

Governor signs abortion bill at church school

By JAMIE STENGLE

Associated Press Writer

FORT WORTH — In a ceremony filled with religious references, Gov. Rick Perry signed a bill at a church school gymnasium Sunday that imposes more limits on late-term abortions and requires minor girls to get written parental consent for abortions.

"And it has been a tragedy of unspeakable consequences that for decades activist courts denied many Texas parents their right to be involved in one

of the most important decisions their young daughter could ever make — whether to end the life that was growing inside her," Perry told a crowd of about 1,000 people gathered at the Calvary Christian Academy. "For too long, a blind eye has been turned to the rights of our most vulnerable human beings — that's the unborn in our society."

During the 1 1/2 hour program, Perry also signed a resolution to amend the Texas Constitution by banning same-

sex marriages. However, that signature was only ceremonial since voters must approve the ban in November.

"A nurturing home with a loving mother and loving father is the best way to guide our children down the proper path," said Perry, who was joined by several legislators. He also thanked the "pro-life" and "pro-family" organizations.

Texas already had a parental notification bill, approved in 1999. The new measure requires a parent to provide written con-

sent for unmarried girls under 18. The bill also restricts doctors from performing abortions on women who have carried a child for more than 26 weeks unless having the baby would jeopardize the woman's life or the baby has serious brain damage.

Before Perry spoke, several pastors received standing ovations and shouts of "Amen!" from the crowd as they touted the two measures being signed by Perry.

