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Rodeo banner sponsorship set at chamber

Merchants interested in sponsoring a rodeo banner at their place of business during the Big Spring Cowboy Reunion and Rodeo should contact the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce.

The banners will be installed beginning June 1 and will remain up through the rodeo (June 12-15).

Banners range from \$10 to \$45, plus tax.

To reserve a banner, or for more information, contact the chamber at 263-7641.

WHAT'S UP...

TODAY

□ Big Spring Band Boosters meets at 6 p.m. at the high school band hall. All band parents are invited to attend.

□ Big Spring Shrine Club meets at 6:30 p.m. for dinner with meeting to follow at First and Goliad. All Masons are welcome to attend.

□ Big Spring Art Association meets at 7 p.m. at the Howard County Library.

□ Big Spring Chapter 67, Order of the Eastern Star meets at 7:30 p.m. at the Masonic Lodge, 219 Main.

WEDNESDAY

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

□ Senior Circle Sit and Be Fit Chair Aerobics meets at the SMMC cafeteria at 10 a.m.

□ Downtown Lions Club meets at noon at the Howard College Cactus Room.

□ Duplicate Bridge Club meets every Wednesday, Thursday and Friday at 1 p.m. at the Big Spring Country Club.

□ Line dancing, 1 p.m., Senior Citizens Center. Call 398-5522 or 267-1628.

□ Fraternal order of Eagles Aerie Ladies Auxiliary meets at 7 p.m. at the Eagles Lodge, 703 W. Third.

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Buckle up! Agencies crack down on seat belt infractions

By ROGER CLINE

Staff Writer

Did you break the law on the way to work this morning? Did you put yourself or your children at increased risk of injury or death?

If you didn't wear your safety belt or secure your children in a child safety

seat, you should have answered "yes" to these questions.

For the next two weeks, the Big Spring Police and Texas Department of Public Safety will be putting special emphasis on enforcing the seatbelt laws.

The statewide crackdown, organized by the Texas Department of Transportation and centered on the Memorial Day holiday, is entitled "Click It or Ticket."

Big Spring Police Chief Lonnie Smith said his

department is utilizing its Special Traffic Enforcement Program.

"Some of our STEP programs that we operate under, we've put out that we want special emphasis on the seatbelt violations," he said. "It will prevent serious injury or death. If that's not enough, if they're found not to be wearing them, it could result in a substantial fine being levied by municipal court or JP court."

Big Spring police take ticketing seatbelt non-wearers very seriously, Smith

said.

"Most of the officers have attuned themselves to being able to spot seatbelts, and also young children unrestrained bouncing around in the cars," he said. "They tend to stop people and cite them for that."

Sgt. Johnny Bekkelund of the local Department of Public Safety office said the DPS pursues a "zero tolerance seatbelt policy" year-round, but the troopers will be out in force during the campaign.

"Especially over this holi-

day period, over this next week and a half," he said. "We're going to enforce it just like we always enforce it, with zero tolerance. All troopers in the area are going to be working."

State law requires drivers and front seat passengers to wear seat belts. Children under 17 years old sitting in the front or the back seat of a vehicle must be secured with seat belts or in a child safety seat.

"When safety belt use in

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Trade route plans roll along

Ports-to-Plains future bright, coalition's president says

By BILL MCCLELLAN

News Editor

Though it hasn't been in the news of late, progress continues on the Ports-to-Plains Trade Corridor, the Mexico-to-Colorado route that passes through Howard County via U.S. Highway 87.

"The future is bright, awareness is very high," said Kevin P. Evans, president of the Ports-to-Plains Trade Coalition. Evans was in Big Spring on Monday en route to Del Rio to make a presentation on the corridor.

"We now have about 80 coalition members, whereas a year and a half ago we had 43. Most are cities and counties, but there are others. Howard College and Texas Tech University have signed on. Nearly all the economic development entities are members or are helping with funding," said



Kevin P. Evans, president of the Ports-to-Plains Trade Coalition, left; Howard County Commissioner Bill Crocker; Frances St. Clair, district director for state Sen. Robert Duncan's (R-Lubbock) local office; and Lane Bond, of Bond Web Designs, review some information about the Ports-to-Plains project.

Evans.

When completed, the route would be a four-lane divided highway designed

to handle the transportation of goods and services from Mexico through West Texas, the Panhandles of

Texas and Oklahoma and on to Denver, Colo.

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Police investigate break-in, fire at local shop

By ROGER CLINE

Staff Writer

Big Spring fire and police departments are investigating a suspicious fire that broke out Monday evening in the 800 block of North Bell.

Big Spring Police Sgt. Roger Sweat said the fire appears to have been accidentally set during a burglary attempt at a muffler shop in the area.

"From what I understand it looks like an attempted

burglary or a burglary or something of that nature," he said. "We don't have any leads or anything right now. Anything like that destroys and messes up a lot of the evidence."

Would-be burglars apparently started the fire when they tried to enter the building.

"What it looks like is that somebody went and pushed open a window, pushed a refrigerator unit through and were going to climb in," Sweat said.

"It landed, shorted out and set fire to some stuff. I don't think it was an intentional arson."

"It may have been an accident, them setting fire to it, but they were committing an illegal act anyway."

Charges could include burglary of a building or arson, he said.

"It just depends on what we can show whenever we find out who it is," he said. "They may be charged with burglary of a building or something of that nature, or

the possibility of arson. We'll charge them with whatever the highest offense is."

Sweat is asking for the public's help in solving this crime.

"Anybody with any information, if they would either call Crimestoppers or call us, we'd sure be tickled," he said.

Those with information should call Crimestoppers at 263-TIPS or the Big Spring Police Department at 264-2550.

Memorial bricks will arrive today

By BILL MCCLELLAN

News Editor

They're not just bricks in the wall.

They're engraved with the names of war veterans and will replace the stone wall that circles the Big Spring Vietnam Memorial. And they should arrive in Big Spring today.

"We're ready to go get them tomorrow," Jerry Groves, Vietnam Memorial Committee public relations director, said Monday. Groves and Jay James, Hangar 25 Air Museum committee member, left this morning for Brownwood to retrieve the bricks. James has donated a trailer for the trip.

Chico & Son Masonry, committee members and others will be installing the bricks on Saturday.

"We'll be working all weekend to get them in place," said Groves.

Weather permitting, the bricks — approximately 450 of them — will be in place for Memorial Day services scheduled to begin at 11 a.m. Monday. Keynote speaker will be Retired Col. Harry Spannus, who served as a training wing commander at Webb Air Force Base.

The bricks were purchased for \$30 each by individuals, families and groups as an on-going fundraiser for the memorial site. The solid granite bricks are engraved with up to three lines of 14 characters per line. Each brick contains

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Council sets pre-budget work session this evening

By ROGER CLINE

Staff Writer

It's budget time again.

The Big Spring City Council will meet at 5:30 p.m. today to offer ideas

and suggestions for the fiscal year 2002-2003 city budget. While the meeting isn't considered a regular city council meeting, the council will also consider one proposed ordinance amendment.

"We're having a pre-budget workshop," he said. "That way, the staff can be apprised of anything that anybody on the city council might want to see in the budget."

McEwen said the practice of holding the pre-budget planning sessions was started last year.

"To be in the position where we can say, 'This is what we'd like to do and this is what we'd like you to come up with,' and they can

know that going into the budget rather than presenting what they assume we'll want to see," he said. "A lot of time the staff would be kind of shooting in the dark as far as what the council would like to see in the budget."

Actual budget deliberations are set to start this summer, McEwen said.

Before embarking on the budget discussion, the council will consider the first reading of an ordinance amending city building regulations.

The affected ordinance is Article II, Sec. 20-92: "Raceway Systems," and deals with the type of wiring allowed in multi-family housing units in the city.

The ordinance presently requires builders to use "raceways," a type of pipe conduits, when they wire any unit designed with more than two dwellings, said Public Works Director Todd Darden.

"Limestone Ridge came in

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Marty Akins, Democratic candidate for state comptroller, met with community leaders this morning at the Howard College Student Union Fireplace Room. About 20 people showed up for the event. Shown, front from left, Johnnie Lou Avery, Akins and Knott community farmer Larry Shaw. In the background, Del Hartin, left, talks with Howard County Democratic Party Chairman W.A. "Woody" Jumper.

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SEAT BELTS

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Texas reaches 85 percent, we estimate that each year 241 lives will be saved and 5,275 non-fatal injuries will be prevented," said Dr. Jeffrey Runge, administrator of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. "The state could also save an estimated \$392 million in associated societal costs."

