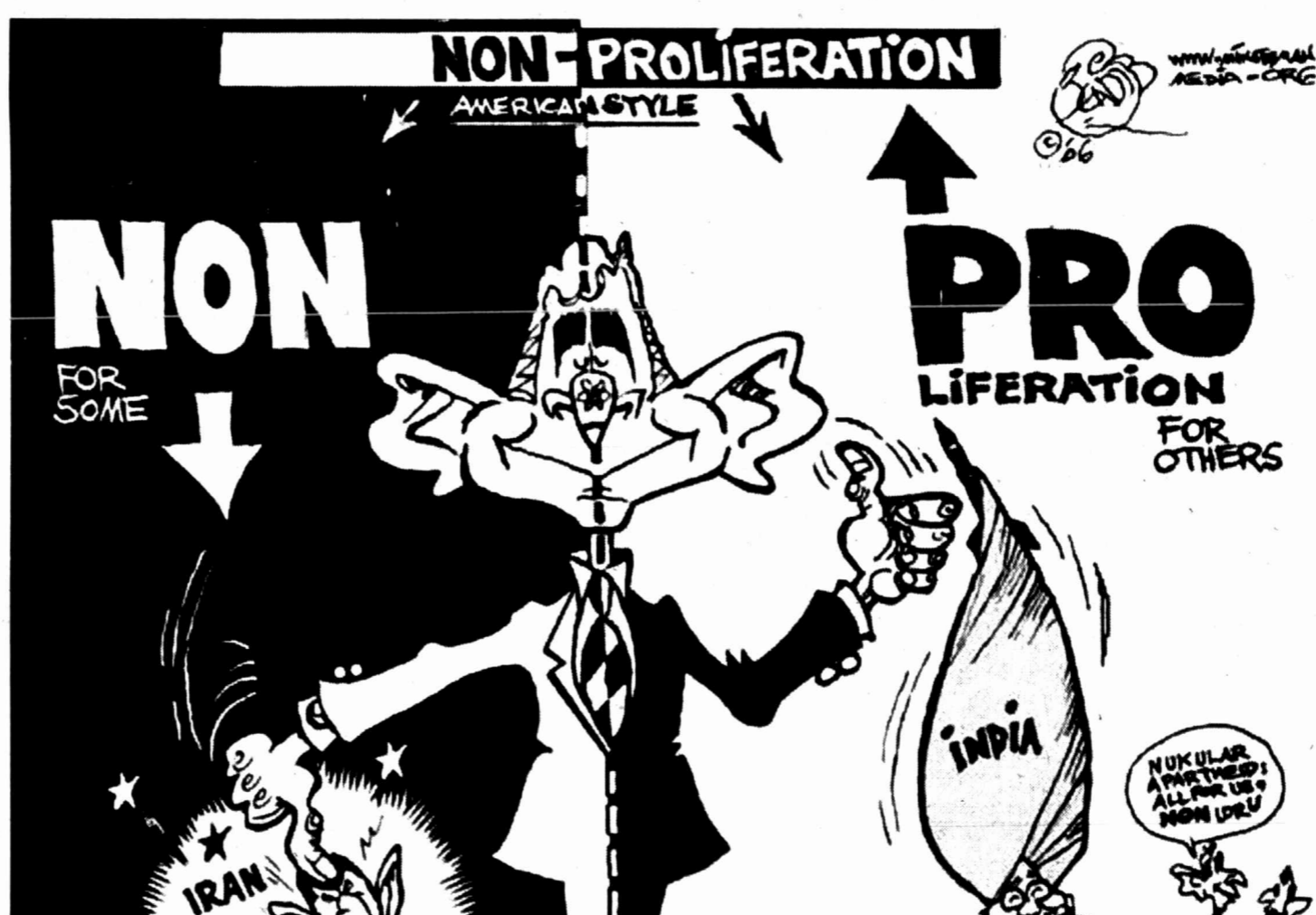
The idea is so stupid that many Spanish-language radio stations are refusing to play the song.

Had they written a new and inspiring Spanish-language protest song, to be sung at immigration rallies and to be played on radio stations, they could have done a great service to their community. But perhaps they lack the talent to be original, or perhaps they were just trying to get attention.

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## Multi-tasking takes a lot of time

Starbucks exploded onto the scene along with the internet, cell phone and dot com booms. Then came eBay and blogs and everybody went to Starbucks (with their computers and cell phones) to try to stave off the mad onslaught of non-stop information. All the caffeine does is make us more hyper and we get less sleep.

Mark Morford, a columnist for the San Francisco Chronicle, says nobody is getting enough sleep because everybody is so stressed. "Everybody is stressed because they have way, way too much to do and far too little time in which to do it."

We have less time because of modern technology. Did somebody say computers were time savers? How about the telephone since it became digitized and dehumanized?

I think people go to Starbucks because they think they will be

considered above average, connected to the multi-tasking generation. They think the more stuff whirling around your brain at any given moment makes you more brilliant. The opposite is true, according to ancient gurus and yogis.

It is when you calm the mind, breathe deeply and sleep well, cleaning out the toxins and caffeine, that real wisdom and intuition come your way.

On their way to Starbucks, people shave, put on lipstick, check their email, fix their hair, clip fingernails and tune the radio, all while driving their vehicles.

When I lived in Europe I used to drive through the Alps smoking my pipe, drinking coffee and reading the map. Had there been cell phones and computers then, I probably would have been using those, too. I sometimes drive while playing my nose flute (it just requires one hand). I was proud of my ability to do that until I saw a guy pass me playing a trombone.

When I'm hungry I get a meat cup, which requires two hands. I've learned to drive with my

knees. Are you multi-tasking right now? Working on your to-do list, answering your cell, text-messaging your friend, reading this column, burning a CD, programming your Bluetooth? If not, you're behind times. We are media drenched. We have numerous ways to communicate instantly.

How many letters have you written lately? How many email messages have you sent? Many more of the latter, I would imagine. The internet is a deliciously addictive distraction, annoying its users with instant messaging, iTunes, movie trailers (does Tom Cruise just run and jump all the time?), new car announcements and Amazon.

We drink coffee thinking it is a stimulant. It must be, because it destroys some people's ability to calm down and get some sleep. If coffee was a real stimulant, I could learn about podcasting in Garageband, start my novel, learn Chinese and read that 400 page book on digital photography, all while driving to see my grand children.

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In Tedd Arnold's book "Even More Parts" (JERARN T), a boy named Chip asks himself those very questions and imagines what it would be like if he really did lose his or switched one b with another.

"Even More Parts" is a silly book with eye-catching illustrations that keep any young child and parent or re entertained.

Another wonder illustrated and written book for young children is "Butterflies Fly" (WIN Y), written by Yvonne Winer and illustrated by Karen L. Jones.

Every page is filled with a butterfly of varying and intense color and the poetry and of the text compliment the illustrations to create a calming and to reading experience.

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A pirate needs a patch. A pirate has to keep ship clean. And the best part of being a pirate is having to share all treasure. In "Captain Matey Set Sail," the pirates learn the importance of sharing friendship.

Learning how to express our emotions is an appropriate and another good lesson is covered in Kaiser's "If You're Angry and You Know It" (KAI C.)

In this book, Kaiser uses the "If You're Happy and You Know It" song and transforms it into a way to teach how to express our anger appropriately.

Children do not always know how to express their emotions, especially anger. In "If You're Angry and You Know It" (JR KAI C), a boy learns appropriate ways to express his anger and how to get beyond anger to experience peace again.

Children experience many emotions and through many books.

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# Library News

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Children experience many emotions and go through many hard

times. In Jane Louise Curry's "Moon Window" (JFCUR J), a girl named Jo has to deal with the loss of her father and then with her mother's decision to remarry a few years later.

Jo goes to stay with her grandmother, where she dreams of running away in order to ruin her mother's honeymoon.

Jo's plans quickly change after she discovers a secret window that allows her to travel through time. Jo learns more about herself and her heritage in this exciting book of adventure for more advanced young readers.

Readers can travel to the past just like Jo when they read "Mummies and Ancient Egypt," by Anita Ganeri (J932.01 GAN A). "Mummies and Ancient Egypt" is filled with interesting facts about ancient Egypt, including how the Egyptians mummified the dead, whom the famous Pharaohs were at that time, what kind of clothing the Egyptians wore and much more.

The book includes maps, photographs and a glossary of terms to add to the fun of exploring an ancient culture.

Not only can kids explore ancient cultures in a book, but they can also explore how criminologists use science to solve crimes. John Townsend, in his book "True Crime: Crime Scenes" (J363.252 TOW J), explains what a crime scene is, what detectives look for and how scientists can run tests to solve a crime.

"True Crime: Crime Scenes" is an intriguing book than anyone can enjoy.

Detectives use science to solve crimes, but in Sally Warner's book, "Finding Hattie" (YAWAR S), Hattie has to discover who she truly is and where she fits in.

