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DRA thinking 'upscale' for Funtastic Fourth

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

With a little less than a month until the July 4 holiday, the Big Spring Downtown Revitalization Association is shoring up the details for its annual Funtastic Fourth

John Bryans, president of the DRA, said he hopes to see the 2006 Funtastic Fourth become a more "upscale" event.

"We want to do an upscale deal on it this year," said Bryans. "This is going to be our feel like that's a

small milestone that we're going to kind of work off. We want to get people excited about it. We're going to be looking for better bands, better contests and better vendors to

come in, so we have a really nice looking, dressed up show for the people." The festival is slated for 10

a.m. until 11 p.m. July 4, and is

doing this, and we variety of music for all genera-upping the stakes in the competions, not to mention face painting, pony rides, and ice cream eating competitions and seedspitting competitions for the children, according to event organizers.

Kelly Zant, who is helping to organize the Battle of the Bands for the annual DRA event, said the organization is hoping to attract higher quality bands for this year's show, and has upped the ante to do so.

"We're offering a \$2,500 first being heavily promoted as a prize for each musical catego-

tition will help us bring in presence, sound and audience some bands we may not have been able to attract in the past."

Zant said bands - which will include country, Tejano and rock genres — will go through an initial judging process, with the top three acts from each category going on to perform July

"The judging panel will audition each of the CDs or DVDs and choose three bands from each genre," said Zant. "Each band will have 20 minutes to See FOURTH. Page 3

will be grading them on stage interaction. We're really looking forward to hearing some great bands, and we're excited about the opportunity to give away some big money.

50 CENTS DAILY/\$1.25 WEEKEND

In addition to the first place prizes, Zant said the DRA will be awarding \$250 for second place and \$150 for third.

Zant said entries should include an application form, demo CD or DVD and \$25

Stanton bracking for Old Sorehead event

Special to the Herald

Stanton will host its next Old Sorehead Trade Days this weekend.

Hundreds of vendors are expected to offer just about everything a person could want.

"There will be antiques,_ collectibles, kitchen gadgets, household items, nick-nacks, furniture, crafts and much more. You may find a chicken or puppy for sale on the Tradin' Lot. Over in the newly proposed library booths in the streets, in building there will be a huge book sale with some paperbacks selling as little as 10 for a dollar," said A.L. (Bud) Lindsey, Trade Days spokesperson.

"Then there is the food. In two locations in down- small community of pertown Stanton, there will haps 2,500. be food booths selling fun-Volunteers nel cakes, roasted cornon-the-cob, Mexican food, hamburgers. homemade ice cream and much more. There is spe-places — there is a special cial seating and eating parking lot for handi-

Old Sorehead Trade Days

Saturday: 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. Sunday: Noon to 5 p.m.

of the food booth areas. Benches are scattered around town for the weary."

Stanton's Old Sorehead Trade Days are held three times each year. The streets are blocked off in the downtown area during each of the events and vendors set up their empty buildings and the community center county complex.

typical Old On a. Sorehead Trade Days there may be 10,000 to 15,000 visitors in the

downtown area in golf carts to assist the visitors. Volunteers also direct traffic to the best parking pavilion located near one capped behind the First

National Bank building. Overflow parking is provided just south of the downtown area across the railroad Volunteers will offer rides from the overflow parking to the downtown

Entertainment is scheduled under the trees on Martin County Courthouse lawn for both Saturday and Sunday. Another special area will have children's rides.

"It's difficult to see everything on one of Stanton's Old Sorehead Trade Days in one day, so plan on coming early and staying late. It's a family affair, so bring grandma, grandpa and all the kids," said Lindsey.

Hours Saturday are from 8 a.m. until 7 p.m. Sunday's hours are from noon until 5 p.m.

For more information call (432) 756-2006 or log www.stantontex.com

Admission to Trade Days is free.



A young boy enjoys playing on a rope while his parents shop in Stanton at Old Sorehead Trade Days. The two-day event is scheduled Saturday and Sunday. Admission is free.

ENJOYING THE BSSH DENIM AND DIAMONDS GALA



Alex Calvio bounces 4-month-old Jake Myers to the beat



Couples take to the street to dance to the music of Sulpher Draw during the annual Denim and Diamonds gala Saturday evening. The event benefited patients at the Big Spring State Hospital.

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JURY TRIALS THIS WEEK

Two juries were to be impaneled today to hear cases this week in 118th District Court.

There was a 9 a.m. jury call in the case of State of Texas vs. Billy Jack Shaw, charged with possession of a controlled substance, and a 1 p.m. call in the case of the State of Texas vs. Marco A. Juarez, charged with failure to register as a sex offender.

The first case is expected to get under way at 9 a.m. Tuesday in 118th District Court with the second to follow at 9 a.m. Wednesday.

Howard Glasscock Relay For Life Community Wrap Up

6 p.m. Tuesday

First United Methodist Church Garrett Hall 400 Scurry **Everyone invited**

AFTER HOURS COMING

Elrod's Furniture, 2309 Scurry, will host a Business After Hours from 5 p.m. until 6:30 p.m. Thursday, June

Business After Hours is a program sponsored by the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce specifically designed to encourage networking and to showcase sponsors.

Elrod's is celebrating 80 years in

Door prizes will be available. There is no charge to attend.

Obituaries

Clara Richey

Clara Richey, 64, of Big Spring died Saturday, June 3, 2006, at her residence. Funeral services are 2 p.m. Wednesday, June 7, 2006, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with the Rev. Ken McMeans, pastor of College Baptist Church, officiating. Interment will follow in Mount Olive Memorial Park.

The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. until 8

p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

She was born Oct. 13, 1941, in Big Spring and married Jackie Doyle Richey July 28, 1960, in Big Spring. He preceded her in death Jan 27, 1975. She worked as a nurse for 30 years at several hospitals and nursing homes. She was a Baptist.

She was also preceded in death by her father, Garland Gilbert; a sister, Irene Sinsel; and a brother, Grady Gilbert.

Survivors include three daughters and one son-inlaw. Sandra and Doug Lloyd, Becky Richey and Robin Anderson, all of Big Spring; one son, Jackie Richey of Big Spring; her mother, Charlott Gilbert of Big Spring; three brothers, James Gilbert, Alvin Gilbert and Galin Gilbert, all of Big Spring; one sister, Bonnie Kinard of Big Spring; seven grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

The family suggests memorials to the American Diabetes Association, Midland office, 10 Desta Drive, Suite 220E, Midland 79705.

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

William H. 'Bill' Oliver

William H. "Bill" Oliver, 79, of Big Spring died Friday, June 2, 2006 in the VA Medical Center in Big Spring. Services are 2 p.m. Tuesday, June 6, 2006, in Johnson's Funeral Home chapel in San Angelo. Burial with Masonic rites follows in Lawnhaven Memorial

He was born Nov. 19, 1926, in Plano to Ferrell and Lilly Blasingame Oliver. He served in the Merchant Marines in 1945 and married to Gwen Sheehan March 5. 1954, in Odessa. He retired as manager of the Ponderosa Motel after 15 years and was a 50-year Mason

Survivors include his wife, Gwen Oliver of Big Spring: sisters-in-law Betty Johnson of San Angelo and Nedra Hunnicutt and husband, Bob of Channing; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson's Funeral Home in San Angelo.

Lottery

Results of the Lotto Texas drawing Saturday night: Winning numbers drawn: 7-11-20-28-42-47.

Number matching six of six: 0.

Estimated jackpot for Wednesday night drawing: \$16 million.

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Saturday night: Winning numbers drawn: 2-20-25-28-32. Number matching five of five: 0. Next Cash 5 drawing: Tonight.

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Saturday night, 5-3-8

Weather

Mostly sunny. Highs around 102. South winds 10 to 15 mph.

Partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 70s. Tonight

South winds 10 to 15 mph. Partly cloudy. Highs around 104. South Tuesday

winds 10 to 15 mph. Mostly clear. Lows in the upper Tuesday night

60s. Southeast winds around 10 mph in the evening becoming light and variable. Mostly sunny. Highs around 101. Wednesday

South winds around 10 mph shifting to the east in the afternoon.

