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Armed robbery investigation continues

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

The investigation into an aggravated robbery that took place in the 800 block of Interstate Highway 20 Monday night continues, as local law enforcement search for the lone gunman responsible.

Everett, public information officer with the Big Spring Police Department, the robbery took place at approximately 10 p.m. at the Exxon service station on the northwest corner of the I-20 and U.S. Highway 87 intersec-

"A Hispanic male entered the store and walked straight to the According to Sgt. Tony register," said Everett. "At that

point, he produced an unknown type of handgun and pointed it directly at the clerk, demanding money from the register.

"The clerk complied, giving the assailant all the money in the register, after which the subject fled the store, heading west."

Everett said the perpetrator was described as a Hispanic male, in his late 30s to early 40s, heavy set with tattoos on his arms. The suspect is believed to have been wearing black pants and a black shirt.

No injuries were reported as a result of the robbery and the amount of cash taken has yet to be determined, according to

According to police records,

no arrests have been made as a result of the crime. Anyone with information regarding this crime is encouraged to contact the BSPD at 264-2550.

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

Officials ponder joint law facility, cost unknown

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

It could be August before a new county jail – or at least the price tag associated with the proposed facility — begins to take shape, according to county officials. County



Ben Judge Lockhart once again opted to table the issue of financing the proposed facility during commission-Monday

Lockhart ers' morning meeting, saying it could be as late as August before enough information to approach the subject can be gathered.

"We can't very well go forward on financing this project until we know what it's going to cost," Lockhart told the court.

According to officials, the part of the design process that has slowed the project down considerably over the past month is whether or not to build a joint law enforcement center that will house a jail, the Sheriff's Office and the Spring Police Department.

Project architect Phil Furqueron said a recent meeting between city and county officials should give city council members a better idea whether they want in on the pro-

"There were a couple of councilmen there and a couple of commissioners, along with the mayor," said Furqueron. basically went over the last layout we had with everyone and showed them how the building worked. We showed them the adjacent areas and how all the different areas relate. Then we defined the common areas that would be shared by the city and the

"We reviewed some of the probable costs that would be associated with building it, and there

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Petition said of no merit

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

A petition being circulated around Howard County to prevent commissioners from using certificates

of obligation to finance a new jail will amount to nothing more than a suggestion, according to

C o u n t y Thomas

Attorney M i k e Thomas. The petition, which was started by local resident Frank Parker and others con-Parker

cerned about

the issue, cannot force County Howard Commissioners Court to put the matter of financing a new jail facility to a vote if the court decides to use certificates of obligations, according to Thomas.

"It's my opinion that this petition will do nothing more than represent the opinion of a number of people in the county," said Thomas. "It can be presented to the commissioners as a point of reference, but it cannot force an election if the commissioners

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Steve Salinas, a crew leader with the city of Big Spring's Public Works Department, works to repair a busted irrigation line at the entrance to Comanche Trail Park.

Finances looking up for county; employees are asking for raises

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

Howard County commissioners say the tax rate in the county could see a slight decrease during the coming fiscal year, thanks to nearly \$200 million more in estimated values compared to 2005.

Brett McKibben, chief appraiser for the district, estimated values are up to \$1.425 billion in Howard County, compared to estimates of \$1.241 billion in 2005.

With the commissioners court currently eyeing the effective tax rate — which would bring in the same revenue as last year's rate —

the estimate, if on target, could estimated values of about \$200 milmean lower taxes for everyone.

'This simply effects our tax rate, and you can well imagine," said Commissioner Bill Crooker. "The tax rate would most likely decrease with that amount of increase in estimated values. I hope the \$200 million will hold for us, I really do. We, as a county, could use a financial break."

Commissioner Jerry Kilgore said the increase in estimated values comes as a welcome break for the county, although it will have little or no effect on many of the costly issues the court is struggling with.

"We're looking at an increase in See COUNTY, Page 3A

lion, which should allow us to decrease the tax rate because of the effective tax rate," said Kilgore. "It won't necessarily help the situation with the jail because it will only be for this year, and we won't see any increase in revenues, just a

decrease in the tax rate. "We're trying to hold things down because so many of our fund balances have decreased," he added. "We're probably going to have to build up as much as we possibly can in those balances. We know we have to start that process of getting

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CHORUS REHEARSALS

It's not too late to join rehearsals and become part of the chorus for Pops in the Park, Big Spring's large Independence Day celebration which takes place July 3 at the Comanche Trail Park Amphitheater.

Rehearsals will be held from 7 p.m. to 8:45 p.m. the next three Tuesdays tonight, June 20 and 27, and Thursday, June 29. at the First United Methodist Church's Garrett Hall. The church is located at 400 Scurry.

Those who want to participate are encouraged to attend all rehearsals if possible. For more information, contact Keith Graumann, symphony conductor, at 267-1626, 263-5943 or 213-0645.

AFTER HOURS THURSDAY

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 busi-

Door prizes will be available. There is no charge to attend. Merchants are encouraged to exchange business cards during the event.

ROVE WON'T BE CHARGED

WASHINGTON (AP) - Top White House aide Karl Rove has been told by prosecutors he won't be charged with any crimes in the investigation into the leak of a CIA officer's identity, his lawyer said Tuesday, lifting a heavy burden from one of President Bush's most trusted advisers.

Attorney Robert Luskin said that special prosecutor Patrick Fitzgerald informed him of the decision Monday, ending months of speculation about the fate of Rove, the architect of Bush's 2004 re-election. Fitzgerald has secured a criminal indictment against Vice President Dick Cheney's former chief of staff, I. Lewis "Scooter" Libby, but no one else.

Obituaries

Carolina Trevino



Carolina Trevino, 74, of Big Spring died Saturday, June 10, 2006, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. Vigil services will be at 7 p.m. Tuesday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral mass will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Sacred Heart Catholic Church with the Rev. James Plagens, pastor, officiating. Burial will be at Mount Olive Memorial Park. She was born Nov. 15, 1931, at Sarita,

Texas, to Leonor and Pasqual Estrada. Carolina married Tiburcio "T.A." Trevino Nov. 22, 1949, in Garland. They came to Big Spring Oct. 16, 1971, from Littlefield. Mr. Trevino preceded her in death May 24, 2003. She was an active member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church and was a member of the Guadalupanas. Carolina was a member of the American Legion Ladies Auxiliary and she had been a volunteer at the Veterans Administration Medical Center for more than 30 years. She was a homemaker.

She is survived by six sons, Abel Trevino of Abilene, David Trevino, Oscar Trevino, Tiburcio Trevino Jr. and Gerardo Trevino Sr., all of Big Spring, and Stephen Trevino of Fort Worth; two daughters, Sylvia Trevino and Deborah Gutierrez, both of Big Spring; one step-daughter, Teresa DeLaPaz of Rivera; one sister, Nazaria Estrada of Kingsville; 27 grandchildren; and a number of great grandchildren.

In addition to her husband and parents, she was preceded in death by 1 step-daughter: Norma Garcia.

Pallbearers will be Tim Flores, Tim Duffey, Shane Rios, George Gutierrez, Sgt. Emmanuel DeLosSantos and Carl Trevino.

The family will be at 808 N. W. 10th.

Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at www.myersandsmith.com Paid obituary

Major Dallas L. Nash

Major Dallas L. Nash (Rev), 90, of Big Spring, died Friday, June 9, 2006, in a Lewisville nursing home. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Wednesday, June 14, 2006, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with Dallas L. Nash II, his son and a missionary in Asia, officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

The family will receive friends Wednesday from 9 a.m. until service time at the funeral home.

He was born July 17, 1915, in Louisville, Ky., and married Joan Augusta Deaumer March 2, 1944, in Bluefield, W. Va.

Major Nash came to Big Spring in 1967 and had taught computer technology at Abilene High School and at Howard College. He was a member of First Baptist Church and at one time served as associate pastor. He coordinated crusades for Billy Graham, crusades for the Baptist Convention and had served as interim pastor for several area churches. He was a member of the Masonic Lodge and was a gemologist. Major Nash served in the United States Army Air Corps and the United States Air Force from 1934-1963 for a combined total of 26 years.

Survivors include his wife, Joan Nash of Lewisville; his son, Dallas Lee "Tony" Nash II and wife, Sandi of Lantana, Texas, and Xian, China; and two grandsons, Dallas Lee Nash III and wife, Amy of Lewisville and Wilson Ream Nash of San Diego, Calif.

The family suggests memorials be made to the church of your choice.

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

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Fave Graves

Faye Graves, 79, of Stanton died Sunday, June 11, 2006, in a local hospital. Graveside services will be held at 9:30 a.m. Wednesday, June 14, 2006, at the Evergreen Cemetery Chapel in Stanton with Van Pendergrass, minister of the Downtown Church of Christ, officiating.

She was born Sept. 24, 1926, in Gordon and married Verbin Graves Jan. 19, 1945, in Fort Worth. He preceded her in death March 25, 1972.

Faye came to the Martin County Community in 1945. She enjoyed reading and working find-a-word puzzles and enjoyed watching TV. She worked in a cafe nearly all her life, enjoyed talking with customers and friends and serving coffee to everyone.

