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Jail commission sets Aug. 3 deadline for compliance

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

Howard County commissioners have received a second deadline from the Texas Commission on Jail Standards, calling for corrections to problems at the current jail facility or be shut down the first part of

Howard County Sheriff Dale Walker delivered the message, been mailed to commissioners our live fire drill last month." in the form of a letter from the jail commission, during the court's Monday morning meet-

"The letter from the jail commission is advising the commissioners court that our jail once again remains in non-compliance status," said Walker. "That's due to the smoke and fume detection system and the

which according to Walker has evacuation of the smoke during

Walker said emergency systems at the county jail failed in several different areas during the test, problems the county will have to remedy as soon as possible.

"Our system failed to detect the smoke in the facility within the required 60-second range. In fact, it took more than two-anda-half minutes," said Walker.

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-Sheriff Dale Walker

within a 15-minute range. It took considerably longer than See COMPLIANCE, Page 3A

"The system also failed to that and our system totally purge the jail floor of the smoke failed because it never evacuat-



Cable deal is finalized

Cox sells West Texas operations to Cebridge

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

West Texas customers of cable and Internet giant Cox Communications will be seeing a name change on their bills, as Cox announced the finalization of the sale of its West Texas operations to St. Louis-based Cebridge Connections Inc.

The sale - which will approximately affect 940,000 basic cable subscribers in Lubbock, Midland, Amarillo, San Angelo, Abilene and the Big Spring area — comes after a bidding process between the two companies, which announced their definitive agreement for the purchase in November 2005.

"Our management team has a long history of building successful companies in suburban and second-tier markets, and we are especially excited about the potential in these properties we have acquired from Cox," said Jerry Kent, Cebridge's chief executive officer. "We're also excited about the terrific group of employees joining us and we look forward to working with them on expanding the array of services we offer and on combining our resources to ensure world-class care for our customers."

Cox, which recently went through a lengthy audit with the city of Big Spring that brought a \$49,951.83 settlement, is already looking to the future of its remaining customers.

"We thank our longtime Cox employees for their exemplary service to the company and wish them well in their new careers with

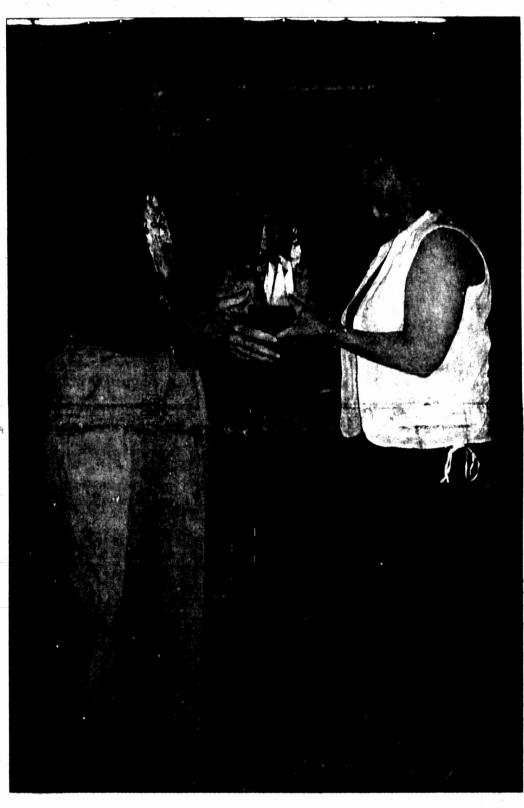


of resources on our proven bundling strategy within the markets that remain Communications," said Pat Esser, president of Cox. "New bundle elements and enhancements are in development and soon to be introduced. With less debt, we'll be able to roll these out more quickly and continue to serve as the top provider in each of our markets."

Along with its West Texas operations, the transaction includes North Carolina, serving Greenville, Rocky Mount, New Bern and Kinston areas; Humboldt County and Bakersfield, Calif.; and much of Middle America Cox (MAC), pri-

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LONGTIME EDUCATOR



Herald photo/Steve Reagan

Irene Galan, right, president of the Big Spring Independent School District Board of Trustees, presents an award to Joseph Dawes Monday evening in recognition of Dawes' 45 years of service to the local school district. Dawes, who works in the district technology department, began his tenure with BSISD as a teacher at Goliad Junior High in 1961.

Two Big Spring women charged with kidnapping

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

Two Big Spring women were arrested Monday afternoon on charges of kidnapping and unlawful restraint after they allegedly took a 3-year-old child from a local residence without the mother's consent.

Danna Shirley Williams, 41, of

Williams, 21, of 1905 Wasson Road Apt. 25, were both arrested on charges of kidnapping and unlawful restraint after being pulled over by a Big Spring Police officer in the 900 block of Hearn.

out," said Sgt. Tony Everett, pub-

214 N. Johnson and Renemay BSPD. "The pair of women were pulled over at about 11:40 a.m. and taken into custody shortly after. They had a 3-year-old child with them, and according to the child's parents, they did not have

consent to take him. 'We've been working on this "We're still trying to sort this pretty much nonstop since the arrests yesterday. We really can't lic information officer for the release much more than that

because it's an ongoing investigation, and the case is really complicated."

Everett did confirm that the alleged kidnappers were not related to the child or parents, but were acquaintances of the family.

Contact Staff Writer Thomas Jenkins at 263-7331 ext. 232.

Committee appointed to begin jail design

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

Howard County commissioners failed to make any progress in sorting out funding for a proposed new jail Monday morning, instead appointing yet another committee to begin working with the project architects.

County Judge Ben Lockhart, along with Commissioners Crooker Kilgore, were those appointed to an adhoc committee to begin designing a new jail facility, which is currently destined for a two-block area near the intersection of U.S. Highway 37 and Interstate Highway 20.

Sheriff Dale Walker and Big Spring Fire Marshal Carl Condray were also appointed to the group.

The newly appointed committee represents the commissioners' second attempt in little more than a year to design a facility to replace the current jail, which has been in operation for more than 50 years. The first attempt, which was based on a joint law enforcement center to be located on FM 700, quickly dissolved after arguments erupted concerning the location and size of the proposed jail.

According to Lockhart, Monday's decision to form a group to design the facility was the next reasonable step in the process.

"It's a little early yet to start talking about financing this," said Lockhart. "We don't have a price for it yet, so we really need to go back to the architects.

Phil Furgueron, who has served as the architect on the project for more than a year, said he and his staff are simply waiting for direction.

"We need input from

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BLIMP FOR A DAY

AKRON, Ohio (AP) - Go ahead, name that blimp.

The Goodyear Tire & Rubber Co. has narrowed to 10 the list of finalists chosen from more than 21,000 names submitted online in a contest to name the next blimp. People can vote for their favorite through May 31, the company said Sunday. The finalists are American Dream, Freedom, Liberty, Patriot, Patriot of Peace. Pride of America, Spirit of Endurance, Spirit of Ingenuity, Spirit of Innovation and The Spirit of Peace.

The winning name will be announced in June. The person who submitted the winning name gets use of the blimp for a day.

EDITORIAL PREMATURE

In Monday's edition of the Herald, an editorial concerning the upcoming Howard-Glasscock Relay for Life incorrectly indicated that the event would take place this weekend at Blankenship Field.

However, the fund-raiser for the American Cancer Society does not begin until Friday, May 19, when organizers will open the event at 4 p.m. with registration for survivors.

Following a brief ceremony at 6:30 p.m. the walking begins at 7 p.m. with the "Survivor's Lap," in which anyone who has ever been diagnosed with cancer can participate.

We regret the error

SWCID AWARDS

SouthWest Collegiate Institute for the Deaf will hold its annual Awards Ceremony at 7 p.m. Thursday in the Activity Center.

More than 40 students will be recognized for their outstanding performances, both in and out of the classroom, officials

SWCID graduation ceremonies will be held at 10 a.m. Friday in the Activity

Howard College graduation ceremonies are scheduled for 7 p.m. Friday at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

The award ceremonies and graduations are open to the public.

Obituaries

Randell 'Randy' Bryan Reavis Randell Bryan Reavis, "Randy," 44, of



Midland, formerly of Stanton and Big Spring, passed away at his residence Sunday, May 7, 2006, after a lengthy illness. Funeral services will be held Wednesday, May 10, 2006, at 10 a.m. at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Chapel in Midland. Interment will follow in Serenity Memorial Gardens in Midland

Visitation is today from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory in

Randy was born Jan. 23, 1962, to Rubin, and Glenda Reavis in Louisville, La. He married Melinda McCollum May 9, 1980, in Big Spring. He attended Forsan High School, graduated from Howard College and from the Permian Basin Regional Law Academy.

Randy served in law enforcement as a reserve deputy in Glasscock County. He spent most of his career with the Stanton Police Department. He also worked at the Howard County Sheriff's Office and was currently a reserve deputy for the Martin County Sheriff's Office. He was a member of the Presbyterian Church in Big Spring.

Randy is survived by his wife, Melinda of the home; a daughter, Kelli of Midland; his parents, Rubin and Glenda Reavis of Midland; a sister and brother-in-law, Donna and Don Blake of Greenwood; father and mother-in-law, Joan and Weldon McColium; and several nieces and nephews.

The family suggests memorials be made to Home Hospice, 901 W. Missouri, Midland 79701 or to Hospice House of Odessa, 903 Sam Houston Ave., Odessa,

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

Paid obituary

Pansy P. Loper

Pansy P. Loper, 66, of Big Spring died Sunday, May 7, 2006, in Lubbock. Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Wednesday, May 10, 2006, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with Ralph Anderson, minister of Birdwell Lane Church of Christ, officiating. Interment will follow in Trinity Memorial Park.

