

Commissioners set to tackle 2005-06 budget

By STEVE REAGAN
Staff Writer

Howard County commissioners will devote plenty of attention to the 2005-06 budget when they hold their regular meeting at 10 a.m. Monday at the county courthouse.

Having been sidetracked by other issues and the recent absence of County Judge Ben Lockhart, the commissioners have found themselves behind schedule in formulating the

budget for the coming fiscal year, but Commissioner Jerry Kilgore said they will spend a great deal of Monday's meeting playing catch-up.

Kilgore said commissioners are hopeful of keeping the new budget similar in size to last year's \$11.4 million package, but warned that outside factors — particularly, insurance costs and vehicle replacement — may push the final total even higher.

"We just don't have any idea

what insurance costs are going to be like," Kilgore said. "They're probably going to go up, but we don't know how much."

Kilgore said increasing insurance costs have been a constant for the county in the approximately 10 years he's been on the court. During that time, insurance premiums for the county have more than doubled, he said.

Last year, despite cuts in benefits, the county paid more than

\$1 million for employee insurance, Kilgore noted.

Vehicle replacement also is likely to be a big-ticket item in next year's budget.

"There's a lot of things we've put off doing the last few years, especially in the area of equipment," he said, noting that several departments are in real need of replacement vehicles.

In other business, commissioners will consider:

- Renewal of the tax collection agreement.

- Adoption of a National Instant Management System.

- A request from Sheriff Dale Walker to sell used patrol cars.

- The annual review of the county's retirement plan.

- A review of the correction action plan for the Senior Citizens Center.

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Blasts kill 83 in Egypt

Death toll may rise at resort

By SARAH EL DEEB

Associated Press Writer

SHARM EL-SHEIK, Egypt (AP) — A rapid series of car bombs and another blast ripped through a luxury hotel and a coffee shop in the Egyptian Red Sea resort of Sharm el-Sheik early Saturday, killing at least 83, a hospital official said. Terrified European and Arab tourists fled into the night, and rescue workers said the death toll could still rise.

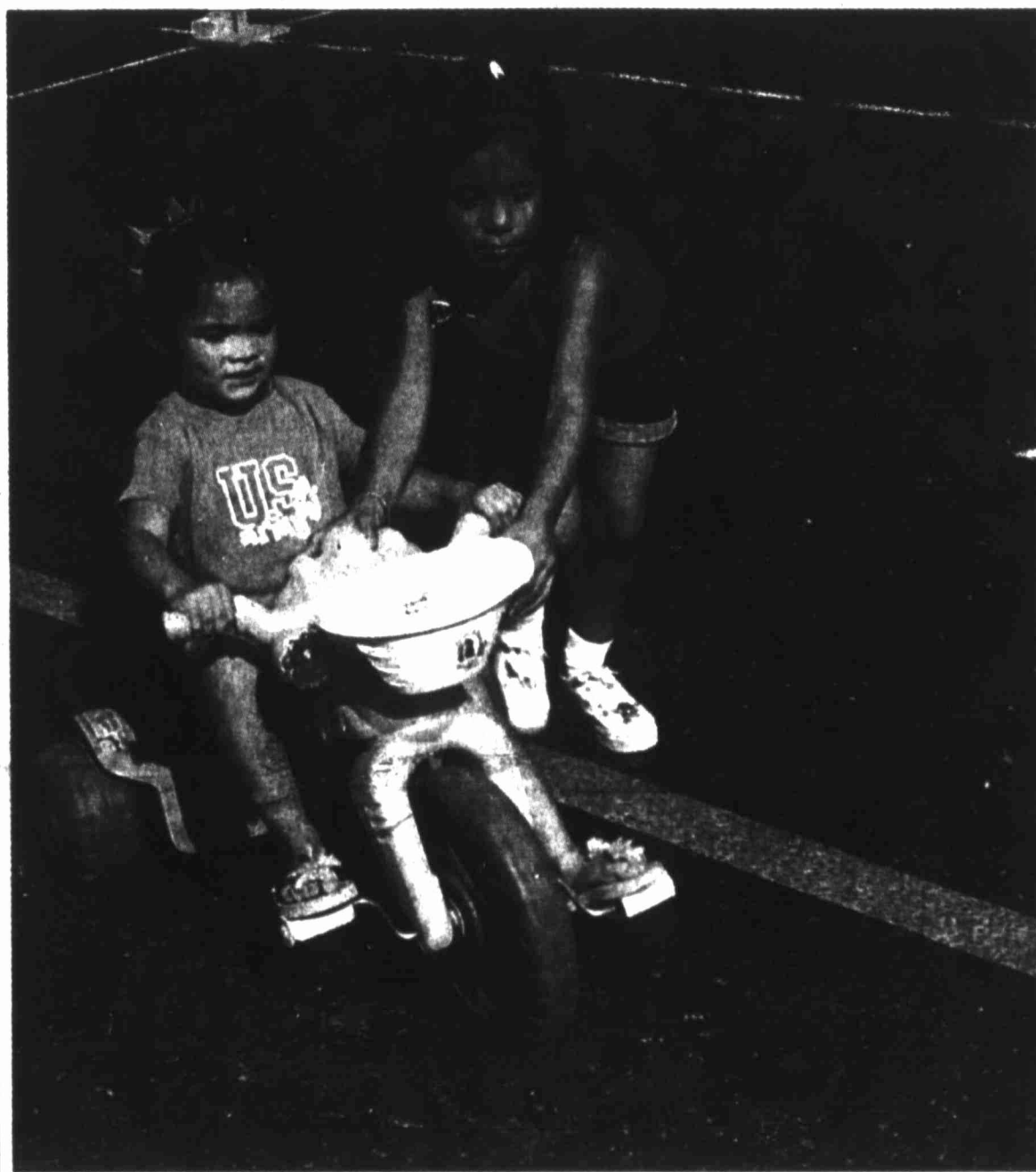
The attack, Egypt's deadliest terror hit ever, appeared well coordinated. Two car bombs, possibly by suicide attackers, went off simultaneously at 1:15 a.m. just more than 2 miles apart. A third bomb, believed hidden in a sack, detonated around the same time near a beachside walkway where tourists often stroll at night.

A total of 83 people had been confirmed dead, said Dr. Saeed Abdel Fattah, manager of the Sharm el-Sheik International Hospital where the victims were taken. Among the dead were two Britons, two Germans and an Italian, he added, and Czech officials said one Czech tourist was also killed. Rescue workers were still searching for victims at some attack scenes.

Several hours after the attacks, a group citing ties to al-Qaida claimed responsibility for the explosion on an Islamic web site. The group, the

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TRIKE-A-THON



Clarissa Franco, right, gives Alexis Parson a push during the Rainbow Christian Pre-School Trike-A-Thon Friday morning. Children at the school rode bicycles, tricycles and push carts to raise more than \$1,000 for St. Jude's Children's Hospital.

Herald photo/Steve Reagan

PARTNERS

VAMC task force pitches proposal for local facility's future

Special to the Herald

The West Texas VA Medical Center Task Force, a group organized by the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce, has developed an in-depth proposal for future use of the Big Spring VA Medical Center and presented it to a consulting firm hired by the Veterans Administration.

Task force members recently traveled to Philadelphia, Pa., to present the proposal to PricewaterhouseCoopers, the consulting firm hired by the Veterans Administration as part of the Capital Asset for Realignment for Enhanced Services (CARES) study process.

Joe Concienne, president of the Chamber of Commerce board, along with Shelley Smith, chief executive officer and Cindy Smith, chief regulatory and governmental affairs officer, both with West Texas Centers for MHMR, made the journey to personally present a proposal on behalf of the Big Spring community.

"The data that was presented by VISN 18 was the driving force for this proposal," said Concienne. "We wanted to take the data they

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"We know we have something unique to offer the veterans of our region as well as the remainder of the nation."

S. Smith

Big Spring joins 'Frontier West'

Teams with neighbors in Texas and Oklahoma to promote western heritage

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

Big Spring is getting some big help from its neighbors to the north and east, as it joins Dallas, Fort Worth and Oklahoma City in a unique bi-state western heritage venture between Texas and Oklahoma called "Frontier West."

Seth Davidson, tourism marketer and spokesperson for the bi-state effort, said Big Spring's recent addition to the program is an

exciting venture that will help bring the program to the travelers.

"The project features Big Spring State Park and other historical attractions in a free traveler-friendly magazine and a Web site, as well as a historical audio CD that chronicles the epic war between the U.S. Army and the Comanche Indians," said Davidson. "Developed by Abilene, Dallas, Fort Worth, Lubbock, Odessa and Oklahoma City, this marks the first time that Big Spring has been featured with these cities to promote their

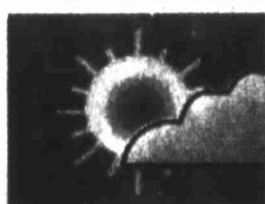
common western heritage.

"Big Spring's tourism efforts have continued to evolve with its participation in the Wind Power Trail, its museums, and its western heritage. Now major convention and visitor bureaus are seeking to combine the shared western heritage of towns like Big Spring with Dallas, Fort Worth, Lubbock, Odessa and Oklahoma City to promote the entire area as part of a wider regional experience."

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Cover Story: American Profile announces the winners of its Best Recipes in America contest.

Hometown Hero: At 97, Dorothy Geeben is believed

to be the nation's oldest mayor. Geeben, who was re-elected to a two-year term in Ocean Breeze Park, Fla. (pop. 463) last year, previously served as the town council's president for 31 years. Asked if she'll seek re-election she says, "Sure, if I'm still alive."

Local man charged with kidnapping

By STEVE REAGAN

Staff Writer

A Big Spring man is in custody after allegedly kidnapping and sexually assaulting a local woman.

Eladio Zubiato, 29, of 708 N. Douglas St., was booked on a charge of aggravated kidnapping and unspecified local warrants Friday, Big Spring Police Department Chief Lonnie Smith said.

Smith said the offense

occurred either late Wednesday or early Thursday. A woman reported being abducted from her home on the east side of Big Spring and taken to a spot in the northern side of town.

The woman, who knew Zubiato, also reported being sexually assaulted during the incident, Smith said.

The victim eventually escaped her captor and reported the incident to

police. A formal complaint was sworn and arrest warrant issued for Zubiato Friday. He was arrested without incident later that day.

Aggravated kidnapping is a first degree felony, punishable by a term of between five and 99 years, or life, in prison, and a fine not to exceed \$10,000.

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Obituaries

William Howard Shanks

William Howard Shanks, 76, of Big Spring, died on Friday, July 22, 2005, in a local hospital following a brief illness. Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Monday, July 25, 2005 at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with the Rev. Ken McMeans, pastor of College Baptist Church, officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

Howard Shanks was born Feb. 9, 1929, in Comanche County to Grover Cleveland and Clara Hightower Shanks. Mr. Shanks moved to Big Spring in 1940 and married Charlene Perkins on June 30, 1949.

He served in the Korean War from 1952 to 1953, was an avid cattle rancher and retired as an electrician from American Petrofina Oil Co. in 1984.

His love for his family and his unwavering faith were never diminished by time.

He is survived by his wife, Charlene Shanks of Big Spring; a daughter, Janet Burks of Midland; two sons, Gary Shanks of Justin, and David Shanks of San Antonio; a grandson, Haven Carr of Midland; a sister, Jimmie Burks of Big Spring; five brothers, Clim Shanks, Charlie Shanks and Wade Shanks, all of Big Spring, Grover Shanks of May and Autov Shanks of Del Rio; 14 nieces; and 11 nephews.

He was preceded in death by two sisters, Norene Guill and Eva Mae Shanks; and two brothers, Doyle and John Shanks.

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

Paid obituary

Take note

• **THE MOBILE MEALS PROGRAM**, which delivers to the elderly and homebound, needs volunteers to deliver meals. If you can spare one hour per week to deliver eight or 10 meals, you are needed. About 85 to 90 meals are prepared, packaged and delivered to recipients within the city limits of Big Spring. If you can volunteer, please call 263-4016 before 3 p.m.

• **ROAD TO RECOVERY**, sponsored by the American Cancer Society, seeks volunteers to drive cancer patients to treatment in Midland. This requires just a few hours commitment each month. To volunteer, or to request a ride for treatment, call LaWanda Hamm at 263-7827.

• **BIG SPRING HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1995 10-YEAR REUNION** is set for Homecoming weekend. For information about the events, contact bshs1995@yahoo.com or call Amanda or Stacie at 267-1353.

• **CLASS OF 1970 35th ANNIVERSARY HOMECOMING** set for September. All classmates should send an e-mail address to Clarinda Harris Wright at richardwright@cox.net. For more information, visit www.bshsalumni.com/SiteMap/htm.

• **THE BIG SPRING HIGH SCHOOL OLDTIMERS** (those who graduated before 1940) are planning a reunion for the annual BSHS Homecoming Sept. 16-17. Anyone able to attend a reunion Sept. 17 should call 432-267-2900 and leave phone and address information.

• **HOWARD COUNTY CHILD WELFARE BOARD** is seeking financial donations to provide support for children in Howard County who have been removed from their home due to abuse or neglect. Contact Patti Richard at 432-559-6953 or mail donations to HCCWB P.O. Box 3101 Big Spring, 79721.

• **LEGAL AID OF NORTHWEST TEXAS** is accepting appointments for 2 p.m. until 5 p.m. the first and third Wednesday of each month. Individuals seeking legal advice for matters concerning family law, divorce, custody and child support issues, social security cases, employment and housing may contact the office to schedule an appointment. Criminal cases are not accepted. Anyone recently served with legal documents should call the office immediately at 800-926-5630 or 432-686-0647.

• **A SAVINGS ACCOUNT TO BENEFIT LOVE FROM HOME** has been established at Citizen's Federal Credit Union. Love From Home is a local effort to provide personal items needed by the soldiers serving in Operation Iraqi Freedom. Contact the credit union at 267-6373 to contribute funds to offset the cost of postage for the packages mailed to the soldiers.

• **THE FAR WEST BOYS HOME** is in need of donations of household, office and recreational items to benefit boys 5-17 who are unable to live with their families due to abuse or neglect. Items needed include dressers, bunk beds, mattresses, cookware, recreational and exercise equipment, and a maintenance pickup, car or car. Cash donations to purchase these items are also appreciated. Far West is a non-profit, tax-exempt organization. To arrange pick up of items or for more information, call 432-353-4464.

• **CHRIST'S COMMUNITY CHURCH** is looking for infant cars seats to be given to needy families. Call Karen at 263-3517 or the church at 263-5683.

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Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity Friday:

- **PAULENAR TORRES**, 38, Knott, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.
- **RICHARD FLORES**, 51, 1200 Wood, was arrested on charges of driving while intoxicated, driving while license suspended and evading arrest.
- **CARLOS ANTONIO MOLINA**, 41, 1103 N. Scurry, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.
- **MICHAEL B. BRYANT**, 28, 206 Circle, was arrested on charges of public intoxication and possession of marijuana.
- **JOSE MELENDEZ**, 22, 711 Aylesford, was arrested on charges of driving while intoxicated and evading arrest.
- **KARL DARREL BURTON**, 29, 1513 Kentucky, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.
- **JOHN MARK SANDERS**, 50, 17650 Highway 87, was arrested on a charge of driving while intoxicated.
- **MELISSA RODRIGUEZ**, 25, 1606 E. Fifth, was arrested on a charge of assault.
- **ELADIO ZUBIATE**, 29, 708 N. Douglas, was arrested on a charge of aggravated kidnapping and local warrants.

Sheriff's report

The Howard County Sheriff's Office reported the following incidents Friday:

- **BURGLARY** was reported on the 1200 block of Rockhouse Road.
- **DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE** was reported on the 100 block of Miller Road, the 400 block of Jill Road, and on Longshore Road.
- **THEFT** was reported on the 1600 block of Vines.

Support groups

SATURDAY

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

• West Texas Gluten-Free Awareness Support Group meets from 3 p.m. until 5 p.m. at Memorial Hospital west campus in Midland. Call Barbara at 432-520-2119 for more information.

SUNDAY

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

TUESDAY

• The Multiple Sclerosis Support Group meets at 6 p.m., a new time, the last Tuesday of each month in the College Baptist Church Fellowship Hall, 1005 Birdwell Lane. Call Tracey at 263-4948 for more information.

THURSDAY

• Narcotics Anonymous, non-smoking discussion meeting, 8-9 p.m., at St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 1001 Gollad.

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

Around town

• **RAILROAD MUSEUM** at the corner of Second Street and Main Street is open from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. every Saturday. Free admission. Call 432-559-3409 for more information.

• **POTTON HOUSE**, 200 Gregg, a restored historic home, is open from 1 p.m. until 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. An admission fee, which includes entry into Heritage Museum, is \$2 for adults and \$1 for children and senior citizens.

• **HERITAGE MUSEUM**, 510 Scurry, is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. on Saturday. An admission fee, which includes entry into the Potton House, is \$2 for adults and \$1 for children.

• **HANGAR 25 AIR MUSEUM** is open from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday and from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. Saturday.

• **FRIENDS OF THE MARTIN COUNTY LIBRARY** have scheduled a used book sale from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. every Thursday in the new building across from the White Ford Motor Company, near the post office. The sale benefits the restoration of a library building. For more information contact Bud Lindsey at 756-2306.

Bulletin board

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

TODAY

• Eagles Lodge Dance at 8:30 p.m. at 703 W. Third.

MONDAY

• Senior Circle meets at 4 p.m. at Scenic Mountain Medical Center for Sit and Be Fit Chair Aerobics. Those 50 years and older are invited to attend. Call 268-4721.

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

• Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) No. TX 1756 meets at 5:30 p.m. Monday in the 11th and Birdwell Lane Church of Christ. A different program is offered every week, and anyone 7 years old or older is welcome to attend. Please enter through the north-west door. Call 263-2786 for more information.

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

• Concerned Citizens Council meets at 7 p.m. at 500 S. Main St., in the Dorothy Lamb Meeting Room of the Howard County Library. The public is welcome.

• Prospector's Club work night begins at 7 p.m. at 606 E. Third.

TUESDAY

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

• Spring City Senior Citizens Center offers bingo beginning at 12:45 p.m.

• The Multiple Sclerosis Support Group meets at 7 p.m. in the College Baptist Church Fellowship Hall, 1105 Birdwell Lane. For more information, call Tracey Pounds at 268-4948.

WEDNESDAY

• Optimist Club meets at 7 a.m. in the Howard College Cactus Room.

Weather

Sunday—Partly cloudy. Isolated showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the mid 90s. South winds 10 to 15 mph.

Sunday night—Partly cloudy. Isolated showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the lower 70s. South winds 10 to 15 mph.

