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Enron execs facing long prison terms

HOUSTON (AP) Kenneth Lay and Jeffrey Skilling were known as visionaries, hands-on executives. corporate titans directing the highflying ship at Wall Street darling Enron Corp.

Add another title: convicted felons.

"Certainly we're surprised," a shaken Lay said Thursday after a jury capped a four-month-long fraud and conspiracy trial and in its sixth day of deliberations returned guilty verdicts against him and Skilling. "I think it's more appropriate to say we're shocked. This is not the outcome we expected."

Besides all six counts in the main trial, Lay, Enron's founder, also was convicted of four charges of bank fraud and making false statements to banks in a separate non-jury trial before U.S. District Judge Sim Lake related to his personal finances.

Skilling was convicted of 19 counts of fraud, conspiracy and insider trading at a trial spawned by one of the biggest business scandals in U.S. history, the toppling of a high-profile energy trader that once was the nation's seventh-largest company.

Lake set Sept. 11 as sentencing date.

Skilling faces a maximum of 185 years in prison. For Lay, the fraud and conspiracy convictions carry a combined maximum punishment of 45 years. The bank fraud case adds 120 years, 30 years on each of the four counts.

While the reality is the sentences will be considerably less under federal sentencing guidelines, for Lay, 64, a likely doubledigit term could be the equivalent of a life sentence, said Kirby Behre, a former federal prosecutor in Washington who wrote the government's whitecollar sentencing guide.

"They're both facing 20plus years," he said. "You do 20 years, and that's entirely conceivable, you're looking at life. And people don't age well in prison.

"Lay may catch a break, but Skilling doesn't have that. He's looking well north of 20 years.'

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ISD board stands firm on policy Students who did not pass TAKS cannot participate in graduation

Skilling

By STEVE REAGAN

Staff Writer

Despite impassioned pleas from students and parents, the Big Spring Independent School District board of trustees decided not to change a policy that will keep 10 students from participating in graduation ceremonies this year.

State law mandates that students must pass each portion of receive a certificate of complethe exit level Texas Assessment tion during the ceremonies. of Knowledge and Skills (TAKS)

test before being allowed to graduate. This spring, more than 31.000 students statewide — and 10 in Big Spring — will not graduate with their classmates.

The state does give local districts the option, however, of allowing a student who has not passed the TAKS to participate in graduation ceremonies as long as they passed their local course work. Instead of a diploma, they

Like many school districts in

"We want every one of our students to graduate. If we set a standard of expectations, we work to get to that level. If we lower those standards ... we will have students who will aim for that (lower standard)." -Michael Downes, BSISD superintendent

this region, BSISD does not allow those students to participate in commencement exercises. Several smaller districts, such as

Thursday night, a group of students and parents affected by the policy addressed the trustees, asking them to allow the stu-Coahoma and Forsan, do exer-

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Clifford Antone, right, performs alongside A.J. Vallejo of the band Vallejo. Antone, 56, died Tuesday at his apartment in the Towers of Town Lake condominiums in Austin.

Austin music scene icon left mark on Big Spring

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

Clifford Antone, often referred to as he "Heart of Austin music," passed away Tuesday, but according to one former local official, he has left a lasting impression on the Crossroads area that won't soon be forgotten.

Johnny Rutherford, who served on the Big Spring City Council in the mid-1980s, said Antone had a hand in raising money for restoration work at Comanche Trail Park after a flood all but destroyed the facility.

"This was back before they rebuilt the damn to the lake," Rutherford, who now resides in Austin. "There was a terrible flood, and it washed out basically everything we had in the

"We were able to repair the damage from the flood, rebuild the softball fields... We were even able to do work outside the park. Clifford Antone made all of that possible."

-Johnny Rutherford, former Big Spring city councilman

"We held a town hall way of helping. meeting to discuss how we were going to raise the money to fix the who was the warden at the Big Spring Federal Prison, was there. He told us he would supply the manpower if the city would supply the materials."

Rutherford said the majority of the "manpower" Balasky provided was inmates who handled much of the manual labor involved, but one inmate had a much different — and lucrative —

"Balasky introduced me to Clifford Antone, who was doing a stretch park, and Tom Balasky, on a marijuana charge," said Rutherford. "Antone had amazing connections with the blues artists in Austin at the time, and he began helping us put

together benefit shows. "The first show was with Asleep at the Wheel, and was held at the Municipal Auditorium. That one only raised a little money because it fell on the same night the

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County Memorial Day ceremony planned at **Trinity Memorial Park**

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

The public is invited to a special ceremony this weekend, remembering the men and women who have laid down their lives and made the ultimate sacrifice for their country.

23rd Annual The **Howard County Memorial** Day Ceremony is slated for Sunday at Trinity Memorial Park, five miles south of Big Spring on Highway 87. According to the facility manager, Phillip Welch, preparations for the ceremony will begin in advance and in a special way.

"The day before the ceremony the Boy Scouts from the Buffalo Trail Council will come out and place miniature American flags on the graves of the veterans buried here," said Welch.

Memorial Day holiday.

Ride to Remember

The Permian Basin Ride to Remember will see several hundred bikers take part in the ride from the Permian Basin Vietnam Memorial to the Big Spring Vietnam Memorial.

That ride begins about 10 a.m. on Memorial Day and the group should arrive in Big Spring around 11 a.m.

Ride to Remember **participants** will enter Big Spring on U.S. Highway 87, parade south on Gregg Street and turn west on FM 700 en route to the memorial.

"Unfortunately, they will only be able to place flags

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Herald photo/Rick Nunez City workers put up flags today in preparation for the

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DID THEY WIN ANYTHING?

SYPACUSE, N.Y. (AP) - A trio of hungry burglars that left a trail of snack wrappers was arrested after stealing six packages of instant lottery tickets from a convenience store, authorities said.

"This was a combination of good police work and a stupid criminal," said Sgt. Tom Connellan, a police spokesman.

The burglars smashed a window early Wednesday at the convenience store and fled with the lottery tickets and some Little Debbie Coffee Cake snacks.

Officer James Johnson followed a trail of discarded wrappers to a nearby apartment building, where he arrested the three boys, 20, 17 and 15.

VETERANS' FUN RUN SET

The second annual Veterans' Fun Run is set for Saturday in Comanche Trail Park and will benefit the Veteran's Eyeglass Fund.

The event is a 5K run or 5K walk — participants' choice. Registration will start at 7:30 a.m. and the events will begin at 9 a.m. The \$15 registration fee includes a T-shirt for each participant

Both the run and walk will be divided into various categories. Medals will be presented to the first three places in each category. Registration will be headquartered at the Alice Haynes Pavilion near Kid's Zone. The event is being sponsored by the VA Employee Association.

HANGAR 25 EVENT

An ice cream mixer and balloon release honoring fallen soldiers will be held at the Hangar 25 Air Museum, beginning at noon Monday.

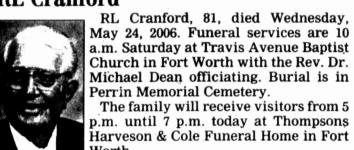
The special Memorial Day event is being held to remember those who gave us our freedom.

Veterans are invited to become a part of a new interactive display by placing a pin on the world map showing where they served.

The public is invited to share in the activities and visit the newly redone displays at Hangar 25. For more information. contact Heather Wallace, administrator, at 264-1999.

Obituaries

RL Cranford



The family will receive visitors from 5 o.m. until 7 p.m. today at Thompsons Harveson & Cole Funeral Home in Fort

RL was born Aug. 1, 1924, in Perrin to

Reuben and Beulah Cranford. He served in the Navy from 1943 to 1946. A radioman with the Navy Scout and Raider teams, he served in the Pacific theater, including amphibious landings at Iwo Jima and Okinawa:

On May 25, 1946, 20 days after he was honorably discharged from the Navy, RL married Doris Allen. He had a lifelong sales career in agricultural equipment. including 21 years with Allis-Chalmers.

He and his wife lived in Big Spring, where they were members of First Baptist Church and he was ordained a deacon. They moved to Wichita Falls and were members of First Baptist Church, where he served as a deacon for 30 years. Active in Scouting in Richardson, Big Spring and Wichita Falls, RL was the recipient of the Order of the Arrow and the Silver Beaver awards.

RL and Doris moved to Fort Worth in 2001 to be near their children and grandchildren. They are members of Travis Avenue Baptist Church and its Double Faith Sunday school class. He was the unofficial chaplain of Legacy Senior Living.

Survivors include his wife of 60 years, Doris; children, Dr. Reg Cranford and his wife, Suzanne of Big Spring, Judy Smith and her husband, Bryan of Fort Worth, Nan Dean and her husband, Dr. Michael Dean of Fort Worth and Janice Vorster and her husband, Andre of Sachse; nine grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; sister, Betty Antwine of Granbury; and brother, Ted Cranford of Weatherford.

His memory may be honored with a gift to the Building Fund of Travis Avenue Baptist Church, 3041 Travis Ave., Fort Worth 76110.

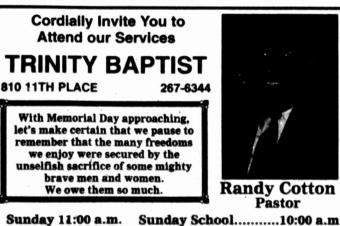
Arrangements are under the direction of Thompson's Harveson & Cole Funeral Home and Crematory of Fort Worth.