Wednesday night — Mostly clear. Lows in the upper 608

Thursday Mostly sunny. Highs around 101. Thursday night — Clear. Lows around 70. Friday Sunny. Highs around 100. Friday night — Clear. Lows in the upper 60s. Saturday Sunny. Highs in the upper 90s.

Saturday night — Clear. Lows in the upper 60s. Sunday - Mostly sunny. Highs in the mid 90s.

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Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity between 10 a.m. Saturday and 8 a.m.

· ROSA CAMPOS RUIZ, 38, of Mexico, was arrested Saturday and held for immigration.

• GUADALUPE MATIAS, 26, of Mexico, was arrested Saturday and held for immigration.

ENRIQUE PRATS, 33, of Mexico, was arrested Saturday and held for immigration. ERUVIN MORALES, 21, of Mexico, was arrested

Saturday and held for immigration. · JOEL HERNANDEZ, 24, of Mexico, was arrested

Saturday and held for immigration. • EBER ESPINOZA, 23, of Mexico, was arrested

Saturday and held for immigration. ANDREA TORRES, 19, of 2513 Ann, was arrested

Saturday on a local citation. JUAN MANUEL MENDOZA, 17, of Mexico, was

arrested Saturday and held for immigration. • DAMIAN JIMENEZ, 31, of Mexico, was arrested

Saturday and held for immigration. • JEFFERY RYAN JONES, 22, of Victoria, was arrested Saturday on a Victoria County warrant.

• JOVITA RODRIGUEZ, 26, of 4203 Mishler, was arrested Sunday on a charge of unlawfully carrying a weapon, two local capias warrants, a warrant from Tom Green County and order to hold for the HCSO.

• CHASTITY PERRYMAN, 32, of 3301 Drexel, was arrested Sunday on a charge of driving while license suspended.

• LEON EDDINGTON, 27, of 411 N.E. 10th Street, was arrested Sunday on a charge of evading arrest.

• SAMMEL GRAY, 23, of 2911 W. Highway 80, was arrested Sunday on four local warrants, two local capias warrants and a charge of possession of mari-

• JOEL CLUCK, 84, of 2810 S. Anderson Road, was arrested Monday on a charge of driving while license

 UNLAWFULLY, CARRYING A WEAPON was reported in the 406 block of Bell.

THEFT was reported:

- in the 1100 block of Lamesa.

in the 900 block of Willia.

in the 300 block of Owens.

• EVADING ARREST OR DETENTION was reported in the 100 block of First Street.

• BURGLARY OF A HABITATION was reported in the 2000 block of Main Street. ASSAULT/CLASS C was reported in the 1100

ASSAULT CLASS C/FAMILY VIOLENCE was

in the 500 block of Westover Road.

in the 1400 block of Oriole. in the 800 block of San Antonio.

in the 500 block of Galveston.

in the 1600 block of Johnson.

Fire/EMS

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

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

 TRAUMA was reported in the 300 block of Tulane. One person was transported to SMMC.

 MEDICAL was reported in the 1800 block of N. Highway 87. One person was transported to the

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14th Street. One person was transported to SMMC.

 MEDICAL was reported in the 3700 block of Connally. One person was transported to SMMC.

TRAUMA was reported in the 1800 block of

Runnels. One person was transported to SMMC. MEDICAL was reported in the 4000 block of

Lancaster. One person was transported to SMMC MEDICAL was reported in the 600 block of

McEwen. One person was transported to SMMC.

MEDICAL was reported in the 500 block of

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• TRAUMA was reported in the 1800 block of North Highway 87. One person was transported to SMMC.

MEDICAL was reported in the 300 block of Tulane.

One person was transported to SMMC. TRAUMA was reported in the 1900 block of

Wasson. Service was refused.

• TRAUMA was reported in the 2700 block of Carrol. One person was transported to SMMC.

· MEDICAL was reported in the 500 block of Donnally. One person was transported to SMMC

Bulletin Board

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

TODAY

· Keep Big Spring Beautiful meets at noon in the Cactus Room at Howard College.

• The Concerned Citizen's Council meets at 7 p.m. in the Dorothy Lamb meeting room inside the Howard County Library.

• The Big Spring Cruisers club meeting at 7 p.m. in the Texas RV Park meeting room.

• District Committee Lone Star of Big Spring meets at noon at 610 Scurry.

• Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) No. 21 meets at 5 p.m. in the Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center, 306 W. Third for weigh-in. The meeting begins at 5:30 p.m. Call 1-800-392-8677 or 263-0391 or 263-1758.

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

Sheriff's report

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

· ADAM MAURICIO TORRES, 32, was transferred to the county jail Friday by the BSPD on a Nolan County warrant.

 RAYMOND, MARTINEZ JR., 52, was arrested Friday by the HCSO on a charge of contempt of court disobedience of a court order.

• JACOB STRAIN, 26, was arrested Friday by the HCSO on a charge of contempt of court - disobedience of a court order.

 ANDRES ANTHONY RAMIREZ, 30, was arrested Friday by the HCSO on a charge of contempt of court - disobedience of a court order.

• ALLEN JOE DARDEN, 40, was arrested Friday by the HCSO on a charge of speeding - 80 MPH in a 65 • ROSIE MARIA RIVERA, 22, was transferred to

the county jail Friday by the BSPD on a charge of theft. • DENNIS WILLIAMS, 57, was arrested Friday by

DPS on a charge of possession of a deceptive driver's license and expired driver's license. • OKYTRA COLE, 26, was transferred to the county

jail Friday by the BSPD on a charge of theft. • TERRY BOB MAKOWSKY, 53, was arrested Friday by the HCSO on a charge of driving while intoxicated - third or more offense.

• TIMOTHY JOSEPH MAJOR JR., 32, was arrested Friday by the HCSO on a charge of bondsman off bond for theft of service.

• APRIL AMAYA GUTIERREZ, 25, was arrested Saturday by DPS on a charge of possession of a controlled substance. • NED RANDAL HILDEBRAND, 32, was arrested

Saturday by the HCSO on a charge of public intoxica-• DAVID DWAYNE REESE, 26, was arrested

Saturday by DPS on a charge of driving while intoxicated. • DENNIS WILLIAMS, 57, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on a charge of fail-

ure to identify as a fugitive from justice - giving false information · JOSEPH CHARLES PETERSON, 36, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on

charges of driving while license suspended/invalid and failure to identify - intentionally giving false • JOE ARTHUR JUAREZ JR., 33, was transferred

to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on a Taylor County warrant for theft by check. • BONNIE MAY STINSON, 34, was arrested

Saturday on a charge of driving while license sus-• LESLIE GUTIERREZ RODRIGUEZ, 32, was trans-

ferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on a • JESUS C. HERNANDEZ JR., 21, was arrested

Saturday by the HCSO on a charge of issuance of a bad check • ERICK DAVE HERNANDEZ, 27, was arrested

Saturday by the HCSO on a charge of driving while license invalid with a previous conviction. • NICHOLAUS MOLINA, 20, was arrested Sunday

by the HCSO on a charge of driving while intoxicated. • LANA RUTH MUNOZ, 43, was transferred to the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on a charge of criminal mischief.

• DAVID FRANCO, 27, was transferred to the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on a motion to revoke probation for driving while intoxicated.

• TERRI DEEANN ALLEN, 36, was transferred to the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on charges of driving while intoxicated and driving while license suspended/invalid - enhanced.

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TEXAS NEWS BRIEFS

Police issue Amber Alert for missing 4-day-old

LUBBOCK (AP) — The suspected kidnapper of a 4-day-old baby posed as a nurse and made repeated visits to the mother's hospital room before visiting the family at home and taking the baby, according to police and the baby's fami-

Police searched overnight for Priscilla Nicole Maldonado and the woman suspected of snatching her. The Hispanic infant, who weighs 5 1/2 pounds, was abducted from nearby her Lubbock home on Sunday afternoon.

The suspected kidnapper had visited Priscilla and her mother, Erica Ysasaga, several times at University Medical Center before the family went home on Friday.

Police said they don't believe the woman, who identified herself to the family as Lisa Stewart, was a hospital employee.

Priscilla was diagnosed with jaundice on Sunday and needs medical care, the Lubbock Avalanche-Journal reported. She was last seen wearing a diaper and white socks and wrapped in a blue receiving blanket.

