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Ride to Remember

Hundreds take part in honoring fallen veterans

By **THOMAS JENKINS**
Staff Writer

More than 500 bikers from all over West Texas found their way to the Big Spring Vietnam Memorial Monday morning for a very emotional and heartfelt Ride to Remember Memorial Day ceremony.

Randy McKinney, vice president of the Big Spring Vietnam Memorial Committee, said Memorial Day isn't just about the Vietnam War for him and his fellow committee members.

"We're here for all the people who have served their country and have laid their lives down, from the first patriot who picked up a rifle in the American Revolution to our young men currently serving in Afghanistan, Iraq and all over the world," said McKinney.

"The United States has

"We don't ride for people to see us. We ride for people to see freedom. We ride for the boys and girls who gave everything they had for this country."

—Wild Bill McNeil

fought many wars and many battles throughout its history, but one thing you can say about every battle we've ever fought is it's been for the same reason. Our sons and daughters have fought and died for liberty, democracy and freedom, whether it be our own or someone else that needed our assistance. And we

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HERALD photo/Thomas Jenkins
Ginger Metcalf, representing area Gold Star Mothers, and Vietnam Memorial Committee member Gene Wilson place a wreath during Monday morning's Memorial Day ceremony, held in conjunction with the annual Ride to Remember.

Snow resigns; Bush names Paulson as replacement

By **TERENCE HUNT**
AP Correspondent

WASHINGTON — Secretary John Snow resigned today and President Bush nominated Goldman Sachs Chairman Henry M. Paulson Jr. as his replacement.

"He has a lifetime of business experience ... and an ability to explain economic issues in clear terms," Bush said of Paulson in a Rose Garden announcement.

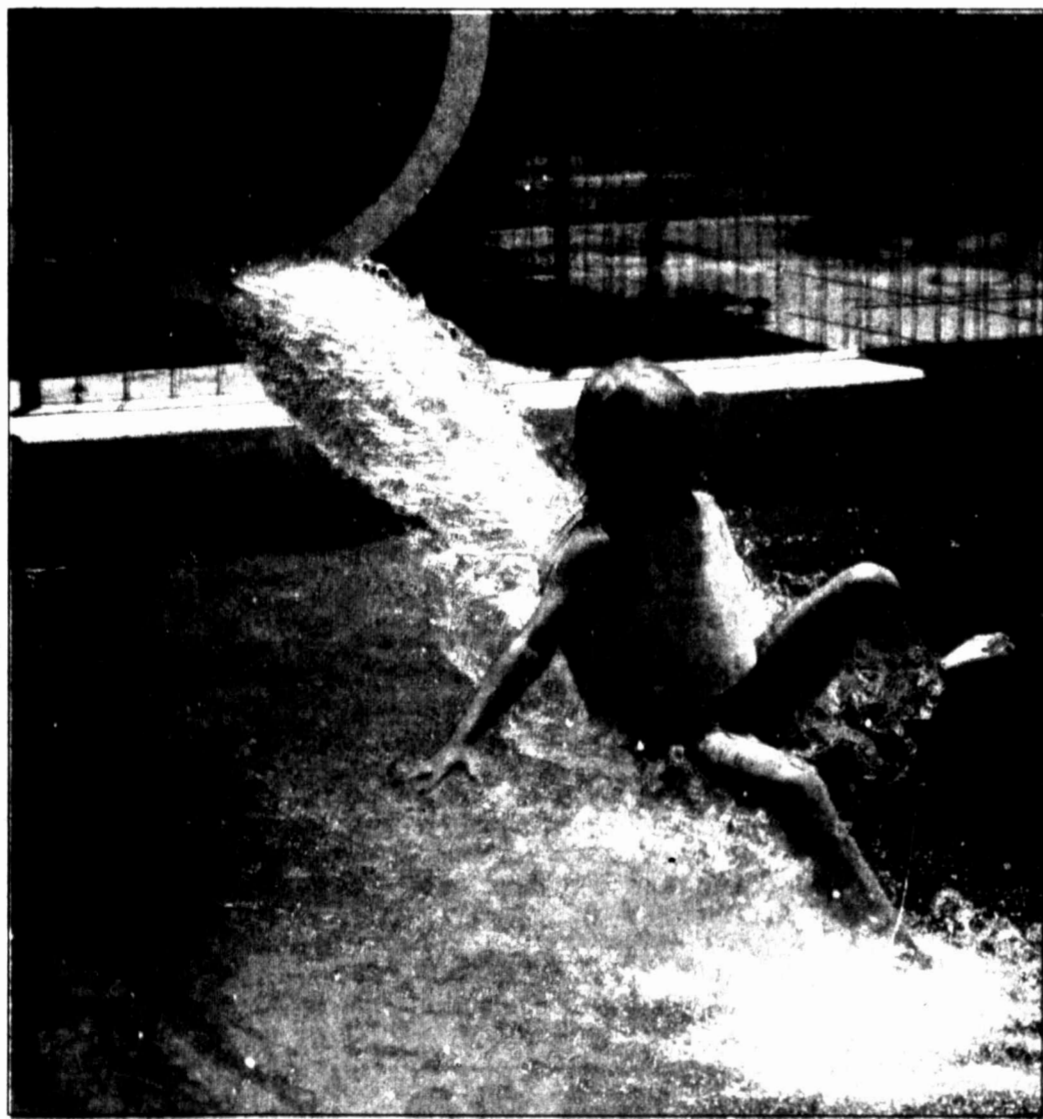
He praised Snow for showing "strong leadership" at Treasury.

Snow, the former head of railroad giant CSX Corp. who has a Ph.D. in economics, has been Treasury secretary since February 2003. His departure has been rumored for more than a year.

Paulson has been chairman of Goldman Sachs for about eight years. It is considered one of the premier financial firms on Wall Street and has sent a

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SPLASH IN!



HERALD photo/Thomas Jenkins
Kayla White, 6, makes a few waves of her own during Monday's Splash In at the city pool.

Gala nears

Denim and Diamonds barbecue, dance slated for Saturday evening

By **VALERIE AVERY**
Special to the Herald

The stars at night will be big and bright at the 20th Annual Denim and Diamonds Gala barbecue and street dance Saturday in Big Spring.

Co-chairpersons Stacy and Mark Barr and Doris Huijbregtse are finalizing plans for this year's social event which will be held at 600 and 606 Mathews. The gala is hosted by the Barrs, Vicki and Eddie Cole, Leslie Elrod and Mary Kay and Scott McLaughlin.

The evening begins at 7 p.m. with entertainment by Full House, a group with a Big Band sound, and Sulfur Draw. Sulfur Draw's playlist ranges from country to rock and roll, Community Relations Director Billie Christie-Morgan said.

INFORMATION

What: Fundraiser for patients at Big Spring State Hospital, includes barbecue and a street dance.

Where: 600 and 606 Mathews in Big Spring.

When: 7 p.m. Saturday

Tickets: \$25 each or \$15 for the dance only, available by calling 268-7535.

"This promises to be a fun evening for new acquaintances and catching up with friends you haven't seen in a while because everyone is going to be enjoying an evening under the stars to benefit those served by the Big Spring State Hospital," she said. "It was so enjoy-

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OK FOR ME, NOT FOR YOU

WASHINGTON (AP) — Senate Democratic leader Harry Reid, who has criticized Republican ethics, accepted free ringside tickets to three professional boxing matches from Nevada officials who were trying to influence his federal legislation regulating the sport.

Reid, D-Nev., took the free seats for Las Vegas fights between 2003 and 2005 from the Nevada Athletic Commission as he pressed legislation to increase federal oversight of boxing, including the creation of a government commission. Reid defended the gifts, saying he was simply trying to learn how his legislation might affect an important home state industry.

MARKETING SMALL TOWNS

DALLAS (AP) — Small towns are what a new state campaign hopes will lure more retirees to settle in Texas.

Starting this week, the state Agriculture Department will take applications from cities seeking the brand of "certified retirement community" from the state. Cities will pay 25 cents per resident to apply.

In return, the state will promote the city nationwide in hopes of bringing more retirees to towns like Nacogdoches in East Texas. "We're off the radar screen for many older folks," said Bruce Partain of the city's chamber of commerce. "We're hoping the state's new marketing program will give us some firepower."

DRUNK ON THE JOB

LONDON (AFP) — One in six Britons have admitted to being under the influence of alcohol at work, a survey revealed. Insurance firm Royal/Sun Alliance said its poll of 1,500 full-time workers confirmed there was a cultural problem of people drinking on the job.

Spokesman Phil Bell said: "The effects of alcohol can be extensive, from an increased number of accidents in the workplace or lateness due to hangovers through to impaired decision-making and a poor image for customers or clients."

Such behavior has an impact on the rest of the office, often forcing sober colleagues to carry the strain.