Kinard L. Drewery

Kinard L. Drewery, 69, of Big Spring died Thursday, May 25, 2006, in a local hospital. His services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

Take Note

- TICKETS FOR A PURPLE 1968 VW BEETLE are available for \$20 each, with proceeds going to the American Cancer Society. The car will be awarded during the Martin County Relay For Life June 2. For information, call 756-4126 or 631-6388.
- FIRST BANK OF WEST TEXAS IS SUPPORT-ING THE UNITED WAY of Big Spring and Howard County by donating proceeds it receives from the June 3 community-wide garage sale in Coahoma. If anyone has any items that they wish to contribute to the sale, they are encouraged to bring them by either the bank in Coahoma, located on the I-20 service road, or to the bank in Big Spring across from Big Spring Mall. If you have large items, call Lori Martinez at the bank at 394-4256 to arrange delivery.
- 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.
- · AN ACCOUNT FOR JACK HANSON has been established at T&P Credit Union for donations to assist with expenses related to his heart surgery. Call 399-4562 or 399-4770 for more information.
- AN ACCOUNT HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED AT CITIZENS FEDERAL CREDIT UNION for 21-monthold Madysyn Hillger, in care of her grandmother, Debra Hillger. Madysyn has been diagnosed with a rare neurological-genetic disorder, Rett Syndrome. Donations will be applied to travel, medical and lodging expenses. For more information, call 264-7340 or 816-1024.
- BIG SPRING HIGH SCHOOL STEER BAND 10-YEAR REUNION for classes 1970 to 1980 is planned for July 28-29. Send name and addresses to Steer Band Reunion P.O. Box 103 Big Spring. 79721 or go to the Web site www.bigspringsteerband.org. For more information or to leave a message, call 263-2205.
- BIG SPRING HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1986 20th REUNION needs addresses and contact information for classmates. Call Kelly at 816-4540.
- BIG SPRING HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1996 10th YEAR REUNION needs addresses and contact information for classmates. Call Mindy at 267-6524 or **267-7631**.



Service broadcast Morning Worship.....11:00 a.m over KBYG 1400 AM Evangelistic Service....6:00 p.m. Wednesday Service.....7:00p.m. on your dial

Sheriff's report

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

· CARL WILLIAM-TABOR WELLS, 23, was arrested Thursday by the HCSO on a Mitchell County warrant for evading arrest.

• DAVID R. GONZALES, 35, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on a charge of manufacture/delivery of a controlled substance.

• MARKQUIN HARRIS, 20, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on a TYC warrant for a parole violation. · JASON WALLACE MLENAK, 27, was transferred

to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on a Callahan County warrant for a probation violation - driving while license suspended. • DAVID CHRISTOPHER PETREE, 21, was trans-

ferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on charges of bondsman off bond for possession of marijuana - two ounces or less (two counts), bondsman off bond for violation of a promise to appear, bondsman off bond for no valid driver's license and bondsman off bond for criminal mischief - family violence.

• RICHARD D. LOFTIN, 29, was arrested Thursday by the HCSO on a parole violation.

KATHRENE ANN CHAVARRIA, 35, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on a charge of possession of a dangerous drug.

· ANGELA CELESTE DUGGER, 28, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while license invalid.

• TIMOTHY UNDERWOOD, 29, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while license invalid.

• CHRISTOPHER SHANE MYRICK, 32, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on charges of possession of a controlled substance and driving while intoxicated.

• NATACIA ILENE BARFIELD, 19, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on charges of theft and duty on striking highway fixture or land-

• HENRY JOHN BARFIELD, 32, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on a charge of

• FELICIA MARISOI BENAVIDES, 20, was arrested Thursday by DPS on a charge of driving while license invalid.

Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity between 8 a.m. Thursday and 8 a.m.

• JOHNNY PAYNE JR., 26, of 1509 Stadium, was arrested Thursday on charges of public intoxication and assault on a public servant.

 JENEANE RICHARD, 19, of 2906 Parkway, was arrested Thursday on charges of driving while license invalid and failure to identify.

· LORI BENNETT, 23, of 304 Circle, was arrested Thursday on a local citation and a charge of failure to identify.

• RAUL JUAREZ, 39, of 326 State, was arrested Thursday on two local warrants.

• ANGELA MCGEE, 23, of 1803 S. Lancaster, was arrested Thursday and held for the HCSO on a charge of failure to identify as a fugitive from justice.

• BILLY JOE MARLER, 17, of 1601 S. Johnson, was arrested Thursday on a local capias warrant.

• AMANDA MONTANEZ, 26, of 2509 Ent, was arrested Friday on a local capias warrant. • TRACY MONTANEZ, 30, of 301 E. 19th Street, was

arrested Friday on two local warrants. • KATRINA BUSTAMANTE, 26, of 2509 Ent, was

arrested Friday on a local capias warrant. RICKY GREEN, 41, of 509 S. Goliad, was arrested

Friday on a charge of Class C assault - family violence. THEFT was reported: in the 500 block of South Gregg Street, in the 1100 block of Lamesa and in the 1700 block of FM 700.

• POSSESSION OF A CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE was reported in the 1100 block of Settles.

 BURGLARY OF A HABITATION was reported: in the 600 block of Tulane and in the 1400 block of Highway 87.

 ASSAULT/CLASS C was reported in the 900 block of 15th Street.

 ASSAULT OF A PUBLIC SERVANT was reported in the 400 block of Fourth Street.

Around Town

• HERITAGE MUSEUM LEGENDS AND LEGA-**CIES ANNUAL EVENT IS JUNE 20.** The museum is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday an d from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. Saturday. An admission fee , which includes entry into the Potton House, is \$2 for adults and \$1 for children.



Fire/EMS

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

· MEDICAL was reported in the 3200 block of Parkway. One person was transported to SMMC.

 MEDICAL was reported in the 2500 block of March Circle. One person was transported to SMMC.

 MEDICAL was reported in the 200 block of Scurry. One person was transported to SMMC.

· MEDICAL was reported in the 900 block of Abrams. Service was refused.

· MEDICAL was reported in the 1500 block of Sycamore. One person was transported to SMMC.

 STRUCTURE FIRE was reported in the 900 block of Abrams. Fire was extinguished.

Weather

Tonight...Partly cloudy. A slight chance of showers and thunderstorms in the evening. Lows in the lower 70s. South winds 15 to 20 mph. The chance of rain is 20 percent.

Saturday...Partly cloudy. A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms in the afternoon. Highs in the upper 90s. South winds 15 to 20 mph.

Saturday night...Partly cloudy. Isolated showers and thunderstorms in the evening. Lows around 70. South winds 15 to 20 mph.

Sunday...Partly cloudy. Isolated showers and thunderstorms in the afternoon. Highs in the mid 90s. South winds around 15 mph.

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Lottery

Results of the Texas Two Step drawing Thursday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 12-13-33-34. Bonus Ball: 22. Number matching four of four, plus Bonus Ball: 0. Estimated jackpot for Monday night drawing: \$325,000.

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Thursday night: Winning numbers drawn: 8-9-10-14-33. Number matching five of five: 0. Next Cash 5 drawing: Friday night.

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Thursday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 4-6-4

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Fill in the grid so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1 through 9 with no repeats. That means no number is repeated in any row, column or box. Solution, tips and computer program at www.sudoku.com

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By Steve Becker

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1. Win with the ace, ruff a heart with the jack, cash the ace of diamonds and lead the diamond nine to the ten. If both opponents follow suit, ruff another heart, play a spade to the queen and ruff dummy's last heart with your last trump.

Now lead a club to the ace, cash the eight of diamonds (discarding a club) and play the A-K of spades. If the spades are divided 3-3, or if the jack falls singleton or doubleton, you make seven; otherwise, you make

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Tomorrow: The battle for survival.

a favorable spade division to make the slam. That is what you'd be forced to rely on if the trumps split 4-1, but once you disclose a 3-2 division at trick four, you are sure of making the slam by ruffing dummy's hearts. By scoring six trump tricks instead of the obvious five, you raise

your total from 11 tricks to 12. 2. The contract can be made no matter how the North-South cards are distributed, but the proper procedure must be followed to assure nine tricks. It would be wrong to lead a heart from your hand at trick two because you could go down if South took the jack with the ace and returned a club, and it turned out that North had the ace of diamonds plus five or six clubs to the king, and the

opposing hearts failed to divide 3-3. The proper play is to lead a spade to the ten at trick two, followed by a low heart from dummy. If South has the ace, he cannot profitably play it that would give you nine tricks so let's assume he follows low. After you win with the queen, you lead the jack of spades to the queen and return a low diamond. Again South must duck if he holds the ace, giving you eight tricks, and you then revert to hearts to nail down number nine.

The outcome is the same if North has either or both red aces, as he cannot safely return a club after taking

walking the stage."

While sympathetic to

Superintendent Michael

He was a great listener and I'm honored to have known him."

of a well-known Austin blues club, record label, and a mentor to Stevie Ray Vaughan, Jimmie Vaughan and numerous other musicians.

moved to Austin in 1968 to attend the University of Texas, with plans to become a lawyer.