The family will receive friends from 7 p.m. until 8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

She was born Feb. 22, 1940, in Laramie, Wyo., and married W.R. Loper June 16, 1957, in Junction City,

Pansy came to Big Spring in 1969 and worked as a receptionist at the Big Spring State Hospital. A devoted wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother, she loved spending time with her family. She enjoyed gardening. She was a member of the Birdwell Lane Church of Christ and was very dedicated to her

Survivors include her husband, W.R. Loper of Big Spring; her godfather, Paul D. Graham of Abilene; one son and daughter-in-law, Jeral D. and Susan Loper of Big Spring; five daughters and sons-in-law, Mary L. and John Eldridge of Stanton, Cheryl C. and David Allsup of Granbury, Brenda K. and Roy Sowell of Big Spring, Patricia L. and Richard Colley and Pansy A. and Dennis DeWayne Teague, all of Lake Charles, La.; 26 grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; a host of nieces and nephews; and hundreds of family and friends. She was preceded in death by her parents. George and Pearl Francis Jewett and two brothers.

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

Paid obituary

Mildred Reeves

Mildred Reeves, 88, died Monday, May 8, 2006, in an Odessa hospital. Her services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

- COAHOMA PTA end of year meeting at 6:45 p.m. Birdwell Lane. Donations are accepted at the door. For today in the cafeteria features a Coahoma Choir Kids more information, call Kenny Bearden at 267-5462. concert.
- ALZHEIMER'S ASSOCIATION CAREGIVERS **SEMINAR** "Alzheimer's Disease: In The Beginning," is set for 1:30 p.m. until 4:30 p.m. Thursday in the Dora Roberts Community Center. For more information, call the Alzheimer's Association at 432-570-9191 or 800-272-3900.
- AARP SENIOR CITIZEN DRIVER SAFETY **COURSE** is Thursday and Friday 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.
- HOWARD COLLEGE AND SOUTHWEST COL-LEGIATE INSITUTUE FOR THE DEAF GRADUA-**TION** is Friday. SWCID students graduate at 10 a.m. on the SWCID campus and HC students ceremonies are at 7 p.m. in the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.
- COSSACK MOTORCYCLE CLUB RELAY FOR LIFE BENEFIT begins at 4 p.m. Saturday at 1610 N.

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Police blotter The Big Spring Police Department reported the fol-

lowing activity between 8 a.m. Monday and 8 a.m. • MOISES CERVANTES, 29, of 4005 Piper Road, was

arrested Monday on a local citation and a charge of driving while license suspended - enhanced.

• JUAN GARZA-BENITEZ, 19, of 4223 Hamilton, was arrested Monday on a Palo Pinto County warrant.

- DANNA SHIRLEY WILLIAMS, 41, of 214 N. Johnson, was arrested Monday on charges of unlawful restraint and kidnapping.
- RENEMAY WILLIAMS, 21, of 1905 Wasson Apt. 25, was arrested Monday on charges of unlawful restraint and kidnapping.

 KONI LEE FOSTER, 42, of 1600 Nolan, was arrested Monday on four local capias warrants.

- EARNEST CLARK, 65, transient, was arrested Monday on charges of public intoxication, disorderly conduct - language and littering.
- CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported in the 1400 block of State Park.
- ASSAULT CLASS C/FAMILY VIOLENCE was reported in the 1100 block of Austin.

Sheriff's report

The Howard County Sheriff's Office reported the fol-

- JONATHON MICHAEL PAUL, 25, was arrested Monday by DPS on a charge of driving while intoxicated - second offense.
- MOISES CERVANTES, 29, was transferred to the county jail Monday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while license invalid with a previous conviction.

• ADAM VICTOR FAZ, 24, was transferred to the county jail Monday by the BSPD on a charge of duty

- on striking fixture/highway landscape. • JUAN CARLOS GARZA-BENITEZ, 19, was transferred to the county jail Monday by the BSPD on charges of expired motor vehicle inspection certificate and theft by check.
- ASSAULT was reported at Coahoma High School.

Fire/EMS

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

TRAUMA was reported in the 500 block of Washington. Service was refused.

• MEDICAL was reported in the 3300 block of Maple. One person was transported to SMMC.

TRAUMA was reported in the 400 block of Edwards. Service was refused.

 MEDICAL was reported in the 1200 block of Benton. Service was refused. TRAUMA was reported in the 100 block of

Northeast Third Street. One person was transported to • MEDICAL was reported in the 100 block of East

16th Street. Service was refused. • STRUCTURE FIRE was reported in the 500 block

of North Aylesford. Fire was extinguished.

Support Groups

 The Multiple Sclerosis Support Group meets at 6 p.m. the last Tuesday of the month in the College Baptist Church Fellowship Hall, 1005 Birdwell Lane. The next meeting is March 28. Call Tracey at 263-4948 for more information.

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.

Take Note

Simler in the Airpark.

- SPECIAL MOTHER'S DAY LUNCHEON AT THE **SPRING CITY SENIOR CENTER** begins at 11:45 a.m. Sunday. The menu is roast beef and gravy, creamed potatoes, green beans, spinach salad, hot rolls and strawberry shortcake. The center is located at 1901
- THE PET PATROL helps locate lost pets and owners of found pets. To volunteer or for more information, call Melanie Gambrell at 267-PETS (7387).
- COAHOMA LIONS CLUB ANNUAL CITYWIDE **GARAGE SALE** is June 3. To participate, register at The Lil' Sooper Market or by calling Brian Klinksiek at 394-4395. Deadline to register is May 27. Registration fee is \$15.

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

TODAY

· 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.

· Downtown Lions Club meets at noon at the Howard College Cactus Room.

· 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.

• Eagles Lodge Ladies Auxiliary meets at 7 p.m. in the Eagles Lodge, 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

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

· Friends of the Library meets at noon in the Howard County Library, 500 S. Main.

· Big Spring Main Street meets at noon in the Railroad Museum located at Second and Main · American Legion Auxiliary meets at 6 p.m. at

3203 W. Highway 80.

• The Prospector's Club meets at 7:30 p.m. at 606 E. Third St. The public is invited to these meetings. For more information contact Lola Lamb at 263-3340 or Doyle and Virginia McClain at 263-8407. · Neighbors and Newcomers Club meets. New

members are welcome. Call 263-2005 for more information. • Staked Plains Lodge No. 598 meets at 7:30 p.m. at

221 Main.

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

· AMBUCS meet at noon in La Posada Restaurant. · Greater Big Spring Rotary Club meets at neon in

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western dance from 7:30 p.m. until 10:30 p.m. featur-

Tonight...Increasing clouds. Lows in the lower 60s. Southwest winds around 15 mph shifting to the northwest after midnight.

Wednesday...Partly cloudy. Not as warm. Highs in the lower 80s. Northeast winds around 10 mph.

Wednesday night...Partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 50s. East winds around 10 mph.

Thursday...Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 70s. Light and variable winds becoming east around 10 mph in the afternoon.

Thursday night...Partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 50s. Friday...Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 80s.

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Results of the Cash 5 drawing Monday night: Winning numbers drawn: 3-13-18-23-24. Number matching five of five: none. Next Cash 5 drawing: Tuesday night.

Results of the Texas Two Step drawing Monday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 2-5-12-13. Bonus Ball: 16. Number matching four of four, plus Bonus Ball:

Estimated jackpot for Thursday night drawing: \$250,000.

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Monday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 9-2-0

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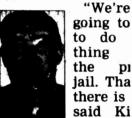
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"The third thing is a 10minute minimum containment requirement. If smoke is introduced into a jail, it must remain in a certain area where it was introduced for at least 10 minutes before migrates. Our jail had migration of smoke in just seconds of it being introduced.'

Walker said the letter, which is expected to arrive any day, is very clear about what the commission wants to see from county commissioners, applying a stout deadline to the matter.

"The letter will also inform the commissioners that progress needs to be made in a timely manner through our fire marshal, with their documentation and his documentation showing they are moving in the direction of a new facility," said Walker. "That's the second part of the jail commissions consideration. First is our existing structure must have some changes made, and second, there must be positive movement in building a new facility.

"The commission said without these things being addressed in a timely, written and documented manner that pleases the fire marshal, they will revoke all variances and close the jail. That decision will be made by Aug. 3, which is the commission's next meeting."

Commissioner Jerry Kilgore said the jail commission's ultimatum is extremely clear in his eyes.



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commissioners," the Furgueron told the court. "I really think before we go too far, however, we need to start some sort of dialogue with the city."

While the court recently settled on a 144-bed jail facility, whether or not to build a joint law enforcement facility that would house both the sheriff's office and the police department remains up in the air, according to county officials.

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complaining about for years that we haven't addressed has finally

come due.' Walker also made a

request for an increase in jail staffing during an executive session with commissioners Monday, which only drew approval of part-time employees to address the need to guard female prisoners.

"The jail commission gave us a letter about a month-and-a-half after we had an escape a Dickens County guard let one of our female prisoners go — saying it is our responsibility to see female prisoners being held downstairs at the bench are guarded at all times," said Walker. "I requested some additional (part-time) personnel today to be able to do that very thing... To have constant supervision of the female prisoners that are

"I also requested three additional full-time personnel on the jail floor because we noticed during our fire drill we used three personnel to evacuate all of our inmates, and it was the maximum amount three people could do. In the evenings and late nights, our jail operates with just two jailers. There's just no way two people can safely evacuate all of the inmates and themselves. There's just no way you can do it."

Kilgore said the addition of full-time jailers which commissioners tabled following the executive session — brings with it funding issues he and the rest of the court will have address.

"It's going to be expensive," said Kilgore. "Evidently, they (the jail commission) are going to require them. I want to look into it and be sure, because we're talking about more employees."

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GARAGE SALE FUND-RAISER



Mary Lee Corson, left, and Jenna Ware pass the time during the the Keep Big Spring Beautiful Flea Market at Big Spring Mail Saturday morning. A steady crowd of customers braved the cool, wet conditions to hunt for bargains.