Seat belt usage is presently at about 76 percent statewide, according to TxDOT.

Seatbelt citations cost between \$25 and \$200, plus court costs, per offense.

COUNCIL

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and they requested to use Romex on the new apartment complexes going in," he said. "Romex is your typical NM cable. It's typically referred to by its trade name Romex. Its poly-vinyl-sheathed conductors."

Limestone Ridge is a planned income-regulated apartment complex under construction on U.S. Highway 87 near the Big Spring State Hospital.

Darden said there are advantages to both systems.

"The raceway system gives the wiring a little more physical protection against damage," he said. "It also gives you the ability in future maintenance to replace damaged wiring or upgrade wiring or add wiring, because of the raceway. You can pull the wire back through there."

Romex systems aren't as easy to maintain as raceway wiring systems, but make up for that drawback in cost, Darden said.

"The 'pro' for it is cost savings," he said. "Not having to bend conduit. You're basically making your wire pulls in one action, where in conduit, you have to put in the conduit and then pull the wires through. Romex is a substantial savings."

Nationwide standards would allow Romex wiring in the planned apartment complex, but more stringent city ordinances don't. The new ordinance would require raceway wiring on all residential units consisting of more than four dwellings, Darden said.

"Since there are four dwellings in each one of their buildings, it would fall under those guidelines," he said.

BRICKS

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the name of someone who was in the armed forces during the Vietnam War or other war.

Funds raised go toward upkeep of the memorial's grounds.

"It costs us a minimum of \$3,000 per year just to pay our utility bills," Groves said. "And that doesn't include materials and equipment needed to keep the grounds and perform essential maintenance."

The trailer load represents the first bricks ordered. The committee is still taking orders on the next lot. Application forms for those interested in purchasing a

memorial granite brick are available at Athletic Supply in the Big Spring Mall and at the Sparenburg Building downtown.

Anyone wishing to make a tax-deductible contribution toward the memorial's upkeep can mail them to: Vietnam Memorial Committee, P.O. Box 2854, Big Spring 79720.

ROUTE

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Eventually, the route would extend up through the Midwest and into Canada.

Evans said that in 2000, value in trade with Mexico was \$248 billion. By 2010, that value is expected to exceed \$800 billion.

"In the next 10 years, we're going to see a doubling of our trade traffic. That is going to be significant," Evans said.

Currently, Evans is working to get task forces in place throughout the route, which runs from Laredo through Carrizo Springs, Eagle Pass, Del Rio, San Angelo, Big Spring, Lamesa, Lubbock, Plainview, Amarillo and on north.

"Things are really going to begin to crank up toward the end of this summer. That's why it is so important to get task forces in place now," he said.

Evans said cities which have worked the hardest on the route are Big Spring, Lubbock and Stratford.

"Those are the cities I always use as an example. Lubbock as the large city, Big Spring as the medium-sized city and Stratford as the small city. Those three are very much on top of what is going on. Dumas, Lamesa and Sonora and coming along. Del Rio is a key member. They have so much going on with the border side that they haven't been able to concentrate yet much on Ports-to-Plains. But they will be very important."

The Big Spring Transportation Committee is the local task force for the project. The group has been working on a reliever route around Big Spring to the west, which would wind past McMahon-Wrinkle Airport.

The impact on Big Spring could be very strong, officials believe, because it could be a "multi-model trade center" — referring to the immediate access to U.S. Highway 87 and Interstate 20, McMahon-Wrinkle Airport and the railroad.

County Commissioner Bill Crocker, who is head of the local transportation committee and a Ports-to-Plains committee member, said local officials are taking a close look at how Big Spring can interconnect its modes of transportation. He and other committee members plan on taking a trip soon to Mesquite, which is known as a center for transportation.

"With the rail yard you have here and the airport, it's a natural," Evans said.

This summer, coalition members will be working to ensure that the remaining portion of the corridor is included in Phase II of the Texas Truck System. This, officials say, is crucial to funding many of the bypasses and upgrades needed. Work continues at the federal level as well as the state level, Evans said.

"Our legislators have really gotten behind this. They've done a lot," he said, calling State Sen. Robert Duncan "the quarterback" of the project at the state level, while citing U.S. Rep. Larry Combest and U.S. Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison as particularly influential on the federal level.

"With the focus on the war (against terrorism), funding is going to be short on the federal level," said Evans. "There's not going to be enough gravy for all the biscuits. We want to make sure our biscuit stands out as real attractive."

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Cornell
employee
scheduled
for appearance
on drug charges

By ROGER CLINE

Staff Writer
A Big Spring prison guard and Cornell Corrections employee was scheduled for an initial appearance on drug charges before a federal magistrate this morning.

Nathan Ali Menges, 25, of Big Spring was arrested Friday by agents of the Office of the Inspector General after allegedly accepting nine ounces of cocaine and \$900 from an undercover officer.

"He'll be taken in front of a judge here pretty quick, within the next hour or so," said U.S. Attorney Jeff Parras, who added that Menges will appear before U.S. Magistrate Judge Stuart Platt. The decision of whether to allow bail will be discussed at that initial appearance, Parras said.

Menges was arrested after the U.S. Inspector General's Office reportedly received a tip, Parras said.

"The Office of the Inspector General, federal officers out of El Paso, investigates allegations like these and there is some information that Mr. Menges was interested in moving cocaine in to an individual that was incarcerated," he said. "They stung him with an undercover officer. He played the role of the drug dealer who was attempting to provide cocaine to an inmate with the help of the guard."

Parras said the undercover officer met with the Menges in what the guard believed was a drug deal.

"He and the guard got together. The correctional officer met with the undercover officer believing he was meeting with a drug dealer to receive the nine ounces and \$900," Parras said. "He was going to provide the cocaine to an inmate and the \$900 was his fee, \$100 an ounce, for taking the cocaine to the inmate."

Menges is being charged with two federal offenses, Parras said.

"He'll be charged with two felonies, federal crimes," the U.S. attorney said. "One is possession with intent to distribute cocaine, and that specifically is nine ounces of cocaine, which is a little over half a pound."

The other offense is a rarity, Parras said. "Attempting, he didn't get it done, obviously, but attempting to provide an inmate with a prohibited object, which is the cocaine," he said.

Officials with Cornell Corrections could not be reached for comment this morning.

POLICE

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

• **SCOTTY JOE BRYANT**, 29, of 2303 Carl was arrested on local warrants.

• **ANTHONY MUNOZ**, 43, address unknown was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.

• **ARSON** was reported in the 800 block of North Bell Street. Merchandise worth

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\$10,000 was reported destroyed in the blaze at a local muffler shop.

• **MINOR ACCIDENT** was reported in the 200 block of West FM 700, the 1600 block of Martin Luther King Boulevard, the 1500 block of South Main Street and the 1100 block of North Goliad Street.

• **MAJOR ACCIDENT** was reported in the 800 block of East Interstate 20

• **ASSAULT CLASS C/FAMILY VIOLENCE** was reported in the 2500 block of Gunter Circle.

• **DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE** was reported in the 2500 block of Gunter Circle and the 1600 block of Avion Street.

• **LOUD PARTY/NOISE** was reported in the 1500 block of Sycamore Street, the 1600 block of Robin Street and the 2900 block of Clanton Street.

• **THEFT** was reported: In the 1400 block of Virginia Avenue. Items worth \$300 were reported stolen from the home.

In the 2500 block of Hunter Drive. Items worth \$400 were reported stolen from the home.

In the 2600 block of Crestline Road. A Mon-goose bicycle worth \$120 was reportedly stolen.

• **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported in the 600 block of South Gregg. A maroon 1993 Chevy Lumina reportedly sustained \$200 damage. Vehicle parts or accessories also reportedly sustained \$80 damage in the incident.

• **BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE** was reported in the 1300 block of West Fourth Street. Items worth \$105, including a purse or handbag worth \$5 were reported stolen from the white 1999 Buick Skylark. The vehicle also reportedly received \$300 in the form of a broken side window.

• **BURGLARY OF A HABITATION AND INTERFERING WITH EMERGENCY COMMUNICATION** was reported in the 800 block of South Nolan Street. Someone reportedly destroyed a telephone worth \$25 in the incident before stealing \$45 worth of clothes.

BRIEFS

THE COAHOMA LIONS CLUB has postponed its annual City Wide Garage Sale out of respect for the Relay For Life event.

It will now be held on Saturday, June 1.

If you would like to participate and have a garage sale in Coahoma register at The Little Sooper Market.