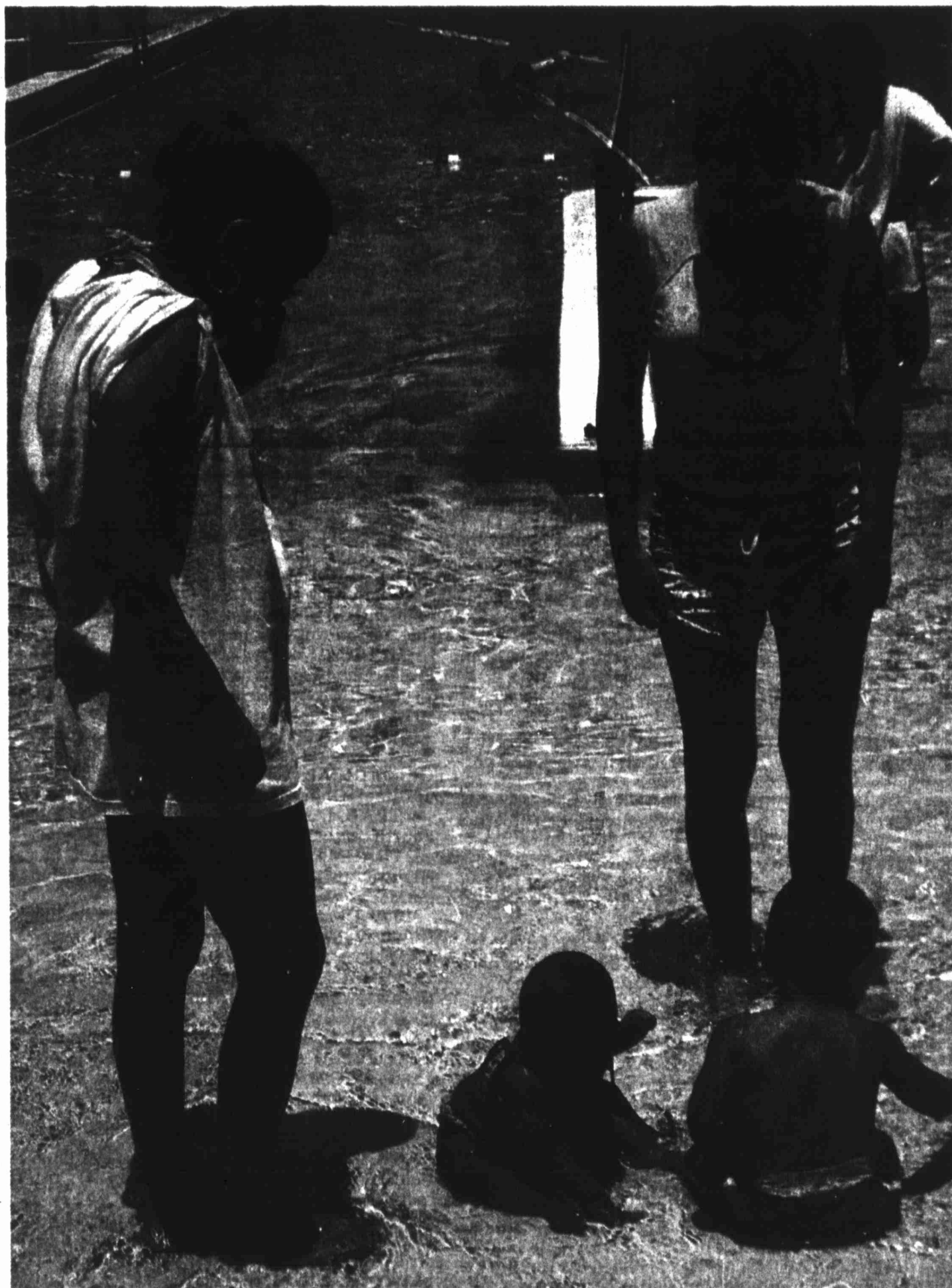
"It seems to me that people of

the great state of Texas will be silent no more," said Rod Parsley, of the Center for Moral Clarity in Ohio. "Folks in this room understand, God is still watching."

The ceremony also brought out about 350 protesters, many carrying signs. They included opponents of the ban on same-sex marriage, including two with posters reading "Hate is not a family value" and "God values all families."

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KEEPING A WATCHFUL EYE



Melissa, left, and Marivell Martinez watch over 8-month-old Miravela Martinez, bottom left, and 1-year-old Joseph Martinez at the City Swimming Pool Sunday afternoon.

Herald photo/Steve Reagan

REAP

Law enforcement agencies work together to ensure sex offenders fulfill obligations

By STEVE REAGAN

Staff Writer

City and county officials are working together to help ensure sex offenders in this area fulfill all their legal obligations.

Texas sex offenders on probation or parole are required by law to regularly provide law enforcement officials with a variety of information, including current place of residence and job and health status. However, a lack of coordination and communication between oversight agencies have often allowed the offenders to bypass their obligations, officials say.

To close those loopholes, representatives of seven area law enforcement agencies recently banded together to form a Registration, Enforcement, Apprehension and Prosecution (REAP) program, Big Spring Police Det. Brian Gordon said.

Gordon said several problems contributed to allow sex offenders to side-step their obligations, including unfunded state mandates, no guidelines for meaningful offender oversight at the local level and a system that did not foster cooperation between registering agencies.

"We looked at the problem and saw that there wasn't good communication and coordination," Gordon said. "So we decided that we needed to get our acts together and get with it."

The process began in April when Gordon, fellow detective Thad

"We are letting sex offenders in this area know that if they are not in compliance, they need to do so as soon as possible."

Det. Brian Gordon,
Big Spring Police Department

Thomas and BSPD staffer Chris Galloway attended a Department of Public Safety class on improving the registration of sex offenders. The trio followed that up by talking with Odessa Police Department officials about a REAP program already in place there.

After getting the project green-lighted by BSPD Chief Lonnie Smith, Gordon then arranged an organizational meeting with officials from BSPD, Howard County Sheriff's Office, Adult Parole, Adult and Juvenile Probation and the district and county attorney's office.

Gordon said better cooperation and communication between these agencies, which all have some degree of oversight of sex offenders, should result in better compliance with the laws.

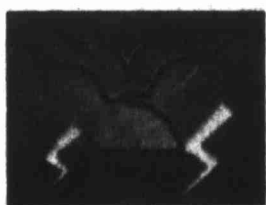
"The basic problem was that there were no guidelines for coordination between agencies," he said. "REAP will help solve that problem."

Assistant District Attorney Robin D. Orr will chair quarterly meet-

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STEM CELL RESEARCH



early cells act in breast cancer and in certain stomach disorders, including a rare one called Hirschsprung's disease — a sometimes fatal condition occurring in 1 in 5,000 people.

For a crash course in stem cells, peer inside Dr. Sean Morrison's University of Michigan laboratory.

He is studying how these

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OFFENDER FREE?

The sales pitch for a planned subdivision promises safety: criminal background checks for homeowners and, guaranteed, no convicted sex offenders.

It's a concept that might prove right for the times, said first-time developer Clayton Isom, one of three partners in a company that's creating Milwaukee Ridge on the outskirts of Lubbock.

The high-profile deaths of two Florida girls allegedly killed by registered sex offenders inspired the idea, Isom said.

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Obituaries

George Phillips



George Phillips, 84, of Stanton died Sunday, June 5, 2005, in a local hospital. Graveside funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Tuesday, June 7, 2005, at the Evergreen Cemetery Chapel in Stanton. He was born Feb. 14, 1921, in Greenville and married Mildred Marie Steward Nov. 18, 1939, in Stanton. George came to Stanton from Lomax in 1953 and worked as a maintainer operator for Martin County Road and Bridge for more than 20 years.

Survivors include his wife, Mildred Phillips of Stanton; three sons and one daughter-in-law, Carl Phillips of Alabama, J.D. and Barbara Phillips of Stanton and Charlie Phillips of Midland; four grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; one sister-in-law, Iris Phillips of Big Spring, and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by five brothers and two sisters.