SALE

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marily comprised of oper-Texas, ations in Louisiana and Arkansas. MAC also includes cer-

systems tain Oklahoma, Mississippi and Missouri. Excluded from the sale are some MAC operations serving Northwest Arkansas and Lafayette, La., areas.

for Cequel III — the telecommunications management firm handling Cebridge — said he current Cox employees, according to Abel.

"Our No. 1 goal when we officially take over is going to be to maintain continuity," said Abel. "We want the transition to be seamless for the customers. The most significant change they will see is a change of the name

on their bill."

Abel said there are no changes planned for the channel line-up currently place. However, Cebridge is looking at making some improve-Pete Abel, spokesperson ments to the Internet broadband services Cox has established in the

market. "We will probably look expects the transition to at boosting the top downgo smoothly. Cebridge is load speeds," said Abel. also expected to keep the "This is a very competitive market, so we're world-class service to our always looking for ways customers. We are espe-

to provide faster speeds for the customers." With this transaction,

Cebridge will become the eighth largest cable operator in the country, serving more than 1.3 million customers in a tight geographical area, concentrated in the central and southern United States.

"This agreement represents a significant milestone for all of us - our investors, management team, employees and customers," said Kent. "The Cox systems are strong, well-run properties that offer considerable synergies with our existing operations — synergies that will help us accelerate our efforts to deliver

cially excited about welcoming an exceptional management team and workforce to our operations."

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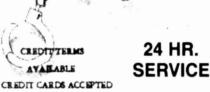
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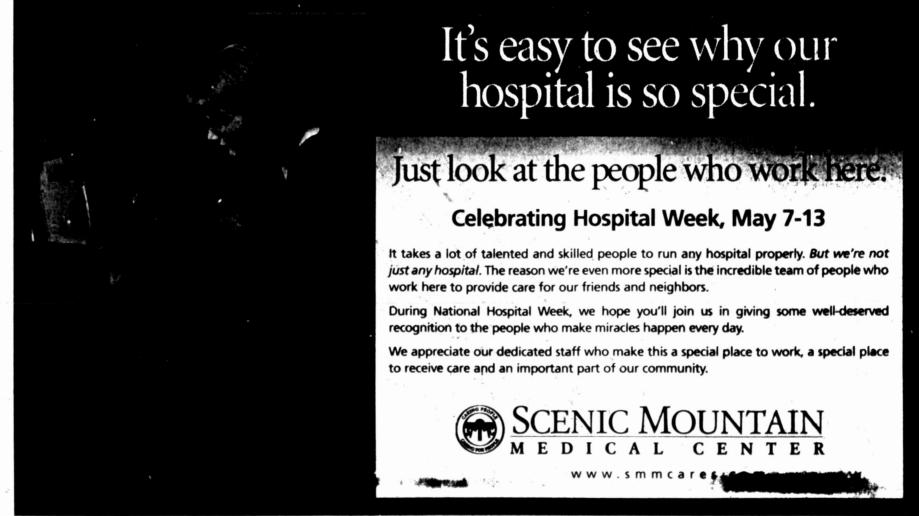
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OUR VIEWS

HC, SWCID grads must remember this is a key time

is once again graduation time. On Friday, Howard College and SouthWest Collegiate Institute for the Deaf will hold L their annual rituals, as both college's graduates receive their diplomas.

SWCID's graduates will be the first to parade across the stage and receive their sheepskins, with their ceremony starting at 10 a.m. in the SWCID Activities Center. Howard College's grads will receive their diplomas beginning at 7 p.m. at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

As we often remind high school graduates during this season, our local collegians should also remember that this is a time of more than caps, gowns and "Pomp and Circumstance." Graduation is not just the end of another school year. It is a chance for a new beginning.

For some, it is the opportunity to take on the responsibility of a job and a more independent life. For others, it is the end of one part of their higher education and plans are made to move on to four-year colleges and universities.

There is no question that all these grads should take this time seriously.

Yes, It is a busy time, but you absolutely must take time to stop and really think about where you are going. The decisions you make today will affect you for years to come, perhaps for a lifetime.

We here at the Herald want to offer our congratulations to all our area's college graduates. You have accomplished something which you and your family can be proud.

Now is the chance for you to set the stage for vour future.

Be sure your decisions are made with the long term in mind.

There are many options, but be sure you check them out and make your plans well.

In the long run, you will be glad you did, because you'll be the better for it.

And our community, your home, will be the better for it as well.

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

May we never lose, Lord, the importance of Your role in our

Earning grassroots' disfavor

hen are Republican politicians going to wake up and quit playing footsie with obstructionist Democrats? Come November, how will Republicans credibly be able to make the case that they deserve to be reelected to majority status when they have unilaterally surrendered their current majority position?

OPINION

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LIMBAUGH

Based on their repeated behavior, these Beltway politicians couldn't possibly

comprehend the degree of angst, disgust and frustration swelling in the conservative base of the Republican Party. The tepid, feckless

reaction of Republicans to the Senate Democrats' latest assault on President Bush's judicial nominations is a

perfect illustration of their recurring abdication. More and more they think like Democrats, act like Democrats and get in bed with Democrats. And why? Democrats do not come to them bearing gifts.

Like the unmitigated minority bullies they are, Democrats are threatening to filibuster White House aide Brett Kavanaugh, President Bush's nominee for the D.C. Circuit Court of Appeals, and Judge Terrence Boyle, his nominee for the 4th Circuit.

Democrats are grossly politicizing Kavanaugh's appointment, using it as yet another platform to paint the administration as a sadistic torturer of terrorist detainees and an enemy of the 4th amendment through its NSA wireless surveillance program. Democrats are alleging that since Kavanaugh has been a White House staff member, he must have approved of these dastardly policies and must not be allowed anywhere near the federal appellate bench, where he would vote to constrict our civil liberties.

As for Boyle, Democrats are pretending to be concerned that he is riddled with conflicts of interest and has heard cases involving companies in which he had a financial interest. Sound familiar? Remember a few months ago when they made a similarly bogus charge against Judge Alito concerning his interest in Vanguard?

Senate Judiciary Committee members have a lot of gall to be throwing around ethics charges when the véry substance of those charges is unfounded and fraudulent. Which is more unethical: for a judge to hear a case involving a party in which he has a financial interest, but whose interest cannot possibly be affected by the outcome of the case — as in Vanguard? Or, for United States senators to level unfounded allegations — bearing false witness against judicial nominees of stellar character?

Senate Democrats have proven themselves to have no credibility when it comes to assessing the character of President Bush's judicial nominees, who they routinely slander with actual malice — that is, knowing their charges are false, or having reckless disregard for whether they are true or false. When will Republicans quit tolerating this and begin to condemn these Democratic senators for their tortious conduct, quit trying to compromise with them and plow forward full speed ahead with these nominations?

Why would the Democrats' filibuster threats even bother Republicans? They should welcome the showdown. And if Republican members of the Gang of 14 want to continue their charade of colluding with these obstructionists, target every last one of them for defeat in the primaries, no matter how secure their seats. Make them pay for defecting in the name of collegiali-

Why do Republicans always run for the tall grass every time the "f" word is whispered rather than calling their bluff and forcing the Democrats into a real filibuster, instead of idle threats of one?

As I wrote at the time, the Gang of 14's agreement that averted the Republicans' invocation of the "nuclear option" was a great betrayal, because it legitimized judicial filibustering. Republican Gang members insisted the concessions they secured, such as the Democrats' agreement to allow nominees Janice Rogers Brown, William Pryor and Priscilla Owen to get a full floor vote of the Senate — big whoop — outweighed any negatives. Plus, they boasted, Democrats agreed that henceforth they would only filibuster judicial appointees upon the existence of "extraordinary circumstances."

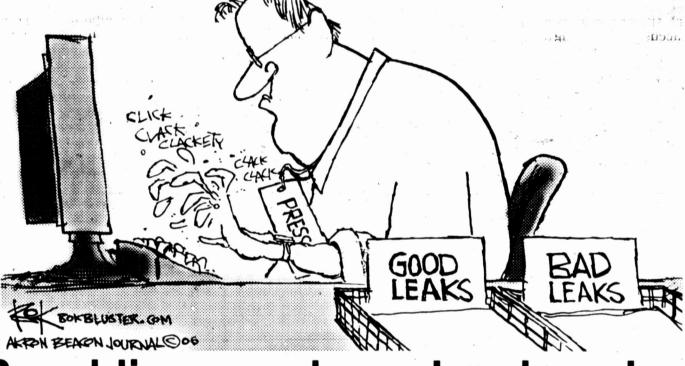
Nonsense! As we knew at the time, "extraordinary circumstances" was undefined and left open to each member of the Gang to define for himself. Result: The judicial filibuster remained alive and well. And since that ignoble "bipartisan" treaty, we've seen the Democrats threaten the filibuster time and time again.

This cannot go on. The Republicans' acquiescence to the Democrats' demand for a delay on the hearings on these nominations is just another straw. When will the elephant's back be broken? How long will Republicans continue to allow themselves to be walked on?

Whether it's their shameless joinder with Democrats in demanding investigations of oil companies, their acute tone deafness on the growing immigration crisis, their refusal to bring discipline to spending, or their willingness to let the tail wag the dog on judicial appointments, the Republicans are begging for a drubbing in November.

Grassroots frustration is growing with a vengeance, and someone in charge better wake up and show some leadership. Yesterday.

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Republicans wake a sleeping giant

ec. 16, 2005, is a day that will live in infamy in the Hall of Fame of Unintended Republican

Consequences. A bunch of the guys were just noodling around in the House of Representatives in Washington, see, kind of fooling around with the idea that they might get some

traction out of immigration as a hot-button issue. The old hot buttons have kind of cooled off here lately, with people up in arms about Iraq, oil, health insurance and all this other stuff that makes the boys say, "Who me?" Where's a good divi-

sive social issue



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when you need one? They weren't that far wrong some variation on the race card usually works.

Trouble is, they played the card, tried to make every illegal worker in the country a felon and woke up the Sleeping Brown Giant, instead.