She was a member of Dowtown Church of Christ. Survivors include one son and daughter-in-law, Roger Dale and Bobbie Graves of Midland; one daughter, Shirley Clay of Stanton; five grandchildren, Shane Clay, Shandal Clay, Allen Wayne Graves and wife, Rhonda, Shanna Helmer and husband, Sonny, Ashley Ducote and husband, Michael; and several greatgrandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by her parents, one son, Alfred Graves and three sisters.

The family suggests memorials to the American Heart Association, 3205 W., Cuthbert, Ste A #5, Midland 79701.

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Jesus Jurado Marquez



Jesus Jurado Marquez, 88, of Knox City, formerly of Big Spring, died Thursday, June 8, 2006, at Brazos Valley Care Home in Knox City. Graveside services were held Thursday, June 8, 2006 at Knox City Cemetery with Sequoyah Reynolds officiating. He was born Feb. 5, 1918, in Big

Spring. He was a laborer and served during World War II. He was a Catholic He is survived by several nieces and

nephews.

He was preceded in death by two sisters, Maria Marquez and Guillerma Marquez; and two brothers, Migel Marquez Jr. and Tomas Marquez.

Arrangements are under the direction of Mansell-Smith Funeral Home in Knox City.

Bruno Gonzalez



Bruno J. Gonzalez, 78, of Stanton, died Monday, June 12, 2006, at Midland Memorial Hospital. Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. Wednesday, June 14, 2006, at the St. Joseph Catholic Church Stanton with the Rev. Thomas Vempala, pastor, officiating. Interment will follow at St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery in Stanton.

A rosary will be held Tuesday, June 13, 2006, at 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

He was born Oct. 6, 1927, in San Jose, S.L.P., Mexico, and married Enriquetta Reyes in September 1946. She preceded him in death. He then married Piedad Mendoza Feb. 14, 1957, in Mexico. She preceded him in death Sept. 12, 1984.

Mr. Gonzalez lived in Martin County for 42 years. He was a member of St. Jospeh Catholic Church.

Survivors include eight daughters and three sons-in law, Herminia Gonzalez of Midland, Eva and Allen Williams of Birmingham, Ala., Leticia Madrid of Odessa, Macrina Gonzalez and Sergio Valdez of McAllen, Rosa George of Stanton, Maria and Mario Martinez of Grand Prairie, Ignacia Gonzalez and Juana Gonzalez de Martinez, both of Mexico; three sons and daughters-in-law, Victor Gonzalez of Houston, Joe R. and Mary Jane Gonzalez of Stanton, Jose Concepcion and Berta Gonzalez of San Antonio; 26 grandchildren and 22 great grandchildren; two brothers, Sabino Gonzalez of San Luis Potosi, S.L.P., Mexico and Saturnino Reyes of Santa Maria, S.L.P., Mexico; four sisters, Macaria Luera of San Antonio, Julia Gonzalez of Pasadena, Quilina Gonzalez and Roberta Gonzalez both of San Luis, Potosi, S.L.P., Mexico.

The family suggests memorials to the American Heart Association, 3205 W. Cuthbert Ave., No. 5,

Arrangements under the direction of Gilbreath Funeral Home of Stanton. Online condolences can be made at: www.npwelch.com

Sonny West

Sonny West, age 66 of Pecos, died Sunday, June 11, 2006, at the Reeves County Hospital. He was born Oct. 5, 1939, in Big Spring to Henry and Inez West.

Services are scheduled for 11 a.m. Wednesday, June 14, 2006, at Calvary Baptist Church with Ron Garcia officiating. Burial will follow at the Evergreen Cemetery in Pecos.

Sonny was a longtime resident of Pecos. He married Lola Vaughn Aug. 16, 1997, in Carlsbad. He loved woodworking and was very talented. He was a member of the Calvary Baptist Church.

He was preceded in death by his father, Henry Louis

West and one brother, John Davis West.

Survivors include his wife, Lola West of Pecos; his mother, Inez West of Big Spring; daughters, Cheryl Handy, Janice Clark and her husband, Steve and Theresa Penson and her husband. Michael all of Lakeworth; a step-son, Rocky Blackstock and his wife. Darla of Pecos; step-daughters, Janice Noyse of Big Spring, Donna Switzer and husband, David of Pecos and Glenda Roach, also of Pecos; numerous grandchildren; great grandchildren; and nieces and nephews.

Ernie Kerr

Ernie Kerr, 41, of Big Spring died Sunday, June 11, 2006, in an automobile accident. Graveside services will be at 3 p.m. Wednesday at the Coahoma Cemetery with the Rev. Jim Binnix, pastor of Midway Baptist Church, officiating.

He was born August 7, 1964, in Big Spring to Anita Sue and Larry Kerr. He attended the Coahoma schools and was a lifetime resident of Howard County. He was a self-employed welder.

He is survived by his father, Larry Kerr and his wife, Sue of Sand Springs; mother, Anita Sue Kerr of Gainesville; three sisters, Tina Howard of Port Lavaca. Becky Bearden of Ardmore, Okla., and Mandy Kerr of California; one brother, Micah Kerr of Gainesville; three nephews; one niece; and one great nephew.

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Police blotter

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

• NATHAN CAHOON, 45, of 205 W. Ninth Street, was arrested Monday on a charge of criminal trespass. • ERIC MARTIN ZARRAGA, 23, of Midland, was arrested Monday on 10 local warrants.

· LASAUNYA WARD, 38, of 109 N.E. 10th Street, was arrested Monday on four local warrants and a charge of driving while license invalid.

· KYLE BRITTON, 24, of 2907 S. Goliad, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of public intoxication.

· LONNIE GRAY, 26, of 2911 W. Highway 80, was arrested Tuesday on a local citation.

• EDUARDO GAMEZ, 28, of 907 N. Gregg Street, was arrested Tuesday on five local capias warrants. EVADING ARREST OR DETENTION WITH A VEHICLE was reported in the 1000 block of 16th

Street. CRIMINAL **TRESPASS** HABITATION/SHELTER CENTER was reported in

the 1500 block of Sycamore. CRIMINAL TRESPASS was reported in the 200 block of Marcy

• BURGLARY OF A BUILDING was reported in the 1000 block of 10th Street.

• AGGRAVATED ROBBERY was reported in the 800 block of West Interstate Highway 20.

Sheriff's report

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

• MICKEY LYNN KENNEDY, 46, was arrested Monday by DPS on a charge of driving while intoxicated - third or more offense.

• ERIC MARTIN ZARRAGA, 23, was arrested Monday by the HCSO on a charge of bondsman off bond for evading arrest or detention.

• FRED ALLEN PERRY, 42, was transferred to the county jail Monday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while license invalid.

• MICHAEL LEE LOPEZ, 18, was transferred to the county jail Monday by the BSPD on charges of unauthorized use of a vehicle and evading arrest or deten-

Fire/EMS

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

• TRAUMA was reported in the 1800 block of North Highway 87. One person was transported to the • TRAUMA was reported in the 300 block of Pettus

Road. One person was transported to SMMC. • TRAUMA was reported in the 1000 block of North

Main Street. One person was transported to SMMC. MEDICAL was reported in the 3700 block of Wright. One person was transported to SMMC.

 MEDICAL was reported in the 1600 block of Lark. One person was transported to SMMC. • MEDICAL was reported in the 800 block of Lorilla.

One person was transported to SMMC.

Weather

Tonight...Mostly clear. Lows in the lower 70s. East winds around 10 mph.

Wednesday...Mostly sunny. Highs in the upper 90s. Southeast winds 10 to 15 mph.

Wednesday night...Mostly clear. Lows around 70. Southeast winds 10 to 15 mph.

Thursday...Mostly sunny. Highs in the upper 90s. Southeast winds 10 to 15 mph. Thursday night...Partly cloudy. Lows around 70.

Friday...Partly cloudy. Isolated showers and thunderstorms in the afternoon. Highs in the mid 90s. Friday night...Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the upper 60s.

Lottery

Results of the Texas Two Step drawing Monday

Winning numbers drawn: 5-6-24-33. Bonus Ball: 34. Number matching four of four, plus Bonus Ball: 0. Estimated jackpot for Thursday night drawing: **\$**325,000.

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Monday night: Winning numbers drawn; 4-12-13-28-31 Number matching five of five: 0. Next Cash 5 drawing: Tuesday night.

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Monday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 2-2-5

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Furqueron said the ball is now in the

"The city officials said they are going to go and study the information and then present it to the council so they can all decide what their position is going to be in relation to a joint law enforcement center," said Furqueron. "Once they make a decision, we can decide how we're going to progress from here with the county.

Commissioner Jerry Kilgore, who attended the meeting between city and

the county representatives, said much was accomplished, but the final decision from the city will still have to come from the city council.

"We have it to a point where we can go to the second phase, where the architect draws up some plans," said Kilgore. "To move to the second phase, we have to know whether the city wants to be part of it. The mindset at the meeting seems like they will have to take it back to the full council and approve this.

"What we're looking at is we would actually build the building and they would pay us a lease for so many years. They would actually own that property and would pay their percentage of what they would be using and part of the joint facility."

Kilgore said it is important to remember both entities are only in the preliminary phase of this project.