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Obituaries

Cleo Walker

Cleo Walker, 95, of Big Spring died Monday, May 29, 2006, at Mountain View Lodge. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Alleen Bohannon

Alleen Bohannon, 78, of Big Spring died Monday, May 29, 2006, at Hospice House in Odessa. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Police blotter

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

- **ANDREA LEANN HILARIO**, 19, of 715 Creighton, was arrested Monday on a local capias warrant.
- **GARRY STEPHENSON**, 44, of 1715 Highway 350, was arrested Monday on a charge of driving while license invalid.
- **KIMBERLY RIOS**, 19, of 1607 Oriole, was arrested Monday on a charge of Class C assault - family violence.
- **DANIEL VIERA**, 18, of 1607 Oriole, was arrested Monday on a charge of Class C assault - family violence.
- **JODIE MILLS**, 25, of 301 Echols Road, was arrested Monday on a charge of driving while license invalid.
- **ISAAC CHAVARRIA**, 20, of 2804 Parkway, was arrested Monday on a local capias warrant and a charge of driving while license invalid.
- **VALERIE MARTINEZ**, 26, of Midland, was arrested Monday on two local capias warrants.
- **ROBERT SANCHEZ**, 41, of Colorado City, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of public intoxication.
- **BILLY STANLEY JR.**, 37, of New Mexico, was arrested Tuesday on a New Mexico warrant.
- **POSSESSION OF MARIJUANA - TWO OUNCES OR LESS** was reported in the 2600 block of Langley.
- **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported:
 - in the 900 block of Willia.
 - in the 3600 block of Dixon.
- **ASSAULT/CLASS C** was reported:
 - in the 2700 block of Wason.
 - in the 3300 block of Fordham.
- **ASSAULT CLASS C/FAMILY VIOLENCE** was reported:
 - in the 1600 block of Oriole.
 - in the 500 block of Galveston.

Fire/EMS

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

- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 200 block of West Marcy. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **TRAFFIC ACCIDENT** was reported in the 200 block of West Marcy. Service was refused.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 700 block of Johnson. Service was refused.
- **TRAUMA** was reported in the 600 block of Culp. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 1000 block of Lancaster. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 500 block of Birdwell Lane. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 1800 block of North Highway 87. Service was refused.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 1500 block of Kentucky Way. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 4100 block of Dixon. One person was transported to the VAMC.
- **TRAUMA** was reported in the 1000 block of Lamesa. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 1000 block of Northwest First Street. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 700 block of West Interstate Highway 20. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 4100 block of Dixon. One person was transported to the VAMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 1300 block of State Park. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 1200 block of Johnson. One person was transported to the VAMC.
- **TRAUMA** was reported in the 2000 block of Virginia. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 100 block of Hossier Road. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **TRAUMA** was reported in the 1900 block of Simler. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 1400 block of West Third Street. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 1900 block of North Highway 87. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 1600 block of Gregg Street. One person was transported to the VAMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 200 block of East Robinson Road. One person was transported to SMMC.

Sheriff's report

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

- **FELICIA MARISOINO BENAVIDES**, 20, was arrested Friday by DPS on a charge of driving while license invalid.
- **APRIL DENISE HENDERSON**, 35, was transferred to the county jail Friday by the BSPD on a Nolan County warrant for burglary of a habitation, a motion to revoke probation for a Concho County warrant for forgery and a charge of theft.
- **RICARDO LOPEZ LAGUNES**, 23, was arrested Friday by the HCSO on a charge of failure to appear.
- **JOHNNY RAY PAYNE JR.**, 26, was transferred to the county jail Friday by the BSPD on a charge of assault on a public servant.
- **JENEANE NICHOL RICHARD**, 19, was transferred to the county jail Friday by the BSPD on charges of driving while license suspended/invalid and failure to identify.
- **SCOTT RANDALL BROWN**, 25, was transferred to the county jail Friday by the BSPD on a charge of theft.
- **LESTER CLAUDE DUFFER**, 26, was arrested Friday by the HCSO on a charge of unlawful possession of a firearm by a felon.
- **ZACHARY WHITE**, 28, was arrested Friday on a Collin County warrant for possession of marijuana.
- **THOMAS SAENZ GARCIA JR.**, 34, was arrested Saturday by the HCSO on a charge of driving while intoxicated.
- **ANGELA ANN MCGEE**, 23, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on a motion to revoke probation for failure to identify as a fugitive from justice and a charge of failure to identify.
- **ALEJANDRO GARZA**, 47, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on a Taylor County warrant and a motion to revoke probation.
- **CHARLOTTE JAMES**, 43, was arrested Saturday by the HCSO on a charge of public intoxication.
- **JONATHAN MATTHEW MATA**, 21, was arrested Sunday by DPS on a charge of driving while intoxicated.
- **MICHAEL LEE LOPEZ**, 18, was transferred to the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on a charge of possession of marijuana - two ounces or less.
- **ADRIANNA MARIE VALENCIA**, 17, was transferred to the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on a charge of evading arrest or detention with a vehicle.
- **OSCAR HILARIO**, 48, was transferred to the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while intoxicated - second offense.
- **MACK ALLEN WILLIAMS**, 46, was arrested Monday by DPS on a charge of driving while intoxicated - third or more offense.
- **MIGUEL HERNANDEZ HINOJOS**, 43, was arrested Monday on charges of contempt of court and disobedience of a court order.
- **TONY MONTES GARCIA JR.**, 25, was transferred to the county jail Monday by the BSPD on a motion to revoke probation for assault - family violence and a motion to revoke probation for driving while intoxicated.
- **AVEL ABREO RAMIREZ**, 59, was transferred to the county jail Monday by the BSPD on a parole violation.
- **STEPHEN KYLE GAY**, 22, was arrested Monday by DPS on a charge of bondsman off bond for driving while license invalid.

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 Friday. For information, call 756-4126 or 631-6388.

• **FIRST BANK OF WEST TEXAS IS SUPPORTING THE UNITED WAY** of Big Spring and Howard County by donating proceeds it receives from the community-wide garage sale Saturday 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.

• **THE PET PATROL** helps locate lost pets and owners of found pets. To volunteer or for more information, call Melanie Gambrell at 267-PETS (7387).

• **COAHOMA LIONS CLUB ANNUAL CITYWIDE GARAGE SALE** is Saturday. 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.

• **BIG SPRING HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1986 20th REUNION** needs addresses and contact information for classmates. Call Kelly at 816-4540.

Bulletin Board

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

TODAY

- Big Spring Rotary Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room.

WEDNESDAY

- Optimist Club meets at 7 a.m. in the Howard College Cactus Room.
- Senior Circle meets at 10:30 a.m. at Scenic Mountain Medical Center for Sit and Be Fit Chair Aerobics. Those 50 years and older are invited to attend. Call 268-4721.
- Downtown Lions Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room.
- Line dancing begins at 1 p.m. in the Spring City Senior Citizen's Center at the Industrial Park. Call 267-6966 or 267-1628.
- Duplicate Bridge Club meets at 1 p.m. in the Big Spring Country Club.

THURSDAY

- Gideon International Big Spring Camp U42060 meets at 7 a.m. in Herman's Restaurant.
- Coffee Club meets at 10 a.m. in Gale's Sweet Shoppe.
- Kiwanis Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane. Call 267-6479.
- Genealogy Society of Big Spring meets at 7 p.m. in the Howard County Library, 500 S. Main.
- Big Spring Masonic Lodge No. 1340 meets at 7:30 p.m. at 2101 Lancaster.

FRIDAY

- Signal Mountain Quilting Guild meets from 9 a.m. until about 3 p.m. at St. Mary's Episcopal Church. Call 267-1037 or 267-7281 for more information.
- AMBUCS meet at noon in La Posada Restaurant.
- Greater Big Spring Rotary Club meets at noon in the Big Spring Country Club.
- Spring City Senior Citizens country and western dance from 7:30 p.m. until 10:30 p.m. featuring Monroe Casey and the Prowlers. All area seniors are invited.

SATURDAY

- Denim and Diamonds Gala.
- Big Spring Cruisers cruise Gregg Street and at the Sonic Drive-In beginning at 6:30 p.m.
- Eagles Lodge Dance at 8:30 p.m. at 703 W. Third.
- Big Spring Squares. Call 263-6305 for more information.

Weather

Tonight...Partly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the mid 60s. Southeast winds 15 to 25 mph. The chance of rain is 20 percent.

Wednesday...Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs around 90. East winds 10 to 15 mph.

Wednesday night...Partly cloudy with a 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the upper 60s. Southeast winds 10 to 15 mph in the evening becoming light and variable.

Thursday...Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the mid 80s. Northeast winds 10 to 15 mph.

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Friday...Partly cloudy. Highs around 90.

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Saturday...Partly cloudy. Highs in the lower 90s.

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Sunday night...Partly cloudy. Lows in the upper 60s.

Monday...Partly cloudy. Highs in the lower 90s.

Lottery

AUSTIN (AP) — Results of the Texas Two Step drawing Monday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 17-22-27-35. Bonus Ball: 35.

Number matching four of four, plus Bonus Ball: 0

AUSTIN (AP) — Results of the Cash 5 drawing Monday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 12-18-26-27-29.

Number matching five of five: 1.

Prize per winner: \$26,629.

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Monday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 1-5-5



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Jerry Groves, spokesperson for the Vietnam Memorial Committee, presents "Wild" Bill McNeil, one of the founding organizers of the Permian Basin Ride to Remember, with an award commemorating the event, which has grown from under 100 riders to more than 500 in the past six years.

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can be very, very proud of that."

McKinney said the group of bikers, which could be heard more than a mile away as they rode

into the Vietnam Memorial's parking area, show their respect in a slightly different way from most.

