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**INSIDE**

Roberts wins 4-2A MVP; six others make first team

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Robert Walker, local model aircraft pilot and enthusiast, puts the wings on his 1/3 scale P-51 Mustang during last year's Big Spring Model Aircraft Association's Fly-In and Swap Meet. The event gets under way Saturday at 10 a.m. and continues through Sunday.

HERALD photo/Thomas Jenkins

## Model aircraft enthusiasts expected here this weekend

By THOMAS JENKINS  
Staff Writer

Model aircraft of every shape, size and color will take to the skies of John W. Buzbee Field this weekend, as the 25th annual Big Spring Model Aircraft Association's Fly-In and Swap Meet prepares to motor-up.

BSMAA member and pilot Don McKinney said the Fly-In will feature something for everyone in the family, not to mention some tasty treats being prepared by fellow model aircraft enthusiast, Robert Walker.

"We are expecting pilots from all



McKinney

over West Texas and some from Hobbs, N.M.," said McKinney. "We invite everybody to come out to watch the aircraft. Families are welcome to come out and bring their lawn chairs to sit in and watch us fly. We'll have brisket sandwiches and plates for sale both days, and anyone that's had Robert's brisket can tell you how great it is."

A variety of planes will take to the sky above the field located off

of Highway 350, about five miles north of Big Spring.

"We'll have all kinds of model war birds, sports planes and bi-planes," McKinney said. "There will also be an area set aside for the electric planes, which is one of the fastest growing elements in model aircraft."

Walker, who has been a model aircraft enthusiast for many years, said the freedom of sailing his planes among the clouds is more than just a hobby.

"It's an addiction. I mean a big

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## Get in the spirit, chamber urges

### Get ready to 'dress up' for the big county rodeo

By THOMAS JENKINS  
Staff Writer

With the annual Big Spring Rodeo and Cowboy Reunion right around the corner, the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce is asking area businesses to get in the spirit by sponsoring rodeo banners.

Set for June 22 through 24 at the Howard County Rodeo Bowl, Chamber Executive Director Debbye ValVerde said area businesses still have time to "cowboy up" this season by sponsoring the red, white and blue tapes-

tries. "The Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce is working with the rodeo association once again this year in helping to decorate the town with rodeo banners," said ValVerde. "The banners are red, white and blue

"They come in and put up the banners several days before the rodeo and then they take them down after the rodeo is over."



ValVerde

with a panel that has the word 'Welcome' in the middle."

ValVerde said the banners will be put up and taken down by the same company, offering area businesses a chance to show their support for the annual rodeo with little or no "physical" effort.

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## FIDDLIN' AROUND



Herald photo/Steve Reagan

Dwaine Thomas of Sulpher Draw plays his fiddle for participants in the 20th Annual Denim and Diamonds benefit gala last weekend. Proceeds from the annual event benefit patients at Big Spring State Hospital.

## Hispanic history has low priority

### Texas ranks low in education, still above the national average

By SONIA MOGHE  
Associated Press Writer

DALLAS (AP) — Texas ranked lowest among the nation's four southern border states in its standards for teaching Latin American and Mexican history, according to a national study released Monday.

The study by the Thomas B. Fordham Institute, a Washington, D.C.-based think tank, said on a scale of zero to 10, Texas scored a five —

just above the national average of 4.2.

California, meanwhile, scored a 10. Arizona scored a six and New Mexico scored an eight, said Walter Russell Meade, a senior fellow for the council on foreign relations who conducted the study based on a review of state education standards.

"It's likely that the state of world history education is a little worse than the standards since there

isn't required testing," Meade said. "The subject might not be getting the kind of emphasis that it deserves."

Pat Hardy, a member of the state board of education and a history and geography teacher for the Weatherford Independent School District, disagreed with the analysis.

She said Texas uses a "spiraling curriculum" to teach world history which has more depth than most states because

it introduces concepts at different levels and expands on them later.

"They have to understand that our standards are written in strands," Hardy said. "Students have been exposed all along the way to all aspects of the history, the government, the economics, the culture of the world. I think it's brilliant. The Fordham Institute doesn't know

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### TIL DEATH...OH FORGET IT

ASPEN, Colo. (AP) — This couple didn't even make it to the altar before police made them part.

Ali Aghili, 37, and Marney Hurst, 33, both of Boulder, were to be married Saturday night at the posh Little Nell Hotel. Instead, they got into a fight the night before and police arrested them because both allegedly threw punches, police Sgt. Steve Smith said. The wedding had to be called off because their \$250 bond conditions required them to stay away from each other, Smith said.

### 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 15.

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 business.

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

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## Obituaries

### Clara Richey

Clara Richey, 64, of Big Spring died Saturday, June 3, 2006, at her residence. Funeral services will be held at 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. today 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.

Clara was a life long resident of Big Spring. She attended Howard College, receiving both her licensed vocational nursing and registered nursing license. She worked as a nurse for 30 years at several hospitals and nursing homes. She was an avid quilter, making many through the years. She was a Baptist.

Survivors include three daughters and one son-in-law, 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, Kasey Richey, Erin Cloud, A.J. Richey, Joey Lloyd, Farley Lloyd, Adam Lloyd and Shelby King; and one great-grandchild, Dylan Cloud.

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

Pallbearers will be Galin Gilbert, Kevin Gilbert, A.J. Richey, Farley Lloyd, Adam Lloyd, Joey Lloyd, Brad Kinard, Chad Kinard and Glen Kinard.

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 at [www.npwelch.com](http://www.npwelch.com).

*Paid obituary*

### Bill Stone

Bill Stone, 78, of Big Spring died Monday, June 5, 2006, at Midland Memorial Hospital. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

## Take Note

• **THE ANNUAL PRAIRIE DOG FLY-IN AT MCMAHON-WRINKLE AIRPARK** is set for 7 a.m. until noon Saturday. For pilots flying in, the event, which includes breakfast and tours, is free of charge. For the public, the cost is \$5. For more information, call 264-2362.

• **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).

• **BIG SPRING HIGH SCHOOL STEER BAND 10-YEAR REUNION** for classes 1970 to 1980 is planned for July 28-29. Send name and addresses to Steer Band Reunion P.O. Box 103 Big Spring, 79721 or go to the Web site [www.bigspringsteerband.org](http://www.bigspringsteerband.org). For more information or to leave a message, call 263-2205.

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

• **BIG SPRING HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1996 10th YEAR REUNION** needs addresses and contact information for classmates. Call Mindy at 267-6524 or 267-7631.

• **FORSAN EX-STUDENT ASSOCIATION ANNUAL ALL-CLASS REUNION** is Aug. 5. Names, addresses and class years for Forsan exes are needed. Submit information or pictures for a newsletter before June 15 to Ida Lou Raney, 5216 Dawson Dr., Big Spring or call 432 267-2414. Jimmy Anderson at 432 267-6143 or Opal Stout at 325 574-2150, or e-mail [hiraney@ercom.net](mailto:hiraney@ercom.net).

• **BIG SPRING HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1977** is gathering addresses for the 30th reunion. Mail contact information to Emily Boyd, 10817 Sandpiper Lane, Dallas or e-mail [emilyboyd1@aol.com](mailto:emilyboyd1@aol.com).

• **HANGAR 25 AIR MUSEUM IS COLLECTING RECIPES** to be included in a 2006 cookbook which will display memories of Big Spring over the years. Share your memories and your recipes. Contact the Hangar at 264-1999 for recipe forms.

• **HOME HOSPICE HAS COOKBOOKS** with nearly 500 recipes on sale for \$18 with proceeds to benefit Hospice House. Recipes submitted by volunteers, coordinators and owners of Home Hospice. Call Sherry Hodnett at 264-7599 for more information.

## Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity between 7 a.m. Monday and 7 a.m. today:

- **TONY BINGHAM**, 24, of 2701 Loop Road, was arrested Monday on a charge of driving while license suspended/invalid.
- **JUAN HARO JR.**, 60, of 310 W. Seventh Street, was arrested Monday on a charge of injury to the elderly.
- **AMANDA DENISE GRAY**, 20, of 1001 Bluebonnet, was arrested Monday on a charge of possession of marijuana.
- **KAMALUDDIN NADIR CROSS**, 24, of 2609 Wasson Road Apt. 16, was arrested Monday on a charge of possession of marijuana.
- **PAUL VIERA JR.**, 20, of 1907 S. Main Street, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of minor in consumption of an alcoholic beverage and two local citations.
- **JOHNNY LEE JUAREZ**, 24, of 1308 Tucson, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of disorderly conduct-language.
- **LORENZO RAMIREZ**, 21, of 1206 Johnson, was arrested Tuesday on six local warrants and a charge of evading arrest.
- **RICHARD P. WINGLE III**, 18, of New Jersey, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of possession of marijuana - two ounces or less.
- **LANCE GRAY HANSON**, 34, of Nocona, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of possession of marijuana - two ounces or less.
- **THEFT** was reported in the 1100 block of Lamesa.
- **POSSESSION OF MARIJUANA** was reported in the 4100 block of Dixon.
- **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported in the 1000 block of Main Street.
- **BURGLARY OF A HABITATION** was reported in the 100 block of 19th Street.
- **ASSAULT CLASS C/FAMILY VIOLENCE** was reported in the 2900 block of Highway 80.
- **ASSAULT WITH INTENT TO CAUSE BODILY INJURY/FAMILY VIOLENCE** was reported in the 2600 block of Dow.