Who knew? Unions, organizers, community workers, priests and preachers, and Lord knows the Democrats have been trying to wake the Sleeping Giant for years. That it would happen someday was an article of faith when I first started watching Texas politics 40 years ago. Who knew all it would

take was one softly played, very ugly, very nasty little piece of racial political pandering. And there was the Giant, out on the streets in the millions. For those who know the Latin emphasis on respect and dignity, maybe it's not such a surprise after all.

The Waking Giant clearly makes a good part of Anglo America uncomfortable — I suppose if the R's really want to push racial division, it will work and we can commit some monumental folly like building a fence on the border. But as a founding member of the Anti-Hypocrisy on Border Issues Party, I'm ready to bet Republican money, which after all hires the illegal workers, has too much at stake to let their party go off on a racist toot. You can let the rightwing radio commentators bloviate all they want, to get the young jackboots all stirred up, but it's still Wal-Mart hiring these people. Believe me, their employers are big Republican donors.

The solution to this problem is so simple: Do the right thing. As that great economist "High" Hightower of Denison, Texas, said, "Everyone does better when everyone does better." We won't need a fence or even a border when Mexico is doing better.

It does not take great economic acumen to realize that Mexico was damaged by NAFTA, that the surge in immigration has been caused by our own selfish and stu- SYNDICATE INC.

pid trade policies, which benefit few of us, also. And domestic policies, I might add.

The conservatives have been preaching this Me First stuff as though life were a race to the finish and the only object is to pick up as much money as you can. It doesn't work — not even if you wind up with a lot of toys. As another noted economist said, we are becoming a nation of private opulence and public squalor.

Look, we all do better when we all do better. You raise the minimum wage, it works for everyone.

Rabbi Michael Lerner ("The Left Hand of God: Taking Back Our Country from the Religious Right") is urging a 20-year commitment of 5 percent of GDP to end world poverty. The money would not be committed to governments, but to NGOs with solid records. And I say, why the heck

Is selfish and stupid working out so well for us? The progressive religious people will be meeting in Washington, D.C., on May 17-20 for a Spiritual Activism Conference.

Naturally, being lefties, they pose no threat to separation of church and state. Amazing how easy it is to keep that clear just by thinking it through.

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It also breaks our legs, lenses and other important parts.

We are afraid of water in hot showers, tepid baths and chlorinated swimming pools. We aren't natural swimmers, so we need floaties for lakeside activities.

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too thick and screws can mislaid us, they can't see strip our threads. Duct to find us.

We have our pride.

The nosepads are there for a reason. People have unpredictable such noses.

Some are long, others short, flat, wide, thin and just plain bony. Those pads aren't just for human comfort.

We need them to protect ourselves from jutting cartilage.

Don't set us facedown. We can't breathe. It scratches our lenses and makes us bi-polar.

The ideal situation is to be put in our cases on a basis. We nightly understand that people are busy. We know this because we go to football, baseball, basketball and tennis

games. We're also dragged to piano, UIL and play practices. We go to restaraunts, hairstylists and dentist appointments.

After a full day, though, we get put on a hard, cold, dusty shelf somewhere. We sit there all night, frozen and alone.

After all we've done for the guy or gal, we feel it's not unreasonable to be the laid in a soothing, married to her park padded (if possible) case.

We don't like being Airplane glue makes us lost. We know where we irrational, twisty ties are are, but since the wearer

Being lost causes unease on our end. Our No. 1 enemy is fear of abandonment. Such a pair (will remain anonymous as ownership) was lost in a

cafeteria for days. The smells almost made him lose his mind and none of the servers were sensitive to his cries for help.

Thankfully, he was reunited with his owner within a few days, but he has developed a sort of complex due to all the negligence issues.

Lastly, we want to give a wearer some disposal tips.

Glasses are recyclable. Groups that devote themselves to helping others will take us, do their magic and make us wearable for others.

So, don't just toss us into some dark, stinky garbage can. or worse, shove us into a caseless, musty drawer to get rusted; give us away.

How to wear, repair and dispose of us just takes a little education.

Take these tips to heart and we'll live a long, useful life.

Christy Alton is ranger, Ron and they have two children, Autumn and Aaron. She is a full-time student and works as a tutor for a local elementary school.

County commisssions set regulations, policies for all sex-oriented businesses

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

Howard County commissioners approved regulations for sexually

oriented businesses in the unincorporated area of Howard County during their Monday meeting.

Commissioners voted unanimously to approve the order, which would establish policies regarding a slew of different sex-oriented businesses.

"That would include adult arcades, adult book stores, strip clubs, adult motels, adult theaters and escort service," said County Attorney Mike Thomas. "It would require them to apply for a permit and the (county) judge would either approve or disapprove the permit. It also puts restrictions on where they can be located."

The order, which falls under Chapter 243 of the Local Government Code, calls for a minimum of

1,500 feet distance between any such business and any child care facility, school, dwelling, hospital, public building, public park, church or other place of religious worship.

The regulations also call for a minimum of one mile distance between any such business and a penal institution.

"These types businesses could not be located near schools, churches and things like that," said Thomas. "And it wouldn't cover the city of Big Spring, which has its own regulations and ordinances concerning this. It would only cover the county.

"These permits would also call for public hearings, so there would be public input on the application," he added. "The district attorney would also give advice to the county judge and any violation would be a misdemeanor, which I would prosecute through my office."

According regulations, after the conclusion of the public hearings, "the hearing official shall produce a statement written containing the official's findings of public health and safety concerns and recommendations conditions to be attached to the permit.'

A Class 1 Sexually **Oriented Business Permit** would be issued or denied with 45 days submission, while a Class 2 SOBP would have seven days to fail or succeed.

According to Thomas, the matter was brought before the commissioners court after an inquiry was made through the sheriff's office. However, no permit applicants have come forward at this time.

The regulations are effective immediately.

Contact Staff Writer Thomas Jenkins at 263-7331 ext. 232 or by e-mail at citydesk@ bigspringherald.com

Odds and Ends

PHILADELPHIA (AP) -Addison Doxtader knows how to stop traffic.

The newborn daughter of Adam and Stephanie Doxtader entered the world Sunday in the front seat of her parents' car on the shoulder of a downtown expressway.

The Doxtaders were about a mile from the hospital when they realized they wouldn't make it to the delivery room.

That's when Adam Doxtader spotted a Philadelphia cruiser on Interstate 676. Inside was Officer Marc Desiderio.

Surrounded by traffic, Doxtader held down buttons on the officer's two-way radio Desiderio could respond to directions from the police radio Addison, weighing 7 pounds, 2 ounces, was born at 12:20 p.m.

Both mother daughter were doing fine, Doxtader said.

Desiderio. whose normal assignment involves inspecting trucks, said it was the first time he had



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Shults' relatives said no such list existed and that Shults had been harassed at the school for years.

Shults graduated from school in a special invitation-only ceremony separate from his classmates and has since attended counseling, the San Angelo Standard-Times reported in its Tuesday editions.

Prosecutors dismissed the charge in February.

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The proposals were prompted by the assault of a 17-year-old at a party last month at a suburban Houston home.

Authorities say David Henry Tuck, 18, and

Keith Robert Turner, 17, company's both of Spring, beat and operations manager, was sodomized the boy while sentenced to 15 months at least one of them and shouted racial slurs. Both according to the U.S. charged with aggravated sexual assault.

Two companies, executives sentenced for illegal workers

FORT WORTH (AP) -Two executives of a company that hired illegal immigrants to do janitorial work at Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport were sentenced Monday to federal prison.

Karen Sue Rowell, 48, president of Midwest Airport Services Inc., was sentenced to nine months and fined \$5,000. Edward John Pitre, 49, the

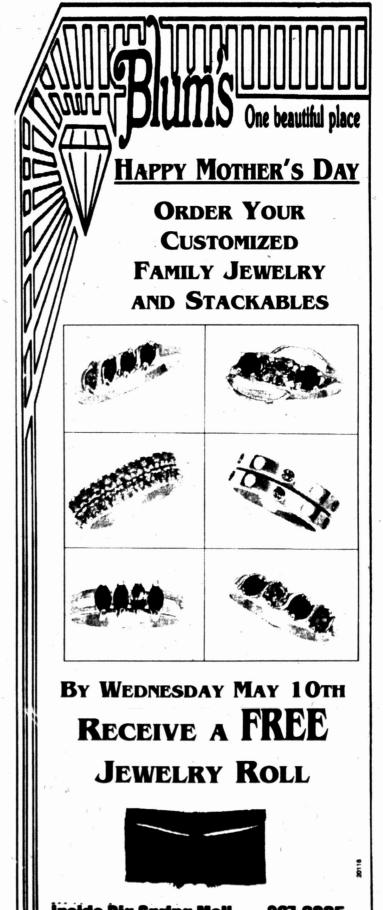
former fined \$1,000, Attorney's Office. Midwest and Service

Performance Corp., which also provides janitorial services for DFW Airport, pleaded guilty in March to immigration violations. On Monday, Midwest was ordered to pay a \$150,000 fine, and SPC was ordered to pay \$600,000.

admitted Midwest hiring at least 50 illegal immigrants for airport jobs, and SPC admitted hiring at least 200 illegal immigrants to work there from 1999 through 2002. During part of that time, Midwest and SPC had common ownership.









Bird Poop

Panama through Mexico, the family eagerly traveled each day toward their summer breeding home. Their journey through Texas had offered abundant insects as they searched spring wildflowers for seeds.

Over mountains, across plains, through storms,

they attracted as if by magnet to two favorite areas: a dense growth of hon-



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eysuckle neighborhood and the tree-lined Beals Creek

east of Highway 87. Typical spring winds greeted them during an

early afternoon. After months of travel, they had finally neared their destination.

Having investigated their former homes, the family decided approach the heavy growth of the creek area from the northeast.

With a strong tail wind,

they glided across FM males and one female 700.

Once they had flown over the Chrysler dealership, they would coast to a favorite tree in the bottoms. A sudden, blustery cross wind interrupted their flight with a fury.