"Of course, this is just preliminary," said Kilgore. "They (city representatives) think they want to be a part of this. If they approve it, then the architect can proceed with the next phase and get it ready to go up on a bond election. And I will repeat that. It will go up for a bond election."

Despite Kilgore's assurance the issue would be put to a bond election - a decision that has already seen support from commissioners Gary Simer and Emma Brown, as well as Lockhart not everyone is buying it.

Local resident Frank Parker, who has been involved with the jail issue since it surfaced nearly two years ago, said the probability of the project not taking a corporeal form before August is part of a conspiracy to keep the issue from the

"They're putting this thing off until ing."

August for only one reason," Parker. "That is so they can say it's too late to get it on the November ballot, and therefore they have to issue certificates of obligation. We know what they're doing.

"I don't see that," said Commissioner Bill Crooker. "I'm doing all I can."

Kilgore said he's not aware of any attempts to drag the issue past the Aug. 29 deadline to call for a bond election, saying Parker is simply "full of it."

"I really don't know where he is coming from on this anyway," said Kilgore. "There's never even been mentioned that we would use certificates of obligation in open court. I don't know what he's trying to do, unless he's just trying to get things ready to defeat the bond election. To me, they're all worked up over nothing because it's not happen-

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decide to use certificates of obligation to finance the jail."

Thomas said the situation brewing between Parker and the commissioners court is nothing new to the legal system. While serving as city attorney for Big Spring, Thomas said a similar situation had to be decided by the state government.

"They basically said the council could not be forced one way or another with the petition," said Thomas. "They were very clear on it, and this situation with this petition is very similar.'

Parker, on the other hand, disagrees with Thomas' position.

"It's a petition to require the county

when it finances this jail or whatever it turns out to be - to submit it to the voters," said, Parker. "Under the statute, if 5 percent of the registered voters sign this petition, it has to go to the voters. They can't issue certificates of obligation with-

out taking it to the voters. "We've known that you could do this (petition) for a long time," he added. "It's part of the very statute that authorizes issuing of certificates of obligation. And if everyone signs it... If 90 to 95 percent of the people sign it, they want to vote on it. We almost have enough today. It takes about 900, and we're nearly there. We may even already be there, for all I know.'

Parker's Despite staunch opposition to the use of certificates of obligation to fund a new counfacility, jail

Commissioner Jerry Kilgore said the petition is a waste of time and

'Maybe he knows something I don't know," said Kilgore with a laugh. "I could just say they're full of it. There's never been any discussion on it (certificates of obligation). I don't understand where he (Parker) is coming from. It's only in their imagination unless they know something I don't know, and I've been on this court for quite a while, and it has never been discussed."

Kilgore, who has supported holding a bond election on the matter for some time now along with commissioners Gary Simer, Emma Brown and Judge Ben County Lockhart, said he simply can't see the court voting in favor of certificates of obligation.

"I don't know where to take any action as a the information necessary vou'd get the votes on the commissioners court for them. They just aren't there," said Kilgore firmly. "Someone's wasting a lot of effort and other peoples' time if they think this is going to come down to certificates of obligation, because it's just not going to happen."

Commissioner Bill Crooker, the lone supporter of certificates of obligation on the court, said the petition Parker attempting to pull together represents only one side of the story.

"It's my feeling that any petition coming from the citizens relative to this jail is only an expression of their interest," said Crooker. "To me, personally, it's just an indication of one group's feelings on the subject and doesn't hold any validity from the standpoint that we have commissioners court. It's just a census, one might say, of the opinions of our citizens in our community. How many citizens do we have? We have about 17,000 registered voters in this community. Are they going to get a majority of the voters in this town to sign the petition? No. So this is just a small segment of our community.'

Crooker said there are advantages of using certificates of obligation, making them a valid option for the court to consider when it comes to financing a new jail facil-

"To go the route of certificates of obligation, it reduces the time and cost of an election," said Crooker. "The citizens have elected us as their representatives. We're in the best position to know what needs to be done and

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a little bit extra because of these unforeseen expenditures we always seem to have.

Commissioners examined the numbers during their Monday morning meeting, in addition to looking at some budgetary issues as they begin their preliminary budget workshops.

Requests for increases in department budgets came from all three justice of the peace offices. Bennie Green, justice of the peace for Precinct 1, Place 1, put in requests for increases in education and professional dues, as well as for books, totaling just more than \$500. Quail Dobbs, peace justice for Precinct 2, requested a \$500 increase in the utility fund for his Coahoma office.

Wiseman, Katherine justice of the peace for Precinct 1, Place 2, requested a \$200 increase in her education and professional dues budget, as well as pay raises for herself and her staff.

"I asked for a schedule of full-time elected officials, and I am on the bottom of the pay scale for that," said Wiseman. "I would also like to address the fact that we make almost \$5,000 less than any of the full-time elected positions. It's true that we do weddings, but the most I've ever made by doing weddings during a year is \$1,800.

"I think this is an inequity," she continued.



"I don't think it's right. Our pay scale needs to be closer to the rest of the elected county officials. I notice that most of the others make around \$41,000."

Wiseman told commissioners there is also a serious situation brewing concerning clerks.

"I had Carla from the Texas Workforce Network send me the facts on this, pay is at the very bottom of the scale," Wiseman. "Our justice court clerks, are like the

administrative assistants in municipal court, and are responsible for receiving cases and setting them up ... and I'm asking that my clerk, and one clerk from every JP court, be designated as a deputy one, which would give them a higher pay scale."

Commissioners also heard a request from District Clerk Colleen our clerks' starting Barton, who is asking the court to consider a 20 percent pay raise for her position. County Clerk Donna Wright also asked

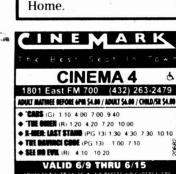
commissioners for an increase in her budget that would bolster its \$2,250 travel fund to \$2,500.

Howard County Tax Assessor Kathy Sayles also requested a boost in her annual budget, asking the court to consider a pay raise for the employees in her department.

-Commissioners also from heard requests County Administrator Saundra requests, including those Bloom, who requested a from Sheriff Dale Walker paper shredder for her

"This is the first of the preliminary meetings on the budget," said Kilgore. "We'll go over this and digest it, then we'll most likely take it to an individual level in a different session and make increases and decreases."

A meeting has been set for 1:30 p.m. Thursday, during which County Judge Ben Lockhart said he and the court will Election examine more budget and County Librarian Hollis McCright.



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OUR VIEWS

Petition on funding for new jail seems premature at best

nother contentious situation seems to have developed concerning Howard County commissioners' plans to build a new jail, as a group of concerned citizens have begun circulating a petition aimed at forcing the commissioners court into holding a bond issue election, rather than issuing certificates of obligation to finance construction of the proposed facility.

While County Attorney Mike Thomas says the petition will amount to nothing more than a suggestion and cannot force commissioners to put the matter of financing construction of a new jail to a vote, there are those like local resident Frank Parker, one of those involved in the petition effort, who disagree.

Both possess arguments that lend credence to their respective stances.

Thomas notes the current petition drive is very similar to a situation the city of Big Spring faced when he served as city attorney.

On the other hand, Parker is correct in noting that the state statute which provides for the use of certificates of obligation to finance projects by political subdivisions of the state does, indeed, indicate at a petition signed by 5 percent of the registered voters could force a election before the certificates could be authorized.

To our way of thinking, however, the petition drive simply creates additional controversy in what has already become much more divisive in our community than it should.

In fact, the developing petition flap seems little

more than a tempest in a teapot.

To date, only one member of the Howard County Commissioners Court has indicated preference for using certificates of obligation to finance construction of a new jail.

The other four members of the court have indicated they would rather use a bond issue to finance the project.

Commissioner Jerry Kilgore stresses that there has never been any discussion concerning the use of certificates of obligation. Kilgore, along with Commissioners Gary Simer and Emma Brown, as well as County Judge Ben Lockhart, have all indicated their desire to hold a bond

Kilgore said he simply can't see the court voting in favor of certificates of obligation, and says those involved in the petition drive are "wasting a lot of effort and other peoples' time if they think this is going to come down to certificates of obligation, because it's just not going to happen."

What's more, commissioners still do not know exactly how much money they're going to need to build a new jail, or whether or not the city of Big Spring will opt to join in the effort for construction of a joint law enforcement center.

Until those matters are decided, arguing over the method of financing a new jail is simply putting the cart before the horse.

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

Please direct our lives today, Lord.

Amen

Al Gore's convenient fiction

n "A Streetcar Named Desire," character Blanche DuBois depended on the kindness of strangers. In the newly released film, "An Inconvenient Truth," Al Gore depends on their forgetfulness.

Just 10 years ago, Gore told the **Democratic National** Convention that after his sister Nancy's needless death in 1984 from lung cancer, he committed himself "heart and soul into the cause of protecting our children from the dangers of smok-

SAUNDERS ing." In his new film. Gore again dredges up his sister's death and how it led his once tobaccogrowing family to turn away from

After the DNC speech, reporters with memories intervened. America learned that contrary to his rhetoric, in 1988 Gore campaigned as a tobacco farmer who told his brethren that "all of my life," I hoed it, chopped it, shredded it, "put it in the barn and stripped it and sold it." The year his sister died, Gore helped the industry by fighting efforts to put the words "death" and "addiction" on cigarette-warning labels.

