

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 August.

Howard County Sheriff Dale Walker delivered the message,

which according to Walker has been mailed to commissioners in the form of a letter from the jail commission, during the court's Monday morning meeting.

"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

evacuation of the smoke during our live fire drill last month."

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-and-a-half minutes," said Walker.

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—Sheriff Dale Walker

"The system also failed to purge the jail floor of the smoke within a 15-minute range. It took considerably longer than that and our system totally failed because it never evacuated."

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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 affect approximately 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 Cebridge. The divestiture of these properties allows Cox to increase the focus of resources on our proven bundling strategy within the markets that remain with Cox 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."

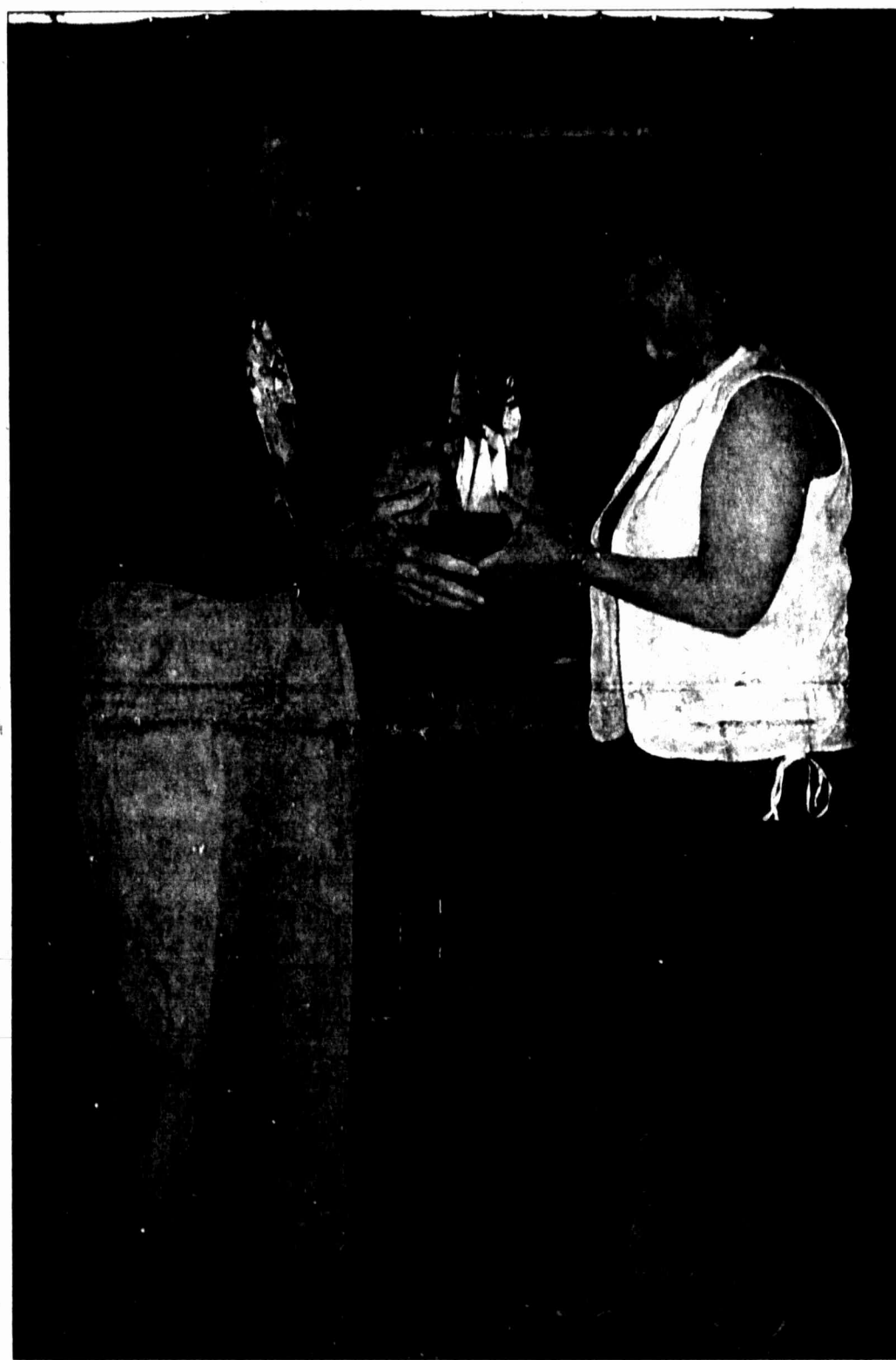
Along with its West Texas operations, the transaction includes North Carolina, serving Greenville, Rocky Mount, New Bern and Kinston areas; Humboldt County and Bakersfield, Calif.; and much of Middle America Cox (MAC), pri-

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Esser

LONGTIME EDUCATOR



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 Gollad Junior High in 1961.