## Sheriff's report

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

- **CHASTITY MICHELLE PERRYMAN**, 32, was transferred to the county jail Monday by the BSPD on charges of driving while license suspended, no liability insurance and violation of a promise to appear.
- **JOEL CLUCK**, 84, was transferred to the county jail Monday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while license suspended.
- **LAURA LEE KOCSMAR**, 43, was arrested Monday by the HCSO on a charge of terroristic threats.
- **JEFFERY RYAN JONES**, 22, was transferred to the county jail Monday by the BSPD on a charge of contempt of court.
- **LEON EDDINGTON**, 27, was transferred to the county jail Monday by the BSPD on a charge of evading arrest or detention.
- **RICKY DALE MARTIN**, 52, was arrested Monday by the HCSO on a charge of filing a false report with law enforcement.
- **JOVITA CARDENAS RODRIGUEZ**, 26, was transferred to the county jail Monday by the BSPD on charges of bondsman off bond for no driver's license, bondsman off bond for failure to identify - giving false information, issuance of a bad check, no driver's license, violation of a promise to appear, unlawfully carrying a weapon and a motion to revoke probation for aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.

## Fire/EMS

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

- **TRAUMA** was reported in the 300 block of West Seventh Street. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 1300 block of Tucson. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **STRUCTURE FIRE** was reported in the 8000 block of Scott Road. Fire was extinguished.

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- TODAY**
- Big Spring Rotary Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.
  - League of Latin American Citizens LULAC Chapter 4791 meets at 6 p.m. in the board room of the YMCA. For more information, contact Jennifer Patton at 714-4185 or 263-6351 or 816-6962.
  - Texas Motorcycle Rights Association meets at 7 p.m. in the Spanish Inn. The public is invited. Call 268-6421 for more information.
  - VFW Post 2013 meets at 7 p.m. in the VFW Hall, 500 Driyer Road.
  - Sheriff's Posse meets at 7 p.m. in the clubhouse on the Andrews Highway.
  - Alzheimer's Association, the Greater West Texas Chapter meets at 2 p.m. in the Howard County Library conference room, 500 S. Main.
  - Gospel Singing in the Kentwood Activity Center at 7 p.m. Everyone is welcome.
  - Order of the Eastern Star No. 67 meets at 7:30 p.m. at 221 Main.

- WEDNESDAY**
- Optimist Club meets at 7 a.m. in the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.
  - Senior Circle meets at 10:30 a.m. at Scenic Mountain Medical Center for Sit and Be Fit Chair Aerobics. Those 50 years and older are invited to

## Weather

Tonight...Mostly clear. Lows around 70. South winds 10 to 15 mph.  
Wednesday...Mostly sunny. Highs around 100. East winds around 10 mph.  
Wednesday night...Mostly clear. Lows in the upper 60s. East winds around 10 mph.

## Lottery

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Monday night:  
Winning numbers drawn: 1-12-19-34-36.  
Number matching five of five: none.  
Next Cash 5 drawing: Tuesday night.

Results of the Texas Two Step drawing Monday night:  
Winning numbers drawn: 12-27-30-32. Bonus Ball: 2.  
Number matching four of four, plus Bonus Ball: none.  
Estimated jackpot for Thursday night drawing: \$225,000.

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Monday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 0-6-8

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When: June 12-15  
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Registration June 12 from 8:15-9:00  
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Memorial Day's Splash-In saw a lot of people at the city pool in Comanche Trail Park. The pool is open daily except for Mondays.

Herald photo/Thomas Jenkins

**A proposal never to be forgotten**

LEE, Mass. (AP) — It was to be the most romantic of marriage proposals, delivered in a hot air balloon soaring gracefully above the picturesque Berkshire mountains.

Only things didn't quite go as planned. And now, Holly Barnes and Mark Papkey can only hope that their future together will go a bit more smoothly than the harrowing balloon ride, which ended abruptly when the balloon ran out of fuel.

The adventure began Sunday afternoon when the balloon carrying the Pittsfield couple and piloted by William Volk, 41, of Cummington, took off from Pittsfield Municipal Airport, en route to Lenox.

Unbeknownst to Barnes, Papkey had brought a ring. But he never got around to popping the question before the wind shifted and the balloon drifted off course into the October Mountain State Forest.

When the balloon ran out of fuel, Barnes said the pilot looked for a

clearing in the forest to bring it down safely. They were able to contact police by cell phone, who advised them to stay put while a helicopter attempted to locate them.

They heard the helicopter, Barnes said, but it never came close and they eventually decided they would have to try to find their way out of the forest on foot.

When darkness made further progress impossible, and temperatures began to fall, Barnes, 41, and Papkey, 35, huddled against a tree for warmth while the pilot tried to sleep on the ground. That's when Papkey finally owned up to the original purpose for the balloon ride. She said yes.

**MYERS & SMITH FUNERAL HOME & CHAPEL**

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

Bill Stone, 78, died Monday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

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addiction," said Walker with a laugh. "I started out with one plane, and then one ended up as two. Two ended up as 20 planes and now I have 32 planes in my hangar. It can get just as big as you want to take it."

The Fly-In is set to take off at

10 a.m. both Saturday and Sunday and continues until late. McKinney expects the fly-in to wrap up about 3 p.m. Sunday.

Planes will be on display to the public and the event provides a good chance to purchase model aircraft parts or fully assembled planes, McKinney said.

"We usually have people who are selling or trading," he said. "The pilots really enjoy talking about it with people, so they can

usually answer any questions people have.

"We would like to invite the public to come out and see what building and flying model aircraft is all about. It's good fun for the entire family."

BSMAA sponsors several regional fly-in events during the year including the Float Fly at the Comanche Trail Park and the Micro Fly-In at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum, which has

drawn micro-aircraft enthusiasts from around the nation to Big Spring.

For more information on the Fly-In, contact McKinney at 399-4793 or Charles Buzbee at 267-7114.

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

**RODEO**

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"The company we work with is Flying J Flag and Banner Service," ValVerde explained. "They come in and put up the banners several days before the rodeo and then

they take them down after the rodeo is over. You don't have to lift a finger — they do all the work."

ValVerde said the chamber staff will be calling last year's participants in the banner program, but if you don't receive a call

for some reason, don't feel left out.

"Things have been going kind of slow right now. Chamber staff has been calling all previous participants. Last year we had 80 businesses participate," said ValVerde. "It

looks really good, especially when the out of town visitors come in for the rodeo and see our town in full support.

"If you wish to participate call the office 263-7641 or come by 215 West Third. We will be glad to

give you the prices and put you on the list so your business can be all 'duded' up just in time for the rodeo."

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

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jack about teaching." But at least one Texas lawmaker said the state still needs to increase its standards.

"It's a sad commentary that Texas, a border state, that's history is so intertwined with Mexico and Latin America, ranks so low on the scale," said Rep. Ruben Hinojosa, D-Mercedes.

Many states fared even worse than Texas, where Hispanics made up about 35.3 percent of the populace in 2003, according to the U.S. Census.

Thirty states have vague education standards for world history and Latin American and Mexican studies, said Michael Petrilli, vice president of the Thomas B. Fordham Institute.

Alaska, Idaho, Missouri and Montana each received a score of zero for having "superficial or cursory" standards on how to teach World History.

"It's as if many states were not aware that there are countries and cultures south of the Rio Grande," Petrilli said.

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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
<b>Total 2005 Community Investment</b>	<b>\$25,382,130</b>

*(Dollar amounts are approximate)*

**Physicians Recruited in 2005**

- Kimberly Saenz, M.D. Pediatrics
- Kim Bango, M.D. Family Practice
- David Long, M.D. Family Practice

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## OUR VIEWS

Remembering  
a debt we can  
never really pay

Today is D-Day ... or in actual military terms, D-Day plus 62 years. That is perhaps not true for younger generations, but for those who lived through World War II and even their "Baby Boomer" children, this day on the calendar will always bring to mind D-Day, June 6, 1944 — the day Allied forces landed on the beaches in Normandy and began the methodical march across western Europe and the demise of Hitler's Third Reich.

Sixty-two years ago today, Allied forces stormed five beaches named Omaha, Utah, Juno, Sword and Gold. They'd crossed a storm-tossed English Channel in the greatest naval armada ever gathered and mounted an amphibious assault the likes of which had never been seen, nor likely ever will be.

Thousands of young men's lives ended on those beaches, while the lives of those who survived would never be the same.

Today we generally accept the designation of the men and women who fought World War II as, America's "Greatest Generation." And it was just that.

Today, only a few of those who took part in that monumental struggle are still with us. Almost all are more than 80 years old.