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

Paid obituary

Jimmy 'Porky' Young

Jimmy "Porky" Young, 52, of Big Spring died at 12:25 p.m. Friday, June 3, 2005, at his residence. Funeral services are 10 a.m. Tuesday, June 7, 2005, at Myers & Smith Chapel with the Rev. Doug Shelley, pastor of East Side Baptist Church, officiating. Burial will be in Mount Olive Memorial Park.

The family will receive friends from 7 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. today at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

He was born Feb. 26, 1953, in Big Spring. He was a veteran of the U.S. Navy and a retired truck driver. He was a volunteer at Isiah 58 and at Canterbury. He was a lifetime resident of Big Spring and was a Baptist.

He is survived by his mother and stepfather, Beebe and Vernon Permenter of Big Spring; three sisters, Donna Dugger and Chrystal Ann Young, both of Big Spring and Jean Noggler of Sand Springs; and several nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his father, Lee Edward Young.

The family will be at 509 E. 17th Street.

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

Weather

Today — Partly cloudy. Isolated thunderstorms in the afternoon. Highs in the mid 90s. Southeast winds 10 to 20 mph.

Tuesday — Mostly cloudy with a 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Some storms may be severe with large hail and damaging winds. Lows around 70. Southeast winds 10 to 20 mph.

Tuesday night — Partly cloudy. A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms in the evening. Lows in the mid 70s. South winds 10 to 20 mph.

Wednesday — Partly cloudy. Isolated showers and thunderstorms in the afternoon. Highs in the upper 90s. South winds 10 to 15 mph. The chance of rain is 20 percent.

Wednesday night — Partly cloudy. Isolated showers and thunderstorms in the evening. Lows in the lower 70s. The chance of rain is 20 percent.

Thursday — Partly cloudy. A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms in the afternoon. Highs in the upper 90s.

Thursday night — Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms in the evening. Then mostly cloudy after midnight. Lows in the upper 60s.

Lottery

Results of the Lotto Texas drawing Saturday night: Winning numbers drawn: 4-22-26-32-36. Bonus Ball: 1. Number matching five of five, plus Bonus Ball: 0. Estimated jackpot for Wednesday night drawing: \$8 million.

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Results of the Cash 5 drawing Saturday night: Winning numbers drawn: 2-13-14-23-27. Number matching five of five: 0. Next Cash 5 drawing: Tonight.

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The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Saturday night, in order: 1-6-7

Police blotter

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

- **MARK LOZANO**, 18, of 626 Caylor, was arrested Saturday on a charge of minor driving under the influence.
- **ELIAS OLGUIN**, 19, address not provided, was arrested Sunday on a charge of minor in consumption of an alcoholic beverage.
- **ABEL VIGIL**, 19, of 1505 Sycamore, was arrested Sunday on a charge of disorderly conduct - language.
- **FRANCISCO CERVANTES**, 26, of 519 Hillside, was arrested Sunday on a charge of public intoxication.
- **CARMEN CASTILLO**, 50, of 1304 Nolan, was arrested Sunday on a charge of interfering with police officer duties.
- **PAT GAMMONS**, 53, of 110 Scout Hut Road, was arrested Sunday and held for the HCSO.
- **THEFT** was reported:
 - in the 1800 block of FM 700.
 - in the 1800 block of Gregg Street.
 - in the 1700 block of FM 700.
 - in the 900 block of Willia.
 - in the 2300 block of Wasson.
 - in the 2200 block of Morrison.
 - in the 1100 block of Lamesa.
 - in the 200 block of W. Marcy.
 - in the 1200 block of 11th Place.
- **POSSESSION/DELIVERY OF DRUG PARAPHERNALIA** was reported in the 100 block of Grant.
- **FAILURE TO IDENTIFY AS A FUGITIVE FROM JUSTICE** was reported in the 100 block of Grant.
- **BURGLARY OF A HABITATION** was reported in the 1200 block of Wood Street.
- **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported in the 2500 block of Wasson Road.
- **ASSAULT/CLASS C** was reported in the 600 block of 10th Street.