Monday—Partly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the lower 90s. South winds 10 to 20 mph.

Monday night—Partly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the lower 70s.

Tuesday—Mostly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the mid 90s.

Tuesday night—Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the lower 70s.

Wednesday—Partly cloudy with a 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the lower 90s.

Wednesday night—Partly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms. Lows around 70.

Thursday—Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the lower 90s.

Thursday night—Partly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms. Lows around 70.

Friday—Partly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the mid 90s.

Lottery

An Ohio player has won the grand prize in the latest Mega Millions drawing.

Lottery officials said the winning ticket from Friday night's drawing — worth \$170 million — was sold at Convenient Food Mart in the northeast Ohio city of Painesville, about 30 miles northeast of Cleveland.

Along with the grand prize winner, three players matched all five numbers but not the Mega Ball number, said Mardele Cohen, a spokeswoman for the Ohio Lottery. They will receive second prizes of \$250,000 each.

The winning numbers from Friday night's drawing were: 7, 18, 27, 35 and 54. The Mega Ball number was 34.

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Results of the Cash 5 drawing Friday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 12-16-18-22-27.

Number matching five of five: 0.

Matching four of five: 115. Prize: \$433.

Matching three of five: 3,548. Prize: \$10.

Matching two of five: 35,629. Prize: \$2.

Next Cash 5 drawing: Saturday night.

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The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Friday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 9-8-3

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The driver of this Chevrolet pickup was taken to Scenic Mountain Medical Center to be treated for injuries after being involved in a traffic accident near the intersection of Gregg Street and Eighth Street. Police said the pickup was traveling south on Gregg and attempting to turn into the El Nopal Restaurant parking lot when it was struck from behind by a larger pickup. The smaller vehicle flipped twice before coming to a rest, police said. Somehow, no other vehicles in the lot were struck.

EGYPT

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Abdullah Azzam Brigades, al-Qaida, in Syria and Egypt, was one of two extremist groups that also claimed responsibility for October bombings at the Egyptian resorts of Taba and Ras Shitan that killed 34. The group also claimed responsibility for a Cairo bombing in late April.

The authenticity of the statement could not be immediately verified.

But a top Egyptian official said there are some indications the latest bombings were linked to last fall's Taba explosions.

"We have some clues, especially about the car that was exploded in the Old Market, and investigators are pursuing," said Interior Minister Habib al-Adli. He called it "an ugly act of terrorism."

The United States, Israel and European and Middle Eastern countries condemned the attacks, and neighboring Jordan said it was immediately tightening security at its tourist sites.

Pope Benedict XVI deplored the attacks, calling them "senseless acts," and appealed to terrorists to renounce violence.

Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak flew into Sharm el-Sheik and went directly to inspect the

scene at the Ghazala hotel. Heavily armed security forces guarded Mubarak as he walked past the bomb-ravaged complex and spoke with officials.

In addition to the 83 known dead, at least 119 others were wounded, the Egyptian Interior Ministry said.

At least eight foreigners were among the dead, Al-Adli said. The dead included British, Dutch, Kuwaitis, Saudis and Qataris, one security official said, speaking on condition of anonymity because he was giving information not yet included in the official statement.

Italy's Foreign Ministry said a 34-year-old Italian man, identified as Sebastiano Conti, was killed and 10 other Italians injured. A Czech tourist was also killed, said Czech Foreign Ministry spokesman Vit Kolar.

"Terrorism has no nationality," Egyptian Prime Minister Ahmed Nazief told The Associated Press. "This is a terrorist act and ... can't be explained or justified."

The British Embassy said initial reports indicated up to eight Britons were wounded, while three Spaniards were also injured, according to Spanish officials.

The Sharm hospital official, Abdel Fattah, said 43 foreigners were wounded, including 13 Italians, nine Britons, five Austrians, five Germans, four

Spaniards, a Czech, an Israeli Arab, two Saudis, two Kuwaitis and a Qatari national.

A senior U.S. official traveling with Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice said there were no reports of American casualties.

The death toll could rise, rescue workers said. The lobby of the 176-room Ghazala Gardens hotel in Sharm's Naamah Bay, the main strip of hotels, collapsed into a pancaked pile of concrete. After hours of clearing through piles of rubble and scrap metal, emergency workers called off rescue efforts, at least temporarily, there around midday.

David Stewart, a tourist from Liverpool, England, was staying with his wife and two teenage daughters at the Ghazala Gardens when the explosion hit. The windows of his room were smashed, and he and his family ran.

"Somebody shouted, 'Keep moving,'" he told AP. "The lights were out. I couldn't tell what was happening."

His family, like many others, fled toward the back of the hotel to take refuge in a grassy lawn near the pool. There, hundreds spent the night, some lying on pool mattresses.

On the other side of Sharm in the Old Market, a second car bomb in a minibus parking lot sent a ball of flaming wreckage shooting over a nearby beach and into the sea.

VA

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gave to us and develop a proposal for our facility that would provide the services veterans would need now and into the future."

The proposal presented by the VA Task Force includes adding services such as psychosocial rehabilitation treatment, residential substance abuse and long-term domiciliary care. According to the data presented, these services will see an increased demand through the years 2013 and 2023.

"We believe that if we add these needed services to the array of services and programs offered at the West Texas VA Medical Center, the medical and surgical services will remain more constant and will actually see growth, thus preserving the services we currently have here in Big Spring," said Conciencia.

There are many local service providers in the Big Spring community that make the proposed services more attractive

and manageable, organizers of the proposal said. The community has a long history in supporting veterans as well as people with mental health and substance abuse issues, they added.

"Our community history and human service culture are phenomenal," said Shelley Smith. "When you add that to the existing providers such as Scenic Mountain Medical Center, Big Spring State Hospital, West Texas Centers for MHMR and Howard College, you have the ingredients for a 'win-win' proposal to put forth."

Big Spring State Hospital is a key partner in the provision of inpatient psychiatric care that is a supporting piece of the proposal.

"Many individuals who might utilize one of the proposed services might also be in need of inpatient psychiatric care," said Shelley Smith. "With Big Spring State Hospital located in the same community as the VA Medical Center, it makes that a seamless system of care for the veterans."

The Lamen-Lusk-Sanchez Texas State Veterans Home is another key piece of the proposal. The veterans home, located in Big Spring due, in large part, to the existence of the West Texas VA Medical Center, offers a retirement community and specialized alzheimer's care that might be at one end of the continuum of care in the proposed system. While veterans reside in the home, they have the opportunity to continue to receive their medical services at the VA Medical Center and also have other resources available to them for integration in the community.

Location, seamless transitions through providers and a full continuum of care are the strengths of the proposal developed by the task force, officials said.

"We know we have something unique to offer the veterans of our region as well as the remainder of the nation," added

Shelley Smith. "But the most important part will be the support of Big Spring and the surrounding communities and the veterans who utilize the services."

The next public hearing on the status of the West Texas VA Medical Center will be held on Sept. 1.

"I cannot emphasize enough how important it is for the citizens of Big Spring and the surrounding communities to come to this public meeting and support our proposal and more importantly this facility," she said.

"The team from PricewaterhouseCoopers will be on site to present recommended options to the community and gather public input regarding those options. It is another important opportunity to show support for the facility, the services offered and the proposal that has been moved forward."

"The task force firmly believes this is our window of opportunity to make a positive impact with the consultants performing the study. That's why we developed this proposal and why we're making such strong efforts to educate the community and our congressmen," said Conciencia. "But attendance at the public meeting is critical."

Although the time and location of the public meeting has not been determined, the date is firm.

Anyone having questions or anyone who would like to schedule someone to come and speak with their local civic groups about how they can be involved is encouraged to contact Debbye Valverde, chamber executive director, at 432 263-7641.

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rience."

Davidson said Frontier West doesn't just show off the hot spots in each participating city — it represents a new level of cooperation between two western states.

"Despite their proximity and shared history, Oklahoma and Texas have traditionally promoted their western identity in a characteristically western way — independently," said Davidson. "That's partly because the distances are so great, and partly because opportunities to work together have been limited."

"A glance through the magazine, which covers western art, ranching, cattle trails, Indian wars and more modern western industries like oil and wine making, reveals a complex and fascinating matrix of places to go and

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OUR VIEWS

No bargains had in legislature's special session

A million dollars just doesn't get you much these days — not where special sessions of the Texas Legislature and the thorny issue of school finance are concerned.

One million?

That's right. The approximate price tag on a special legislative session is about \$1 million.

Republican Gov. Rick Perry called a special session that began June 21 to address public school finance. He later opened the agenda to some other items. But when all was said and done Wednesday, Texas still had no new school finance plan. In fact, it had very little for its money.

Perry called lawmakers back for another special session that started Thursday.

This new session is lawmakers' fifth attempt since 2003, including three special sessions, to overhaul the state's education funding system.

So, what did we as taxpayers get for the \$1 million spent on this last special session?

Well, the Legislature did pass a bill that boosts the amount of energy produced in Texas by renewable sources, such as wind, solar or biomass. That law requires that about 5,880 megawatts of the state's installed generating capacity come from renewable sources by 2015.

That's good news for us here in Big Spring, we think.

Lawmakers also restored \$33 billion in education funding that Gov. Rick Perry vetoed in June when he called the special session. That money for the Texas Education Agency had been appropriated during the regular session in the two-year state budget.

That's it.

No education funding package. No property tax relief.

In 30 days, the Legislature could not agree on a property tax relief package that would have reduced Texans' local school property taxes and replaced that with increases in other taxes, such as the state sales tax and changes in the business tax.

It was also unable to agree on an education spending bill that would provide additional \$2.4 billion for education spending, including teacher pay raises, bilingual education and transportation.

In the process, lawmakers also failed to pass a bill designed to limit state and local governments from taking private property if the primary purpose is for economic development; another that would have allowed companies that want to offer TV services to get a statewide franchise rather than go to each city to get a franchise; and another that would provide for the issuance of tuition revenue bonds, used primarily for construction, for several Texas university systems.

Legislators also failed to pass a judicial pay raise for state judges.

While that last failure more than likely disappoints most of the state's judiciary, it provides some poetic justice.

You see, lawmakers failed to give themselves higher pension plan payments in the process, because their retirement plans are linked to district judges' salaries, not their own.

Now we can only wonder what we'll get out of this next \$1 million we're spending.

A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

The words we choose, Lord, can make a big difference in our life. May they be kind words of Your love.

Amen

Some people just can't stand being normal

Random thoughts while buying a car battery:

Imagine that you're Lance Armstrong. You're 33 years old. You're less than 10 years removed from a life-threatening case of cancer.

Barring unforeseen circumstances, you're about to win the Tour de France — one of the most grueling sports events on the planet — for the seventh straight year.

You're loved by millions, and are annually named Sportsman of the Year in many polls.

You're wealthy to boot.

And, every night, you go home to Sheryl Crow.

On a scale of 1 to 10, your life must be about a 15, wouldn't you think?

From the "You Can't Make This Stuff Up" Department comes the following news flash from New Smyrna Beach, Fla.:

Police are on the lookout for the naked tickler.

Investigators said they believe one man could be responsible for a series of bizarre break-ins in which a naked man enters victims' rooms while they are sleeping and tries to tickle their feet.

The naked tickler struck again in New Smyrna Beach over the weekend.

Investigators have been working



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on five similar, unsolved cases since 2001. Most of the victims are women over age 60, said police Cmdr. Wade Kirby.

Just a few (I promise) comments:

- Try as I might, I can never avoid the chance to use a phrase like "naked tickler" in a family newspaper.

- I don't know what dark impulses drive a person to disrobe, break into other people's houses, and tickle their feet — and believe me, I don't want to know.

- Does this guy at least wear shoes?

- Should his victims form a support group? Or, at the least, get a book contract?

Enough of that. Moving on, folks.

From the JawsBlog web site comes the following tidbit:

A student is planning to carry out a crime spree by traveling across the United States and breaking weird local laws along the way.

Richard Smith, 23, will risk being arrested for falling asleep in a cheese factory in South Dakota and going whale-hunting in landlocked Utah.

He intends to break about 40 strange state and town laws as he crosses America, starting from the former prison island of Alcatraz in San Francisco Bay.

His 18,000-mile journey across the continent will end in Hartford, Conn., where it is illegal to cross the road while walking on your hands.

A few more comments:

- It's wonderful to have a dream, but it's far worse to have too much time on your hands.

- Let's hope he at least keeps his

clothes on.

- It is actually against the law to hunt whales in Utah? The Sea World people must be relieved.

- I'm not the type to encourage people to nap on the job, but it seems to me that working at a cheese factory must be awfully sleep-inducing. Therefore, it makes perfect sense to make sleeping at said cheese factory illegal.

Except, of course, that it doesn't.

The Associated Press reports the following:

When it comes to toilet paper, recreational vehicle enthusiasts can be demanding customers.

But Potlatch Corp. has come up with a new product that company officials believe will keep RVers, boaters and home septic tank users happy.

The new toilet paper, called SepticSure, is designed to dissolve quickly, preventing clogs, said Bruce Woodlief, the marketing director for Potlatch's consumer products division.

In laboratory testing, the product breaks down within just 30 seconds of being flushed, Woodlief said.

"Unlike a paper towel, where you're looking for absorbency strength, bathroom tissue is made to function a certain way," Woodlief said. "In a septic situation, the sooner it can dissolve, the better."

And there's absolutely no way I'm going to comment on this.

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George Bush's supreme pick

It looks as if all the interests groups and nattering nabobs outside the White House have conspired to make placing his first U.S. Supreme Court nominee on the bench easy for President Bush.

The Left certainly has done its part.

For five years, Senate Democrats on the far left have hurled invectives at hot-button conservatives — especially female and minority judges. They've only got so much mud left — and they can't afford to waste it.

Nonetheless, they will hurl more at Bush nominee John G. Roberts Jr. and waste it. It's the only play they know.

Moveon.org quickly dismissed Roberts as a "right-wing lawyer and corporate lobbyist" who should not be confirmed. That's the best that they can do: Attack Roberts for being conservative and working for a Washington, D.C. law firm.

Feminist Majority Foundation President Eleanor Smeal was reduced to complaining that she is "dismayed" Bush nominated a man and demanding that the Senate not confirm Roberts unless he promises not to overturn Roe v. Wade.

Push that line, and the White House can push back. Abortion rights' advocates want more than support for Roe — they want a pledge to find that the U.S. Constitution reserves the right for 15-year-olds to get abortions behind their parents' backs. Not much support for that.

Senate moderates cinched the Roberts nomination in May.

That's when the so-called Gang of 14 — seven GOP and seven Democratic senators — announced that they would not go along with judicial filibusters. They promised to engage in this stalling tactic — that prevents a full vote — only under "extraordinary circumstances."

Translation: They will vote for a solid conservative who is not overly ideological.

And here he is. The Legal Times's Stuart Taylor described Roberts as "a good bet to be the kind of judge we should all want to have — all of us, that is, who are looking less for congenial ideologies than for professionals committed to impartial application of the law. If the Senate buries Roberts — again — it would be an outrage." Taylor wrote those words in 2002, when Roberts was a nominee for the U.S. Court of Appeals. The Senate did bury Roberts by preventing a Senate vote, just as they buried him earlier after President George H.W. Bush nominated him in 1992. In 2003, when President George W. Bush re-nominated Roberts, the Senate confirmed him unanimously.

If not one Democrat objected to Roberts two years ago, how can the Dems filibuster now?

Conservative groups had threatened to walk away from President Bush if they didn't get a conservative judge. If Bush wouldn't do battle for them, they argued, then he wasn't worth electing.

Bush was clever: He gave the Right a conservative, but — barring unexpected news — the activists won't get their battle. Roberts is known more for his brains than his ideas.

The right-leaning Progress for America has pledged "an initial \$18 million to combat dishonest attacks on Judge Roberts." But it's not clear that this pricey campaign is even necessary.

No fight. No fun. So flashy conservative Ann Coulter complained that Bush picked "a Rorschach blot" and a "Souter in Roberts's clothing." The more the far Right complains that he might be a centrist, the better Roberts looks.

Besides, the more accurate description would be: He is a jurist who knows how to write laws from a conservative angle without using loaded language. I read what I thought might be Roberts' most controversial decision: It upheld government actions

in a public-relations disaster of a case. As Roberts wrote, authorities handcuffed, searched and detained a 12-year-old girl "all for eating a single French fry on the (Washington) Metro."

Because Metro police cited adults but detained children, the girl's family sued, citing unequal treatment. Roberts wisely noted that the Constitution discriminates by age — it lists minimum ages for members of Congress and president — and added that while there is reason to object to discrimination based on old age, "The concern that the state does not treat adults like children surely does not prevent it from treating children like children."

"No one is happy about the events that led to this litigation," Roberts began the opinion. But the law was constitutional.

For months now, news shows and opinion writers have been mishandling the next-nominee story. There was the scoop that Chief Justice William Rehnquist will resign. No, he's staying. (And why not? His brain is sharp, and his will is strong.) It turns out Justice Sandra Day O'Connor was retiring.

Then, pundits were sure Bush would pick a Latino. He didn't. Next, Bush will pick a woman. Laura Bush is pressuring him to do so. (As if.) And he didn't.

Tuesday, the scoop was: Bush will pick Edith Brown Clement. Oops. Wrong. No, he'll pick Edith Jones. Oops. Wrong again.

John G. Roberts is the real nominee. Bush looks brilliant for picking a conservative nominee who already passed through the Senate without a "no" vote. What Bush did was so obvious — pick a popular conservative — that everyone missed it.

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Body found near Muenster

MUENSTER (AP) — An employee of a nearby garage found a woman's burned body alongside U.S. Highway 82 just east of Muenster on Friday.

Cooke County Sheriff Mike Compton said the woman's body was wrapped in a tarp. A flammable liquid was found on the body, which was smoldering.

An autopsy has been ordered on the unidentified woman, who authorities believe is in her 20s.

Muenster is about 60 miles north of Fort Worth.

Jury recommends death for man in slaying of Texans

MUSKOGEE, Okla. (AP) — A federal jury deliberated four hours before sentencing a man to death on Friday for killing a Texas couple two years ago in the Ouachita National Forest.

Edward Leon Fields Jr., 38, had pleaded guilty last month to two counts of first-degree murder, two counts of using a firearm in a violent crime, robbery with a firearm and auto burglary. Federal law required a sentencing hearing.

Fields' attorneys had argued that he was mentally ill and showed remorse for killing Charles Chick, 47, and Shirley Chick, 50, in July 2003.

"It's like a mosaic," U.S. Attorney

Sheldon Sperling said. "I think they (the jury) put the pieces together."