Deadline to register is Saturday, May 24. Registration fee is \$15.

DISABLED AMERICAN VETERANS BARBECUE fundraiser will be held at Comanche Trail Park 4 p.m. to 7 p.m., Saturday, June 1.

Burgers, hot dogs, fixings, dessert. Advance tickets are \$5 and are available at L&M Auto, Goliad and FM 700. For more information call 263-5163.

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THE CITY OF BIG SPRING Water Utilities Department will be replacing a valve in the water system. Date of repair will be May 21, from 9 a.m. to completion.

Customers in the following areas will experience low or no water pressure — On Mt. Vernon from E. 15th to George, on E. 14th from Birdwell to Park Ave.

THE FREEDOM PARADE will be held Saturday, July 6. Please call Russ Mullins at 394-4277 for more information if you would like to participate in the parade.

U.S. NAVY REUNION USS Sperry (AS-12) Submarine Tender. Crewmembers from 1942-1982. Oct. 10-12 at the Victorian Condo/Hotel in Galveston.

Contact Arnold Ross, 2916 Colonial Dr., Dickinson 77539-4439, or call 281-534-2459. E-mail ARoss14573@aol.com

JUNE IS PROSTATE CANCER Awareness Month. The Howard Glasscock Counties Chapter of the American Cancer Society has programs and speakers that are available for anyone interested.

For more information call JoAnn Forest at 267-6286 or Bill Birrell at 263-0659.

FIRE/EMS

The following is a summary of EMS and Fire Department activity:

3:32 a.m. — 5000 block of Cedar, medical call, one patient transported to SBC Comms
5:05 a.m. — 500 block NW Seventh, medical call, one patient transported to SMMC.

5:16 a.m. — 500 block of W. 17th, trauma call, service refused.

6:21 a.m. — 100 block of Coronado, medical call, one patient transported to SMMC.

6:47 a.m. — 400 block of Edwards, medical call, service refused.

8:34 a.m. — 3200 block of Parkway, medical call, one patient transported to VA Medical Center.

9:07 a.m. — 3800 block of Calvin, trauma call, one patient transported to SMMC.

10:21 a.m. — 1000 block of Wright, trauma call, service refused.

11:53 a.m. — 2300 block of Gregg, medical call, one patient transported to SMMC.

12:42 p.m. — 3200 block of Parkway, medical call, one patient transported to SMMC.

1:34 p.m. — 3700 block of Wright, medical call, one patient transported to SMMC.

2:34 p.m. — Jeffery Rd., medical call, one patient transported to SMMC.

2:37 p.m. — 3200 block of

Parkway, medical call, one patient transported to SMMC.

3:07 p.m. — 1500 block of Main, trauma call, one patient transported to SMMC.

3:53 p.m. — Roy Anderson Ball Park, trauma call, one patient transported to SMMC.

5:38 p.m. — 500 block of NE 10th, medical call, one patient transported to SMMC.

6:52 p.m. — I-20 and Hwy. 350, traffic accident, one patient transported to SMMC.

1:03 a.m. — 800 block of N. Bell, structure fire, extinguished.

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SBC Comms	34.91 +.75
Sears Roebuck	56.03 -.47
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Texas Instrument	31.17 -.52
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Europacific	27.76 -.11
Prime Rate	4.75 %
Gold	312.8 - 314.95
Silver	4.76 - 4.82

MEETINGS

STANTON INDEPENDENT SCHOOL BOARD OF TRUSTEES
TODAY 7:30 P.M.

Stanton ISD trustees will hold a special meeting at the board room in the administration building, 600 Main, Coahoma, to hear a report on the employee health insurance program and school finance. The trustees will also hold a closed meeting.

Also on the agenda:
• consider approval of grant.

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President warns lawmakers not to test his resolve on Cuba embargo

MIAMI (AP) — Many lawmakers are skeptical about President Bush's unyielding stance on the Cuba trade embargo, but Bush warned them not to test his resolve, threatening to veto any legislation that would lift the blockade or tourism restrictions.

"I will not allow our taxpayers' money to go to enrich the Castro regime, and I'm willing to use my veto," Bush on Monday told a raucous crowd of thousands in this city heavily populated by Cuban-Americans.

The audience roared its approval, interrupting his speech continually with standing ovations and cries of "Libertad! Libertad!" and "Cuba, si, Castro, no!"

Bush told them what they wanted to hear: He will not consider

easing the embargo until the country enacts sweeping political and economic reforms.

There is growing impatience with the 40-year-old embargo on Capitol Hill, and many in Congress dismissed Bush's detailed conditions.

Rep. Jeff Flake, R-Ariz., who sponsored legislation that would effectively lift the U.S. ban on travel to Cuba, said the current policies are "clearly not working."

"After 40 years of a U.S. policy of isolating Cuba, Castro hasn't moved an inch closer to democracy," Flake said. "There is no reason to believe that continuing our current policy will hasten that transition."

Sen. Barbara Boxer, D-Calif., said the embargo "has not accomplished one thing it was meant to

accomplish. What a foolish policy it is."

Sen. Chris Dodd, D-Conn., chairman of the Foreign Relations subcommittee on Latin America, said Bush "set forth a laundry list of actions that the Castro government must take before the U.S. takes even one step toward modifying U.S. policies."

"By doing so he has guaranteed that the current political system in Cuba will remain the same."

Rep. Chris Smith, R-N.J., vice chairman of the House International Relations Committee, called Bush's firm backing for the embargo "the correct course for us to take."

"Unlike comments made by former President Jimmy Carter last week, the Bush policy recognizes that Castro is a dictator who

represses his people and that he, therefore, must take the first steps if he is serious about normalizing ties to the U.S.," Smith said.

Carter last week visited Cuba and called for an easing of the embargo.

Some critics of the Bush doctrine point out that the United States does not set similar demands on other countries with which it has normal relations. China, for instance, holds political prisoners, does not allow its citizens freedom of speech or religion, does not allow opposition parties, does not allow elections and keeps out most human rights monitors.

Amid the war on terrorism and the Mideast crisis, Bush has sought closer ties to Saudi Arabia, a monarchy that does not allow its people freedom of speech or reli-

gion, and which does not hold any kind of free elections.

Some Bush administration officials said privately they do not expect Castro to meet the conditions for lifting the embargo. That is why Bush also proposed a series of initiatives to improve the plight of people in Cuba, through expanded work by nongovernment organizations, and to bolster communications with the island nation through resumption of mail delivery.

Otto Reich, assistant secretary of state for the Western Hemisphere, said Bush's demands for lifting the embargo represented a "sincere offer."

Asked what the odds are that Castro will meet Bush's conditions, Reich said, "I don't gamble."

Polygraphs planned for hundreds of federal workers

WASHINGTON (AP) — Still seeking a suspect in the anthrax-by-mail attacks, the Justice Department is preparing to give lie detector tests to hundreds of federal workers at two facilities where anthrax is kept, a law enforcement official says.

The government will administer the tests to workers at Fort Detrick, Md., and Dugway Proving Ground, Utah. The tests will begin in June.

Investigators will focus on workers who had expertise in preparing anthrax for use as a weapon and those who may have had access to it,

the official said Monday, speaking on condition of anonymity.

The move underscores the government's growing suspicion that the anthrax attacks were conducted by someone with legitimate access to the deadly bacteria.

ABC News, which first reported the plans for testing, said some former employees of both facilities may be given polygraph tests as well.

The law enforcement official said the plan to test employees does not mean the government has a suspect.

The World Bank, meanwhile, told 1,200 of its 8,500 employees in Washington not to report to work for two days because a preliminary anthrax test of mail came back positive, a spokeswoman said Monday. The preliminary tests often give false positives.

The World Bank has been regularly testing its mail for anthrax.

A field test of some mail came back positive Monday, spokeswoman Caroline Anstey said.

But a second test, conducted the same day, came back negative.

Authorities are conduct-

ing a more thorough analysis, which can take up to two days.

The investigation into who sent several anthrax-laced letters last year has produced few leads and investigators acknowledge the trail is growing cold. The government has begun a strategy of focusing on possible sources of anthrax and casting a wide net, rather than identifying suspects from the few clues gained from the letters.

Officials at Fort Detrick and Dugway did not immediately return telephone calls seeking comment Monday.

Public can expect more terror warnings as the pressure to disclose rises

WASHINGTON (AP) — Local officials across the country are newly sensitive to the need to warn the public of possible terrorist attacks, even if the information is less than solid.

More warnings, however murky, may be issued as a result as authorities juggle intelligence that's disturbing but frequently unreliable.