That year, he was arrested for trying to smuggle a bag of marijuana across the border at Laredo. The case was dis-It really was an amazing missed, but Antone dropped out of school and Capitol office building discovered a new passion

> the Chicago blues, man, it was like I finally discovered what had been in my mind my whole life," he Americantold the

Chicago blues, Antone started a blues club at age 25. The namesake club, Antone's, became one of the first music venues on the softball Austin's Sixth Street, helped lead to Austin's reputation as a music city, and fostered the careers of a number of

Fats Domino, John Lee Hooker, Delbert McClinton, Pinetop "He was just the nicest Perkins, Muddy Waters, Albert Collins, Jimmy guy," he said. "He really Reed, Clarence "Gatemouth" Brown, B.B.

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Welch said Sunday's program will begin at 2 p.m. and should last approximately 30 minutes.

"We're going to have Rev. Byron Brown, pastor of Community of Hope Church of the Nazarene, serve as minister of the day,' explained Welch. "The master of ceremonies will be William Crooker, former prisoner of war and a Howard County commissioner. Our special guest speaker will be Col. Andrew J. Britschgi, vicecommander of the 17th Training Wing at Goodfellow AFB.

"The color guard from Goodfellow AFB will post and retire the colors during the ceremony, and we also plan to have veterans from the VA Medical Center joining us."

Welch said each veteran organization will lay a wreath at the park's main flagpole during the ceremony to honor the fallen heroes. The event is being sponsored by the Veterans Organization of Howard County and the VA Medical Center.

Memorial Day was officially proclaimed on May 5, 1868, by Gen. John Logan, national commander of the Grand Army of the Republic, and was first observed on May 30,

1868, when flowers were placed on the graves of Union and Confederate soldiers at Arlington National Cemetery. The first state to officially recognize the holiday was New York in 1873.

Since the late 1950s, on the Thursday before Memorial Day, the 1,200 soldiers of the 3rd U.S. Infantry place small American flags at each of the more than 260,000 gravestones at Arlington National Cemetery. They then patrol 24 hours a day during the weekend to ensure that each flag remains standing.

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dents to at least participate in graduation ceremonies.

"We understand this is a local decision, and we have passed local standards," one student said. "By letting us walk the stage with our classmates, you will be giving us confidence to face life .. by not letting us walk, you are basically giving up on us ... Are we lost causes?"

Another student also asked to be able to participate in commencement.

"We worked just as hard as our classmates. They just passed one more test than we did," the student said. "One or two tests shouldn't keep us from

the students' plights, school officials held firm on current policy.

Downes said there are three reasons BSISD does not allow students not passing the exit-level test to walk the commencement stage.

First, he explained that

Police investigating reports of gunfire in

WASHINGTON (AP) — Police sealed off the Capitol today amid reports that shots were fired in the garage of a House office building.

Capitol police were investigating "the sound of gunfire in the garage level of the Rayburn House Office Building," said an announcement on the internal Capitol voice alarm system.

The Senate was in session at the time, but the House was not.

Rep. Peter Hoekstra, R-Mich., conducting a House Intelligence Committee hearing, interrupted a witness to request those attending the meeting to remain in the room and said the doors must be closed.

"It's a little unsettling to get a Blackberry message put in front of you that says there's gunfire in the building," he said.

allowing those students to "We are just as sorrowparticipate would not ful as our students." release the district from Ritchey said. "We're all state accountability stan- hurting on this one ... dards in relation to those However, I do concur students.

"We are judged by how many of our students graduate," Downes said.

Secondly, school officials fear that if the policy is changed, students who do not graduate will have less incentive to return to school to get their diplo-

"We want every one of our students to graduate," Downes said. "If we set a standard of expectations, we work to get to that level. If we lower those standards ... we will have students who will aim for that (lower standard)."

Finally, Downes said relaxing the policy would keep him from being able to officially certify the class as graduates during commencement exercises.

"If we allow them to walk the stage, the class can't be certified ... because not all of them will be graduates," Downes said.

High School Principal Mike Ritchey said he definitely sympathizes with the students, but supports the local policy.

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with Mr. Downes." Students began taking the exit level TAKS dur-

ing their junior year in high school, and have had five opportunities since then to pass the four portions of the exam, Ritchey said.

Students are tested in English/language arts. math, science and social studies. The 10 seniors in question have passed the English and social studies portions, Downes said, but must continue taking the other portions before being allowed to receive a diploma.

Officials with Coahoma and Forsan schools said that all of their seniors have passed the exit-level TAKS.

The next opportunity to take the TAKS for these students will be in July, and Ritchey vowed that school officials will work with the students as long as it takes to make sure complete high they school.

The students are currently enrolled in "senior TAKS classes," where

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they receive instruction especially geared toward the problem areas of the

But he conceded that 10 students not passing the test were too many.

"It is a high number – more than we want — but they are 10 out of more than 31,000 state-wide," Ritchey said. "That's a high number, and next year (state officials) expect it be even higher, because the standards are being raised."

business In other Thursday, trustees elected new board officers. Tony Kennedy became the new president, while Alan Partee was elected vice president and Ricky Robertson was voted in as secretary.

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OUR VIEWS

We salute:

Each week, the Herald salutes individuals and groups from our community and area who have been recognized for special achievements or accomplishments.

We recognize these special people for working to help make our region a better place to live, work and play

This week we salute:

- · Michaela Pruitt and Heather Hale, valedictorian and salutatorian respectively, of the Grady High School Class of 2006.
- Stanton High School top students, valedictorian Travis Jezek and salutatorian Natalia Hernandez.
- We've mentioned you before, but it won't hurt to again — everyone who had a hand in this year's Howard-Glasscock Relay For Life event which raised in excess of \$200,000 for the American Cancer Society. Wow!
- Valedictorian Kayla Spence and salutatorian Audrey Montgomery, top students this year at Forsan High School.
- The pilots and Hangar 25 Air Museum, for putting together the Young Eagles program at McMahon-Wrinkle Airpark last Saturday.
- · All of the children who participated in the Cowboy Poetry program at Big Spring Independent School District. A special "way to go" to grand champ Tristan Hill of Bauer Elementary as well as all of the winners — too numerous to mention here.
- Jeannine McKimmey, retiring Big Spring ISD instructor who was presented with the Mirabeau B. Lamar Award by the local Staked Plains Lodge No.
- · Terrell Bibb and Sarah Dunn, valedictorian and salutatorian, respectively, at Coahoma High School this year.
- Whitney Anderson, valedictorian and Andrew Lamming, salutatorian, as the top students at Borden County High School.
- Local law enforcement personnel who carried the "fire of hope" through Big Spring en route to Arlington for the Special Olympics state meet.

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

May today be the day we stop ignoring You, Lord, and come to

Enrichment without the riches

he Texas Legislature passed a set of five bills in the recent special session that will significantly change the manner in which schools are funded. The modification to the school finance system was mandated by the State Supreme Court in a ruling earlier this year.

The Court ordered the Legislature to provide "meaningful discretion" to local school districts when setting property tax rates. Like most districts in Texas, Big Spring ISD has been at the maximum \$1.50 tax rate for the last six years. Increasing opera-*tional costs and inflation have continued to raise expenditures, and local districts have had no real discretion in setting a local tax rate. The resulting situation created a de facto state property tax that is not allowed under the Texas Constitution.

The new legislation will lower property taxes from \$1.50 to \$1.33 in 2007 and to \$1.00 in 2008. The local property tax revenue will be replaced by a broadbased business tax that will be effective on January 1, 2008, a \$1.00 per pack tax increase on ciga-

rettes, and a new statute that requires purchasers of used cars to pay sales tax on at least 80 percent of the blue book value of the

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HB 1 specifically increases funding for local school districts in three areas. First, all teachers, full time nurses, librarians, and counselors will receive a much needed \$2,500 salary increase. This amount includes \$500 that will be converted from insurance flowthrough funds to compensation, so this group of employees will actually see a net increase of \$2,000 per year. The pay increase will leave Texas teachers approximately \$4,000 below the national average for teachers.

The second area of increased funding affects salary schedules for all non-professional and nonadministrative positions. Full time employees will receive a \$500 salary increase, and part time employees will receive a \$250 increase. It is important to note that these funds are a conversion of state health benefits to compensation, and non-professional

employees will see no actual increase. Like the teacher pay increase, these funds will flow to districts outside the normal funding formulas.

The last area of new funds affects every high school in Texas. Districts will receive \$275 for each student enrolled in grades 9-12. The funds must be used to implement college readiness programs and encourage students to pursue advanced academic opportunities. More information and requirements regarding this new program will be developed and released by the Texas Education Agency in the next two months.

What does the new funding mean for BSISD? The district will receive an increase of approximately \$1,111,335 to fund the mandated pay increases and the new high school program. No additional funds were included in the new legislation to cover any other areas of instruction or school operations.