For years, Gore supported Big Tobacco in other ways. You could call the above "inconvenient" facts that you won't see in the movie.

Let me be clear: The problem with Gore is not that he is a hypocrite. The problem with Gore is that he has no idea he is not Lancelot. He has this scary ability to block out any facts that make him less than a perfect, selfless

eco-hero, and in his need to present himself as the world's savior, he'll say anything — no matter how hysterical.

There is a pattern here. In his book. "Earth in the Balance." written after he lost his first White House bid in 1988, Gore warned that the next generation might experience "a decade without a winter," that deforestation could create damage for "tens of millions of years" and that the automobile presented a cumulative global threat "more deadly than that of any military enemy we are ever against likely to confront." (I'll write on the film's bad science in another column.)

Gore tells his movie audience that he was mystified that, after he sponsored congressional hearings on global warming, Washington did not instantly change how it addressed environmental issues

Then, the film cuts to a personal vignette of loss, lest moviegoers notice that Gore himself did not change the Washington culture from the White House. After listening to Gore talk about his decades crusading on global warming, you might expect the movie to highlight his many achievements as vice president and designated chief nerd on the environment in the Clinton administration. Instead, the movie essentially airbrushes out Gore's eight years on Pennsylvania Avenue.

(Gore does refer to his role negotiating the Kyoto global warming pact in 1997. He does not mention that 95 senators, including John Kerry, had voted for a resolution that announced the Senate would reject any treaty that exempted developing nations — but Gore agreed to exempt them anyway. So

Clinton never dared to ask the Senate to ratify it.)

Here's another propaganda element. Average automobile fuelefficiency hit a 19-year low under Clinton-Gore — it was worse than under Ronald Reagan. President Bush has raised fuel standards more than Clinton-Gore. But Gore wants to lampoon the man who defeated him in 2000. So he shows his audience one of his trademark charts, this one comparing U.S. automobile fuel efficiency with other countries. The chart begins in the year 2002 — it has to, because Bush performed better than Clinton-Gore.

The post-2000 Gore has changed one angle of his green message: In "Earth in the Balance," Gore warned that "sacrifice, struggle and a wrenching transformation of society" would be necessary to save the planet. Even if a "miraculous technology" was able to cut per-capita greenhouse gas emissions in half, he wrote, Washington still would have to raise taxes on gasoline, electricity and heating oil.

No more. In 2006, Gore tells moviegoers that, as dire as the situation may be, the changes needed to avert global warming would not be onerous, except maybe for some greedy corporations. His prescription, he argues, would be good for the economy, and create wealth and jobs. Sacrifice? Struggle? Wrenching transformation? Forget that. Fighting global warming will be good for your bottom line.

How convenient.

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Lessons for Duke University

ow that Duke has reinstated its lacrosse program, the university may hope to finally put some part of this chapter behind it. According to the latest statistics, while more students applied to Duke this year than last, fewer would-be freshmen are choosing to attend. Who could blame them, given the stream of terrible publicity that has come out of Durham? The university's

decisions in the wake of the spring incident seemed to take a bad situation and consistently make it worse. First, the university ignored the charges, then it overreacted; first it did nothing, then it seemed to turn on its students. The question is: How did



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a smart school manage to blow it so badly, and what can be learned from its mistakes?

What happened at Duke certainly could have happened at a lot of other places, if not everywhere. It's about young men and alcohol, which is a combination you find almost everywhere. There are train wrecks waiting to happen and people looking the other way, across this country.

Duke's first mistake, once the wreck happened, was to assume that the district attorney would address the problem and that it would go away there. This is a typical reaction for a university to take.

Universities are hopelessly conflicted with respect to sexual assaults committed by their students. As with other wrongs, universities are potential disciplinarians. But unlike other cases, they are also potential co-defendants, which means that they worry that anything the university does to discipline the student could be used against it in an action brought by the victim, making universities reluctant to say or do anything that acknowledges guilt.

And thus comes the tendency to do nothing and hope the whole thing goes away. Who can blame

The more universities do in the way of sanctions, the more young men will insist on due process and who wouldn't, if you're potentially going to be branded as a rapist? Moreover, the universities are generally the deepest pockets in these triangles, which means that anyone looking for someone to sue looks for them.

So most universities' first response, when there is a complaint of sexual assault, is to suspend the student from school so as to protect the victim's right to go to classes, and leave everything else to the district attorney.

In this case, that protected no one. The boys lose a year in school, because the case will not be tried until next year. That might be justified, if it allowed the alleged victim to attend classes without fear of running into her assailant. But here, the alleged victim is at another school entirely — so suspending the boys doesn't help her, and only hurts them.

The lacrosse team got suspended, and its coach fired. But then the team backers founded their own support group, complete with a

high-priced Washington lawyer whose job — whether he did it or not — seemed to be to trash the victim in order to exculpate the team members. Maybe that helped turn the tide. Maybe it just made the fight look dirty

What were the parents supposed to do? What would you do if it were your kid? That's always the question. What if the kids really were innocent? Who knows? Once it happens, there are no good answers.

Because of the inherent conflicts, universities will always find themselves thrust into no-win situations by these cases. They are the ultimate self-insurers of the train wrecks. Their only salvation is prevention.

That means, finally, stepping up to the alcohol question. It's not about drinking or not drinking.

It's about abuse of alcohol. This is not about having a beer or two. This is about the excessive, abusive culture of drinking, and what role universities have for fostering it, cultivating it or tolerating it.

This girl may or may not be telling the truth. But a bunch of guys in a house drinking to excess, and two exotic dancers, is not something Duke University wants to add to its recruitment brochures, even if that's all that happened.

So this year there will be a code of conduct for the lacrosse team. They will be the model ones. The last shall be first. They might as well clean up their acts. Everyone will be watching.

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Nearing Monahans, we could see a black spot ahead, next to the shoulder of the Interstate.

It moved. Unable to determine what it was,

we started slowing our vehicle in case the anim a'l decided to cross the highway. No



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more movement was detected until we were nearly even with it.

"We'd better go back and get it away from the road," said Art. "I'm not sure that vulture can fly.'

As we approached the bird, it slowly started walking north toward the railroad tracks. Not anticipating a rescue job on our brief vacation, we had no gloves, net or carrier. Running between creosote bushes and prickly-pear cactus, the vulture would spread its wings as if ready to take flight. Then it seemed to remember it couldn't fly.

After crossing the railroad tracks, it headed for the barbed wire fence some 50 feet away. Hoping to catch the bird before it gained open land, we managed to maneuver it into a large, dense creosote.

Because the bird could not figure a way out of the bush, I had time to extend my arms, drop to my knees and grab the vulture from the back. It gasped and finally had no more to expel.

The worse was over.

As I raised the bird vultures. from his entrapment in feet became quite active. It was difficult to hold such a heavy, wiggling creature.

Walking back to the to appreciate what a predicament the vulture had. With no road kill for miles, the bird had kept walking in hopes of finding something to eat.

The desolate countryside offered no food, water or shelter. During our chase and the walk back, our feet had felt the warmth of the crusty earth and tiny rocks.

The desert absorbed the heat readily and radiated even more.

On the passenger side, I placed the bird between my feet, head pointed away from me.

With both hands I held it while Art drove in to Monahans.

BARREL RACE!

BULLS COWBOYS CLOWN

Not finding a box for seasons the bird, we went to Pecos and were successful in getting one large enough for the vulture. Once inside his box, the raptor settled down.

Stopping in Marfa, we bought a food supplement from a veterinarian and sirloin steak. Since vultures will "up chuck" almost anything you force-feed, we squirted supplement in his throat. It slid down before the

bird could figure out what we had done. Staying down, the food gave him a hoost of ener-

gy toward his recovery. With friends living near the Rio Grande, we had a readymade bird motel for our sudden guest. Our examination of the vulture's wings

told us that one wing had

two hard knots, which were indicative of calcification around a break. Otherwise, the bird appeared healthy and hungry. For two days, while we hiked and enjoyed the scenery, our friends fed the vulture

He ate every bit of it. On our way home, we decided to stop in Balmorhea for lunch. Walking back to the car, noticed we that "Interstate 20" was sitting on top of the back seat.

sirloin and any road kill

they could find.

The vulture seemed to enjoy watching the cars drive by. Once again, I had to catch him and put him in his box. He seemed insulted that he could not ride unfettered.

At the wildlife center, we learned that the vulture had broken his wing twice. The first break had healed properly. The second break meant that heaved, vomited, retched, the bird was nonreleasable and would spend his days in the company of two other Years later I met a vol-

the creosote, his legs and unteer who loved to work with vultures. He thought they were much smarter than most birds. I thoroughly agreed with him from first hand expevehicle, Art and I began rience. "I-20" was sharp enough to thumb a ride, dine on steak, and never work another day of his life.

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

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Tomorrow's Horoscope

Happy news is always being made. It's just that we're so riveted by the fearful news that we tend not to notice. Mercury and Uranus harmonize in such a way as to make that's key fortunate twists of fate the most interesting thing

to report. The awareness of life's joys creates more of them, so applaud often! ARIES (March 21-April 19). As a warrior of the zodiac, one of your missions is to protect. Be the

ears for people who aren't payattening tion. If you get the sense that something just isn't right, act on it! TAURUS

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to bring out the best in others progresses your own goals by leaps and bounds. Money in the mail will help with the recent expenses you've incurred.