In "Finding Hattie," Hattie's parents and brother die and she ends up a poor orphan who is put into a school with children of privilege, so Hattie feels lost and alone.

Then she meets a girl who is even more of an outsider. Hattie draws strength from her friendship with the new girl, Fannie.

Hattie also learns the meaning of true friendship. "Finding Hattie" is a book any teen can relate to and it is always gratifying to see the underdog win.

Interrelationships are an interesting factor in Sarah L. Thomson's "The Dragon's Son" (YATHO

S). In "The Dragon's Son," Thomson shows how individuals affect a community.

In particular, Thomson shows how three women and one boy affect the life of King Arthur. For any teen who loves fantasy, this is the perfect book.

Howard County Library offers books on all topics for all age groups.

The theme for this summer's reading program is "Reading: the Sport of Champions!" There is a great collection of books on sports and players to go along with that theme.

Have a favorite player? Come to the library and read about that player. Explore our collection of books and have fun reading!

Also, keep reading your newspaper for future press releases on the summer reading program.

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*Amy Thomas is the Howard County children's librarian.*

'Out of the Shadow' premieres on KPBT-TV

## Documentary examines schizophrenia

By VALERIE AVERY

Special to the Herald  
"Out of the Shadow," Susan Smiley's award-winning documentary which intimately and compassionately depicts her mother Millie's lifelong struggle with paranoid schizophrenia and its effect on her family, will premiere on KPBT, Permian Basin PBS, on Sunday, May 14th at 6 p.m.

"Out of the Shadow" illustrates the complexities of severe mental illness on individuals and their families and examines the inadequacies of the public health system set up to manage the disease.

Filmed over five years, "Out of the Shadow" uncovers one family's struggle, but reveals a national plight.

More than 2.5 million Americans and 1 to 2 percent of the world's population have schizophrenia, and West Texas is no exception.

Every month, West Texas Centers for MHMR, the local mental health authority headquartered in Big Spring, provides intense services to approximately 410 adults and 10 children/adolescents who live with schizophrenia.

"This film is wonderful for professionals in the field of mental health, the average citizen as well as others who live with mental illness," says Shelley Smith, CEO of West Texas Centers for MHMR and KPBT board member.

"It offers new insight into the impact schizophrenia has on families

and communities as well as individuals who live with the illness and demonstrates the critical importance of appropriate outpatient psychosocial rehabilitation support services as well as medications."

"Out of the Shadow" is an emotional journey in which filmmaker Smiley explores a difficult past in order to cross over to a more hopeful future. The film weaves probing interviews, home movie footage and family photos into recent footage to unravel this complex story.

During a span of 20 years, Millie makes her way through 17 psychiatric wards, 8 apartments, 3 boarding houses and countless motels.

As a ward of the state, Millie frequently lost all contact with her friends and family for months at a time. Determined to get better care for their moth-

er, Smiley and her sister Tina eventually become Millie's legal guardians. "Out of the Shadow" reveals Millie's fate in the face of her challenges.

"Schizophrenia affects families like mine and yours - not only the nameless homeless person on the street," Smiley adds. "I want the film to impart the message that schizophrenia can be effectively managed when patients receive comprehensive psychosocial services, including safe and stable housing, family support and open access to proper treatment."

For more information about the film, visit [www.outoftheshadow.com](http://www.outoftheshadow.com). For more information about supporting this kind of programming on KPBT, visit [www.kpbt.org](http://www.kpbt.org).

For more information about West Texas Centers for MHMR, visit [www.wtcmhmr.org](http://www.wtcmhmr.org).

## Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

### The Road to Good Defense

North dealer. Neither side vulnerable.

**NORTH**  
♦ A K 8 5 2  
♥ 9 4  
♠ A K 7 4 3  
♣ A

**WEST**  
♦ J 9 6  
♥ K J 7 6  
♠ Q J 8  
♣ 9 7 2

**EAST**  
♦ Q 10 7 4 3  
♥ A 10 3  
♠ 10 9 5  
♣ Q 4

**SOUTH**  
♦ Q 8 5 2  
♥ 6 2  
♠ K J 10 8 6 5 3

The bidding:  
North East South West  
1♦ Pass 2♣ Pass  
2♦ Pass 3♦ Pass  
3♦ Pass 4♦ Pass  
5♦

Opening lead — six of hearts.  
To be a good defender, you must do a lot of theorizing about the composition of the two unseen hands. Fortunately, there are nearly always clues that stem from either the bidding or the play, so that the best method of defense need not be treated as sheer guesswork.

Take this case where East-West are defending against five clubs. It is not difficult for West to find a heart lead, given the reluctance of both

North and South to bid notrump at any point.

East wins the heart with the ace and returns the ten. He hopes partner has the K-J, in which case, if dummy can be forced to ruff a heart, East's queen of clubs will become the setting trick.

Declarer covers the ten with the queen, and West wins with the king. West does not know at this point that East has the Q-x of clubs, but he can easily deduce that the jack-of-hearts continuation offers the best chance of defeating the contract.

West arrives at this conclusion by assuming that South, who bid clubs three times, must have at least seven of them. Since declarer has already produced two hearts, it follows that South's four unknown cards, whatever they are, are fully covered by dummy's two sets of A-K's.

It is therefore clear that no advantage can accrue from returning a heart, a diamond or a trump at trick three. The only real chance is that East has either the Q-x or J-10 of clubs, in which case forcing dummy to ruff a heart will promote a trump trick for the defense.

If West fails to lead the jack of hearts at trick three, declarer makes the contract, but with that lead, South must go down one.

Tomorrow: The never-say-die spirit.  
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## News briefs

### Woman sentenced to 20 years for sexual assault of stepson

TYLER (AP) — A 39-year-old woman who had sexual relationship with her teenage stepson and later gave birth to their child has been sentenced to 20 years in prison.

Carla Kay Dinger also was ordered to pay a \$10,000 fine by a Smith County jury.

Dinger had pleaded guilty to sexual assault of a child before Tuesday's sentencing.

She admitted to carrying on a sexual relationship for two years with her then-stepson, starting when he was 14. It ended when Dinger found out she was pregnant with her stepson's child.

Their son is now 6. Dinger had primary custody of the child until 2004, when she and her ex-husband began sharing custody.

Dinger's former stepson, now 22, filed a lawsuit against her seeking monetary damages.

He said Dinger had provided him with methamphetamine and alcohol frequently.

The two had made plans for Dinger to divorce his father so they could marry. But after Dinger found out she was pregnant, she began treating him like a normal stepson. Dinger sent him to live with his mother and told him not to tell anyone, he said.

The stepson told his mother about it in 2001.

### Trinidadian group urges blocking visit of Texas televangelist

PORT-OF-SPAIN, Trinidad (AP) — Trinidad's largest Hindu organization said Tuesday it was urging the prime minister to bar American TV evangelist Benny Hinn from visiting the country, saying he will threaten the country's religious harmony.

Sat Maharaj, secretary-general of Sanatan Dharma Maha Saba, said Hinn — who plans to visit the diverse Caribbean nation from May 19-21 — was a fraud.

"We need to alert the population that he is a fake healer," Maharaj said. "He will cause division in the religious community and should not be given a visa to come and preach here."

The organization has taken out full-page ads in local papers claiming Hinn's revivals are illegal because he makes money by faith healing — which is against the law in Trinidad.

Hinn's spokesman, Ronn Torossian, declined to comment Tuesday. Prime Minister Patrick Manning's office did not immediately respond to requests for a comment.

Benny Hinn Ministries, based in the suburbs of Dallas, is estimated to raise more than \$100 million a year. The televangelist travels the world hosting "Miracle Crusades" in stadiums, and claims to heal the sick while converting nonbelievers to his strain of Pentecostal Christianity.

Nearly a quarter of Trinidad and Tobago's 1.3 million people are Hindu. About 6 percent are Muslim.

### Wool Growers files for bankruptcy

SAN ANGELO (AP) — An Ozona wool storage company under investigation by the Texas Rangers for suspicion of cheating clients out of money has filed for bankruptcy.

Wool Growers Central Storage Co. filed for Chapter 11 reorganization Friday.

The company stores wool and monair for producers at warehouses in Ozona and Sanderson. It sells the wool, keeps a percentage of the proceeds and pays producers the remainder, Wool Growers bankruptcy attorney Byrnie Bass said.

"It came to the attention of the board of directors that maybe some wool had been sold and the proceeds had not been paid," Greg Gossett, an attorney representing the Wool Growers board, said in a story in Wednesday's editions of the *San Angelo Standard-Times*.

Through the bankruptcy filing, the company wants to elicit complaints from clients who think the company owes them money. The filing lets producers stake claims against Wool Growers and doesn't mean the company will close, Bass said.

About 220 to 240 clients were notified of the filing and most were expected to file a claim, Bass said. It's unclear how much money clients might be owed.