Camouflaged from head to toe, Fields sneaked up on the Chicks while the Hurst, Texas, couple camped in an isolated part of the forest and shot them. He returned to the scene hours later and stole property including the Chicks' credit cards and cash, prosecutors said.

Carol Curry, Shirley Chick's sister, said she is thankful for the jury's verdict but said it won't bring the couple back.

"That in itself is an injustice," Curry said.

Traffic stop leads to discovery of abducted children

WICHITA FALLS (AP) — Three children who authorities say were kidnapped from their grandparents' home in East Texas were found unharmed in a car Friday after the driver was stopped for speeding in Wichita Falls, authorities said.

The children, aged 9, 6 and 2, were placed in protective custody until their grandparents could arrive from their home in Upshur County, about 225 miles away. The grandparents are the legal guardians.

The children's mother and her boyfriend were taken into custody, authorities said.

Tuwana Ann Petty, 24, was charged with interference with child custody and Bradley Wayne Shipley, 20 was charged with failure to register as a sex offender and interference with child

custody, authorities said. The two were being held in the Wichita County Jail without bond.

Lt. Wayne Young of the Upshur County Sheriff's Department said in a story in Saturday's Wichita Falls Times Record News that the children's grandfather discovered them missing when he got home from his night shift. An Amber Alert was issued.

"They were very worried and upset the children were missing," Young said. Wichita Falls police Officer Joe Lemond pulled over a car for speeding about 2 p.m. and discovered it was a suspected vehicle in the Amber Alert.

Investigators allege the children's mother took them from the home and met up with her boyfriend in Big Sandy.

Young said Children's Protective Services had placed the children with their grandparents because the mother's live-in boyfriend was a convicted sex offender.

Two children die in fatal fire in Edgewood

EDGEWOOD (AP) — Two children died and a third was critically injured in a pre-dawn fire that raced through a mobile home Friday.

The Van Zandt County sheriff's department identified the two children who died as 5-year-old Britney Hall and 7-year-old C.J. Duckworth. Nine-year-old Maggie Duckworth was in critical condition at Parkland Memorial Hospital in Dallas, authorities said.

Authorities said three adults and another child asleep in a different part of the trailer were able to escape. A neighbor who tried to rescue the children was treated for cuts.

Edgewood is about 55 miles east of Dallas.

Abducted Maryland woman rescued in Texas

FREDERICK, Md. (AP) — A 19-year-old Frederick woman who allegedly was abducted was found alive and well during a traffic stop in Memphis, Texas, police said.

Delmy Beatriz Rivera of Frederick was in a sport utility vehicle with her alleged kidnapper, Hugo Arnaldo Aguilar-Mejia, 36, of Palmdale, Calif., Frederick police Lt. Thomas Chase said.

He said Aguilar-Mejia was taken into custody Thursday without incident and was being held as a fugitive from Maryland. Police obtained a warrant charging him with kidnapping, false imprisonment and second-degree assault, Chase said.

He said Rivera told police in Texas that she had been abducted and was being held against her will.

The search began Tuesday night when a man reported seeing Rivera being forced into an SUV, screaming and struggling. Within 30 minutes of that report, Rivera spoke briefly with her family by telephone and identified her abductor as Aguilar-Mejia, who also goes by the name of William Castro, police said.

Southwest flexes muscle on limits at hometown airport

DALLAS (AP) — For Neeta Kumar, flying her family to Las Vegas for a weekend vacation cost nearly double what she would have paid if she could have flown low-fare carrier Southwest Airlines direct from Dallas.

But a 1979 law, known as the Wright Amendment, limits direct flights from Southwest's home base at Love Field to inside Texas and seven nearby states, forcing many travelers to use Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport, which Southwest doesn't serve.

So Kumar, a Dallas travel agent, paid \$80 for five days of airport parking and \$380 apiece for tickets on American Airlines for herself, her husband, her daughter and a housekeeper who helps watch her 13-month-old twins — the babies fly free.

"I would prefer to fly out of Love Field," Kumar

said of the smaller airport near downtown Dallas.

The original intent of the Wright Amendment — named after its author, former House Speaker Jim Wright — was to build DFW into a big airport that would drive economic growth in the Dallas-Fort Worth region.

Southwest lived with the law while it grew from a small Texas carrier to the nation's largest airline by passenger count, and one of few to remain profitable. But last fall, Southwest abandoned its neutrality and lobbied to repeal the law, setting off a congressional battle that resulted in competing bills being introduced in Congress last week.

Sen. John Ensign, R-Nev., introduced legislation to repeal the Wright Amendment — Las Vegas is one of Southwest's busiest airports. On the other side, Sens. James Inhofe, R-Okla., and Tom

Harkin, D-Iowa, proposed to ban commercial flights at Love Field, which would force Southwest to switch to DFW Airport.

Gary Kelly, chief executive of Dallas-based Southwest, calls the Wright Amendment a relic from the bad old days of airline regulation and one that costs consumers millions of dollars in higher air fares.

"If the Wright Amendment is repealed, I think we could say that it's a free country. Right now it's not," Kelly said. "We've got plenty of room to grow (at Love Field), and the only reason we can't is this silly, outdated, goofy law."

Southwest launched a Web site, <http://www.set-lovefree.com>, and TV advertisements to make its case. Employees offer Love Field travelers anti-Wright petitions, and some flight attendants have used the cabin loudspeakers to make midair

speeches against the law.

Southwest's brash moves sparked a fight with Fort Worth-based American Airlines, which stands to lose, by some estimates, at least \$300 million a year if Southwest is allowed to operate long-haul flights from Love Field. American's parent, AMR Corp., has already lost more than \$7 billion since 2001.

Officials at American and at DFW Airport, where American accounts for about 85 percent of the traffic, say Southwest should fly from DFW like

other carriers if it wants to offer long-distance flights from North Texas.

Kevin Cox, the chief operating officer at DFW Airport, said he offered free rent and \$22 million in incentives, but Southwest turned him down.

Kelly said he doesn't want to duplicate service at airports less than 10 miles apart. He said it would be more expensive to operate at the bigger, more-crowded DFW and harder to keep flights on schedule.

DFW, however, reported the highest on-time per-

formance of any major airport in May, according to the U.S. Department of Transportation. (Southwest ranked fifth and American eighth among U.S. carriers.)

Kelly also said Southwest would get swamped at DFW by American, which operates 700 daily departures there, more than three times the size of Southwest's largest operation.

American's chief executive, Gerard Arpey, is threatening to resume flights at Love Field if Southwest gets its way.

Missing Austin man found safe

PUNA, Hawaii (AP) — A Texas man who went missing for five days while hiking in a remote area of the Big Island to see an erupting volcano was found safe Friday evening, authorities reported.

Gilbert Dewey Gaedcke III was spotted by a young boy on a Blue Hawaiian Helicopters sightseeing tour, Fire Capt. Darren Rosario of the Waiakea Fire Station said.

The boy apparently saw sunlight glinting off a camera lens Gaedcke was using to attract attention, Rosario said.

The helicopter landed and picked up the 41-year-old computer consultant from Austin, who was reported dehydrated but otherwise in good shape, he said.

Gaedcke, an experi-

enced outdoorsman, was transported to Hilo Medical Center, Rosario said.

"It didn't look good at the beginning of the week, but we were really happy with the way it turned out today," Rosario said. "The family is ecstatic."

Gaedcke told fire crews he missed his car as he hiked back to it late Sunday night and continued walking inland.

After about two days, Gaedcke said he built a makeshift camp and was able to find enough fresh water to survive.

"He walked to the helicopter," Rosario said. "He was in real good shape."

At least eight firefighters from the Waiakea station and personnel from the adjacent Hawaii Volcanoes National Park had conducted daytime ground searches since Tuesday.

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Ex-intelligence officer says Bush must act on CIA leak

By DONNA DE LA CRUZ

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WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush is jeopardizing national security by not disciplining Karl Rove for his role in leaking the name of a CIA officer, and has hampered efforts to recruit informants in the war on terror, former U.S. intelligence officers say.

Former CIA analyst Larry Johnson used the Democratic Party's weekly radio address Saturday to reiterate comments he made Friday to a panel of

House and Senate Democrats.

At that event, Johnson and others expressed great frustration that CIA operative Valerie Plame's name was made public. Plame is married to former ambassador Joseph Wilson, a critic of Bush's Iraq policy.

"Instead of a president concerned first and foremost with protecting this country and the intelligence officers who serve it, we are confronted with a president who is willing to sit by while political

operatives savage the reputations of good Americans like Valerie Plame and Joe Wilson," Johnson said in the radio address.

Johnson, who said he was a registered Republican, said Bush has gone back on his promise to fire anyone at the White House implicated in a leak.

Federal law forbids government officials from revealing the identity of an undercover intelligence officer.

Rove, Bush's deputy

chief of staff, told Time magazine reporter Matthew Cooper in a 2003 phone call that Wilson's wife worked for the CIA on weapons of mass destruction issues, according to an account by Cooper in the magazine.

Rove has not disputed that he told Cooper that Wilson's wife worked for the agency, but has said through his lawyer that he did not mention her by name.

In July 2003, Robert Novak, citing unnamed

administration officials, identified Plame by name in his syndicated column and wrote that she worked for the CIA. The column has led to a federal criminal investigation into who leaked Plame's undercover identity. New York Times reporter Judith Miller — who never wrote a story about Plame — has been jailed for refusing to testify.

Bush said last week, "I think it's best that people wait until the investigation is complete before you jump to conclusions."

And I will do so, as well."

Dana Perino, a White House spokesman, said Friday that the administration would have no comment on the investigation while it was continuing.

Johnson said he wished a Republican lawmaker would have the courage to stand up and "call the ugly dog the ugly dog."

"Where are these men and women with any integrity to speak out against this?" he asked. "I expect better behavior out of Republicans."

British police arrest second suspect in bombings

LONDON (AP) — Police investigating this week's attempted subway and bus bombings said Saturday they arrested a second man in the same south London neighborhood where officers already had detained one suspect and shot another dead in front of horrified commuters.

Two days after the second terrorist attack in London in as many weeks, thousands of officers fanned out in a huge manhunt amid hopes the publication of images of four suspected attackers would lead to their capture.

Security alerts kept the city of about 8 million on edge. Police briefly evacuated east London's Mile End subway station in one such incident and one witness reported the smell of something burning. Service was suspended on parts of two subway lines, but police said later the incident "turned out to be nothing."

The mourning continued, with hundreds packing

Westminster Cathedral for the funeral Mass of Anthony Fatahi-Williams, a 26-year-old who was among the 52 people killed by four suicide bombers in the first wave of attacks on July 7.

"These present atrocities and Anthony's death have raised great emotions in us," Auxiliary Bishop of Westminster Alan Hopes told mourners. "We are angry, we are appalled and we are grieving. But as Christians we cannot yield to bitterness, we cannot yield to thoughts of revenge."

The Metropolitan Police said the second arrest late Friday was "in connection with our inquiries" into Thursday's attacks. The first suspect, whose identity has also not been released, was being questioned at a high-security London police station.

They would not say whether either the man killed or the men they arrested were among the



This photo released by Scotland Yard, taken by CCTV cameras, shows one of four men who police wish to question in connection with the four suspected suicide attacks on three Tube trains and a bus Thursday in London. Pictured is a suspect in the attempted bombing of a bus in Hackney Road.

four men suspected of carrying bombs onto three subway trains and a bus on Thursday. Media reported widely that the man who was shot was not one of the bombers.

The bombs failed to detonate properly and no one was injured in the attacks, which echoed the much deadlier blasts two weeks earlier.

Police said they had a good response to Friday's release of the photos, taken from the British capital's ubiquitous closed-circuit surveillance cameras, which have proved a boon for investigators.

The startlingly clear closed-circuit TV images of the suspects stared from the front pages of

British newspapers Saturday. "Faces of the four bombers," said the Daily Telegraph. "The Fugitives" said The Times, while the Daily Mail labeled them "Human Bombs."

One image shows a stocky man in a "NEW YORK" sweat shirt running through a station. Another depicts a man in a white baseball cap and a T-shirt adorned with palm trees. Two others are in dark clothes, slightly obscured by a poor camera angle.

Friday was another day of high tension, disruption and fear on the London Underground. The union for subway and bus drivers said workers would be justified in stay-

ing away from work if the government fails to take more precautions to make the operators safe.

"I think they're going to strike again," commuter Warren West, 27, said of the bombers. "I think they're doing to London what's happening in Iraq."

Heavily armed officers patrolled the British capital with clear instructions to stop suicide bombers — if necessary, with a shot to the head.

"If you are dealing with someone who might be a suicide bomber, if they remain conscious, they could trigger plastic explosives or whatever device is on them," said Mayor Ken Livingstone. "Therefore, overwhelmingly in these circum-

stances, it is going to be a shoot-to-kill policy."

Some Muslims and civil libertarians expressed concern about the police's Stockwell station shooting of the suspect — described by witnesses as being of South Asian appearance and wearing a heavy padded coat. Police chased him into a subway car, pinned him to the ground and shot him in the head and torso, an eyewitness said.

"They pushed him onto the floor and unloaded five shots into him," passenger Mark Whitby told the BBC. "He looked like a cornered fox. He looked petrified."

Metropolitan Police Commissioner Ian Blair said the shooting was "directly linked" to the

investigation.

"The man who was shot was under police observation because he had emerged from a house that was itself under observation because it was linked to the investigation of yesterday's incidents," police said in a statement. "He was then followed by surveillance officers to the station. His clothing and his behavior at the station added to their suspicions."

Police haven't said whether the suspect was carrying a bomb.

Thursday's bombs contained homemade explosives that only partly detonated, police said, adding that the attacks bore resemblance to the July 7 attacks, also on subway trains and a bus.

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Drive-in theaters making a comeback across Texas

By PAUL J. WEBER

Associated Press Writer
GARRETT (AP) —
Martin Murray wanted to
build something straight
out of the 1950s.

So he cleared 30 acres of
rural pasture off
Interstate 45 about 20
miles south of Dallas and
built his Galaxy Drive-In
like a museum to a most-
ly extinct industry. Cars
squeeze between poles
tethered with speaker
boxes and campy, vintage
commercials rescued
from Hitchcock-era reels
roll before the main fea-
ture.

"I wanted to take people
back to a simpler time,"
Murray said. "You hit
1958 once you enter our
driveway."

Probably a lot of traffic,
too. Texas drive-ins are
seeing the biggest surge
in decades, as Galaxy is
among at least five out-
door theaters to open
since 2003. The latest
debuted in Killeen, near
the Fort Hood military
post, on July 1, and a new
two-screen in the West
Texas town of Midland is
expected to open in
August.

Several more are
planned. Steve Rodman,
owner of the Crossroads
Drive-In in Shiner,
between Houston and San
Antonio, hopes to open a
Houston theater with a
more contemporary
design by February.

And business has been
so good at the three-
screen Galaxy that co-
owner Marsha Murray,
Martin's wife, points to a
flat tract where the gravel
and sod have already
been groomed for a fourth
screen. She hints that
Galaxy may ultimately
house as many as 12
screens. She also wants to
franchise more drive-ins
around the state.

"You'd probably have to
go back to the 1960s to see
them building this many
in a couple year's time,"
said Gene Palmer, who
has owned the Last Drive-
In Picture Show in
Gatesville for 50 years.

Palmer would know. He
opened his single-screen
theater about 40 miles
west of Waco in 1955,
when watching films on a
big screen under the stars
was the eminent choice
for moviegoers.

According to Drive-
Ins.com, there were as
many as 4,063 drive-ins
across the nation in 1958.
Texas peaked with 388 in
1955, and now has 18.

Only about 420 drive-ins
remain nationwide, but of
those about 40 are new
theaters built since 1990.
In Texas, at least seven
have either opened,
reopened or added addi-
tional screens within the
past two years.

The concept of drive-ins
may be retro but the films
aren't. Galaxy changes

it's kitschy, giant road-
side marquee — complete
with scrolling lights and
intentionally crooked let-
tering — every two weeks
to promote its latest batch
of new releases.

At the recent premiere
of "War of the Worlds" at
Galaxy, lines snaked
around the concession
stand while families
reclined in folding chairs
propped in the bed of
pickups. Most played the
film's audio through car
stereos instead of using
the antique speakers,
which Martin Murray
understands — even
though he's driven
upward of 1,500 miles to
buy the hard-to-find relics
from abandoned and
failed drive-ins.

Charles Kellis, a 38-year-
old security firm owner,
said "War of the Worlds"
was his family's 20th or
so trip to Galaxy since the
theater opened in
December.

Like most parked
around him, Kellis said
he prefers drive-ins
because of the atmos-
phere, nostalgia and con-
cession prices. Hot dogs
cost \$1.25 and soft drinks
are less than \$1. Kellis
said he spent \$80 the last
time he took his family of
five to a multiplex. Galaxy
costs him less than half that.

"You get more family
time out here," said
Kellis' wife, Carolyn.
"Plus you get more space
to relax and no one is
telling you to be quiet."

Some drive-ins also
offer beer, hamburgers,
cotton candy and funnel
cakes at their concession
stands. Such choices,
along with first-run
movies at affordable
prices, is what keeps cus-
tomers coming back, the
owners said.

And it's the novelty of
drive-ins that lure a
younger crowd, said
Everett Bryant, co-owner
of the new Central Texas
Drive-In Theater in
Killeen.

"People are attracted
because it's something
new," Bryant said.
"There's a whole genera-
tion of people who have
never been to a drive-in."

Bryant helps run the
single-screen theater at
night, but during the day
he cuts hair at a barber
shop with the drive-in's
five other owners. The six
each put \$20 a day into a
pot for one year after
deciding to partner in an
investment. When the
stash grew to about
\$150,000, they chose to
take a gamble on a sea-
sonal, fun business like a
drive-in.

"It was just a risk we
had to take," Bryant said.

Palmer said being one of
the few drive-ins in the
state has helped his the-
ater survive since the
1950s. His rule of thumb
is there's only room for



Photo by Bob Worley, courtesy of Galaxy Drive-In

one drive-in within a 100-
mile radius — a comfort
zone the Central Texas
Drive-In has now invad-
ed.

"I would hate to see it
saturated to the point

where it's hurting each
other," Palmer said. "If
we get overpopulated
again, someone's going to
have to close."

But Murray isn't wor-
ried. He and his wife have

been in the business since
1992, when an expensive
trip to see "Home Alone"
inspired the couple to
build drive-ins in North
and South Carolina.

Texas, they say, is their

most promising location
yet.

"I just like walking
through the lots, looking
at everything," Martin
Murray said. "To be hon-
est, I built this for me
more than anything else."