Herald photo/Steve Reagan

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 Bill Crooker and Jerry Kilgore, were among those appointed to an ad-hoc committee to begin designing a new jail facility, which is currently destined for a two-block area near the intersection of U.S. Highway 87 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 Furqueron, 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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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

214 N. Johnson and Renemay 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.

"We're still trying to sort this out," said Sgt. Tony Everett, public information officer for the

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 pretty much nonstop since the arrests yesterday. We really can't 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.

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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 said.

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

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.

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ed the smoke. It required the fire department's equipment to get the smoke out of our facility.

"The third thing is a 10-minute 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 it 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.



"We're just going to have to do something about the present jail. That's all there is to it," said Kilgore. "Or they said they will shut us down. They won't grant the variances. So we're going to have to get an engineer and figure some way to do what they have requested."

Kilgore said he believes the commissioners court can meet the deadline.

"Yes, I think so. The main thing is the evacuation of the smoke," said Kilgore. "It's going to take an engineer to satisfy the fire marshal that this will work. That the tests and what we've been

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the commissioners," Furqueron 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 ago, after we had an escape — a Dickens County guard let one of our female prisoners go — saying it is our responsibility to see the 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 here."

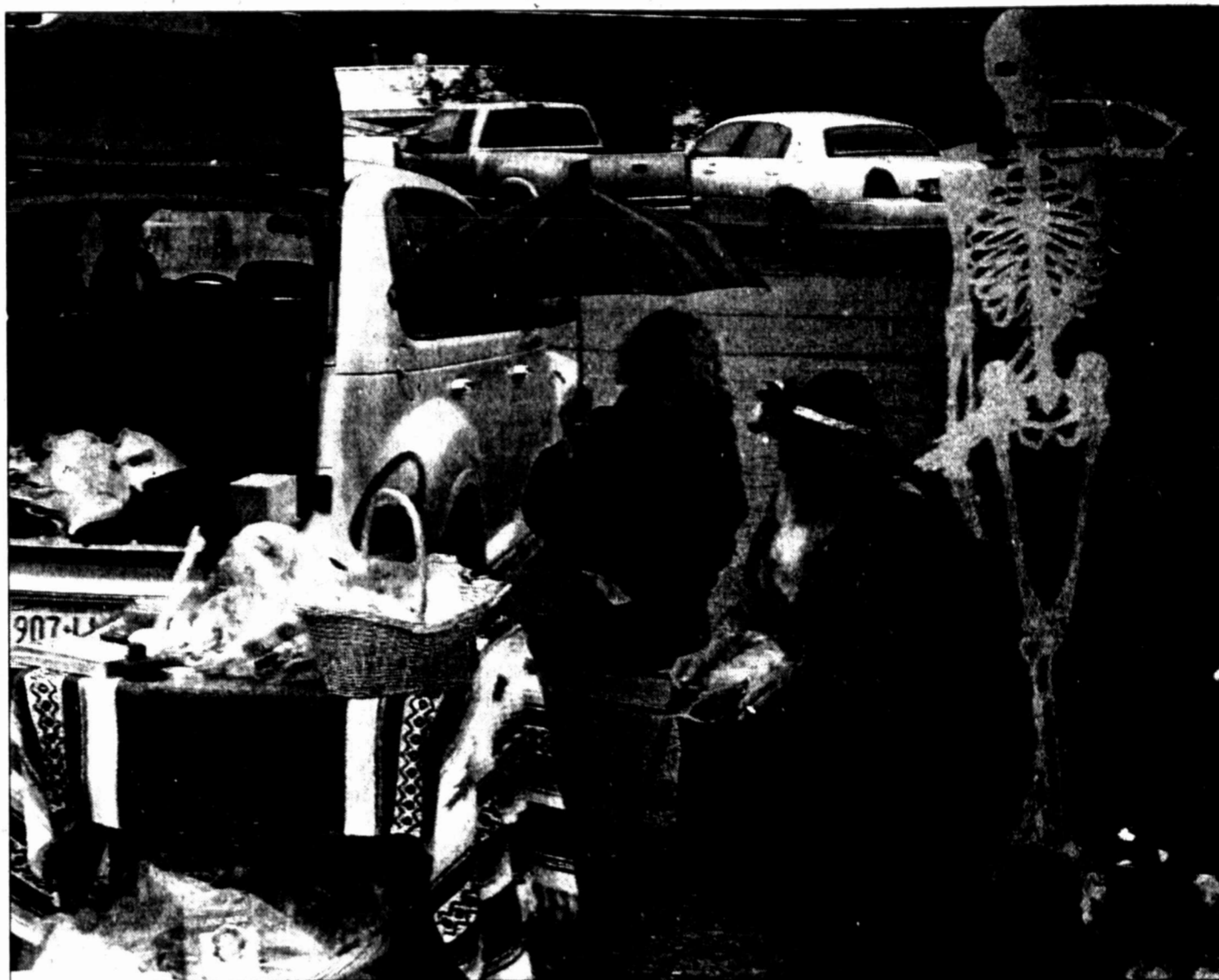
"I also requested three additional full-time personnel on the jail floor because we noticed during our fire drill we used three personnel to evacuate all of our inmates, and it was the maximum amount three people could do. In the evenings and late nights, our jail operates with just two jailers. There's 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 Mall Saturday morning. A steady crowd of customers braved the cool, wet conditions to hunt for bargains.