"The Ride to Remember is just what it says it is," said McKinney. "We ride so we remember those who have made the ultimate sacrifice for our

country. If you noticed, as they rode by this afternoon, a lot of them were revving their engines. That's not showing off. That is their way of saluting this memorial and showing their honor and respect for this facility and what it stands for." One of the speakers dur-

ing the ceremony was "Wild" Bill McNeil, one of the founding members of the Ride to Remember program in West Texas.

"I'm very proud to be here, and I'm proud of the guys and gals who rode with us today," said McNeil. "We don't ride for people to see us. We ride for people to see freedom. We ride for the boys and girls who gave everything they had for this country."

"Each of us ride for a different reason. I ride for an uncle I never knew. He's still aboard the submarine stuck somewhere in the South China Sea, lost at sea in April 1945. I also ride for my very best friend, Curtis McKinney, of the 101st Airborne, killed Oct. 5, 1968 ... in Vietnam."

"It takes a lot of work to put something like this together," said Jerry Groves, spokesperson for the VMC. "We enjoy doing it, and we do it because we think it's the right thing to do. Six years ago when this started, a friend of mine I used to work with at the VA (Medical Center) by the name of Ron Gray contacted me and asked me if I thought the VMC would want to participate in the Permian Basin Ride to Remember. I told him you bet we will, and whatever you want us to do, we'll do it. Whatever it takes, we won't bow down from

it. "That was six years ago. This ride started with between 30 and 40 bikes. Today there are more than 500 motorcycles out there. Do you know what that tells me? It tells me we have a lot of people around here who want to remember the ultimate sacrifice people have made."

McNeil, who was just one of hundreds of veterans making the trip to the Vietnam Memorial Monday, read a short poem.

"They shall not grow old, as we who are left grow old," McNeil read. "Age shall not weary them nor the years condemn them. By the going down of the sun and in the morning, we will remember them lest we forget. God bless America."

Groves presented McNeil with a special award, commemorating his part in developing the annual Ride to Remember.

"The first year this run started I was introduced to one of the men most passionate about the annual Ride to Remember," said Groves. "We've become real good friends, not only as veterans, but we also have a bond because we were both in the Navy. This man is in my eyes one of the best men I've ever been around in my life."

He cares very passionately about what this is all about and he wants people to remember what it's about... Bill, we love you, buddy."

Groves presented McNeil with a plaque that included the inscription, "Presented to 'Wild' Bill McNeil ... In appreciation for all of your hard work and dedication to Ride to Remember from the Big Spring Vietnam Memorial Inc."

"This is for all my brothers and sisters. God bless you all," said McNeil. "Keep America free. Remember, there are young men and women who are still putting the uniform on. They are still fighting for our freedom. We've got good people in this country, and I love you all."

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If you like to attend or make a donation, contact the Big Spring State Hospital Community

Relations Office at (432) 268-7535. Or, mail your donation to Big Spring State Hospital Community Relations Office, 1901 N. Highway 87, Big Spring 79720.

Donor categories are: Benefactor, \$1,000 and above; Patron, \$500 to \$999; Sponsor, \$200 to \$499; Friend, \$100 to \$199; and Donor, \$50 to \$99.

Valet parking will be provided at the entrance at 600 Mathews.

In case of adverse weather, the event will be moved to the back barn at

the Howard County Volunteer Services Council support current projects of purchasing a

second patient shuttle, patient internet café, plus ongoing patient activities and projects.

Donations to the



Courtesy photo
Denim and Diamonds Gala chairperson and hostess Stacy Barr, hostess Leslie Elrod and hostess Vicki Cole look over last-minute details for the June 3 fundraiser at the Cole and Barr residences. Denim and Diamonds is the hospital's largest fund-raiser and generates money for the hospital's patients. Tickets are still available and they be purchased by calling 268-7535.

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Paulson is also a millionaire many times over.

Last year, the Goldman Sachs group said it paid Paulson \$30 million in total compensation in 2004 — almost a 40 percent gain from the year before.

In tapping Paulson for the Treasury job, the administration is seeking a more effective spokesman to tout Bush's economic accomplishments of low unemployment and solid economic growth.

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Inpatient Visits	3,021
Outpatient Visits	63,064
Additional Benefits	
Payroll (342 Employees)	\$14,600,000
Charity & Uncompensated Care	\$8,652,423
Capital Investments	\$1,266,533
Dollars Spent with Local Merchants	\$264,100
Property & Sales Taxes	\$573,722
Donations to Community	\$25,352
Total 2005 Community Investment	\$25,382,130*

*Dollar amounts are approximate

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OUR VIEWS

BSISD trustees made right call on graduation

It's called sticking to your guns. And that's exactly what the Big Spring Independent School District Board of Trustees did last week when confronted by impassioned pleas from students and parents requesting a change in policy that would allow 10 students to participate in graduation ceremonies this week. State law mandates students must pass each portion of the exit level Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills (TAKS) test before being allowed to graduate. As a result, 10 Big Spring students, among 31,000 statewide, will not graduate with their classmates.

While local districts have the option of allowing a student who has not passed the TAKS to participate in graduation ceremonies as long as they passed their local course work, we feel BSISD administrators and board members have the right take in this matter.

In fact, we find it disturbing that one student who addressed the board 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?"

On the contrary. What the district's officials are doing are making it clear that students in the BSISD must meet state requirements for graduation. That's far from giving up on a student.

What these students must do now is pass the portions of the TAKS they failed and they will receive their high school diplomas. That's what will give them confidence to face life.

Letting students "walk the stage" when they haven't qualified to graduate is simply affording them something they haven't earned.

And regardless of what reason one could give for allowing non-graduates to participate in this Friday's ceremony, it would be a disservice to all involved — to graduates who've earned the right to participate, but perhaps an even bigger failing for the 10 students in question.

We agree with school officials who believe changing the policy would actually give students who do not graduate less incentive to return to school to get their diploma.

Another student who asked to be able to participate at commencement told members of the board that they had "worked just as hard as our classmates... They just passed one more test than we did. One or two tests shouldn't keep us from walking the stage."

On the contrary. Perhaps there's no better time for these 10 students and others to learn that working as hard as others, while important, is not the bottom line in life.

Whether or not one makes the grade does.

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

May we surrender to You, Lord, and Your will for our lives.
Amen

A viewpoint on the 'Da Vinci Crock'

I have not seen the movie. However, I as the Brewer submit that I have the right to "express" myself and sound off on the firestorm of debate and controversy generated by Dan Brown and Ron Howard. The challenge for me is that there have already been so many books, blogs and columns written on the DaVinci debacle that I don't want to reinvent the squeaking wheel.

This week's sip from the carpenter's cup has more to do with how ridiculous the entire premise of the subject is and how silly our world has become to jump to such fantastic conclusions based on a work of fiction.

Financed by a British Muslim named Mohammed Yusef, (no anti-Christian agenda there, I'm sure) the witches' wand of Hollywood has cast another spell that impacts our culture in a profound way. It just wouldn't be cool if I didn't make fun of it. Ladies and gentlemen the rant will now begin.

STUPID IS AS STUPID DOES

Richie Cunningham and Forrest Gump team up with Gandalf from the Lord of the rings and announce that they have discovered the truth about Christianity. I mean who wouldn't believe an ensemble of theologians like that?

The "truth" they discovered is that Jesus Christ was actually an average Joe or more correctly Jew that faked his death loaded up his donkey and moved to the hills of France with his bride Mary from Magdala. I have not been so

intrigued with drama since Fonzie tried to jump the shark.

Of all places in the world they have my Jesus running around with the French! To tell you the truth I can deal with a heretic hating Jesus and saying that Christ faked his death and imagined his resurrection but don't tell me Jesus is a Frenchman! That's when you cross the line of blasphemy with me.

HOCUS POCUS OPUS

I would imagine that Oppie and Forrest believe that Jesus went through the French countryside preaching the doctrine of how to retreat and surrender. Somebody somewhere has discovered a renaissance painting with croisants being used as communion bread and if you look very close you can see that Jesus is holding up his pinky wile drinking wine, so he's got to be French.

Furthermore scholars from Harvard have noted that in the painting of the last supper you can in fact see armpit hair therefore proving that we are looking at a French woman and not John the apostle.

I remember when Lieutenant Dan sarcastically asked Forrest, "Have you found Jesus yet, Gump?"

Forrest replied, "I didn't know I was supposed to be looking for him, sir." But that was before Dan Brown got a hold of him. Now Forrest is looking all over French museums and dodging bullets in his magic shoes.

Yes we know that it is a work of fiction but so called progressive thinkers will certainly admit that the book does bring up some very interesting questions. In the Brewer's humble opinion you are

smoking crack.

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I have my own clandestine conspiracy theory. It is my declaration that the portrait on all one dollar bills reveals that George Washington was in fact a chick! He obviously is wearing a wig and the brothers face looks just like the Mona Lisa! Same smile -everything.

I would suggest that you should ignore 250 years of History and read the writings of Stalin in how that he told the truth about George Washington. Stalin wrote letters saying Washington never actually crossed the Delaware nor did anyone in his day actually think he was the first president of the United States. At last the truth revealed about America from the secret vaults of red square! All you've got to do is stare at the portrait long enough and you'll see what I'm talking about.

What I just said might be fiction but for those that already have an anti-American agenda I am sure that it brings up some interesting questions. From now on we will forever wonder every time we see a dollar bill.