### Man fined for trying to smuggle pork, cane

EL PASO (AP) — Border authorities inspecting a car crossing in from Mexico uncovered an ordinary, but banned food item hiding in a strange place.

Customs and Border Protection officers and agriculture agents searching a man's car Sunday found 2 pounds of raw pork sausage. The meat was wrapped in foil inside two disposable baby diapers.

Bringing in pork is prohibited because the meat can harbor hog cholera.

The 27-year-old Colorado man had told the Zaragoza Bridge inspectors he had no fruits, meat or plants to declare.

Inspectors also found seven stalks of raw sugar cane, which is banned because it can carry a pest in its peel.

Authorities seized the items and the man was fined \$250, officials said.

### 113 killed in Russian plane crash

ADLER, Russia (AP) — An Armenian passenger plane crashed in stormy weather Wednesday off Russia's Black Sea coast as it was heading for a landing, killing all 113 people on board — most of them Armenians.

The Airbus A-320, which belonged to the Armenian airline Armavia, disappeared from radar screens about four miles from shore and crashed after making a turn toward the Adler airport near the southern Russian city of Sochi, emergency official Viktor Beltsov said.

Officials said all 113 people aboard the plane, including six children, were killed.

Armenian airline officials said they believed the crash was due to the weather. Investigators did not believe terrorism was a factor.

The crash occurred early Wednesday during a

## Senate sends tax overhaul to governor

By APRIL CASTRO

Associated Press Writer

AUSTIN — After years of failed attempts, the Texas Senate on Tuesday sent a watershed business tax overhaul to Gov. Rick Perry's desk for approval.

The \$3.4 billion tax expansion changes the structure of the law so that more Texas companies will have to pay. Under current law, an estimated one in 16 businesses pays the business tax.

The new business tax structure is a key part of Perry's efforts to address a court mandate to fix the state's unconstitutional public school funding system. Revenues from the new business tax will be used to offset property taxes for Texas homeowners.

Sen. Steve Ogden, R-College Station, called

Tuesday's developments "historic."

"After a day of sputtering, the Senate approved the measure by a 16-14 vote. The House approved it last week. The measure next goes before Perry, who can either sign it into law, veto or allow it to become law without his signature."

The business tax proposal would be levied on 1 percent of a company's gross receipts, with deductions for either the cost of goods or employee benefits such as salary and health care. Retailers would pay at a rate of 0.5 percent.

The new tax structure, which was crafted by an independent panel appointed by Perry, has been widely supported by businesses.

But Democrats have opposed it because the money would go to property tax

cuts rather than school improvements.

The chamber stalled for almost five hours Tuesday on a technical matter, which requires two-thirds of the 31-member chamber to agree to allow consideration of any legislation. The effort failed 20-11, just one vote shy of the necessary support. Republican Sen. Mike Jackson of La Porte initially joined with Democrats to block the bill. He later changed his vote to allow consideration.

Another measure given final Senate approval Tuesday dedicates most of the tax revenue generated from the new tax system to property tax cuts. That one will have to be worked out in negotiations with the House before it can be signed by the governor.

Many leaders, including

Perry, have promised a one-third reduction of school property taxes, but some of the state's budget surplus would still be necessary to get to that level.

Democrats argued that more of the money should go to education improvement initiatives and that dedicating money to property tax relief now would hinder their ability to deal with future needs.

"If we take the monies that will be raised by this bill and put them in a lock box, the question is, how do we fund state government in the future?" asked Sen. Royce West, a Dallas Democrat.

Democratic Sen. John Whitmire of Houston argued that limiting the potential uses of new tax money would force future lawmakers to legalize state-taxed gambling or increase the sales tax in order to meet needs.

## Music industry to target CD pirates in 12 cities

By TED BRIDIS

Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — After years of suing Internet users for downloading songs illegally, the music industry is targeting pirates in 12 cities who copy CDs and DVDs for sale at street corners, flea markets, family-run shops and even mainstream record stores.

Executives identified the cities as Atlanta; Austin; Chicago; Dallas; Houston; Los Angeles; Miami; New York; Philadelphia; Providence, R.I.; San Diego and San Francisco. These were selected based on market surveys, earlier raids and

industry reviews of sales data suggesting lost sales during the past five years.

"We tried to narrow down the areas where we're going to focus, where we find the most piracy," said Brad Buckles, executive vice president for anti-piracy at the Washington-based Recording Industry Association of America, the trade group for the largest labels.

The RIAA was releasing details of the new campaign Wednesday. The trade group estimates the industry lost \$1 billion in CD sales last year, including more than \$300 million in losses blamed on underground sales of ille-

gally copied discs. Police seized more than 5 million illegal CDs and arrested 3,300 people last year, it said.

The FBI raided a local music store outside Detroit in November that was selling CDs for \$5 each. Agents found more than 100 recording drives, nearly 10,000 counterfeit CDs and 1,400 DVD movies.

Urban and Latin music is overwhelmingly popular among pirates who copy discs, representing about 95 percent of all counterfeit CDs and DVDs seized in raids, according to Buckles, the former head of the U.S. Bureau of Alcohol,

Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.

Almost 40 percent of discs seized last year were Latin CDs — with artists such as Jessie Morales and Los Originales de San Juan — even though the genre accounts for only 6 percent of the overall music market. Those illegal CDs are especially popular in Texas, California and Florida, the RIAA said.

Illegal Latin CDs also are commonly produced using high-quality commercial press equipment, rather than the inexpensive computer drives frequently used to illegally copy urban-music CDs, the trade group said.

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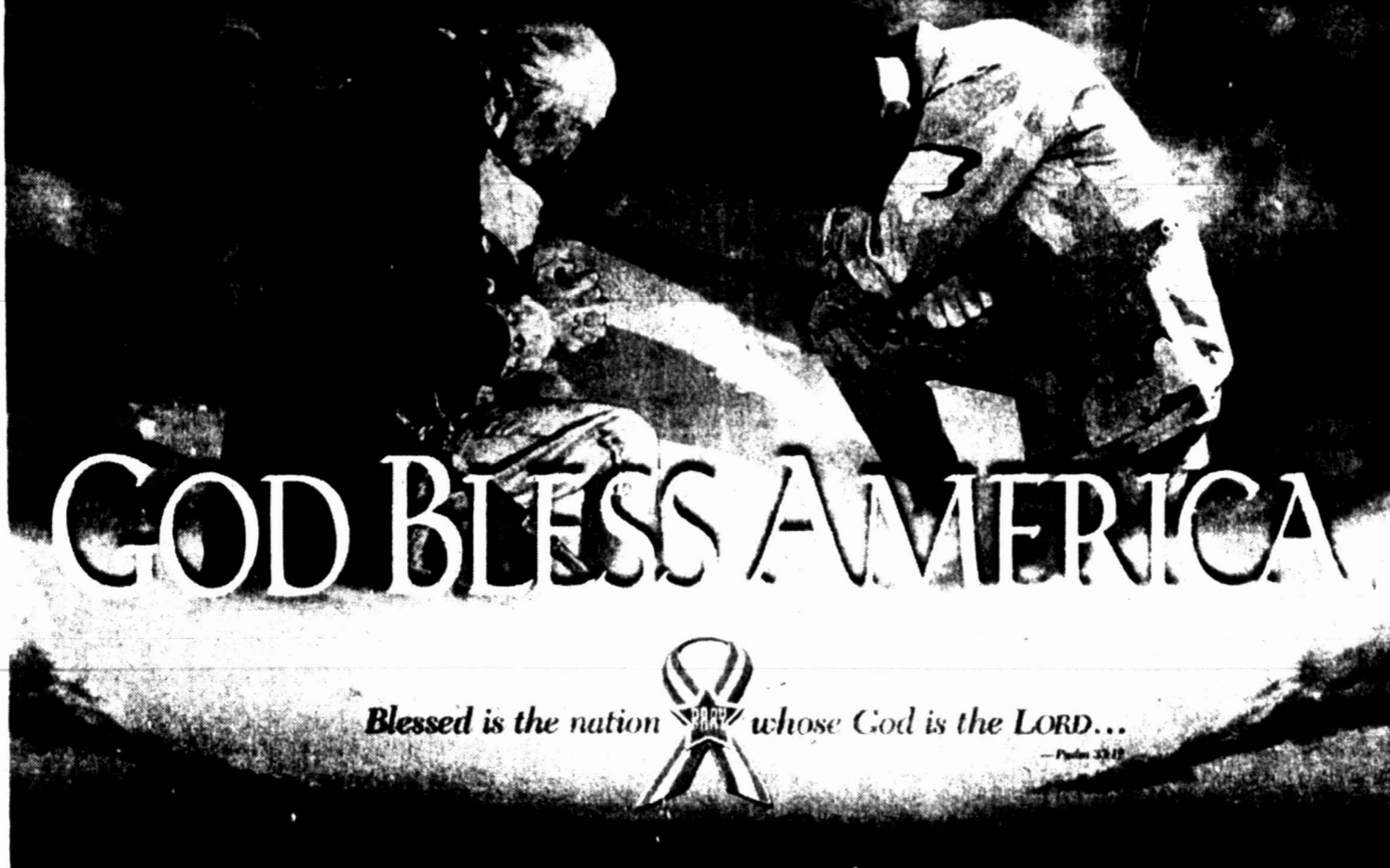
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For more information, call 264-5044, 816-4327. Pre-registration for all three camps is also encouraged.