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marily comprised of operations in Texas, Louisiana and Arkansas.

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

Pete Abel, spokesperson for Cequel III — the telecommunications management firm handling Cebridge — said he expects the transition to go smoothly. Cebridge is also expected to keep the 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 in place. However, Cebridge is looking at making some improvements to the Internet broadband services Cox has established in the market.

"We will probably look at boosting the top down-load speeds," said Abel. "This is a very competitive market, so we're always looking for ways

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 world-class service to our customers. We are espe-

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

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OUR VIEWS

HC, SWCID grads must remember this is a key time

It is once again graduation time. On Friday, Howard College and SouthWest Collegiate Institute for the Deaf will hold 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 your 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 lives.

Amen

Earning grassroots' disfavor

When 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?

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 very 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 show-down. 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 collegiality.

Why do Republicans always run for the tall grass every time the "I" 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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DAVID LIMBAUGH



Republicans wake a sleeping giant

Dec. 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 divisive social issue 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 right-wing radio commentators blaviate 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-

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 not?

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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I ran into a friend local vision center the other day. was there to get glasses fixed. enough, I saw the twisty tie holding the poor legs in place.

The sight brought back memories. From the spectacle's point of view, I have prepared a guide on wearer etiquette, repair disposal.

The glasses say: We don't like to be stepped on, sat on, or smashed. It makes us feel uncomfortable and it hurts.

It also breaks our lenses and important parts.

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

If our legs lose a shoe we would prefer to take an emergency vision correction immediately.

Airplane glue makes irrational, twisty tie too thick and screw strip our threads.

Texas briefs

Record to be expunged

SAN ANGELO (AP) — A former Lake View School student who been accused of creating a hit list will have his file erased, a district court decided Monday.

Kelby Shults, requested the file expunged after Green prosecutor dismissed misdemeanor against him earlier year.

Shults was arrested spring and accuse making terror threats. A teacher alleged he told her a list of teachers school employees wanted to kill.

Shults' relatives said such list existed and Shults had been harassed at the school for years.

Shults graduated school in a special invitation-only ceremony separate from classmates and has attended counseling San Angelo Star-Times reported in Tuesday editions.

Prosecutors dismissed the charge in February.

Lawmaker calls for registry of hate crime offenders

HOUSTON (AP) — Houston lawmaker he will press legislation requiring crime offenders register with authorities in response to the recent brutal attack on a Hispanic teen.

State Sen. Rodney and local leaders of League of United American Citizens Monday they will work to change the state crime law additional years added to the sentences those convicted of crimes.

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

Authorities say 18-year-old Henry Tuck, 18,

Christy's Quill

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

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

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

A Class 1 Sexually Oriented Business Permit would be issued or denied with 45 days of submission, while a Class 2 SOBPP 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.

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Airplane glue makes us irrational, twisty ties are too thick and screws can strip our threads. Duct

tape is unsightly. We have our pride. The nose pads are there for a reason. People have such unpredictable 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 nightly basis. We understand that people are busy. We know this because we go to baseball, football, basketball and tennis games.

We're also dragged to piano, UIL and play practices. We go to restaurants, 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 laid in a soothing, padded (if possible) case.

We don't like being lost. We know where we are, but since the wearer mislaid us, they can't see to find us.

Being lost causes unease on our end. Our No. 1 enemy is fear of abandonment. Such a pair (will remain anonymous as to 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 married to her park 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.



CHRISTY ALTON

Texas briefs

Record to be expunged

SAN ANGELO (AP) — A former Lake View High School student who had been accused of creating a hit list will have his case file erased, a district court decided Monday.

Kelby Shults, 18, requested the file be expunged after Tom Green prosecutors dismissed the misdemeanor case against him earlier this year.

Shults was arrested last spring and accused of making terroristic threats. A teacher had alleged he told her he had a list of teachers and school employees he wanted to kill.

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.