Before the birds could compensate for the force of the wind, they slammed into what they thought was an extension of the car lot.

Instead, it was the reflection created by the fully developed his bright plate glass window of the courting colors, he used car office. Their appeared to be last year's

long journey had ended. The salesman who called was distraught. In the office when the birds struck the glass, he ran outside to find five birds

lying on the concrete. Three were alive. The other two had died instantly upon impact.

Gathering the birds in a handkerchief, he took them into his office and phoned us.

From his description of the birds, two male and three female painted buntings had been victims of our unpredictable weather.

When we arrived at the dealership, the man beautiful and dread its handed us the birds. Both outcome was painful.

were still alive.

Never had the salesman ever seen anything so colorful or so drab. The male painted bunting had a dark blue head with a red eye ring, red under parts. scarlet chest, yellowish green back, red-to-purple rump and blackish wings and tail.

In contrast, the female was a green to greenishyellow. Because the remaining male had not young.

The recovery of these three songbirds was questionable.

We would supply them with a comfortable, quiet environment and wait for the outcome.

In some bird strikes, the impact causes immediate mortality.

Others have the ability to fly away, only to die later of internal hemorrhaging or clots. The fortunate recover complete-

The female succumbed several hours later. Both males were lethargic.

To hold something so

Male painted buntings are known to be vicious as they flercely defend their breeding territories. Many lose an eye or their life while courting the only green, sparrow-like bird in our

evening That youngest male Struggling the following day, the adult male could last no longer.

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• TravelCenters of America from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. May 15. Call Sonya Bravo

 Lamun-Lusk-Sanchez Texas State Veterans Home from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. May 30. Call Tony Cruz at 268-8387.

Tomorrow's Horoscope

BY HOLIDAY MATHIS

Under the Libra moon, what's sweet is made sweeter by the company your direction. A natural you are and has the battle of friends, and what's provider, you're ultimate- scars to prove it. tedious is made bearable. Ly the one who gets nur- CAPRICORN (Dec. with the involvement of at least one other person. Taurus (where the sun is now) and Libra are both children of Venus, who can't emphasize enough the importance of beautiful and pleasurable experiences.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). What you've owned or collected is worth more think. than you Appraisals are favored over the next three days. Romance is found out of your element, so take a risk!

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). This is the prime day to knock down an obstacle invented by you. This kind is the hardest to knock down, but at least it won't hurt you to crash into it, since it is only an illusion.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You're bright and savvy, and others see you that way. Don't wait for your accomplishments to add up. Be confident now. Do something daring to advance your business.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). The people in your neighborhood contribute to your luck, your fortune or your social life. Also, give in to a loved one's request: It's no big deal. You'll save time by saying "yes" to the person who won't take "no" for an answer.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Your strength is creativity. Your weakness is structure. If you partner up with someone who will watch the clock for you and help you get practical details lined up, you get to be the child — playing,

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imagining and growing.

22). Adoring eyes gaze in Aquarius has been where tured by your nurturing Jan. 19). Rays of hope efforts. On a financial note: Small, clever purchases are winners.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Put off a decision until you're feeling surer, or until "never." The omens suggest that you're the only one pressuring yourself. When you discover this, a wonderful sense of relief happens.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Curious and inquisitive, you'll find out all you need to know. Regarding your love life, you have the matches, so light that spark. Do what it takes. Shout, wave or whisper to capture the attention of your potential sweetheart.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Your mind is a rocket, but your body is molasses. Exercise to balthe equation. DICATE, INC. ance

Evening brings good VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. advice. A Gennii or an

> emanate from the morning sun. You can apply them to a troubled relationship by thinking the best of the other person. You're the star of the evening, especially if you're also the cook.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You'll be adjusting your appearance to reflect how you feel on the inside. The afternoon brings a message. Don't be so logical as to miss the tantalizing, hidden meaning.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). People get a good vibe from you, and you make important connections without even trying. A warning, though: Don't "sell" what's already sold. A Taurus is lucky.

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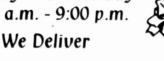
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camp dates Howard College women's basketball head coach Earl Diddle and assistant coach Eric Rodewald have announced the dates for three sum-mer basketball camps to be held at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

The first camp will run from June 5-8 rom 9 a.m. through 11:30 a.m. The camp is for kindergarten through third grade and the cost is \$50.

The second camp,

an individual day camp, will also take place June 5-8. This camp goes from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., costs \$60 and is for grades four through eight.

The third camp is a shooting and position camp and it runs from June 19-22 from 9 a.m. to noon. The camp costs \$60 and is for grades seven through 12.

For more information, call 264-5043 or 816-4327. Pre-registration for all three camps is also encouraged.

C.G.A. sets date for annual scholarship golf tournament

The Chicano Golf Association has set its 16th annual scholarship tournament for May 27-28 at the Comanche Trail Golf

The tournament is a two-person (pick your own team) scramble free food is provided. For more information, call 264-2366 or 264-7116.

HC sets boy's summer basketball camp dates

The Howard College men's basketball coaching staff and players will be conducting two camps this summer and both camps will take place in July.

The first camp will take place July 17-20 and the second one runs from July 24-27. The cost of the camps are \$250 for participants wanting to stay overnight in the dorms and \$200 for

commuters.
The Hawk Camp format consists of morning and afternoon sessions. All sessions include specialized clinics on both the offensive and defensive phases of the game, These clinics teach the fundamentals of the game and are the foundation of

the Hawk Camp.

There will be 24-hour security during the camp and the cost includes breakfast, lunch and dinner for boarding campers and lunch for commuters. Camp participants need to bring athletic

Halfmann, Niehues reach finals at state tennis

By TROY HYDE

Sports Editor LAKEWAY — Garden City juniors Taylor Niehues and Alex Halfmann will play for the Class 1A boy's doubles tennis championship today at the World of Tennis at Lakeway near Austin after winning their first two matches at the state tournament Monday.

Niehues Halfmann took down Roel Perez Jose Vela of Frost 6-3, 6and

reached the

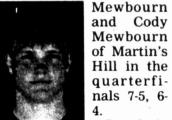
beating Steven McArthur and Chase Robles of Knippa in a tough, threeset match 4-6, 7-5, 7-6 (8).

The junior auo took on Blake Cuba and Jared Heine of Thorndale today at 10:15 a.m., but final results were unavailable at press time.

Cuba and Heine defeated the other Garden City doubles team at the state tourney in the semifinals.

Junior Evan Jansa and sophomore Nick Sanchez lost to Cuba and Heine 6-2, 7-6.

They defeated Aaron



nals 7-5, 6-Grady's HALFMANN mixed doubles team of

of Martin's

Hill in the

quarterfi-

sophomore Justin Tubb and junior Stefani Robles match against Charlie rounds.

Mewbourn Rundell and Rundell of Nazareth 6-2, 6-Mewbourn 0.

> The Rundell team is in the championship match after a straight-set win in the semifinals.

Westbrook's Chavez and Linsey Chavez both reached the championship match in boy's and girl's singles, respectively, after breezlost their quarterfinals ing through the first two

Foursome takes title on first playoff hole

Garza, Ben Garcia, Charlie Garcia & Jimmy Newsom eagled the second playoff hole at No. 11 to defeat the team of Steve Ward, Mike Scarbrough, Don Cook & Riley Wyatt for first place in the Championship Flight in the Relay For Life Cancer Scramble Tournament at

the Big Spring Country Club.

T h e tournament had 100 participants' in three flights. A special

thanks goes to our major spon- 2nd sors: Partee Drilling, FibeRod, HEB, Millennium Resources, LP, American State Bank, Wells Fargo, KBST, 87 Auto Sales, Scenic Mountain Medical Center, Freecom, Buddy Everett and Chad Wash.

There were several hole 2nd sponsors, door prize donations and miscellaneous donations that contributed to the success of the event.

Thank you to Ron Plumlee for chairing the committee for the event. Do to the efforts of all the people involved; the tournament will be able to donate more than \$13,000 to the local Relay For

Cancer is one of the

The team of Adolph greatest challenges of our generation. It knows no boundaries.

> Hopefully, through the continued efforts of this tournament and the Relay for Life, we can do our part to spare the next generation.

Thank you to everyone who participated and we hope to see you next year.

Larry Bryan is the Director of Golf at the Big Spring Country Club. He can be reached at 267-5354 (BS Country Club pro shop) larryj@crcom.net.

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The San Antonio Spurs' Bruce Bowen, right, gets in the face of Dallas Maverick for-

By BOB BAUM

AP Sports Writer

commissioner David Stern acknowledged one scheduling mistake and may address another quirk in the playoff

format. commissioner said Monday night that the NBA will "probably" change the way it seeds the playoffs.

"I think we're just talking about taking the four teams in each conference with the best records and seeding them one through four," he said.

Under the current format, the three division champions earn the top three seeds, followed by the remaining teams in order of their records. That's why San Antonio and Dallas are meeting in the second round, even though they have the two best records in

the West. Stern also said it was won the game 87-85. wrong to schedule the Western Conference

game Sunday.

"If we had it to do over ond-round again, we wouldn't have acceded to the network's request on that one," he said Monday night.

San Antonio wrapped up its first-round series in Sacramento so late on Friday night that it was after midnight in Texas. The Spurs spent the night in Sacramento and didn't arrive back in San Antonio until about 3 p.m.

Saturday. They tipped off their series with Dallas at noon, local time, Sunday because ABC wanted to show the Cleveland-Detroit game in the more attractive

later time slot. "We could lay it off on the network, but that's our responsibility and we have the ability to say no," Stern said.
"And we should have."

Despite the short turnaround, San Antonio

Stern was in Phoenix

Suns opened their secagainst the Los Angeles Clippers.

The long-suffering Clippers had been the butt of jokes in the league for years.

Now that the Clippers have climbed into respectability. Stern said, "I feel great for their fans who have supported them over the years. Once every 30 years I think is good at a minimum for a team to get to the second round."