Police described the suspect as a white woman between the ages of 30 to 40, weighing 140-150 pounds and having dirty blond hair.

Dallas patrol car strikes, kills woman pedestrian

DALLAS (AP) — Police are investigating an accident in which a patrol car struck and killed an unidentified pedestrian in South Dallas.

The accident occurred as Officer Juan Rangel and his partner were heading from one call to another about 9:40 p.m. Saturday and the cruiser struck a woman who was crossing the street, said Senior Cpl. Donna Hernandez.

"She was wearing dark colors and they didn't see her, and I don't think at first even realized what they had struck," Hernandez said.

The car then veered into a chain-link

The woman died early Sunday, Hernandez said. The woman had no identification on her.

Austin now considering restricting home sizes

AUSTIN (AP) — Rules proposed by a city task force would restrict the size of new homes to placate residents who say

huge new homes are an imposition on neighborhoods.

The task force of neighborhood advocates, architects and builders has proposed a limit defined as the greater of 2,300 square feet or a square footage no bigger than 40 percent of the lot size.

The Austin Planning Commission and City Council are each scheduled to hear public comment and vote on the new rules this week.

"It could go a long way towards addressing some of the most egregious structures," said Chris Riley, chairman of the planning commission.

According to the city, the average lot sizes for 64 Austin neighborhoods range from 5,800 to 12,600 square feet. Homes built on lots those sizes could be 2,320 to 5,040 square feet under the rules.

Two workers killed while setting up tent

YORKTOWN (AP) - Two men who were electrocuted as they set up a tent for a Christian retreat have been identi-

Vasquez, 22, both of San Antonio, died Friday.

They had been putting up a tent at the pole they were using touched a service

A third man, Victor Mermenda, 21. was in stable condition at a Victoria

The three men worked at a San Antonio tent company, which had handled tents for El Shaddai before.

Federal judge William Steger dies in Tyler at age of 85

TYLER (AP) — U.S. District Judge William Merritt Steger, who handled more than 15,000 cases in 35 years on the federal bench, died Sunday night in a Tyler hospital.

Steger was 85. His failing health had kept him from the courtroom the past couple of months.

Former law clerks and fellow judges praised Steger for his fairness and honesty. U.S. District Judge Leonard Davis said Steger was a role model for him as well as for other judges and lawyers.

Steger served in World War II. He earned his law degree from Southern Methodist University.

President Eisenhower appointed Humberto Hernandez, 20, and Jason Steger as a U.S. attorney in 1953. After six years, he returned to private practice. He ran' for governor in 1960 and received more than 600,000 votes. He El Shaddai retreat near Victoria when a ran an unsuccessful race for Congress

Motorists weighing in on nation's highest speed limit said Carol Rawson, Public Safety spokesman days after state trans- move was shortsighted

By BETSY BLANEY

Associated Press Writer

PECOS – It was driving as usual for Steve Masters as he hit 80 mph along Interstate 20, the new speed limit along some wide-open stretches of rural Texas roadways.

"Most people were going over 80 anyway," the 52year-old El Paso resident said as he filled the tank of his sports utility vehicle at a gas station outside of Pecos in far West Texas. "Interstate roadways are built to handle a speed limit over 80 mph."

Texas now lays claim to the highest speed limit in the country. Signs indicating the change from 75 mph to 80 mph began going up along 521 miles of interstates in 10 sparsely populated counties just

approved the increase late last month.

The limit is 80 on an 89mile stretch of I-20 between Monahans and the Interstate 10 interchange at the edge of the Jeff Davis Mountains. Same for the 432 miles between Kerrville and El Paso on I-10.

The stretches are mostly flat, and straight and get far less traffic than other parts of Texas.

An Idaho motorist at a roadside rest area said the concept was simple. "It gets you there faster," Mark Beck, 22,

said. out-of-state One motorist, though, said going 80 mph just isn't safe, echoing sentiments

officials and will lead to more accidents and deaths.

> "It doesn't matter if it's wide open or not," said Jason Nickerson, 29, who was returning to his Mesa, Ariz. home after a couple of months on the road. "Eighty, I think, is a little excessive. Cars are just as much a deadly weapon as a gun.'

Texas transportation officials said fatalities dropped when the speed limit was raised to 75 mph on some roads, which mirrored similar data when the national 55 mph limit was boosted. Thirteen states have speed limits of 75 or high-

er on some roads. "It doesn't mean we aren't going to be watching the accidents out of groups that think the there, watching traffic,"

deputy director for traffic operations for the Texas Department Transportation. "If it's

we'll set the speed appropriately." Masters, who was headed to Wichita Falls for a Shriner's convention,

said cars are safer at higher speeds now because of front, rear and side airbags. "If you're moving with the flow of traffic, I see no safety concerns," he said.

ing money on the gas, it's great." The Department of Energy estimates that every 5 mph over 60 costs drivers an extra 20 cents

"If you don't mind spend-

that, Texas Department of after dark for all vehicles

eliminated," he said.

per gallon.

Tom Vinger said

"That means if you go 1 mph over the speed limit, you run the risk or the causing a problem, then possibility of being pulled over by a state trooper," he said.

In 1999, legislators approved raising the speed limit from 70 to 75. Last year, they unanimously approved the bump to 80 on selected roadways. Transportation officials found that 85 percent of drivers were going between 76 and 79 mph.

The higher limit applies to drivers of cars, light trucks and light trucks pulling trailers during daylight hours. Drivers of trucks, truck tractors, trailers, and semitrailers are limited to 70 mph. The The new limit is just limits drop to 65 mph

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Both bills take steps to inserted in larger bills.

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Jackie Acuff, 52, died Thursday. Funeral Services will be at 10:00 AM Monday at College Baptist Church with burial at Mt. Olive Memorial Park

Lola Mae Hayes, 63, died Thursday. Funeral Services will be at 11:00 AM Tuesday at Myers & Smith Chapel with burial at Mt. Memorial Park. Elvira Bustamante, 76,

died Friday. Funeral Mass will be 2:00 PM Monday at Sacred Heart Catholic Church with burial at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

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Lobbying overhaul moves at slow pace despite scandals is under criminal investi- That did not happen for corruption, understands further identify the

By JIM ADRAINS Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON stench of scandal on Capitol Hill is getting stronger five months after lobbyist Jack Abramoff pleaded guilty to influence-peddling charges, but a lobbying overhaul has yet to see the light of

day. The Senate passed its version at the end of March and the House bill was approved in early May. In the month since, the House has not taken the next step, naming negotiators for talks with the Senate on a compro-

mise bill. In the meantime:

William Rep. Jefferson, D-La., has yet to explain how \$90,000 in alleged bribery money ended up in his freezer.

• Rep. Bob Ney, R-Ohio,

gation for his ties with two reasons, according to it's wrong and wants it source and purpose of ear-Abramoff.

Leader Tom DeLay, R-Texas is resigning from Congress this week, battered by the guilty pleas of two former aides in the Abramoff probe and facing a trial himself in Texas on election-related laundering money charges.

It was only in January that Republicans and Democrats battled for the ethical high ground. They proposed to outlaw privately funded travel, ban meals and gifts from lobbyists, and slow the move of former lawmakers to lobbying jobs.

Rep. David Dreier, R-Calif., who has led GOP lobbying efforts in the House, said at the time he hoped to pass a bill by the end of February.

an analyst. Former Majority Congress stumbled over

how to rein in lobbyists without violating their constitutional right to petition the government, and lawmakers were sidetracked by immigration legislation, extending tax breaks and other priorisaid Rutgers ties. University political scien-

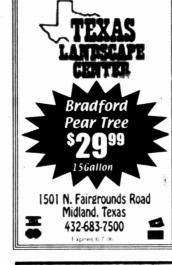
tist Ross Baker. The public has not pressed the lobbying issue because "most ordinary Americans really don't think much can be done," Baker "There's a built-in cynicism" about corruption in Washington.

Fred Wertheimer, president of the watchdog group Democracy 21, says lawmakers may be misreading public attitude. 'The public understands

that everyone loves."

For more information, contact Zant at 816-4540 or Allan Johnson at 267-6278.

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entry fee - can be sent to Funtastic Fourth Festival - Battle of the Bands, PO Box 2061, Big Spring

The deadline to enter is June 16. Finalists will be announced June 20.