Keith Robert Turner, 17, both of Spring, beat and sodomized the boy while at least one of them shouted racial slurs. Both are 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

company's former operations manager, was sentenced to 15 months and fined \$1,000, according to the U.S. 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.

Midwest admitted 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.

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 police cruiser on Interstate 676. Inside was Officer Marc Desiderio.

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

Both mother and daughter were doing fine, Doxtader said.

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

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Lawmaker calls for registry of hate crime offenders

HOUSTON (AP) — A Houston lawmaker said he will press for legislation requiring hate crime offenders to register with local authorities in response to the recent brutal attack on a Hispanic teen.

State Sen. Rodney Ellis and local leaders of the League of United Latin American Citizens said Monday they will also work to change the state's hate crime law so additional years can be added to the sentences of those convicted of hate crimes.

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

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Bird Poop

From 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 were attracted as if by a magnet to two favorite areas: a dense growth of honeysuckle in a 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 to approach the heavy growth of the creek area from the northeast.

With a strong tail wind,

they glided across FM 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 plate glass window of the used car office. Their 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 handed us the birds. Both

males and one female 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 greenish-yellow. Because the remaining male had not fully developed his bright courting colors, he appeared to be last year's 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 completely.

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

To hold something so beautiful and dread its outcome was painful.



BEBE MCCASLAND



Courtesy photo

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

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

Since painted buntings are secretive and seldom

seen, we froze the specimens. Several months afterwards, we had the opportunity to give these remarkable birds to an agent from U. S. Fish & Wildlife Service for dona-

tion to a university's ornithology department.

Bebe McCasland is federally and state licensed to rehabilitate wild birds.

Big Spring blood drives scheduled

- Big Spring High School from 8:30 a.m. until 3 p.m. Wednesday. Call Sharon Richardson at 264-3641.
- VA Medical Center from 8 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. Thursday. Call Iva Jo Hanslik at 264-4824.
- TravelCenters of America from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. May 15. Call Sonya Bravo at 264-4444.
- 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 of friends, and what's tedious is made bearable 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 than you think. 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,

imagining and growing. VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Adoring eyes gaze in your direction. A natural provider, you're ultimately the one who gets nurtured by your nurturing 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 balance the equation.

Evening brings good advice. A Gemini or an Aquarius has been where you are and has the battle scars to prove it.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Rays of hope 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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YMCA fund-raising campaign reaches 60 percent of goal

The Big Spring Family YMCA has reached 60 percent of its \$29,400 goal that provides financial assistance to low income families.

"Even though the YMCA gets funding from the United Way, those

funds fall short of the total amount of financial assistance given annually that totals more than \$40,000," said Pete Thiry, YMCA executive director. Captains for the year's campaign are Trev Larson and Wanda

McDaniel. The losing team captain gets to kiss a pig, he said.

To make a donation to help with the costs of child care, swim lessons and summer youth programs at the YMCA, call 267-8234.

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IN BRIEF

HC sets girl's summer basketball camp dates
Howard women's basketball head coach Diddle and assistant coach Eric Ross have announced dates for their summer basketball camp to be held at D. Garrett Coliseum. The first camp runs from July 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. The cost for a kinder through third and the cost is \$10. The second camp, will also place June 5-8 camp goes from 11:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., cost and is for grades through eight. The third camp shooting and practice and it from June 19-22 9 a.m. to noon camp costs \$60 for grades through 12. For more information, call 264-816-4327. Pre-registration for all camps is also aged.

C.G.A. sets district annual scholarship golf tournament
The Chicana Association has 16th annual scholarship tournament May 27-28 at Comanche Trails Course. The tournament two-person (plus own team) score and it costs \$100 free food is provided. For more information, call 264-264-7116.

HC sets boy's summer basketball camp dates
The Howard men's basketball coaching staff players will be conducting two camps this summer at camps will take place in July. The first camp take place July 9 and the second runs from July 19-22. The cost of the camps are \$250 for pants wanting overnight in dorms and \$100 for computers. The Hawk Camp mat consists of morning and afternoon sessions. All sessions include special clinics on both offensive and defensive phases game. These teach the fundamentals of the game are the foundation of the Hawk Camp. There will be hour security the camp and it includes breakfast and lunch and dinner boarding camp lunch for campers. Camp participants need to bring clothing (shorts, socks, shoes) to all sessions and boarding camp must also have toiletries and bring money. For more information, call the at 264-264-7116.

Do you have an interesting sports item or story idea? Call Troy Hyde at 263-7331, Ext. 237. Email results to: sports@bigspringherald.com

IN BRIEF

HC sets girl's summer basketball camp dates

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

The first camp will run from June 5-8 from 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 Course.