It may seem strange to some that we take time to observe the 62nd anniversary of anything.

But today we do need to remember. We should remember one every June 6.

Because, thanks to all of them, the living and the dead, we live in a much different world.

Our children and grandchildren don't know the horrors the world saw at the hands of Nazi Germany, Fascist Italy and Imperial Japan in the late 1930s and early 1940s.

Again today we are reminded that perhaps the best description of just what D-Day means came from Rene Garrec, who was president of the Regional Council of Lower Normandy at the time of the invasion's 50th anniversary observance in 1994.

In trying to explain the event's significance to his then 7-year-old grandson, Garrec wrote that he might take the boy "to see the film 'The Longest Day' because it is a wonderful movie which inspired generations of little boys: It is full of heroes. I think I would take you also to visit the American cemetery at Omaha Beach because it is the most moving place on earth: It is full of fallen heroes. Then you might understand that D-Day should remind us of two things: The gratitude that we owe to courage and the respect that liberty, paid for at such a terrible price, commands." It is a debt of gratitude we can never fully pay.

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## A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

May we be ready to step up to the plate for You, Lord.  
Amen

## Wal-Mart fighting eminent domain?

There are two ugly guys in the fight between the City of Hercules, Calif., and Wal-Mart. It's a classic tale of Big Government versus Big Box, and both sides are prepared to use big guns.

In the last round, the city council voted unanimously to use the awesome power of eminent domain to seize 17 acres owned by Wal-Mart. Wal-Mart vowed to use its awesome resources to fight back. As Hercules sees it, Wal-Mart is the rude guest that won't leave. Attorney Gale Connor, who represents the city, noted that Wal-Mart bought the property in 2004, despite considerable opposition to the retail giant's proposal. "Why did they go ahead and purchase the property to begin with?"

This is a hot story, Connor understands, because of the "confluence of two very controversial subjects." The Bay Area has its share of Wal-Mart haters who see the chain as pure evil.

I see using the power of eminent domain for private development as evil. In 2005, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that municipal governments have the right to use eminent domain to seize property for "public use" — even if that "public use" entails the government taking land from homeowners to give to a private developer. It was downright un-American for the Big Bench to determine that the city of New London, Conn., could evict homeowner Susette Kelo and her neighbors to make way for a tony private waterfront development.

Wal-Mart is no Susette Kelo. Be it noted that Hercules is not evicting a homeowner or small business — it is seizing an empty lot. In essence, the city is using eminent domain as a proxy for strict zoning rules.

The big irony is, as Connor noted, "part of the reason eminent domain has such a bad name" is that "historically" big retailers — including Wal-Mart — have used it to take other people's land. Last month, the Orlando Sentinel reported, Wal-Mart threatened homeowners that if they didn't sell to the retail giant, it would ask local authorities to take the land by eminent domain.

Wal-Mart spokesman John Simley acknowledged as much. "There's no question," he said on the phone Wednesday. "We've benefited from some degree from eminent domain decisions." Simley contends the difference is that Wal-Mart was able to use eminent domain to counter blight. Of course, blight is in the eye of the beholder. Citing blight, cities have used eminent domain to seize the homes of blue-collar owners to make way for upscale housing.

Many Northern Californians consider a brand-spanking new Wal-Mart to be blight.

Still, Hercules residents should ask themselves if it is worth the money it will take to fight this case. The legal bills could be huge. As Connor noted, "Wal-Mart is entitled to just compensation for their property," and if the chain doesn't think the city is offering enough, it is "entitled constitutionally" to seek a jury trial for more money.

Should taxpayers foot the bill for a fantasy? Many residents in the East Bay conclave long to be too tony for Wal-Mart. Hello, The site of the battle is near I-80 and surrounded by an industrial park. The only nearby homes — separated from the lot by a creek — are new and quaint, if crowded, with porches in front, garages in back and small parks in lieu of yards. Planners envision an old-fashioned village with small shops by the bay.

But a city can't just pass a law

and turn itself — with homes there selling at a median price of \$475,000, according to the Economic Development Alliance for Business — into Sausalito.

"Hercules is a high-income enclave in a larger lower-income trade area that is currently underserved by retail activity," says an economic review of Wal-Mart's proposal that was written for the city and plays to the pretensions. The report shows that other Wal-Marts in the East Bay attracted fast-food restaurants, in one case a check-cashing outlet and in another a "low-end coffee shop." Oooh. Not Starbucks.

But if the area is as high-end as planners say, Wal-Mart should attract better companion outlets.

Vocal Wal-Mart foes believe they have a right to decide who sets up shop in their town, and the right to keep out shops that might attract lower-income shoppers. This is just class warfare. While Wal-Mart haters are free to not shop at Wal-Mart, they want to wield the club of government so that others don't shop at Wal-Mart.

Bert Gall of the Institute of Justice, which opposes using eminent domain for private development, warned, "If something like this can happen to Wal-Mart, it really can happen to anyone." And, "It just illustrates that what the Supreme Court unleashed in Kelo was the ability of government to play favorites."

Hercules could end up with no retailer interested in the site. "The market already demonstrated that there wasn't much interest in what the city had in its general plan there," said Benjamin Powell of the Independent Institute. If Wal-Mart wants in, and Retailers for the Rich aren't banging down the door, that should tell Hercules residents something.

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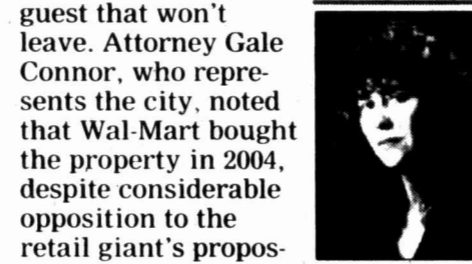
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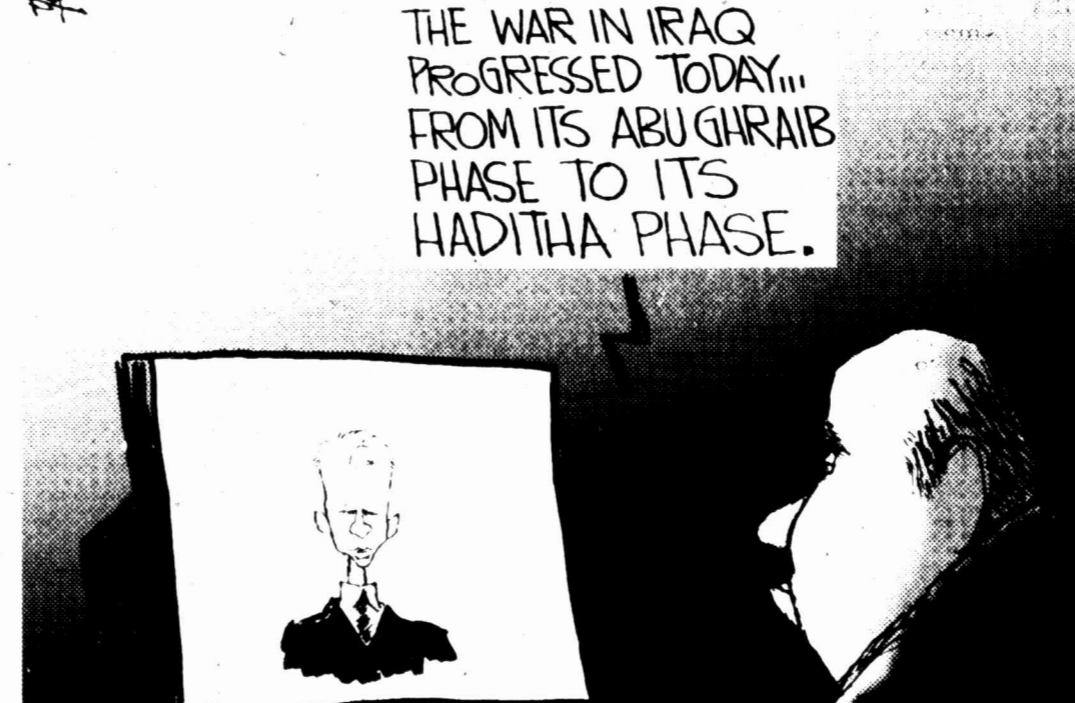
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## The Un-Gore, Un-Hillary ... is Kerry

While Al Gore is commanding all the attention of those searching for the un-Hillary, there's another candidate who is quietly doing the work it actually takes to run for president. While Al Gore continues to protest that he isn't running, there's another candidate who is privately making no bones about his future prospects. While Al Gore has yet to acknowledge that he lost, there's another candidate who is belatedly addressing the mistakes that caused his defeat.

The un-Gore, un-Hillary is John Kerry. He is doing everything Gore isn't doing to prepare for a presidential run in 2008.

He is running hard and running smart. Watch him, and you know Gore has a lot of catching up to do — that it isn't just a matter of making a movie and then standing back and waiting for the votes to come in. Running for president is a lot of work, and John Kerry is working hard.