Drive-in theaters in Texas:

Apache Drive-In, Tyler
Big Sky Drive-In, Midland
Brazos Drive-In, Granbury
Central Texas Drive-In, Killeen
Corral Drive-In, San Saba
Crossroads Drive-In, Shiner
Fiesta Drive-In, El Paso
Galaxy Drive-In, Garrett
Graham Drive-In, Graham
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Top Five

Television

1. "CSI: Crime Scene Investigation," CBS.
 2. "Fox MLB All-Star Game," Fox.
 3. "Without a Trace," CBS.
 4. "Brat Camp," ABC.
 5. "NCIS," CBS.
- (From Nielsen Media Research)

Concert Tours

1. Dave Matthews Band.
 2. Kenny Chesney.
 3. Tom Petty & The Heartbreakers.
 4. Stevie Nicks/Don Henley.
 5. Bruce Springsteen.
- (From Pollstar)

Film

1. "Charlie and the Chocolate Factory," Warner Bros.
2. "Wedding Crashers," New Line

3. "Fantastic Four," 20th Century Fox.
 4. "War of the Worlds," Paramount
 5. "Batman Begins," Warner Bros.
- (From Exhibitor Relations Co.)

Hot Five

1. "We Belong Together," Mariah Carey. Island.
 2. "Hollaback Girl," Gwen Stefani. Interscope. (Platinum — certified sales of 1 million units)
 3. "Don't Phunk With My Heart," The Black Eyed Peas. A&M. (Gold — certified sales of more than 500,000)
 4. "Don't Cha," The Pussycat Dolls (feat. Busta Rhymes). A&M.
 5. "Pon de Replay," Rihanna. SRP.
- (From Billboard magazine)

Albums

1. "TP.3 Reloaded," R. Kelly. Jive.
 2. "The Cookbook," Missy Elliott. The Gold Mind.
 3. "X&Y," Coldplay. Capitol.
 4. "The Emancipation of Mimi," Mariah Carey. Island. (Platinum)
 5. "U.S.A.: United States of Atlanta," Ying Yang Twins. ColliPark.
- (From Billboard magazine)

Kid Video Sales

1. "Tarzan II," Walt Disney Home Entertainment.
2. "What's New Scooby Doo? Vol. 5 Sports Spooktacular," Warner Home Video.
3. "Thomas and Friends: Sodor Celebration," Hit Entertainment.
4. "Aloha Scooby Doo," Warner Home Video.
5. "Dora the Explorer: It's a

- Party," Paramount Home Entertainment.
- (From Billboard magazine)

VHS Rentals

1. "The Pacifier," Walt Disney Pictures.
 2. "Hitch," Columbia TriStar Home Entertainment.
 3. "Miss Congeniality 2: Armed and Fabulous," Warner Home Video.
 4. "Hostage," Miramax Home Entertainment.
 5. "Coach Carter," Paramount Home Entertainment.
- (From Billboard magazine)

VHS Sales

1. "The Pacifier," Walt Disney Pictures.
2. "Tarzan II," Walt Disney Home Entertainment.
3. "Shrek 2," DreamWorks Home

Entertainment.

4. "The SpongeBob SquarePants Movie," Paramount Home Entertainment.
 5. "The Incredibles," Walt Disney Home Video.
- (From Billboard magazine)

DVD Sales

1. "The Pacifier (Full Screen)," Walt Disney Pictures.
 2. "The Pacifier (Widescreen)," Walt Disney Pictures.
 3. "Tyler Perry's Diary of a Mad Black Woman (Widescreen)," Lions Gate Home Entertainment.
 4. "Tyler Perry's Diary of a Mad Black Woman (Full Screen)," Lions Gate Home Entertainment.
 5. "Hostage," Miramax Home Entertainment.
- (From Billboard magazine)

Best sellers — books

Hardcover Fiction

1. "Lifeguard" by James Patterson and Andrew Gross (Little, Brown)
2. "The Historian" by Elizabeth Kostova (Little, Brown)
3. "Until I Find You" by John Irving (Random House)
4. "Eleven on Top" by Janet Evanovich (St. Martin's Press)
5. "The Da Vinci Code" by Dan Brown (Doubleday)
6. "Origin in Death" by J.D. Robb (Putnam)
7. "The Mermaid Chair" by Sue Monk Kidd (Viking)
8. "Breaking Point" by Suzanne Brockmann (Ballantine)
9. "Crusader's Cross" by James Lee Burke (Simon & Schuster)
10. "Miracle" by Danielle Steel (Delacorte)

NonFiction/General

1. "1776" by David McCullough (Simon & Schuster)
2. "Natural Cures 'They' Don't Want You to Know About" by Kevin Trudeau (Alliance Publishing)
3. "Freakonomics" by Steven D. Levitt, Stephen J. Dubner (William Morrow)
4. "The World Is Flat: A Brief History of the Twenty-first Century" by Thomas L. Friedman (Farrar, Straus and Giroux)
5. "100 People Who Are Screwing Up America" by Bernard Goldberg (HarperCollins)
6. "The Secret Man" by Bob Woodward (Simon & Schuster)
7. "You: The Owner's Manual" by Michael F. Roizen and Mehmet C. Oz (HarperResource)
8. "Blink: The Power of

- Thinking Without Thinking" by Malcolm Gladwell (Little, Brown)
9. "The Purpose-Driven Life" by Rick Warren (Zondervan)
10. "Your Best Life Now: 7 Steps to Living at Your Full Potential" by Joel Osteen (Warner Faith)

Mass Market Paperbacks

1. "Trace" by Patricia Cornwell (Berkley)
2. "The Rule of Four" by Ian Caldwell and Dustin Thomason (Dell)
3. "Angels & Demons" by Dan Brown (Pocket)
4. "Black Rose" by Nora Roberts (Jove)
5. "Ten Big Ones" by Janet Evanovich (St. Martin's Paperbacks)
6. "Hunting Fear" by Kay Hooper (Bantam)
7. "Nights of Rain and Stars" by Maeve Binchy

- (Signet)
8. "It's in His Kiss" by Julia Quinn (Avon)
9. "Deception Point" by Dan Brown (Pocket)
10. "The Summer I Dared" by Barbara Delinsky (Pocket)

Trade Paperbacks

1. "The Kite Runner" by Khaled Hosseini (Riverhead)
2. "The Secret Life of Bees" by Sue Monk Kidd (Penguin)
3. "The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time" by Mark Haddon (Vintage)
4. "Little Earthquakes" by Jennifer Weiner (Washington Square Press)
5. "Dress Your Family in Corduroy and Denim" by David Sedaris (Back Bay)
6. "The Tipping Point: How

- Little Things Can Make a Big Difference" by Malcolm Gladwell (Back Bay)
7. "Skinny Dip" by Carl Hiaasen (Warner)
8. "My Sister's Keeper" by

- Jodi Picoult (Washington Square Press)
9. "Wicked" by Gregory Maguire (ReganBooks)
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B.S. Country Club sets junior clinics

The Big Spring Country Club has set up a summer junior clinic and an advanced summer junior clinic.

The clinics run through Aug. 4.

Both clinics will be Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.

For more information, call the golf shop at 267-5354.

Howard announces men's basketball camp next week

The Howard College men's basketball staff will host another week-long camp Sunday through Thursday.

The camp will cost \$250 per player who wants room and board and \$175 for a commuter. It will take place at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

The camp sign-up will take place Sunday from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. The first day of the camp will be Sunday from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.

The camp will run each day from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The Hawk camp format consists of morning and afternoon sessions.

For more info, contact Howard head coach Mark Adams at 816-6957 or Howard assistant coach Jason Sautter at 816-3200.

Signups for football to occur all summer

The Crossroads Youth Football Association signups are currently underway and will continue throughout the summer.

Signups will take place at the Big Spring Mall Fridays from 5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The cost to play football is \$70. Flag football costs \$30, while cheerleaders should expect to pay \$75.

For more information, call Daphne Castilaw at 714-4688.

Cornell Corrections to host YoungLife annual golf classic

The sixth annual YoungLife golf classic hosted by Cornell Corrections will take place July 30 and 31 at the Big Spring Country Club.

The tournament will be an "orange ball" scramble as four people will make up one team. On each hole, three players scramble and one plays their "orange ball."

Each person must have a verifiable handicap and the field will be flighted after Saturday.

The tourney will give out golf shop credit certificates to the winners as well as prizes for a hole-in-one, longest drive, closest to the pin and putting contest.

The tourney will have a 1 p.m. shotgun start each day. The entry fee is \$75 plus the cost of a cart.

For more information, call Larry Bryan at 267-5354.

Big Spring 7-on-7 squad fares well at Texas A&M

• Weather puts damper on final standings

By TROY HYDE

Sports Editor

COLLEGE STATION — The Big Spring 7-on-7 football team just started to play well at the state tournament in College Station last weekend when heavy rains began to fall, putting a damper on the final results.

The Steers, though, still managed to go 2-1 in pool play as they came up with wins against Conroe and Lufkin, but lost by 20 points to Bryan.

Big Spring played its first pool game July 15 against Bryan under hot and humid conditions and really struggled to get anything going on offense.

The Steers lost the opener, 33-13, after trailing by 14 points at halftime. Ryan Tannehill threw two touchdown passes in the game to Jacob Cortez and Caleb Choate.

The lightning and heavy rain began after the opening pool game and it continued throughout the rest of the day as the rest of the games Friday were cancelled.

The games would be made up Saturday, but to make sure all games were played, the format was changed to 30 minute

games and no halftimes.

The Steers got up early Saturday morning and began to finish up pool play as they took on Conroe and won, 26-25. Tannehill threw four touchdowns in the game as Robert Finn caught two and Nichols and Choate each pulled down one TD grab.

The third pool game put Big Spring up against Lufkin and its national blue chip wide receiver. The Steers had everything going in this game as they came away with the upset, 32-26, and held Lufkin's star receiver to one catch.

Lufkin also had two other Division I recruits, but it would not matter as the Steers got the win over the Class 5A team.

With 30 seconds to play, Big Spring was down two, but got the ball to the three yard line quickly.

After three straight plays of pretty much nothing, the Steers scored a touchdown on fourth down.

Tannehill, with 10 seconds to go in the game, threw the ball to Nichols, who then tipped it in the air and Choate made a diving catch for the score.

Tannehill finished with five touchdown passes, two each to Choate and Andy Lasater and one to Alex Castillo.

A tiebreaker was needed after pool play as Big Spring, Lufkin and Bryan were all 2-1.

The tournament used a total points scored method to break the tie and Big Spring fell seven points short.

The Steers would then advance to the consolation bracket and be forced to win a total of seven games Saturday to win the championship. However, heavy rain again began to fall and the consolation bracket was cancelled before any games were played.

Lufkin won two games in the championship bracket and was defeated by Bay City.

Bay City went on to the championship game, but was defeated by Baytown Lee.

Raul Aguilar, Calvin Butler, Chance Cain, Zac Chesworth, Josh Daniels, Josh Hernandez, Brandon Ontiveros, Kyle Piercefield, Lance Tissue and Kalin Whitehead also played for the Steers in the state tourney at College Station.

Former Big Spring standout and current Green Bay Packers tight end Bubba Franks, through former head football coach Dwight Butler, financed the entire trip for the Big Spring team.



Courtesy photo
The Big Spring 12-and-under softball all-stars placed seventh out of 19 teams last weekend at the West Texas softball all-stars tournament in San Angelo. The Thunder were managed/coached by Stan Feaster, Ed Ross, Ron Shafer and Rodney Jones. The team chap- one was Bella Ross. Members of the team include: Morgan Harbour, Laura Herrera, Lacey Lawrence, Kaitlin O'Brien, Callie Shafer, Mari Carrillo, Kevy O'Brien, Belle Feaster, Valerie Ross, Lani Robles, Jessica Womack, Kimberly Muniz and Claudia Jones.

All-star team takes seventh out of 19

By TROY HYDE

Sports Editor

SAN ANGELO — Several teams from West Texas got together and competed in San Angelo last weekend in the West Texas Softball All-Star Classic.

The Big Spring Thunder 12-and-under all-stars, one of four teams which made the trip from Big Spring, came away successful as they grabbed seventh place out of 19 teams.

The Thunder started competition last Friday, but did not get off on the right foot as they

lost both pool games. They dropped the first game to the San Angelo Heat, 4-0, and then fell to the Odessa Red, 6-4.

They began actual tournament competition on the night of July 15. They still didn't find the win column then either as they lost to a team out of Snyder, 8-5.

Saturday was a little more easy to take as the Thunder got in the win column with an early morning victory over a team from Eunice, N.M. and then came

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Clemens continues road dominance as Astros take out Nats

• Former Ranger gets roughed up in 14-1 loss to Houston

By HOWARD FENDRICH

AP Sports Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Washington Nationals went out and traded for Preston Wilson. That didn't quite work. They juggled their lineup. Didn't work, either.

Manager Frank Robinson gathered his players after a loss and read them some unflattering words used by the media to describe the club's tailspin. That attempt at motivation flopped. So did reliever Joey Eischen's idea of handing out camouflage caps before Friday night's game.

Nothing seems to be able to snap the Nationals out of their slide right now, and facing Roger Clemens was probably the last thing they needed.

Clemens matched his season high with 10 strikeouts over six shutout innings, and Morgan Ensberg, Jason Lane and Mike Lamb each drove in three runs to lead Houston past Washington 14-1, the Nationals' 12th loss in 16 games.

"You don't like to be embarrassed like that, no matter where you are, especially at home," Robinson said. "We've got to do something to get this ballclub back in the win column, No. 1, and in the winning mode. We're not in a winning mode right now."

Washington remained tied with Atlanta for first

place in the NL East after the Braves lost 6-5 at Arizona in 10 innings. The Nationals led by 5 1/2 games on July 3, but their lead has vanished right along with their offense.

"It's kind of embarrassing. We've been on the opposite end of the spectrum, where we can't lose a ballgame," outfielder Ryan Church said. "Now we can't win a ballgame."

Washington has scored 30 runs in its last 11 games, a 2.7 average. So it seemed almost unfair that they had to take on a seven-time Cy Young Award winner.

"Hopefully we stop this as soon as possible," said outfielder Jose Guillen, who had two of Washington's three hits off Clemens.

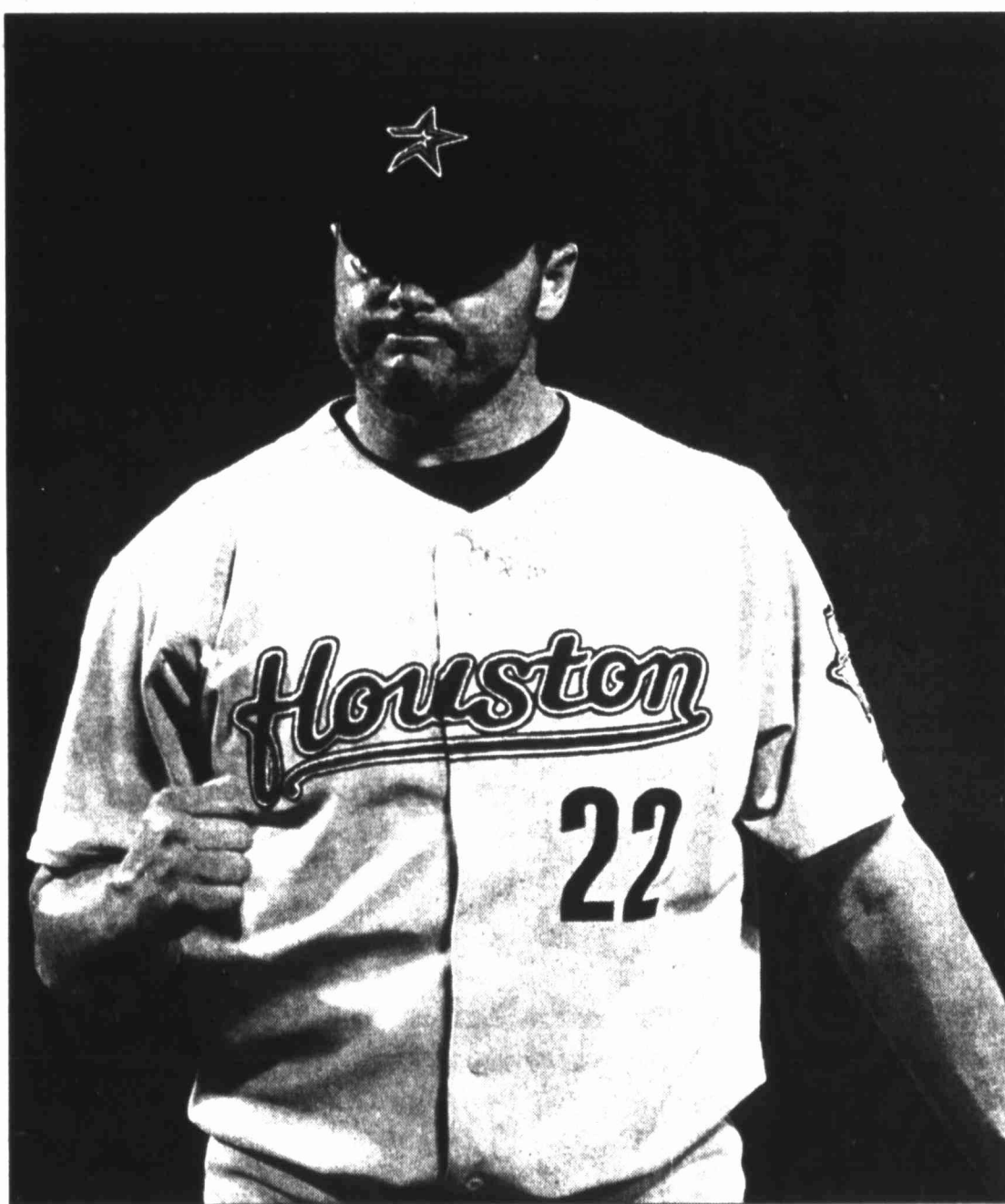
"I just hope we don't let any of these fans down."

The Nationals' normally wildly supportive crowd turned on their new team a bit. Some booed when the runs piled up in the late going. Some cheered sarcastically when the home club recorded an out in a four-run seventh and when Washington scored its only run in the eighth.

Houston, meanwhile, collected season highs for runs and hits (19) and stretched its winning streak to a season-best six games.

Lane's career-high four hits included two doubles, Ensberg hit his 26th homer — a two-run shot in the first — plus an RBI single and a double, and Lamb added a three-run homer as a pinch-hitter. Willy Taveras had four singles.

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KRT photo/George Bridges, Knight-Ridder Tribune
Houston's Roger Clemens pumps his fist after getting the final out of the sixth inning in a 14-1 victory over Washington Friday.