The tournament is a two-person (pick your own team) scramble and it costs \$75 and 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 clothing (shorts, shirts, socks and shoes) to all sessions and boarding campers must also have linens, toiletries and spending money.

For more information, call the athletic office at Howard College at 264-5040.

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.

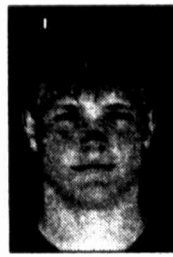
Niehues and Halfmann took down Roel Perez and Jose Vela of Frost 6-3, 6-2 and reached the finals after beating Steven McArthur and Chase Robles of Knippa in a tough, three-set match 4-6, 7-5, 7-6 (8).

The junior duo 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



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Mewbourn and Cody Mewbourn of Martin's Hill in the quarterfinals 7-5, 6-4.

Grady's mixed doubles team of sophomore Justin Tubb and junior Stefani Robles lost their quarterfinals match against Charlie

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

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

Westbrook's Trey Chavez and Linsey Chavez both reached the championship match in boy's and girl's singles, respectively, after breezing through the first two rounds.

Foursome takes title on first playoff hole

The team of Adolph 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.

The tournament had 100 participants in three flights. A special thanks goes to our major sponsors: Partee Drilling, HEB, FibeRod, 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 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 Life.

Cancer is one of the

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) or at larryj@ccom.net.



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Results

Championship Flight

- 1st 56-59-115*
Ben Garcia
Charlie Garcia
Jimmy Newsom
Adolph Garza
- 2nd 58-57-115
Steve Ward
Mike Scarbrough
Don Cook
Riley Wyatt
- 3rd 57-62-119
Lance Brock
Jason Brock
Reg Roberts
Bess Nichols

First Flight

- 1st 62-60-122
Wally Hazelwood
Brian Halleburg
Todd Smith
Ruben Sanchez
- 2nd 62-61-123
Ray Kennedy
Barry McAllister
Craig Dannam
Marcus Phillips
- 3rd 63-62-124
Byron Harris
James Welch
C.G. Griffin
John Freeman

Second Flight

- 1st 65-64-129
Carlos Dimasjian
George Parsley
Keith Ledford
Jim Matthews
- 2nd 66-64-130*
Bob Hecker
Mike Hecker
Gary Howell
Joe Sharpack
- 3rd 68-62-130
Russ Rutledge
Jennie Rutledge
Ricky Hughes
Leah Hughes

Texans sign backup RB

HOUSTON (AP) — The 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

and 54 touchdowns in nine NFL seasons.

After passing on 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 Zach Wiegert.

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



KRT photo/Ben Noey Jr., Fort Worth Star-Telegram
The San Antonio Spurs' Bruce Bowen, right, gets in the face of Dallas Maverick forward Dirk Nowitzki during playoff action. The Spurs defeated the Mavericks, 87-85, in the first game of the second round of the Western Conference NBA playoffs at the AT&T Center in San Antonio Sunday. The second game of the series will be played tonight beginning at 8:30 p.m.

Stern admits to playoff mistakes made by NBA

By BOB BAUM

AP Sports Writer
PHOENIX — NBA commissioner David Stern acknowledged one scheduling mistake — and may address another quirk in the playoff format.

The 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 wrong to schedule the Spurs to open the Western Conference semifinals with an early

game Sunday.

"If we had it to do over 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. on 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 won the game 87-85.

Stern was in Phoenix to present Steve Nash with the Most Valuable Player trophy before the

Suns opened their second-round series against 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 the media, actually, when the issue gets raised," Stern said.

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 6 1/3 innings as the Texas Rangers beat the Minnesota Twins 6-4 on Monday night.

The Rangers, who had won six straight before getting swept in a three-game 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 four-run 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 Radke (3-4) had a rough outing, allowing six runs and 11 hits in five

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 fly.

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 Gary Matthews Jr. rounded third on the play.

Matthews stopped, attempted to go back to



KRT photo/Ron T. Ennis, Fort Worth Star-Telegram
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 Monday.

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Seattle, A&M settle '12th-man' debate

• Two sides reach agreement on use of fan-friendly phrase

COLLEGE STATION (AP) — The fight over the "12th Man" is over and both Texas A&M 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 followed.

The Aggies hold trademark rights to the phrase "12th Man." In February, the university filed a lawsuit in Brazos County over the Seahawks' use of

the phrase. Days before Seattle faced the 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 Station date back decades.

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

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 campus-wide commitment to support the team. The words "Home of 12th Man" adorn the stadium and the entire school is considered the 12th Man.