Bryans said the details are coming together and he and the rest of the DRA are excited about the upcoming event.

"We're really pumped. We're really excited about this year's festival," said Bryans. "It's been kind of a long journey, and you ean get tired and weary at times, but we have some new energy and some new blood involved. So we're really ready to run

with it." As for food, Bryans said festival-goers will be able to take their pick.

"There is going to be everything from fajitas to hot dogs — pretty much every kind of festival food you can think of," said Bryans. "There's going to be tons of fajitas, chips, nachos and Frito pies. And of course you're going to have your ham-

ald.com burgers and curly fries



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-FIRST AMENDMENT

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Your Views

TO THE EDITOR:

We would like to take this opportunity to thank the communities of Howard and Glasscock counties for making this years Relay For Life such a wonderful

Our underwriters, sponsers, teams and endless list of contributors are a complement to a community pulling together to raise hope for those who have had their lives, their families lives, their friends or coworkers lives touched by cancer.

Thank yous go out to the Big Spring Herald for their excellent coverage;

to KBST and KBYG: to all the businesses who underwrite and sponsor teams; the 36 teams; and the 62 committee members.

More than 800 participants and 2,000 luminiaries show the heart and soul of this caring community. Thank you for your time, talents, caring and giving.

> VICKI AND HOWARD STEWART RELAY FOR LIFE CO-CHAIRS

TO THE EDITOR:

A big thank you is offered to Jason Archuleta for his boldness and courage.

He spoke a timely warning to this generation. I pray it is heeded.

> JACKIE HENRY BIG SPRING

TO THE EDITOR:

Just wanted to say thank you again for the online

A little touch of home here is everything while you're serving proudly in Iraq.

> TOBIAS MOLINA U.S. ARMY

TO THE EDITOR:

The recent Big Spring City Council election for District 2 had an embarrassing low turnout. Out of 1,718 registered voters, only 55 cast a ballot. There were a number of people who came to vote only to find they were not in District 2.

If you are not sure which city council district you are in, please take a minute to look at your voter card, your city council district is located on the right-hand side on the card in the second box above your name and address. If you have misplaced your votr card, call our office, 264-2273. We will be happy to check that for you.

Candidates in the past would use a slogan, "I would appreciate your vote and influence." Many of you may not be eligible to vote, but surely you know someone in District 2. For those people who took the time to go vote, take someone with you when you go to the polls in the runoff election — your neighbor, friend, coworker. Please use your influence to encourage these people to exercise their right to vote.

One vote can make a big difference in an election

The idea that a mere 30 votes can elect someone to an office that makes decisions for the entire city is an outrage

I understand the frustrations of many voters whofeel it doesn't do any good to vote, but I ask you, what good does it do to NOT vote?

Voter apathy has been rampant the last decade or so. It is time to turn the trend in an upward direction. Our right to vote is just as important as other rights

people seem to be focused on. I would like to challenge the voters in District 2 to show up at the poll and cast their vote for the candidate of their choice. Let your voice be heard. Let it be heard at the poll, not just at the coffee shop or across

the backyard fence. Who knows, the next time you want your voice to be heard might be at a city council meeting.

SAUNDRA BLOOM

HOWARD COUNTY ELECTIONS ADMINISTRATOR

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

May we ride Your wave of love, Lord

Amen

Marality play from the Mob

don't go to the movies as much as I used to because I am sick of Hollywood preaching to me. I don't even want to see "Mission Impossible III' which promises mindless but entertaining thrills — because I don't want to think about what crazy-preachy star Tom Cruise has to say about depression or Scientology, not to mention Katie Holmes' delivery of

their child. Last year's Oscar nominees for Best Picture read, to me, like a nag fest, which is why I skipped seeing them all at the the-

"Crash"? Preaching on race relations. "Munich"? Israel bad. "Good Night and Good Luck"? Anti-Communists bad, George Clooney good.

"Capote"? Death penalty bad. "Brokeback Mountain"? I support gay rights, but the promotion of the movie smacked of a pious lecture. Besides, the story sounded so utterly depressing, why battle angry parking gods to watch it on the big screen?

That is why I am so hooked on "The Sopranos." The HBO TV series managed to show in a recent episode the most devastating portrait of many Catholics' take on homosexuality without the lecture, without perfect-looking characters and without the sappi-

Vito Spatafore (played by Joe Gannascoli) is no dish in the Heath Ledger mold. He is a crude and treacherous mobster - possibly the most loathsome character to grace a screen since Joe Pesci starred in "Goodfellas" - who, having squeezed his oversized husk into a leather biker outfit, is outed when two wise guys spot him at a gay bar while they are picking up protection money.

Spatafore flees to the country, but you don't have much sympathy for him — at least, for long. He returns to New Jersey because he would rather be a lonely big shot than a lowly carpenter living with a hunky short-order cook. Drinking and driving his way home, Spatafore first plows into a parked car, then shoots the car's innocent and upstanding owner in the back rather than deal with authorities. Back in Joisey, with his long-suffering wife looking on, Vito tells his gullible children that he was in Afghanistan working for the CIA. Besides, he tells capo Tony Soprano, he isn't really gay, he just started acting gay as a side effect of his blood-pressure medication. No one is shocked when

Spatafore's brother-in-law, Phil Leotardo, shows up with some muscle, who beat Spatafore to death because he's gay — not for his real crimes.

Leotardo's wife sees herself as a good Catholic. She is appalled at having a gay man in the family

she frets that homosexuality is a "sin." But she doesn't fret that her husband kills people, lots of people. Family members suggest that Spatafore died because homosexuals engage in self-destructive behavior as if gangsters do not.

Without a lecture, "The Sopranos" bares the moral bankruptcy of people who consider themselves good Christians, yet forgive murder and serial adultery (when husbands cheat on wives, that is), and condone a system that allows powerful men to bully, intimidate and rob law-abiding citizens. Yet they can't forgive a man for having sex with another man (unless he's in prison).

While the series has spawned Soprano wannabes, mature viewers understand that the series does not glorify the crime family, but presents a nuanced morality play about the corrupting effects of the

"Brokeback Mountain" was oppressive to watch because the characters especially cowboy Ennis Del Mar, an orphan who completed one year of high school and skulks through life with no ambition and no dreams have so few choices. Players in "The Sopranos" have many choices, but almost always make the wrong ones. Ultimately, gay or straight, that is their downfall.

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cation. For instance, after careful review, we have discontinued Subsection 28-A,

wherein we formerly asked how many people around the world instantly recognize your national icon, how many times it has appeared on a postcard and how many thousands of people would die if terrorists attacked it.

This has been replaced by Subsection 28-B, otherwise known as the "Proximity to the ol' general store" query. Please also note we no longer

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ing a dress?"

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the icon, all bets are off. All icon requests will be reviewed in the order in which they are received and promptly fed into our sophisticated "eeny meeny miney moe-o-meter" (except those postmarked "New York").

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If so, we'd feel incredibly guilty. About delaying your check.

Lenore Skenazy is a columnist at The New York Daily News.

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afternoon ceremony and reception in the Allred Building Auditorium.. "They do their job. They serve as an addition to the safety industry, and they bring their previous experience and have the ability to work harmoniously with others and do it in a timely manner and bring the basic value a team member can bring

> Hospital.' Kerr was nominated by

to Big Spring State

and reviewed by the hospital's nursing leadership before his nomination was forwarded to the from the oilfield to the Mental Health medical field four years Association in Texas. The Health Mental Association in Texas is a Taking many of the non-governmental agency existing to promote mensame skills needed in the tal health issues. teamwork

"It is one of the most intimate recognitions given for doing your job and having them say 'They are proud of you,' Moughon said.

Before naming this year's award recipient, Moughon read a long list of past winners who have rose to other positions at Big Spring State Hospital or who are branching out to explore other options at the hospital, including nursing.

The hospital employs more than 200 Mental Health Workers who directly work with the patients by supervising their daily activities, accompanying them to appointments and providing hands-on care.

It has been called one of the most challenging positions at the hospital, Moughon said.

Kerr began working at the hospital in June 2002 as a Direct Care Worker his peers and supervisors on the Rehab Psychiatric



Big Spring State Hospital Mental Health Worker Kenneth Kerr is awarded the Mental Health Worker of the Year Award by Superintendent Ed Moughon Wednesday during a reception in the hospital's auditorium. The award is given annually by the Mental Health Association in Texas.