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There will be hour security during the camp and the includes breakfast and dinner for boarding campers. Lunch for commuters.

Camp participants need to bring athletic clothing (shorts, shirts, socks, shoes) to all sessions and boarding campers must also have linens, toiletries and spending money.

For more information or to register, participants call athletic office, Howard College, 264-5040. Enrollment is limited.



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## Lady Steers appear ready after warmup victory



HERALD photo/Troy Hyde  
Big Spring sophomore Katy Watten leads off the bag at second base Tuesday during the Lady Steers' warmup win against Levelland. Big Spring begins the postseason Friday in Alpine against El Paso Burges at 5 p.m. It will play a best-of-three series and Game 2 will be Saturday at 10 a.m.

### • Big Spring comes from behind to take down 3A Levelland

By TROY HYDE  
Sports Editor

The Lady Steers came from behind Tuesday at home and appear ready for another deep postseason run. Big Spring got down two runs early in the game, but responded well after that and got by a tough Levelland team, 5-2.

"Levelland was a good team," said Big Spring head coach Jennifer Reyes. "I was real happy with the bats tonight."

The game remained scoreless until the third inning when Levelland, which entered the game with a 23-1 record, plated two runs. Both runs came after two outs were recorded as senior Mandy Walker gave up two hits and hit a batter in the inning.

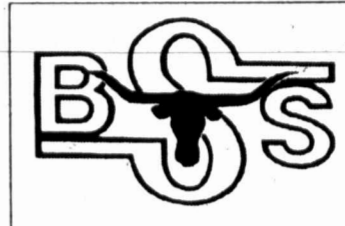
The Lady Steers came right back to tie the game in their half of the third inning. Walker reached base on an error, took second on another error and was moved to third on a sacrifice bunt by senior Courtney Rodriguez. Sophomore Desiree Yanez

walked and then stole second base. Levelland made another error on the throw to second, which allowed Walker to score and Yanez to take third. Senior Krista Chesworth then knocked in Yanez with an RBI single up the middle.

Walker took control on the mound after that. She retired Levelland in order in the fourth, fifth and sixth innings and struck out the side in the seventh after Levelland put the first two runners on base.

She was able to get the win in her final home at Big Spring after the Lady Steers plated three more runs in the fifth. Senior Courtney Rodriguez reached on an error to start the inning. Chesworth then singled and freshman Shelbi Stewart knocked in senior Britni Rodriguez, who was running for Courtney on the bases, with an RBI single. Chesworth and Stewart both scored later on wild pitches.

Walker finished the game with nine strikeouts and she surrendered just two earned runs on three hits. She did not walk a batter but did hit one.



"Mandy kept their hitters off balance," said Reyes. "The runs and hits they did get were mostly due to mistakes we made in the field."

Levelland had its own trouble in the field, committing five errors and throwing multiple wild pitches. Katrina Johnson threw well on the mound for Levelland though as she allowed three earned runs on five hits and struck out eight Big Spring hitters. She surrendered four walks in seven innings of work.

Big Spring got two on in the first and sixth innings, but all four runners were stranded on the bases. The Lady Steers were retired in order by Johnson in the second inning, but got at least one runner on base in every other frame.

Chesworth had two of Big Spring's five hits at the plate and added a run and an RBI.

"She made great contact

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## Hawks split twinbill with Western Texas

### • Howard bats return to form in Game 2

By TROY HYDE  
Sports Editor

The Hawks and rival Western Texas met for a nonconference doubleheader at Jack Barber Field to end the regular season Tuesday.

Howard had a tough time mustering together much offense in Game 1 on its way to a 4-2 loss, but then the bats came alive in the late game as the Hawks pounded out 17 hits and won 17-4 in six innings.

Western Texas scored two runs each in the third and fourth innings and that would be all it needed. Jerry Zachery hit a two-run home run in the third inning to give the Westerners a 2-0 lead and then Jake Parsons had an RBI triple in the fourth to lead the Western Texas charge.

Howard got its first run in the third inning and then did not cross the plate again until the seventh. Freshman Dusty Dallas singled with two outs and then sophomore Gabe Marchant followed with another single.

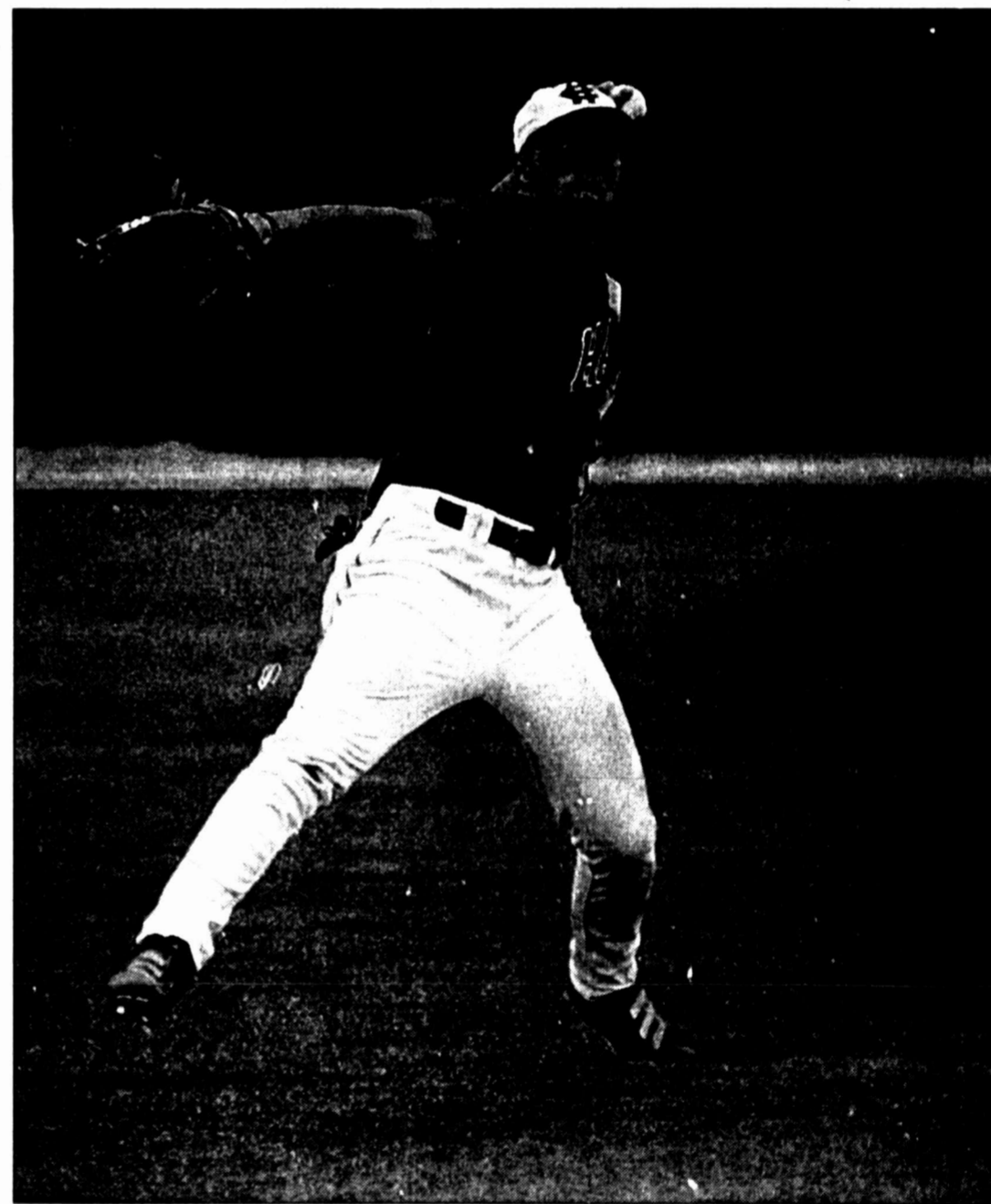
Sophomore Jeff Storms eventually knocked in Dallas with an RBI single, but sophomore Darby Brown flew out with two runners on base to end the game.

Sophomore Daman Aaron and Marchant had two hits each to lead Howard at the plate. Adrian Bermudez pitched all seven innings on the mound and took the loss as he dropped to 3-2. He allowed four runs on 11 hits and struck out three.