Sheriff's report

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

- **DOYLE DEE EDMONDSON JR.**, 31, was arrested Friday by DPS on a motion to revoke probation for theft by check and charges of burglary of a vehicle and violation of probation.
- **TRACY LYNN STURGILL**, 36, was arrested Friday by the HCSO on a motion to revoke probation for driving while intoxicated - second offense.
- **TINA MARTINEZ**, 37, was arrested Friday by the HCSO on a motion to revoke probation for theft.
- **TEKIA "KOKO" WILLIAMS**, 22, was transferred to the county jail Friday by the BSPD on a motion to revoke probation for forgery of a financial instrument and a charge of failure to identify as a fugitive from justice.
- **ANITA MARQUEZ**, 24, was arrested Friday by the HCSO on a charge of theft.
- **AMBER R. RAMIREZ**, 21, was transferred to the county jail Friday by the BSPD on charges of bondsman off bond for driving while intoxicated and failure to identify - giving false information.
- **DANIEL RAY JONES**, 36, was arrested Friday by the HCSO on a motion to revoke probation for possession of a controlled substance.
- **BRANDON LEON RAMEY**, was transferred to the county jail Friday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while license suspended/invalid.
- **JUAN ANGEL MADRID**, 19, was transferred to the county jail Friday by the BSPD on charges of bondsman off bond for evading arrest or detention and assault with intent to cause bodily injury.
- **MICHAEL ALLEN MURRY**, 30, was arrested Saturday by DPS on charges of theft by check and possession of a controlled substance.
- **JACOB ANDREW FERRO**, 25, was arrested Saturday by the HCSO on two charges of defective equipment - taillight.
- **GARY L. MOORE**, 50, was arrested Saturday by the HCSO on charges of unlawfully carrying a weapon, driving while intoxicated - open container - second offense and theft by check.
- **JOHNNIE BRYANT HARDEMAN**, 44, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on a parole violation.
- **ROSALINDA FLORES**, 40, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on a charge of theft.
- **JACKIE DOYLE RICHEY**, 42, was arrested Sunday by DPS on charges of driving while intoxicated - third or more offense, fictitious/conterfeit inspection/insurance documents for display and no liability insurance - third offense enhanced.
- **JUAN LOUIS SALAZAR**, 37, was arrested Sunday by DPS on a charge of public intoxication.
- **JOE ANGEL VALLE**, 38, was arrested Sunday by DPS on a charge of driving while intoxicated.
- **ANTHONY TERRAZAS**, 27, was arrested Sunday by the HCSO on a charge of driving while intoxicated.
- **PAT GAMMONS**, 53, was arrested Sunday by the HCSO on a charge of driving while intoxicated.

Bulletin board

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

TODAY

- Keep Big Spring Beautiful meets at noon in the Dragon China Restaurant.
- The Big Spring Cruisers club meeting at 7 p.m. in the Texas RV Park meeting room.
- District Committee Lone Star of Big Spring meets at noon at 610 Scurry.
- 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 northwest door. Call 263-2786 for more information.
- Evening Lions Club meets at 6:30 p.m. in La Posada Restaurant.
- Howard County ARC meets at 806 E. Third in the Bingo Hall. Call 264-0674 for more information.
- Prospector's Club work night begins at 7 p.m. at 606 E. Third.

TUESDAY

- Intermediate Line Dance classes begin at 9 a.m. in the Spring City Senior Citizen's Center. Call 267-1628.
- Coahoma Senior Citizen luncheon is set for 11 a.m. in the Coahoma Community Center.
- Big Spring Rotary Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.
- A Stitchin' Time Club meets at 3:30 p.m. at Primitive Baptist Church, 201 E. 24th St. Everyone is invited to learn and share sewing skills, and portable sewing machines are welcome. Call Kay Sikes at 394-4835 for more information.
- Big Spring High School class of 2007 parents meeting at 6:30 p.m. in the high school library. Call Janet Abner at 264-0023 or Valerie Robertson at 816-6405.
- Texas Motorcycle Rights Association meets at 7 p.m. in the Spanish Inn. The public is invited. Call 268-6421 for more information.
- VFW Post 2013 meets at 7 p.m. in the VFW Hall, 500 Driver Road.
- Sheriff's Posse meets at 7 p.m. in the clubhouse on the Andrews Highway.
- Alzheimer's Association, the Greater West Texas Chapter meets at 2 p.m. in the Howard County Library conference room, 500 S. Main.

Fire/EMS

The Big Spring Fire Department reported the following activity:

- **TRAUMA** was reported in the 700 block of Abraham. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 5300 block of Opal. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 1200 block of Gregg Street. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **TRAUMA** was reported in the 800 block of Scott Drive. Service was refused.
- **TRAUMA** was reported in the 500 block of Hillside. Service was refused.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 1600 block of Cardinal. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **TRAUMA** was reported in the 400 block of E. Fourth Street. Service was refused.
- **TRAUMA** was reported in the 1800 block of N. Highway 87. One person was transported to the VAMC.
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- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 1800 block of N. Highway 87. One person was transported to the VAMC.
- **TRAUMA** was reported in the 900 block of Goliad. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 1700 block of Lancaster. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **TRAUMA** was reported in the 800 block of Scott Drive. Service was refused.
- **TRAUMA** was reported in the 1600 block of Old Colorado City Highway. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 1100 block of Highway 350. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **AUTOMOBILE FIRE** was reported in the 500 block of E. 11th Place.