He is finally addressing the Swift Boat lies that, more than anything else, undermined his campaign. He is working his lists, traveling the country and re-recruiting his old backers, one-by-

one. Don't count him out for a minute.

How does he get past the electability argument? I asked one of his supporters. After all, electability was his claim last time, and it isn't an argument you can easily make twice. He's a different man, this friend and supporter told me.

That is certainly evident in his approach to his military record. Last time, with his record under attack, he basically did nothing. He let them attack his heroism, his integrity and his manhood, and he simply didn't answer. It was positively Dukakis-like, and it killed him. Since February of last year, he and his team have been fighting back, lie by lie. Maybe it's all for the next run, but his friends tell me they would be doing it anyway, because he cannot bear leaving the record where it was. In the immediate aftermath of the campaign, he was ready to blame this one or that one — those days are past. It's not about blame any more, it's about getting it right.

What Dick Nixon did between 1960 and 1968 is what John Kerry has been doing and will do in these four years. Unlike Gore, it isn't a show about him. It's about each congressman and woman who calls and asks him to come to their district and do a fund-raiser. He comes. He spreads money around. He contributes to every-

one. He has a list of 3 million voter contacts, and they hear from him regularly. He is generous with time. He is easy to get to.

It's not like getting in an endless line to get into the Hillary campaign, or fighting half of Hollywood to get close to Gore. It's not like negotiating the intricacies of Clinton Inc., where you are expected to give endlessly and might someday get an invitation to lunch with a hundred others. If you want to have dinner with Kerry, you can have dinner with Kerry. Alone, or with one or two other people. You can spend real time. He'll listen.

Maybe the arrogance is still there, but he isn't wearing it on his sleeve. He doesn't talk about all the votes he got. He knows that the people he had last time have to be re-recruited, one by one, and that's how he's doing it.

His vice presidential nominee, John Edwards, may well run — but so what? No love lost between those two. What one does won't matter to the other, one way or the other. My guess is that he wishes he'd picked Dick Gephardt. Whether it would have mattered or not, who knows? Would Gephardt have been a better debater? Fought harder? That's the past. It won't stop Kerry from running against Edwards. Or Gore. Or Hillary.

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# Bird Poop

The game warden's voice conveyed the seriousness of a situation on the east side of town.

With summer months, we are accustomed to concerns about baby birds and nests.

However, the relentless pursuit of any perceived threat by Mississippi kites has to be handled both for the sake of the birds and those confronting feathered aggression.

Having spent their winters as far south as Argentina, the hawks return to take advantage of the abundant food source in our area.

Since the kite is quite adroit at catching insects in flight, cicadas, grasshoppers and dragonflies are easy prey.

Extremely aggressive in defense of their young, the kites, without warning, will sometimes "dive-bomb" dogs, postmen and anyone in their territory.

Such was happening at

this particular home. "A man has told his neighbors he's going to shoot the birds. Every time he goes out his front door, a kite swoops down at him."

I asked the warden to inform the man that as soon as I left work, I would come and get the babies and destroy the nest. Giving us the leeway to make this decision, the U.S. Fish & Wildlife realizes that some situations warrant intervention.

During early afternoon, the warden called again.

"Get over there as soon as you can. This morning, one of the kites cut the man's head. With his drinking problem, he's liable to shoot up the whole neighborhood."

While standing on his front porch and telling him exactly what I would be doing, I noticed there were no menacing hawks attacking us.

Showing me a small scratch on the upper part of his forehead, the man had given no attention to the cleaning of his cut. As he displayed the faint line of dried blood, I could readily detect the lingering aroma of alcohol on his breath.

In the front yard, the mulberry tree presented

quite a climb.

About three feet from the top and sheltered under a dense growth of leaves was the nest.

My luck was holding. The only way one of the parents could reach me was from below.

Gathering the two nestlings, I placed them in a pillowcase, which I then secured below my chin. Destroying the nest was an effort, in that the kite had interwoven sticks in a triangular fork of the tree.

As I started to climb down from my perch some 30 feet above the ground, I heard a siren in the distance.

The alarm grew louder and closer. Suddenly, a squad car from the west and the game warden's truck from the east, skidded to a stop on the street gravel and dirt under the tree.

Both officers rushed out of their cars to the man who, unknown to me, was standing at the base of the tree.

During my climb, descent and the man's entrance on the scene, a neighbor had witnessed only the man looking up in the tree.

Afraid he would finally carry out his threat, because he had been seen



Most young Mississippi kites, above right, are not removed from their nests. Many people are now willing to tolerate the protective parents, like the one above, in order to experience a part of nature.

numerous times near the tree, she called the police to come as quickly as possible.

Finally on the ground, I showed the youngsters to the man who seemed satisfied that the hawks would quit harassing him.

After he had gone back into his house, I asked the officers what had happened.

"We were told he had a gun. We thought he might shoot you as well as the birds."

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## Texas briefs

### Missing baby found, woman arrested

LUBBOCK (AP) — The exhaustive search for a missing 5-day-old baby ended beneath a condominium carport where detectives found the infant abandoned in a car seat in 104-degree weather.

By late Monday, a woman who police said posed as a nurse in medical scrubs to befriend the baby's mother was in custody on kidnapping charges.

And Priscilla Nicole Maldonado was under observation at University Medical Center, where she had been born less than a week earlier.

"I didn't even want to let her go," Erica Ysasaga said late Monday outside the hospital, hours after the baby's recovery.

"The doctors wanted to check her and I didn't want to let go. I didn't want to stop hugging and kissing her."

She said her daughter,

who was previously diagnosed with jaundice, would remain at the hospital overnight for observation.

Ysasaga and the baby's father, Jesse Maldonado, planned to remain with her. A hospital spokesman said the infant appeared to be doing well.

### One killed in prison gang fight

AUSTIN (AP) — A fight between two rival gangs left one inmate dead and at least three others injured with stab wounds at a northeast Texas prison, officials said.

Prison authorities said Augustin Amador, 34, died in a hallway at the Telford Unit in New Boston after receiving 23 stab wounds.

Officials said the incident was isolated and quickly controlled. It was the first killing this year in a Texas prison after

two were reported last year.

"Any type of gang activity is something we closely monitor," said Michelle Lyons, a spokeswoman for the Texas Department of Criminal Justice.

"This (incident) is why we are doing that."

According to officials, Amador and four other members of the Tri-City Bombers were attacked by six members of the Texas Chicano Brotherhood as they were being escorted back to their cellblock after lunch.

The assailants were armed with prison-made knives, six of which were found in the hallway after the fight.

### Abandoned boy to be reunited with dog

TYLER (AP) — A 7-year-old boy found abandoned in a filthy warehouse will be reunited with his dog in foster care, authorities said

Monday.

Officers discovered the boy Thursday when they came to evict his parents from the industrial warehouse where they were living, said Smith County Constable Frank Creath.

The little boy and his brown-spotted dog scampered around outside the building as the men sifted through heaps of clothing, trash, rotting food, puddles of feces and drug paraphernalia, he said.

When asked where he lived, the boy said he slept on a blanket on the floor. His parents were not there, Creath said.

Creath said Child Protective Services is investigating the family, has placed the boy in foster care and promised to move him-somewhere he can keep his dog. The dog is currently at an area animal shelter.

### Rumsfeld presses Vietnam on efforts to find remains of American MIAs

HANOI, Vietnam (AP) — The U.S. is pressing Vietnam for underwater searches and access to aging witnesses in stepped-up efforts to recover remains of Americans missing from the Vietnam War, Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld said Monday.

"We still have work to do," Rumsfeld said, though he added that he was pleased Vietnamese military officials had pledged in meetings with him to do more to help recover the remains. "As we all agree, we don't want to forget the importance of this."

Rumsfeld told reporters U.S. officials will work to see if the U.S. can provide technical assistance with underwater recovery efforts.

There are 1,805 American troops unaccounted for from the war, including 1,376 in Vietnam, according to Marine Maj. Jay Rutter, deputy commander of the Joint POW/MIA

Accounting Command, which heads the recovery efforts here.

Of those still missing, 453 were lost at sea or over water, according to the Pentagon data.

For Angela Cooke, whose father was missing in Vietnam for 34 years, the MIA recovery work is

personal. Just six weeks ago, U.S. military officials in Hanoi notified family members that the remains of Staff Sgt. Calvin Cooke — whose C-130 Hercules cargo plane was shot down over An Loc City in what was then South Vietnam — had been identified.