Josh Kelley also threw the entire game for the Westerners and got the win after allowing two runs on eight hits. He struck out five and walked two.

Parsons had two hits including a triple and Juan Carlos Calderon doubled and scored twice.

The Hawks hit three home runs, three doubles and one triple in Game 2 but did not break the game open until the fifth inning. The Hawks jumped out to a 3-0 lead after two innings, but Western Texas tied the contest after scoring three runs in its half of



HERALD photo/Troy Hyde  
Howard sophomore Daman Aaron guns down a runner at home during the Hawks' split against Western Texas in nonconference action at Jack Barber Field Tuesday. Aaron had two hits in Game 1 and doubled, tripled and had four RBIs in the late game.



HERALD photo/Jeff Lane  
From left: Forsan's Kimmy Berry, Tye Baker and Kayla Spence were honored as the school's male and female athletes of the year Tuesday at Forsan's annual athletic banquet.

## Spurs win pivotal Game 5

### • Big run late lifts San Antonio past Kings

By JAIME ARON  
AP Sports Writer

SAN ANTONIO — The San Antonio Spurs have developed a curious postseason habit.

They jump out to 2-0 series leads at home, then blow two games on the road, perhaps just to make things interesting. Sufficiently inspired, they then win Game 5 and eventually take the series.

As strange as it sounds, the Spurs did it twice on their way to winning the championship last year and once more during

their 2003 title run — and are now a victory away from doing it another series.

Manu Ginobili shook off two disappointing games to score 27 points and Tim Duncan had 24, leading San Antonio past the Sacramento Kings 109-98 on Tuesday night for their formula-following 3-2 lead in this first-round series.

Sacramento lost despite 38 points from Bonzi Wells and 24 from Ron Artest.

"I thought we really kept our composure, kept fighting," said Duncan, who also had nine

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the third. Howard grabbed the lead back with one run in the third and then scored four runs in the fourth inning and added eight runs in the sixth to end the game.

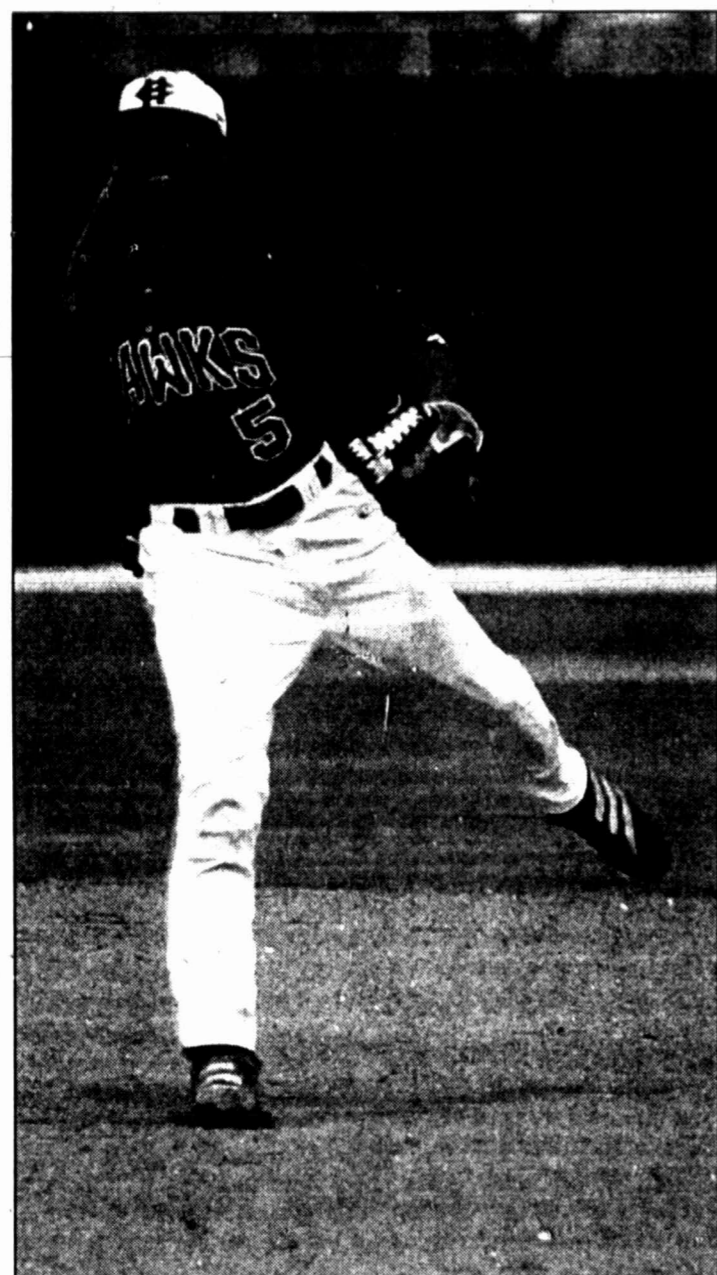
Storms went four-for-four at the plate and scored three times, but freshman David Fonseca, freshman Bryan Minzenmeyer and freshman Barrett Lowenstein all delivered big home runs.

Fonseca had two hits, two runs, two RBIs and stole two bases, Minzenmeyer's blast was a grand slam and of the pinch hit variety as he batted for Lowenstein. Lowenstein had two hits, two runs and three RBIs in the game.

Aaron had another big game with three hits, four RBIs and one run. He doubled and tripled. Marchant had one hit and scored twice, but walked three times and stole two bases. The Hawks stole seven bases in the game.

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HERALD photo/Troy Hyde  
Howard freshman shortstop David Fonseca throws out a runner on a ground ball during the Hawks' split in a twinbill against Western Texas at Jack Barber Field Tuesday afternoon. Fonseca had two hits including a home run in Game 2's victory.

loss after a run on three hits in the first inning. Andrew Aguilar gave up nine earned runs after walking five and allowing 11 hits in the final 2.2 innings.

The Westerners' pitchers surrendered 10 walks in the game and Howard

did not strike out at the plate.

The Hawks will be the No. 4 seed out of the Western Junior College Athletic Conference in the regional tournament in Abilene May 13-17. Western Texas did not qualify for regionals.

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rebounds and five assists. "We just kind of found a way to get it done."

This is actually the seventh time in the last three postseasons — a total of 11 series — that the Spurs have found themselves in a 2-2 tie. They've won Game 5 six times and went on to win the series the previous five times. That includes the 2003 and '05 NBA Finals.

San Antonio's success follows a league trend. Game 5 winners in best-of-7 series that are tied at 2 have advanced 107 of 128 times in NBA history, a whopping 83.5 percent.

GINOBILI made 9 of 14 shots and added nine rebounds and four assists.

He helped seal the victory with six straight free throws in the final period, the perfect tonic for his turnover that led to Sacramento's winning shot in the closing seconds of Game 3.

Eighth-seeded Sacramento still has a chance to pull off the upset, but it won't be easy. The Kings must win Friday night at home to force a Game 7 in San Antonio Sunday.

Between the way Wells is playing and their consecutive losses in Sacramento, the Spurs don't consider this series over.

"The crazy thing is, we shot 57 percent and beat them in rebounds (40-30) and we still were so close," Ginobili said. "They are playing great. We really got to respect them."

**Bonds comes closer to passing Ruth's HR mark**

By JANIE MCCAULEY  
AP Sports Writer

SAN FRANCISCO — Barry Bonds insists the Babe is far from his mind, even if San Francisco's slugger is inching ever closer to matching Ruth's home run mark.

"No, not yet," Bonds said when asked if he's thinking about the magical 714.

There will be many more questions in the coming days as the media frenzy following Bonds' pursuit moves on to Milwaukee with him two away from tying Ruth.

Bonds hit his 712th homer in San Francisco's

5-3 loss to San Diego on Tuesday, and hinted he planned to play every day on the Giants' five-game road trip starting Wednesday against the Brewers.

He's eager to pass Ruth and perhaps temporarily end all the fanfare.

"Yeah, pretty much," he said. "Move on to something else."

The seven-time NL MVP crossed the plate to chants of "Barry! Barry!" and a loud standing ovation — and he gave the fans a wave before disappearing into the dugout. His home run total flashed on the scoreboard between innings.



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today and did a nice job at the plate for us," said Reyes.

Stewart added an RBI single and scored once.

The other two hits were recorded by senior Heather Policky and Yanez and both hits were collected in the sixth inning.

The Lady Steers had a first-round bye in the playoffs last week, but will begin the postseason in a best-of-three series against El Paso Burges in Alpine Friday at 5 p.m.

The second game of the series will take place

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Saturday at 10 a.m. and if a third game is necessary it will take place 20 minutes after Game 2.

"We're excited to get the postseason going," said Reyes. "We are going to

work the next couple of days though on getting more consistent in the field. We didn't do a bad job today, but I think we could have been better on a few plays."