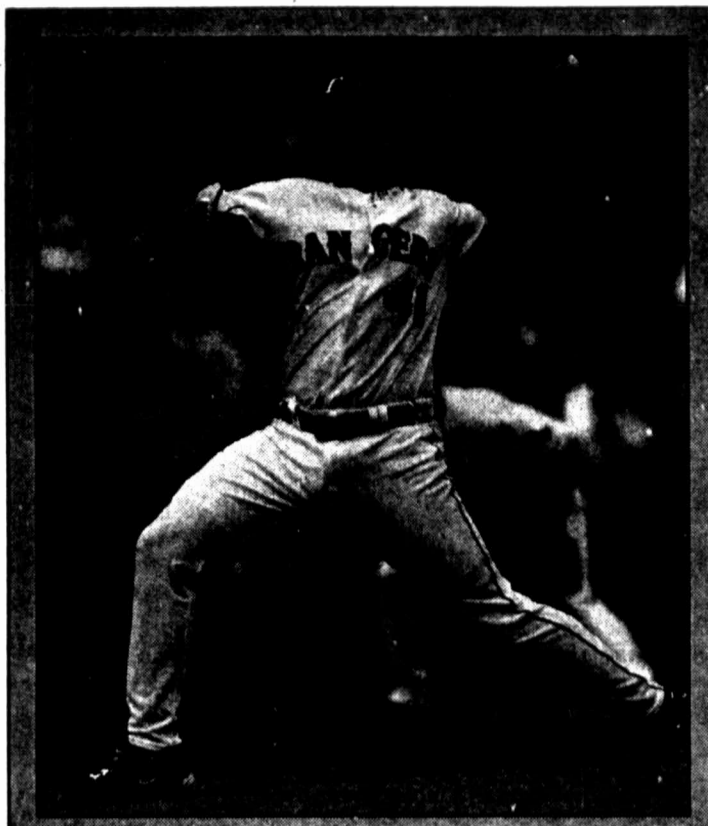
"We absolutely respect their tradition," Leiweke said. "I've learned a lot about it. Our entire organization has learned a lot about it. It's pretty amazing how far back it goes."

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," Leiweke said. "The fans and the team became one last season."

"We never sold merchandise with the 12th Man on it. It is really a symbol of our fans and the relationship our team has with our fans."



AP Photo/Brian T. Smith, Fort Worth Star-Telegram
Texas Rangers starting pitcher John Lincecum pitches during action against the Minnesota Twins. The Rangers defeated the Twins, 6-4, at Ameriquest Field in Arlington Monday.

RANGERS

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third, and was tagged out in a rundown.

But Nevin followed with a two-run single and Kevin Mench added an RBI single later in the third to

stretch Texas' lead to 4-2.

In the fifth, Blalock's bloop single drove in one run, and Teixeira scored from third on Radke's wild pitch to make it 6-2.

Castillo drove in a run in the seventh with a single and had an RBI groundout in the ninth.

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 third-quarter lead vanish before hanging on to beat the Miami Heat 100-88 in Game 1 of the Eastern Conference semifinals on Monday night.

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

Dwyane Wade scored 25 points for Miami, which got 20 points and 10 rebounds for Shaquille O'Neal.

Suns 130, Clippers 123

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

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 hadn't played in a week since beating Denver in five games for their first playoff series triumph in 30 years.

Sam Cassell added 28 points.

Coahoma Playoff Softball/Baseball

Bulldogettes

Regional Quarterfinals vs. Sonora Lady Broncos
Best-of-three series @ Angelo State University
Game 1: Friday, 5 p.m.
Game 2: Friday, 30 minutes after Game 1
Game 3: Saturday, 1 p.m. (if necessary)
Last Week: Coahoma beat Kermit in two games of best-of-three series; Sonora beat Coleman, 10-6.

Bulldogs

Area Championship vs. Kermit Yellowjackets
Best-of-three series @ Andrews
Game 1: Friday, 7 p.m.
Game 2: Saturday, 3 p.m.
Game 3: Saturday, 30 minutes after Game 2 (if necessary).
Last Week: Coahoma had first-round bye; Kermit defeated Junction in three games of best-of-three series.

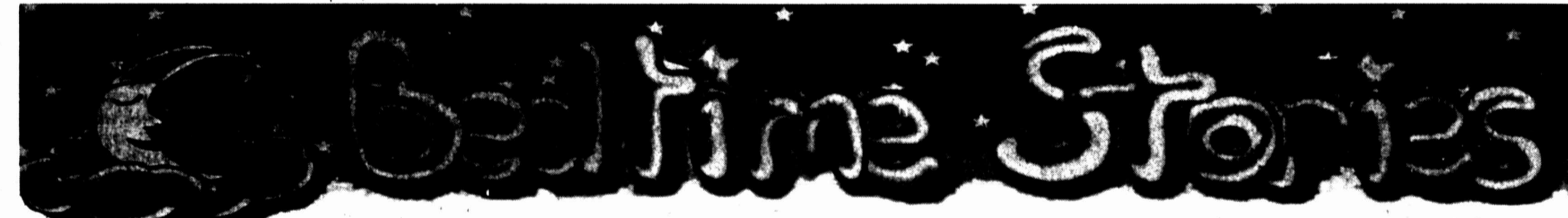
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Zoe was a little girl who lived near a very pretty city that was near a big ocean. She loved the pretty city. She loved the parks. She loved the ocean. She loved going to the parks and watching the little squirrels scampering about, gathering nuts 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 squirrels!