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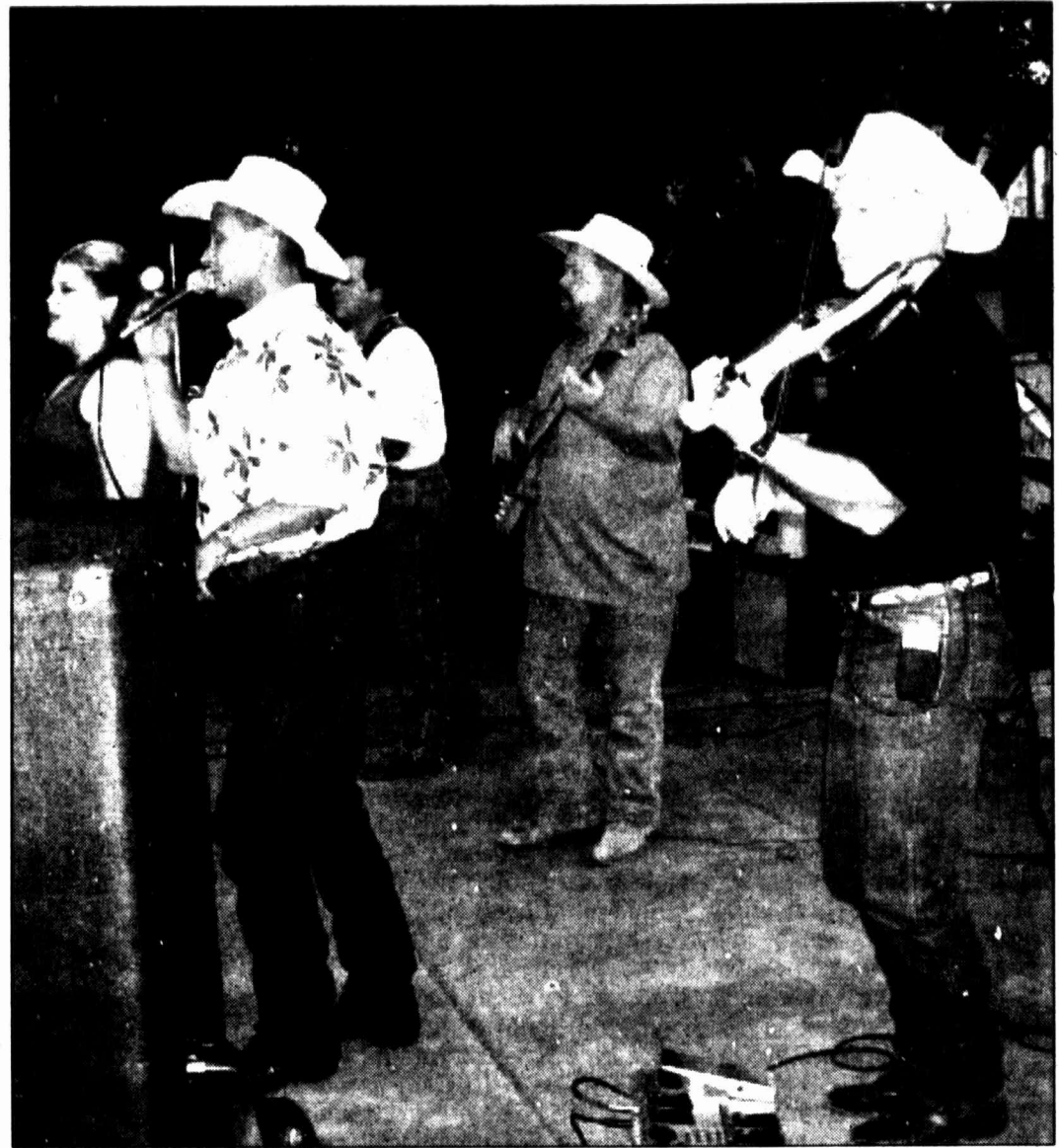
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## IN BRIEF

**HC sets girls summer basketball camp dates**

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

For more information, call 264-5945 or 264-5947. 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 264-5940. 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 a.m.

For more information, call 264-5945.

**BHS announces girls' day camp**

The Big Spring girls' basketball program and head coach Sherman Chew will be conducting a Big Spring girls' 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 264-5945.

## Bulldogettes make mark on 4-2A team

• Roberts wins MVP, six others earn first-team honors

By TROY HYDE  
Sports Editor

The entire starting lineup for Coahoma's state-qualifying softball team was honored on the all-District 4-2A team released recently ... and a few more Bulldogettes were honored as well.

Senior Kali Roberts, who led Coahoma on the mound and at the plate, was named the league's MVP after a stellar senior season. Coahoma also grabbed another big honor as head coach Robby Dickenson was named Coach of the Year.

Six other starters for Coahoma were named to the first team. Sophomore Janice Gonzales made the top squad as a catcher, while seniors Ashle New and Sarah Dunn and junior Ami Martinez were selected as infielders. Seniors Drew Wells and Liz Conley were also named to the first team as outfielders.

Coahoma had no one on the second unit, but landed three underclassmen — sophomore Krista Kerby and freshmen Laci Sterling and Shelbi Paige — to the honorable mention team.

The district's Newcomer of the Year

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Courtesy photo  
The Big Spring Thunder, a softball team in the 12-and-under division, won the Big Spring Girls Softball Association league championship this year. Back row, from left: Savana Bedell, Shelby Roemer, Lindsey Roach, Belle Feaster, Kadisha Robinson, Haley Dimidjian and Kayla Aaron. Middle: Katie Carrillo, Anna Scott, Bryanna Raney, Becca Arocha and Chasity Rodriguez. Front with bats: Bethany Roach. Not pictured: Coaches Stan Feaster, Wade Cobb, John Roemer and John Scott and chaperones Cynthia Scott and Lisa Dimidjian.



Courtesy photo  
Members of the Garden City 6-on-6 passing team pose after winning the Bryson regional qualifying tournament Saturday. The Bearkats earned an automatic bid into the 6-on-6 national tournament to be played in Colorado City July 21-22.

## Garden City qualifies for national 6-on-6 tourney

By TOMMY WELLS

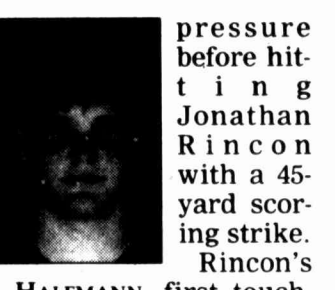
Special to the Herald  
BRYSON — Alex Halfmann showed why he is regarded as one of the top quarterbacks in six-man football Saturday afternoon at Cowboy Stadium in Bryson.

He passed for 235 yards and five touchdowns — three to fellow senior Taylor Niehues — and powered the Garden City Bearkats to a 32-14 victory over the Rule Bobcats in the finals of the Bryson 6-on-6 passing tournament.

In all, 10 teams from throughout the state competed in the first of four regional qualifiers. The top four teams at the Bryson qualifier — Garden City, Rule, Strawn and Gustine — earned automatic berths in the 6-on-6 national passing tournament set for July 21-22 in Colorado City.

Garden City, which finished the tournament at 4-0, didn't get off to a perfect start against the Rule in the finals. The Bearkats initial possession ended quickly when Bobcats end Austin Flores sacked Halfmann on a crucial play, forcing Garden City to turn the ball over on downs.

Rule quarterback J.T. Spitzer made the Bearkats pay from there. On the Bobcats' first play from scrimmage, Spitzer took the snap from center and scrambled away from



HALFMANN first touchdown of the contest gave Rule a 6-0 lead with 15:21 remaining in the first half.

Garden City managed to get its offense rolling from there. The Bearkats tied the score at 6-6 on their ensuing series, going 31 yards in three plays before Halfmann found Niehues in the corner of the end zone for a touchdown.

Garden City, which had edged Rule by a narrow 33-32 margin in the semifinals of the double-elimination tournament, struck again moments later. After holding Rule on its ensuing series, Halfmann hooked up with Niehues again to inflate the GCHS lead to 12-6 with 11 minutes remaining in the frame. Garden City receiver Jason Flores set up Niehues' second TD reception one play earlier by pulling in a 42-yard strike from Halfmann at the Rule 3.

The news got even worse for Rule minutes later. After Garden City ended the Bobcats' next possession with an interception, the Bearkats struck quickly. Garden City notched its third straight score

on the second play of its ensuing drive when Halfmann hit Jared Bradford with a 45-yard scoring toss.

Bradford's touchdown, along with Niehues' two-point conversion, enabled the Bearkats to take a 20-6 cushion into the half.

Rule's fortunes did not improve early in the second half. The Bobcats failed to score on their first drive of the half as the G.C. defense picked off a pass at its own 5.

Garden City's luck was much better. Bo Eggemeyer inflated the Bearkats' lead to 26-6 on the fourth play of Garden City's next drive by hauling in a 3-yard strike from Halfmann.

Rule, which earned its way into the tournament finals with a win over Strawn in the consolation championship game, managed to get its offense on track from there.

Spitzer tossed a 16-yard scoring strike with 10:15 left in the game to cut the Bearkats' lead to 26-14.

Halfmann closed out the G.C. title run with 1:30 remaining by tossing a 5-yard scoring pass to Niehues.

The Bobcats clinched second with a wild 31-25 victory over Strawn in the consolation finals.

Strawn was third in the final standings, courtesy a 47-6 win over

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## Wie falls short of U.S. Open, Nadal takes out Hewitt

SUMMIT, N.J. (AP) — Michelle Wie failed in her bid to become the first woman to play in the U.S. Open, teasing a frenzied gallery for 27 holes until three straight bogeys sent her to a 3-over 75 and into the middle of the pack.