Stern had harsh words for the talk of an NBA "conspiracy" to get the Lakers and Clippers in an all-Los Angeles second-round series. The Suns had to rally from a 3-1 deficit to oust the Lakers.

It was not the first time that the league had been accused of wanting to arrange a specific matchup or favor a certain team.

"I'm embarrassed for Spurs to open the to present Steve Nash the media, actually, with the Most Valuable when the issue gets semifinals with an early Player trophy before the raised," Stern said.



Houston Texans agreed to terms with running back Antowain Smith on Monday, giving the team a capable backup behind starter Domanick Davis.

Last season with the New Orleans Saints, Smith filled in for Deuce McAllister after he suffered a season-ending knee injury and ran for 659 yards.

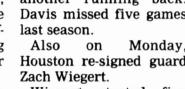
The 34-year-old free agent, who attended the University of Houston, has 6,881 yards rushing

HOUSTON (AP) — The and 54 touchdowns in nine NFL seasons.

After passing Heisman Trophy winner Reggie Bush in favor of defensive end Mario Williams in the draft, the Texans were in need of another running back. Davis missed five games last season.

Also on Monday, Houston re-signed guard

Wiegert started five games at right guard and seven games at right tackle last season.





The Texas Rangers' Hank Blalock watches a base hit in the eighth inning against the Minnesota Twins. The Rangers defeated the Twins, 6-4, at Ameriquest Field in Arlington

Blalock leads Rangers past Twins

Koronka has strong outing on mound for Texas in victory

ARLINGTON (AP) -Hank Blalock went 4-for-4 and John Koronka allowed seven hits in 61-3 innings as the Texas Rangers beat Minnesota Twins 6-4 on Monday night.

The Rangers, who had won six straight before getting swept in a threegame weekend series by the New York Yankees, got back on track with a 13-hit attack against three Minnesota pitchers.

Koronka (4-1) allowed

three runs in his 10th major league start, seventh with the Rangers this season. He struck out one and walked two.

Akinori Otsuka allowed one run in the ninth and earned his fourth save in as many chances.

Phil Nevin keyed a fourrun Texas third with a two-run single. Michael Young added two doubles, giving him 15, second in the American League to the 17 of Boston's Mike Lowell.

Twins starter Brad Matthews Radke (3-4) had a rough outing, allowing six runs and 11 hits in five See RANGERS, Page 2B

innings.

Luis Castillo had three RBIs for the Twins.

Minnesota took a 2-0 lead in the third on Castillo's RBI groundout and Joe Mauer's sacrifice

Texas loaded the bases in the four-run third with the help of consecutive walks by Radke. Rod Barajas scored the first run on Mark Teixeira's single, and Matthews Jr. rounded third on the play. stopped, attempted to go back to

Two sides reach agreement on use of fan-friendly phrase

COLLEGE STATION (AP) — The fight over the "12th Man" is over and A&M Texas University and the Seattle Seahawks will be able to use the phrase.

The university and the Seahawks said Monday they had reached a deal settling the university's lawsuit over the phrase denoting fans.

As part of the agreement, the Seahawks acknowledge **Texas** A&M's ownership rights of the trademark phrase. However, the NFL team may continue using it under license. Neither side admitted any fault or liability.

"Our fans won't notice any changes in what we do," Seahawks chief executive officer Tod Leiweke said at team headquarters in Kirkland, Wash. "They won't see any changes in the stadium. We are really happy about that."

The only change the Seahawks will make is on any broadcasts that feature the 12th Man. A statement that the 12th Man is a trademark of Texas A&M University will be included on such broadcasts.

Texas A&M officials declined to say how much the licensing fee would be for the Seahawks, noting the final documents have not been filed in court.

Steve Moore, Texas A&M's vice president for communications, said in a story in Tuesday's Bryan-College Station Eagle that the university would do some monitoring to ensure the terms of the settlement are fol-

The Aggies hold tradenark rights to the phrase over the Seahawks' use of has with our fans.'

the phrase. Days before faced Seattle Pittsburgh Steelers in the Super Bowl, a restraining order was issued calling on the Seahawks to halt any usage of "12th Man," or "12th Mania."

Origins of the term "12th man" aren't exactly clear, but the traditions in Seattle and College date Station decades.

The Seahawks retired the number 12 in 1984 to honor fans who made the old Kingdome one of the noisiest stadiums in foot-

The Aggies trace their use to 1922, when an injury-plagued roster led the team to pull E. King Gill from the stands and suit him up to play.

Gill never took to the field, but the legend strengthened campuswide commitment to support the team. The words "Home of 12th Man" adorn the stadium and the entire school is considered the 12th Man.

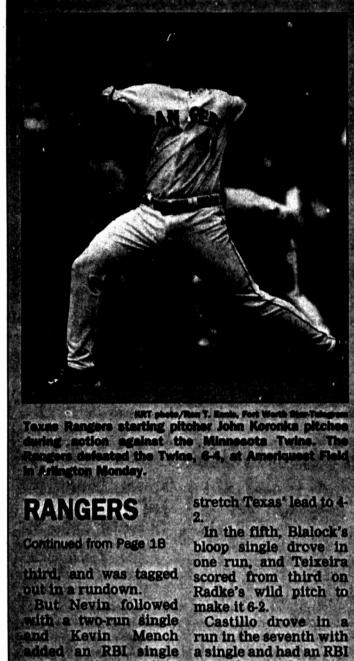
"We absolutely respect their tradition," Leiweke said. "I've learned a lot about it. Our entire organization has learned a lot about it. It's pretty amazing how far back it goes."

The Seahawks are discussing selling a 12th Man burger during this coming season at concession stands inside Qwest Field.

The Seahawks see home fan noise as a real asset; Qwest Field had the most false-start penalties against visiting teams in the NFL last season -Seattle's best showing in that department.

"The 12th Man symbol is a lot more relevant in our world than it's ever been," Lelweke said. "The fans and the team became one last season.

"We never sold merchandise with the 12th "12th Man." In February, Man on it. It is really a the university filed a law-symbol of our fans and suit in Brazos County the relationship our team



Nets roll, Suns score at will

MIAMI (AP) - Vince Carter scored 27 points, Jason Kidd added 22, and the New Jersey Nets saw most of a 28-point thirdquarter lead vanish before hanging on to beat the Miami Heat 100-88 in Game 1 of the Eastern Conference semifinals on Monday night.

later in the third to

Richard Jefferson had 20 points before leaving the game in the third quarter with an ankle injury. X-rays were nega-

points for Miami, which since beating Denver in rebounds for Shaquille playoff series triumph in O'Neal.

Suns 130, Clippers 123 points.

PHOENIX (AP) — Steve Nash had 31 points and 12 assists, and the Suns pulled away over a fiveminute stretch of the fourth quarter to beat the Clippers in the opener of their Western Conference semifinal series.

run in the seventh with

a single and had an RBI

groundout in the ninth.

Shawn Marion had 20 points and 15 rebounds, including 10-of-10 free throws for the Suns, who were 24-of-25 at the line. Elton Brand scored 40, but only two in the final 8:33 for the Clippers, who Dwyane Wade scored 25 hadn't played in a week got 20 points and 10 five games for their first 30 years.

Sam Cassell added 28

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near a very pretty city that was near a big ocean. She loved the pretty city. She loved the parks. She loved the ocean. She loved going to

the parks and watching the little squirrels scampering about, gathering nuts and seeds. She knew that these little squirrels had to do this each

year. Even though it was summertime now, winter would come again and in the wintertime, there are no nuts or seeds for the little squirrels to eat. There are no nuts or seeds for the big squirrels, either! She loved to watch all of



the squirrels, big and little, gathering the nuts and seeds to store for the winter. Zoe loved these squir-

Zoe loved the birds, tool Each time she visited the parks, and the squirrels were not outside playing or gathering nuts and seeds, she would watch the birds. She saw doves. She saw redbirds. She saw mockingbirds. She saw blueavs. She even saw hummingbirds, hovering over the feeders, sometimes flying straight up, sometimes flying straight down, with their little wings flapping so fast she could hardly even see She loved the rabbits that came

to eat the tender green grass in the parks. She loved to watch them play. It seemed as if their game was to see which one could hop the fastest and highest. She even saw their home. It was a hole in the ground, under a big oak tree. Zoe never told anyone about the little rabbit's home, for she did not want anyone to scare them. The little rabbits could live in peace as long as Zoe was around. So could the little squirrels. So could all of the birds. They knew that Zoe would never harm them.

One day, as Zoe was sitting under the big oak tree, near the rabbit,s home, she heard a very strange noise! She knew that it was a little animal, but she did not know what

kind of little could make that She sound. never heard that sound before.

All of the sounds Zoe had ever heard was from the happy little creatures who lived in the parks.

This sound was not coming from a happy little creature! It was a very pitiful, almost whimpering, almost crying sound. Zoe stood up, and turned around, and just on

sometimes flying backwards, the other side of that big oak tree was a very small, scared little puppy! The little puppy had no mommy or daddy or brothers, or sisters. This little puppy had no one! This little puppy had no one,

Zoe looked at the little puppy with

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her friendliest smile, trying not to scare her. The poor little puppy was so dirty. She had nothing to eat. Zoe did not know that this little puppy had not had anything to eat all day! Zoe could tell that this little puppy needed a home, and food, right now! She walked slowly to this little puppy, being very careful not to scare her. Zoe knew that the little puppy was scared enough already! Slowly, slowly walking towards the puppy, Zoe could tell that this little animal somehow knew that she would never hurt her, nor any other animal. The little puppy wagged her tail, just a little, for that is all the strength she had left. Zoe knew that when a little puppy wags her tail, it means she likes you. Did

Zoe reached over and picked up the little puppy. She knew that she must get help to her soon, or the little dog would not make it. Just as soon as Zoe picked her up, she closed her eyes. "Oh no,"

Zoe cried. "Stay awake. For if you don't stay awake until I get some food and water into you, you will not be around much longer! Please stay awake!" The little puppy opened her eyes, just a little, and then she seemed to smile at Zoe. Do you think Zoe will get the little puppy to a safe place, with food and water, in time to save her life?