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GEMINI (May 21-June 21). The stars provide a looking glass through which you can view your with personal life sparkling clarity. You'll figure out exactly what's missing and also see a creative way to fill the void.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Life provides challenges, but like a bodybuilder who is determined to become freakishly strong, you might pile on too much weight. To avoid getting hurt, be judicious about how far you push yourself.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Even as you read this, part of your mind is busy resolving the crisis you're "so over." The key is in being able to see your new self - that person who is beyond the situation and grateful for the

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You don't ask for much. A beautiful view would be nice something to look forward to. Since you're so low maintenance now, it should be easy for loved ones to satisfy your

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). What you desire is adventure and discovery. What you get is reassurance familiarity. and It's strange how that worked out. Maybe you're sending signals you're not aware of. Ask for the honest opinion of a Cancer. SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov.

21). When the boss is away, your job becomes

play. An element of friendliness and good cheer is very positive for

your work environment, but you can still be trusted to deliver results, and SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-

Dec. 21). There is palpable chemistry between you and that certain someone. Things seem to unfold as though they were meant to be. However, you're very much in control of the process.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You're in the mood to shop, not only for 'stuff," but also for people who have the potential to add something to your life. Get the right price. Love doesn't have to cost your heart so much.
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20

Feb. 18). You're at a fork in the road. One way requires much patience and waiting, the other immediate action. When unsure, it's better to choose to do nothing until you're sure. When it's right, you'll know.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Just because your dream sounds far-fetched to people whom you respect, that's no reason to abandon it. Use your common sense, but allow your creativity equal say. The two aren't mutually exclusive.

ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS: "Is there a particular sign that is good with money or more likely to be successful? I'm sick of dating men with so many money problems.

The sun sign Taurus is often associated with good business sense and financial know-how because it rules the second house of the zodiac wheel pertaining to money and material possessions. Taurus is a fixed earth sign, giving those born under this sign a stable and mature nature, an important quality when looking for a good provider. Their fixed nature makes them reliable, and they often enjoy establishing a comfortable home where they spend much of their free time. Capricorn, another earth sign, is also associwith success. Symbolized by the moun-

tain goat upward, Capricorn is always striving to reach a higher position. They are often work-oriented people who strive to get to the top of their field and be the best at what they do. Those with Mars in Capricorn are often considered workaholics. There are many characteristics that make a person successful. Be honest with yourself from the start, look for warning

men. **CELEBRITY PROFILES:** From TV's "21 Jump Street" to cinema's "Pirates of the Caribbean," and everything in between, actor www.creators.com.

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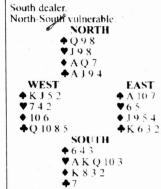
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Johnny Depp has never lost touch with his inner heartthrob. No matter what role he plays, Depp draws us in and mesmerizes us with an incandescent charisma. I predict more family fare from Gemini Depp as he realizes the importance of choosing roles that appeal to his own two children.

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The bidding: North East 2 NT 3 ♥ Pass 3 **♦** 4 **♥** Opening lead — five of clubs.

When the opponents have six

cards of a suit, they will be divided 3-3 36 percent of the time; 4-2, 48 percent; 5-1, 15 percent; and 6-0, 1 percent. With five cards missing, they will be divided 3-2 68 percent of the time; 4-1, 28 percent; and 5-0, 4 percent. Memorizing these figures is not unfamiliar with them in at least a general way is operating under a handicap.

Let's see how the odds apply to this deal. Assume you're declarer and West leids a club against your four-heart contract. Obviously, you diamonds and one club. This comes to only nine tricks, but there is a chance for a 10th trick if the diamonds are divided 3-3. However, this offers only a 36 percent chance. not a particularly appealing prospect

Fortunately, there's a much more attractive alternative. About all it depends on is finding the trumps divided 3-2, a 68 percent probability. Accordingly, you win the club and ruff a club with the queen. Next you cash the ace of trumps and lead the three to the nine. When both defenders follow suit, you know the trumps are divided 3-2 You then ruff another club, cross

to the queen of diamonds and ruff the jack of clubs with your last trump, at which point you have taken seven tricks. A diamond to the ace allows you to draw West's remaining trump with the jack, and the king of diamonds constitutes trick number 10. This line of play enables you to

score six trump tricks instead of the obvious five. More importantly, it makes you about a 2-to-1 favorite while if you draw trumps and rely solely on a 3-3 diamond division, the odds are nearly 2-to-1 against you.

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Or, what the government is doing while trying to define 'illegal and inappropriate'

t's funny how the word "terrorism" can suddenly evoke cooperation and quell the masses when it comes to government sur-

In a radical departure from earlier statements

that's a fancy way of saying one thing and doing another Attorney General Alberto Gonzales has said that requiring Internet service providers to save records of their customers' online activities is necessary in the fight against terrorism.

Gonzales and FBI **Director Robert Mueller** privately met with representatives of AOL, Comcast, Google, Microsoft and Verizon last week and said that Internet providers — and perhaps search engines

must retain data for two years to aid in antiterrorism prosecutions, according to multiple sources familiar with the discussion who spoke on condition of anonymity Tuesday.

Gonzales' acknowledgment represents a departure from earlier statements that emphasized how mandatory data retention would help thwart child exploitation.

Child exploitation, terrorism... Hey, what's the difference, right?

In a speech last month at the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children, Gonzales said that Internet providers must retain records to aid investigations of criminals "abusing kids and senaing images of the abuse around the world through the Internet."

If data retention becomes viewed primarily as an anti-terrorism measure, recent legal and political spats could complicate the Justice Department's efforts to make it standard prac-

But hey, it's for the kids, right? Wait, I mean it's for the terrorists, right? They look so much alike, with their little toy Uzis and need for blood-

After recent reports that AT&T has opened its databases to the National Security Agency, Internet and telecommunications

executives have become skittish about appearing to be cooperating too closely with the federal government's surveillance efforts.

In addition, the positive publicity that Google received during its legal dispute with the Justice

Department over search terms has demonstrated to Internet companies the benefits of objecting to government requests on privacy

question.

THOMAS **JENKINS**

grounds. Then again, do I really care if Big Brother knows I was looking for a recipe for hollandaise sauce last Thursday night? Good

A suburban Chicago teenager is facing felony harassment charges for threatening the life of a school official on MySpace.com.

OK, that sounds plenty serious. I mean, death threats in this day and time? Circle the wagons!

According to law enforcement officials, the 14-year-old allegedly posted the threat on the social-networking Internet site at the beginning of the school year, but it wasn't discovered by school officials last

The teen was charged with felony harassment through electronic communications, referred to the invenile court system and released into his parents' custody, Ferrelli said. The school district

is also investigating. Am I the only one who sees the giant hole in the middle of this? This kid is being prosecuted for a threat he made almost a year ago? Sure, he broke the law. And I doubt the statute of limitations in Chicago is going to save him, but doesn't this just sound wrong?

I'm trying to picture myself crusing the blogs at Myspace and finding something nearly a year old where some 14-yearold kid is talking smack. Uh, do you figure he's forgotten about it by

"It's pretty new to us," said Todd Colvin, assistant superintendent of Oswego Unit School District 308. "It's something schools are all going to have to be dealing with.'

Yeah, in a more timely fashion, I hope! I'm putting this guy in for a Darwin Award.

Of course, as with all things these days, the story doesn't end with the prosecution of a lone kid. Last month, another suburban Chicago school district decided students would be held accountable for what they post on Internet blogs and social-networking sites.

Starting next year, all students in extracurricular activities in Community High School District 128, which includes Libertyville and Vernon Hills high schools, must sign an agreement that evidence of "illegal or inappropriate" behavior posted on the Internet could be grounds for disciplinary action.

At Big Spring High School, students who go out for extracurricular activities have to submit to random drug testing. Apparently, in Chicago, they have to give up their right to free expression.

And I'd love to know who is going to decide what's "illegal and inappropriate" in these matters. Maybe we can get the government guys who are going to be monitoring the Internet to decide, as soon as they're done examining my recipe habits.

The University of **Advancing Technology** (UAT) in Phoenix, Ariz., is marketing its new Network Security program as a way to get a

degree in hacking. That's right, a degree in hacking. Go figure.

The school is drawing the interest of geeks who use Windows, Linux, and Macintosh, according to **UAT's IT manager** Raymond Todd Blackwood, and even a

few who want to go to the dark side of network security.

Hackerdegree.com's Web page looks like a non-Windows desktop with a few terminals open, inviting the curious to learn more about fighting "cybercrime," "cybertheft," and even "cyberterrorism."

It serves as an advertisement and info site that links to the main site at uat.edu. However, the site works only with Internet Explorer, and won't display anything but the Flash animated masthead if you're using any other browser.

I guess I'll just take my Firefox and go home!

"That's an old site," said Blackwood. "We're working on redesigning now and we're investing a ton of money into building an amazing Web site that will work with all browsers."

According to several students, black hat-types are attracted to enroll in the network security program at UAT, but most are eventually outed by other students who detect their bad intentions.