Were additional funds needed by districts? Absolutely. When comparing the first nine months of the 2005-06 fiscal year to the same time period from 2004-05, utility expenses increased by \$104,933 and fuel costs increased by \$6,676. High fuel prices have also impacted the costs of other products and driven the cost of food and supplies for the cafeterias higher as

The mandated pay increase also leaves school districts with a net loss. Other professional positions such as speech therapists and diagnosticians are tied to the teacher minimum salary schedule. These positions must receive a pay increase according to the mandate, but no funding will be available. Administrative positions are also not included in the new funding even though research clearly validates the importance and value of a quality principal. The legislation also does not fund Medicare and retirement system increases that are tied to salary increases. The total shortfall for BSISD created by these unfunded situations is approximately **\$160,000**.

By the way, what happened to the "meaningful discretion" that was mandated by the Supreme Court? This is where the Legislature has taken some liberty with the terminology. Community members will soon be hearing the term "enrichment" used when local school boards set tax rates

for 2006-07.

Meaningful discretion is included in HB 1. Local districts will have access to four cents of additional taxation and may raise the \$1.33 rate to \$1.37 with approval from the Board of Trustees. The four cents will be matched at the state level with equalization funding to ensure equal funding for 94.5 percent of the students in the State. The remaining 5.5 percent of students live in property rich districts that will be allowed to keep more money than poor districts will receive. This is referred to as the equity portion of the new funding system.

The reference to the additional four cents as enrichment is a total misnomer. The additional local funding will be used to offset shortfalls in the pay increase mandate, increased utility and fuel costs, and other operational cost increases caused by inflation. Covering unfunded mandates and inflation can hardly be considered enrichment by any definition.

BSISD also has needs related to facility improvements and repairs that have been placed on hold as financial constraints have cut infrastructure projects in lieu of maintaining quality instructional programs. There simply has been inadequate funding to do both, and BSISD has remained committed to increasing the quality of instruction at all campuses and grade levels. Keeping instructional facilities updated and operating efficiently would surely not be

considered an enrichment effort. The State of Texas continues to raise performance standards for students and schools, and BSISD is meeting the challenge. The riches enjoyed by the school district and the community lie in our students and our future. If the Legislature truly wants to impact education at the local level, then enrichment funds should cover more than unfunded mandates and inadequately funded instructional programs.

It is a privilege to work and live in a community that supports education. Regardless of the lack of riches in the state enrichment funding program, I know the students of BSISD will continue to receive a quality education. Go Steers!!!

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you, put your dog into a separate room before opening your door. Dogs have been known to burst through screen doors or plate-glass windows to get at strangers. Nationally, the number of carri-

ers bitten by dogs has declined over the years. This is because of greater cooperation from dog owners, stricter leash laws and stepped-up efforts to educate letter carriers and the public about dealing with the problem.

Our letter carriers are vigilant and dedicated, but we may be forced to stop mail delivery at an address if a letter carrier is threatened by a vicious dog. In some instances, Postal Service employees have sued and collected damages for dog bite injuries. We can't control people's dogs; only dog owners can do that.

While some attribute attacks on letter carriers to dogs' inbred aversion to uniforms, experts say the psychology actually runs much

deeper. Every day that a letter carrier comes into a dog's territory, the dog barks and the letter carrier leaves. Day after day the dog sees this action repeated.

After a week or two, the dog appears to feel invincible against intruders. Once the dog gets loose, there's a good chance it will attack.

Dog owners should remind their children about the need to keep the family dog secured. We also recommend parents ask their children not to take mail directly from letter carriers. A dog may see handing mail to a child as a threatening posture.

These simple reminders and helpful tips can reduce the hazard of dog bit attacks. Help us to help you this spring and summer.

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Cornerstone Church

Worship service begins at 10:30 a.m. Sunday and the message is at 11 a.m. Children in kindergarten through fourth grade are invited to Sunday children's activities. Childcare is available for newborns through preschool during regular services.

The church is located at 12th and Owens streets. Call 263-3072 with any questions.

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The Big Spring Rod and Custom Cruise Night to sponsor camperships is Saturday beginning at 6:30 p.m. at the FM 700 Sonic. Sponsorships are available. For more information, call Shelly Warren, area director, at 432-213-4819.

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New Covenant Christian Worship Center at Friends of Unity and a real is now offering adult and youth Sunday school classes beginning at 9:30 a.m. each Sunday morning. Morning worship service begins at 11 a.m. Wednesday night adult Bible study begins at 7 p.m. and youth Bible study is at 6 p.m.

New Covenant, under the leadership of the Rev. Michael Willard and copastor Bella Willard, is located at 1607 E. Third St. For more information, call 264-0015.

First Christian Church

Worship begins at 10:50 a.m. Three Sunday school classes are offered, one for older adults, one for girls and one for everyone else! Sunday school begins with an informal gathering around coffee, juice and donuts at 9:20 a.m.

Mt. Bethel **Baptist Church**

The church is located at 630 Sgt. Paredez Street (Northwest Fourth St.) Sunday school begins at 9:30 a.m., followed by worship at 11 a.m. Bible study begins at 5 p.m. each Sunday.

Vacation Bible school is scheduled for June 12-15 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. The Rev. William Vaughn is pastor.

North Birdwell United Methodist

"Adventures of the Treasurer Seekers-Exploring God's Promises" is the theme for this year's Vacation

Bible School set for June 12-16, set for 9 a.m. until noon for ages 5 through 12. Transportation is not 267-7157 or 267-8214. provided for VBS.

North Birdwell United Methodist Church is located at 2702 N. Birdwell. For more information or to sign up early, contact Donna Simer-Miller at 263-6754, Madeline Boadle at 267-2203 or Genie Miller at 267-4082.

First Presbyterian Church

The Rev. Matt Miles speaks on text taken from John 17:6-19 at the 11 a.m. worship service Sunday. Sunday school begins at 9:45 a.m. and Take 10 is at 10:35 a.m.

First Presbyterian is located on Runnels' between Seventh and Eighth streets. For more information, call the office at 263-4211.

St. Mary's **Episcopal Church**

Holy Communion is celebrated at 9:30 a.m. Graduating seniors are recognized this Sunday and there is a special reception in their honor. Also, the Rev. David Krause from Texas Tech

preacher. The Rt. Rev. C. Wallis Ohl, Bishop of the Diocese of Northwest Texas, is at St. Mary's for a special Eastertide Confirmation Service and reception Wednesday at 7 p.m.

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Friends who believe in the universal love of God find a home with likeminded people at the Unity Center. All gatherings are at 100-A S. Main in the Railroad Plaza in downtown Big Spring. For more information, call 263-6311 or 267-8783.

Trinity Baptist Youth Group

The youth department of Trinity Baptist Church from 1950 to 1960 met at the church May 19-21 for its 26th year reunion. Approximately 65 attended. Exes came in from Alabama, Georgia, Oklahoma, North Carolina, Ohio and around the state of Texas. Calls came in from those who could not attend. Special guest was their director, Alpha Turney.

First Baptist Church, Big Spring

As our country looks to celebrate Memorial Day Monday, the members of First Baptist Church would like to take this opportunity to thank veterans from every branch of service for the sacrifices they gave in defense of this country.

Birdwell Lane Baptist Church

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Salem Baptist is pastored by the Rev. Monroe Teeters and located at the corner of Old Colorado City Highway and Salem

Road. Contact the church at 394-4655.

First United Methodist Church

Sunday worship services are at 8:30 a.m. and 10:50 a.m. The Rev. Dave Ring's message is "What Does It Take?"; Gospel scripture text is from John 10: 22-30. The Centered in Praise ensemble meets at 3 p.m. There are no youth activities this Sunday so that the families may attend a Memorial Day service in the sanctuary at 6 p.m.

First United Methodist Church is located at 400 Scurry. For more information on any of these programs, call the church office at 267-6394.

Berea Baptist Church

Berea Baptist is located at 4204 Wasson Road. Bible study begins at 9:45 a.m. and worship is at 11 a.m. A nursery is available for children through

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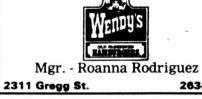
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me that the culmination of academic pursuits is marked by commencement ceremony rather than a comple-



tion ceremony. While diplomas and degrees honor the accomplishments of the graduannouncements, class rings, tassels and the other trappings of graduation herald the passage of a stage of life.

further signify the summation of an era. Only the tradition of wearing caps and gowns seems to point toward the future.

Greece was asked to pre- Jesus Christ. ing noblemen at a ban- of materials that can be

the students dressed for the occasion, the teacher robed his scholars in sackcloth and gave each of them a mortar board to hold.

As the old instructor presented his class to the outraged audience of royalty and nobility, he explained that the students were dressed in the clothing of masons for their destiny was to build on the solid foundation of knowledge.

The apostle Paul tells us that we all are builders and that we, too have a solid foundation upon which to build. God, in his kindness, has taught Gifts and celebrations me how to be an expert builder.

But he who builds on the foundation must be very careful. And no one can ever lay any real One legend holds that a foundation other than the wise teacher in ancient one we already have -

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gold and silver and jewels; and some build with sticks and hay or even straw.

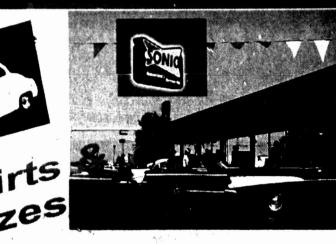
There is going to come a time of testing at Christ's Judgment Day to see what kind of material each builder has used. Everyone's work will be put through the fire so all can see whether or not it keeps its value.