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Police charge two suspects in Alabama teen's disappearance

By MICHAEL NORTON

Associated Press Writer

ORANJESTAD, Aruba — Soldiers, police and islanders combed Aruba's scrubland and beaches Monday while the Coast Guard scoured waters around the island, a day after police charged two men in the disappearance of an Alabama teenager. Authorities also asked the FBI to send a dive team to search waters with rough currents.

The government of this Dutch Caribbean island also announced on the radio that civil servants could take time off to help in the search for Natalee Holloway, 18, of Mountain Brook, Ala.

Holloway disappeared May 30 during a five-day trip to Aruba with more than 100 other classmates celebrating their graduation from Mountain Brook High School, near Birmingham, Ala.

Two security guards from a hotel near where Holloway was staying were arrested Sunday. Aruban police in unmarked cars accompanied by FBI agents arrested the suspects during a pre-dawn raid.

Holloway called dependable, service-minded — but naive

By JAY REEVES

Associated Press Writer

MOUNTAIN BROOK, Ala. — Already a world traveler at 18, Natalee Holloway was nothing if not careful and dependable, relatives say. That's why friends knew something was wrong the instant she failed to show up for the flight home to Alabama after a senior trip to Aruba.

"Natalee being late is a tipoff," aunt Marcia Twitty said Saturday.

Now Holloway — with sparkling eyes, long blond hair and a heart for service — is the focus of an all-out search in an island paradise just off the coast of Venezuela.

FBI agents have joined with authorities and vol-

unteers in Aruba in the hunt for Holloway, who planned to attend the University of Alabama on a full academic scholarship this fall and talked of joining a sorority.

Back home, dozens of Holloway's friends and classmates attended an afternoon prayer vigil Saturday. Stores are selling out of yellow ribbon as residents put bows on trees, mailboxes and doors all over town.

"The entire community is very concerned and very much in prayer," said longtime city manager Sam Gaston.

Two men were charged Sunday in connection with the disappearance and authorities on the Dutch Caribbean island also requested a special

diving team from the FBI because of rough currents in some areas, said the island's attorney general, Caren Janssen.

The men — ages 28 and 30 — were arrested Sunday morning at two separate homes in the southeastern community of San Nicolas, Janssen said at a news conference in the capital.

Janssen declined to provide specific charges, saying the case will go before a judge within 48 hours to determine whether the men can be legally held. She said authorities had not found any of Holloway's belongings at the suspects' homes.

Holloway was known as a top student and tireless worker at Mountain Brook High School,

where she graduated last month before leaving for Aruba with 124 other seniors. Twitty said seven adults went along as chaperones.

Holloway was in the National Honor Society, studied Spanish and was a member of American Field Service, which works with foreign exchange students. Her participation may have been a reflection of her travels, which Twitty said included trips to Europe, Canada and some cruises.

She was a member of the student government and sweated through long hours of practice as a member of the school dance team. But Holloway wasn't just about glitz: she also

joined Natural Helpers, a peer support group, and other volunteer organizations.

For all her activities and achievements, relatives described Holloway as having an almost childlike side, too.

"Natalee's naive. She hasn't dated a lot. She doesn't party a lot," said uncle Paul Reynolds. Holloway attends church regularly and wouldn't ever run away, he said.

In the Mountain Brook yearbook, Holloway's senior quote came from the old Lynyrd Skynyrd song "Freebird." It says: "If I leave here tomorrow, would you still remember me? For I must be traveling on now, there's too many places I haven't seen."

An AP photographer watched as the rumpled men emerged without resistance, hands cuffed behind their backs.

Police searched the homes and emerged with what looked like a metal safe deposit box and a garbage bag of clothing.

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Holloway's belongings at the suspects' homes.

"The charges have a relationship with the disappearance," Janssen said, without providing details. "There is a reasonable suspicion they may be involved."

Authorities impounded

three vehicles found at the two homes, and a team of more than a dozen FBI agents helping with the investigation will help perform forensic testing, police said.

Police spokesman Edwin Comemencia said authorities had not ruled

out the possibility that other people were involved.

The two men in custody were not among three others described Saturday by police as "persons of interest."

Saddam faces trial for gassing Kurds, other acts

By PAUL GARWOOD

Associated Press Writer

BAGHDAD, Iraq — Former dictator Saddam Hussein will stand trial for a range of charges, according to a list obtained Monday from the special tribunal.

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Many of the allegations on the list obtained by The Associated Press from the special tribunal received international attention during Saddam's three decades in power.

The list contained few details, but among the crimes the tribunal says Saddam was responsible for were:

- The execution of at least 50 Iraqis in 1982 in the Shiite town of Dujail, 50 miles north of Baghdad, in retaliation for a failed assassination attempt against Saddam.