This is a bedtime story and it must have a happy ending, so of course Zoe made it in time. But, she just did! When Zoe finally got to her house, the little puppy was hardly breathing anymore! Zoe rushed in to her house, found a sponge, wet it and touched the little puppy,s face. The coc! water helped! The little puppy's eyes opened a little wider! Zoe wet the sponge again and again! And each time, the puppy,s eyes opened wider and wider. Then, Zoe fixed this little puppy the best meal any dog could ever want! The little puppy ate and ate until her little tummy was a big tummy. "Now, go to sleep," Zoe said to

the puppy. "Get some rest, you will be safe here with me." The puppy did just that! She fell asleep. She slept all day. She slept all night! Then,

following day, she woke She felt good. She was not sick anymore! She even felt like running and

playing! But, she was worried

about something! What was Zoe going to do with her now? Give her away? Send her out the door? Take her to the pound? Or, just tell her to leave and never come

Then Zoe woke up. The first thing she did was run into the room where the little puppy had been sleeping. "Oh there you are." she said. "I was hoping you would be awake this morning and my, you do look like you are feeling much better! Now, we must make some decisions!" Oh no, here it comes," thought the little puppy, "Here is where she has to tell me that I must leave this nice. warm home! I feel so sad, for I would

love to stay right here with Zoe." "The first thing we have to do is find

name for you," Zoe said to the little puppy. The little puppy thought to herself again, "Why would she want to give me a name when she is going to make me leave?" Then Zoe said, "The second thing we must do is make a nice bed for you. Then, we will have to find what foods you like

Zoe's words were sounding better and better to this little puppy. And then Zoe said to the puppy, "I love you. Would you be happy living with me?" You have never seen a tail wag so fast!!



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"I like my name," Zoe said, "But we can,t have two Zoes living here, so I will call you Chloe! Do you like that name?" Chloe's tail was about to wag completely off!! From that day forward, you would always see two, Zoe and Chloe,

walking to the beach. You would always see two sitting in the park, watching the birds, and rabbits, and squirrels! Chloe was so happy now. Zoe was happy too, and very glad that she had found Chloe that day! As these two became older and older, Zoe was even gladder that she had saved Chloe. Because not once, not twice, but three times, Chloe

saved Zoe's life. But, that,s another story. I will tell it to you another So, if you ever get a chance to

help someone or something, will you do it? I knew you would! Just like Chloe and Zoel They just came home from the park and said to tell you, "Good Night"

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BY HOLIDAY MATHIS The Libra moon is congenial, diplomatic and almost gracious

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offset the strident situation between the sun king and Neptune, ruler of the mystic sea. This planetary conflict puts obsta-

enough

HOLIDAY MATHIS cles in the path of imagination and stops dreams by tethering them to real-

ity with a very short rope.

Don't worry, these limitations are temporary. ARIES (March 21-April 19) Family and friends kick in to help you in unexpected and muchneeded ways, as if to prove your theory that there is tremendous good-

ness in each person. TAURUS (April 20-May 20). If you absolutely must be a dutiful citizen today. at least have the pleasure instinct to take along the person who makes you laugh until the sides of your head hurt.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Is it wrong to desire status? No — as long as you realize it won't make you any happier. Having more status, you will impress others, but you probably won't care. Happiness happens at all levels of the status continuum.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You're out front first in the line of vision. The obvious candidate. The usual suspect. You can capitalize on this by speaking your own agenda when the spotlight swings to you.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). There's rhyme and rhythm to your loving expressions. This makes you popular, People sync up with you, even if they don't have the skills to sync up with anyone else. Your abundant compassion is a talent.

VIRGO (Aug. 22). Looking for love? Old habits must change, and this is as good a day as any to accomplish the shift. You're determined not to repeat the mistakes of the past, and that's why you won't.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). The only work that satisfies you now is work that involves like-minded individuals. Your usual amicable attitude is replaced with a discerning, searching intellect. You want answers, and you find them.

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CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). When you want answers, they are elusive. When you provide answers, the answers you wanted are given in the spirit of reciprocity. This tit-for-tat manner gets old.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Your gregarious gestures are delivered with style and accepted with aplomb. Today is the perfect example of why you continue to be the most popular sign of the zodiac.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You don't mind messing up as long as no one else sees it. They don't, and they do. It depends on what you mean by "see." While you may be aware of subconscious information, others are not.

ASTROLOGICAL QUES-TIONS: "What does the year ahead look like for someone newly divorced (born Sept. 26, 1960)?"

Already, the divorce has triggered self-examination and a new look at your daily life, goals and friendships. It's time to become a grown-up in the true sense of the word, and though you may feel down this month, by mid-June, it's clear this is the beginning of the development of a stronger you! A career move will help you shake off your blues and move on with life. You have plenty of energy to focus on marketing your skills and selling your services, and by July, you'll find you're making more money than you thought you could with only you deciding how to spend and invest it. This feels like total freedom, indeed, and the confidence it gives you will be noticed by a few who are starting to think of you in romantic terms October. You probably won't be in the mood for much more than casual dating, but you can expect to be pursued. In a flash, you'll look back on this period as a magical shift.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: From Tootie on "The Facts of Life" to Regine on "Living Single," actress Kim Fields has literally grown up on the TV screen. A focused and centered Taurus who always knew that show business was in her soul, Fields parlayed this drive into an extremely successful career. I predict she'll put her drive into making a killing outside of show business this year, perhaps in real estate or gold.

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taneity. She has painted in Mexico, Bolivia, Nepal, Spain, Italy, Portugal, and Russia. She says that when you paint on location, an adventure happens to you every time... being chased by dogs, animals eating the paint and, of course, the weather. "Fun and adventure have always been a part of my life. As a child, my adventures included my little brother, Don Finkenbinder."

Tucson, AZ www.howellgallery.com



Jean **Perry**

Jean Perry's style has evolved from doing abstract expressionist

paintings at the University of Colorado to a more traditional art form combining realism and impressionism. She works mainly in oil and much prefers painting on location. "I think all painting done "en plein air" has a certain vitality and strength that is not found in studio work. It has to do with the time 💥 constraints of painting outside but it also has to do with the feeling that you are part of the very landscape that you are painting.'

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Phil Starke

Known for his strong use of light and color, Phil Starke has gained

attention among galleries, museums, and invitational exhibitions. Now being collected on an international level, Phil continually strives for the excellence his collectors have become accustomed to. "For me, there aren't enough hours in the day," says Starke. "I have too much I want to accomplish."

> Tucson, AZ www.philstarke.com



Kenn **Backhaus**

His heart belongs to the fine art of outdoor painting. He believes that a painting

is not just an illusion in two dimensions, but also that of a moment in life, captured on canvas. The painting itself should be an introduction to the scene, allowing the viewer to interpret and become a part of the picture through suggestive information. "If I can leave the viewer with a sense of the atmosphere, a sense of light and shadow, maybe just opening their eyes to the simple beauty around us, then I have accomplished my goals."

> Prescott, AZ www.kennbackhaus.com



Jane Barton

Western art enthusiast, Jane Barton, has had a varied career that includes everything from black and white fashion illustrations to "paint-out" shows at the

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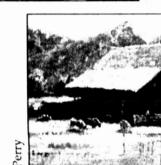


Gabor Svagrik Born

Szeged, Hungary, he has been passionate about his art ever since his childhood.

His grandmother was a big influence on him, because she was a painter. It is in her studio where he saw his first original painting, and the smell of oil paint still reminds him of her. "I think there's a strong connection between my loving being outdoors and painting nature as a landscape artist."

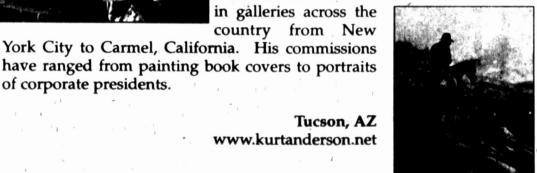
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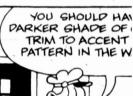


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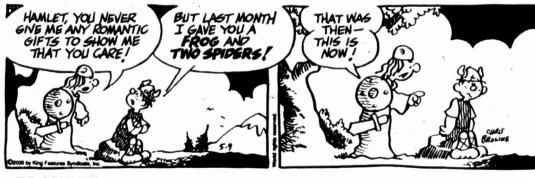
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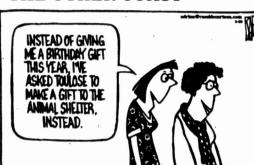
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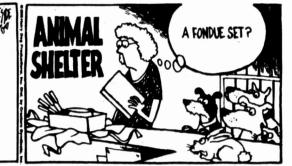
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This Date In History

Today is Tuesday, May 9, the 129th day of 2006. There are 236 days left in the year. Today's Highlight in History:

On May 9, 1961, Federal Communications Commission chairman Newton N. Minow con-demned television programming as a "vast wasteland" in a speech to the National Association of Broadcasters. On this date:

In 1502, Christopher Columbus left Cadiz, Spain, on his fourth and final trip to the Western Hemisphere. In 1754, a cartoon in Benjamin Franklin's

Pennsylvania Gazette showed a snake cut into sections, each part representing an American colony; the caption read, "Join or die." In 1913, the 17th amend-

ment to the Constitution, providing for the election of U.S. senators by popular vote rather than selection by state legislatures, was rati-

fied. 1926, In Americans

Richard Byrd and Floyd Bennett became the first men to fly over the North Pole.