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Mercury and Pluto are  
in more than an agreeable  
mood. They're chatting

away at the  
cosmic cof-  
fee clutch,  
shar-ing  
ways to  
shower us  
with big,  
meaningful  
presents that  
probably  
won't look  
like presents  
at all. The  
best gifts

don't come in big or small  
packages, but rather, they  
come in the form of peo-  
ple or responsibilities that  
shape us.

**ARIES** (March 21-April  
19). Being productive  
depends on your ability to  
talk yourself into work-  
ing. Paint bright word  
pictures and repeat them  
often — to yourself and to  
everyone around you  
throughout the day.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May  
20). The past, happy and  
not, catches up with you.  
You might be feeling the  
pinch of a recent spend-  
ing frenzy. You might also  
be getting karmic pay-  
back for your fabulous  
generosity.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June  
21). Though you won't be  
directly recognized for  
today's valiant act, the  
confidence you gain by  
living up to your potential  
attracts all kinds of luck.  
Character is destiny.

**CANCER** (June 22-July  
22). You're in the vortex  
of transformation.  
Whatever you say today

Tomorrow's Horoscope

will change tomorrow. So  
stay flexible, leaving  
room for interpretation.  
Try to avoid definitive  
statements and promises.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22).  
You're a trendsetter.  
Friends want you to con-  
sult on every new pur-  
chase, decision and activ-  
ity. Meanwhile, you have  
your own ambitions to  
chase. There's a brilliant  
way to serve everyone's  
interests simultaneously.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept.  
22). Passion rises up in  
your heart — someone  
dangerous appeals to you.  
Try not to form a roman-  
tic attachment with one  
who cannot make any  
kind of commitment!

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23).  
Doing what you do best  
brings an instant ego  
boost. Meetings, especial-  
ly interviews, go extreme-  
ly well and not at all how  
you planned. Luckily,  
you're flexible and there  
for the ride.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov.  
21). Someone wants in to  
your life. You can feel this  
person on the periphery,  
just waiting for an invit-  
ing gesture from you. You  
have nothing to lose by  
being big hearted.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-  
Dec. 21). Everyone has  
"issues." At least you're  
graced with very interest-  
ing ones. You not only  
focus on the large prob-  
lem, but also on its quirky  
nuances — the details in  
which, as Einstein  
affirmed, God resides.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-  
Jan. 19). It's weird how  
sometimes you don't real-

ize you're having fun  
while you are having it.  
Looking backward pro-  
vides you with the glow-  
ing feeling you missed at  
the time. Today is one  
you'll be reviewing with a  
smile in your heart.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb.  
18). Though it's natural to  
feel jealous of the wild  
success of others, you can  
also choose to be inspired  
instead of annoyed. It  
might help you to know  
your day is coming.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March  
20). Take a chance on  
being vulnerable. No per-  
son is an island. The kind  
of support you didn't ask  
for shows up tonight, and  
it's nice. All you have to  
do is say "Thank you."

**ASTROLOGICAL QUES-  
TIONS:** "I've never been  
in such a good place in  
my life. My career is  
going great, along with  
finances and everything  
else. So, it's really weird  
to me that my husband  
chooses now to become  
depressed. I don't know  
what to do about it. He's a  
Scorpio, and I'm a Leo."

Scorpios often don't  
express what they really  
want, so although he may  
not seem to care about  
anything, he cares deeply.  
Your recent success has  
caused him to feel embar-  
rased about his own  
shortcomings and with-  
draw from you. What you  
can do is provide an  
atmosphere in which fail-  
ure is OK. Scorpios want  
to succeed, but they need  
to know they're still loved  
if they do not.

"My husband is a

Taurus who doesn't take  
care of things the way he  
should. His credit is a  
mess, and he pays the  
bills, but he never pays  
anything on time. It  
drives me crazy. Can I  
change my stubborn,  
Taurus love?"

No. Taurus is self-moti-  
vating with a particular  
sense of timing. The best  
thing to do for your man  
is to let him make his  
own mistakes. The more  
you urge him to comply,  
the longer it will take him  
to do it.

**CELEBRITY PROFILES:**  
Handsome crooner Tim  
McGraw is a doting dad, a  
"Faith"-ful husband (wife  
is fellow singer Faith Hill)  
and a country superstar.  
It takes the Taurean  
mindset of a determined  
and focused bull to  
achieve so much in 39  
years, but McGraw takes  
it all in stride. First and  
foremost a family man, I  
predict McGraw will  
work toward producing  
more family-oriented fare  
that showcases his and  
Hill's music.

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Annie's Mailbox : Advice for those in need

Dear Annie: I want to  
respond to "Done," the  
never-married, 42-year-old  
academic woman who  
thinks love has passed  
her by.

For five years after my  
divorce, I felt the same  
way. I decided this was a  
great time to do all the  
things I was too scared or  
never had the time to do.  
So I took a graduate  
course, jumped out of a  
plane, acted in communi-  
ty theater, traveled to  
Europe alone, ran my  
first 5K, and went solo  
camping and rock climb-  
ing. I talked to God and  
read articles to help me  
deal with personal issues  
(Oprah's magazine was a  
godsend). I learned I was  
my own good company.

Two months later, I  
finally had the confidence  
to try online dating.  
Guess what? I met the  
most wonderful man. It  
took me until I was 42 to  
learn how to feel worthy  
enough to be loved by a  
good person.

"Done" has a lot of work  
to do to heal herself, but  
there is beauty down the  
road. I wish her the best  
and I'll pray for her. —  
Virginia Beach, Va.

Dear Virginia Beach:  
That letter really resonat-  
ed with our readers. They  
wanted "Done" to know  
that they have been in her  
shoes and they are think-  
ing of her. Here is a small  
sampling of our mail:  
From Louisville, Ky.:  
The best way to feel lov-  
able is to love others.  
There are struggling chil-  
dren who need mentors,  
terminally ill patients  
who need a hand to hold,  
and lonely elderly folks  
with stories to share. If  
"Done" looks to the needs



KATHY MITCHELL  
MARCY SUGAR

of others, she'll have less  
time to dwell on her own.

Kelowna, Canada: I won-  
der if "Done" is taking  
medication for what she  
describes as "low-level  
depression." Anti-depres-  
sants have changed a lot  
over the years, and the  
first one a person tries  
may not be the best. I am  
now using a combination  
of two anti-depressants  
and have never felt better.

Chicago Doctor: There  
is a medical condition  
called "dysthymic disor-  
der," which affects mostly  
unmarried women  
younger than 64 and is  
characterized by a  
depressed mood that lasts  
most of the day and is  
present for at least two  
years. If she doesn't  
receive proper treatment,  
including psychotherapy  
and medication, she won't  
feel any better, regardless  
of how much counseling  
she gets.

Midwest: I'm a 44-year-  
old divorced female en-  
gineer. I have few close  
friends and date rarely.  
But I take great satisfac-  
tion from my career and  
have lots of hobbies and  
activities. I have a posi-  
tive attitude not because I  
try to, but because I'm  
content with myself and  
that spills over into every  
part of my life. People  
who think poorly of them-  
selves will attract others  
who are unhappy. And if  
she's desperate for love, it  
will be a giant red flag.

Semora, N.C.: I am an  
82-year-old male former  
academic who has never  
been happier. The world  
does not owe you happi-  
ness, but it opens to you  
the means to happiness

when you adjust your out-  
look. Be grateful for life,  
health, education, a pro-  
fession, a world of oppor-  
tunity. Take up some  
form of regular exercise.  
Move to where you can be  
in tune with nature's  
rhythms. Learn new life  
skills. Practice an art or  
craft and make something  
beautiful. Give back to  
the planet and the com-  
munity. Giving can make  
you rich.

Ohio: She should volun-  
teer at a children's hospi-  
tal or nursing home. And  
in so doing, she may find  
someone who shares her  
interests and with whom  
she can be a real friend.

Dear Annie: Your col-  
umn is so informative and  
useful, I hope you can  
help with my problem. A  
person close to me wets  
the bed. This has been  
going on since childhood.  
"Mimi" is now 21 years  
old, and the bedwetting  
has become a serious  
cause for concern.

She has gone to see  
more than one doctor, and  
they all say there is noth-  
ing wrong with her physi-  
cally, and that it is likely  
more of a psychological  
thing. I understand bed-  
wetting can happen out of  
fear or a painful memory.

Is there some way I can  
advise her? Any medica-  
tion that you know about?  
— Mimi's Friend

Dear Friend: Adult  
enuresis (bedwetting) is  
often a deep-sleep disor-  
der. If Mimi's doctor has  
ruled out physical causes  
such as bladder infec-  
tions, diabetes or sleep  
apnea, she may benefit  
from other treatments.