Her next stop is a major — against the women. Wie opened with a 68 on the easier South course and still had a chance to get one of 18 spots available to the 153-player field at Canoe Brook when headed to the back nine. Needing at least one birdie to have a chance, her inability to master the greens finally caught up with her.

She finished at 1-over 143, a score that might have been good enough to make the cut if this were a tournament.

PARIS (AP) — Rafael Nadal remained undefeated at Roland Garros by finally beating Lleyton Hewitt.

The defending French Open champion, Nadal moved into the quarterfinals and extended his record clay-court winning streak to 57 matches by eliminating Hewitt 6-2, 5-7, 6-4, 6-2.

Hewitt had won their three previous meetings, but those were all on hard courts.

It was a different story at Roland Garros, where Nadal improved to 11-0.

Martina Hingis claimed the last spot in the women's quarterfinals, beating Shahar Peer 6-3, 2-6, 6-3 in the completion of a match suspended overnight. Two unseeded

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men, Julien Benneteau and Novak Djokovic, earned their first Grand Slam quarterfinal berths, and No. 4 Ivan Ljubicic also advanced.

DURHAM, N.C. (AP) — Duke University's troubled lacrosse team will play next season, but under strict rules and close monitoring after three players were charged with rape, school President Richard Brodhead said.

Brodhead canceled the team's season April 5 after an exotic dancer who had been hired to perform at a March 13 team party told police she was raped by three team members at an off-campus house.

A university investigation also found a history of disciplinary problems involving team members, including underage drinking and public urination.

HOUSTON (AP) — The Houston Texans hired Rick Smith as general manager, reuniting the former Denver assistant GM with new coach Gary Kubiak.

Smith becomes the second general manager in Texans history, following Charley Casserly, who resigned following the draft.

Smith, who at 36 will be the NFL's youngest GM, spent 10 years with Kubiak while the coach was offensive coordinator of the Broncos.

## Clemens gets ready to start for Class A Houston affiliate

By JEFFREY McMURRAY

Associated Press Writer  
LEXINGTON, Ky. — Roger Clemens knows better than to look past the Lake County Captains.

Clemens takes the first step in his return to the Houston Astros when he pitches Tuesday night for the Class A Lexington Legends — and he'll get support in the lineup from his son, Koby, the Legends' third baseman.

If the young players learn one thing from him,

Clemens says, it's that he prepares the same for every game. Autographs and playing around will be part of the afternoon, of course, but come game time, it's all business.

Clemens is expecting to throw around 60 pitches. "If I feel good, I might let a few get in there," he said.

Clemens is expected to make two more minor league starts, double-A and triple-A, before returning to the Astros June 22.



KRT photo/Jeffery Washington, Fort Worth Star-Telegram  
Dallas Mavericks owner Mark Cuban, right, and assistant coach Del Harris are all smiles as they touch the NBA Western Conference Finals trophy. The Mavericks will begin NBA Finals play Thursday night.

COAHOMA

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was Hawley freshman pitcher Pee Wee Burton, who guided the Lady Cats to the regional finals. Hawley also landed four players to the first team.

Coahoma finished 28-12-2 this year and lost in the first round of the Class 2A state tournament

against defending champion and top-ranked Elysian Fields. The Bulldogettes went undefeated in district play and were ranked in the top 10 all season.

The Bulldogettes' five seniors — Roberts, Conley, Dunn, New and Wells — will all play in a softball all-star game in Abilene Thursday night. The game will be played at 7 p.m.

BEARKATS

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the Gustine Tigers, who etched their name into the 6-on-6 record books with a gutsy win over the Aspermont Tigers in the consolation quarterfinals.

After suffering a tough second-round loss to Rule, Gustine gutted out a wild 38-37 triple-overtime win over Aspermont in the consolation quarterfinals.

For more information about any of the tournaments or to enter a team, contact Tommy Wells at newzboy3@yahoo.com

Rice eliminates Baylor, advances to next round

HOUSTON (AP) — Top-seeded Rice scored seven consecutive runs to overcome an early 3-0 deficit and defeat Baylor 7-4 Monday to win the Houston Regional.

After Baylor took a 3-0 lead in the top of the third inning, the Owls responded with five runs in the bottom of the inning and never looked back.

Rice (53-10) will host Oklahoma this weekend in a best-of-three super regional. Baylor ends its

season with a 37-26 record.

Rice starter Joe Savery (5-1) pitched five innings of two-hit ball, allowing three earned runs.

Josh Rodriguez hit a two-run home run following a Tyler Henley single to pull Rice within 3-2. Adam Zornes later doubled home two more runs and eventually scored on Jordan Dodson's triple for a 5-3 Rice lead.

Tim Matthews (6-5) took the loss for Baylor.

## Contract Bridge

### Famous Hand

North dealer. Both sides vulnerable.

**NORTH**  
♠ 7 4  
♥ A K 10 5 3  
♦ K J 4  
♣ J 10 5

**WEST**  
♠ 6 5 3  
♥ J 9 8 6 4  
♦ Q 8 5  
♣ Q 4

**EAST**  
♠ J  
♥ Q 2  
♦ 10 9 7 6 2  
♣ K 8 7 6 2

**SOUTH**  
♠ A K Q 10 9 8 2  
♥ 7  
♦ A 3  
♣ A 9 3

The bidding:  
North East South West  
1♥ Pass 1♠ Pass  
1NT Pass 2♣ Pass  
2NT Pass 3♦ Pass  
3♥ Pass 4♥ Pass  
4♦ Pass 4♠ Pass  
4NT Pass 5♣ Pass  
5NT Pass 7♣ All Pass  
Opening lead three of spades.

Jeff Hand and Drew Cannell of Panama use a complicated relay bidding 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 sophisticated methods:  
1♥ — 11 to 16 points, at least five

hearts.  
1♠ — What is your pattern?  
1NT — I have a balanced hand.  
2♣ — Be more specific.  
2NT — I have 2-5-3-3 distribution.  
3♥ — How many controls?  
3♠ — Four controls (an ace is two, a king is one).  
4♦ — How many kings?  
4♠ — I have two kings of the same color. (South knows they are in hearts and diamonds because he has the king of spades.)  
4♥ — How many queens?  
4NT — I have no queens.  
5♣ — What about jacks?  
5NT — I have the jack of diamonds but not the jack of spades or hearts.  
7♣ — This looks like the right spot.  
Pass — Good luck!  
Cannell won the trump lead with the queen, cashed the A-K of hearts, and ruffed a heart. He then led all his trumps, and West was squeezed because he could not guard both hearts and diamonds. Thus Cannell made seven for a score of 1,510 points.

When Britain held the North-South cards, they also bid seven spades, but less scientifically: 1H-2S-2NT-4NT-5D-5NT-6H-7S. And so, despite all the trimmings, the hand proved to be a washout.

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# Bedtime Stories

## AUSTIN DEAN BLAKE AND THE PIZZA VAN

The pizza van was a funny looking van. It had a funny color that everyone could not help but notice. It had funny looking wheels. It had funny looking windows. It even had a funny looking little engine. But people looked at it all the time, and liked the little van. After all, that is just what the man driving the funny looking little van wanted! He wanted everyone to notice his little van. They would remember it's funny shape every time they wanted a pizza for lunch, or dinner, or breakfast. Breakfast! Do you like pizza for breakfast? Yes, they would remember the funny looking little van every time they wanted a pizza and they would run to catch the little van and always bought their pizzas from the man who drove that van.

The man who drove that funny looking van, with

the funny looking little engine was a very nice, kind young man. His name was Austin Dean Blake. Some children called him Mr. Austin. Some children called him Mr. Dean. Some children called him Mr. Blake. And all the children just called him when they wanted a very good pizza! And Mr. Austin Dean Blake always brought those pizzas right to their doors. They were always hot. And good!

But let's not go through this whole story calling him Mr. Austin Dean Blake. Let's call him Mr. Austin. Do you like that name? Some of you don't! Okay, in the next part of this story, we'll call him Mr. Dean. In the last part, we'll call him Mr. Blake.

All of the parents and grandparents loved Mr. Austin, too. And there was a very good reason for that. When the little old

lady who lived down the street tripped that day and fell down, do you know who ran to help? Of course, it was Mr. Austin. He helped many, many little old ladies when they fell. He helped many little old ladies when they wanted to cross the street. He would stop that funny looking little van, and let the ladies cross and he made sure they were safe. And the little van loved to help, too!

Do you remember the day when your mom's car would not start. It was your mom, wasn't it?

Maybe it was some one else's mom. Mr. Austin and the funny little van came to the rescue. Why, they had that mom's car running in no time at all. Are you sure it wasn't your mom?

Then there was the time your dad had his car stuck in the mud. You do remember that, don't you? Are you saying that it wasn't your dad? Maybe it was some one else's dad who was stuck. Mr. Austin and the little van tied a chain to that car and yanked it from the mud, without hardly taking a deep breath. Maybe that wasn't your dad, after all. Was it?