Then every workman who has built on the foundation with the right materials, and whose work still stands, will get his pay. (1Corinthians 3:10-14TLB)

Regardless of our stage in life, we are responsible for what we build on the foundation we have been given. We all need to don our sackcloth robes and start spreading mortar. The time of commencement is now.

Bonnie Wheat is a published author. She and her husband, The Rev. Dwayne Wheat, are pastors for Berea Baptist Church.

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Club News

Mary Jane Club

The January meeting was at Patricia Barr's country home with Natha Mitchell as co-hostess. A program was given by Mary Prudie Brown of Stanton. The club voted to donate to the Howard-Glasscock Relay For Life.

In February, several members of the club had lunch in Midland. Sue Tindol's country home was the location in March with Bell Fowler as cohostess. Stephanie Ferguson spoke about the American Heart Association. A donation was presented.

In April, Joe Evans and Lee Milikin co-hosted the meeting at Gale's Sweet Shoppe. Linda Perez with Victim Services talked about all aspects of its services. The club voted send a donation. Officers for for 2006-2007 were elected.

The May meeting was at

the Garlic Press in Midland. The next meeting date is Sept. 14, for a brunch in Sue Tindol's

Elisha Mack Chapter

The Captain Elisha Mack Chapter of the of Daughters American Revolution met May 13 in the Big Spring Country Club with Regent Katie Lara presiding. Hostesses were June Reid and Charlene Ragan.

There were 10 members and three guests present; Mary Skalicky, Sue Ann Damron, Dottie Brittan, June Reid, Heather Schafer, Luci Gabehart Mary Schuelke, Anne Witherspoon, Katie Lara and Charlene Regan; guests, Kristen Schafer and Amanda Schafer of San Angelo and Mary Prudie Brown of Stanton.

A book is to be placed the Howard County Library in memory of

Steve Tipton, son of Sara Tipton. Members voted to donate \$100 to the VAMC for cable TV in patient rooms. Schuelke volunteered to send wounded soldiers in the hospital in Germany get well and thanks cards. Cards may mail them to Operation A C, attention Wounded Soldier Cards, 560 Peoples Plaza, Box 121, Newark, D.E. 19702

Officers for the 2006-2008 term were installed. Ragan is regent; Witherspoon is vice regent; Luci Gabehart is recording secretary; Schuelke is treasurer; Damron is registrar; Lora Mae Pollard is chaplain; Sherrie Key is librarian Heather Schafer is historian; Lara is parliamentarian.

For more information about the DAR or for information about becoming a member, Damron at 432-393-5790 or Schuelke at 432-353-4337.



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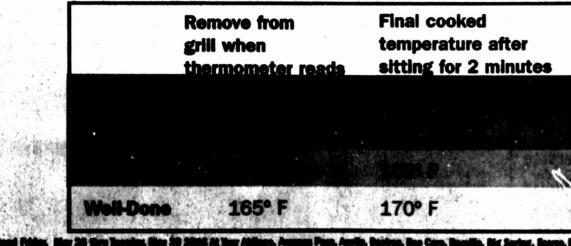
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The Big Spring Sandlot 14-and-under softball team will hold a car wash Saturday in the Wal-Mart parking lot, beginning at 8 a.m.

Funds from the effort will help pay for the boys' partici-pation in the Texas Youth Slow Pitch State Tournament, set for July 14-16 in Lubbock.

The team will also play in the 19th annual Hub City Youth NIT World Qualifier in Lubbock June 2-4.

HC sets boys summer basketball camp dates

Howard Colle players will be conducting two camps this summer and both camps will take place in July.

There will be 24hour security during the camp and the cost includes breakfast, lunch and dinner for boarding campers and lunch for commuters. For more information, call the athletic office at Howard

College at 264-5040. Enrollment is limited.

Tryout dates set by HC baseball team

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The team will be holding its tryout Saturday, June 10, at Jack Barber Field beginning at 10 a.m. For more information on this tryout,

call 264-5046. Lady Steer Booster

Club sets meeting

The Lady Steer Booster Club will meet Tuesday at 6 p.m. in the Athletic Training Center.

The club will elect new officers for next year and all parents of a Big Spring female athlete(s) involved in volleyball, cross country, cheerleading, basketball, softball, track and power lifting are encouraged to attend.

B.S. to hold tennis events in June

Big Spring High School's tennis camp and Black and Gold Shootout will take place June 5-10.

For more information, contact Big Spring tennis coach Kathy Boland at 264-

IN BRIEF All even

Coahoma's state plans put on hold after loss

By TROY HYDE

Sports Editor

SNYDER — Sometimes it just takes a loss to get things going in the right direction for the Coahoma Bulldogettes. That was the case Thursday night in Snyder as Hawley took down Coahoma 4-3 in 11 innings in Game 1 before the Bulldogettes avoided elimination in Game 2, cruising to a 10-2 victory over the Lady Cats.

"I can't figure this team out sometimes," said Coahoma head coach Robby Dickenson. "We just didn't adjust our timing at the plate in the first game."

The Bulldogettes rolled off 24 hits in the two games, but stranded nine runners on base in Game right field on the next 1 and left six on in the play. The ball looked as if second game.

However, it was two errors on two routine ground balls in the field that doomed Coahoma in the loss.

"Those two routine ground ball errors just killed us," said Dickenson. "We have to make those plays and if we do we probably would have won the game."

The opener was not short of drama on both sides. Besides going 11 innings, plays on offense and in the field left the players, coaches and fans of on the edge of their seats.

The game featured three for runner interference calls the 11th. It started out the on Hawley, a three-run frame with a double and comeback by Coahoma then scored on a fielding and a huge triple play error to make it 4-3. recorded by the Lady Cats in the eighth to end what outs in the bottom of the looked like a big inning for the Bulldogettes.

excitement in the eighth inning as Hawley began the inning with a walk. That runner tried to scored from first two batters later as Hawley drilled a double to the take the early lead. wall. However, the run- Heather Cobb had an RBI ner was gunned down at single and Pee Wee home on a nice relay

throw from senior Liz Conley to senior Ashle New to sophomore catcher Janice Gonzales.

"I think he was trying to win the game right there," said Dickenson of the play to send the runner by the Hawley coach.

The Bulldogettes used the play at the plate to energize the offense in its half of the inning. Conley began the inning with a single and then advanced to second on a bunt single freshman Laci Sterling. Both runners stole a base and moved to third and second, respectively.

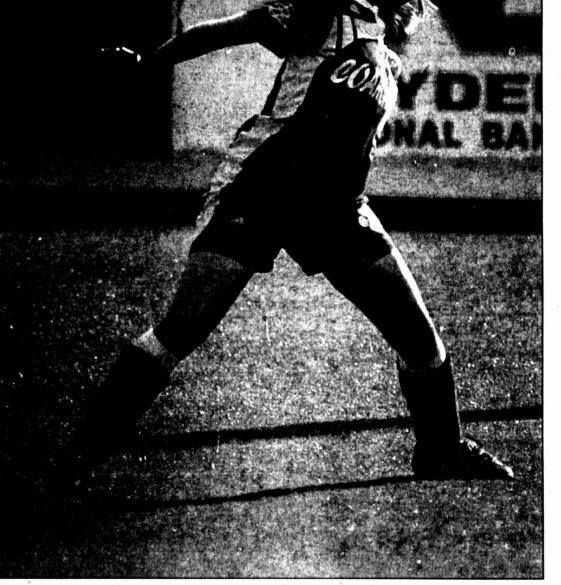
Freshman Shelbi Paige. who came through in a big way earlier in the game, drilled a shot to it was going to drop in for a game-winning walk-off hit, but the Hawley outfielder made a sliding grab. She then retired Sterling at second base and then gunned down Conley at home.

"It was just bad baserunning on our part,' said Dickenson. "Laci just led off too far. I told Liz to tag and go, but she got a bad read from the ball. After she finally tagged and tried to score it was too late."

Both teams were shut ninth and 10th but Hamley a way to seem in

Coahoma got two quick 11th before junior Ami Martinez reached with a Coahoma started the single. The final out was recorded, however, after Gonzales grounded out.

Hawley scored three runs - two earned - inthe third inning off starter Kali Roberts to Burton drove in the other



Coahoma sophomore Krista Kerby returns a hit back to the infield Thursday in Snyder during the Buildogettes' regional championship series with district rival Hawley. Coahoma lost the first game, 4-3, in 11 innings, but avoided elimination with a 10-2 win in Game 2.

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cless until the scored three runs with two outs. Senior Sarah numbers, but Burton Cobb had two hits, scored Dunn and Conley reached came away with the win. one run and had one RBI. on back-to-back singles to start the rally. Sterling knocked in freshman Megan Conley, who was nine, while walking pinch running for Dunn, three. Burton gave up with an RBI single and then Paige came up huge with a game-tying tworun double, which

and Sterling.

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Roberts and Burton runs. threw all llainning on the mound respective teams. Roberts the walked once had the better overall and drove in two runs.

The Coahoma hurler gave up two earned runs on 10 hits and struck out three earned runs on 13 hits. She did not record a strikeout, walked one batter and hit three.