A's win slugfest with Rangers

• Oakland's Kendall makes big-time play for surging Athletics

By STEPHEN HAWKINS

AP Sports Writer

ARLINGTON (AP) — For catcher Jason Kendall, it was just an instinct play. And it saved the game for the surging Oakland Athletics.

With the potential tying run charging home and the wild pitch bouncing away from him, Kendall

scrambled to get the ball. He made a barehanded grab and then dived head-first back toward the plate, getting there just in time for Michael Young to slide into his mitt for the game-ending out in an 11-10 victory over the Texas Rangers Friday night.

"It's just instinct. I didn't know how far it was. When I grabbed it, I knew it would be a bang-bang play," Kendall said. "I happened to grab it cleanly. If I don't, he's safe and it's a tie game."

The Rangers had already scored twice in the ninth when Justin Duchscherer's 1-2 pitch to Alfonso Soriano bounced in the dirt, ricocheting high off Kendall's shoulder and away from the runner. Young immediately took off from third, but never got to the plate because Kendall was laid out with his arms fully extended over it.

"It was the right play: two strikes, two outs. I

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KRT photo/George Bridges, Knight-Ridder Tribune
Houston's Morgan Ensberg points to fans as he returns to the dugout after hitting a two-run home run in the first inning against Washington Friday. The red-hot Astros destroyed the slumping Nationals, 14-1.

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"I shouldn't be in here. The hitters should be in here," the 42-year-old Clemens told reporters gathered in an interview room. "At my age I don't take anything for granted, that is for sure."

Wiping sweat off his brow with his glove on a humid, 87-degree night, Clemens (8-4) lowered his majors-best ERA to 1.40.

The low point for Washington's offense might have come after Clemens left, though. Cristian Guzman led off the seventh with a triple against reliever Chad Qualls — then was stranded by three straight weak groundouts, drawing jeers.

"Nobody in the lineup is coming through with the big hit for us right now,

to really get us started, to light the fuse," Robinson said.

Nationals starter Ryan Drese (3-3) gave up six runs — five earned — and nine hits over 6 1-3 innings. He was followed by Sun-woo Kim, who allowed eight runs and 10 hits.

No Washington runner made it as far as third against Clemens.

"He was on his game today," Guillen said. "That's the Clemens you have seen in the past."

Wilson was 0-for-4 with four strikeouts, three against Clemens.

There were other problems for Washington, which gave up an unearned run for the second straight night, this time after second baseman Jose Vidro bobbled a grounder. The Nationals also botched their defense on a delayed double steal in the sixth, with Adam

Everett scoring. Washington finished 0-for-13 with runners in scoring position.

"Whatever I do in that clubhouse doesn't matter. It's what the players do on the field. You know the old cliché: I don't hit for them, I don't run for them, I don't pitch for them. It's what they're going to go and do out on the field," Robinson said.

"They've got to be determined that they're going to go out and turn this thing around. Everybody has to go out there and take a certain amount of responsibility upon themselves. We have to get this thing stopped."

Also among the problems Friday: All but one of the electronic scoreboards around RFK Stadium went dark in the bottom of the third. The working one carried the message: "Thank you for your support."

Armstrong wins first stage in France

• Race is all but over for six-time champ as he extends lead

By JOHN LEICESTER

AP Sports Writer
SAINT-ETIENNE, France (AP) — As if Lance Armstrong had anything left to prove, as if his crowning achievement really needed an emphatic stamp, cycling's greatest champion gave his best performance Saturday — claiming the stage win he lacked and all but guaranteeing a seventh consecutive Tour de

France victory.

Armstrong swept away any notion that this Tour would be somehow incomplete without winning a stage, pouring on speed at the end of Saturday's time trial to round out his unparalleled career. Unlike his previous six winning Tours, the American had not won an individual stage — until Saturday's 20th.

He beat stage runner-up Jan Ullrich by 23 seconds and extended his already comfortable overall race lead to 4:40

over Ivan Basso of Italy, setting him up for a victory ride on the last leg into Paris on Sunday, when the 33-year-old will retire.

Riding with an aerodynamic bike, helmet and suit to reduce wind drag and save seconds, Armstrong made easy work of the winding, hilly and crowd-lined 34.5-mile route that looped north of Saint-Etienne in central France.

As race leader,

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back to beat the San Angelo Heat.

The Thunder took it to Eunice in the second game of the tournament. They won 20-1 and applied the 15-run after four innings mercy rule.

After getting on the board with a win, they then defeated the Heat 8-4

and played their best game of the tourney, according to manager/coach Stan Feaster.

"The win over the Heat was the highlight of the tournament," he added. "We had lost to them in a pool game so it was good to come back and beat them in the tournament."

The sixth and final game of the tournament resulted in a loss for the Thunder. They dropped

an 8-5 extra innings decision to Kermit.

"We were very proud of the girls throughout the tournament," said Feaster. "They never gave up. It was a great experience and they represented Big Spring well."

"I would also like to thank everyone who sponsored the team and allowed for us to make the trip to San Angelo. We really appreciate it."

Major League Baseball - league-wide standings (as of 7-22)

American League - East			American League - West			National League - Central		
N.Y. Yankees	51-44	-1.5	L.A. Angels	58-39	—	St. Louis	62-34	—
Boston	53-43	—	Oakland	51-45	-6.5	Houston	50-46	-12
Baltimore	50-45	-2.5	Texas	48-47	-9	Chicago Cubs	48-48	-14
Toronto	48-48	-5	Seattle	42-53	-15	Milwaukee	47-50	-15.5
Tampa Bay	33-64	-20.5				Cincinnati	41-55	-21
						Pittsburgh	41-56	-21.5
American League - Central			National League - East			National League - West		
Chicago Sox	63-32	—	Washington	54-43	—	San Diego	50-47	—
Minnesota	52-43	-11	Atlanta	54-43	—	Arizona	47-51	-3.5
Cleveland	49-48	-15	Philadelphia	50-47	-4	L.A. Dodgers	44-52	-5.5
Detroit	47-48	-16	N.Y. Mets	49-47	-4.5	San Francisco	42-53	-7
Kansas City	35-61	-28.5	Florida	47-47	-5.5	Colorado	34-61	-15

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had a big lead and a good jump," Young said. "It was going to take a good bounce and a perfect play by Kendall, and they got both."

Nick Swisher drove in four runs with a homer and a double and Danny Haren won his AL-best seventh straight decision for Oakland, which won for the 24th time in 30 games.

The Athletics had an 11-6 lead after Kendall had an RBI triple and then scored on Mark Kotsay's single in the eighth. They needed his defensive gem to hold on.

The first three Rangers reached in the ninth. After Young's RBI single made it 11-9, Mark Teixeira struck out and Hank Blalock had an RBI groundout. Duchscherer then tried to throw a cutter to Soriano.

The A's overcame a 3-0 deficit for the second straight night in Texas. Oakland (50-45) has won five of six between the teams since the All-Star break, taking a 2 1/2-game lead over the Rangers for second place in the AL West.

It was the Rangers' sec-

ond 11-10 loss in five days. They lost by the same score to the New York Yankees Monday night and are 2-7 since the All-Star break.

Teixeira hit a two-run homer, his 26th, and had a sacrifice fly for Texas. Richard Hidalgo was 3-for-4 with a two-run homer in the eighth.

Haren (8-7) allowed three runs through the first five batters. He then got a double play, the first of three in four innings, and faced the minimum 13 batters until David Dellucci singled to start the Rangers' three-run sixth.

With seven wins over 11 starts, Haren has the longest active winning streak among AL pitch-

ers. He allowed six runs and six hits over 5 1-3 innings.

Bobby Kielty's go-ahead hit off Chris Young (8-6) in the third extended his hitting streak to 14 games and put the A's ahead to stay at 5-3.

Swisher's 13th homer was a two-run shot in the second, and he added a two-run double in the three-run fifth that made it 8-3.

Chris Young gave up six runs and seven hits, throwing 101 pitches while going just one batter into the fifth.

Kevin Gryboski made his first Texas appearance in the eighth and gave up RBI hits to the first three batters he faced.

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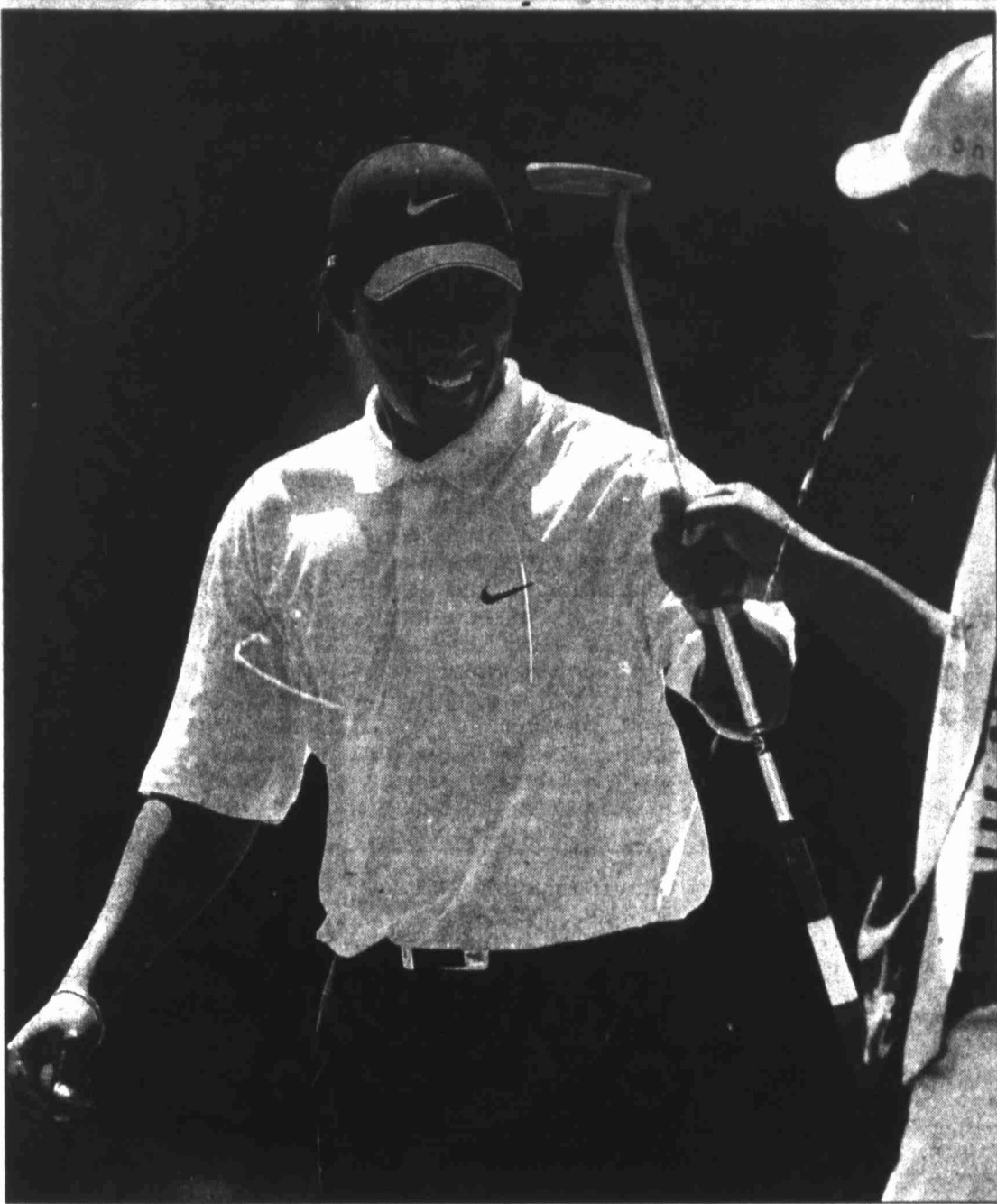
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Kevin Hall smiles and celebrates with his caddy after making a birdie putt on the 16 hole during second round action in the U.S. Bank Championship Friday.

Rogers appeals suspension to MLB's Selig, now waiting

By RYAN NAKASHIMA
Associated Press Writer
MILWAUKEE (AP) — Texas Rangers pitcher Kenny Rogers had his hearing before commissioner Bud Selig Friday, appealing his 20-game suspension for shoving two TV cameramen last month.



ROGERS

Rogers, wearing sunglasses, black slacks and a gray sport coat, wouldn't comment on what was discussed during the session when he emerged at 5:20 p.m.

Asked how it went, he responded: "We'll see. We'll be waiting for a decision."

He was accompanied by players union lawyers Bob Lenaghan and Mike Weiner.

"The hearing was completed," Weiner said. "There was no indication as to when he'll rule."

He said the only witness was Rogers, and the hearing included oral arguments and a discussion of precedent.

Selig imposed the 20-game suspension and a \$50,000 fine for a June 29 videotaped tirade in

which the three-time All-Star shoved two cameramen when he came onto the field for pregame stretching.

Major League Baseball spokesman Pat Courtney said there was no timeline on when Selig would announce a decision on the appeal. The three-hour hearing included comments back and forth, as both sides stated their positions, he said.

"It's all in the commissioner's hands," Courtney said.

Rogers (11-4, 2.71 ERA) has continued to pitch pending a decision and even threw an inning in the All-Star game.

The 40-year-old left-hander threw 107 pitches Thursday in a home loss to Oakland. His next scheduled start is Tuesday but he could pitch as soon as Monday on three days rest if there is no decision on the appeal by then.

After Selig rules, the Major League Players Association could take the case to an arbitrator over the fact Selig issued the penalty instead of baseball's head disciplinarian, Bob Watson.

Rogers turned himself in Monday to police in Arlington on misdemeanor assault charges

and posted a \$1,500 bond.

He faces a charge of assault with injury for shoving cameraman Larry Rodriguez, punishable by up to a year in jail and a fine of up to \$4,000.

Police said the other charge, for pushing a cameraman who wasn't injured, will be a mailed assault citation punishable by a fine of up to \$500.

Crane accelerates play, holds lead U.S. Bank Championship

• Verplank, Armour III and Smith all still in contention for title

By ARNIE STAPLETON
AP Sports Writer
MILWAUKEE (AP) — Ben Crane, of all people, accelerated his golf game Friday night.

Crane, whose slow play drew the ire of Rory Sabbatini at the Booz Allen Classic last month, didn't want to have to return to Brown Deer Park first thing Saturday morning to play just one hole at the U.S. Bank Championship.

So, he found himself running between shots and conspiring with playing partners Corey Pavin and Kenny Perry to make sure they didn't have to set the alarm clock.

"Given the fact I'll probably have a late tee time tomorrow, it's nice to get that extra sleep and not have to get up really early to come out here and hit one shot or something like that. I'll sleep a little better tonight," Crane said after carding a 5-under 65 to maintain his lead.

Crane's 13-under 127 total is two shots better than Scott Verplank and four better than Tommy Armour III and Chris Smith.

Jeff Sluman was at minus-11 and waiting to tee off on his last hole when play was suspended at 8:25 p.m. due to darkness. He was one of 55 players who will have to return at 7:30 a.m. Saturday to finish.

"I just hope I don't oversleep and miss the cut," Sluman said.

Crane won't have to worry about a wake-up call after just getting his

tee shot off when the horn sounded.

Crane was finishing up on No. 17 when he gave the signal — a birdcall "caw-caw!" from "The Three Amigos" movie — for Pavin to tee off on 18 before the horn blared, ensuring that his threesome would be allowed to finish.

"Only in dangerous situations can you not finish the hole if they blow the horn," Crane said. "We knew if we got a ball in the air we could finish and that's what we wanted to do. Corey was a big help."

As darkness fell, Crane ran between shots but he said his haste didn't affect his game. He missed birdie putts on 16 and 17.

"I was very careful not to rush the shot I was playing," he said. "I wasn't compromising my play. ... We were running between shots. We were running on 17. We were running on 16 a little bit just to give ourselves an opportunity to finish."

Last month, both Crane and Sabbatini were warned for slow play and an obviously unhappy Sabbatini putted out of turn on the 17th green. After they finished, the two exchanged a weak handshake as Sabbatini stormed toward the clubhouse.

On Friday night, Crane

said he didn't see the irony in his running around the golf course.

"No. I mean, we were just trying to get in before dark," he said. "I've obviously been working hard on getting faster and it's getting better. So, I'm pleased that I've gotten a little bit faster. And I've still got a little ways to go, I'm sure. But I'm doing my best."

Crane didn't tee off until 4:27 p.m. because of thunderstorms that postponed play Thursday with more than 90 golfers yet to finish 18 holes.

Verplank had to play 32 holes Friday.

After carding a 64-65 for an 11-under 129, Verplank, whose feet were already sore from the hard scramble course at St. Andrews, headed straight to the locker room to kick off his golf shoes and slip on some sneakers.

At least he didn't have to play 36 holes like the 15 golfers who hadn't even made it off the range when play was halted Thursday.