- The killing and deporting of 8,000 members of the powerful Kurdish

Barzani tribe, of which the current Kurdistan Democratic Party leader, Massoud Barzani, is a member.

- The 1988 chemical weapons attack on the Kurdish town of Halabja that killed an estimated 5,000 people.

- The execution of prominent religious and political figures.

- The seven-month occupation of Kuwait that was ended by the 1991 U.S.-led Gulf War.

- The 1991 suppression of a Shiite uprising in southern Iraq.

Saddam also was blamed for turning southern marshland reputed to contain the biblical Garden of Eden into an arid salt bed. Saddam ordered new dams, canals and dikes built to drain the Mesopotamian marshlands between the Tigris and Euphrates rivers following the 1991 Shiite uprising. Thousands of Shiites lived and fished in the area.

Iraqi authorities believe the trial against Saddam, which could commence within two months, will have a major effect on curbing the violent insur-

gency, which has killed at least 844 people since the new Shiite Muslim-led government was announced April 28, according to an AP count.

Separate mortar barrages Sunday and Monday apparently targeting police stations in the northern city of Mosul killed six Iraqis, including two children, U.S. and Iraqi officials said.

Gunmen also killed Ahmed Kamal, an Egyptian with U.S. citizenship, while he was driving his car Sunday in western Baghdad, police Lt. Hamid Zaki said, adding that Kamal worked as a contractor with Iraq's Electricity Ministry.

Kazem Shelash, a senior member of the disbanded Baath Party in the southern city of Basra, was killed Monday by two gunmen in a speeding car outside his shop, police Col. Karim al-Zeidi said.

- A U.S. soldier was killed Sunday when a roadside bomb exploded near a military patrol in northern Iraq in the province of Kirkuk, the military said Monday. At least

1,669 U.S. military members have died since the Iraq war began in 2003, according to an AP count.

Police shot at a suicide car bomber, whose vehicle still exploded at a western Baghdad checkpoint Monday, wounding three police and three bystanders, a police official said.

The U.S. military said the bomber's hands were tied to the steering wheel, indicating he had no alternative but to carry out the attack.

In a bid to combat the insurgency, Iraqi authorities have launched a U.S.-backed counterinsurgency campaign dubbed Operation Lightning.

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Others were there to protest the use of church property for a bill signing.

"It hurts that he can cheapen politics and religion by this kind of maneuver and people can think it's OK," said Karin Cagle, a 45-year-old from

Fort Worth who carried a sign saying "Separate church and state — Keep America great."

"The critics are generally those who object to people of faith participating in government or the electoral process," said Perry spokeswoman Kathy Walt. "There are a number of critics who would object to this bill-signing if it were in a public school, a library, a Wal-

Mart parking lot or any other venue, because they oppose pro-life and pro-family issues."

Pastor Larry White of Our Savior Lutheran Church in Houston said the gathering there was about life, family and marriage.

"There are those that would drive people of faith from the public square if they could," White said.

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ings with representatives from the seven agencies. Gordon said the group will evaluate the oversight process and make recommendations for changes that would enhance the effectiveness of the process.

The group will also review pending or existing sex offender cases in the county, and regular check to make sure such

offenders are in compliance with the law. Regular compliance "sweeps" are planned, as are public service announcements in the area media.

"We are letting sex offenders in this area know that if they are not in compliance, they need to do so as soon as possible," Gordon said. Failure to abide with compliance regulations is a felony crime in Texas, he added.

The group has already shown some positive

results, he added. "We've already started compliance checks," he said. "We're seeing an influx of people coming into the police department to make sure they're in compliance. We're already having an effect, and we really haven't gotten the word out yet."

Staff writer Steve Reagan can be contacted by calling 263-7331, ext. 234, or by e-mail at reporter@bigspringherald.com

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OUR VIEWS

Rodeo parade participation is tradition too

Tradition. Perhaps no better term applies to the sport of rodeo, and that's especially true in this community where we anxiously await the opening performance of the 72th annual Big Spring Cowboy Reunion and Rodeo.

The Big Spring Cowboy Reunion and Rodeo is the oldest continually running professional rodeo in the nation, and doesn't take a back seat to any when it comes to the talent that arrives each year to compete.

Many of the top competitors from the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association (PRCA) and Women's Professional Rodeo Association (WPRA) will display their talents during the event's three-day run from Thursday, June 16, through Saturday, June 18, each performance beginning at 8 p.m. in the Big Spring Rodeo Bowl.

In fact, every event that will be staged during the rodeo — bull riding, saddle bronc riding, bareback riding, steer wrestling, calf roping and barrel racing — will feature competitors who have appeared at the National Finals Rodeo in Las Vegas, several of them having won world championships in the past.

The festivities officially begin at 5:30 p.m. Thursday when the annual rodeo parade lines up at 10th and Main and snakes its way through downtown Big Spring.