In Orlando, Fla., an FBI tip about a possible threat to the water supply was so vague officials didn't know which contaminants to test for. On Sunday, they publicized the threat anyway.

"We didn't want to be caught with our pants down," said Lisa Akhavan, speaking for the Florida Department of Law Enforcement.

No one wants to face the criticism now being leveled at the Bush administration — that it took insufficient action last summer when it heard the al-Qaida terrorist network was planning an attack that could

include a hijacking.

Other recent warnings have included threats against apartment buildings, banks, shopping malls — even the Liberty Bell. Bush administration officials also have warned that some kind of terrorist attack is inevitable.

Striking the right balance will be tough, experts say. Too few warnings and officials will seem unprepared, incompetent or uncaring. Too many and the warnings will lose their punch.

"Information has to be researched before it's released or else the government will sound like the boy who cried wolf," said terrorism researcher Michael Scardaville of the conservative Heritage Foundation think tank.

"If this happens every day, the American people are going to start to ignore it, so that when a real threat comes through, people are going to think nothing is going to happen."

System that will scan railcars is nears completion

BROWNSVILLE (AP) — A \$1.3 million system to allow federal agents to scan railcars to check for narcotics and materials harmful to the public is expected to be completed by the end of the month on the international bridge between Brownsville and Matamoras, Mexico.

"It's like another set of eyes," U.S. Customs spokesman Rick Pauza said Monday. "It can detect chemicals and weapons of mass destruction."

The Vehicle and Cargo Inspection System, known as VACIS, will use gamma rays to scan railcars passing through the bridge and is similar to a

system used to scan tractor-trailers.

"It can scan the railcars for narcotics and anything harmful for the people in the United States," Pauza was quoted in a story in The Brownsville Herald on Tuesday.

The system is expected to cut travel time for trains crossing the border between the United States and Mexico. A similar system is being built on the Mexican side of the bridge.

Now, inspectors use drug-sniffing dogs and hand-held density meters to monitor cross-border traffic.

"This is some of the latest technology that we're using to help further our

anti-terrorism measures and also to seize narcotics," Pauza said.

A similar system is in place in Laredo.

Officials pointed to the removal in March of nearly 2,000 pounds of marijuana from inside a railcar arriving from Mexico.

"This was an excellent seizure," said David Higerson, acting U.S. Customs port director in Laredo. "A combination of high technology and good inspector work resulted in the first major seizure of marijuana we have seen in rail (cars) in Laredo in recent years."

Supreme Court agrees to hear constitutional challenge to sex offender lists

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Supreme Court said Monday it will decide whether to force states to evaluate cases individually before listing former sex offenders on registries meant to help people keep tabs on offenders living or working nearby.

The court's ruling on "Megan's laws" in more than 20 states could mean separate hearings to determine the risk posed by a sex criminal who has completed a prison sentence.

Each state has some form of sex offender registry named for the New Jersey child kidnapped, raped and killed in 1994 by a convicted sex offender who had moved in across the street. Her parents knew nothing of his history.

The Bush administration

sided with Connecticut, as did each of the other states with similar laws, in asking the Supreme Court to restore or preserve public access to information about former sex offenders.

"Megan's laws serve vital government interests by assisting law enforcement and enabling American communities to better protect themselves, and in particular their children," the administration's top Supreme Court lawyer wrote in court papers.

Connecticut set up an Internet list that grouped all convicted sex criminals together, based solely on their court records.

Lawyers for two anonymous former Connecticut sex offenders argued that the system violates the Constitution's guarantee

that government will not take away "life, liberty or property without due process of law."

"It's important to remember that this case is not about preventing sex offender registries from existing," said Shelley Sadin, a lawyer representing the men. They also are being defended by the Connecticut chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union.

"It is about making sure that sex offender laws are fair and constitutional ... that they do not post the current photos of people who are not dangerous alongside people who are dangerous ... without a hearing about whether or not they belong on that list," said Sadin.

A federal judge struck down Connecticut's sex

offender registry last year, finding that it violated the constitutional rights of past offenders to place their names on the list without a chance to prove they are no longer dangerous to society.

The New York-based 2nd U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals agreed, and the registry is no longer publicly available.

Federal law requires states to have a registry, or face a cut in federal funding.

Some states provide the public with names of only those offenders deemed dangerous; those laws are not at issue in the case now before the court. Other states have hybrid laws, making the names public in the cases of serious sex crimes, but taking a case-by-case approach when the crime is consid-

ered less egregious. It is not clear whether those laws might be affected by the Supreme Court ruling, expected sometime next year.

The registries take conviction records already publicly available through police or court records, and compile them in one place. Information on Connecticut sex offenders is still publicly available on the old piecemeal basis.

"Key facts about sex offenders should be completely available to the public so people can be fully informed and children can

be protected," Connecticut Attorney General Richard Blumenthal said Monday. "There is a vital public interest in information about such convicted offenders, whose rate of repeating the crime is extremely high."

Connecticut's registry, created in 1998, let users search by town for lists of resident sex offenders. The registry included names, addresses and, in most cases, pictures of nearly 2,100 former criminals. The Web site received 150,000 hits per month, state police said.

The Big Spring Herald will be closed Monday, May 27th in observance of Memorial Day. Deadlines for Classified and Retail are as follows:

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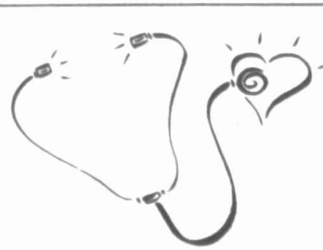
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OUR VIEWS

Help support
our veterans,
buy a poppy

On Saturday, members of the Veteran of Foreign Wars Post 1033 will be offering poppies for your donations at various locations around Big Spring. We hope you'll consider giving.

Made by disable veterans, the poppies symbolize the many brave soldiers who died during a World War I battle in Flanders Field, France. In reality, they represent all of those who have died while defending their country.

The money raised from the donations goes to help needy veterans — men and women who fought for the freedoms we hold so precious.

It's no coincidence, either, that the poppy sales come at this time of year. Monday is Memorial Day, the day we set aside to honor all of those who fought and died.

VFW members will be at different locations throughout the day. We hope you will seek one out, and make plans to donate. Then wear your poppy proudly. It shows that you have not forgotten the freedom others have sacrificed so that you may have yours.

OTHER VIEWS

American children, mirroring the adult population, are getting fatter. And it's making them sick.

A poor diet and inactivity are giving children serious diseases often associated with overweight adults.

Bad habits often begin at a young age, and overeating and a sedentary lifestyle are likely to continue into adulthood. Obesity may soon overtake smoking as the chief cause of preventable deaths in this country.

The answer to the problem, of course, is to

encourage good habits in children: a better diet and more exercise. Physically active young people not only avoid obesity-related diseases but also feel better than their overweight peers and perform better in school. They tend to avoid risky behaviors such as smoking and drug use.

Parents have the primary responsibility for encouraging children to adopt a healthy lifestyle, but schools and local governments have crucial roles to play as well.

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Don't ever say 'too busy' again

Perhaps, like me, you are vaguely familiar with the name of Douglas Southall Freeman. Perhaps you recall him as the author of a multivolume history of the War Between the States called "Lee's Lieutenants" or as the editor of the Richmond (Va.) News Leader.



CHARLEY
REESE

If, because you have no particular interest in either the Civil War — as Yankees call it — or the news business, you think a biography of Freeman would be dull reading, then pards, you are riding off on the wrong trail and will miss a beautiful vista. What is beautiful and fascinating about Freeman is not his subject matter, but the man himself. He was, to put it mildly, a most astounding person.

Check out this schedule: Rise at 2:30 a.m., dress, pray in your alcove chapel, fix your own breakfast, and arrive at work at 3:30 a.m. Conduct the affairs as editor of the daily newspaper, do a

twice-daily ad-lib radio broadcast, write editorials and columns, and then return home at 12:30 p.m. for lunch and work in the garden. A 30-minute nap from 2:30 p.m. to 3 p.m., then three hours of solid work on meticulous historical research. Dinner and family time from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., then off to bed and start it all over again at 2:30 a.m. the next day.

The amount of work this man accomplished is astounding. In addition to all of the newspaper editing and history research and writing, he played an active role in his church, in his community and indeed in his nation. He became a friend of such men as Dwight Eisenhower and George C. Marshall. He gardened, he sailed, he attended baseball games, taught classes at his church, gave speeches and wrote Pulitzer Prize-winning biographies of Robert E. Lee (four volumes) and George Washington (six volumes). And he had a long and successful marriage.