With the Milwaukee stop coming a week after the British Open, the last thing the jet-lagged field needed was another rain delay — 14 of 31 tour stops have been interrupted by bad weather this

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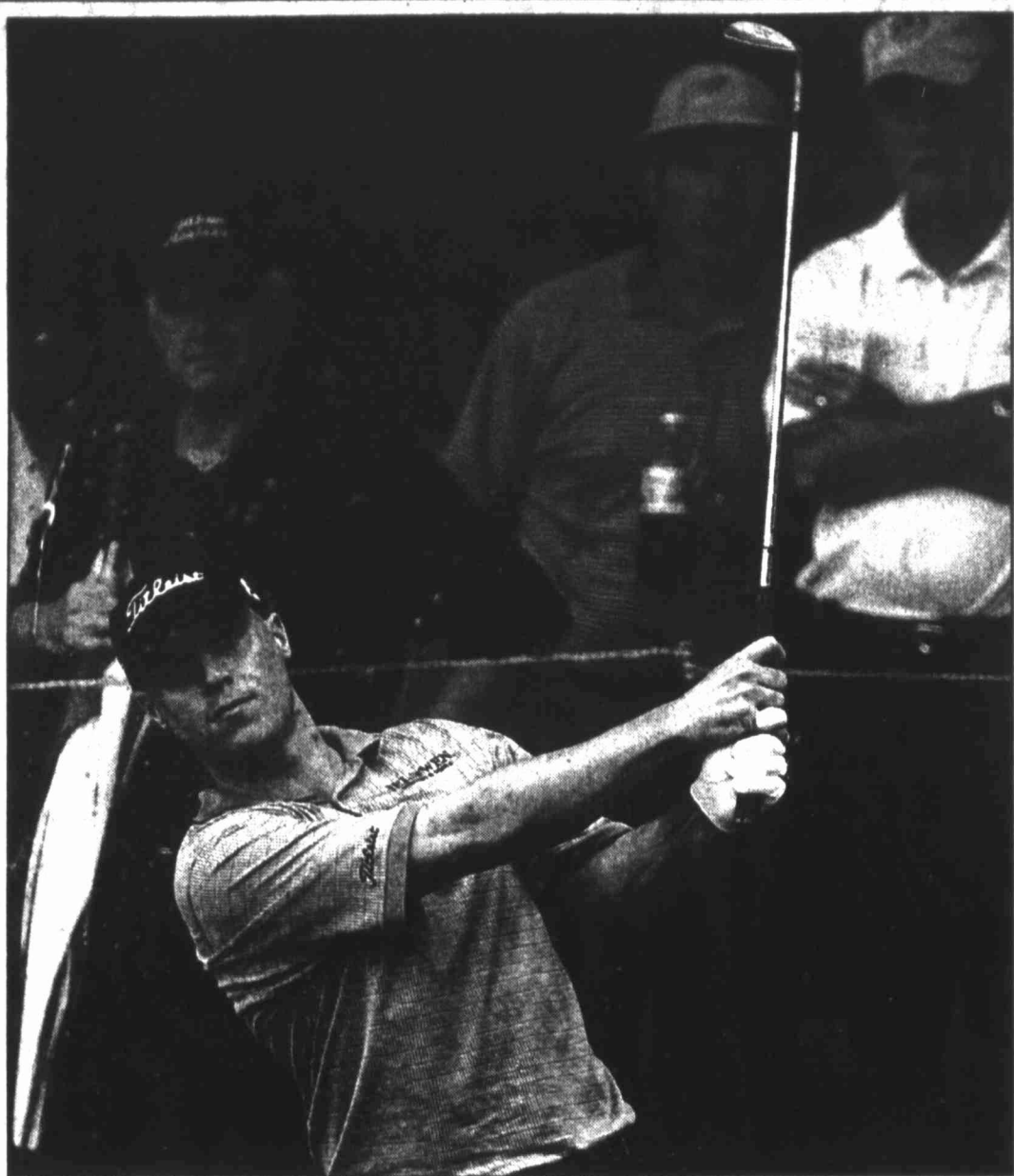
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Ben Crane watches his shot out of the sand on the sixth hole during the open round of the U.S. Bank Championship Thursday. Crane leads after two days of the tournament.

CRANE

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year. "I think everybody gets a little beat up playing in the British Open because the ground's so hard. It's hard walking. You can't take a divot because the ground is so hard. It's hard on your whole body," Verplank said. "So, yeah, playing

32 holes today, I'm glad it's over with."

Armour is coming off a two-week vacation in Italy, where he played just nine holes. So, even though he played 32 rounds himself Friday, he wasn't bothered at all.

"Luckily, this is an easy course to walk, so it wasn't that bad," Armour said after carding a bogey-free 66-65 for a minus-9.

Among those who had to play Brown Deer Park twice Friday was Kevin Hall, a deaf golfer who shot a 2-under 68 in his PGA Tour debut in the morning. He tuckered out, however, and missed the cut after carding a 4-over-74 on his second trip around the course.

"I really lost my energy on the back nine," Hall said, "and it really affected my shots."

Gryboski 'shocked' about move from Atlanta to Texas

ARLINGTON (AP) — Kevin Gryboski was shocked when he found out he had been traded from a team that has gotten back into first place to one slipping away from the top of its division.

Gryboski joined the Texas Rangers Friday, a day after being traded from Atlanta for a low-minors starter.

"I was shocked and so were 24 other guys on our team. We had just tied for the NL East lead, then to get called and told I was traded was kind of shocking," Gryboski said. "It was very tough, but I'm a Ranger now and want to help this team."

The Rangers were eight games back in the AL West going into their game Friday night against Oakland, which overtook Texas for second place this week. Atlanta was tied with Washington at the top of the NL East.

Gryboski, who had a 2.95 ERA in 31 outings for Atlanta this season, figured part of the reason for the trade was that he is arbitration eligible at the end of the season and the Braves have a roster filled with rookies.

"So they want to give the younger guys a chance and I was the odd guy out," he said. "I want to show them that I could

have done more over there. But they always have deep pitching in the Atlanta organization so they had extra guys in the pen."

Manager Buck Showalter said Gryboski could "pitch anything after the fifth inning" for the Rangers.

Right-hander James Baldwin, a starter-reliever claimed on waivers from Baltimore, is expected to join the Rangers Saturday.

Baldwin will likely be a starter, especially when Kenny Rogers eventually serves his suspension for shoving two TV camera-men.

ARMSTRONG

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Armstrong set out last of the 155 riders, his legs whirring, the yellow jersey on his back. He trailed Basso at the first time-check, but was leading at the second and stayed ahead from that point.

He even overtook Denmark's Mickael Rasmussen, who had started out six minutes before him but had a disastrous ride on the tricky and technical route's sharp bends, fast downhill and tiring uphill.

Armstrong's time was 1 hour, 11 minutes and 46 seconds, for an average speed of 46.4 kilometers (28.8 miles) per hour. His three children were at the finish to see him climb

onto the podium and don another race leader's yellow jersey — the 82nd of his career.

"It's a dream for me," Armstrong said of having his children there. Tears filled his eyes as he pointed to them, their mother Linda and his girlfriend Sheryl Crow.

The individual stage win was the 22nd of Armstrong's career. Eleven of those were time trials. Armstrong also won three team trials with his support riders.

Ullrich's ride moved him up from fourth to third in the overall standings, displacing Rasmussen.

Basso placed fifth in the time trial, 1:54 behind Armstrong, but good enough to keep second place on the podium in Paris — improving on last year's third place.

"It's a big day," said Armstrong's team director, Johan Bruyneel. Armstrong "controlled the situation perfectly."

"Now we can really start to party," he added.

Overall, Armstrong's lead on Basso grew to 4:40. Ullrich is 6:21 behind. Rasmussen had been in third place at the start of the stage, but crashed, negotiating a roundabout, crashed again into a ditch, and had repeated mechanical problems, changing bikes several times.

He finished 77th, 7:47 behind Armstrong. He dropped to 7th place overall, 11:33 behind Armstrong.

Ullrich's teammate, Alexandre Vinokourov, placed third in the time trial, 1:16 behind Armstrong.

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Garlic Beef Bruschetta

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4 servings

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4 servings

- 1 box (7.5 ounces) Betty Crocker Sudden! Salad Ranch & Bacon pasta salad mix
- Mayonnaise as called for on package directions
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- 1 bag (10 ounces) ready-to-eat American blend salad greens (iceberg lettuce, romaine, red cabbage, carrots and radishes)

1. Make pasta salad as directed on package. Stir in remaining ingredients. Refrigerate at least 1 hour. Cover and refrigerate any remaining salad.

Garlic Beef Bruschetta

A few easy ingredients on toasted French bread spells *vum* for a quick-fix potluck or picnic appetizer.

30 appetizers

- 1 loaf French bread, cut into thirty 1/4- to 1/2-inch slices
- 2 tablespoons olive oil or vegetable oil
- 1/2 cup soft cream cheese with roasted garlic
- 8 ounces thinly sliced cooked deli roast beef
- 1/4 teaspoon coarsely ground pepper
- 4 Roma (plum) tomatoes, thinly sliced
- 8 medium green onions, sliced (1/2 cup)

1. Heat oven to 375°F. Brush both sides of bread slices with oil. Place on ungreased cookie sheet. Bake about 5 minutes or until crisp. Cool 5 minutes.

2. Spread cream cheese over each slice. Top with beef; sprinkle with pepper. Top each with tomato slice and onions.

Lemonade Tea

When served in restaurants, this half-lemonade, half-iced tea beverage is often called an "Arnold Palmer."

20 servings (about 1 cup each)

- 2 cans (12 ounces each) frozen lemonade concentrate, thawed
- 3 quarts iced tea
- Fresh mint sprigs, if desired

1. Make lemonade as directed on can, using punch bowl or large container. Stir in tea.

2. Serve over ice. Garnish with mint.

For more savory summer salad ideas, visit www.bettycrocker.com. Under the "Products" heading, click on "More," then "Sudden! Salad" and discover great recipes and time-saving tips.

Wedding

Hillman, Balderach wed

Lauren Marie Hillman and Markus Ashley Balderach, both of Dallas, exchanged wedding vows at 6 p.m. Saturday, May 14, 2005, at the Lighthouse Inn Gazebo at Aransas Bay in Rockport with the Rev. Thom Elliot officiating.

The bride is the daughter of Randall and Cindy Hillman of Big Spring and the granddaughter of Frank and Aliene Gohlke of Runge and the late George and Lavonia McAlister.

The groom is the son of Tom and Mary Balderach of Big Spring and James and Sharon Johnston of Big Spring. He is the grandson of Dalton Johnston of Big Spring, the late Lois Johnson, the late Leo and Genevieve Fisher and the late Bill and Doris Balderach.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore an elegant candlelight and blush strapless A-line gown of tissue silk organ-

za with a tulle overlay by Thomasina of New York. Appliqués of lace and delicate alencon pearl beading with cut crystals covered the bodice and sweeping train.

The silk illusion cathedral-length veil by Ed Berger of New York was bordered with the same lace and brussel and alencon pearl beading as the gown. She carried a bouquet of pink and white peonies and roses.

Vocalist for the evening was Terry McDaniel of Big Spring, who sang "The Twelfth of Never" and "The Lord's Prayer." Instrumentalist was Richard Zeigler.

Kaylee Welch of Abilene, friend of the bride, served as maid of honor and bridesmaids were Linnea Falk of Austin, sister of the groom, Suzi Harris of Spring, friend of the bride, Shannon Jones of McKinney, friend of the bride, Allison Miller of

New Braunfels, friend of the bride and Regan Scheonwolf of Houston, friend of the bride.

Flower girl was Evan Roberts of Big Spring, family friend of the bride. Wedding program attendants were D'layne Hillman of Sequin, cousin of the bride, and Elizabeth Hillman of Gonzales, cousin of the bride. Ring bearer was Alex May of Plano, family friend of the bride.

Serving as best men were Mikael Balderach of Austin and Stefan Balderach of New York, brothers of the groom. Groomsmen were Ryan Akin of Dallas, friend of the groom, Tom Balderach of Big Spring, father of the groom, Sterling Hillman of Dallas, brother of the bride and Arron Hyatt of Miami, Fla., friend of the groom.

Ushers were Karl Fisher of Rockport, cousin of the groom, Kent McAlister of

Lubbock, cousin of the bride and Travis McAlister of Austin, cousin of the bride.

Following the ceremony, the bride's parents hosted a buffet dinner and dance under lighted tents on Aransas Bay.

Following a honeymoon to Las Ventanas al Paraiso in Cabo San Lucas, Mexico, the couple will reside in Dallas.

Lauren is a graduate of Big Spring High School and Texas Tech University, where she earned a bachelor's degree in business marketing and a master's degree in business administration. She is employed by Lincoln Properties.

Markus is a graduate of Big Spring High School and Texas Tech University, where he earned a bachelor's of science degree in restaurant and hotel management. He is employed by Glazer's Distributors in Dallas.



Mr. and Mrs. Markus Ashley Balderach



Mr. and Mrs. Drew Richie Wegman

Ross, Wegman wed

Britt Ashley Ross and Drew Richie Wegman, both of Lubbock, exchanged wedding vows at 4 p.m. Saturday, June 25, 2005, on the beach at Iberostar Paraiso Lindo Resort at Mayan Riviera, Mexico.

The bride is the daughter of Timothy and Vikki Ross of LaMarque. She is the granddaughter of Marjorie Ross of Texas City and the late Homer G. Ross Jr. and Wallace and Bess Foster of Kerrville.

The groom is the son of Terry and Debbie Wegman of Big Spring. He is the grandson of Laverne Barr of Midland and the late Ted Wegman and Wilma Richie of Big Spring and the late James Richie.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a white, strapless A-line gown with a satin underskirt and vintage overlay designed with embellished lace appliqué. A chapel-length shadow train complemented the gown. She carried a bouquet of various tropical flowers.

Lindsay Ross, sister of the bride, served as maid of honor. Bridesmaids were Tarah Crowder and Meghann Skalak, friends of the bride.

Terry Wegman, father of the groom, served as best man. Groomsmen were Colby Wegman and Ryan Wegman, brothers of the groom.

The Rev. Shawn Petree, former Big Spring Area Director for YoungLife, performed the ceremony.

A Mexican Trio provided music for the ceremony.

Courtney Wegman served as scripture reader and Keith Monk seated guests.

Following the ceremony, a dinner, traditional reception and dance were held at the Iberostar Paraiso Lindo Resort.

The couple honeymooned at the El Dorado Royal resort at Mayan Riviera, Mexico.

The bride received a doctor of pharmacy degree from Texas Tech Health Science Center in May of 2005. She is currently employed by CVS Pharmacy in Lubbock.

The groom received a bachelor of business administration degree in management from Texas Tech University in 2003. He is employed as a land developer for Bentebough Companies in Lubbock. The couple will make their home in Lubbock.



Mrs. Jeremy Lynn Louder

Bodine, Louder wed

Amanda Bodine of Sterling City and Jeremy Lynn Louder of Stanton were united in holy matrimony at 6:30 p.m. July 23, 2005, at the First United Methodist Church of Sterling City.

The Rev. Kent Kinard of Sterling City and the Rev. Sheree Harris of Colonial Hills United Methodist Church of San Antonio officiated the ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Jaynell and Mike Bodine of Sterling City and the granddaughter of Florence and the late Homer Bodine of Colorado City and the late Edwina and J.I. Cope.

The groom is the son of Johnny and Sandy Louder of Stanton and the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. W.D. Chandler and Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Louder, all of Stanton.

The bride was given in marriage by her parents.

Vocalists for the evening were Cathy McEntire of Sterling City and Morgan May of San Angelo.

Instrumentalist was Jim Wynn of Sterling City.

Melinda Gaines of Sterling City, sister of the bride, served as matron of honor and bridesmaids were Kelly Garcia of Dallas, Jennifer Sears of

Davie, Fla., Regina Goering of Oceanside, Calif., Jaime Houston of Bellaire and Brenda Schumann of Seguin.

Flower girls were Rileigh Sears of Davie, Fla., and Landry Louder of Midland. Ring bearers were Kelan Jordan of Lubbock and Chandler Denson of Stanton. Candlelighters were Ginny McMinn of Lubbock and Julie Whitaker of Childress.

Jason Phillips of Stanton served as best man and groomsmen were Jody and Shane Louder, both of Midland, brothers of the groom, Josh Gaines of Sterling City, Randy Hoelscher of St. Lawrence and Clint Saunders of Houston.

Ushers were Paul Chandler of Stanton and Chase Hord of Sterling City. Lindsay Roberts of Lubbock read the scriptures.

Following the ceremony, the reception was in the Sterling City Community Center.

Serving in the house party were Billye Louder and Jessica Louder of Midland, Beth Hord and Linda Horwood of Sterling City, Christy Kane of Lubbock, Erica Foster of Austin and Carl Foster of San Angelo.



Mrs. Michael Charles Sloan

Address, Sloan wed

Erin Melissa Address and Michael Charles Sloan, both of San Angelo, were united in marriage at 6 p.m. Friday, July 8, 2005, at PaulAnn Baptist Church in San Angelo with the Rev. Ken Address, grandfather of the bride, officiating.

The bride is the daughter of the Rev. Mike and Kristi Address of San Angelo. She is the granddaughter of the Rev. Ken and Betty Address of Abilene and Dorman and Betty Herman of Fort Stockton.

The groom is the son of Doug and Shana Blagrove of Ackerly and Mike and Lauren Sloan of Oklahoma City. He is the grandson of Lonnie and Mary Anderson of Coahoma and Hiram and Jeanne Sloan of Dallas.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a two-tiered ivory veil edged with glass bugle beads. Her gown was ivory satin with layers of sheer organza gathered at the hip with an arrangement of ivory roses.

The strapless bodice was intricately beaded, extending down the back of the gown. She carried a dozen ivory roses intertwined with ivy and satin ribbon.

Vocalists were Ashley Honea, Emily Address and Anna Address, who sang "How Beautiful." Other music played during the ceremony were "Air" by Handel, "Cannon in D" by Pachabel and "Trumpet Voluntary" by Clark.

Emily Address, sister of the bride, served as maid of honor and bridesmaids were Ashley Honea, Lauren Sloan and Anna Address.

Flower girl was Caroline Sloan, sister of the groom. Ushers were Stephen Heimbeck and Derek Rogers.

Sam Tindol served as best man and groomsmen were Doug Blagrove, Mike Sloan and Jim Honea.

After a honeymoon to San Antonio, the couple will reside in San Angelo, where they attend Angelo State University.

Spring City Senior Citizen's Center menu

Monday: hamburger steak, potatoes, squash, salad, milk, rolls, fruit.

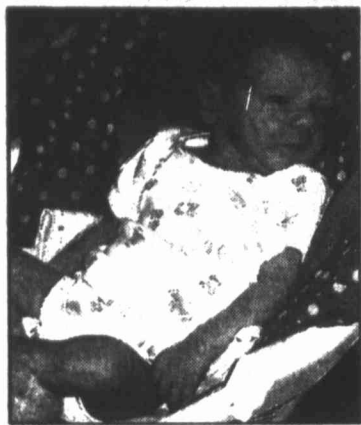
Tuesday: ham and cheese sandwiches, chips, pickles, olives, cucumber, carrots, milk, pudding.

Wednesday: baked ham, macaroni and cheese, spinach salad, milk, rolls, fruited gelatin.

Thursday: beef enchiladas, Spanish rice, beans, salad, milk, fruit.

Friday: catfish, French fries, beans, coleslaw, milk, rolls, cake.

Births



Evan Leonard Guerrero

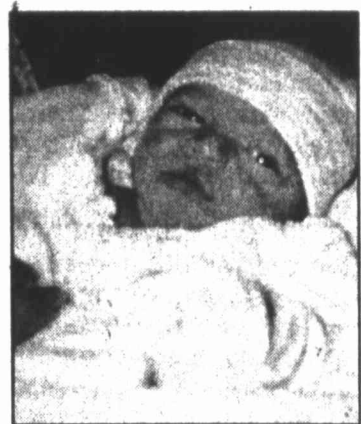
Evan Leonard Guerrero, a boy, was born June 27, 2005, at 6:21 p.m., weighing 7 pounds, 9 ounces and was 20 3/4 inches long.