But if it is preached that Christ has been raised from the dead, how can some of you say that there is no resurrection of the dead? If there is no resurrection of the dead, then not even Christ has been raised. And if Christ has not been raised, our preaching is useless and so is your faith.

1 Corinthians 15:12-14 (NIV)

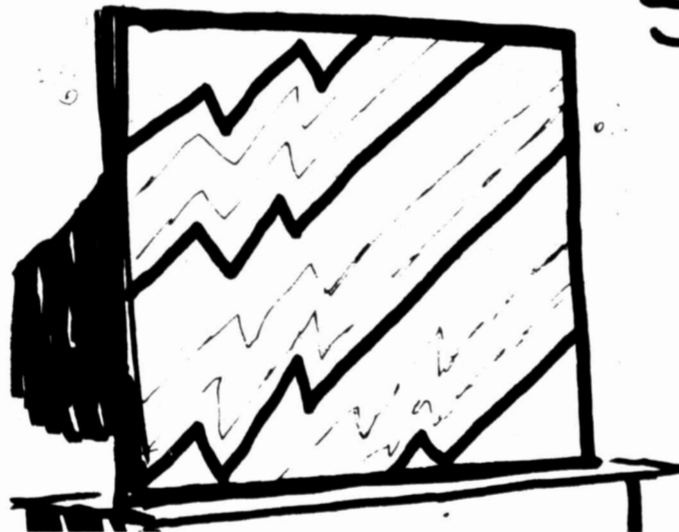
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A mortgage you didn't know you have

Washington politicians, especially on the GOP side, often complain about inheritance taxes. U.S. Comptroller General David M. Walker, however, thinks elected officials should be talking about "the birth burden," the \$156,000 that represents each American's share of the \$8 trillion federal debt, plus \$35 trillion in unfunded spending promises. Every child born in America receives this dubious legacy: a \$156,000 IOU.

Walker was in San Francisco on Tuesday, speaking at what participants call, "The Fiscal Wake-up Tour." Their first hurdle is to break through Americans' numbers. You see a tab in the billions, and it doesn't mean anything to you. So Walker puts the numbers in personal terms. The average household share of the federal fiscal mess is \$411,000. Imagine if every household in America had a \$411,000 mortgage, but no house.

You can thank the crew in Washington — President Bush and the GOP-controlled Congress — for, among other mistakes, passing a new Medicare prescription-drug benefit without paying for it. America's liabilities more than doubled from some \$20 trillion in

2000 to \$46 trillion in 2005, according to the Government Accountability Office.

There is no easy fix, as Alison Acosta Fraser of the right-leaning Heritage Foundation noted. Conservatives like to talk about eliminating luxury items, like the National Endowment for the Arts, and pork-barrel projects that lawmakers insert into spending bills.

Fraser agreed that the pork projects should be targeted because they are "emblematic" of Washington's overspending ways. Still, you can cut the pork earmarks, the NEA, as well as NASA and all foreign aid, and the result would be a blip in the overall picture. Federal spending would fall from an anticipated 50 percent of the Gross Domestic Product in 2050, to 48 percent of GDP, she said.

The situation is so dire that, despite Heritage's longstanding aversion to tax increases, Fraser accepts that a proposed bipartisan commission on entitlement spending would have to look at raising taxes to fund Medicare, Medicaid and Social Security benefits — although she is careful to stipulate that she opposes increasing tax rates.

From the left-leaning Brookings Institution, Diane Lim Rogers noted that America cannot balance future budgets on "tax cuts alone." Spending cuts have to be part of the package.

Rogers noted that all Washington has "given up" on Congress doing

anything important this year, although Walker believes that a bipartisan commission could provide the answer. In this era of intense partisan rancor, the thinking goes, only a bipartisan commission would have the brass to both raises taxes and cut spending.

Whenever I write a column like this, readers e-mail me to ask what they can do. There is no easy answer. Sure, readers can tell their congressional representatives that they want a bipartisan commission and that they want Washington to reduce the deficit. Now.

The fact is, those messages will ring hollow in a Capitol where politicians know well that the best way to win re-election is to promise something for nothing.

So here's my advice: In state and local politics, look for the candidate who tells you what you don't want to hear. Look for the rare pol who argues that you — not someone else — have to give up something. Then vote for that person.

The old saw says that people get the government they deserve. But if Washington continues to borrow and spend, your children and grandkids will pay mightily for a government they didn't deserve because they didn't elect it.

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Running back to safety of his mother yelled, "There's a rat in there!"

After calming and ensuring her son that would go back to the tunnel with him, she put her hand on his shoulder as they walked to the structure.

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Her son came forward to look at it. She decided there must be a rat

TUESDAY

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Bird Poop

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After calming and reassuring her son that she would go back to the tunnel with him, she placed her hand on his shoulder as they walked toward the structure.

At the opening, the boy decided to walk behind his mother for protection; he could look around her to see the thing.

Coming from the bright sun, into the darkened cave-like opening, the mother suddenly stopped. There was a large black animal lying on the matting beside her son's ball. With the bravery all mothers must possess, she slowly walked up to the "monster."

"It's a rat. It's a field rat," she said as she turned to her son. "The rat is dead and it won't hurt you."

Her son came forward to look at it. She decided there must be a reason

why the rat was in the middle of the tunnel.

Suggesting that they both walk back to the area where they had paid and received their clubs and balls, mother and son informed the manager of what had happened.

With apologies for the scare the boy had suffered, he went back to the tunnel with them and walked up to the rat.

Then he looked around the area.

Noticing white splatters on the side of the tunnel at least 6 feet above the floor, he realized they had a tenant.

Since he suspected an owl had taken up residence on the ledge above, he offered to refund their money and give them a future opportunity to play.

Going a step further, he commented that if they would like to stay, he was going to call Animal Control and the game warden for help.

Closing the course until the problem could be solved, the manager was informed that his suspicions were correct.

With ladders, the officers had climbed to the ledge and come face to face with five young barn owls. They had been greeted with the typical defensive postures of extended talons and deafening screams.

Able to reach three of the birds, the officers placed them in a large carrier that the game warden had brought.

The remaining owls quickly backed into a narrow opening that had been overlooked during construction. It was impossible for anyone to reach in and even touch the owls, let alone extract them safely.

The only way to reach the remaining twosome was from the outside. Soon a crew arrived to begin the tedious cutting of the painted fiberglass coating that had transformed a steel framework, covered with mesh, into a mountain.

Although frightened,



BEBE McCASLAND



In self-defense, nestling barn owls vocalize from a whispered hiss to an ear-splitting crescendo. Their nightly menu includes rats, mice, and cottontail rabbits.

the owls were brought out of the structure to rejoin their siblings.

By this time, the local media had been alerted.

As the game warden walked toward his vehicle, he heard from behind, "Where do you think you're going with those owls? You can't take those owls."

Turning to the TV reporter, the warden assured the person that he was taking the birds either to a bird rehabilitator in Big Spring, or to the Lubbock Wildlife Center.

The reporter continued, "Those owls belong in Midland."

With a firm voice, the warden informed him that the owls don't belong to Midland or anyone, but are federally and state protected.

"But we want to watch them grow up."

The warden added, "You had a wildlife person here in Midland; she was put out of business. So now these owls have to be taken elsewhere. I can and will take the owls."

When the warden called, he said he had five barn owls from Putt-Putt. My end of the conversation was very quiet. "Putt-Putt?"

"Yeah, the mountain." Still silence.

I was unaware of the new miniature golf course. He related the story and I realized how long it had taken all those people to rescue the owls from such a public place.

Having time to talk with the boy and his mother, the warden said the boy couldn't have been happier.

His day had surpassed all expectations. The mother figured the classmates knew of the owls and anticipated a frightening experience for her son.

Instead, she and her boy had missed their lunch and movie for a story the boy could retell his classmates for months.

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

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

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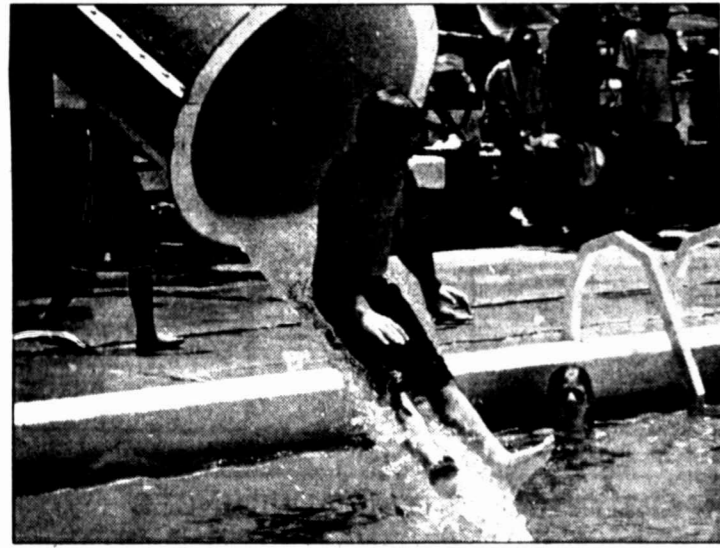
HERALD photo/Thomas Jenkins
These riders show off their red, white and blue colors during the annual Permian Basin Ride to Remember, which brought more than 500 cyclists from all over West Texas to the Big Spring Vietnam Memorial Monday morning.