Service — Male Unit, and depend on him to always his unit by working harsoon after was promoted be willing to help patients to Service Assistant I and Service Assistant II on the Southwest Adult **Psychiatric Services Unit** on the 2 p.m. to 10 p.m. shift.

and staff and is very attentive and respectful to our patients. He is always aware of the safety of our patients and staff.'

"Kenneth continues to His nomination read be a strong asset to Big that "his supervisors Spring State Hospital and

moniously patients and staff. He is always willing to help his peers with other work that needs to be done in a timely manner without complaint. He is a team player."

SUPPORT **GROUPS**

SATURDAY

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

SUNDAY

 Alcoholics Anonymous meets from 11 a.m. to noon at 615 Settles. Open meeting 5 p.m. until 6 p.m.

MONDAY

 Encourager's Support Group for all widows and widowers meets the first and third Monday of the month. The next meeting is scheduled for June 5. For more information, call Nancy Hale at 398-5239.

TUESDAY

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

WEDNESDAY

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

Overweight little kids? Treat the parents, too!

say, up through school, are so much at the mercy of their environment that it's not practical — or even fair — to make them the focus of the weightloss effort, even in those unusual cases where they're the only one overweight.

Imagine that such a child — call him Joey goes to dinner with his family and everyone their usual favorites. But Joey, overweight and "dieting," has to have some "lite" selection while everyone around him indulges without limitation. How fun is that?

But that's often precisely what happens, to the point of utter frustration for both parent and child. I often see families who want us to "fix" an overweight child after they've failed with various approaches, from cajolery to punishment to outright policing the pantry.

The candid response? That isn't going to work. Joey can't function in isolation from the rest of his familial structure, so if the weight problem is going to change, the structure has to change; and that means it changes for the parents as well.

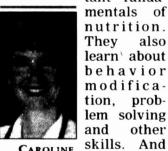
Little kids, little roles One of the big breakthroughs families must make is in determining the roles and responsibilities of each family member, relative to the child's weight loss, and that varies with the age of the child. Since we're discussing younger children here, the parents' role is

much larger. As with the research

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study, parents in our pro- choose from those. gram learn –often for the



nutrition. They also learn about behavior modification, problem solving

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cific guid-MD ance and support about family roles and limits of responsibility.

For instance, most parents worry about ongoing conflicts with their children over what to eat. And sure, when snack time comes, if you have a box of chocolatey-gooey marshmallow cookies and a box of crispy, fat-free rye crackers, most kids

are going for the goo. But this is where parental responsibility looms large, and parents' decisions about the home environment are so significant. Children ought to be given some choice in what they want to eat, but by having only good options at hand, parents set them up for success.

If the available snack choices are fresh fruits, maybe vegetables and dip. even low-fat or low-calorie munchables like pretzels or popcorn, kids will

tant funda- home, then kids don't see but with their families. mentals of it, don't ask for it, and We see much in the don't feel deprived when they're told no. Mom and Dad won't have to play the heavy because these passive controls minimize the risk of conflict for everyone.

> Of course, sometimes, less choice is better. If there's a box of fat-free ice cream bars in the freezer, that's a treat, and at dessert time, it's an indulgence acceptable that a child will welcome with delight. A seven- or eight-year old isn't going to turn up his nose at a 90-calorie Healthy Choice dessert pop and go on strike until someone produces a Twinkie.

Play together, weigh together

Other recent research on children and body weight shows a direct correlation between kids' weight and the amount of See WEIGHT, Page 6

If parents don't buy the ational physical activity. elementary first time-about imporgooey gunk and bring it not with friends or peers.

> media about the loss of physical education programs in schools, but these opportunities for exercise and activity don't appear to have as strong a correlation with kids' weight as what they do with their parents.

> That could be because we learn our values from our families, typically, not our schools. Even if kids sit around in school all day, the ones who go home to enjoy a bike ride with the family or to play a little flag football with Dad are far more likely to consider themselves as active.

> It's a question of lifestyle and self-image. Children who engage in physical pursuits with their parents are statistically far more likely to have a positive attitude

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ding system that is very precise in slam-going hands. This deal from the 1980 world championship match between Panama and Great Britain provides an example of their sophis-1 ♥ — 11 to 16 points, at least five

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hearts

Pass — Good luck! Cannell won the trump lead with

the queen, cashed the A-K of hearts because he could not guard both hearts and diamonds. Thus Cannell made seven for a score of 1,510

When Britain held the North-South cards, they also bid seven 2S-2NT-4NT-5D-5NT-6H-7S. And so, despite all the trummings, the hand proved to be a washout.

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Big Spring woman honored for helping area Girl Scouts

Local mall recognized for its support of program by hosting 2006 Cookie Creation event

Special to the Herald

A Big Spring woman was recently awarded the West Texas Girl Scout Council Honor Pin for her part in supporting local scouting.

Connie Schooler, a volunteer with the Big Spring Girl Scout program, received the award from the regional division of the Girl Scouts of America.

"Honor Pins are given ues to exhibit qualities of

to someone who is a reg- excellence." istered Girl Scout adult volunteer and has given outstanding service to two or more geographic areas of the council," said Shirley Olson, spokesperson for the West Texas Girl Scout Council. "This award is only given after the person has achieved the Outstanding Leader Award or Outstanding Volunteer Award and when the person contin-

Girl Scout troop leader. been a troop leader for the West Texas Girl Scout Council for many years," said Olson. "She has been an exemplary volunteer. Aside from being a leader for her own troop, she has acted as Service Unit Manager and Treasurer

managing the money Olson said Schooler and making sure all the received the award for troops in the Big Spring going above and beyond Area are functioning and her normal duties as a organized. Connie and the Big Spring Service Unit 'Connie Schooler has planned Thinking Day this year, for the benefit of the entire 16 county council."

The organization also recognized a local business with the Friend of West Texas Award.

"We are fortunate to be able to recognize a com-

munity business, the Big Mall, Spring embodies the idea of investing in our future. The mall allowed the Girl Scouts to hold the 2006 Cookie Creation - a kickoff event for cookie sales at its facility.

"The mall also allowed one of the troops to stay and have a booth sale for the event: An American Tradition that sold Girl Scout cookies to send to deployed troops from

Dvess Air Force Base. "The Friend of West Texas Award is given to someone or a group of people who have given superior contributions of time, talents, efforts and resources that have a widespread impact upon the council. They have demonstrated interest in the Girl Scout movement and have helped to further Girl Scouting in their area or councilwide," Olson remarked.





Myers

drink too much juice are more likely to be too

reschoolers who short, and too heavy, for their age, according to research. As a result, nutrition experts are advising parents

child care givers to limit juice to 3/4 cup per day. "Unfortunately, when it

comes to juice — there's such a thing as too much" Sharon Dr. Robinson, nutrition spewith Texas Cooperative Extension.

While fruit and juice are part of a healthful eating plan, they should not be substituted for milk and other healthful foods. As always, a healthy eating plan is based on variety, balance and moderation. When shopping for fruit juice, look for "100 percent juice" on the packag-

ing. Powdered fruit-ades and fruit flavored sodas are no substitute for the nutrition that is in 100. percent fruit juice.

"In fact," says Dr. Robinson, "sweet drinks not only add calories to the diet but they can spoil children's appetite for the foods they need to grow, develop, and healthy.'

Children who consume more calories than needed are more apt to be heavy for their age.

How much fruit and juice should you offer your preschooler? Most

young children need about one to two cups from the MyPyramid Fruit Group each day. To determine how much food you should serve your child based on your child's age, gender and physical activity level, visit http://www.mypyramid.gov.

The next time you take your child to the doctor, ask if your child's height and weight is right for his or her age. Remember, never place a child on a

weight loss diet unless instructed by a doctor. Instead, serve foods based on MyPyramid during family mealtimes and enjoy regular family activity.

Remember: "Raising kids, eating right, spending smart, living well."

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Greater Big Spring Rotary Club Treasurer Mark Morgan, fifth from right, presents a check for \$1,100 to Big Spring ISD special education teachers Jennifer Lance and Terry Kubena Thursday morning. The donation will be used to purchase teaching supplies and equipment for the BSISD Special Education Department.