Many bedwetters rely  
on moisture alarm thera-  
py in which an alarm is  
connected to the mattress  
and wakes the sleeper  
when there is wetness,  
training the person to  
wake up when the bladder  
is full. Other therapies  
include exercises to  
increase bladder capacity  
and strengthen the mus-  
cles that control urine  
flow. Mimi can ask her  
doctor to refer her to a  
urologist, or she can con-  
tact the National Kidney  
Foundation (kidney.org)  
at 1-888-WAKE-DRY (1-888-  
925-3379) for information

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This Date In History

Today is Wednesday, May 3, the 123rd day of 2006. There are 242 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On May 3, 1945, during World War II, Japanese forces on Okinawa launched their only major counteroffensive, but failed to break the American lines.

On this date:

In 1802, Washington, D.C., was incorporated as a city.

In 1916, Irish nationalist Padraic Pearse and two others were executed by the British for their roles in the Easter Rising.

In 1921, West Virginia imposed the first state sales tax.

In 1933, Nellie T. Ross became the first female director of the U.S. Mint.

In 1944, U.S. wartime rationing of most grades of meats ended.

In 1945, Indian forces captured Rangoon, Burma, from the Japanese.

In 1948, the Supreme Court

ruled that covenants prohibiting the sale of "real estate to blacks or members of other racial groups were legally unenforceable.

In 1971, anti-war protesters began four days of demonstrations in Washington aimed at shutting down the nation's capital.

In 1979, Conservative Party leader Margaret Thatcher was chosen to become Britain's first female prime minister as the Tories ousted the incumbent Labor government in parliamentary elections.

In 1986, in NASA's first post-Challenger launch, an unmanned Delta rocket lost power in its main engine shortly after liftoff, forcing safety officers to destroy it by remote control.

One year ago: The first democratically elected government in the history of Iraq was sworn in. Iran told a United Nations nonproliferation conference it would press on with its uranium-enrichment technology.

Today's Birthdays: Broadway librettist Betty Comden is 87. Folk singer Pete Seeger is 87. Singer James Brown is 73. Singer

Frankie Valli is 72. Sports announcer Greg Gumbel is 60. Pop singer Mary Hopkin is 56. Singer Christopher Cross is 55. Country musician Cactus Moser (Highway 101) is 49. Rock musician David Ball (Soft Cell) is 47. Country singer Shane Minor is 38. Actor Bobby Cannavale is 36. Country singer Brad Martin is 33. Actor Dule Hill is 31. Actress Jill Berard is 16.

Thought for Today: "A man can become so accustomed to the thought of his own faults that he will begin to cherish them as charming little 'personal characteristics.'" — Helen Rowland, American writer, journalist and humorist (1876-1950).

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Answer to previous puzzle

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**ACROSS**

- 1 "Dancing Queen" group
- 5 Hairstyles
- 10 TV detective Veronica
- 14 Jungle king
- 15 Financial checkup
- 16 Sector
- 17 Ruler span
- 18 Fur piece
- 19 Make a scene
- 20 Call upon
- 21 Student competition
- 23 Windshield need
- 25 Clattering sounds
- 26 In \_\_\_ (well-off)
- 28 Atkinson of Mr. Bean
- 30 Brought on board
- 31 Synagogue scroll
- 32 Sign of a hit
- 35 Weaponry
- 36 Indiana poet
- 37 Easing of tensions
- 38 Faux \_\_\_
- 39 Shimon of Israel
- 40 Military assault
- 41 Ear parts
- 42 Glossy fabric
- 43 Curly or Moe
- 46 Man of morals
- 47 Agricultural schools
- 50 That girl
- 53 Tolstoy heroine

**DOWN**

- 10 Paper border
- 11 Most Jordanians
- 12 Zellweger of movies
- 13 Overstuffs
- 21 Hurried along
- 22 Biblical boatwright
- 24 Folk singer Burl
- 26 Bloke
- 27 Old Italian money students
- 28 Starlets' dreams
- 29 Metal sources
- 31 Lose interest
- 32 Diploma
- 33 Throw a fit
- 34 Actor Wilson
- 36 Resisted authority
- 37 Yugoslav leader
- 39 \_\_\_ stick (jumping toy)
- 40 Answer back
- 41 Native people
- 42 Filled out, as a lawn
- 43 Close shave
- 44 Copier supply
- 45 Proprietor
- 46 Mentally acute
- 48 Prom-night car
- 49 No good
- 51 Time indicator
- 52 Hurricane centers
- 55 Poem "to" something

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**Announcements**

**LOOKING FOR** a Contractor to give price on Wall Repair. References required. Call (432)816-5760 after 7:00 p.m. to setup appointment.

**Business Opportunity**

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**Garage Sales**

**FIVE FAMILY** Garage Sale: 423 Echols Street (Coahoma), Friday 8:00-? & Saturday 8:00-1:00. Furniture, lots of clothes all sizes, collectibles, and much more.

**SEVERAL FAMILY** Yard Sale: 2305 Gates Villa Rd (off Hilltop Road), Saturday 8:00-3:00. Too much to list.

**Help Wanted**

**A HUMAN** Resource Assistant is needed at our Big Spring location. Applicant must be familiar with Human Resource duties, and assist with other office duties. Computer knowledge is required. Fax resumes to (432)263-3759. EOE/AA employer.

**AL's BBQ** has day shift positions open for Cashiers & Front Line. Apply in person @ 1810 Gregg Street or Call 267-8921.

**BLAST MASTERS** has a position available for:  
\* Crew Technician  
Come by 1711 Snyder Hwy., and pickup an application. No phone calls please. Must have a valid TX drivers license and pass mandatory drug test.

**NEED BACKHOE** operator w/CDL. Good driving record. Must pass drug test. Call (432)270-8898.

**Help Wanted**

**BUS PERSON** & Dishwasher Needed Must be 18 Monday-Saturday Apply in person, Red Mesa Grill 2401 Gregg

**CLINE CONSTRUCTION** is taking applications for the following: Class A or B CDL Drivers and Laborers, valid drivers license required. Call (432)267-6006.

**DRIVERS BE HOME DAILY.** Coastal Transport is a leader in transport of LPG Asphalt & Petroleum Products. Coastal serves high profile accounts & needs dedicated professionals to join our growing team in Big Spring. Qualify 23 with class A & One year driving experience. Inquire about Sign-on Bonus. Call Jay at 888-527-7221.

**EVENING CASHIER** full time/part time at WES-T-GO. Vacation and benefits available. Starting pay \$5.15 per hour. Apply in person, 1800 Gregg.

**HIRING FOR 2006! POSTAL JOBS** \$18/hour starting, average pay \$57K/year. Federal benefits paid training and vacations NO Experience needed! 1-800-584-1775 ref#P6901.

**IMMEDIATE OPENING** for Full-time and Part-time clerk/cashier/cook. Apply at 3315 E. FM 700, Neighbors Convenience Store.

**LAMUN- LUSK-SANCHEZ** Texas State Veterans Home 1809 N. Hwy 87 Big Spring, Texas 79720 (432)268-8387 (432)268-1987 Fax are currently seeking the following positions:  
MDS/Care Plan Coordinator  
Experience in reviewing and documentation of medical records, resident care plans, skin care assessments, knowledge of MEDICARE and MEDICAID procedures a plus. (Part-Time). C.N.A.'s (2-10 pm shift & 10pm-6 am) Salary based on experience Excellent Benefits Package

**Help Wanted**

**MARTIN CO.** Hospital Home Health is looking for a full-time RN and a PRN to join their energetic staff. Must be willing to travel to surrounding areas. Bilingual preferred and salary DOE. Interested parties may call Allison @ (432)756-3259 or fax resume to (432)756-4510.

**MARTIN COUNTY** Hospital District is currently seeking an Emergency Medical Paramedic. Job requirements are High School graduate or equivalent must have a current Texas Certificate for Paramedic, ACLS and PALS certified, 1-year of 911 experience. Please contact (432)756-3345, ext. 226. Human Resources.

**MOUNTAIN VIEW LODGE** is seeking caring and dedicated L.V.N.'s and R.N.'s - all shifts. Please contact Linda Ashford, RN, DON at (432)263-1271 or complete an application at Mountain View Lodge, 2009 Virginia Ave., Big Spring.

**NOW HIRING COMMERCIAL CONSTRUCTION** JOB SUPERINTENDENT must be professional and experienced in all phases of construction. Drug test, pre-employment physical and travel required. Mail resume to: GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT PO BOX 60708 MIDLAND, TX 79711

**NOW HIRING** drivers to transport railroad crews. 25 Years old, pass a drug screen, good driving record, Retired Men and Women are encouraged to apply. (866)601-3270 Leave message with name, number and location.

**TRANSIT MIX** Concrete has an opening for a Mixer Driver at our Big Spring location. Must have a Class A or B CDL license, good driving record and verifiable work history. Full benefit package and 40 hour guarantee offered with wages starting at \$10.25 or with 6 months mixer driving experience \$10.75. Apply at Transit Mix Concrete: 605 N. Benton, Big Spring (432)267-6348. Transit Mix Concrete is an EOE/AA employer.