Roberts also Coahoma at the plate with "The freshman came up three hits. Junior Ami huge for us in this game," Martinez had three hits said Dickenson. "The and was hit by two pitchgame wouldn't have gone es from Burton. Dunn, 11 innings if they didn't "Sterling and Conley all See COAHOMA, Page 2B

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Ranton was huge at the

The **Bulldogettes** dropped Game 1 in the regional quarterfinals to Hawley last year 1-0 in 13 innings before coming back to 10-run the Lady Cats in Game 2. Coahoma did not record a mercyrule win Thursday night in the second game, but it controlled the game from the second inning on.

Both teams went in order in the first inning,

Texas rallies to beat Oakland

Rookie Kinsler homers twice in return from DL -

By STEPHEN HAWKINS

AP Sports Writer ARLINGTON - Phil Nevin snapped an 0-for-17 slump with a two-out homer in the bottom of the ninth inning and the Texas Rangers beat the Oakland Athletics 8-7 Thursday night.

Rookie second baseman Ian Kinsler came off the disabled list and homered twice as the Rangers overcame a seven-run deficit to hand the Athletics their sixth straight loss.

Rod Barajas hit a grand slam and Mark Teixeira also homered for the

Rangers.

Nevin's eighth homer, his first in May, was hit to center field off A's closer Huston Street (1-2), who came on in the ninth with the score tied.

Rangers closer Akinori Otsuka (1-1) worked a perfect top of the ninth.

Kiņsler, activated before the game after missing six weeks because of a dislocated left thumb, went 3-for-4. His first homer came in the sixth right after Barajas hit his second career grand slam to chase Oakland starter Brad Halsey.

The other homer, with one out in the eighth, tied the game at 7.

In nine games this sea-

son, Kinsler is hitting .520 (13-for-25) with three homers.

The Rangers (24-23) got back over .500 and lead the AL West by two games over Oakland (22-25). Three more games remain in the weekend series.

Nick Swisher went 3for-4 with a two-run homer for the Athletics. who built a 7-0 lead in five innings in another bad home start for Kevin Millwood.

Millwood, who got a \$60 million, five-year deal from Texas last winter, is 1-3 with a 7.76 ERA in six home starts.

Teixeira led off the seventh with his fifth homer.

Chicano Golf Association prepares to give away more scholarships

Tournament to take place at Comanche Trail this weekend

By TROY HYDE

Sports Editor For the 16th straight year, the Chicano Golf Association will be hosting its scholarship tournament.

The tournament will take place Saturday and Sunday at the Comanche

Trail Golf Course and will local high school graduate Mustang and a trip to be a two-person scramble. Registration for the tournament begins at 9 a.m. Saturday and a shotgun start will follow at 10 a.m.

KRT photo/Eric Scals, Detroit Free Pres

Miami Heat's Dwyane Wade, left, and Shaquille O'Neal

double team Detroit Pistons" Richard Hamilton during

the first quarter in Game 2 of the NBA Eastern

Conference Finals at the Palace of Auburn Hills in

Auburn Hills, Mich., Thursday. The Pistons won, 92-

88, and the series is now tied at 1-1.

"We are proud to offer yet another scholarship tournament," said C.G.A. acting president Billy Pineda. "Hopefully this tourney can go on for another 16 years."

The event is designed by the C.G.A. to send a

to college.

The cost of the tournament is \$75, but the organization plans on giving **\$4,000-\$5,000** worth of scholarship money to several area graduates.

There will be prizes on holes closest to the pin at No. 1, 4, 11 and 15, and the No. 11 hole features a hole-in-one prize from Bob Brock.

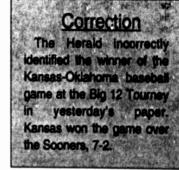
The prize is a 2006 Ford the tournament and mul-

New York.

The Chicano Golf Association was founded by Nate Nunez in 1972. The scholarship tournament this year will feature golfers from Fort Worth, El Paso, Amarillo and San Antonio, but will also have a lot of local tal-

ent as well, said Pineda. There will be free food for all players involved in

ligans are available Saturday and Sunday at \$5 each.



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COAHOMA

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but Coahoma broke the game open in the second with five runs as it batted around, recording the runs on five hits.

Roberts started things with a double and then Liz Conley reached with a

Sterling knocked in Roberts with an RBI single and then Liz Conley scored on an RBI double from Paige. Sterling was next to come across the plate as she scored on a suicide squeeze bunt by sophomore Christie Rich.

Paige scored on an RBI single by Gonzales and then Rich was able to cross home plate after a Hawley error.

That would be all the runs Dunn would need as she kept the Hawley hitters off balance at the plate from the mound. She allowed two earned runs on six hits and struck out five. She had a perfect game through three innings.

"Sarah threw well again in a game where we had to have a win," said Dickenson. "She kept the hitters off balance.'

Coahoma added three runs in the fifth. Liz Conley and Paige both delivered RBI hits, while Sterling knocked in a run with a sacrifice fly. Senior Ashle New, who walked to start the inning, freshman Alex Moore, and Liz Conley all scored to make it 8-0.

Hawley got four of its six hits in the fifth inning and plated two runs. It also stranded two runners on base.

Coahoma finished off the Lady Cats with two runs in the sixth.

The first two batters — Martinez and Gonzales reached on errors and Dunn knocked in both runs with an single. Freshman Teryn Bibb, wno was pinch running for Martinez, scored the first run and Roberts crossed homeplate later after reaching on a fielder's choice.

Cobb, who starts at shortstop for Hawley, was thrown out of the game in the seventh inning after failing to slide on a play at the plate.

She was visibly upset in runs and an RBI.



HERALD photo/Troy Hyde Coahoma senior Kall Roberts throws out a runner at second base from just in front of the mound during Game 1 of the Buildogettes' best-of-three series with Hawley. The series is all even at 1-1 and the third game will be played in Snyder Saturday beginning at noon.

Buildogs fall short of state m ended its season at McMurry puredey night after dropping the best of three series to Holliday. and \$40 and fell in Game 2, 7-3. mes was unavailable at

the game after being hit by two pitches. Cobb tried to score from first on a double, but was gunned down on the play. She ran over Gonzales, but the sophomore catcher held on to the ball and got the

"The rule is you have to slide at home when there is a play at the plate so I thought it was the right call," said Dickenson. "I would have expected my girl to have gotten kicked out if she had done that."

Hawley used three pitchers in the game, but none were effective and Burton took the loss after giving up five runs in the second inning.

Paige was not retired in the game as she went three-for-three with a walk. She scored once and knocked in two runs. Roberts also had three hits — including two doubles — and scored twice. Conley had two hits, two

Coahoma (27-11-2) will try to earn its state-record eighth state appearance Saturday as the third and final game will be played in Snyder at noon.

"We have to jump on them early and try to kill their confidence," said Dickenson. "We just need to relax and play ball. We had Hawley on the ropes several times in the first game, but couldn't do enough to get a run across.



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IT'S GOOD FOR YOUR GAME

Not-so-secret formula to playing better golf

By T.J. TOMASI **Universal Press Syndicate**

You hear a lot about the left arm (right for lefties) and its role in the backswing. I believe it should be straight, but not stiff, because this is the radius of your swing. Keeping it the same throughout both the backswing and the downswing will give you a very good chance of making solid contact.

In addition to maintaining your radius, you should also keep your front arm glued to your chest — again in the interest of accuracy. Do this by pressing the back portion of your upper arm (the area where your triceps muscle is located) against the top of your chest. This arrangement — a straight front arm that stays connected to the chest while the

swing unfolds — is a major contributor to accu-The arm that folds to give you power is your trail arm, and as you can see in the photo below, it bends at the elbow to about 90 degrees to form a powerful lever that helps ratchet up

the speed of your club head through impact. In order to strike the golf ball with enough force to send it to target, the trail arm must lose its bend, going from 90 degrees to 180 in about half a second. One way to look at your golf swing is straight-to-straight, i.e., your target arm is straight during the backswing and the downswing; the trail arm is bent until impact whereupon it straightens then stays that way until after the pre-finish position.

This is the "geometry of collaboration," featuring a division of duties. Your target side is responsible for guiding the "big guns" of your trail side into position. It's the job of your trailing side to apply the hit by releasing the pentup power of leverage. No wonder they call it "firing the trail side."

So there you have it: accuracy (target side) and power (trail side) — the not-so-secret formula to better golf.



Above: Note the triangle formed by an imaginary line connecting this golfer's elbows. His trail arm is folded for power and his target arm is straight for accuracy. The triangle will reconfigure during the downswing, culminating in the pre-finish position featuring a straight trail arm that points to the sky. Below: In the pre-finish position characteristic of all good players, the triangle has been reformed in a reversal of roles. Now the trail arm is straight. having released its power, and the target arm is folded.





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Instructor Brian Puterbaugh (right) gives a lesson to Mike Nance of Tucker, Ga., at the Northcrest Academy of Golf in Atlanta.

Expanding golf's reach

Golf pros donate lessons to help build player base

By STAN AWTREY Cox News Service

Atlanta rian Puterbaugh is one of the busiest golf instructors in metro Atlanta. But the Norcross-based professional will be happy this month to find time to squeeze a few free lessons into his schedule book.