WEIGHT

Continued from Page 5

about physical recreation and exercise, and to participate in it outside the family setting.

Parents basically have all the power in a small child's life. If healthy changes are introduced with some finesse, no issue need even be made of them. The new standards just become the standards. We only eat dessert twice a week. We don't drive if we can walk. We eat vegetables every day. We don't drink soda with dinner. That's just the way it is.

It doesn't mean children won't ever try a challenge. In fact, count on it that they will. One of my daughters recently produced a piece of candy first thing in the morning and sweetly asked if she could eat it, though she undoubtedly knew the answer already.

We don't have candy for breakfast. That's just the way it is.

We don't have candy for breakfast. That's just the way it is.

Through Thick &

Parents are usually aware that their own dietary habits are relevant to their child's weight, but they often want to compartmentalize, saying they're not by own weight, only worried

about their child. They just want to help fix him. But a child needs a solution where he's not considered the problem.

Caroline J. Cederquist, M.D. is a board certified Family Physician and a board certified Bariatric Physicians (the medical specialty of weight management). She specializes in lifetime weight management at the Cederquist Medical Wellness Center, her Naples, Fla., private practice, you can also get more information about Dr Cederquist and her weight management plan visiting

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Page 7 Monday, June 5, 2006

Diddle and assistant coach Eric Rodewald have announced the dates for three sum-mer basketball camps to be held at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

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

HC sets boys summer basketball camp dates

The Howard College men's basketball coaching staff and players will be con-ducting 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 Friday at Jack Barber Field beginning at 10

For more information on this tryout, call 264-5046.

Big Spring High School's tennis camp and Black and Gold Tennis Circuit will take place today through Saturday.

The camp runs from today through Thursday and features two different sessions. The first session (8:30 a.m. to noon) consists of instructional drills and a conditioning program and the afternoon session (1 p.m. to 5 p.m.) con-

sists of free play.

The Black and Gold.

Tennis Circuit will be Friday and Saturday. 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 ust the morning ses-

ion for ages 5-8.
The cost for future Steers and current Steers (grades 4-12) is 1100 and that includes oth sessions of the imp and one entry the Black and Gold

Both Texas teams bounced from postseason

 NC State eliminates defending champs: **Osterman leaves UT** with no championship

AUSTIN (AP) Jonathan Diaz had an RBI double and Matt Camp doubled in the eighth inning to give North Carolina State a 6-3 victory over defending national champion Texas in the elimination game of the Austin Regional Sunday afternoon.

North Carolina State (40-22) advances to the Regional championship game Sunday afternoon hits and one RBI. against the Stanford Cardinal (32-25).

Hunter Harris had tied things up for the Longhorns (41-21) in the seventh with an RBI double. But Texas reliever Randy Boone could not hold off North Carolina State during its three-run eighth inning

Diaz's double was his first hit of the Austin Regional. Designated hitter Jon Still led the Wolfpack (40-22) with three hits and two RBIs.

Texas' designated hitter Harris led Texas with two

Wolfpack starter Gib Hobson (10-2) lasted a full game, giving up five hits and three runs.

Texas pitcher Adrian Alaniz (7-4) took the loss, allowing five runs on eight hits in seven innings.

UCLA 2 **TEXAS 0**

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) Catcher Emily Zaplatosch had three hits, including a home run, and Andrea Duran had an inside-the-park home run as UCLA beat Texas 2-0

College World Series.

The loss eliminated Texas (55-9) and Olympic gold-medal-winning pitcher Cat Osterman from the tournament. Longhorns did not win a NCAA title during Osterman's four seasons.

Texas, Against Zaplatosch became the first player this season to get three hits off Osterman, hitting a single in the second inning, a solo homer in the fourth and a double in the seventh inning.

Duran, the Pacific-10 fanned 12 batters.

Saturday in the Women's Conference player of the year who had a homer and a triple in the win over Alabama, hit an inside-park-homer in the third inning against Texas to account for UCLA's first run.

The Bruins collected five hits off of Osterman, who fanned nine and walked none in her final collegiate game. She finished the year 38-4 and was 136-25 in her career.

Winning Anjelica Selden (35-6) allowed Texas only three hits, all singles, and

Mavericks reach first NBA Finals

By JAIME ARON

AP Sports Writer PHOENIX — They were once the model franchise. Then they were the Mav-

Now they're headed to the NBA finals for the first time.

In their 26th season, the Dallas Mavericks finally headed to the championship round, thanks to an impressive 102-93 comeback victory over the Phoenix Suns on Saturday night that ended the Western Conference finals in six games.

Dirk Nowitzki and Jason Terry struggled as Dallas went down by 18 early, then the duo powered a 20-4 run that put the Mavs ahead early in the fourth quarter. They ensuring that the most unquestioned

chise history would be a memorable one, too.

"When I first got to Dallas, nobody really knew us," Nowitzki said. "Nobody was paying attention to the Mavericks really. Then Mark (Cuban) took over and we got better and better and we got to be a playoff team. It's been a fun ride. Hopefully we can take it to the next level and bring this franchise a ring."

In the postgame exuberance, there were chants of "M-V-P" for Nowitzki, tears in the eyes of Cuban and lumps in the throat of former stars like Derek Harper and Rolando Blackman, plus assistant GM Keith Grant, one of the club's first employees.

Most of all, though, never trailed again, there was praise for their leader,



KRT photo/Vernon Bryant, Dallas Morning News Dallas Mavericks owner Mark Cuban (center) and the rest of the Mavericks' team celebrate winning the NBA Western Conference Finals over the Phoenix Suns. The Mavericks defeated the Suns, 102-93, at the US Airways Center in Phoenix, Ariz., Saturday and will

focused on winning a championship since the

face the Miami Heat in the NBA Finals.

Nelson in March 2005. "This

who kept his team name of coach Avery Johnson being able to implement that thought championship: How many day he replaced Don in the guys' heads, that guys are on board? Who they can get this done;" opportunity said Blackman, now an assistant coach. "All he's

talked about is having the opportunity to win a really wants to be able to



USA's Venus Williams defeats Finland's Emma Laine 7-6, 6-2, in their second round of the French Open at Roland Garros arena in Paris, France Thursday. No. 11 Williams is the only American left in the tournament after her win against No. 7 Patty Schnyder this weekend. Top seeds Maria Sharapova and Amelie Mauresmo also lost this weekend.

Reds record sweep of Astros

By KRISTIE RIEKEN

AP Sports Writer

HOUSTON — Ryan Freel hit his second homer of the game in the 11th inning to lift the Cincinnati Reds over the Houston Astros Sunday, completing a three-game sweep.

Freel's two-out, two-run homer off Russ Springer completed the first multihomer game of his career. David Ross, who drew a pinch-hit walk, scored on Freel's drive to left.

Todd Coffey allowed two hits and one run in the 10th inning for Cincinnati, which swept a series in Houston for the first time since June after allowing one hit in

series losses in Houston for the Reds.

Felipe Lopez hit an RBI double in the 10th inning to put Cincinnati ahead 4-3 before Chris Burke's run-scoring double in the bottom half tied it. Burke also singled in a run in the eighth to tie the game

Burke's double in the 10th off Coffey scored Craig Biggio, who reached by hitting his 625th career double to pass Hank Aaron for ninth on the career list.

Esteban Yan, acquired from the Angels on Tuesday, got his first save 1999. It also breaks a the 11th. Eric Munson

streak of seven straight grounded into a double play to end the game. Dan Wheeler (0-4) gave

up one hit and two runs in 1 1-3 innings for the

Austin Kearns hit his second home run off of reliever Trever Miller in the sixth give the Reds a 3-2 lead. It was the third career multihomer game for Kearns and his first this season.

Freel also homered in the third and Kearns hit his first drive in the fourth as Cincinnati led 2-1 after four.

The Astros have lost four in a row and drop to three games under .500 (27-30) for the first time this season.

Last one standing

 After Blake loss, **Venus Williams is** last U.S. player left at French Open By HOWARD FENDRICH

AP Sports Writer

PARIS Irritated by the home crowd's heckling, James Blake took the unusual step of inviting a spectator out of the stands to see for himself that one of French teen Gael Monfils' shots landed out.