His parents are Brandi and Leonard Guerrero. His grandparents are Karri and Randy Evans of Big Spring, Margaret and Jerry Keese of Georgetown, Leonard Sr. and Marie Guerrero of Amarillo and Mr. and Mrs. Terry Hutchison of Dilley.

Gavin Phoenix Lored, a boy, was born July 15, 2005, at 3:47 a.m. weighing

6 pounds, 14 ounces and was 20 inches long.

His parents are Victor Lored and Stacey Penny of Big Spring. His grandparents are Jeana and Danny Jackson, Mary Lored, all of Big Spring and Porfirio Lored of Whaheta, Fla.



Richard Ray Morales III

Richard Ray Morales III, a boy, was born July 12, 2005, at 1:16 p.m. weighing 6 pounds, 13 ounces and was 20 1/2 inches long.

He is the son of Richard Morales Jr. of Florida and Jessica Ann Rivera of Snyder. He is the grandson of Jesse and Cynthia

Rivera and Ricardo and Gloria Morales, both of Big Spring.

Emma Skye, a girl, was born July 18, 2005, at 3:55 p.m. weighing 7 pounds, 2 ounces and was 20 inches long.

She is the daughter of Michael and Heidi Johnston of Big Spring.

She is the granddaughter of Dan and Joyce Hanison of Seattle, Wash., Deanna Johnston of Rockyhill, Conn., and Paul and Pat Johnston of Enfield, Conn.

Jackson Reagan Grimm, a boy, was born March 18, 2005, at 10:59 a.m., weighing 8 pounds, 5 ounces and was 21 3/4 inches long.

His parents are Eric and Jennifer Grimm of Fort Worth. His grandparents are Larry and Shirley Grimm of Richardson and Thomas and Brenda Gregory of Saginaw, formerly of Big Spring.

Jackson was welcomed home by siblings Ben and Madeline Grimm.



Brenden Charles Beckham

Brenden Charles Beckham, a boy, was born July 11, 2005, at 7:33 p.m. weighing 7 pounds, 14 ounces and was 20 inches long.

His parents are Ben and Brandi Beckham, formerly of Lubbock. His grandparents are Sharon Plant of Big Spring, Monte Beckham and Audrey Beckham of Shallowater, Ariz.

His great grandparents are Merv and Kathie Hayner of Boerne, Darrell and Glenda Humphries of Huntsville, Merle and Maxine Jennings of Phoenix, Ariz., and Bonnie Haymes of Lubbock.

Engagement



Robert Scott Ferguson and Katherine Hailey

Hailey, Ferguson engaged

Patrick and Malinda Hailey are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Miss Katherine Hailey to Mr. Robert Scott Ferguson, son of John T. and Clara Bolinger Ferguson of Big Spring.

Katie is a graduate of Silva Medical Magnet High School in El Paso, has an associate of arts degree from Community College and is currently working towards her

bachelor of arts in biology and education from the University of Texas at Permian Basin.

Scott is a graduate of Big Spring High School and graduated from the University of Texas at Austin with a bachelor of arts degree in psychology and Texas Tech School of Law. He is employed as an assistant district attorney for El Paso.

Katie and Scott will wed Dec. 4, 2005, in Fabens.

Who's Who



Sabrina Bedell

Sabrina Bedell

The United States Achievement Academy announced that Sabrina Bedell of Big Spring has been recognized for academic achievement as a U.S. National Honor Student Award winner.

She is the daughter of Steve and Tina Bedell of Big Spring. Her grandparents are Lois Treadway of Big Spring and Robert Mullins of Midland, and Johnny and Ciel Bedell of Big Spring.

She attends Big Spring Junior High School and will appear in the USAA official yearbook, which is published annually.

"Recognizing and supporting our youth is more important than ever before in American history," said Dr. George Stevens, founder of the academy. "Certainly, USAA winners should be congratulated and appreciated for their dedication to excellence and achievement."

Bowen, Helsley named to dean's list

Jacquelyn Nila Bowen, a sophomore, and Chelsea Ann Helsley, a senior, both of Big Spring were named to the Dean's List at Baylor University for the 2005 spring semester. To be named to the Dean's List, a student must be an undergraduate with a minimum grade-point average of 3.7 while enrolled in a minimum of 12 semester hours.

Chartered in 1845 by the Republic of Texas and affiliated with the Baptist General Convention of Texas, Baylor is the oldest

continuously operating institution of higher learning in the state.

While remaining true to its heritage, Baylor has grown to a 722-acre campus with approximately 14,000 students; who come from all 50 states and some 85 countries. Its nationally recognized academic divisions provide 164 undergraduate degree programs, 73 master's degree programs and 19 doctoral degree programs.

Baylor ranks among the nation's top one percent in the number of freshman National Merit Scholars enrolled, and is one of nine Texas colleges or universities and one of only 262 institutions in the country with a Phi Beta Kappa chapter.

Committed unalterably to character and leadership development with a service orientation, Baylor encourages students to become involved in one or more of the 273 student organizations on campus.

Exemplifying Baylor's commitment to lead the way in both learning and living, Baylor's alumni serve as ministers and judges, doctors and teachers, artists and business leaders.

Beevers awarded McMurry University scholarship

Lisa Kay Beevers of Big Spring received a scholarship from McMurry University for the 2005-2006 academic year. The

university scholarship is a four-year, academically merit based scholarship, ranging from \$5,000 to \$6,000 annually.

Founded in 1923 by the United Methodist Church and offering bachelor's degrees in the fine arts, humanities, social and natural sciences, business, education and nursing. McMurry University has gained a national reputation for excellence and value through the achievements of our faculty, students and graduates.

McMurry's students are affected daily by its Core Values: Christian faith as the foundation of life, personal relationships as the catalyst for life, learning as the journey of life, excellence as the goal of life and service as the measure of life.

McMurry boasts an outstanding faculty and staff, whose goal is to maximize students' level of achievement and to expose them to those qualities that go into making successful lives. McMurry has been recognized annually since 1996 by US News & World Report for quality and value.

Scholarships announced

The Permian Basin Area Foundation awarded the following local students scholarships:

Marie Hall Scholarship: Cody Bryant, Dovie DeWeese, Hollie Gibbs, Porsha Yarbar, all of Big Spring, Marcelo Barraza,

Steven Barraza, Katricia Carson, Aleticia Lucio, all from Ackerly and Jared Matlock of Colorado City.

Wes-Tex Telephone Cooperative Scholarship: Keri Bethel, Ruby Garcia, both of Big Spring, Abigail Janca of Forsan, Vivianna Gamboa of Garden City, Aleticia Lucio, Billy Roper, both of Ackerly and Jason Hale of Stanton.

Curtis Pool Scholarship: Mandi Simmons of Big Spring.

John Connell

Vocational Scholarship: Audra Cooper, Krystle Mauldin, Nayeli Medina and Eric Tunnell, all of Stanton.

Clayton Welch Henson Memorial Scholarship: Anna Delgado of Stanton and Brianna Pribyla of Tarzan.

Grace Loveless Jones Scholarship: Dustin Allred, Rebecca Briggs, Merrida Koonce Childress and Sean Flanagan, all of Stanton.

Jimmie and Dorothy Mashburn Scholarship:

Carly Louder.

Dan and Billye Saunders Scholarship, Eric Canada and Kinzie Williams.

J.M. Yater Memorial Scholarship: Kirk Canada.

Anthony Wheat

Anthony Ray Wheat of Garden City has graduated from Tarleton University in Stephenville with a bachelor's of science degree in agricultural economics.

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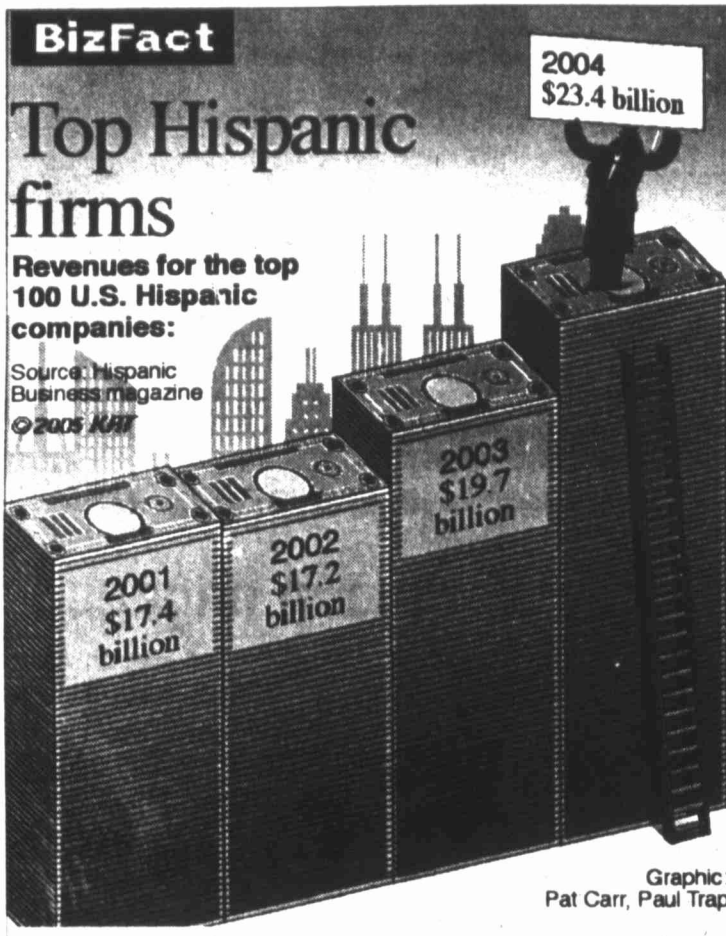
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Soaring fuel costs crippling many small businesses in U.S.

Special to the Herald

BUFFALO GROVE, IL — Small businesses continue to feel the increasing impact of higher fuel costs according to the latest International Profit Associates Small Business Research Board (IPA SBRB) poll.

Nearly three-quarters (72 percent) of the small businesses responding to the nationwide IPA SBRB poll said they are feeling the impact of rising fuel costs. This increased from 64 percent who indicated their businesses were being hurt by fuel prices in a previous IPA SBRB poll which came

out in April.

However, small business owners and managers remain split on whether to pass on the increase to their customers with 49 percent saying they are passing on part or all of the increase and 51 percent indicating they are not, according to the IPA SBRB poll. This is essentially the same as in April when 48 percent were passing on the increase on 52 percent were not.

"Fuel costs are an example of the kind of fluctuating expenses that small businesses must deal with everyday," said Gregg Steinberg, president of

International Profit Associates, the largest privately-held provider of management consulting services to small and medium-size businesses in North America. "The use of variable pricing strategies, whether it is for fuel or other escalating costs, should be considered in order to control costs and ensure ongoing success."

Poll participants indicated they were seeking ways to include increased fuel costs in a variety of ways. Some participants said they are now including fuel costs in their bidding process. One participant said that new con-

tracts were being charged for increased fuel expenses while established contracts were not. One small business said the increased cost for fuel was being reflected in a higher delivery charge. A number of business owners said they were looking for ways to reduce the impact of higher fuel costs, but were wary of charging more because of competition.

The International Profit Associates Small Business Research Board ascertains the opinions of small business owners and managers on a wide

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Critic to help search for new lottery chief

(AP) — A lottery critic, the executive director of the State Bar of Texas and a member of the Texas Ethics Commission have joined a committee to help search for a new state lottery chief, the lottery announced Friday.

The new executive director will replace Reagan Greer, who resigned July 8 after admitting he had signed off on advertising inflated Lotto Texas jackpots. Greer said he didn't closely read a staff report proposing an \$8 million June 8 jackpot despite estimated ticket sales of \$6.5 million.

The search committee, under the leadership of

Texas Lottery Commission Chairman C. Thomas Clowe, will review applications and interview the top candidates. The committee will then recommend three to five candidates to the commission.

The three-man commission may consider and select any candidate, but the ones identified by the search committee will receive serious consideration, Clowe said in a letter to Francisco Hernandez, the ethics commissioner.

The lottery commission promoted deputy director Gary Grief to acting executive director last week. Clowe said he hoped to

have a permanent replacement for Greer within six months.

One of the committee members is Gerald Busald, a San Antonio College math professor who oversaw a student project that persuaded the commission to change the way it advertises odds for winning from scratch-off lottery tickets.

At last week's lottery commission meeting, Busald criticized what he called the agency's culture of secrecy, saying top officials have covered up information they thought would hurt sales. Busald did not immediately

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Unemployment rate falls to 5.1 percent, TWC reports

AUSTIN (AP) — The state unemployment rate fell four-tenths of a percentage point in June to 5.1 percent, the Texas Workforce Commission said Friday.

Nonagricultural employment increased by 12,700 jobs in June, the 10th straight month of job growth, according to the commission. The unemployment rate in June 2004 was 6.1 percent.

According to the U.S. Labor Department, the nation's unemployment rate has fallen to 5 percent, the lowest point in nearly four years. Both the state and national figures were seasonally adjusted, which most economists believe gives a more accurate picture of the job market.

Texas employers have added 115,500 jobs over the year, for an annual growth rate of 1.2 percent, the state commission said. Eight of nine industry sectors reported job growth for the year, with manufacturing losing 700 jobs over the year.

"The Texas labor market continues to make positive strides with sustained job growth and a significant drop in the unemployment rate," Texas Workforce Commission Chair Diane Rath

said in a statement. About 571,300 Texans are unemployed, an estimate that does not include those who have stopped looking for work. Last

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Extension sets four dove appreciation days in Texas

As hot as the weather has been, it's hard to believe hunting season is just around the corner, but Sept. 1 is the opening day of dove season. And that's the official start of the Texas hunting season.

Texas Cooperative Extension has scheduled four Dove Appreciation Days to ready hunters and landowners for this rite of fall.

The dates and locations are:

- Aug. 4, Circle T Ranch near Hamilton;
- Aug. 11, Dove Acres

Ranch near Midland; — Aug. 18, Hailey Ranch near Abilene; and — Aug. 25, Rancho Dos Vidas near Pearsall.

Dr. Dale Rollins, Extension wildlife specialist here, said the program was designed to increase awareness of dove biology and management, and the role of dove hunting for rural economic development.

"Dove hunting is one of the most popular forms of hunting in Texas," Rollins said. "Doves can be found almost everywhere and the hunting is still a relatively low-cost

affair. Extension hosted three statewide dove symposiums last year, and these Dove Appreciation Days are one-day versions of those conferences."

Rollins said all four programs last from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. and have similar agendas.

The morning portion will be on various habitat management practices in the field. Afternoon indoor sessions will cover dove biology and management.

Field topics will

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RIBBON CUTTINGS



Herald photo/Marsha Sturdivant

Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce celebrated the addition of new chamber member Traci Ryan, an independent beauty consultant for Mary Kay Cosmetics, with a reception and ribbon cutting at the chamber offices. The event was attended by Ambassadors Clarence Hartfield, left, Katie Grimes, Una Ng-Brasch, a Mary Kay Cosmetics independent sales director from Colorado Springs, Colo., Darrell Ryan, the new director of federal programs and curriculum for Big Spring Independent School district, son Mathew, Ryan in center, son Michael, Debbye ValVerde, executive director of the chamber of commerce, Sherry Wegner and Tito Arencibia.



Herald photo

Co-owner Debbie Hargrave, with scissors, cuts the ribbon during grand opening ceremonies at Caring Hearts Home Health Care on Scurry Street. Behind Hargrave to the left is her husband and fellow co-owner, Mark Hargrave. Others in the photo include marketing director Rebecca Peacock, nursing director Juanita Stonerook, nurse Kay Richardson, nurse's aide Susan Chavez, office manager Ivy Carrigan, Michelle Bustamante, and officers and Ambassadors with the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce.



Courtesy photo

From left, Tito Arencibia, Sherry Wegner, Debbye ValVerde, Sherry Newton, Regina Tonn, Mark Coldiron, Joe Zant, Kelly Zant, Fran Emerson, Lee Emerson, Clarence Hartfield, Richard Steinberg and Susie Steinberg cut the ribbon opening the Farmer's Market, which is held each Tuesday and Saturday morning at the Heart of the City Park in downtown Big Spring.

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County Court Decisions:
State of Texas vs. Ada Mae Hutcheson; order of dismissal.
State of Texas vs. Bobby G. Holub; order of dismissal.
State of Texas vs. Cruz M. Holguin; order of dismissal.
State of Texas vs. David Lee Hoppes; order of dismissal.
State of Texas vs. Michael Hodnett; order of dismissal.
State of Texas vs. Bruce S. Hutto; order of dismissal.
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State of Texas vs. Simona Hollingsworth; order of dismissal.
State of Texas vs. Miguel Hinojos Jr.; order of dismissal.
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State of Texas vs. Carol Wayne Holton; order of dismissal.
State of Texas vs. Michael Alan Hunter; order of dismissal.

State of Texas vs. William Hutcheson; order of dismissal.
State of Texas vs. Jeffery Charles Hogue; order of dismissal.
State of Texas vs. Gary James Meiers Jr.; judgment on DWLS; 180 days in jail, probated for six months, \$250 fine, court costs.
State of Texas vs. Thomas W. Murphy; judgment on failure to identify; 180 days in jail, probated for 12 months, \$500 fine, court costs.
State of Texas vs. Wehnonah Renee Harms; order of dismissal.
State of Texas vs. Brent Nathan Henry; judgment on DWI; 180 days in jail, probated for 180 days; \$750 fine; court costs.
State of Texas vs. Tina Rosita Martinez; order of dismissal.
State of Texas vs. Aaron Deal Starr; judgment on DWLS; 180 days in jail, probated for 12 months; \$250 fine; court costs.
State of Texas vs. Roger Henry; judgment on DWLS; 60 days in jail; \$500 fine; court costs.