HERALD photo/Thomas Jenkins
Don Boling, president of the Rackley-Swords Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 379, places a wreath at the foot of the Avenue of Flags at Trinity Memorial Park during a Memorial Day Ceremony Sunday afternoon.



HERALD photo/Steve Reagan
Participants pass the start line at the beginning of the second annual Veterans' Fun Run Saturday morning at Comanche Trail Park. The 5K event benefited the Veteran's Eyeglass Fund.



HERALD photo/Thomas Jenkins
Dylan Headrick, 9, a student at Marcy Elementary, takes a trip down the water slide at the city pool during Monday afternoon's Splash In. The 40th annual event was co-sponsored by KBST Radio and the City of Big Spring.

Contract Bridge

Pre-emptive Defense

South dealer.
East-West vulnerable.
NORTH
♦ A J 10 4
♥ 8 3
♦ 9 5 4 2
♣ J 7 6
WEST
♦ K 6 2
♥ —
♦ A 7 6 3
♣ A K Q 9 4 2
EAST
♥ Q 9 8 7 3
♦ J 9 4 2
♠ 10 8
♣ 10 5
SOUTH
♦ 5
♥ A K Q 10 7 6 5
♦ K Q J
♣ 8 3

The bidding:
South West North East
1♥ 2♦ Pass Pass
4♥
Opening lead — king of clubs.

Assume you hold the West hand and declarer gets to four hearts as shown. You lead the K-Q of clubs, everyone following suit, and the question is what to do next.

It seems normal to continue with the ace of clubs, which certainly looks harmless enough, but if you do you will regret it later on. South will ruff and play the ace of trumps, learning that your partner started with all the missing trumps. He then

makes the contract by leading a spade to dummy's ace and finessing the ten of hearts, losing only two clubs and a diamond.

However, the best play at trick three is a low spade! The chief purpose of the spade shift is to try to force declarer to play dummy's ace of spades before he discovers that all the outstanding trumps are in one hand. You know that, but declarer doesn't — and you should try to take advantage of this knowledge by leading a spade at trick three instead of an innocuous third round of clubs. (If South has the queen of spades, it is unlikely the spade shift will cost anything.)

It must be granted that if you shift to a spade at trick three, declarer might see through your scheme and finesse the ten of trumps at trick four. However, players capable of doing this are few and far between. Besides, you shouldn't be playing bridge against people that smart! The bidding strongly suggests that South's trump holding is something like the one he actually has, or possibly an eight-card suit headed by the A-K-J. The best way of dealing with either of these possibilities is by compelling South to commit himself before he finds out what the situation really is.

Tomorrow: There's only one right play.
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IN BRIEF

HC sets 2006 summer basketball camp dates

Howard County women's basketball head coach, Bob Middle, and assistant coach, Eric Boling, have announced dates for three summer basketball camps to be held at Doris Garrett Coliseum.

For more information, call 264-5043 or 816-4337. Pre-registration for all three camps is also encouraged.

HC sets boys summer basketball camp dates

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

For more information, call the athletic office at Howard College at 264-5044. Enrollment is limited.

Tryout dates set for HC baseball team

The Howard County baseball team will be conducting a local open tryout.

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.

B.S. to hold tennis events in June

Big Spring High School's tennis can and Black and Gold Tennis Circuit will take place June 5-10.

The camp runs from Monday, June 5, through Thursday, June 8, and features two different sessions. The first session (9:30 a.m. to noon) consists of instructional drills and a conditioning program and the afternoon session (1 p.m. to 5 p.m.) consists of free play.

The Black and Gold Tennis Circuit will Friday, June 9, and Saturday, June 10. The tournament features the best players in West Texas. The circuit is broken into age divisions and costs \$15, \$25 and \$35 depending on how many events a player wants to play in.

The camp costs \$25 which includes entry in the Black and Gold Circuit and just the morning session for ages 5-8.

The cost for full Steers and current Steers (grades 4-12) is \$100 and that includes both sessions of camp and one day in the Black and Gold Circuit.

Discounts are offered for families with more than one player and school ships and ball machines are also available.

For more information, contact 1 Spring tennis coach Kathy Boland at 264-5044.

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

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Ward resigns from BSHS, takes 5A position

• Former AD Butler lures golf coach to Class 5A Granbury

By TROY HYDE

Sports Editor
Taking the necessary step to get to the college level, Big Spring head golf coach Steve Ward resigned from his position and accepted the same position at Class 5A Granbury, which is located 30 miles southwest of Fort Worth.

"My wife and I talked about the move and we both liked it," said Ward. "I wanted to be a 5A coach and eventually coach at the college level. This move should help with the long-term goal." Ward spent seven years at Big Spring as the head golf coach and six of those years were spent under former Athletic Director



WARD

Dwight Butler, who is the man responsible for hiring Ward as Butler is now the A.D. at Granbury. "With Dwight being there and him having an opening for me is just a great opportunity," said Ward. "I actually applied there before I came here. My seven years at Big Spring were great years. Everyone here was good to the family." The move to Granbury will present a change for Ward as the town and school district plays golf

on six different courses. "It will keep the kids fresh and each course presents a new challenge," said Ward. "The golf courses here have been good to us though. They treated the kids very well." Ward graduated from Monahans High School and then spent two years playing golf at McLennan Community College. He played golf for two more years after that at the University of Texas at San Antonio. His first

coaching job was at Class 3A Bullard where he spent two years before coming to Big Spring. "It's been a good place for us and I am going to miss some of my buddies from here," said Ward. "It's been a fun ride. It may take some time to get to coaching at the college level, but I would also be content at staying at Granbury because it is real close to a big city." Ward's wife Kriste

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IN BRIEF

HC sets girls' summer basketball camp dates
Howard College women's basketball head coach Eric Moore has announced dates for three summer basketball camps to be held at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. For more information, call 264-5044 or 816-4397. Pre-registration for all three camps is also encouraged.

HC sets boys' 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.

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

Tryout dates set by HC baseball team

The Howard College baseball team will be conducting a local open tryout.

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.

B.S. to hold tennis events in June

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

The camp runs from Monday, June 5, through Thursday, June 8, and features two different sessions. The first session (9:30 a.m. to noon) consists of instructional drills and a conditioning program and the afternoon session (1 p.m. to 5 p.m.) consists of free play.

The Black and Gold Tennis Circuit will be Friday, June 9, and Saturday, June 10. The tournament features the best players in West Texas. The circuit is broken up into age divisions and costs \$15, \$25 and/or \$35 depending on how many events one wants to play in.

The camp costs \$55, which includes one entry in the Black and Gold Circuit and just the morning session for ages 5-8.

The cost for future Steers and current Steers (grades 4-12) is \$100 and that includes both sessions of the camp and one entry in the Black and Gold Circuit.

Discounts are offered for families with more than one player and schoolships and half-siblings are also available.

There will be an open house on Friday, June 9, at 6 p.m.

For more information, contact Big Spring tennis coach Kathy Boland at 640-444-4444.



KRT photo/Chris Lee, St. Louis Post-Dispatch
The Houston Astros' Roy Oswalt pitches against the St. Louis Cardinals in St. Louis, Mo., Monday. Albert Pujols hit a three-run home run and the Cardinals won the game, 3-1.

Pujols blast sends Cards past Houston in St. Louis

By R.B. FALLSTROM

AP Sports Writer
ST. LOUIS — Albert Pujols hit a go-ahead three-run homer in the seventh inning to lift the St. Louis Cardinals over the Houston Astros 3-1 Monday.

The Cardinals rallied after six fruitless innings against Roy Oswalt, pitching in St. Louis for the first time since the Astros' NL championship series clincher last fall. Jason Marquis worked seven strong innings for the NL Central leaders, who sent the Astros to their sixth loss in seven games.

Aaron Miles singled off Trevor Miller (0-1) to start the seventh and John Rodriguez coaxed a full-count walk with two outs ahead of Pujols, who hit his major league-leading 25th homer off Chad

Qualls on a 2-0 pitch. Pujols, who also leads the majors with 64 RBIs, missed a chance against Oswalt when he struck out on three pitches with runners on first and second to end the fifth.

Marquis (7-4) has won his last four starts and is 5-1 against the Astros the last two seasons.

He worked around early control problems that led to hit batters on consecutive pitches and to the Astros' lone run on Preston Wilson's infield hit in third. He struck out two, walked two and allowed only three hits.

Oswalt, who's 0-2 in his last five starts, left with a 1-0 lead after holding the Cardinals to seven hits and a walk. He struck out five and stranded two runners in the first, fourth and fifth.

Last year, Oswalt was

2-0 with a 1.29 ERA in two NLCS starts against the Cardinals, and he silenced them in Game 6 after Pujols' dramatic homer off Brad Lidge won Game 5.

Craig Biggio became the 23rd player to reach 10,000 at-bats when he grounded out to end the seventh. Biggio also was one of three players hit by pitches from Marquis, extending his modern-day record in that category to 277.

Marquis hit Willy Taveras on a 3-1 pitch, then plunked Biggio on the next pitch with one out in the third.

Morgan Ensberg walked with two outs and Taveras scored on Wilson's sharp grounder to third that handcuffed Scott Rolen. Jason Istringhausen, the Cardinals' third pitcher, worked the ninth for his 17th save in 19 chances.