David E. Johnson, a Virginia attorney, has written a wonderful biography about him ("Douglas Southall Freeman," published by Pelican Press). Biography can be slow reading, but I picked up this

book in the early evening, and it was 2:30 a.m. before I reluctantly laid it aside. That's no exaggeration. Johnson not only brings to life his subject, but also the times and the place.

Freeman's sense of timing was extraordinary. He would arrive at the radio studio precisely one minute before airtime and then, without notes, launch into a precisely timed commentary. On one occasion, when delivering a memorial speech to an outdoor crowd in particularly cold weather, Freeman announced he would keep them no longer than 14 minutes and 32 seconds. He then delivered an impromptu and moving speech that ended precisely 14 minutes and 32 seconds later.

One of his techniques was to write memos to himself. At age 14, in preparation for a date, he wrote: "1. I shall fix my cuffs; 2. I shall choose a necktie; 3. I shall fix my shirt; 4. I shall wash all over; 5. I shall take care to wash my hands that I may get the marks off; 6. I shall choose a hat; 7. I shall black my shoes; 8. Get out my shirt; 9. Put tickets and wherewithal in my pocket; 10. I go to bed." Part of the charm of this biography is Freeman's early years, when he vacillated among

wanting to be an actor, a preacher or a historian. But very early in life he formed the habit of undertaking two or three jobs at the same time, and he managed to do them all well.

Freeman was born in 1886, and his father was a veteran of the Confederacy. As he was coming of age in Virginia there were still many living veterans and even famous generals. The author rightly begins Freeman's story with that of his father fighting in the war. His father and Robert E. Lee were the great influences in his life, and from both men he was inspired to live a Christian life and to work hard at everything he undertook.

There aren't many idealists in the world who faithfully put their ideals into practice, but Freeman tried mightily, and mostly succeeded. His life, as revealed by Johnson, is an inspiration — not to journalists or writers in particular, but to everyone.

He was living proof that people can do more than they often think they can. On his tombstone is written "Tis not too late to seek a new world."

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9/11: Hard questions need to be asked

Amid the controversy surrounding pre-9/11 revelations concerning probable airline hijackings, Congress has moved into high gear. We have long advocated this, just as there was a probe into the Pearl Harbor attack a matter of days after Dec. 7, 1941. It is not a matter of seeking scapegoats, but rather of determining what went wrong and why.



JACK
ANDERSON

Vice President Dick Cheney has just announced an increased likelihood of another significant attack. So, as with Pearl Harbor, we must prevent 9/11 from happening again, and we cannot do that until we know what really went wrong. In the aftermath of the tragedy, there has been a great deal of flag waving, but too little discovery. Now, the discovery begins, and we recommend the following questions:

For President George Bush:
Are you satisfied that the command and control mechanisms in the executive branch performed properly, or did you rely upon the Pentagon and intelligence agencies to act in concert? If you and your staff were coordinating the situation, who was responsible for integrating the raw data? Vice President Cheney back at the White House?

Is this why you saw a need for a director of Homeland Security? Tom Ridge, the head of that new post, does not have authority over the Pentagon, CIA, FBI, etc. You have that authority. Would it not be wise to assert that authority through him to gain unity of command?

For Vice President Dick Cheney:
The president was traveling. You were in charge at the White House. What orders did you give and to whom? Were you assured by the Pentagon that air cover was rapidly being deployed over our major cities? What were the threat assessments from the FBI, CIA and NSA (National Security Agency)?

Did the president give you any instructions? Did the Federal Aviation Administration warn you about the flight that departed west from Dulles International and turned around over Kentucky? Solicitor General Theodore Olson's wife, who was on that plane, called on her cell phone to tell him about the hijacking. He reported it to Attorney General John Ashcroft, whose department includes the FBI. What happened to that information? Why were Congress and the Pentagon not warned? Why weren't defensive measures taken?

For former New York Mayor Rudy Giuliani:
Other mayors may face catastrophic events such as you faced on 9/11. What would you have done differently?

Would you have remained at your office and consulted with experts such as the city engineer to determine the probable fate of the twin towers?

For CIA Director George Tenet and FBI Director Robert S. Mueller:
The CIA is prohibited by law from engaging in domestic surveillance. That is the job of the FBI. When

the CIA and FBI acquired critical information about terrorist activities, how was that information shared? The CIA apparently was aware of hijacking scenarios and the FBI knew about foreign nationals in flight schools. What mechanism is established to put that information together and act upon it?

For Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Richard B. Myers:
You are an Air Force general. Why was there no plan for air cover for America's major cities? Was there even a plan to patrol our coastlines to prevent foreign intrusions? Why were planes not scrambled from nearby bases to intercept the hijacked planes? Were there no interceptors at Andrews Air Force Base just outside Washington, D.C.? Or McGuire Air Force Base just outside New York?

These are important questions, and the answers are likely to point to a structural weakness in the executive branch's organizational chart. The absence of a unified command meant the absence of a coordinated response.



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IN BRIEF

**Special Olympics
Torch Run slated**

Local law enforcement officers and Special Olympics athletes from across Texas will join forces for the 2002 Law Enforcement Torch Run benefiting the Special Olympics Texas Summer Games.

The torch will begin its journey in Area 18 today in Fort Stockton, will travel to Monahans and then Odessa.

In Big Spring portion of the Torch Run will begin at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday at the Howard County Courthouse.

The Big Spring leg is part of the more than 2,700-mile journey the torch will make across the state, culminating at the opening ceremonies of the summer games scheduled for May 24-26 in Arlington.

**Lady Steers hoops
camp scheduled**

Big Spring Lady Steers head basketball coach Jimmy Avery will conduct the Lady Steers Fundamental Basketball Camp from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. June 10-13 in the Big Spring Junior High School gymnasium.

The camp is open to current first-through eighth-graders.

The camp will provide girls with an opportunity to develop individual basketball skills through one-on-one and group drills in a positive, educational environment.

Avery and his staff will provide camp instruction. Campers will be divided into appropriate age groups.

The camp fee is \$45 and will cover instruction, a camp T-shirt, a camp photograph and certificate.

Send applications and fees to Avery in care of Big Spring High School, 707 11th Place, Big Spring, 79720.

For more information, call Avery at 264-3647 or 264-0403.

**NL Minors Astros
defeat Toros, 4-3**

The National Little League minors division Astros ran their record to 15-0 on the season Monday with a 4-3 win over the Toros.

Ryan Flores and Jacob Acosta combined to strike out 12 Toros batters, while Paxton DeLaGarza and Robert Strickland struck out 15 Astros batters.

Flores led the way offensively for the Astros, going 3-for-3 at the plate with a double and two singles. He also scored what proved to be the game-winning run.

Chad Bowles, Matthew Carrillo and Acosta also had hits for the Astros.

The Toros were led by Steven Johnson, who was 2-for-2 at the plate. Monte Anderson, DeLaGarza and Strickland also had hits.

**Wynn benefit
scramble set July 13**

A four-man scramble with proceeds to benefit the Matt Wynn family of Coahoma will be held July 13 at Comanche Trails Golf Course.

Entry is \$200 a team.

A 2002 F-150 Ford supercab will be presented for a hole in one. First through third place prizes will be awarded as will prizes for longest drive and closest to the pin.

There will be two flights, one in the morning, the other in the afternoon.

For tee times, call Denise Coates at 393-5584.

Hicks frustrated by Rangers losing games, his money

ARLINGTON (AP) — The Texas Rangers are not only losing games, they're losing a lot of money for owner Tom Hicks.

The Rangers, again in last place in the AL West despite a \$105 million payroll that is the third-largest in the major leagues, lost \$31 million last year and projections are that the team could lose more than that this year. Hicks said he has no plans to take another big financial hit after this season.

"I'm not doing it any more. This is my last year of doing it," Hicks told reporters Sunday during the Rangers' 2-1 loss at Detroit that ended a three-game weekend sweep.

"We're going to play within our means from now on. At least break even. Breaking even is at least a start, and has got to happen."

Hicks said that means 10-time All-Star catcher Ivan Rodriguez, who hasn't played since April 14 because of a herniated disk in his back, will likely get to test the free agent market. Hicks has no plans to give the \$15 million to \$20 million a season the catcher's agent, Jeff Moorad, has indicated he will seek.

"It's not realistic for that position," Hicks said. "We love Pudge, but my guess is Pudge will test the market to see what it is. We all have to. I'm concerned if Pudge will play

baseball again this summer."

Texas has made big offseason moves the last two winters.