Puterbaugh is one of 7,100 professionals around the country involved in the ninth annual PGA Free Lesson initiative, sponsored by Play Golf America and designed to promote the growth of the game by drawing newcomers and by increasing the desire of

those who already play. Golfers and would-be golfers can find a participating profes-

www.playgolfamerica.com. Golfers interested in receiving the free 10-minute lessons enter their zip codes and are offered a list of participating locations and instructors. Registration cards for free lessons are also in the May issue of Golf Digest and the May/June issue of Golf for Women. The promotion has been going throughout May and ends

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The pre-finish position where the trail arm is

straight and pointed at the sky is a hallmark of all

good swings. But in order to arrive at this position,

task. If they are weak or injured, impact will be com-

Your shoulder joint is formed primarily by three

bones (humerus, scapula and clavicle) that meet in a

loose alliance designed to allow the greatest range of

motion of any joint in the body. With not much in the way of ligamentation, the joint is stabilized primari-

ly by the rotator cuff muscles, which are responsible

The first 120 degrees of motion of the arm toward

for both movement and stabilization of the joint.

the muscles and joints involved must be up to the

"To be honest, I usually block off a full half-hour," said Puterbaugh. "We want to give them something that can help them.'

That's the philosophy of most instructors; they want to help, not watch the clock. Ten minutes isn't long enough for an in-depth lesson, but is plenty of time for professionals to spot flaws and suggest tweaks, changes and alterations.

"I video them and analyze their swing and try to give them two or three things to work on, maybe some drills to help them, said Tommy Moon, director of golf at Honey Creek Golf Club in Conyers, Ga.

Mike Perpich, director of golf at RiverPines Golf Club in Alpharetta, Ga., speeds the process by asking aspirants to identify the question or problem they wanted answered or fixed.

That way we can get right to the point, because that's not a lot of time," Perpich said.

The program attracts players of all levels. Moon finds more low-handicap players — those who regularly read the national golf magazines — come to his club. Derek Pepin, an instructor at Lake Spivey Golf Club in Jonesboro, Ga., sees a lot of juniors. Perpich even had someone recently who had never picked up a club. All are welcome.

"It's been good," Perpich said. "We get a little bit of everything, from a guy who just got out of the Army and said he couldn't hit a driver, to a guy who had never played but had been watch-

ing on TV and wanted to learn." Most of those who take the free lesson benefit from the advice or practice tips they receive. Many come back to become paying cus-

"It's a good introduction, and you do get to meet new people," Pepin said. "It gets them in the game, which is what we want it

Participation in the event has grown each year. Last year, 6,900 instructors at 5,572 facilities gave 122,160 free lessons, about 56 percent to new customers. Participants who take a lesson may submit a registration card to win a four-day trip to PGA Village, including a 3 1/2 day PGA Golf School. The pro who gives the most free lessons earns

an appearance on The Golf

Channel's Academy Live.

vertical is due to the shoulder girdle while the last 60

blade." So if you want to create a powerful pre-finish

position, you need to not only build up your shoulder

muscles, but also develop strong scapulas to serve as

To create a full and powerful range of motion for

so that you can make the body movements necessary

to create the correct swing movements. An underde-

Google the Web for rotator cuff and scapula exer-

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PGA TOUR FedEx St. Jude Classic Site: Memphis, Tenn. Schedule: Thursday-Sunday. · Course: TPC at Southwind (7,244 yards, par 70).
• Purse: \$5.2 million. Winner's share: \$936,000. • TV: USA (Thursday-Friday, 4-6 p.m.) and CBS (Saturday-Sunday, 3-6 p.m.).

PGA OF AMERICA Senior PGA Championship Site: Edmond, Okla. · Schedule: Thursday-Sunday. · Course: Oak Tree Golf Club (7,102 yards, par 71). • Purse: TBA (\$1.9 million in 2005). Winner's share: TBA (\$285,000 in 2005). • TV: USA (Thursday-Friday, 2-4 p.m.; Saturday-Sunday, 12:30-3:30 p.m.).

LPGA TOUR LPGA Corning Classic
• Site: Corning, N.Y. · Schedule: Thursday-Sunday. · Course: Corning Country Club (6,062 yards, par 72). Purse: \$1.2 million. Winner's share: \$180,000. • TV: The Golf Channel (Thursday, 7-9:30 p.m.; Friday-Sunday, 1:30-3 a.m., 7-9:30 p.m.; Monday, 1:30-3 a.m.).

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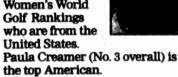
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ASK THE PRO

Q: I read your article on how to take your game to the golf course, but I still don't understand what's going on when I hit it so good in warmup before my round, and then it's just gone when I play I feel like I've got two brains — one that's got my swing in it and one that doesn't — and I play golf with the one that doesn't. - Tom P., from the Web

A: It isn't that you have two brains, Mr. P., it's that you don't have complete access to the part of your brain that controls your golf swing. Let me ex-

Your learning is preserved in groups of neural networks in your brain. Once learned, the motor program is stored in long-term memory, an information base that allows you to perform various activities pretty much unconsciously, such as tying your shoelaces, typing and, of course, walking.

There's a motor program for your golf swing, too, which, under benign circumstances such as hitting balls on the range, you have complete access to.



Dr. T.J. Tomasi is a professional at Nantucket Golf Club on Nantucket Island. Mass To ask him a question about golf, e-ruail him at: TJInsider@aol.com

Enter the golf course, which can be a scary place, and access can be denied. The culprit here is stress.

Studies show

that rats stressed

by an electrical shock forget how to negotiate a maze that they easily solved only minutes before. The "forgetting" matched the levels of cortisol, a major-league stress compound that's in the blood when humans perceive themselves to be threatened. Notice the word "perceive."

So you perceive the golf course as not a safe place and that causes stress. Why a beautiful place like a golf course can be perceived as threatening is a worthy question, but suffice it to say that once you

perceive it as such, chemicals are produced that block full access to the motor memory of your swing. And like the rat in the study, you're lost the golf course is a maze you can't negotiate. It's not complete amnesia because you can make a swing, but you can't make YOUR swing.

— T.J. Tomasi

But here's some good news. According to James McGaugh, director of the Center for the Neurobiology of Learning and Memory at the University of California, Irvine: "This effect only lasts for a couple of hours, so that the impairing effect in this case is a temporary impairment of retrieval. The memory is not lost. It is just inaccessible or less accessible for a period of time.

So rejoice - your swing isn't gone forever; it's just that you can't retrieve it at will. Lose the perception of stress, and you'll be your old drivingrange self on the course. For further help in this regard, see my book "The 30-Second Golf Swing: How to Train Your Brain to Improve Your Game.

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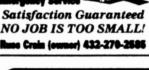
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practically no one can relate to in an age when my 82-yearold grandmother wheels and deals on So, eBay. think of this savvy

Gemini new

HOLIDAY **MATHIS**

moon as a spankin' new computer, globally connected in a whim and an instant. Your dream is a click away.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). One innovative idea can change everything especially your finances. But which one? Your body tells you what your head can't. When it's good, you feel it in your stomach, your tingling fingertips or your light feet.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Alone, you're at risk of being seduced by the nuances of a task until the big picture becomes a dim memory. The planets foretell that you're much better off working in teams of fun people — try a Gemini and a Libra.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Apply yourself to important, but not urgent, items. Being at the beck and call of "emergency" stuff is a recipe for exhaustion. Besides, most of what's "urgent" is really a distraction from what's truly meaningful to you.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Can you be objective today there will be people around you who can add to your body of knowledge. Note: There's no shame (and a lot of charm) in being "green."

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). It's easy to stay cheerful. All you have to do is avoid situations designed to stress vou out — for example, 'eave the house earlier, and make sure you have enough cash in your wallet and gas in your car.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). The weirdos and eccentric geniuses want you as their own! When you add new friends to your life, you simultaneously add employment opportunities.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). If perfection is boring, then practice makes snores. The stars cheer you on when you wing it. Take a zany risk. Savor the rush of uncertainty. If you make a mess, hold your head up high while you're walking out of it.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Old things break. TAURUS: Small changes This is just the excuse you need to make a change. Be grateful for that awkward situation you get thrown into this could cement a romantic bond.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Expressing your affection in showy, overboard ways is not neces-Just be sure not to promise anything too far into the future. Your mood changes with the wind.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22perhaps there is no other about what you believe person qualified to advise ship.

and still believe it? If so, you. After you journey to the top of the mountain, you will not meet a wise sage, guru or holy man, but an enlightened version of yourself.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Your sweetness and generosity overfloweth. It's at the point where even people who want to oppose you find it impossible to do so. The luckiest thing to do is to go on "killlin' 'em" with kind-

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). If loved ones tell you you're stressed out, believe them. Outside observers, or a blood pressure monitor, are the best indicators of your health. Relaxation is an art. A Cancer or a Gemini can teach you how to master LOVE

WEEKEND FORECAST: The new moon in Gemini sparks witty and flirtatious banter. ARIES: Love thrives when you put practical considerations aside and immerse yourself in the frivolity of your mood. at home improve your most significant relationships. GEMINI: For you, romantic events happen in triplicate. CANCER: Love is met while mingling with people you feel challenged by. They're the ones who can spark your enthusiasm and keep you on your toes. sary, but it sure is fun! LEO: You'll find fellow fire signs compelling (that's Aries and Sagittarius). VIRGO: You don't really need the other person, you just like him Jan. 19). Consider that or her. This is the secret to a truly tight relation-LIBRA: Your *DICATE*, *INC*.

prayers are answered in the form of a person. SCORPIO: You're an expert at letting the natural flow guide your social life instead of forcing things along. Remember this, and stay cool. SAGITTARIUS: You're currently in demand, so there's never a dull moment this weekend. CAPRICORN: Your love life is serene, harmonious and a source of refuge. AQUARIUS: Strange ideas work to invigorate your love life. You might even enroll in a class or buy a book that includes a successful seduction system. PISCES: Read up on common dating turn-ons and turn-offs.