Steers place five on all-District 4-4A team

• Tissue, Doporto earn first-team honors

By TROY HYDE

Sports Editor
Big Spring junior Lance Tissue and freshman Nathan Doporto headline five members of the Steers baseball team who earned all-district honors for their efforts this season.

Tissue earned first-team honors at first base, while Doporto made the top team as a utility player.

Seniors Charles Downing and Andy Lasater and junior Caleb Choate were also a part of the all-district squad. All three players earned second-team honors. Downing was voted in as a pitcher, while Lasater, who was injured for part of the season, was picked as a shortstop and Choate was selected as a catcher. Frenship won the district this year and took home top honors on the all-district team.

Senior Tyler Lyons, who will play at

Oklahoma State next season, won the Most Valuable Player award, while sophomore Trey Whaley won Newcomer of the Year.

Frenship also landed sophomore Aaron Wampler (pitcher), sophomore John Swope (third base), sophomore Nick Hanslik (outfield) and junior Clay West (outfield) to the first team.

Andrews and Estacado were also well represented. Senior Zane Cook and Senior Sean Carruth both of Andrews were picked as first-team pitchers, while Matador junior Marcus Limon also made the first team for his efforts on the mound.

Seniors Nathan Bryant, David Rodriguez, Ricky Carrasco and Levi Saenz and junior Brantley Miller also made the first team for Andrews, which finished second in 4-4A this year.

The Matadors' other first-team selections were junior Jaime Lomas (catcher), junior Gabe Pineda (first base), sophomore Marcus Flores (second base), sophomore Ez Reyna (third base), junior Martin Adams (outfield) and senior Jessie Perez (designated hitter).

Texas rookie blanks M's

• Teixeira provides offense in 2-0 victory

ARLINGTON (AP) — John Rheinecker got his first-game jitters out of the way in April. His second major league start went a lot smoother.

Rheinecker allowed four hits in 8 1-3 innings and Mark Teixeira hit a two-run homer to lead the Texas Rangers to a 2-0 victory over Seattle on Monday night, the Mariners' fifth straight loss.

Rheinecker (1-0), who was recalled from Triple-A Oklahoma earlier Monday, struck out six,

walked one and had 13 groundball outs. The left-hander made his major league debut on April 22 — two runs and seven hits in four innings in a no-decision against Tampa Bay — and was 2-1 with a 3.26 ERA in nine starts for Oklahoma.

"I was a lot more confident going out there this time," Rheinecker said. "I wasn't as nervous. I had a lot of confidence in (catcher Rod Barajas)."

Seattle, shut out for a major league-high seventh time this season, got one runner as far as third base and that was in the

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Texas, Rice earn top seeds for tournament

(AP) — Rice and defending champion Texas are among the top seeds in the NCAA Division I baseball tournament.

The Owls (50-10) are seeded No. 2 nationally and the Longhorns (40-19) are the No. 3 seed. The Clemson (47-14) was chosen as the top seed.

Rice and Texas are among seven Texas teams in the tournament. The Owls and Longhorns are among the 16 hosts for four-team, double-elimination regionals that

begin Friday. Other Texas teams in the tournament include Baylor, TCU, Houston, Texas-Arlington and Prairie View. Prairie View (33-20) is making its first trip to the tournament while the Longhorns are making their 50th appearance.

Texas and Baylor (35-24) are among seven Big 12 teams in the tournament.

Prairie View will meet Rice in the opening game

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KRT photo/Vernon Bryant, Dallas Morning News
Dallas Mavericks' Jerry Stackhouse, right, and the Phoenix Suns' Tim Thomas scramble for a loose ball during the second half of Game 3 of the NBA Western Conference Finals. The Mavericks defeated the Suns, 95-88, at the US Airways Center in Phoenix, Ariz., Sunday. Game 4 takes place tonight at 8 p.m.

Heat puts Pistons on brink after win

By TIM REYNOLDS

AP Sports Writer

MIAMI — Shaquille O'Neal batted Richard Hamilton's pass away at the foul line, corralled the deflection near midcourt, dribbled twice and swooped in for a layup.

"I've been holding back," he deadpanned afterward.

He's lying. Neither O'Neal, nor Dwyane Wade, nor any member of the Miami Heat is holding anything back — especially not now, with just one victory separating them from the franchise's first NBA Finals berth.

Wade scored 12 of his 31 points in the final quarter Monday, leading a late push that carried Miami to an 89-78 win over the Detroit Pistons and a 3-1 lead in the Eastern Conference finals. O'Neal added 21 for Miami, which wasted an early 14-point lead before recovering and winning for the ninth time in 11 games.

"We don't want to get too high and mighty," O'Neal said. "Job's not done yet."

Udonis Haslem added 16 points for the Heat, who shot 55 percent compared to Detroit's 39 percent.

Tayshaun Prince had 15 points and Chauncey Billups added 14 for the Pistons, who'll host Game 5 on Wednesday night. Detroit committed 30 fouls to Miami's 19, leading to a 47-22 disparity in free throws attempted.

"We've got a lot of fight in us," Billups said. "We have been down 3-1 before — not against a team as good as the Heat, though. And they're playing great, man. You've got to give it to them. They are. They're playing great ball. Their great players are playing phenomenal and other guys are chipping in pretty well."

A year ago, two chances at ending Detroit's reign

atop the East weren't enough for Miami, as the Pistons rallied from 3-2 down to win in seven games. Now, the Heat get three cracks at breaking through — and this time, Wade and O'Neal are healthy.

Miami's star duo was battling injuries toward the end of last year's East finals; O'Neal a thigh bruise, Wade a strained rib muscle. This year, they're feeling fine — and not because O'Neal added the occasional fast-break layup to his weaponry.

"That was lovely," Wade said. "I haven't seen that since Orlando, when he was young. And slim."

Slim would also apply to Detroit's chances, at least based how other teams fared in this situation.

Teams taking 3-1 leads in the penultimate round — either the conference finals or division finals, as they were once known — have prevailed 40 times in 43 previous opportunities, and each of the last 16 teams with a 3-1 cushion reached the Finals.

"One play can change a game, one game can change a series," Pistons coach Flip Saunders said.

Those oh-so-resilient Pistons — who've rallied from 2-1 or 3-2 series deficits five times since 2003 — dug deep in Game 4 to erase a 14-point first-half hole, going on a 29-11 run over a 7-minute stretch capped by Rasheed Wallace's 3-pointer with 5:04 left in the third for a 57-53 lead.

Detroit managed only three more points in the quarter, and Wade hit two free throws with 1.5 seconds left to put Miami up 62-60 entering the fourth.

The Pistons never led again.

"Now we have to play every game like it's our last," Prince said. "That's the only chance we have."



KRT photo/Ai Diaz, Miami Herald
Miami Heat's Dwyane Wade dunks the ball as Detroit Pistons' Antonio McDyess stands by. The Heat defeated the Pistons 89-78 in Game 4 of the Eastern Conference Finals at the American Airlines Arena in Miami, Fla., Monday.

WARD

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worked as a RN in Big Spring, but will transfer to Lake Granbury Hospital. The married couple has no kids and both have family in Granbury, which should make the move easier.

Big Spring Athletic Director Tim Holt has already hired a replacement for Ward. Chris Joslin of Jacksboro has been formerly approved by the board and will take over duties as head coach

immediately.

"The next guy in is going to have a strong girl's team next year because they get most of them back," said Ward. "The boy's team loses its top three guys, so this year might be a rebuilding year."

Holt only directed Ward for one year, but said he hasn't met a finer guy.

"He's got a great opportunity to move up to Class 5A and he'll be working with a guy he is familiar with," said Holt. "He wants to be a college coach and this is a big step toward that."

RANGERS

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ninth inning.

Rheinecker was acquired by the Rangers from the Oakland Athletics on March 31 in a three-way trade that also brought left-hander John Koronka to Texas from the Chicago Cubs.

Detailing areas of improvement from his debut, Rheinecker said, "Location, keeping the ball down and hitting spots. The minors ain't like this. You have to have command of every pitch at all times."

The Mariners, hitting .220 against left-handers, could only manage four singles against Rheinecker.

"He was outstanding," Rangers manager Buck Showalter said. "He was down in the zone with all four pitches. Everything was sinking."

Rheinecker hit Ichiro Suzuki leading off the ninth, then gave up a one-out single to Raul Ibanez and was lifted for Rick

Bauer, who got two outs for his first save of the season and second of his career.

Showalter wanted to give Rheinecker a shot at a complete game, but the rookie had already thrown 110 pitches.

"I hoped he'd finish the game," Showalter said. "I asked (pitching coach) Mark Connor what he thought and he said, 'That's a tough one, Buck.'"

Teixeira broke up the scoreless game in the sixth off starter Jarrod Washburn (3-6) with his sixth homer, driving in Gary Matthews Jr., who had singled with one out.

Washburn allowed two runs and six hits in seven innings, struck out five and didn't issue a walk. He said he made one mistake, leaving a changeup over the plate to Teixeira.

"I didn't think he hit it that good," Washburn said. "I thought he hit it off the end of the bat but it kept carrying. I don't remember ever seeing a shutout in this park. But the kid pitched a great game."

BASEBALL

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of the regional in Houston. Arizona State (36-19) will take on Baylor in the second game on Friday. Baylor is making its 13th trip to the NCAAs.