**Help Wanted**

**NURSING OPPORTUNITIES** LVNs - Day Positions Earn up to \$2,560 per month (DOE)

LVNs - Evening & Night Positions Earn up to \$2,816 per month (DOE)

RNs - Day Position Earn up to \$4391 per month (DOE)

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**PARKVIEW NURSING & Rehabilitation** We are now increasing our Certified Nurse Aid staff. Qualified person will be a friendly and compassionate team player. If this sounds like you, please apply in person at Parkview Nursing & Rehabilitation, 3200 Parkway.

**PIZZA INN** Now Hiring wait Staff Must be dependable, hard working. Apply in person at 1702 Gregg St. No phone calls.

**SECURITY OFFICERS** Needed Commissioned & Non-commissioned Must pass criminal background & drug screen Full & Part Time Positions Available Experience preferred but not necessary. Apply in person at the Workforce Network, 310 Owens.

**SEEKING FULL** time self starter, challenge oriented, deadline driven individual for screen printing operation. Must be reliable, dependable, and consistent. Prefer non-smoker. Subject to random drug screening. Experience a plus. Please apply in person. embroideryco.com 1005 E. 11th Place.

**SEEKING FULL** time self starter, challenge oriented, PEOPLE PERSON to handle customer service/ store front operations. Must be reliable, dependable, and consistent and able to handle customer challenges. Prefer non-smoker. Subject to random drug screening. Experience a plus. Please apply in person. embroideryco.com 1005 E. 11th Place.

**SR TRUCKING** is looking for an End Dump Driver to drive locally, Mon.-Sat., day/night. Will work with you. Call Ron or Sharon at (763)972-2148.

**TUBING TESTER** wanted. CDL required, clean driving record and must pass drug test. Well Servicing experience preferred. Great Benefits - Great Pay with 60 hour Guarantee. Call Gail (432)267-1657, (432)557-5555.

**WESTEX AUTO** Part, Inc. Now taking applications for Dismantler. Must have own tools. Apply at Westex Auto Parts, Inc., 1511 Hwy. 350.

**WRECKER DRIVER** Needed. Must have good driving record and CDL. Apply at Westex Auto Parts, Inc., 1511 Hwy. 350.

**Items for Sale**

**HUGE SAVINGS** on Furniture, Electronics and Appliances. Come by 501 E. Birdwell Lane #14 or call (432)263-0076.

**Miscellaneous**

**Amy E. Reese D.D.S., P.C.** 432-267-4102

**National Ads**

**1000 ENVELOPES**= \$5000. Receive \$5 for every Envelope stuffed with our sales material. Guaranteed! Free information: 24 hour recording 1-800-785-7076.

**ATTENTION** - Wanted 49 people to lose 15 - 75 pounds. Risk Free. [www.2diet.com](http://www.2diet.com) 1-800-965-5408.

**National Ads**

**164+ ACRES** West Texas NE of Sanderson. Whitetail, Dove, Quail & Javelina. \$295/acre. Terms. 1-210-844-3546 [www.RanchEnterprisesLTD.com](http://www.RanchEnterprisesLTD.com)

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**Real Estate for Rent**

**South Plains APARTMENTS**  
**432-714-4840**  
Efficiency Apt. • \$175\*  
One Bdr. • \$225\*  
Two Bdr. • \$300\*  
(\*\$300 Deposit)  
• All utilities Except Electric Paid  
• Free High Speed Wireless  
• On-Site Manager  
• Laundry & Vending Facility  
• Housing Assistance Accepted

1 Bedroom Apartments Move-in 50% off 1st months rent

**Coronado Hills Apartments** 801 W. Marcy Big Spring, Tx. 79720 (432)267-6500

**1503 SCURRY A**, large 1 bedroom. All bills paid. \$450. month, \$150. deposit. Call (432)264-6611.

**1708 MAIN**. Clean 3 bedroom, 1 bath, CH/A, fenced yard. Stove & refrigerator furnished. \$425.00 month, \$200.00 deposit. Call (432)267-1543.

2 Thru 6 Bedroom Homes. Pool, 24 hour maintenance, Central Heat and Air, stove, refrigerator, dishwasher, furnished. Washer/ dryer connections. (432)263-3461 -Tom.

**2523 DOW**, 3 bedroom, 1 bath, \$385. month, \$150. deposit, CH/A. Call (432)263-1792, 816-9984.

**406 EAST** 10th & 1701 Settles. Both are 2 Bedroom, CH/A, carport with fenced yard. No Pets. \$400 per month + deposit. Call (432)213-0820 or 263-5818.

**407-1/2 East** 8th- 1/1 bath. Stove & refrigerator. \$275. month, \$175. deposit. CH/A. No HUD and no pets. No Bills Paid. Call (432)267-2296.

**COAHOMA ISD:** 2 Bedroom, 1 bath, Central heat & air, new fridge and stove, washer/dryer connections. \$350.00 Month. Call (432)714-4680.

**Midway Area** - Small 3 Bdrm mobile home. Stove & refrigerator, washer & dryer, CH/A. Coahoma School District. HUD approved. Call after 5pm 432-393-5585 or 816-3129.

**OFFICE SPACE FOR RENT.** 408 E. FM 700 \$500.00 Mon. Elec. gas, and water paid. 650 square feet. For more info call (432) 267-9455

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• 2 Bdrm \$295  
• 1 Bdrm \$245  
(432)263-2292

**THREE BEDROOM**, two bath. Fireplace, CH/A, CISD. \$600. Month, \$400. deposit. Call (432)264-9907.

**Park & Putt**  
Miniature Golf & Driving Range

**HOLE-IN-ONE FUN**  
NOW OPEN ...  
Open 7 Days A Week!  
Monday-Closed  
8:00 am - 10:00 pm  
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**Real Estate for Sale**

**1305 MT.** Vernon, 2/1, CH/A, fenced backyard. 2 Blocks from school. No owner finance. \$20,000.00 OBO. Call (432)264-6931 leave message. Others at this price range.

2 Thru 6 Bedroom Brick Homes. No Down Payment. Owner Financing. Bad Credit OK. 6 Month warranty. Call Marla (432)263-3461.

**What's LAST!**  
**20 ACRES** on Hwy 176. Set up for Mobile Home. 43K, \$4,000.00 Down, assume \$270.00 monthly @ 7.4% for 29 years. No Credit Check. (817)312-6322.

**4207 DIXON.** Three bedroom, one bath. Payments approximately, \$270. month, plus taxes and insurance. Call 1-800-804-7110.

**ASSUME HOME** 30k! 4 Bedroom, 2 bath. For Listing 800-749-8106 ext. F-086.

**BEAUTIFUL HOME.** 3 Bdrm, 2 bath, corner lot, great work shop, Moss Elementary. \$105,000. Home Realtors (432)263-1284 or Shirley 263-8729.

**CABIN FOR** Sale on Colorado City Lake. Fully furnished. Call (432)394-4691.

**FORECLOSURE!** 3 Bedroom, 2 bath. Only \$10,800.00. Must See! For Listing 800-749-8106 ext. F-906.

**FORSAN ISD** 3/2, 2 car garage, den, fireplace, dining area, wash room, hot house, spacious kitchen on 20 acres, Ratliff Road. Ask for Marie (432)263-6400.

**NEW! NEW! NEW!** Everything in this home is new. Totally remodeled 3 bedroom, 2 bath, large living area, beautiful kitchen. Nice yard with patio and storage building. Priced in the \$70's. Call Jeannie (432)270-1478.

**Vehicles**

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**2005 VW** Beetle GLS Sedan. 6500 Miles, 6 speed auto-transmission, trip tronic, 2.0 liter, dark blue with cream leather interior. Much more! Call (432)267-3707.

**FOR SALE!!!** 2004 Ford F-150, 5.4 V-8 Triton, Super crew FX4, 27,000 miles, leather, like new. Asking Pay-off. Please call (432)935-1658.

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Staff Writer  
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By THOMAS JENKIN

Staff Writer  
The Big Spring Medical Center w doing its part to r area youth into n oriented careers, annual Cadets/Cadettes N Youth Volunteer Pr begins in June.

The program, w designed to pr understanding of n careers and recruit nurses, is set J through July 21, w in-depth, two-day o tion slated June 12- "The goals of th gram are to provide who are interested nursing professor an observation hands-on experie nursing tasks in a vised environment Iva Jo Hanslik, con ty relations coor for the local ho

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By STEVE REAGAN

Staff Writer  
Big Spring elem schools have plan variety of activities ebrate Cinco de Ma  
Cinco de Mayo memorates the vic Mexican troops ov French and Mexican army Battle of Puebla on 1862.

The victory w widely celebrated c sides of the U.S.-I border, and local e tary students will on the party as well Bauer Magnet will hold a slight mature observance with a music pr

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