Alex Rodriguez was signed to a \$252 million, 10-year contract — the largest deal in sports history — before the 2000 season. Last winter, the Rangers signed No. 1 starter Chan Ho Park to a \$65 million, five-year deal and brought home Juan Gonzalez (\$12 million over two years), but both players spent much of the first six weeks of the season hurt.

After losing five-of-six games, the Rangers are 19-24 with six games on the road this week against Minnesota and Kansas City. Before

the slide, Texas was within one win of getting to .500 for the first time this season.

The Rangers have finished last in the AL West the past two seasons. That, combined with the poor play this season, has led to an attendance drop of almost 12 percent from the same point last year.

"I'm very disappointed," Hicks said. "We've tried real hard to have a competitive team. I think I can understand the reasons. We've had great support, probably a lot better support than we deserved after two last-place finishes. But we've got to get our fans convinced that we're headed back in the right direction."

Cards' Williams tosses
7-3 gem against Reds

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

Woody Williams threw another gem for his new team.

The St. Louis right-hander worked six shutout innings in a 7-3 victory over the Cincinnati Reds on Monday night, and hasn't allowed an earned run in 12 innings since coming off the disabled list.

"I know every fifth day I have to be at my best and give it my all, that's what I play for," Williams said. "I'm not going to change the world or change this team by any means, but I feel my job is to give them a chance to win every time."

Williams was 58-62 before coming to the Cardinals last August.

He strained a muscle in his left side in his season debut April 5. He's 2-1 with a 2.02 ERA since joining the team in a deal that sent Ray Lankford to the Padres, and beat Randy Johnson in the playoffs last fall.

Williams said the difference with the Cardinals is preparation. Pitching coach Dave Duncan and bench coach Marty Mason keep him well supplied with information about the opponent.

"With all the statistics and the film they have and the tendencies of the hitters, it makes it that much easier when I get out there," Williams said. "I already know what I want to do before I go out there."

Jim Edmonds and Albert Pujols homered for the Cardinals, who took three of four from the NL Central leaders and outscored them 23-12. They've won nine of 11, shaving the Reds' lead to three games.

In American League games, Boston blanked Chicago 9-0, Anaheim beat Kansas City 6-3, New York topped Toronto 6-3 and Detroit downed Cleveland 4-3.

Williams (1-0) allowed five hits, striking out five, walking one and throwing 94 pitches. He had to be resourceful, stranding two runners in the fourth and getting away with allowing three consecutive hits in the fifth.

He escaped damage in the fifth when Juan Encarnacion was out at the plate on a close play after a relay from Edmonds in center field on Austin Kearns' single.

The play loomed larger after Jason LaRue hit his first homer of the season, a three-run shot off Dave Veres in the eighth. The homer ended a 15-inning scoreless streak by the St. Louis bullpen, which hadn't allowed an earned run in 27 innings.

Edmonds hit his 10th homer, a two-run shot off Jimmy Haynes (3-5) in the third, to give the Cardinals a 4-0 lead. Pujols hit his seventh with two outs in the fifth for a 5-0 lead.

Tino Martinez got St. Louis started with a two-run single in the first. He also singled and scored on Edgar Renteria's double in the sixth and is 9-for-25 (.360) against Reds pitching with two homers and seven RBIs.

Martinez has eight hits in his last 18 at-bats overall, raising his average to .224 after a slow start. He has at least one RBI in six of the last seven games, totaling 10 in that stretch.

Pinch-hitter Eduardo Perez added a sacrifice fly in the sixth.

Haynes lasted five innings, giving up seven runs and six hits.

"Pujols hit a fastball that was up and it was supposed to be down," Haynes said. "Edmonds hit a curveball that stayed up. It was just a night where it wasn't happening for me."

Red Sox 9,**White Sox 0**

Derek Lowe won again Monday night, giving up only two singles in eight innings and leading Boston past Chicago.

Lowe, who pitched a no-hitter on April 27 against Tampa Bay, tops the AL with a 1.90 ERA. He's 7-1 and has allowed just 35 hits in 66 1-3 innings.

The former closer set a career high for victories, backed by Shea Hillenbrand's three-run homer and Jason Varitek's two-run shot at Fenway Park.

Lowe gave up an infield hit to Kenny Lofton to start the game, then did not permit another hit until Jeff Liefer singled with two outs in the eighth.

Using his sinkerball, Lowe allowed only four balls to reach the outfield.

Angels 6,**Royals 3**

Kevin Appier won his fifth straight decision and led Anaheim to its 19th victory in 22 games.

Appier allowed one hit through five innings and retired 15 consecutive batters at one stretch.

Troy Glas hit two doubles as the Angels beat visiting Kansas City.

Yankees 6,**Blue Jays 3**

Robin Ventura hit a tiebreaking home run off the right-field foul pole at Yankee Stadium in the seventh inning and New York won for the 12th time in 13 games.

Ventura homered in his third straight game. He's tied with Carlos Delgado and Alex Rodriguez for the AL homer lead with 12.

Bernie Williams also homered as the Yankees won their fifth in a row. In each of those games, New York has scored in the first inning.

Sterling Hitchcock started against Toronto after Orlando Hernandez was scratched because of upper back pain. David Wells was scratched from Tuesday night's start because of lower back pain.

Tigers 4,**Indians 3**

Wendell Magee singled home the tiebreaking single in the seventh inning and Detroit extended its longest winning streak of the season to four.

A two-out error by third baseman Travis Fryman gave the Tigers the tying run in the seventh and Magee followed with his second RBI single of the game.

A day earlier, first baseman Jim Thome's error with two outs in the ninth inning cost Cleveland a victory.

Game 2 loss:
Illness, fouls
doom Lakers

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) — Blame the cheese-cake.

The Sacramento Kings, taking advantage of Kobe Bryant's food poisoning and Shaquille O'Neal's foul problems, defeated the Los Angeles Lakers 96-90 Monday to even the Western Conference finals at a game apiece.

Chris Webber had 21 points and 13 rebounds to lead the Kings, who overcame O'Neal's highest-scoring game of the playoffs (35 points) and a sloppy contest that included 28 turnovers.

O'Neal was upset with the refs, who called him for three offensive fouls as the Lakers' NBA-record 12-game road winning streak in the playoffs ended.

"There's only one way to beat us. It starts with a 'C' and ends with a 'T.' The real basketball fans understand what's going on here," said O'Neal, a white hat pulled low over his eyes.

When asked to be more specific about his accusation, O'Neal snapped angrily and denied calling anyone a cheat.

Bryant, who scored 30 points to lead the Lakers to a 106-99 win in Game 1 on Saturday, needed three liters of intravenous fluids before Monday's game after food poisoning left him severely dehydrated.

"In certain spurts, I had a lot of energy. In some, I didn't. I just tried to pace myself," said Bryant, who had 22 points on 9-for-21 shooting. "Obviously, if I was healthy, I would have played a lot better than I did."

Bryant became ill early Monday morning after eating a bacon cheeseburger and a piece of cheesecake from hotel room service. He lacked his usual spunk and was on the bench for four minutes of the fourth quarter.

"Next time I want a cheeseburger. I'll just go to McDonald's," he said with a grin. "I was up all night. I don't think you guys want to hear the details."

Sacramento hopes to have

All-Star forward Peja Stojakovic back from a sprained right ankle for Game 3 Friday in Los Angeles. Game 4 of the best-of-seven series is Sunday in Los Angeles.

Game 2 of the Eastern Conference finals was set for Tuesday night, with the New Jersey Nets at home trying to take a 2-0 lead in their series against the Boston Celtics.

The Lakers trailed by 15 points with 6:46 in the game and Bryant on the bench. But the Kings made only one shot the rest of the way — a 3-pointer by Mike Bibby, who finished with 20 points — and Los Angeles gradually pulled closer.

Bryant's long 3-pointer from the wing cut the Kings' lead to 93-90 with 12.5 seconds left, but Webber — who was only 3-for-11 from the foul line — hit one of two foul shots, and the Lakers' Rick Fox missed a 3-pointer.

"I think we had a lot of chances to put it away and we didn't," Bibby said. "We couldn't buy a basket. I don't know if we tightened up or what."

Bryant committed all three of the Lakers' turnovers in the final period and Los Angeles shot just 6-for-22 in the fourth quarter. The Lakers also struggled in the third quarter, scoring just 17 points.

"They took it to us tonight with their energy," Lakers coach Phil Jackson said. "Kobe looked like he struggled a bit out there tonight. Energy wise, I thought he was limited."