COUPLE OF THE WEEKEND: Gemini and Cancer are astrological neighbors who affectionately work each other's nerves in the manner of famous duos like Tom and Jerry. Laurel and Hardy, or Mary Kate and Ashley. Ultimately, their relationship brings pleasure to others, though often, they can't see how sweet they are while immersed in a silly conflict. This weekend, Gemini and Cancer are swept into the carefree dance of love.

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Annie's Mailbox -: Advice for those in need

Dear Annie: I have a 16year-old son whom I love very much. I have been divorced from his mother for eight years, remarried for the last six. "Brendan" lives with his mother in the same city, so I see him a lot. We had a good relation-

ship until recently. I told

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Brendan I would give him a car and pay for the insurance if he kept his grades up. He agreed. His first report card, he got a D in one subject. The car stayed at my house. Four weeks later, he got another D on his mid-term.

The day after he received his grades, Brendan gave my wife and me a very impressive presentation, with charts and everything. He promised to work hard, do extra credit and show us his test scores every week. We caved and let him have the car. Well, he had an excuse every week why he didn't have his test scores. When his grades came, he had two

I told Brendan to bring back the car, and he said I needed to talk to his mom, my ex. Naturally, she took his side and wanted the car to stay at her house, and didn't care that Brendan and I had an agreement. The car is now back at my place, but Brendan is angry with me, and my ex is probably going to buy him a car.

I want my son to learn that there are consequences for being irresponsible. Am I wrong? — Worried Dad

Dear Dad: You are not wrong. A car is a privilege, not a right, no matter what some kids think. You kept your end of the bargain, and if his mother buys him a Porsche, let it be HER problem. Your

ex is teaching Brendan hypoglycemia is the reathat he doesn't have to work for anything and that it's OK to renege on never have believed it if agreements. We hope you it hadn't happened to me. will keep trying to teach — Hemet, Calif. him otherwise, Dad.

Dear Annie: I have been dating "Rich" for nearly 16 years. We each have grown, married children. He has his own place, and I have mine. However, he said he would look for a place on the lake where we could retire together. He found the most beautiful house on the water, but it is not big enough for even a small portion of my tnings.

Rich used to pressure me to marry him when we first met, but I wasn't interested. I think he truly cares for me, but now I've reached a crossroads. Should I insist that we get married or just move on? — Irene in Louisiana

Dear Irene: You're willing to break up with Rich because you can't fit your furniture into the lake house? Rich may be delighted to marry you, but you've given him the impression that you are content as is, and after 16 years, he's not going to propose unless you ask him to. Decide what you want from this relationship, even if it means donating your living room set to charity.

Dear Annie: I have another explanation for the man who sleeps all weekend. Back in the 1980s, my husband and I would take our motorcycles on Friday for a "pie and coffee run" and return very late. We would eat a thick cinnamon roll or a cherry cobbler. The infusion of that much sugar in a short period of time drove my blood sugar down to a count of 45. (At 40, you are in a coma.) I would go home, crawl into bed and not wake up until Monday morning.

Tell that man to have his doctor do a five-hour blood sugar test to see if

son he sleeps like a log for 48 hours. I would

Dear Hemet: Thanks for the tip. Another reason to stay away from the highsugar treats, no matter how yummy.

Dear Annie: The males in my church are stuck in a 90-year-old farm tradition. At family functions, the men go through the buffet line first, then the women, then the children. It is quite discouraging for the young women to see their passive parents allowing this to continue. We women do all the preparation and cleanup, with the added insult that we eat after the men.

The crazy thing is, away from their peers, these guys work in the home, from changing diapers to food prep and cleanup. How do we young women convince the older ones to lead by example and quit this silly tradition that goes back to the days when the men earned their bread out in the fields? Hoping for Help in Vancouver

Dear Hoping: Ah, chauvinism, alive and well. You need to discuss this tradition with the older women and with your husbands. Enlist at least one of them to take the initiative and bring some women into the buffet line at the next church event. We're betting that once it happens, people will wonder why it took so long.

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Friday, May 26, 2006

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44	:PM	Ent. Tonight	Jimmy Kimmel	Incognito	King of the Hill	Letterman	Futbol	•	(CC)	Biblical Israel	Sign Off	Deadliest	Michael Myers	CSI: Crime	Movie:	In Living Color	Han. Montana	Kickboxing	NBA Fastbreak	
11	:30	Jimmy Kimmel	Live (CC)		Malcolm-Mid.	Late Late	Amistoso	Late Night-		Betty Swann	"	Catch	Movie:	Scene Invstgtn.	National	In Living Color	Kim Possible	Kickboxing	Baseball	F.1
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"I HOPE IT'S NOT TOO LATE. I DIDN'T KNOW WHAT TIME YOU CLOSE UPTHERE.

THE FAMILY CIRCUS



"Let's say a little prayer that Mommy doesn't notice it."

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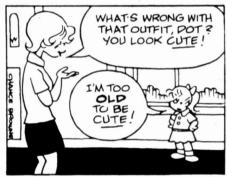




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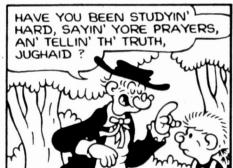
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This Date In History

Today is Friday, May 26, the 146th day of 2006. There are 219 days left in the year. Today's Highlight in History: On May 26, 1940, the evac-

uation of Allied troops from Dunkirk, France, began during World War II. On this date:

In 1521, Martin Luther was banned by the Edict of Worms because of his religious beliefs and writings. In 1805, Napoleon Bonaparte was crowned

king of Italy in Milan. In 1865, arrangements were made in New Orleans for the surrender of Confederate forces west of

the Mississippi. In 1868, the impeachment trial of President Andrew Johnson ended with his acquittal on all remaining charges.

In 1913. Actors' Equity Association was organized. In 1960, U.N. Ambassador Henry Cabot Lodge accused the Soviets of hiding a microphone inside a wood carving of the Great Seal of the United States that had been presented to the U.S. embassy in Moscow.

In 1969, the Apollo 10 astronauts returned to Earth after a successful eight-day dress rehearsal for the first manned moon landing. In 1978, the first legal casino in the eastern U.S.

opened in Atlantic City, N.J. In 1981, 14 people were killed when a Marine jet crashed onto the flight deck of the aircraft carrier USS Nimitz off Florida.

In 1991, a Lauda Air Boeing 767 crashed in Thailand, killing all 223 people aboard. Today's Birthdays: Actor

James Arness is 83. Actor Alec McCowen is 81. Sportscaster **Brent** Musberger is 67. Rock singer-musician Levon Helm (The Band) is 66. Country musician Gates Railroad) is 62. Rock musician Garry Peterson (Guess Who) is 61. Singer Stevie Nicks is 58. Actress Pam Grier is 57. Actor Philip Michael Thomas is 57. Hank Country singer Williams Jr. is 57. Former astronaut Sally K. Ride is 55.

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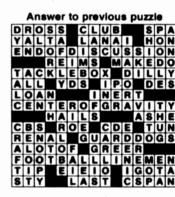
writer Dave (BlackHawk) is 47. Actor Doug Hutchison is 46. Actress Genie Francis is 44. Comedian Goldthwait is 44. Singer Lenny Kravitz is 42. Actress Helena Bonham Carter is 40. Rock musician Phillip Rhodes is 38. Actor Joseph Fiennes is 36. Actor Joseph Fiennes is 36. Rhythm-and-blues singer Joey Kibble (Take 6) is 35. Actor-produc-er-writer Matt Stone is 35. Contemporary Christian

Country singer-song-

Thought for Today: "Talent is what you possess; genius is what possesses you." - Malcolm Cowley, American author and critic (1898-1989).

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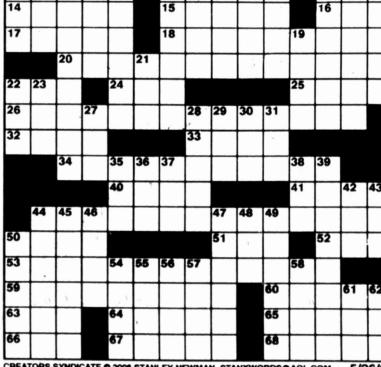
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YMCA

By STEVE REAGAN
Staff Writer

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By THOMAS JENKII
Staff Writer

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According to the er, Phillip Welch, scheduled to begin should last approxi

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