After they're reported, the administration bars them from any shady cracking activities on campus. Some would-be evildoers are convinced to become "white-hats" once they see that there is good money to be made as a legitimate security guru.

The student I spoke with told me that he sticks with Windows design because a "bigger audience equals a bigger paycheck," but that the school offers options for those who want to work with Linux.

Blackwood and a group of students recently completed a program called the Phoenix War Driving research project, in which teams of assessors looked for unsecured and "default settings" wireless networks in the suburban areas of Phoenix.

"Initially we wanted to find out how much wireless connectivity had grown, but we quickly found out that watching it grow wasn't such a big deal. There was an incredibly high number of unsecured access points," said Blackwood.

The project found 168,000 of them, according to Blackwood, and now is in the process of teaching residents of the surrounding communities how to secure their networks to reduce the chances of unwanted access. "We've reached about 300 people in the areas surrounding

Phoenix," Blackwood says.

Thomas Jenkins, a South Carolina transplant still fumbling through a case of Texas culture shock, is a Staff Writer for the Big Spring Herald by day and rock guitarist for local band Rustic Circle by night. Contact Jenkins at 263-7331 ext. 232 or by e-mail at citydesk@bigspringherald.com

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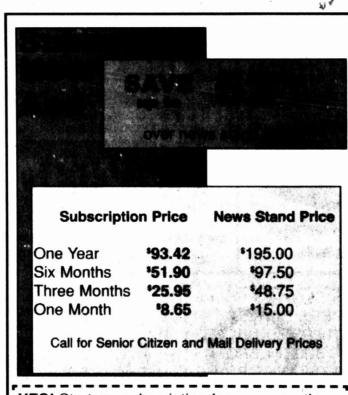
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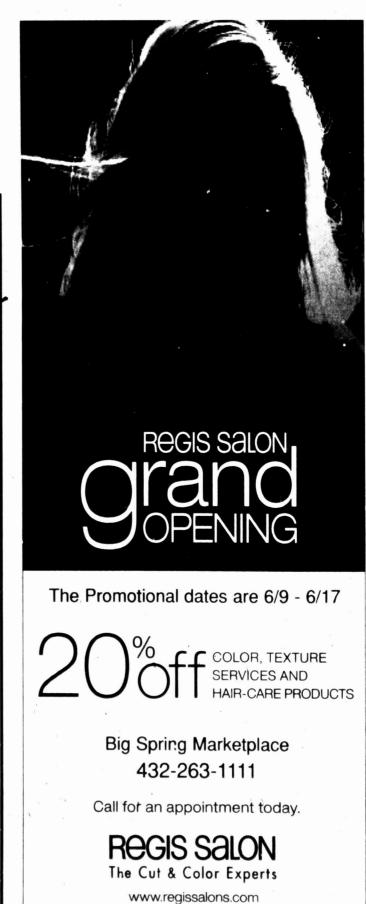
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Area all-stars lead Permian Basin to victory

 Chesworth's hit ties game. Conley's sac fly wins it in seventh

By TROY HYDE

Sports Editor Christian University's

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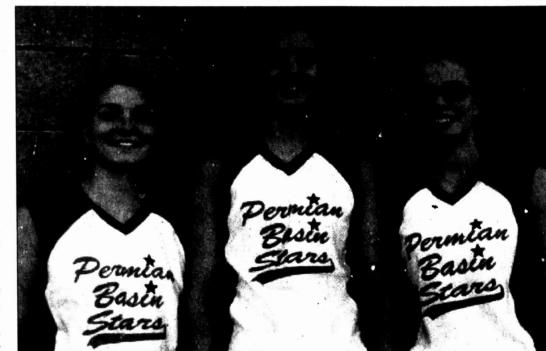
all-stars tied the game at

3-3 in the first inning and grabbed a 4-3 lead on an RBI by Clyde's Nicole Dodden in the second inning, the Permian Basin all-stars tied the game in the third with a bases-loaded RBI single by Big Spring's Krista Chesworth. Conley's sacrifice fly then won the game for the Permian Basin.

The senior all-stars from three teams

Coahoma, Eula and Clyde all made the state tournament this year in

The Permian Basin allstars also featured Big Spring's Mandy Walker and Magen Watton and Coahoma's Kali Roberts, Ashle New and Drew



Three members of Big Spring's softball team played in the 5th annual West Texas All-Star Classic Thursday. From left: Seniors Mandy Walker, Krista Chesworth and Magen Watton all helped the Permian Basin all-stars come from behind to take down the Big Country allstars, 5-4. Chesworth tied the game at 4-4 in the third inning with an RBI single.

Mavs head to Miami looking for NBA title

By TOM WITHERS

AP Sports Writer

MIAMI They've switched cities, and soon they'll change jerseys. Their gameplan, though, is likely to go untouched. The Dallas Mavericks have already proven to be

Texas tough at home. On the road for the first time as finalists, the Mavericks are about to show if they are ready to be NBA champions.

With a defense that has somehow made Miami's giant center Shaquille O'Neal — the league's most dominant force invisible, the Mavericks carry a 2-0 lead in the best-of-seven series into

tonight's Game 3. "We've got to stay focused," Mavericks forward Dirk Nowitzki said. "We haven't really done anything. We won two games at home. We know they are a different animal at home. They are going to be obviously

fired up." The Mavericks will have three tries at American Airlines Arena to get the two victories needed to win the first world title in team history. And, they have good reason to believe they can

get the job done. Dallas had the league's third-best road record this season at 26-15, and the Mavericks are 6-3 on the road in these playoffs with their three seriesending victories all coming away from home, including a Game 7 victory in San Antonio.

"We're a confident team, but we know it's going to be a dogfight,' Mavericks forward Josh Howard said. "They're going to be ready to compete. They're not going to go away."

Roughed up in Big D, the Heat are back in familiar surroundings. But unless they make some drastic changes like maybe sinking their free throws — Shaq, Dwyane Wade and Co. won't be traveling again this season.

"We can't get down 3-0," guard Gary Payton said. "We have to focus on Game 3 and get that one." double-teaming BvO'Neal's every touch and congesting Wade's routes to the hoop, Mavericks dominated Game 2, winning 99-85 to seize control of a series that has hardly been close.

So far, the Mavericks have been superior in every phase. They've displayed an overlooked depth, an unmatched perimeter game and have exuded absolute confidence in moving within two wins of a title.

They're playing as if they own it already.

To this point, the Heat have been, well, lukewarm.

O'Neal and Wade, the club's resident superstars, are out of sync and Miami's bench hasn't given them enough help. The Heat and their fans awakened Monday to an 0-2 deficit and a gloomy start to their work week as some southerly bands from Tropical Storm Alberto shrouded the city in a humid, depressing gray blanket.

Still, the prospect of a comeback — only the 1969 Boston Celtics and 1977 Portland Trail Blazers have recovered from an 0-2 hole to win an NBA title remains a possibility,

albeit a long one. "We have been in situations like this before,' Heat center Alonzo Mourning said. "We have been down. I'm confident we're going to find a way

to get out of this." The team's charter flight didn't arrive in Miami until 4 a.m., and the Heat didn't practice Monday. Instead, coach Pat Riley ran a film session to study what went wrong in Game 2.

Watching the remake of "The Omen" might have been less horrifying. For the Heat, there were plenty of scary sights:

O'Neal, all 7-foot-1, 325 pounds of him, taking just five shots and scoring only five points -acareer-playoff low. With Miami being embarrassed in the third quarter, O'Neal was replaced and spent the entire fourth quarter watching from the bench as Riley chose to rest him for Game 3.

Wade, perhaps still fighting the flu, went 6for-19 from the floor, made four turnovers and was called for a technical foul. Forward Udonis

Haslem left Dallas' arena with his left arm in a sling after landing awkwardly on his shoulder in the first half. X-rays revealed a strain and bruised shoulder. The team said Haslem is expected to play in Game

ABILENE — Coahoma senior Liz Conley's sacrifice fly in the seventh inning last Thursday sent the Permian Basin softball all-stars to a 5-4 win over the Big Country allstars in the 5th annual West Texas All-Star Classic played at Abilene

The Permian Basin went up 3-0 in the first inning of the game. Midland's Ashley Pyle knocked in two runs in the inning and Coahoma senior Sarah Dunn scored

After the Big Country

Coahoma, Eula and Clyde were honored before the game.

Austin.

Wells.



KRT photo/Paul Moseley, Fort Worth Star-Telegram

The Dallas Mavericks Josh Howard (left) scrambles for the ball against Miami Heat players Udonis Haslem, right, and James Posey (42) in the second quarter of Game 2 of the NBA Finals at the American Airlines Center in Dallas Sunday. The Mavs lead the best-of-seven

series 2-0 and Game 3 will be played in Miami tonight beginning at 8 p.m. Contreras too strong for Rangers

By STEPHEN HAWKINS AP Sports Writer ARLINGTON Contreras has already impressed the man who will select the American League's starting pitcher

in the All-Star game next month. It sounds as though White Sox manager Ozzie Guillen is ready to pick his stellar right-hander, who matched a franchise record Monday night by winning his 15th straight decision in Chicago's 8-3 victory over the Texas

Rangers. "It would be a great honor for me because everybody wants to be the best at his job. This is my job and I want to be the best," Contreras said through a translator. "But all I'm thinking about is

the next outing." Contreras (7-0, AL-best 2.62 ERA) had a nearly dominant eight-inning performance against the AL West-leading Rangers, striking out a career-high 11 without a walk. He threw 75 of 108 pitches for strikes, allowing three runs — all in a four-batter

Contreras tied the fran-

chise record for consecu-

span — and six hits.