Let's change names now. Don't tell me that you forgot we were going to do that. We all remember the time that Mr. Dean helped put out that fire in your garage. What? That wasn't your garage? Whose garage was it then? Are you sure it wasn't your garage? Mr. Dean and the funny little van were on their way to deliver a pizza to your house. You do remember that, don't you? It wasn't your house?

Maybe it was some other house. I still think it was yours! He and the little van smelled smoke and knew they had to help someone. Mr. Dean sniffed the smoke. The little van sniffed the smoke. Then they saw where the smoke was coming from. It was your garage. I think! But you say it was some one else's garage. It really doesn't matter for Mr. Dean and the little van had the fire truck just as the big city fire truck was coming around the corner. "Thank you, Mr. Dean," said the

firefighter. "You and your little van truly saved this house today. By the way, will you bring a nice, big cheese pizza to the fire station tonight?" Of course Mr. Dean would take the nice firefighters a big cheese pizza, as he had done so many times before.

Mr. Blake. (You forgot again, didn't you?) loved everyone. And everyone loved Mr. Blake! He is still here, delivering those hot, delicious cheese pizzas. Do you ever see him? Do you ever see the funny looking little van? If you do, stop them and get a nice cheese pizza. It'll be hot and it'll be good. And tell Mr. Austin Dean Blake that I said to park the little van and go to sleep because it's bedtime, so Good Night!



Maybe it was some other house. I still think it was yours! He and the little van smelled smoke and knew they had to help





Wacky Facts

■ The 50th star on the U.S. flag was added in 1960 to represent the state of Hawaii.  
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In The News

## Math moves speed skating star

**TIME FOR KIDS** Olympic speed skater Apolo Anton Ohno, below, whizzed into Washington, D.C., this spring to promote MathMovesU and the Hippest Homework Happening. He talked with middle school students about how math can lead to fun and exciting careers like his. Time For Kids reporter India Pasiuk had a chance to talk with Ohno after the press conference.



**TFK:** How did you become involved with MathMovesU and the Hippest Homework Happening?  
**OHNO:** I partnered with Raytheon to launch Hippest Homework Happening and MathMovesU.com to show kids how math moves me in my sport, and how math can be fun and exciting. ... Whether it's counting laps or speed or distance, just kind of showing kids that math can be cool and fun.

**TFK:** How do you use math in speed skating?  
**OHNO:** We use it every day. Counting laps, counting speed and distance, calculating angles. A lot of angles are being used in speed skating to see what's the fastest way to skate. Math is used just about every single day.

**TFK:** Do you enjoy math?  
**OHNO:** I do. For me, I'm one of those guys that has to do math every day for me to be really good at it. Sometimes when I take a break, I start to fade a little bit, but I think math is an important part of every career.

**TFK:** When did you start speed skating? Why?  
**OHNO:** I started speed skating when I was about 12 years old. I saw it on the Olympics and thought, "Wow, that was a really cool sport." I saw these guys leaning over on these crazy, crazy angles on just one piece of blade. I thought that was really cool.

**TFK:** What do you like most about speed skating?  
**OHNO:** The speed!

The speed and just racing against other guys. That's a lot of fun!

**TFK:** How do you feel when you win or medal at an event?  
**OHNO:** When it comes to the Olympics, it's an amazing feeling. There's so much hard work and dedication, a lot of fun, too, but also a lot of sacrifice, so it feels really good to know that I was able to come home with something and represent my country well.

**TFK:** Do you like racing in relays?  
**OHNO:** I like it all. Relays are a lot of fun because I can share that with my teammates. In relays, it doesn't matter how fast I go, how fast this one guy goes. All guys have to go fast. That's really cool.

**TFK:** What was your favorite event besides speed skating?  
**OHNO:** I'd have to say long track. It's still speed skating, but I'm a speed skater, I love speed skating!

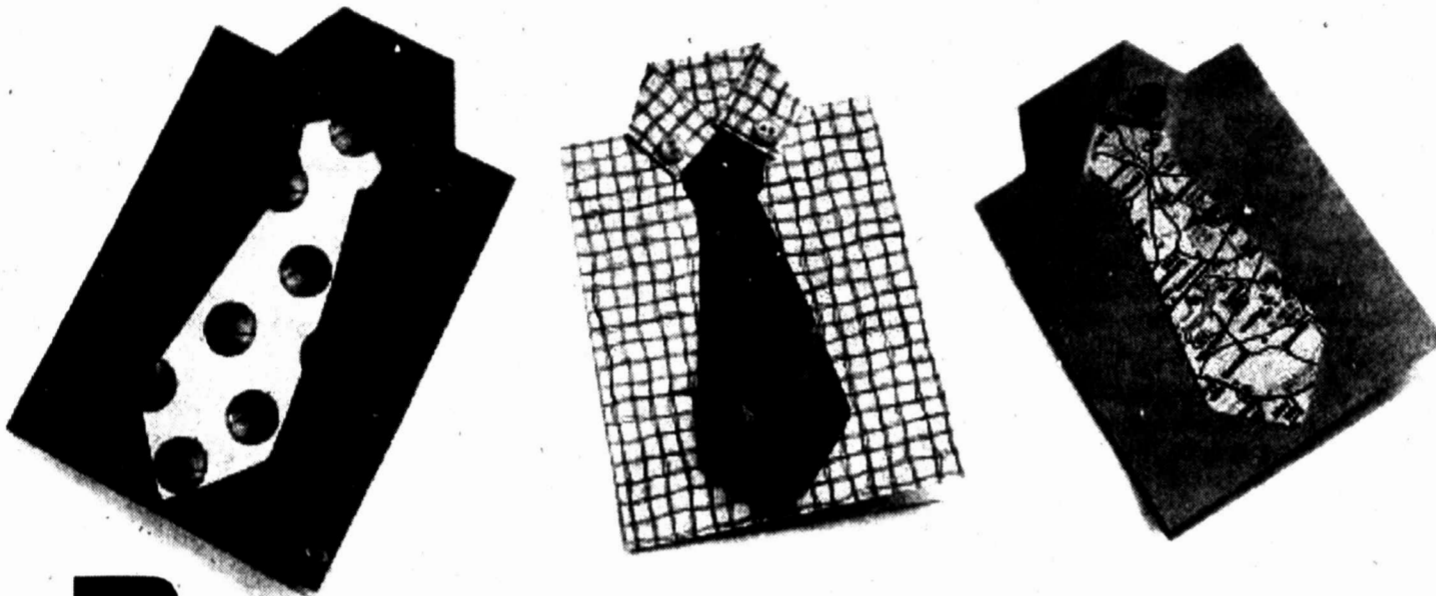
**TFK:** Did you get to watch any other events?  
**OHNO:** I did. I watched some skiing, ski jumping, and even some Alpine skiing. I liked to watch a lot of skiing events. The bobsled was really cool.



SMILEY N. POOL/KRT  
**Apolo Anton Ohno, front, says he uses math every day, to calculate angles and count laps.**

— India Pasiuk, 12

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To make one, first cut a 4-by-12-inch rectangle from a piece of decorative scrapbook paper and fold it in half to cre-


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ate a double-layer 4-by-6-inch rectangle. Form the collar by cutting two matching 1-inch horizontal slits about 1 inch below the fold. Fold over the two flaps as shown then glue them down

with a 5-inch tie shape cut from another piece of decorative paper glued between them. Glue a pair of small buttons to the collar.  
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Surprise your favorite golfer with this photo mobile: It hangs from a computer monitor, bookshelf or just about any other vertical surface.  
To assemble one, first make a 1½-inch hemisphere (with one flat side) from white Sculpey clay. Press the clicker of a retractable pen into the rounded side of the clay for a dimpled golf ball look.  
Next, cut three 6-inch lengths of 18-gauge craft wire. Bend one of the wires into a right angle, then use jewelry pliers to make a small hook at one end (A). With the other end of the wire, make a hole in the side of the ball, about halfway through. Remove the wire and bake the clay, flat side down, according to the package directions, then let it cool.  
One at a time, wrap the two other wires around the tip of the pliers to form a central loop. Bend the wires into right angles, then make small hooks at the ends (B and C). Hang three snap fishing swivels on the hooks, one on wire B and two on wire C.  
Next, mark three 3-inch circles of white paper with a dot pattern for a golf ball look. Glue a copy of a photo to the back of each circle, then cover both sides of each circle with clear packing tape, trimming the tape and the photos to fit the circles. Make a small hole near the top of each circle with a pushpin, then hang each one on a swivel.  
Finally, hook wire C to the free loop of wire B, then hook wire B to wire A. Stick a piece of double-sided mounting tape to the back of the ball, then stick wire A into the ball.