O'Neal had 28 points by the end of the third quarter, but also had four fouls by then. That softened the middle of the Lakers' defense in the fourth.

While the Kings still miss Stojakovic, his replacement — Hedo Turkoglu — finally got untracked. Scoreless in Game 1, Turkoglu got his first points of the series a minute before halftime and received a standing ovation from the crowd. He finished with eight points and seven rebounds.

Leaf, victim of numbers game, released by Cowboys

IRVING (AP) — For the third time in a year and three months, quarterback Ryan Leaf is without a job.

The Dallas Cowboys released their former backup quarterback on Monday.

"This is a decision that came down to numbers on our depth chart at the quarterback position, and we wanted to dedicate the practice repetitions to the younger players," team owner Jerry Jones said.

Leaf became expendable after the Cowboys' recent acquisition of former Stanford quarterback Chad Hutchinson, who spent the last four seasons playing professional baseball. The Cowboys are committed to Quincy Carter as their No. 1 quarterback.

Leaf, the No. 2 overall pick by San Diego in 1998, is 4-17 as an NFL starter, with 36 interceptions and just 14 TDs.

Leaf's agent, David Dunn, didn't return a phone message. Dunn's secretary said he was traveling and

unavailable.

As the Cowboys began a three-day quarterback school, Leaf's locker was still intact, but he was not on the premises.

Asked about Leaf's absence, Jones and head coach Dave Campo said there would be an announcement later in the day.

The announcement came in a faxed release.

The San Diego Chargers released Leaf on Feb. 28, 2001, ending a three-season run after they took him following Peyton Manning's selection as the No. 1 pick by the Indianapolis Colts. Leaf went to training camp with Tampa Bay last summer, but the Buccaneers cut him before the season.

Even though Jones showed interest in the quarterback at that point, Leaf wasn't signed until Oct. 12 after Carter tore his hamstring.

Leaf got a three-year, \$2 million contract, earning \$500,000 last season. He was supposed to get \$500,000

again in 2002 and \$1 million in 2003.

After taking a couple of weeks to learn the offense, Leaf lost all three of his starts and didn't play again. In four games overall, he was 45-of-88 (51.1 percent) for 494 yards with three interceptions and one touchdown before Carter returned to finish his rookie season with five straight starts.

In his last game, Leaf almost led the Cowboys to their biggest comeback ever, guiding two fourth-quarter TD drives in a 26-24 loss to Denver on Thanksgiving Day. He was 16-of-32 for 193 yards, but also had three fumbles and made several poor decisions throwing the ball.

Hutchinson got a \$3.1 million bonus when he signed a seven-year contract in January. He hasn't played in a game since starting 23 games for Stanford in 1996 and 1997.

With Carter excused from the two-hour practice session Monday to tend to personal business, the 6-foot-5, 230-pound Hutchinson got most of

the snaps.

"Chad's doing well, he's making progress. We want to give him as much work as he can to give him a chance to understand the offense and get rid of some of the rust," Campo said. "He throws the ball well. He's in pretty good shape right now. He has a better grasp than we anticipated because he used this offense at Stanford. So even though it's four years ago, he's starting to pick up things."

Carter was a surprise second-round pick by the Cowboys in 2001, and was made the starter after Tony Banks was cut midway through training camp.

Because of the hamstring injury and a thumb injury earlier in the season, Carter played in just eight games. He completed 90 of 176 passes (51.1 percent) for 1,072 yards with seven interceptions and five TDs.

The Cowboys also released defensive tackle Maurice Gordon on Monday.

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Free 3 mixed breed puppies. Will be medium sized dogs. Call 264-7237, 263-7361 days/268-8387 Ext. 120 Evenings, Kay or Joseph.

GARAGE SALES

Pat Sale: 1900 Main, Fri. 8-2. Collectable, glassware, treadmills and books.

FOUND / LOST

FREE BABY KITTENS. All very playful. Please call 263-2326

LOST & FOUND

Camera Lost - Kodak DC 120 Digital - Left in shopping cart, Wal Mart, Fri. 9:00 pm - REWARD. Call 263-3144.

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Call 263-7331 Today!

MISCELLANEOUS

Big Screen TV for sale. Take on small payments. Good credit required. 1-800-396-3970

WEDDING CAKES II

Silk florals, arches, candles, etc. The Grishams 267-8191.

SWIMMING POOLS

16'x32' oval, 52" deep, new pump, set up to see. \$500. Call 263-3848

Morgan above ground pool, 4'x6', set up and ready to go. \$600 and .50. Call 263-1792 or 264-6006.

CEMETERY LOTS

7 lots in Mount Olive Cemetery. Will sell as singles or in groups. 936-894-3392

HOUSES FOR SALE

1207 DIXIE - 2BR/1 Ba cottage, style home, newly remodeled, beautiful hardwood floors. \$32,000. # 267-1379. Leave message.

HOUSES FOR SALE

3/2 in Sand Springs. FHA close out with \$310. Payments \$411. \$39,900. Call Doris, Home Realtors, 263-6525

HOUSES FOR SALE

702 W. 18th 3BR, 2 bath, living room, family room, A/C, new paint. Owner financing. No closing cost. 15 year term. \$47,500 requires \$5,000 down payment. 267-7449

HOUSES FOR SALE

For Sale By Owner: 2610 Carleton, 3BR, 1 bath, CH/A, Owner Financing. \$32,500. Appointment only. 915-352-0152

HOUSES FOR SALE

For Sale By Owner: 709 Creighton, 2BR, 1 bath, utility room, one car garage. 915-697-4249

HOUSES FOR SALE

For Sale : Executive home. 4 bath 5 Bdrm, 1 acre lot. \$199,000. 267-3642. Or Rent \$1400/mo.

HOUSES FOR SALE

HOMES FOR SALE! \$20,000 to \$30,000. Low Down Payment! Owner Financial 915-425-3997

HOUSES FOR SALE

Owner finance. 2/1/1. \$500 move-in. Low monthly. 806-790-0827.

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We Can Save You Money By Advertising Your Business In Our Professional Service Directory. Call 263-7331 for more information.

HOUSES FOR SALE

Sell price is 59,900 and seller will pay the buyers closing cost and prepaids up to \$2,800. This will allow the buyer to get into this house for a minimum down payment. This house can be seen any evening or weekend by appointment with Chad or Kara Freeman - 263-3870. The home is located at 1608 Cole Lane, Cole Lane run west off of Birdwell Lane, about 3 blocks north of 25th Street. (Kentwood).

HOUSES FOR SALE

1981 Mobile Home 3bdr/2bath 14x80 in CISD area plus 2 acres \$17,500. Call 263-3352

HOUSES FOR SALE

2001 Mobil 2 bdr, 1 bath CH/A, all appliances like new, nice local park. Call 268-1607

HOUSES FOR SALE

FREE CABLE \$50 - First Month's Rent 1 & 2 bedroom apt homes with CH/A starting from only \$335!

HOUSES FOR SALE

263-2292 Heather Apartment's 2911 W. Hwy 80 Big Spring, Texas 79720

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ONE, TWO & THREE BEDROOM RESIDENCES MORE SPACE FOR LESS MONEY AND A RENTAL PLAN TO FIT YOUR NEEDS.

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HOUSES FOR SALE

LOVELY NEIGHBORHOOD COMPLEX Swimming Pool Carports, Most Utilities Paid, Senior Citizen Discounts, 1 & 2 Bedrooms & 1 or 2 Baths Unfurnished KENTWOOD APARTMENTS 1904 East 25th Street 267-5444 263-5000

HOUSES FOR SALE

UNFUR. HOUSES FOR RENT 1111 Mulberry, 2BR, 1 bath, Carport, CH/A, fenced yard. Call 264-6611 or 270-8299

HOUSES FOR SALE

1408 Tucson 3 or 4 Bdrm, 1 bath \$375/mo. \$150/dep 264-6006 or 263-1792

HOUSES FOR SALE

1803 Young 3 Bdrm, 1 bath Brick home, CH/A, new paint & carpet, plus attached carport. \$325/mo. \$150/dep 264-6006 or 263-1792

HOUSES FOR SALE

1909 No. Monticello 3BR, 1 bath, W/D hookups. Lots of room. Call 264-6611 or 270-8299

HOUSES FOR SALE

2 Bdrm, 1 bath, 1505 Owens. No pets. Call 267-3841 or 270-7309

HOUSES FOR SALE

310 East 21st Street. Available now, corner lot. 3bdr. 2 bath rock home. CH/A, fenced yard, 1 yr. lease required. No indoor pets. \$550/mo. plus security deposit. Owner/Broker. Call 263-6514

HOUSES FOR SALE

407 E. 8th 1 bdr. apartment with stove & refrigerator. \$250 mon. + deposit. 267-2296. No HUD.

HOUSES FOR SALE

For sale or rent. 1413 Sycamore 2 bdr. \$300/mo. or sale \$2,500/mo. or \$375/mo. Owens Finance 915-695-6100

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HOROSCOPE

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Wednesday, May 22:

Understand what is going on behind the scenes. Allow yourself to grow through others' perspectives. People often find you a little overly serious. Take the lead with research, travel and familial relationships. Make the first move with those close to you. You have an unusual talent and ability to make money this year. You also have a gift for spending it. Consider a budget plan that will allow you to save some. If you are single, you will meet people with ease, especially in August. You also are likely to enjoy those in your day-to-day life a lot more. Though you might not want to settle down immediately, someone will catch your eye. If you are attached, your relationship will improve with your excellent communication skills. A new car is on the horizon. LEO likes to share with you.