KRT photo/Richard W. Rodriguez, Fort Worth Star-Telegra Texas Ranger Jerry Hairston Jr. (left) and Ian Kinsler (right)

congratulate catcher Rod Barajas after he homered in the

fifth inning against the Chicago White Sox. The White Sox

defeated the Rangers, 8-3, at Ameriquest Field in Arlington

tive wins set by LaMarr break. He is on track to Hoyt (1983-84) and Wilson (1993-94).Alvarez Contreras' streak is also the longest in the majors since Minnesota lefty Johan Santana won 17 decisions in a row from July 2004 to April 2005, according to the Elias

Texas Monday.

Sports Bureau. The next scheduled start for Contreras is Saturday at Cincinnati. the first of probably five

pitch Chicago's final game before the break.

Still, Guillen said one

more good start might be

enough to persuade him to make Contreras the third White Sox pitcher in four years to start the All-Star game. Contreras, who hasn't

lost in the regular season since Aug. 15, was downright nasty against the

more before the All-Star See RANGERS, Page 8

IN BRIEF

Rice finds way back to CWS after

win over Sooners HOUSTON (AP) -

Josh Rodriguez home red and drove in five runs Monday, helping rally Rice to a 9-5 win over Oklahoma and a berth in the College World Series.

The Owls (55-11) took the deciding game of the best-ofthree Super Regional series and will return to Omaha, Neb., for the first time since winning the national title in 2003.

The Owls turned a 4-3 deficit into an 8-4 lead in the sixth inning.

Rodriguez, who had a two-run homer in the first, put Rice ahead 5-4 with a bases-loaded single, and Joe Savery followed with a threerun home run.

Rodriguez's sacrifice fly in the seventh scored Rice's final run.

The Sooners (45-22) were looking to win an elimination game for the sixth time in this year's NCAA tournament.

Cole St. Clair (6-2) picked up the win in relief, allowing five hits and three runs with three strikeouts and no walks in 5 1/3 innings. John Brownell (5-1) lost.

Rodriguez's opposite-field home run to right with two outs in the bottom of the first tied the score.

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Rangers. His splitter was diving and his slider was biting.

"The first at-bat, I had no chance," Texas catcher Rod Barajas said. "He'd throw a split in the 70s and then throw something in the 90s. He had us off balance."

Texas had only an infield single by Michael Young before its scoring spurt in the fifth inning. Contreras retired 10 of his last 12 batters after that.

Contreras retired his first 10 batters, with five strikeouts, Young's infield single with one out in the fourth.

While the Rangers struggled against Contreras, Chicago started the game with five straight hits off rookie John Koronka (4-4) for a 3-0 lead.

The White Sox had seven hits their first time through the order.

Juan Uribe and Brian Anderson, the last two hitters (both batting under .200), started the second with consecutive hits before scoring to make it 5-0.

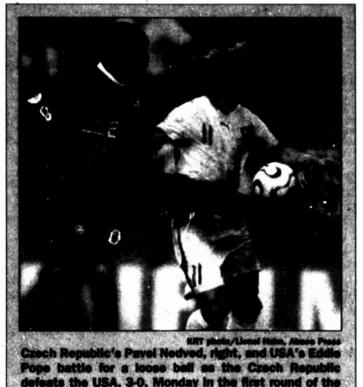
A.J. Pierzynski later drove in two runs for the White Sox. He grounded out in the fifth as the last batter to face Koronka, then led off the eighth with his third homer.

Brad Wilkerson had a one-out bunt single in the Texas fifth.

Then the bottom third of the order - which had struck out consecutively in the third — produced the runs.

Ian Kinsler doubled, Jason Botts hit a sacrifice fly and Barajas a two-run homer, his fifth.

Koronka allowed six runs and nine hits over 4 2-3 innings.



Steelers QB hurt in accident

 'Big Ben' breaks jaw, nose following crash on motorcycle

By JOE MANDAK

Associated Press Writer PITTSBURGH -- Ben Roethlisberger has a lot more to worry about than playing quarterback for the Pittsburgh Steelers.

Roethlisberger was in serious but stable condition late Monday night after breaking his jaw and nose in a motorcycle crash earlier in the day.

Roethlisberger, youngest quarterback to lead a team to the Super Bowl championship, was taken to Pittsburgh's Mercy Hospital, where he underwent seven hours of surgery.

It was not immediately known whether the acciwould affect dent Roethlisberger's chances of playing this season.

Dr. Harry W. Sell, chairman of the hospital's surgery department, told reporters that four docoperated Roethlisberger for multiple facial fractures and that "all of the fractures successfully were repaired."

Doctors are unaware of serious any other injuries, but said Roethlisberger remained in serious but stable condition, according to Dr. Daniel Pituch, who led the team of doctors caring for the star player.

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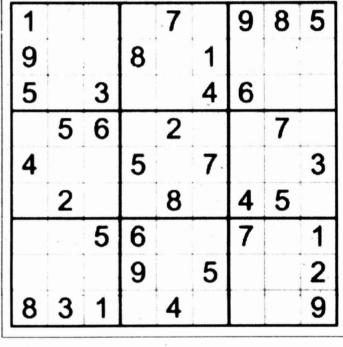
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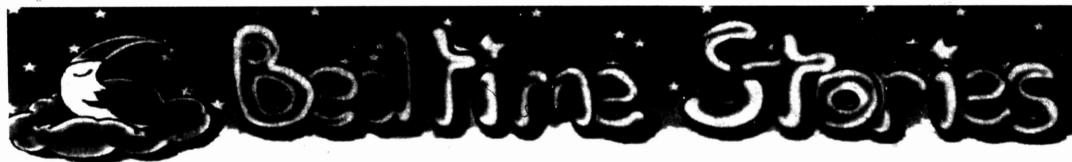
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pine trees? Can you tell me the names of more trees? What kind of trees do vou have in your yard?

Do you have swings in your park? Do you like to swing on these swings? Does anyone ever push you on the swing, making you go higher and higher? Do you have a swing in your yard? Do you ever push your brother or sister on your swing and make them go even

higher? Do you have slides in your park? Do you know what a slide might be? Do you have seesaws in your park. Tell me what a see-saw looks like.

in your park? We all know what a picnic table looks like, don't we? Do you ever go on a picnic in your park? What do you like to eat when you are on a pic-Have you ever been to the

park to see the trees and maybe even climb on one. Then swing on the swings, then push your brother or

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sister on the swing. And even let your mommie or daddy push you on the swing, making you go higher and higher. On that same



on the slides, a n d see-saw on the seesaw? Did you

all this and have a picnic

Do you have picnic tables on the same day? What



did you have to eat on that day in the park, when you had the picnic? That sounds like fun. Maybe you can do it again, soon!

This story is about a little boy named Justin. He loved the park, too. His mommie would take him sometimes, and his daddy would take him sometimes. Sometimes, both his mommie and his daddy would take him, Everytime he went, he loved his park.

There was only one thing that he did not like about his park. It did not have. monkey bars. Do you know what monkey bars could be? If you do not know what monkey bars might be, ask the person reading this story to you to tell you. I'll bet that this person has swung on a monkey bar before.

Justin played and played on the big tree limbs and the swingsets. He even knew how to make himself

go higher and higher on the swing, with no one, pushing him. He always loved to play on the slides, too. He would run up, then slide down these slides for long periods of time. He would always find time to see-saw on the see-saw, too. He loved these things, but his park had no monkey bars. Justin had seen monkey bars before. It was a time when he was with his parents and they

on a very t h e monbars in anoth-

park, far, far away from his home. But he was riding in a car when he saw them, looking from the car's window. He never had the chance to play on them. Never! But this is a bedtime story and you know all bedtime stories have happy endings. So does this one!

Justin played in the park near his home every time he had the chance, always wishing his park had monkey bars, and they never did, until Justin had already grown up into a young man. Justin is grown now and

he is married. He has a pretty wife, and two small children. Justin is also a very nice, successful businessman. He takes his children to the same park,

tree limbs. They love to

swing on the swings, with

and higher. They love to

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They loved to run up to the

top of the slides and slide

down. They love to have

picnics at this park, too.

What the children love

was little. Seeing his two children playing on the new monkey

built.

bars and having so much fun, was even better than doing it himself. It is late now, and the park is

to swing on those same closing down for the day. But it will open again tomorrow and all the children will be playing on Justin pushing them higher Justin's monkey bars. But for now, the park is closed and Justin said to tell you, "Good Night."

most is the monkey bars

that Justin had built for the

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Children from all over the

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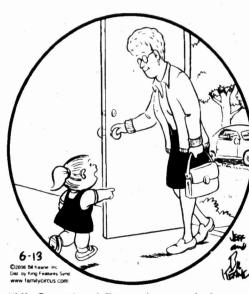
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THE FAMILY CIRCUS



"Hi, Grandma! Does the candy in your purse make it too heavy for you?"