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6 PM	News (CC)	News Wheel-Fortune	Peregrina	King of the Hill The Simpsons	News Ent. Tonight	La Tormenta	News Be a Millionaire	Raymond Raymond	Y. Salamanca John Hagee	News-Lehrer	Deadliest Catch	The Enemy	CSI: Crime Scene Investgn	Without a Trace (CC)	Live (CC) BET com	Phil of Future That's-Raven	Interruption City Star	Bonds-Bonds	The 4400 (CC)
7 PM	Accordng Jim Rodney (CC)	Accordng Jim Rodney (CC)	La Fea Mas Bella	House (CC)	NCIS (CC)	Tierra de Pasiones	Fear Factor (CC)	Friends (CC)	Update/Israel Jimmy Philips	Nova (CC)	Deadliest Catch	Movie: The In Laws (CC)	CSI: Crime Scene Investgn	Without a Trace (CC)	Jame Fox James Fox	Movie: Brink! (CC)	College Softball	2005 U.S. Poker	The 4400 (CC)
8 PM	Accordng Jim Less-Perfect	Accordng Jim Less-Perfect	Barrera de Amor	House (CC)	The Unit (CC)	Corazon Parido	Last Comic Standing	Sex and-City	Light of the Southwest	Frontline (CC) (DVS)	Deadliest Catch	Movie: Blade	Without a Trace (CC)	The Corner (CC)		NCAA Championship	2005 U.S. Poker	The 4400 (CC)	
9 PM	Boston Legal (CC)	Boston Legal (CC)	Noticias Univ	Becker (CC) 70s Show Raymond	48 Hours Mystery (CC)	Decisiones	Law & Order SVU	Friends (CC)	Senfeld (CC)	Independent Lens (CC)	Dry Jobs (CC)	Movie: Twins (CC)	Without a Trace (CC)	Wayans Bros	American Drgn	WNBA	Baseball Tonight	The 4400 (CC)	
10 PM	News (CC) Nightline	News Nightline	Primer Impacto Noticiero Univ	King of the Hill Malcolm-Md	News Late Show	Noticias Laura	News Tonight Show	Senfeld (CC)	The Hour of Healing	Charlie Rose (CC)	Dry Jobs (CC)	MXC	Cold Case (CC)	Jame Fox James Fox	Zack & Cody That's-Raven	Basketball Monarchs at	SportsCenter (CC)	Movie: Crmsn	
11 PM	Ent. Tonight Jimmy Kimmel Live (CC)	Extra (CC)	La Hora de la Risa	My Wife Kids Show	Letterman Late Late	Al Rojo Vivo-	Late Night: Conan O'Brien Apex	Movie: The Thomas Crown Affair (CC)	Joe McGee Biblical Israel	Sign Off	Deadliest Catch	15 Movie: It Could Happen to You	CSI: Crime Scene Investgn	NYPD Blue (CC)	In Living Color	Phl of Future Kim Possible	Mercury Quite Frankly	NBA Fastbreak Baseball	
12 AM	News (CC)	Paed Program	Sonadoras	Divorce Court	The Insider			Update/Israel Booker			Deadliest Catch	Happen to You	Blind Date	NYPD Blue (CC)	Sister, Sister Today at the	SportsCenter (CC)	Twilight Zone		

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"It must be nice to have a spare."

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"I don't watch that channel."

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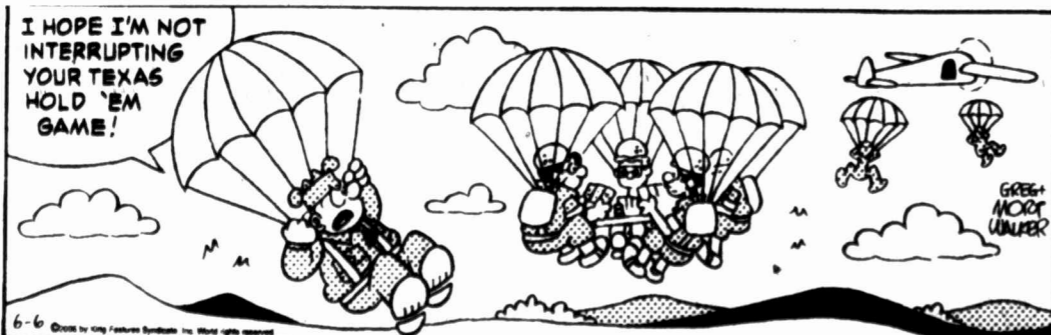
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This Date In History

Today is Tuesday, June 6, the 157th day of 2006. There are 208 days left in the year.

**Today's Highlight in History:**  
On June 6, 1944, the "D-Day" invasion of Europe took place during World War II as Allied forces stormed the beaches of Normandy, France.

**On this date:**  
In 1844, the Young Men's Christian Association was founded in London.  
In 1918, the World War I Battle of Belleau Wood, which resulted in a U.S. victory over the Germans, began in France.  
In 1925, Walter Percy Chrysler founded the Chrysler Corp.  
In 1934, the Securities and Exchange Commission was established.  
In 1942, Japanese forces retreated in the World War II Battle of Midway.  
In 1966, black activist James Meredith was shot and wounded as he walked along a Mississippi highway

to encourage black voter registration.

In 1968, Sen. Robert F. Kennedy died at Good Samaritan Hospital in Los Angeles, a day after he was shot by Sirhan Bishara Sirhan.

In 1978, California voters overwhelmingly approved Proposition 13, a primary ballot initiative calling for major cuts in property taxes.

In 1985, authorities in Brazil exhumed a body later identified as the remains of Dr. Josef Mengele, the notorious "Angel of Death" of the Nazi Holocaust.

One year ago: The Supreme Court ruled 6-to-3 that people who smoke marijuana because their doctors recommend it to ease pain can be prosecuted for violating federal drug laws.

**Today's Birthdays:** Actress Billie Whitelaw is 74. Civil rights activist Roy Innis is 72. Singer Levi Stubbs (The Four Tops) is 70. Singer-songwriter Gary "U.S." Bonds is 67. Country singer Joe Stampley is 63. Actor Robert Englund is 57. Folk singer Holly Near is 57. Singer Dwight Twilley is 55. Playwright-actor Harvey Fierstein is 52. Comedian

Sandra Bernhard is 51. Tennis player Bjorn Borg is 50. Actress Amanda Pays is 47. Comedian Colin Quinn is 47. Record producer Jimmy Jam is 47. Rock musician Steve Vai is 46. Actor Jason Isaacs is 43. Rock musician Sean Yseult (White Zombie) is 40. Actor Paul Giamatti is 39. Rhythm-and-blues singer Damion Hall (Guy) is 38. Rock musician Bardi Martin is 37. Rock musician James "Munky" Shaffer (Korn) is 36. Country singer Lisa Brokop is 33. Rapper-rocker Uncle Kracker is 32. Actress Staci Keanan is 31.

**Thought for Today:** "To win without risk is to triumph without glory." — Pierre Corneille, French dramatist (1606-1684).

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Answer to previous puzzle

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Newsday Crossword

BIG ENDINGS by Gail Grabowski  
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- ACROSS**
- 1 Religious group
  - 5 Country singer Brooks
  - 10 Souplike beef dish
  - 14 Lacking color
  - 15 Radio-studio sign
  - 16 Add to the payroll
  - 17 High cards
  - 18 Poker-pct fees
  - 19 Surrounded by
  - 20 Small liquor holder
  - 22 Makes an escape
  - 23 What a judge may grant
  - 24 Small stream
  - 26 "Hot" Mexican foods
  - 29 Ump's call
  - 30 Omelet ingredient
  - 33 Single-handedly
  - 34 Vicinity
  - 35 Memorable time
  - 36 +
  - 37 "And Jill came tumbling..."
  - 39 Petty quarrel
  - 40 Have a hamburger
  - 41 Touched down
  - 42 Take care of
  - 43 "No talking!"
  - 44 In favor of
  - 45 One taking an oath
  - 47 Deliver a speech
  - 49 Uncluttered
  - 50 What an eraser erases
  - 52 Distance between front and rear tires
- DOWN**
- 1 Health resorts
  - 2 Apiece
  - 3 Nile queen, for short
  - 4 Nuclear-treaty subjects
  - 5 Certain hockey player
  - 6 Historical recdrds
  - 7 Lab maze runners
  - 8 Reason for overtime
  - 9 Many mins.
  - 10 Oil-bearing rock
  - 11 Sports official
  - 12 Pennsylvania port
  - 13 Ties the knot
  - 21 Strong wind
  - 22 Greek cheese
  - 25 Regretful one
  - 26 Prerecords
  - 27 God of Islam
  - 28 Harmonica
  - 31 Hearth part
  - 32 Croc's kin
  - 34 Public defender, for one: Abbr.
  - 37 Tremendously
  - 38 Hearth fuel
  - 39 Safety strap
  - 41 Worship from
  - 42 Aquatic mammal
  - 45 Allergic reaction
  - 46 Got rid of dandelions
  - 48 Henhouse perch
  - 50 Old-time oath
  - 51 Actor's part
  - 53 Sweatshirt attachment
  - 54 Hand-cream ingredient
  - 55 Store event
  - 56 Right-angle shapes
  - 58 CEO's degree, maybe