The Stars Show the Kind

of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ****

Others determine your plans, but you could look at them as a disruptive influence. Unexpected developments force you to handle a domestic or personal matter. Communication keeps you busy and concerned. Tonight: Go along with another's ideas.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) **

Do your best to express what you expect from bosses and associates. How you handle financial matters finally pays off. Another expresses his or her relief that you're at the helm of the ship. Share good news. Pick up the phone. Tonight: Schedule something just for you.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ****

You might be playful, but another might not feel the same. In fact, this person could exhibit a case of the blues. Make calls and check out facts. Do your research. Let your creativity flow, and you'll find answers in a brainstorming session. Tonight: Be your playful self.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) **

See someone in a new light. Your vision of what might be possible changes as a result of a discussion. A partner suggests an alternative. You might want to check out his or her idea. Your instincts might be off, but your energy seems to keep coming back. Tonight: Head on home.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

Make calls and touch base with that special person in your life. Though sometimes this person distracts you, he or she is very important to you. Take a walk and think through a decision. Your mind could be overloaded. Tonight: Flirt and play.

DEATH TEACHES LESSON

Dear Ann Landers. I am writing to you today in the hope that my letter will serve as a warning to parents of young children. I do not want them to suffer the tragic loss our family is now going through.

My cousin's adorable 2-year-old son got up from his nap and crawled out of his crib. He then proceeded to climb up the drawers of the 4-foot tall dresser in his room. The dresser tipped over and crushed him. He died instantly. Our entire family is devastated. His

parents took such good care of him. They had no idea an accident like this was possible.

Ann, toddlers often climb up furniture, and drawers can substitute for steps. Today's lightweight pieces can tip over easily. Please tell your readers that a visit to the hardware store will save them a lot of grief. All tall dressers or chests in children's rooms should be bolted to the walls so they cannot be moved.

I hope our pain might save other families from such a tragedy. — Grieving Relatives in New Jersey

Dear N.J.: My heart goes out to your family. What a tragic and heartbreaking loss.

UNFUR. HOUSES FOR RENT 4 br, 2 ba, fenced. \$240. 10 yrs. Also A/C's for sale. 264-0510.

TOO LATES 1993 Eagle Summit Cold air. \$2,800. 263-0022

TOO LATES 1990 Honda XR100 Dirt bike. \$800. Great bike to ride trails, climb hills or to learn to ride on. 263-4634

TOO LATES 603 George Near college, 3 bdr, 1 bath, CHA, washer/dryer connections, 1 car garage, fenced yard. \$575 mon. + deposit. 267-2296. No HUD. Available June 1st.

Free puppies: half Boxer. Need loving home. Call 263-1964.

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DENNIS THE MENACE



"I WONDER WHAT HE DID TO DESERVE THAT MUCH PUNISHMENT?"

FAMILY CIRCUS



"Now I know why it's bad luck to open an umbrella in the house."

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THIS DATE IN HISTORY

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

Today is Tuesday, May 21, the 141st day of 2002. There are 224 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On May 21, 1927, Charles A. Lindbergh landed his Spirit of St. Louis near Paris, completing the first solo airplane flight across the Atlantic Ocean.

On this date: In 1542, Spanish explorer Hernando de Soto died while searching for gold along the Mississippi River.

In 1832, the first Democratic National Convention got under way, in Baltimore. In 1840, New Zealand was declared a British colony.

In 1881, Clara Barton founded the American Red Cross.

In 1892, the opera "I Pagliacci," by Ruggero Leoncavallo, was first performed, in Milan, Italy.

In 1924, 14-year-old Bobby Franks was murdered in a "thrill killing" committed by Nathan Leopold Jr. and Richard Loeb, two students at the University of Chicago.

In 1956, the United States exploded the first airborne hydrogen bomb over Bikini Atoll in the Pacific.

In 1968, the nuclear-powered U.S. submarine Scorpion, with 99 men aboard, was last heard from. (The remains of the sub were later found on the ocean floor 400 miles south-west of the Azores.)

In 1991, former Indian Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi was assassinated during national elections by a suicide bomber.

In 1995, former Secretary of Defense Les Aspin died at a Washington, D.C., hospital after suffering a massive stroke; he was 56.

Ten years ago: The Coast Guard announced that high-seas interdiction of Haitian refugees was being drastically scaled back because refugee camps at the U.S. naval base at Guantanamo, Cuba, were

filled.

Today's Birthdays: Actress Jeanne Bates ("Ben Casey") is 84. Actor David Groh is 63.

Rhythm-and-blues singer Ron Isley (The Isley Brothers) is 61. Actor Richard Hatch ("Battlestar Galactica") is 57. Musician Bill Champlin (Chicago) is 55. Singer Leo Sayer is 54. Actress Carol Potter is 54. Actor Mr. T is 50. Music producer Stan Lynch is 47. Actor Judge Reinhold is 45. Actor-director Nick Cassavetes is 43. Actor Brent Briscoe is 41. Jazz musician Christian McBride is 30. Actress Fairuza Balk is 28. Rapper Havoc (Mobb Deep) is 28.

Answer to previous puzzle

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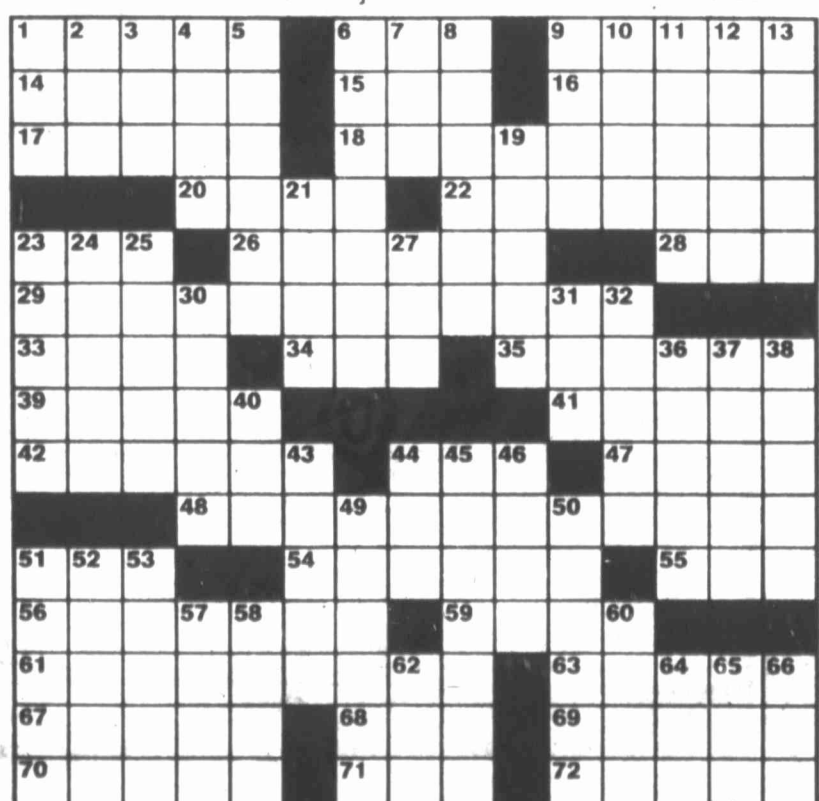
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- 36 Hair maven Sassoon
- 37 Perfect places
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- 40 "A likely story!"
- 43 Defame in print
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- 45 Bumstead's boss
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- 57 Highway hauler
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- 60 Enterprise helmsman
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- 64 Tonic partner
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- 66 Scale notes



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