Zoe loved the birds, too! 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 robins. She saw mockingbirds. She saw bluejays. She even saw hummingbirds, hovering over the feeders,

sometimes flying backwards, sometimes flying straight up, sometimes flying straight down, with their little wings flapping so fast she could hardly even see them!

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 animal could make that sound. She had 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

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, YET!

Zoe looked at the little puppy with



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 you know that?

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 cool 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, the following day, she woke up. 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 back?

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 a 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 and dislike!" 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!



"I like my name," Zoe said, "But we can't have two Zoës 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 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 day.

So, if you ever get a chance to help someone or something, will you do it? I knew you would! Just like Chloe and Zoe! They just came home from the park and said to tell you, "Good Night!"

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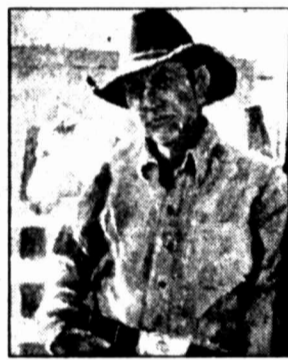
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Joan LaRue

Influenced by French Impressionism painting "plein air," she believes, gives a painting a spontaneity. 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."

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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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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 Arizona - Sonora Desert Museum.

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Kurt Anderson

is a painter of still lifes, landscapes, portraits and figurative work. He has exhibited in galleries across the country from New York City to Carmel, California. His commissions have ranged from painting book covers to portraits of corporate presidents.

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Svagrík

Gabor Svagrík

Born in 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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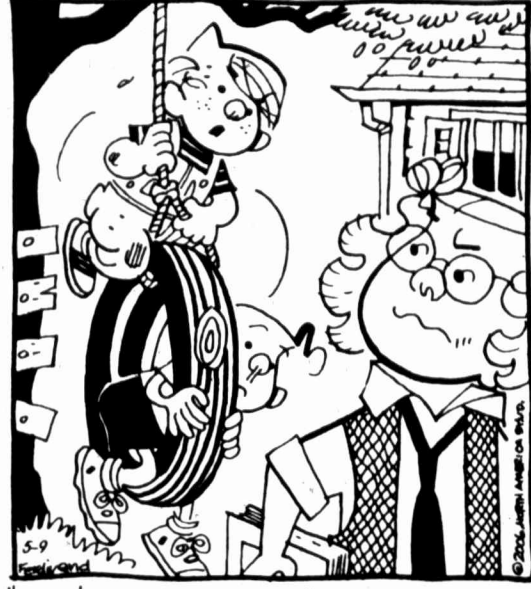
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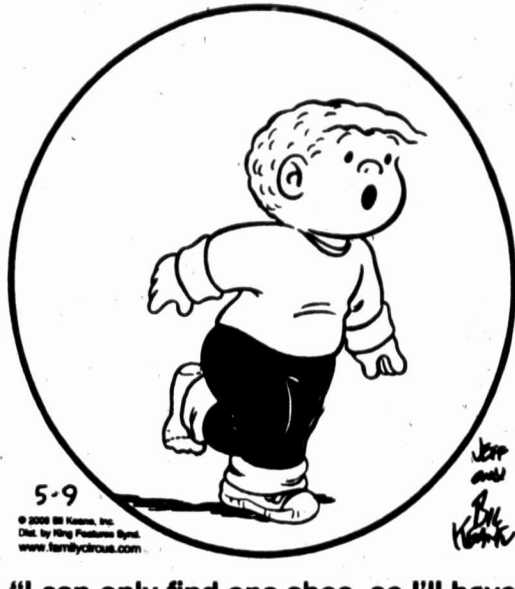
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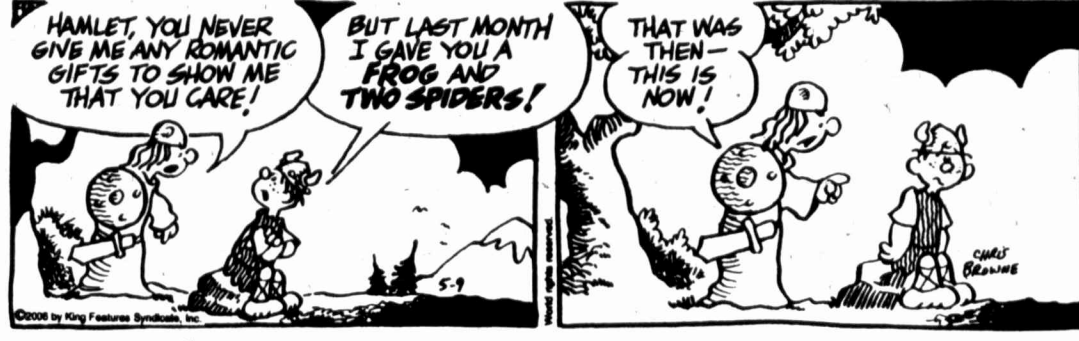
"WHAT'S THE USE OF BEIN' A KID IF YA DON'T ACT LIKE ONE?"