In 1936, Italy annexed Ethiopia. In 1945, U.S. officials announced that a midnight

entertainment curfew was being lifted immediately. In 1960, the Food and Drug Administration approved the pill Enovid as safe for

birth control use. In 1974, the House Judiciary Committee opened hearings on whether to recommend the impeach-

ment of President Nixon.
In 1978, the bullet-riddled body of former Italian prime minister Aldo Moro, who'd been abducted by the Red Brigades, was found in an automobile in the center of Rome.

In 1980, 35 motorists were killed when a Liberian freighter rammed the Sunshine Skyway Bridge over Tampa Bay in Florida, causing a 1,400-foot section to collapse.

Today's Birthdays: CBS News correspondent Mike Wallace is 88. Actress Geraldine McEwan is 74. Actor-writer Alan Bennett is 72. Actor Albert Finney is 70. Actress-turned-politician

Glenda Jackson is Musician Sonny Curtis (Buddy Holly and the Crickets) is 69. Producerdirector James L. Brooks is 66. Singer Tommy Roe is 64. Singer-musician Richie Furay (Buffalo Springfield and Poco) is 62. Actress Candice Bergen is 60. Pop singer Clint Holmes is 60. Actor Anthony Higgins is 59. Singer Billy Joel is 57. Blues singer-musician Bob Margolin is 57. Rock singermusician Tom Petersson (Cheap Trick) is 56. Actress Alley Mills is 55. Actor John Corbett is 45. Singer Dave Gahan (Depeche Mode) is 44. Rapper Ghostface Killah is 36. Rhythm-and-blues singer Tamia is 31. Rock musician Dan Regan (Reel Big Fish) is



Newsday Crossword

HANDLE WITH CARE by Beth A. Zadman Edited by Stanley Newman www.stanxwords.com

ACROSS

- 1 Explosion 6 "Now I
- understand!' 9 Unruly child 13 Gives the
- heave-ho to 14 Convent dweller
- 15 Yoga position 17 Winning it all
- at a casino 20 "Aisle" or "window"
- selection 21 Statistics: Abbr. 22 Sometime
- soon 23 Whirlpool
- 25 Rude fellows 26 Football shirt 29 Scratches up
- 30 Trio after E **33** To no (useless)
- 34 Road curve 35 Lee (cake name)
- 36 Cheating slightly, perhaps
- 40 French cheese 41 Suffix for press 42 Start of
- something 43 Author Rand 44 Lasting
- impression 45 Buckle up for
- 46 Storm preceder, supposedly 47 Young woman
- pilot 51 Clothing label 52 Capital of Norway

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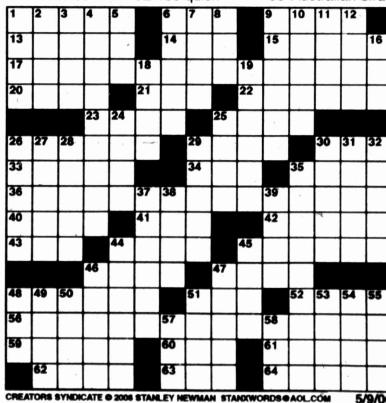
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- 5 Exclamation of reproach

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- together 10 Judges' wear
- 11 Slightly 12 Sandwich fish
- 16 Clouds' place 18 May auto race,
- familiarly 19 Raspysounding
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- series villain) 27 All possible 28 Arrested
- 29 Parking-place machine
- 30 Untrue 31 Say hello to 32 Too quick

- 35 Source of snack seeds
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- **39** Lion sound 44 Pillaged 45 Sound of regret 46 Hidden supply
- 47 Everglades reptile 48 Comic's routine 49 Part of the eye
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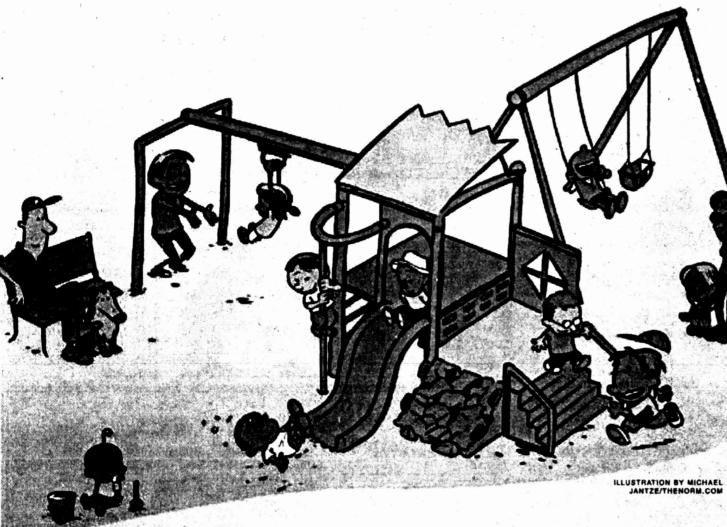




Chatter Box

"All that I am, or hope to be, I owe to my angel mother." - Abraham Lincoln, thinkexist.com





Stay safe on the layground

Take a grown-up. As kids get bigger, they like doing things on their own. Going to the playground shouldn't be one of them. though. Grown-ups come in handy because they might spot problems at the playground, they can help you down if you get in a tight pot and they can help if you happen to get hurt.

Take a good look around. If the playground has lots of trash, such as broken glass, or the equipment looks broken, don't play there.

3 Keep your size in mind. Many playgrounds have some equipment that's for little kids (like 2- to 5-year-olds) and other equipment that's meant for older kids. Use the equipment that's right for your age. If you squeeze yourself onto a swing for toddlers, you might get stuck. Likewise, if your little brother or sister starts climbing something meant for older kids, guide him or her to the little-kid stuff.

4 Don't go too high. Many playgrounds have tall stuff to play on, such as towers or open passageways between equipment. Don't climb higher than you feel comfortable, and ask your grown-up if you need help getting down. Never climb up the outside of equipment, or hoist yourself up on the roof. The view might be cool, but it's a long way down.

5 Look out below. The best playgrounds put down special surfacing material, such as mulch, wood chips, sand, gravel or rubber matting. These surfaces can help soften a fall, but that doesn't mean you won't get hurt, especially if you tumble from a high spot.

Do you have a * favorite playground? Maybe it's a new wooden one that has

lots of tall towers and passageways. Or maybe your favorite is an old-fashioned playground with swings and a seesaw.

for kids because there's so much to do and other kids to have fun with. **But sometimes** kids get hurt at playgrounds. That's no fun, so here are 10 ways to keep safe, from

KidsHealth.org.

Playgrounds

are fun places

Swing safely. Kids often get hurt at the playground because they get hit by someone on a swing. If you're swinging, watch out for people who might be getting too close. And if you're walking around the playground, don't get too close to the

Use your head. Sometimes you'll see kids going headfirst down the slide or maybe two or three kids will get on a piece of equipment that's only meant for one. Or some kids might start goofing around and trying to push each other off a swing or off of a high spot. If your grown-up sees you doing this, he or she will probably say, "Knock it off. Someone's going to get hurt." It's true, so try to use the playground equipment properly.

8 Report problems. If you see graffiti, a broken swing or find any other problems while you're playing, tell your grown-up. He or she can report the problem so it can be

9 Clean up. If you bring a drink or snack to the playground, clean up your trash before you leave. When you do, the park will look nice when the next kid comes along to play and you will have shown that you're a good playground citizen.

10 Have a great time! How can you make a good time at the playground even better? Bring a friend and only complain a little when it's time to leave.

For more health information written for kids, visit KidsHealth.org/kid.

In The News

On the court with Yao Ming

Time For Kids kid reporter Trisha Morrison, who speaks fluent Mandarin Chinese, recently had a chance to meet basketball star Yao Ming and interview him in their shared language.

Yao, the 7-foot-6-inch "Little Giant from China" and Houston Rockets center, has been the focus of the media both in China and the United States since the moment he arrived on the basketball scene in 2002.

Yao is a three-time NBA All-Star. Some people even predict that he will become one of the greatest basketball players in NBA history.

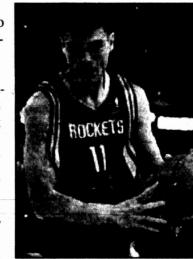
TFK: I heard when you were 9 years old, the same age as me, you started to attend the amateur sports school in Shanghai. What was your life like as a kid growing up in China?

YAO: Nothing really special. I went to the school in the morning. In the afternoon at 2 o'clock, I did my homework and then played with neighborhood kids. When I was 9 years old and began to play basketball, I had a regular time to practice basketball from 2 to 5 in the afternoon.

TFK: What is the major difference between playing in China and here in the United States and what do you like best about playing in China and in the U.S.?

YAO: There are too many areas that are different. In terms of playing basketball and life, there are just too many areas that differ. This is because the differences exist in the cultures between the two countries are so vast; it takes time to change yourself and get used to

them. In terms of comparisons, what do I like best about playing in the U.S.? I should say the way they create the atmosphere in the games is much better than that in China. China's professional league basketball games are not very mature; the atmosphere during the games is not very enthusiastic. It has not been exploited to its max. But there are a few good things about playing in



The 7-foot-6-inch Yao Ming plays for the Houston Rockets.

China. ... It's my family hobby.

TFK: What has been your most difficult adjustment to make from a CBA (Chinese Basketball Association) player to an NBA player?

YAO: I feel that I did not make too many adjustments; except for the language ... I must speak English when I am here.

TFK: I know you participate in the NBA's "Read to Achieve" program, and you have read to kids both in the U.S. and China. I read that you said, "Reading and learning are important no matter where you live." Can you tell me your purpose of reading to the kids?

YAO: Knowledge is very important. Even for players like us, we still need to read a lot. Knowledge is not just the knowledge of books. There are various kinds of knowledge. For us who play basketball, we should be able to summarize our experiences of success and failure. This is also a type of learning. So learning is very, very important for every profession.

TFK: Most great basketball players are always trying to improve their skills. What skills are you trying to improve?

YAO: I want to learn to better help my team. Any types of skills that can better help me to assist my team are what I need to learn. - Trisha Morrison, 9

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