Today is Tuesday, June 13, the 164th day of 2006. There are 201 days left in the year. Today's Highlight in History:

On June 13, 1966, the Supreme Court issued its landmark "Miranda" decision, ruling that criminal suspects had to be informed of their constitutional rights prior to questioning by police.

On this date: In 1886, King Ludwig II of Bavaria drowned in Lake

Starnberg. In 1888, Congress created

the Department of Labor. In 1900, China's Boxer Rebellion targeting foreigners, as well as Chinese Christians, erupted into fullscale violence.

In 1927, aviation hero Charles Lindbergh was honored with a ticker-tape parade in New York City.

In 1935, James Braddock claimed the title of world heavyweight boxing champion from Max Baer in a 15round fight in Long Island City, N.Y. In 1944, Germany began

launching flying-bomb attacks against Britain during World War II. In 1967, President Johnson nominated Solicitor General, Thurgood Marshall to become the first black jus-

tice on the U.S. Supreme Court. In 1971, The New York Times began publishing the Pentagon Papers, a secret study of America's involve-

ment in Vietnam. In 1986, Benny Goodman, the clarinet-playing "King of Swing," died in New York at

the age of 77. Today's Birthdays: Artist Christo is 71. Artist Jeanne-Claude is 71. Magician Siegfried (Siegfried & Dahler) is 67. Singap Bahler Roy) is 67. Singer Bobby Freeman is 66. Actor Malcolm McDowell is 63. Singer Dennis Locorriere (Dr. Hook) is 57. Actor Richard Thomas is 55. Actor Jonathan Hogan is 55. Actor Stellan Skarsgard is 55. Comedian Tim Allen is 53. Actress Ally Sheedy is 44. "The Early Show" co-host Hannah Storm is 44. Rock musician Paul deLisle (Smash Mouth) is 43. Singer

David Gray is 38. Rhythm-

and-blues singer Deniece Pearson (Five Star) is 38. Rock musician Soren Rasted (Aqua) is 37. Actor Jamie Walters is 37. Singer-musician Rivers Cuomo (Weezer) is 36. Country singer Susan Haynes is 34. Actor Steve-O ("Jackass") is 32. Actor Ethan Embry is 28. Actor Chris Evans is 25. Actress Sarah Schaub is 23. Singer Raz B is 21. Actress Kat Dennings is 20. Actress Ashley Olsen is 20. Actress

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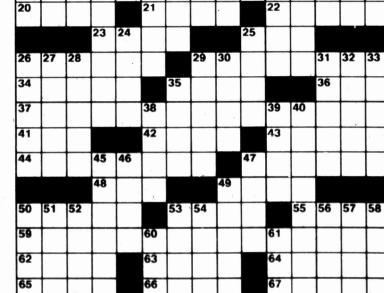
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AGNES

I JUST GOT ME A FULL-TIME 24-HOUR-A-DAY JOB!



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HAYE SET UP ROADSIDE STANDS IN THE SUMMER







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The holiday Juneteenth celebrates June 19, 1865. That's when Union Gen. Gordon Granger read President Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation in Galveston, Texas, announcing the Civil War was over and the slaves were free. So far, only Texas has made Juneteenth an official holiday. World Almanac for Kids



Chatter Box

'In high school, my friends dared me to walk into the Speedo store at the (local mall), try some on and go out into the mall wearing nothing else. Security banned me from the place for six months. I snuck back in there early though — with sunglasses." Jake Gyllenhaal, in Twist magazine.

In The News

Here comes the sun

By Martha Sheridan, The Dallas Morning News

Nothing symbolizes summer better than the sun. There's a lot to learn about our nearest star, which may seem calm and steady but is always changing. We gathered some fun facts and activities to help you celebrate the sun this summer. Just don't forget the sunscreen.

THE BASICS

Why do we need the sun? Its energy causes weather and seasons. The sun provides heat for oceans, air and land. It creates water vapor by evaporating water from lakes and oceans, which drops as rain or snow. And plants and animals can't survive without light and water.

SUMMER SOLSTICE

Summer officially arrives on June 21, the summer solstice. It's considered the longest day of the year because it has the most daylight hours between sunrise and sunset.

In the summer, the North Pole tilts toward the sun, so the Northern Hemisphere gets more sunlight. On the solstice, the North Pole is tilted the closest to the sun. On this day, the sun reaches its highest point in the sky.

To learn more, go to www.teacher.scholastic.com/ researchtools/articlearchives/space/solstice.htm.

SHEDDING LIGHT ON INTERESTING FACTS

Informative graphics and images of the sun make visiting NASA's Sun-Earth Connection Education Forum online worth your time.

Want to know how big the sun is? According to the site, 100 Earths can fit across the sun. If the sun were hollow, you could fit more than 1 million Earths'inside it.

You can also learn about the Lakota Sun Dance, a sacred fourday ceremony and gathering of thousands of people. During the ceremony people dance, sing and fast. When you say the native word for Sun Dance, what you are actually saying is "dancing in balance in the circle of light, looking carefully at the sun."

For more information go to ds9.ssl.berkeley.edu/ viewer/flash/flash.html.

BRING THE SUN INDOORS

Here's how to celebrate the sun even while you're chilling

LISTEN: The right songs can put you in a sunny mood.

• "A Day in the Sun," Hillary Duff

AN EYE

ON SAFETY

With the sun,

get too much of a

good thing. A hat,

sunglasses, sun-

screen and long

sleeves help

block harmful

stay outside longer.

been warned not to

look directly at the

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And never look at

the sun through a

telescope or other

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PARTY IDEAS

Why not build a party around

Send out homemade sun-

sunny colors. Consider lemonade,

decorated cookies or cupcakes,

deviled eggs, orange slices, car-

rots cut into coins, cantaloupe

melon balls, quesadillas, round

variations on the sun theme, serve

Play sun-theme music or

Buy a sun-shaped piñata

• For an edible party activity,

decorate sun-safe cutout cookies.

girls, add frosting and fruit-leather

for shorts, sunscreen, T-shirt, sun-

glasses, sunhat and anything else

Make suncatchers or dream

that protects kids from the sun.

up your own sun-theme craft.

To create shortbread boys and

scoops of orange sherbet. For

sunflower seeds and sun tea.

videos, especially if it rains.

and fill it with candy in sunny

colors.

For refreshments, stick with

the summer sun theme?

shaped invitations.

"Here Comes the Sun," the Beatles "Soak Up the Sun," Sheryl Crow

• "You Are the Sunshine of My Life," Stevie Wonder

"Walking on Sunshine," Jump 5 or Katrina and The Waves WATCH: Here's a handy excuse to stay home and watch

TV. Just tell your parents you don't want to get sunburned.

• "Holiday in the Sun" (Warner, DVD release 2004): Mary-Kate and Ashley Olsen vacation in the Bahamas. Rated G.

 "Race the Sun" (Sony Pictures Home Entertainment, DVD release 2002): Based on a true story, Halle Berry plays a new teacher in Hawaii who inspires her students to build a solar car and enter a science fair. Rated PG.

DO: Learn more on the Web.

 Go to www.enchantedlearning.com/subjects/astronomy/. Check out the links under The Sun.

 Search for the sun at www.planet-science.com for links to quizzes and more.

 Plug into the How Stuff Works Web site: science.howstuff works.com/sun.htm.

THE GREAT BOOK OF SCHOOL JOKES



Study shows some schools are cutting out playtime

Recess is being eliminated in some of the nation's public elementary schools, figures from a new government report show.

The report was released this spring by the National Center of Education Statistics. It found that between 7 percent and 13 percent of elementary schools no longer have recess. With concerns over childhood obesity and academic demands growing, these numbers have some parents and educators worried.

GIMME A BREAK!

While recess remains on the daily schedule at most public schools, supporters of playtime worky that it is in danger of being sidelined. Without recess, they argue that kids will not get enough physical activity or down time with friends.

"(Recess is) a time for children to be imaginative, to show innovation on the playground," said Diane Larson, a mother of four in Tacoma, Wash.

Even the Cartoon Network has joined the debate, spending more than \$1.3 million to save recess. The cable network joined forces with the National Parent Teacher Association (PTA) to launch the "Rescuing Recess" campaign.

The plan encourages children and parents to write letters to local and state school officials emphasizing the importance of giving kids a "break" from academic pressures during the school day.

An informal survey conducted by the National PTA shows that more than half of PTA leaders believe students are less disruptive and concentrate better in class when they have recess.

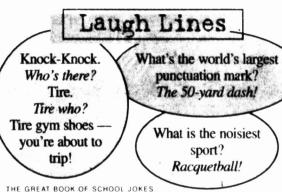
"The kids study all day, and they need some time for social activities," PTA President Wendy Logan said. "And those kids who struggle sitting the whole day they're the ones who need it the most."

A NEW FOCUS?

Some school leaders say that recess is being replaced to put more focus on test preparation. Another reason recess might get bumped is to make time for other extracurricular activities such as music, art and physical education (P.E.).

Ninety-nine percent of public schools reported that P.E. was part of the curriculum. However, more than half of those schools only offer P.E. one or two days a week. In any case, some believe P.E. doesn't make up the free playtime recess offers.

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