In truth, Blake's biggest obstacle Sunday wasn't the fans, it was Monfils himself, a 6-foot-3 blur on baseline advanced to the fourth round with a 6-2, 6-7 (2), 7-6 (1), 5-7, 6-4 victory over the last U.S. man in the French Open. Venus Williams is now the only American still playing.

For a while, it looked as if Williams might be joining Blake on the next

flight out of town. unforced errors in the first set against No. 7 Patty Schnyder, Williams came back to win 4-6, 6-3, 6-2, with a lot of success at the net. Had Williams lost, there would have been zero Americans in the quarterfinals at Roland Garros for the first time in the 38-year Open era.

"Lone flag waving gently in the wind," said Williams, aiming for her sixth Grand Slam title.

Her quarterfinal opponent will be 17-year-old Nicole Vaidisova of the Czech Republic, a big hitter who eliminated No. 1 Amelie Mauresmo 6-7 (5), 6-1, 6-2, much to the cha-

grin of the French fans. Williams might have caught another break when 2004 Wimbledon champion Sharapova, a possible semifinal opponent, blew a 5-1 lead in the third set and lost 7-5, 2-6, 7-5 to Dinara Safina, Marat Safin's younger sister.

Given her Sharapova's collapse was surprising. Mauresmo's? Not so much. This is, after all, the major where she's had the least success, something she freely admits is a direct result of playing in front of a home crowd.

Monfils and Blake stopped Saturday night at a set apiece on Court 1, which holds 3,777 seats, most close to the action.

So Blake could hear most everything coming from the stands, including yelps in the middle of points and during his serving motion.

"If they're doing their But after making 19, rhythmic clapping or chanting, I don't mind that at all, and I'll play right through that," Blake said. "But it's when you're expecting it to be quiet and then there's one outburst that it can affect you."

After the match, while Monfils was being interviewed by French TV, Blake renewed his argument with Ramos, asking why more wasn't done to control the crowd.

"Have you ever played the sport? Ever? Really? You don't think that was unfair? ... I rarely argue with umpires," Blake said, "and when I do, I pretty much have a valid point.

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IN BRIEF

Coahoma sets date for ragball tourney

The 2006 annual Ragball Coahoma Tournament has been set for June 23-25 at the Coahoma softball park.

tournament The will have signups at 5 p.m. June 23.

There will also be a chance for organization fund-raisers. To sign up for a booth, call Sara Fontana at 268-3728. The deadline for booth space is June 21.

For more information on the ragball tournament, contact Patric Robinson at 432-393-5622 or Randy Clanton at 432-393-

Coahoma basebali summer camp set for middle of June

Coahoma head coach Brad Harman has set his annual baseball camp for June 19-22 at the Coahoma High School baseball field.

The camp will run from 8:30 a,m. to 12:30 p.m. each day and will cost \$75.

Pre-registration is encouraged, but participants may register on the first day of camp. The camp is for ages 6-18, but current high school students at Coahoma may not participate.

For more information, contact Harman at 816-3258.

BSHS announces girl's day camp

The Big Spring girl's basketball program and head coach Sherman Chew will be conducting a Big Spring girl's basketball day camp from June 12-16 at the Big Spring Junior High Gym.

The camp, for girls entering grades four through nine, costs \$35 and will run from 8:30 a.m. to noon each day. Registration will be from 8 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. on June 12.

Each camper will receive a free T-shirt in addition to awards won in competition.

Participants may cancel their registration for a full refund (except for the \$5 administrative fee) if done so prior to the first day of camp. No refunds after the start of the camp.

For more information, call 264-3662.

Degerman leads Rice past Baylor

HOUSTON (AP) Senior Eddie Degerman struck out a season-high 14 batters, leading Rice to a 7-2 win over Baylor Sunday to advance to Monday's championship game of the NCAA Houston

regional. Rice (52-10) will meet either Baylor (36-25) or Arizona State in the championship game Monday. played Baylor Arizona State in an elimination game later Sunday.

Degerman worked eight innings. allowing five hits and two unearned runs. Cole St. Clair pitched a scoreless ninth.

Randall Line 1) took the loss. I llowed seven I nd four runs in V

Rheinecker continues to dominate as Rangers win

By ANDREW SELIGMAN **AP Sports Writer**

CHICAGO Laird homered twice and drove in a career-high four runs to lead the Texas Rangers to a 10-2 victory over the Chicago

White Sox Sunday. Laird had a career-high four hits and his first career multihomer game as the AL West-leading Rangers took two of three from Chicago. Laird hit solo homers in the eighth and ninth innings and a two-run double in the sixth.

Mark Teixeria also had four hits and four RBIs for Texas.

John Rheinecker (2-0) pitched eight innings giving up seven hits and two runs with four strikeouts. It was his second strong outing. He threw 8 1-3 shutout innings against Seattle Monday to earn his first major-league victory.

The White Sox have lost seven of 10, and the schedule doesn't get easier, with a three-game series against Central leader Detroit starting on Tuesday.

Chicago's Joe Crede hit a two-run homer in the second inning. Jermaine Dye and Pablo Ozuna each had two hits.

Mark Buehrle (6-4) suffered his second straight loss and his first at home, allowing six runs and nine hits in seven innings. He is 4-1 at U.S. Cellular Field.

Teixeira broke a 2-2 tie with two out in the fifth with his second double of the game - a shot down the left-field line, past a diving Crede at third, that drove in Gary Matthews Jr. from second. He also had a tworun double that tied it at 2-2 in the third.

The Rangers then broke

it open in the sixth. Buehrle walked Jerry Hairston Jr. with two out, putting runners on first and second, and Laird ripped a double down the left-field line to make it 5-2. The next batter, Gary Matthews Jr., singled to center, driving in Laird.

Laird added his third home run off Cliff Politte during a three-run eighth. He added a solo homer in the ninth.

The White Sox grabbed a 2-0 lead when Jermaine Dye singled leading off the second and Crede sent a 2-0 pitch to the seats in left-center. It was the ninth homer for Crede, who had a leadoff double and two-run single during a seven-run fourth Saturday.

METAL



The Dallas Mavericks' Dirk Nowitzki celebrates a 102-93 win over the Phoenix Suns in Game 6 of the NBA Western Conference Finals at the US Airways Center in Phoenix, Ariz., Saturday. The Mavericks will face the Miami Heat in the NBA Finals.

MAVERICKS

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get it done? He's made them live up to that standard throughout the whole year.'

As Cuban received the trophy for winning the Western Conference, Johnson stood a few feet away, an arm on a hip and looking down. Cuban's voice cracked as he discussed his appreciation for Johnson pushing the club this far. Seeing how solemn Johnson looked during it all, reserve guard Marquis Daniels hollered, "Smile,

He did, but not for long. After all, he only has out how to slow Shaquille couldn't accomplish.

O'Neal, Dwyane Wade and the Miami Heat.

As a reward for winning 60 games in the regular season the Mavericks own home-court advantage, meaning the first two games — and Games 6 and 7, if necessary will be in Dallas.

With Miami also a firsttime finalist, this will be the first time since 1971, when the Milwaukee Bucks beat the Baltimore Bullets, that both teams are making their championship-round debut.

Dallas came into this season widely viewed as a middle-of-the-pack playoff team, but Johnson molded the supporting cast around a still-blossoming Nowitzki and the result is something the previous until Thursday to figure 25 Mavericks teams

Weimar wins third 2A title in last five years

AUSTIN (AP) Weimar scored on a bases-loaded walk in the fourth inning to win its third Class 2A state title in five years with a 1-0 victory against defending champion Elysian Fields on Saturday.

Brianna Mazoch's twoout walk made a winner of Kailey Kubesch, who struck out seven in a three-hit complete game. Kubesch (21-7) was named championship game MVP three years after her sister Jenna Kubesch won the second of consecutive MVP awards.

Weimar (27-9) had no errors behind Kubesch and finished with five

UIL state softball championship results Class 1A Eula 5, Collinsville 0 Class 2A Weimar 1, Elysian Fields 0 Class 3A West Columbia 5, Van 2 Class 4A Orange Little Mauriceville

hits, including singles by Tracey Rosenauer and Kalli Sembera that helped set up the winning walk in the fourth.