Let's make this the best rodeo parade we've ever had. Anyone can enter, all you need to do is fill out a parade entry form which will be included in Sunday's edition of the Herald. That form will be included in the upcoming Wednesday and Sunday editions of the paper as well. Just return them to our office when you've got them completed.

But don't forget to get those entries turned in to our office no later than noon on Monday, June 13.

Then get ready to shine up those books, dust off that hat, pull on your favorite jeans and join in the parade. Saddle up your horse or put a new coat of wax on that custom or classic automobile. Maybe a group of you would like to enter a float. We'd even like to see plenty of decorated bicycles and a posse of stickhorses in the procession.

Participation is the key and in the long run, we think you'll be glad you did.

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Where's the bipartisanship?

What happened to bipartisanship, people are always asking? Isn't the president entitled to his choices, so long as they are competent?

So here it is. For once, let me be Exhibit A. Chris Cox, the newly appointed chairman of the SEC, is nothing if not a conservative. He opposes investor lawsuits, has criticized overregulation and may well reverse some of his predecessor's policies that I support.

But my guy didn't win the election, and his guy did. In terms of intelligence and integrity, I don't think George W. Bush could do better.

I've known Chris Cox for (gulp) 30 years. We were classmates that long ago. We served together on the Harvard Law Review. We have kept in touch, across the aisle, since I moved to California 16 years ago.

I am happy to endorse his appointment today by the president.

If only it was always this easy. It should be.

What makes this case easy is that Chris has strong ideological views, but he puts reality ahead of ideology and people ahead of intellectual purity, and he always has.

The starting point, it seems to me, for a first-rate appointment is a truly first rate mind. Chris is superbly well-qualified. No one has to work at keeping a straight face, as we too often have to do, when a president says he conducted a nationwide search to find an old political crony or a person of exactly the right gender/race/geography to fill a slot. That didn't happen here. Here, the president found an old classmate of his from business school who, in fact, combines political skills with intellectual experience and a practical background, to boot.

Believe me, no one will wonder about whether he's smart enough. This will not only go without saying, it will go without asking. I don't know any senator who could best him in a conversation on business, although Chris is extremely polite and not inclined to show off for the sake of showing up.

That goes a long way these days, too. Manners.

NO, what will be of concern will be my friends' legitimate worries that with Chris at the helm, investors will be unprotected against corporate abuses and management tyranny, because Chris adheres to a less regulatory, lower tax, classic conservative, free enterprise model, the kind that allows good businesses to flourish and bad ones to get away with murder.

In Congress, he has fought for bills calling for fewer lawsuits — which, of course, means the trial lawyers will oppose him. In a post-Enron world where even his predecessor has been outdone by state attorneys general — particularly Elliot Spitzer of New York (personal bias, he's my former student, so I think well of him, especially since I had him for criminal law) — the idea that he will be less aggressive than his predecessor will cause groups concerned with protecting shareholders rightly to raise an alarm.

I understand that. I'm a shareholder who is frankly appalled at the lack of democracy in corporate America. I come from politics, which is hardly a perfect world that I would duplicate by choice anywhere, but the system of democracy and accountability in corporate America is the biggest sham I've ever seen in my entire life.

While I started out trying to figure out why it was so impossible for women to get above 12 to 13 percent on corporate boards, my friend Stanley Gold, who was then and is now challenging Disney, told me it was because too many of them would actually exercise

independent judgment, rather than doing as told.

You can't trust women not to think. I thought he was kidding. He wasn't. All the inside directors (98 percent) are still men. The old boys network holds. Independent directors, men and women, aren't. People serve forever. They owe everything to management. Challenging them costs a fortune. That's why democracy is a sham and you end up with regulation or lawsuits.

But I don't need to oppose Chris Cox. I trust him. The difference between very, very smart people and mediocre ones is that the mediocre end up hiding behind their ideology, while the very, very smart ones end up determined to get it right, whatever it is.

I can't see Chris Cox letting anyone else take the lead if he sees real corruption out there, not the Chris Cox I know, not if he sees something really wrong, especially if it's extremely complicated and very few other people can understand it.

And I can definitely see Chris Cox getting interested in the very big questions that technology poses for the future, and the very big challenges of real democracy. As a matter of fact, I can't think of a question too big for him to think about — smart people get to change their minds because the one thing you're never afraid of is being called dumb.

And for sure, my guess is that Chris Cox wants to leave his mark on the SEC. And you don't do that by doing nothing. So all things considered, given that his guy won, all I can say is, "Congratulations, and I'm happy to help."