In Austin, North Carolina State (38-21) will play Stanford (30-25) and Texas-Arlington (29-34) faces Texas.

Houston (39-20) faces Wichita State (44-20) in the regional hosted by

Oklahoma while TCU (38-21) plays the Sooners (40-19).

The winners of each regional will advance to the super regionals, played June 9-12. The eight winners of the super regionals will play in the College World Series, which starts June 16 in Omaha, Neb.

Texas is trying to join the 1949-50 Longhorns, Southern California (1970-74), Stanford (1987-88) and Louisiana State (1996-97) as repeat national champions.

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Caring Kasey was not so caring a long time ago. She did not like hot summer days. She did not like squash. She did not like spinach. She did not like it when her brothers and sisters played with her toys. Kasey did not love just about

everyone and everything then. But, what changed her mind?

When Kasey was very little, even smaller than you or me, she did not like hot summer days. She loved the days that were perfect. Not too hot! Not too cold! But we can't have each day being perfect, can we? Most days are either too hot or too cold, with a few perfect days thrown in between, aren't they? This day was a hot summer day. Kasey wanted to play with her dolls, outside, in the snow! Snow! There was no snow on a hot summer day!

When Kasey was just a little bigger, she wanted to go swimming, in the pool, in the park, in the city where she lived. But, it was Wintertime! It was very cold! It was too cold to go swimming! She wanted to ride her bike. It was still too cold! She wanted to go roller skating on the sidewalk, in the front of her home. The sidewalk was covered with ice. It was too cold!

When Kasey was just a lit-

tle bit bigger, she wanted to watch the animals playing in the park near her home. This worked out fine! For animals learn how to play in the Wintertime when it is so cold, and they learn how to play in the Summertime, when it is very hot. But, this was a very beautiful day.

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The animals seemed to love this day just as much as the days when it is so hot or cold. Kasey loved this perfect day, too. She watched the animals for a very long time that day. They looked so happy! And Kasey wondered why they always looked so happy. They were happy on a hot day. They were happy on a cold day!

As Kasey became just a little bigger, she heard her brothers and sisters playing in their bedroom one day. They seemed so happy, laughing, singing, and hav-

ing fun. Kasey walked into their bedroom and saw that they were playing with her dolls. She did not like that! She took her dolls away from her brothers and sisters and put them away. That was mean, wasn't it? Do you share your toys?

Then, Kasey heard the whispers coming from her brother's and sister's rooms. The whispers slowly turned into whimpers, then the whimpers turned into crying! Kasey had hurt her brother's and sister's feelings. But she didn't care, for she didn't think she loved them, anyway. The brothers and sisters cried themselves to sleep that night. Kasey didn't sleep well, either! She stayed awake most of the night, thinking about her sisters and brothers.

She thought about the time the bully at school was picking on her and how her brothers came to make the bully stop! She thought about the times when her brothers helped her build that dollhouse.

She thought about the

times when her sisters



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helped her dress her dolls. She thought about the times when her sisters told her that she was beautiful! Oh, Kasey had been so mean! And, by morning, she knew it, for she had been awake so long, thinking about how mean she really was. And, she decided to change!

The first thing she did the next morning was to give her brothers and sisters a great big hug and tell them she was so sorry for being mean. And yes, she did tell them that she loved them! They still love each other today!

The second thing she did was to go outside and see what kind of a day it would be. If it was a hot summer day, she would go swimming, in the pool, in the park, in the city where she

lived. If it was a cold day, she would play outside, in the snow, with her dolls, and her dollhouse. If it was a perfect day, she would and could do either one!

And, no matter what kind of day it was, Kasey's brothers and sisters could play with her toys. Kasey even learned to love spinach, and squash. She just had never even tried them before. When she did decide to try them, she was very happy with the way they tasted. Kasey would never have a sad look on her face again!

All of the animals, all of Kasey's brothers and sisters, just about everyone started calling her "Caring Kasey." And, even that made her smile! Kasey cares so much now that she said for you to look at your clock. She wants you to get plenty of sleep and stay healthy, so isn't it time to say,

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Horoscope

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Opportunity may only knock once, but it never really leaves. It's your constant company. Use your mind's eye to see it. Look for the opportunity in a current dilemma.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Your timing isn't off, but it's not the same as your colleague's timing. Making the effort to get in step with those around you will be much appreciated. You can always return to your own pace tonight!

GEMINI (May 21-June 21): Though your manners are impeccable, a challenging situation puts them to an impossible test. You can use your quick reflexes to pull your proverbial foot out of your mouth or save someone else from certain embarrassment.

CANCER (June 22-July 22): Getting rich quick has a bad rap - it's undeserved. All things being equal, wouldn't it better to get rich now instead of later? Opportunities abound now. All you have to do is a little research.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Whether you stumble upon your happiness or follow a recipe to create it, one thing is certain: You will be happy. You have resolved to be so, and so you shall be.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): It has been said that there is no love, only acts of love. If this is true, today is the time to show your sweetie you've been listening. Keep this person's special goals and wishes in mind, and find a unique way to support them.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23): If getting the job done is your number one priority, guess what? It gets done. Perhaps number two should be having a little fun along the way, but probably that should move up to number one.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21): A prophesy will be self-fulfilling. It's not too late, however, to dream up another vision for yourself if you don't like the way the first one is going. Also, you'll be getting to know new people. Reveal yourself slowly!

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Dickey subjects come up at work. If you spend time defending your ideas, you look guilty. Instead, don't let conversations drift into dangerous waters. Stay in control.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Loved ones think your attention is a treasured gift, but your neglect is a terrible insult. The friendliness you showed a stranger long ago is now returned and then some.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): If the thing that makes you wealthy makes someone else poor, nobody really wins. Look deeper into financial arrangements to assess the value on all levels.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): With so many delightful distractions around, it's easy to forget where you're going. That's why a serious Capricorn or Virgo is great to have around. These earth signs remind you to work through a problem instead of avoiding it.

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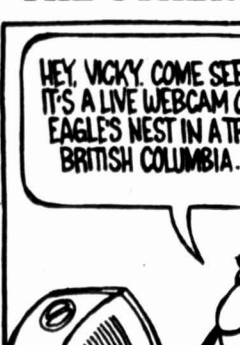
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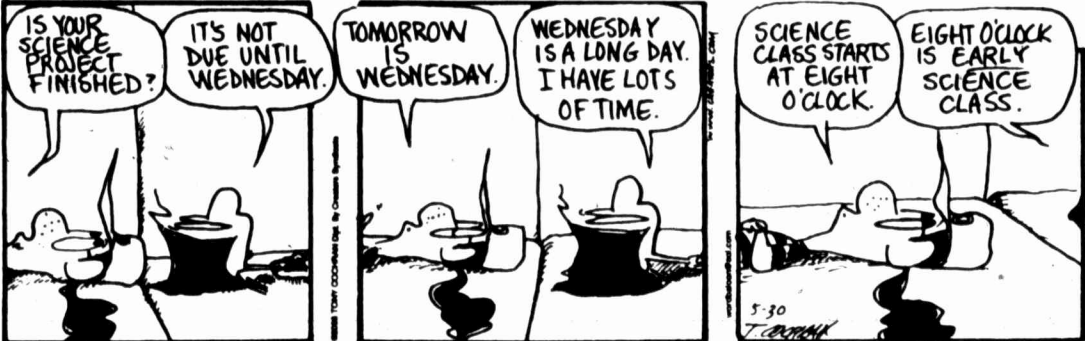
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Today's Highlight in History:

On May 30, 1431, Joan of Arc, condemned as a heretic, was burned at the stake in Rouen, France.

On this date:

In 1539, Spanish explorer Hernando de Soto landed in Florida.

In 1854, the territories of Nebraska and Kansas were established.

In 1883, 12 people were trampled to death when a rumor that the recently opened Brooklyn Bridge was in imminent danger of collapsing triggered a stampede.

In 1911, Indianapolis saw its first long-distance auto race; Ray Harroun was the winner.

In 1922, the Lincoln Memorial was dedicated in Washington by Chief Justice William Howard Taft.

In 1943, American fogies secured the Aleutian island

of Attu from the Japanese during World War II.

In 1958, unidentified soldiers killed in World War II and the Korean conflict were buried at Arlington National Cemetery.

In 1971, the American space probe Mariner 9 blasted off from Cape Kennedy, Fla., on a journey to Mars.

In 1981, the president of Bangladesh, Ziaur Rahman, was assassinated in a failed military coup.

In 1986, 21 elderly passengers were killed when a tour bus went out of control on a mountain road and plunged into the Walker River near the California-Nevada border.

One year ago: Quoting letters of the fallen from the war in Iraq, President Bush vowed to a Memorial Day audience at Arlington National Cemetery that America would honor its dead by striving for peace and democracy, no matter the cost.

Birthdays: Country musician Johnny Gimble is 80. Actor Clint Walker is 79. Actor Kent Dullea is 70. Actress Ruta Lee is 70. Actor Michael J. Pollard is 67. Actor Stephen

Tobolowsky is 55. Actor Colm Meaney is 53. Actor Ted McGinley is 48. Actor Ralph Carter is 45. Actress Tonya Pinkins is 44. Country singer Wynonna is 42. Rock musician Tom Morello (Audioslave) is 42. Movie director Antoine Fuqua ("Training Day") is 41. Rock musician Patrick Doherty (Live) is 35. Actress Idina Menzel is 35. Actor Trey Parker is 34. Rapper Cee-Lo is 32. Actor Blake Bashoff is 25.