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Baylee Hickey (18-5) took the loss for Elysian Fields (26-8).

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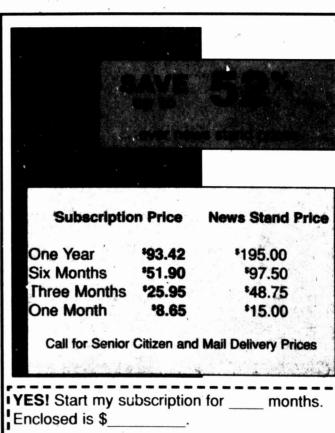
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Tomorrow's Horoscope

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extensions of your daily doings and identity are to be carefully kept during today's strained aspect involving the sun and Uranus (ruler of sur-



prises). Though it should be noted that twists in the plot of your life that are temporarily considered "bummers" are tomorrow's blessings.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). In matters of career, you want to grow rapidly, but that means leaving the stability of what you know. Your current paycheck is merely an income channel and not the source of abundance, which is the universe itself.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). People make a fuss over you today. Just know you're worthy, and give your vigorous thanks. Repayment is not necessary, at least not right now. You're empowered through your association with a Virgo and a Pisces.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Your natural confidence may be circumvented by an age-old doubt. This tiny voice inside you is only trying to protect your fragile heart. Be gentle, but go ahead in spite of your fear.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Your mind needs food. The stars put just

Legals

LEGAL/PUBLIC NOTICE ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS The Big Spring Independent School District shall receive sealed bid proposals for the Food Service Department until 4:00 P.M., June 12, 2006, on the following: **Bread Products**

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the right "nutrition" in your path today. Through art, you're exposed to a level of inspiration not usually experienced.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). With so many outlets for your talents, you may feel you're not making progress with any single endeavor. Hang tight. You can be certain there's nothing to be lost by following your creativity. Trust the process.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Your personal power increases when you consciously strive for more. For instance, when your goal is to connect with someone, your aim should be much loftier perhaps to rock their world!

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). A vital imagination is so important to your happiness today. Fantasies are not indulgence, but necessity. Suspend your judgment, if just for an hour or even 15 minutes.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). The more emotionally removed you are from a conflict, the stronger your position will be. The connection you share with a Libra person is remarkable. Your hearts sing the same tune.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You're all business now! Goods will be produced, and services delivered as efficiently as possible. People who amble, workers who dawdle and clocks that aren't set to the accurate time

are your pet peeves. CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). How would you like to hear yourself described? Your self-concept has changed, and the world sees it, too. Furthermore, the planets align to help you get comfortable with your new image.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You have an insatiable appetite for learning and may be surprised to discover that romance seems like a distraction, a hindrance even, to your quest. Paradoxically, this makes you all the more attractive!

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Team up for an expedition into uncharted territory, whether to explore new areas of business, get into the swing of technology or learn new ways of communicating with your dear ones.

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Annie's Mailbox

2Dear Annie: I am 33 years old and have two daughters from my first marriage, ages 7 and 5. I am now married to "Dave.'

My girls like Dave, but lately, he's been worrying me. Once when I came home from work, I heard Dave say to my oldest daughter, "You worthless brat! Get your butt over here!" It terrified me to hear him talk like that to my children, and I stormed into the house and confronted him. He said he was sorry and it wouldn't happen again. I love him more than any-

forgave him. Two weeks later, I called my daughter from work and heard her scream. Then I heard something that sounded like metal clanging, and then she hung up. I rushed home and my daughter said, "Dave threw butter knives at me." My husband said they were just playing.

I was concerned enough to place a tape recorder under the couch, and I turned it on when I left for work. When I came home, I listened to the tape. That's when I discovered that Dave is abusive to my kids, both verbally and physically.

I love Dave too much to leave him, but I can't put my girls in danger. I explained the situation to my ex-husband, and the girls are now staying at his house until I work things out with Dave. But I still haven't talked to Dave. I told him the kids wanted extra time with their father. I'm afraid if he learns the truth, he'll get angry and leave me. I don't know what to do. How can I protect my girls and my marriage? — Appalled in Alpena

Dear Alpena: If you insist on staying with an abusive man, you must let your girls live permanently with their father, who will care for them properly. Under no circumstances should they be permitted to return to you as long as Dave is part of your life. You have chosen him over your children. End of story.

Dear Annie: I am quite upset with my mother. My parents are in their 60s and still socially active. I know they will not watch my sons, ages 5 and 9, on Saturday nights. However, a month ago, I asked Mom if she could take the boys because my



KATHY MITCHELL MARCY SUGAR

husband and I would be hosting an adult dinner thing in the world, so I party in our home. She agreed.

Four days before the party, my parents accepted an invitation on the same date (it was a birthday dinner for a dear friend). Mom tried to make it right by asking her cleaning girl to watch the kids, but the girl speaks limited English, and I didn't feel comfortable with her. I searched for other sitters, but everyone was booked. My only solution was to keep the kids home during the party.

I am so angry at Mom for dumping on me. I wish I could depend on my parents once in a while when I need their help. How should I proceed with our relationship? — Upset Daughter in Camarillo, Calif.

Dear Daughter: Of course your mother wanted to attend a birthday party for a dear friend. And she thought her cleaning girl would suffice as a sitter. However, this is apparently a pattern for her, and you are right that you cannot count on her to take care of your kids. So be it. Not all grandparents will baby-sit. Surely your parents have other qualities for which you value and love them. Focus on those, and start looking for a regular sitter you CAN count on. Mom's not

Dear Annie: I read the letter from "Louisville, Ky.," who was expecting her third girl. I, too, live in Louisville and have four daughters. When my girls were small, I used to get comments like "So, are you still trying for that boy?" I always hated it and finally decided to reply, "No. We are trying children." for That always shut them up. — S.G.

Dear S.G.: Good for you.

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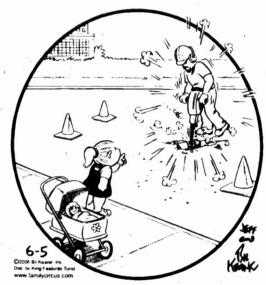
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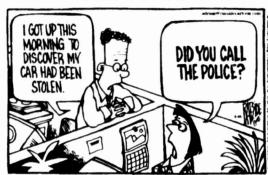




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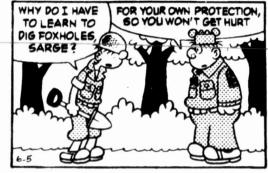


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This Date In History

Today is Monday, June 5, the 156th day of 2006. There are 209 days left in the year. Today's Highlight in History:

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On this date:

In 1884, Civil War hero Gen. William T. Sherman refused the Republican presidential nomination, saying, "I will not accept if nominated and will not serve if In 1917, about 10 million

American men began registering for the draft in World War I.

In 1933, the United States went off the gold standard. In 1940, the Battle of France began during World

In 1947, Secretary of State George C. Marshall gave a speech at Harvard speech University in which he outlined an aid program for Europe that came to be known as "The Marshall Plan.' In 1967, war erupted in the

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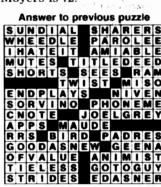
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for Disease Control reported that five homosexuals in Los Angeles had come down with a rare kind of pneumonia; they were the first recognized cases of what later became known as AIDS.

In 1986, a federal jury in **Baltimore convicted Ronald** W. Pelton of selling secrets to the Soviet Union. (Pelton was sentenced to three life prison terms plus 10 years.) In 2004, Ronald Wilson

Reagan, the 40th president of the United States, died in Los Angeles at age 33 after a struggle long with Alzheimer's disease.

Today's Birthdays: Broadcast journalist Bill Moyers is 72.



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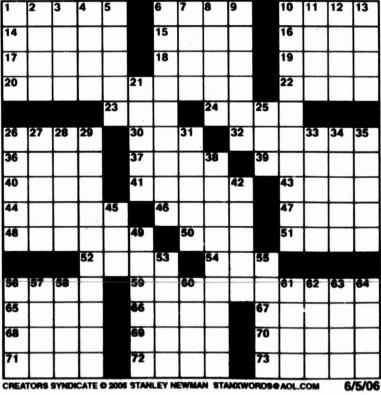
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