THE FAMILY CIRCUS



"I can only find one shoe, so I'll have to hop around while I look for it."

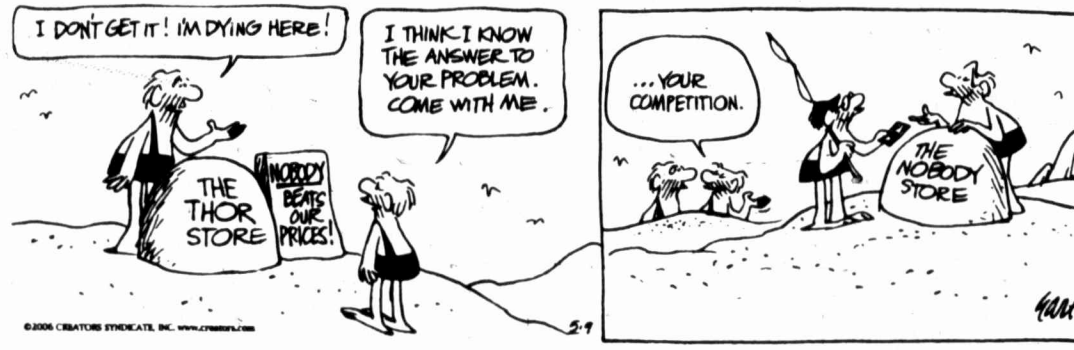
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This Date In History

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 condemned 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 amendment to the Constitution, providing for the election of U.S. senators by popular vote rather than selection by state legislatures, was ratified.
In 1926, 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 impeachment 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 70. Musician Sonny Curtis (Buddy Holly and the Crickets) is 69. Producer-director 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 singer-musician Tom Peterson (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 29.

Answer to previous puzzle

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Newsday Crossword

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|----------------------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------------|
| ACROSS | DOWN | DOWN |
| 1 Explosion | 1 Short hairdos | 26 the Hutt |
| 6 "Now I understand!" | 2 Fishing device | (Star Wars series villain) |
| 9 Unruly child | 3 On the ocean | 27 All possible |
| 13 Gives the heave-ho to | 4 The U.S., to an overseas G.I. | 28 Arrested |
| 14 Convent dweller | 5 Exclamation of reproach | 29 Parking-place machine |
| 15 Yoga position | 6 Be a pest to | 30 Untrue |
| 17 Winning it all at a casino | 7 Embraces | 31 Say hello to |
| 20 "Aisle" or "window" selection | | 32 Too quick |
| 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 | | |
| 48 Crackerjack pilot | | |
| 51 Clothing label | | |
| 52 Capital of Norway | | |

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Wacky Facts

May 14 is not only Mothers' Day, it's also:
National Buttermilk Biscuit Day,
National Dance Like A Chicken Day
and the start of National Police Week.
— www.web-holidays.com

KID NEWS

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Chatter Box

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



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 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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Stay safe on the playground

1 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 spot and they can help if you happen to get hurt.

2 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. Playgrounds are fun places 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.

6 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 swingers.

7 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 fixed.

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.

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Salva

By THOMAS JENKINS
Staff Writer

Area parents looking for something for their kids to do this summer need look no further, as the Big Spring Salvation Army gets ready to launch its Boys and Girls Club of America summer program.

Registration for the program is under way, according to Russ Keeney. "We really wanted



Gollad Intermediate Teacher of the Year school with a check the award.

Waldrop named in command

Herold Staff Reporter
Bobby Waldrop, education and support for Big Spring schools, has been named as the new assistant superintendent for Stockton ISD. Waldrop, who has been in the education department for the past five years, will be effective June 2 at his new duties with Superintendent Mayfield in Fort Worth. Although he could not take a definite step up in his position, he admitted leaving a tough move on his mind. See WALDROP, Page 2.

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