Marriage Licenses
Heath Alan Wegner, 26, and Belinda Gonzalez, both of Big Spring
Dan Edwin Edens, 51, and Shari Lei Daniels, 35, both of Big Spring
Joe Mark Adams, 51, Big Spring, and Brenda N. Corn, 44, Midland
Jerome A. Longchase, 29, and Anel Ramirez, 23, both of Big Spring
Cody DeWayne Ditto, 20, and Brandi Nicole Kilpatrick, 18, both of Coahoma
Joseph Conrad Sparrow, 39, and Shailai Dawn Wilkinson, 37, both of Big Spring

District Court filings
Sandra L. Spears vs. Joey Ike Spears, divorce
Sharon C. Wilkinson vs. Lydia McBrayer, civil
Ashlee Jean-Marie Loreda vs. Hector Loreda, divorce
Citifinancial Inc. vs. Celia and Augustin F. Fierro, accounts, notes and contracts
Rosario Rios vs. Robert Rios Jr., divorce
George R. Dreher vs. Cassidy

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Grantor: Kelly Overton, Christina McCarver and Patricia Ditto
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Property: S. 13 feet of Lot 10 and Lots 11 and 12, Block One, Furrh Addition to City of Coahoma
Date Filed: July 13, 2005
Grantor: Alma L. White
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Property: Tract of land out of SE quarter of Section 26, Block 33, T&P RR Survey.
Date Filed: July 7, 2005
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Grantee: Ernesto Rodriguez
Property: Lot 6, Block 1, Ridgelea Terrace Addition
Date Filed: July 13, 2005
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Grantee: Chuck P. Landers
Property: Lot 1, Block 9, Avion Village Addition
Date Filed: July 13, 2005
Grantor: Valene McMillan
Grantee: Edward and Vicki Cole
Property: Tract of land out of Lots 7 and 8, Block 21, McDowell Heights Addition
Date Filed: July 15, 2005
Grantor: David and Ann Ward
Grantee: Ward Family Partnership Ltd.
Property: Tracts of land out of Lot 13 and 14, McDowell Heights Addition
Date Filed: July 14, 2005
Grantor: Olga Scott
Grantee: Theda Perez
Property: Lot 10, block 10, Suburban Heights Addition

Date Filed: July 14, 2005
Grantor: Gerlena Cruz, Tommy Campbell, Toni Cline
Grantee: Thomas W. Campbell
Property: Lots 13-15, Block 5, Monticello Addition; Lot 1, Block 2, Manning Addition
Date Filed: July 7, 2005
Warranty deeds with vendors
Grantor: Misty Bray and E.B. Murphy
Grantee: Glen R. and Frances E. Overton
Property: Lot 1, Block 3, William Green Addition
Date Filed: July 5, 2005
Grantor: Randy and Tricia Clanton
Grantee: Russell and Jessica Baker
Property: Tract of land on NE quarter of Section 44, Block 32, T&P RR Survey.
Date Filed: July 5, 2005
Grantor: Edward and Dorothy Jones Revocable Living Trust
Grantee: Craig Olson
Property: Lot 12, Block 11, Cole and Strayhorn Addition
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Property: Lot 5, Block 3, Amended Mittel Acres Addition
Date Filed: July 12, 2005
Grantor: Joe and Wendy Bingham
Grantee: Bonnie and Gary Mears Sr.
Property: Lot 3, Block 1, Amended West Cliff Addition
Date Filed: July 13, 2005
Grantor: Ellis and Janelle Britton
Grantee: Brad and Stephanie Harper
Property: Lot 29, Block 5, Coronado Hills Addition
Date Filed: July 14, 2005

DOVE

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include: shooting field management, baiting regulations, food plots, water management, and brush management and plant identification.

Classroom topics will include dove biology, habitat management, the economic impacts of dove hunting and marketing dove hunting.

Rollins said there are some new rules for game bird stamps for dove hunters that have not been required except

for white-winged doves. And, he said there's always confusion among landowners about baiting practices. Experts from Extension, the Natural Resources Conservation Service and the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department will provide technical guidance on both topics.

"We'll take a look at two species of dove that have become the talk of an increasing number of towns across Texas," Rollins said. "The white-winged dove, which was restricted to the Rio Grande Valley until about twenty years ago, has expanded its

range in recent years to where it's found in cities across the state. And the more recent Eurasian collared dove, an exotic species that's nearly as big as a pigeon, has increased in range and abundance quite spectacularly in the past decade."

"Most people don't realize what an infusion of capital dove season brings to many rural economies. We will highlight how dove hunting adds to the revenue stream of some otherwise economically-strapped communities. A word of advice, don't try to book a motel room in September in

areas like Uvalde or Coleman, as they'll all be booked by dove hunters."

Two Texas Department of Agriculture continuing education units (one integrated pest management and one general) will be available for those with a private applicator license.

Pre-registration is \$15 until one week before the respective event, and then \$25 thereafter and at the door. Registration includes lunch, refreshments and handout materials. Maps to the field sites will be provided by Extension agents.

For more information contact Whit Weems in Hamilton

County, (254) 386-3919; Sam Field in Midland County, (432) 686-4700; Gary Bomar in Taylor County, (325) 672-6048; or Jaime Lopez in Frio County, (830) 334-0099.

For additional information, contact Rollins at (325) 653-4576, or e-mail d-rollsins@tamu.edu. Program updates will be posted at <http://teamquail.tamu.edu>.

Tommy Yeater is the Cooperative Extension agent, agriculture, for Howard County. His office is in the bottom floor of the Howard County Courthouse. He can be reached at 264-2236.

JOB

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June, about 671,200 Texans were out of work. There were 69,951 initial claims for unemployment compensation for June 2005, down 17.6 percent from June 2004 and 31.2 percent from June 2003.

"The drop in the unemployment rate and the number of unemployed bodes well for job seekers," said Texas Workforce Commissioner Representing Labor Ronny Congleton.

The government sector was responsible for the largest share of June's

employment increase, adding 8,800 jobs that month. The trade, transportation and utilities sector added 2,200 jobs in June, extending four straight months of employment growth. That sector has added 22,500 jobs since June 2004.

Employment in education and health services fell by 600 jobs in June, while employment in financial activities declined by 500 jobs. Employment in construction remained unchanged over the month, and manufacturing employment fell by 400 jobs. The natural resources and mining industry lost 900 jobs over the month.

LOTTERY

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return a telephone call seeking comment Friday.

Dawn Nettles, another longtime lottery critic, was named to the committee but immediately stepped down. She said participating in the search would conflict with her duties publishing her "Lotto Report" newsletter and Web site.

"I was honored that they asked," she said. "I report the things that go

on and I don't think that it's fair to my readers to be in that position."

Lottery spokesman Bobby Heith said Clowe was surprised by Nettles' decision but declined further comment. It was not immediately known if Clowe would appoint a replacement.

The other committee members include the president of the Texas Grocery & Convenience Association, two former lottery commissioners and a lottery spokeswoman.

FUEL

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variety of topics related to their own businesses as well as national and international issues that may impact their operations.

Participants in the poll provide feedback on significant issues and allow for real-time insight into the state of small busi-

nesses nationwide. The universe of participants is developed from among small businesses across the United States. Nearly 250 small business owners and senior managers participated in this IPA SBRB poll. The IPA SBRB study is a voluntary survey conducted via phone and e-mail.

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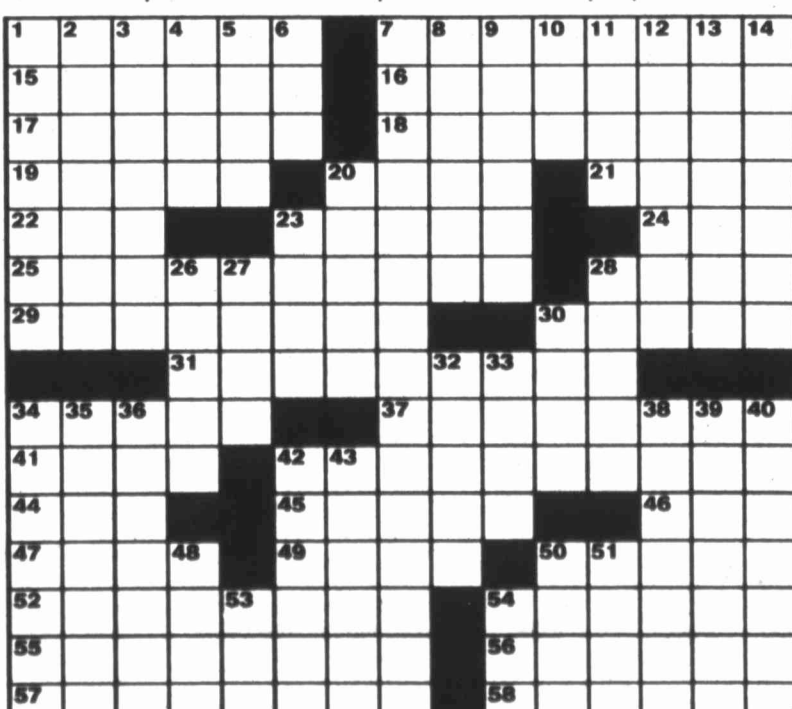
- ACROSS**
1 Pulp Fiction actor
7 Literally, "openness"
15 City near Denver
16 Ball game
17 Twice and again
18 Candy-box word
19 Blank out
20 What it's risky to work without
21 Harvey hero
22 Pulled off
23 Geometry term
24 Avril follower
25 Olympian undertaking
28 Singular
29 Antioxidant source
30 Deals in
31 Oscar role for Ingrid
34 Gothic feature
37 Wide-ranging
41 Is obliged to
42 Museum pieces
44 Marge's neighbor
45 Harry
46 '70s Cambodian leader
47 Lou's La Bamba costar
49 Disagreeable duty
50 Franklin's colleague in France

- 52 Main modifier
54 Presently
55 Divine refreshment
56 One of the Karamazovs
57 One that's left
58 Candy name

DOWN
1 Like The Incredibles
2 He makes tracks
3 Strauss opera heroine
4 Does the deck
5 Dashiell contemporary
6 For instance
7 Lump
8 Don't top

- 9 Mansfield Park author
10 Warning to motorists
11 Teen-movie persona
12 Armchair adjunct
13 Estate manager
14 Some bears
20 Smarts
23 "___ boy!"
26 Freshwater fowl
27 Sister of Charlotte and Emily
28 Blush, perhaps
30 Struggles
32 #1 spots
33 Bed piece

- 34 Turned
35 Way cool
36 Makes a mess of
38 Flat fillers
39 Refinement subject
40 Out of the Silent Planet author
42 Orchestra member
43 Of Mice and Men character
48 As regards
50 Field topper
51 Sandusky's county
53 Palme (film award)
54 NRA proponent



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Specifications may be obtained from Mr. Dennis Churchwell, Director of Purchasing, 1001 Birdwell Lane, Big Spring, TX 79720, (432)264-5167, e-mail: dchurchwell@howardcollege.edu. Sealed bids will be accepted through 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 9, 2005, in the Howard College, Administration Building, A2, 1001 Birdwell Lane, Big Spring, TX 79720, at which time they will be opened and read aloud. The bids will then be tabulated and final determination of bid award will be made at a future board meeting. Technical and bidding questions are directed to Dennis Churchwell, Director of Purchasing, 1001 Birdwell Lane, Big Spring, TX 79720, (432)264-5167, e-mail: dchurchwell@howardcollege.edu. Howard County Junior College District reserves the right to reject any or all bids.
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CITY OF BIG SPRING PUBLIC HEARING TUESDAY, AUGUST 9, 2005 CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS 307 E. 4TH STREET, BIG SPRING, TEXAS 79720

DROUGHT CONTINGENCY PLAN
The Big Spring City Council will hold a Public Hearing concerning the revised Drought Contingency Plan (DCP) for the City of Big Spring on Tuesday, August 9th, 2005 at the City Council Chambers, 307 East 4th Street. This replaces the previously adopted Drought Contingency Plan of March 2002. This revised Drought Contingency Plan is written to comply with State Regulations and to provide the City of Big Spring with an acceptable plan to eliminate unnecessary water usage in a cost effective manner. Water uses regulated or prohibited under this Drought Contingency Plan (DCP) are considered to be non-essential and continuation of such uses during times of water shortage or other emergency water supply condition are deemed to constitute a waste of water which subjects the offender(s) to penalties. Citizens will have the opportunity to express any oral or written comments. Comments may also be mailed to Todd Darden, Public Works Director, City of Big Spring, 310 Nolan, Big Spring, Texas 79720 or call (432)264-2500.
#4641 July 24 & 26, 2005

BY HOLIDAY MATHIS
The Pisces moon is an expert at empathizing. You can feel and almost see what kind of vibes

your fellow man (beast, bird, fish) is putting out. You can also soak up these vibes like a sponge. It's not always healthy to do so. For this reason, be judicious about whom you choose to hang around, walk next to and be in the same room with.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Do you want overflowing joy? Provide a service that others truly need. Educational, financial and cultural purposes are your forte. With regard to heart matters, you'd rather be the pursuer but are pursued today instead.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). The road to love has its bumps and ditches, but you hold on tight. While traveling the path, you suddenly feel you are the path. This is the total commitment needed to make a relationship work.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Model exactly what you'd like to receive from others. You will realize in the process how easy or hard it is to deliver to your specifications. Money is just money, so put financial worries in proper perspective.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Situations arise to help you further develop your already impressive powers of empathy. Whether applied to your love life or your professional life, your increased compassion will make you rich.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Someone "takes you to school" today, and you are happy to go. These life lessons on the subject of loving and being loved are more valuable than gold. You have an unlimited number of second chances available.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You may go back and forth, wondering if a pursuit is viable or a total waste of your time. The

Tomorrow's Horoscope

answer is: both. Use the endeavor as an exercise in keeping a positive attitude.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). No one shines without help. It's the ideal time to recruit your team. Look for the true hearted and also for people who have something to contribute to your aesthetic sensibility.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You're cultivating a style. It's the little things that make you feel special — famous even — no, legendary. And why should n't you stand out as a VIP? You certainly behave like one.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). While others may have trouble readjusting once life has been disrupted by travel, you can't stand to have your life disrupted by routine. When it comes to adventure, you show the rest of the world how it's done.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Getting your specifications precisely met doesn't seem as important. You see the benefit of being easy to please — you get to spend most of your time being pleased. Happiness is a way of travel, not a destination.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). What feels like pressure at first is actually an opportunity to excel. The right person will inspire you to put your fears aside and choose love. Likely candidates are Sagittarius and Pisces.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Getting out into the world helps you appreciate your own home. While making your rounds, you easily capture someone's heart. To this person, you seem like a dream but you

prove yourself to be real.

FORECAST FOR THE WEEK AHEAD: The lion has symbolized royal lineages, divinity and power since ancient times. The annual solar transit through Leo celebrates the sun king's return to his throne. It's a time to get in touch with your power, talents and loves. In doing so, you return to the throne of your own life, taking control of yourself and your environment with the mastery of a wise monarch. The best way to invite Leo energy into your world is not through introspection or "finding yourself," and it's not by studying hard or taking an assessment test either. The Leo sun teaches us that the path to leadership is through childlike playfulness. We find out what we are passionate about through pretending and imagination. Pretending long enough makes it so. This is the week to lose your inhibition and experiment — try on different personas until you discover how to grow into your expanded new concept of yourself. Mercury retrograde should take care of some of your self-consciousness. Everyone is so busy trying to get their own message across they probably won't bat an eye at the change you're making. And the sun conjunct Saturn at the top of the week is also supportive and encouraging.

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TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY NOTICE OF APPLICATION AND PRELIMINARY DECISION FOR WATER QUALITY LAND APPLICATION PERMIT RENEWAL OF MUNICIPAL WASTEWATER PROPOSED PERMIT NO. WQ0010723001

APPLICATION AND PRELIMINARY DECISION. City of Coahoma, P.O. Box 420, Coahoma, Texas, 79511-0420, has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for a renewal of Permit No. 10723-001, which authorizes the disposal of treated domestic wastewater at a daily average flow not to exceed 86,800 gallons per day via surface irrigation of 95 acres of farmland on the R.L. Powell Farm and 100 acres of farmland on the J.L. Metcalf Farm. This permit will not authorize a discharge of pollutants into waters in the State. This application was submitted to the TCEQ on November 3, 2004.

The facility and disposal site are located adjacent to the west side of Farm-to-Market Road 820, approximately 1.2 miles south of the intersection of Interstate Highway 20 and Farm-to-Market Road 820 in Howard County, Texas. The facility and disposal site are located in the drainage area of the Colorado River Below Lake J.B. Thomas in Segment No. 1412 of the Colorado River Basin.

The TCEQ executive director has completed the technical review of the application and prepared a draft permit. The draft permit, if approved, would establish the conditions under which the facility must operate. The executive director has made a preliminary decision that this permit, if issued, meets all statutory and regulatory requirements. The permit application, technical summary and executive director's preliminary decision, and draft permit are available for viewing and copying at the City of Coahoma, City Hall, 122 North First Street, Coahoma, Texas.

PUBLIC COMMENT / PUBLIC MEETING. You may submit public comments or request a public meeting about this application. The purpose of a public meeting is to provide the opportunity to submit written or oral comment or to ask questions about the application. Generally, the TCEQ will hold a public meeting if the executive director determines that there is a significant degree of public interest in the application or if requested by a local legislator. A public meeting is not a contested case hearing. Written public comments and requests for a public meeting should be submitted to the Office of the Chief Clerk, MC 105, TCEQ, P.O. Box 13067, Austin, TX 78711-3067 within 30 days of the date of newspaper publication of the notice.

OPPORTUNITY FOR A CONTESTED CASE HEARING. After the deadline for public comments, the executive director will consider

the comments and prepare a response to all relevant and material, or significant public comments. The response to comments, along with the executive director's decision on the application, will be mailed to everyone who submitted public comments or who requested to be on the mailing list for this application. If comments are received, the mailing will also provide instructions for requesting a contested case hearing or reconsideration of the executive director's decision. A contested case hearing is a legal proceeding similar to a civil trial in a state district court.

A contested case hearing will only be granted based on disputed issues of fact that are relevant and material to the Commission's decision on the application. Further, the Commission will only grant a hearing on issues that were raised during the public comment period and not withdrawn. Issues that are not raised in public comments may not be considered during a hearing. The TCEQ may act on this application to renew a permit without providing an opportunity for a contested case hearing if certain criteria are met.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ACTION. The executive director may issue final approval of the application unless a timely contested case hearing request or a timely request for reconsideration is filed. If a timely hearing request or request for reconsideration is filed, the executive director will not issue final approval of the permit and will forward the application and requests to the TCEQ Commissioners for their consideration at a scheduled Commission meeting.

MAILING LIST. In addition to submitting public comments, you may ask to be placed on a mailing list to receive future public notices mailed by the Office of the Chief Clerk. You may request to be added to: (1) the mailing list for this specific application; (2) the permanent mailing list for a specific applicant name and permit number; and/or (3) the permanent mailing list for a specific county. Clearly specify which mailing list(s) to which you wish to be added and send your request to the TCEQ Office of the Chief Clerk at the address above. Unless you otherwise specify, you will be included only on the mailing list for this specific application.

INFORMATION. If you need more information about this permit application or the permitting process, please call the TCEQ Office of Public Assistance, Toll Free, at 1-800-687-4040. General information about the TCEQ can be found at our web site at www.tceq.state.tx.us. Further information may also be obtained from the City of Coahoma at the address stated above or by calling Mr. John Wayne Metcalf at (432)394-4287.
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