Thought for Today: "Only the man who finds everything wrong and expects it to get worse is thought to have a clear brain." — John Kenneth Galbraith, American economist (1908-2006).

Answer to previous puzzle:

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- Range of view
- Tavern
- Tahiti or Capri
- Author T.S. —
- One of the Great Lakes
- Gourmet cook
- Young horses
- Ocean movement
- Nevada plant
- One with a halo
- Regretted
- Ms. Winfrey
- Gobi and Sahara
- Floral necklace
- Tic-___toe
- Fudd of cartoons
- Lettuce unit
- Historical period
- Motor-club letters
- Use an iron
- Craving
- Envelope enclosure: Abbr.
- Paper purchase
- Change, as a law
- Stage background
- Power's tool
- Easter, for one
- Syrup source
- Hardly (rarely)
- Boulder
- Sarcastic remark
- Stretched tight

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- Workplace safety agcy.
- Designer Cassini
- Basketball arbiter
- Confidential item
- Sky sights
- Lubricates
- Pavement pits
- UFO navigators
- Alert and eager
- Office assistant
- Fishing-rod attachment
- Sicilian volcano
- Perry Mason portrayer
- Bone-dry
- Vegetable-soup morsels
- Does business
- Fill with joy
- Sassy one
- Sports complex
- Sweet treat
- Garment border
- Church-bell sound
- Vintage bottle's contents
- Catch, as cattle
- Actor Baldwin
- Medicine-chest attachments
- Baseball broadcaster's call
- Excessively
- Aardvark morsels
- Big Dipper unit
- The O'Hara homestead
- Rural hotels
- Be adjacent to
- Morse
- Hang onto
- Small rug

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Wacky Facts

- June's birthstone is the pearl.
 - "Junius" is the Latin word for the goddess Juno.
 - National Chocolate Ice Cream Day is June 7.
 - June 20 is Take Your Dog to Work Day.
- World Almanac for Kids

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"I am a romantic guy. I'll think of sweet things to say in Spanish and then translate them into English. Sometimes they'll make sense and sometimes they won't, but I totally take chances like that."

— Actor Wilmer Valderrama ("That '70s Show"), in TeenPeople.

In The News

Brenda Song talks about kids' health

Star of television and movies, black belt in tae kwon do — it would seem that Brenda Song has everything she wants. But what she wants most is to encourage kids to be healthy. So when she finished filming her new TV movie, "Wendy Wu: Homecoming Warrior" (due out this month on Disney Channel), she traveled to Chicago to kick off the national YMCA Healthy Kids Day this spring.

TFK: Why did you want to get involved with the YMCA Healthy Kids Day?

SONG: My movie, "Wendy Wu: Homecoming Warrior," is coming out this summer, and I had to train a lot for the martial arts aspect of it. I had so much fun getting fit and healthy, that I wanted to pass that message on to kids.

TFK: Tell us about your character in your new TV movie. Are you at all like her?

SONG: "Wendy Wu: Homecoming Warrior" is about a 16-year-old girl whose objective in her life is becoming homecoming queen at her school. The movie is really about Wendy exploring herself and her heritage. This made me want to explore myself and my heritage a little bit more (my mother is Thai and my father is Hmong). You could say that Wendy and I took a little bit from each other.

TFK: What do you think will happen if kids don't develop a healthy lifestyle?

SONG: Your body is like a machine and if you don't keep it in shape, it holds you back, and you don't want that! You don't want anything holding you back, especially yourself. The bottom line is if your body can't do something, you can't do it.

TFK: You have had a great career so far and you have won an award. Tell us about some of the highlights.

SONG: It sounds funny to be talking about "my career." I've loved working with the Disney Channel, and all the people I've met and I just try to take something with me from each experience.

TFK: What are your plans for the future?

SONG: I think that I have the best job in the world and I would like to continue acting, but I do plan to go to college. I think that this is really important. You can never learn enough.

— Natalie Rosseau, 11

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Coming to America

For 200 years, a lot of folks have immigrated to the U.S. from other countries, and the process continues

BY HEATHER SVOKOS
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We've been hearing an awful lot about immigration in America lately. Reform laws, protests and political debates have been grabbing headlines. But most of our ancestors came here from other countries, and many passed through New York Harbor's Ellis Island. Let's look at the beginnings of mass immigration:

WHO WANTED TO COME HERE AND WHY?

During the 1800s and early 1900s, the political, religious and economic conditions in parts of Europe were unstable. Between those people and others coming here from Asia, the Middle East and the West Indies — all seeking the promise of a better life in America — it added up to the largest mass human migration in history.

DID U.S. IMMIGRATION START WITH ELLIS ISLAND?

No. Before 1890, immigration was regulated by the individual states, not the federal government. From 1855 until 1890, New York's immigration station was at Castle Garden in the Battery. Eventually, the small facility was unable to keep pace with the large number of people wanting to enter the country, and the Ellis Island station was built; it opened Jan. 1, 1892.

WHO WAS THE FIRST IMMIGRANT TO PASS THROUGH ELLIS ISLAND?

Annie Moore, a 15-year-old Irish girl who arrived at the island on her birthday.

WHO WAS THE LAST?

During World War II, enemy merchant seamen were detained there; in November 1954 the last detainee, a Norwegian seaman named Arne Peterssen was released, and Ellis Island officially closed.

ONCE YOU GOT TO NEW YORK, WHAT NEXT?

It depended on your ticket. First- and second-class passengers were processed aboard the ship before ever reach-

ing the port. These passengers had a basic inspection aboard the ship, and if they passed, they were free to enter the United States after passing through customs.

But when steerage passengers arrived at Ellis Island — about 7,000 a day — they had to undergo a medical and legal inspection. Each waited to be asked 16 questions, including their name, age, trade, destination, family size and where they came from. The process would usually take from three to five hours.

WHO DIDN'T GET IN?

Only 2 percent of the immigrants arriving at Ellis Island were excluded from entry. The two main reasons for rejection were if the immigrant had a contagious disease or if a legal inspector thought the immigrant was likely to become a public charge or an illegal contract laborer.

HOW MANY PEOPLE PASSED THROUGH ELLIS ISLAND?

During its 62 years of operation, more than 12 million passengers were processed through Ellis Island, with millions more processed aboard their ships. Today, at least a third of Americans can be traced to someone named on a passenger list.

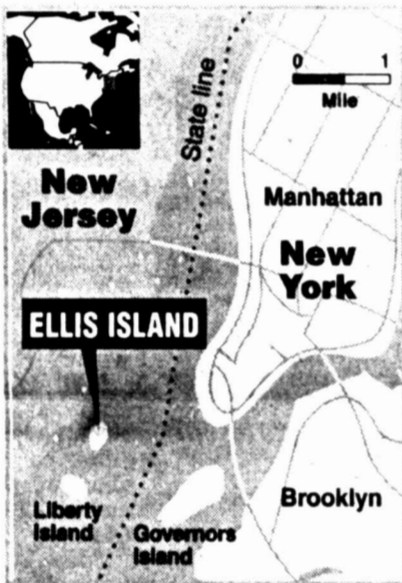
HOW CAN I FIND OUT MORE ABOUT MY ANCESTORS WHO PASSED THROUGH ELLIS ISLAND?

The Ellis Island Foundation (www.ellisland.org) has a database that allows you to search 25 million immigrant arrival records.

WAS ELLIS ISLAND THE ONLY PORTAL FOR IMMIGRANTS DURING THAT TIME?

No. Angel Island, in the San Francisco Bay, operated from 1910 until 1940, when a fire burned down its administration building. Although it was billed as the Ellis Island of the West, it served as more of a detention center, designed to control the flow of Asians into the country. The average detention of an immigrant there was two to three weeks, but many stayed for several months.

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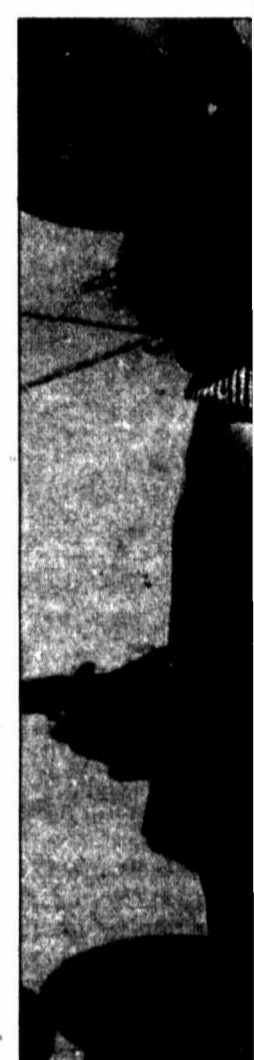
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Howard County's unemployment rate dropped 1 cent in March to 5.1 percent. In April, a trend Virginia area manager for



HANGAR SCENES

Above, 4-year-old Brooklyn Durham is warming to the idea of releasing her balloon. At right, Durham, 13, juggles balloons while chugging a cup of partially-melted cream as her mother lends a helping hand.

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Salvage

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As the mercury boils in West Texas, the Army will be doing help keep low income cooler with its drive.

The Big Spring Army collects donations money to purchase which are then di-

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