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Catapulting the propaganda

As a longtime fan of both George Bushes' eccentric grasp of English, I naturally enjoyed this gem from W.: "See, in my line of work, you got to keep repeating things over and over and over again for the truth to sink in, to kind of catapult the propaganda." (Bush in Greece, N.Y., May 24, once more explaining his Social Security plan to a town hall meeting of perfectly average citizens, except they had all been pre-screened to allow only those who agree with him into the hall.)

"Catapulting the propaganda" would explain his performance at the press opportunity that same day at which he appeared surrounded by babies born from frozen embryos. He used the phrase "culture of life" at least 27 dozen times (I think I exaggerate, but maybe not). "The use of federal dollars to destroy life is something I simply do not support," he said to the press the following day.

Meanwhile, back in Baghdad, federal dollars are being used to destroy life at pretty good clip because Bush decided to wage an entirely elective war against a country that presented little or no threat to us. And according to the Downing Street memo, he damn well knew it, too.

The destruction of life in Iraq is more dramatic than taking a blastocyst smaller than a pinpoint out of a petri dish. The 1,600 American dead so far — not much culture of life there. The 15,000 wounded, many of them irreparably — not so good there, either. Estimates of Iraqi civilian deaths are all over the lot — a British medical journal claimed 100,000 last year, the Iraq Body Count website says between 21,000 and

25,000. The U.S./U.N. sanctions are widely believed to have killed hundreds of thousands, most of them babies, even after the Oil for Food Program was instituted.

The New York Times reports that the doctors in Iraq are now being threatened by insurgents and so are fleeing what was a showcase system under Saddam. I think we'd all have to agree, so far there's no progress on bringing a culture of life to Iraq.

What I don't get is the disconnect in Bush's mind. One must assume he figures in Iraq, "You gotta break eggs to make an omelette," or something akin. He said at the photo-op with the adorable children who had been produced from frozen embryos and adopted by other parents, "The children here today remind us that there is no such thing as a spare embryo."

Nonsense. Fertility treatments that help couples to have children leave far too many excess embryos for all of them to be adopted. They are simply discarded by the laboratories, thrown out. What in the world is he talking about?

Seems to me the anti-abortion people are getting as nutty as the gun lobby, which lets cop-killer bullets on the street, wants to allow .50 caliber rifles that can bring down an airplane and stops efforts to close loopholes that let dealers sell to terrorists and criminals. Plus a bunch of other nutcase stuff that is not only harmful to society, but opposed by the great majority of the American people. Anti-abortion people are even going after the process of judicial bypass for girls who cannot fulfill the parental consent restriction.

Look, 60 percent of the American people are in favor of funding

stem cell research. Do we have a First Amendment issue here? Is this the case of a few people imposing their religious views on everybody else? I don't know enough about stem cell research to tell you that it will produce miracle cures for Alzheimer's, Parkinson's and other diseases, as some scientists claim. But it's not only worth a shot, it would be criminal not to do it. The people who are ill are here, now, human beings in terrible suffering.

Bush is prepared to use his first-ever veto. Didn't stop the bankruptcy bill, didn't stop all those tax cuts for the very rich, didn't stop that gross agriculture bill — but this he will veto. He says we will "cross a critical ethical line by creating new incentives for the ongoing destruction of emerging human life." And he doesn't think starting an unnecessary war was crossing a critical ethical line?

It's the old slippery slope argument. Look, all of law is a process of drawing lines on slippery slopes. The difference between misdemeanor theft and felony theft is one penny. The difference between misdemeanor and felony drug possession is one gram. For that matter, the difference between a pig and a hog is one pound. We're always drawing distinctions, and it is necessary to do so — hunting rifles, OK; .50 caliber rifles, don't be a fool.

This is a don't-be-a-fool argument. "Culture of life"? Whose life?

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Researchers get at cell of the problem

By PATRICIA ANSTETT

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ANN ARBOR, Mich. — For a crash course in stem cells, peer inside Dr. Sean Morrison's University of Michigan laboratory.

He is studying how these early cells act in breast cancer and in certain stomach disorders, including a rare one called Hirschsprung's disease - a sometimes fatal condition occurring in 1 in 5,000 people, more males than females as known as mega colon. Nerves in the stomach don't work properly to move food along its normal path.

What could cancer possibly have in common with a disease of the gut?

Hirschsprung's disease and most types of breast cancer are stem-cell diseases, Morrison said. Both are examples of stem cells gone haywire, cells that have forgotten the strict rules that regulate the way they make a copy of themselves.

These findings about breast cancer and some stomach disorders from separate Michigan teams could pave the way for new treatments for those conditions, Dr. Max Wicha, chief of the university's Comprehensive Cancer Center and a collaborator with Morrison, said recently.

"This explains why we haven't done better" treating breast cancer, Wicha said. "We perhaps have targeted the wrong cell population."

The projects are among nine under way at Michigan through a four-

year, \$2.25-million grant since 2003 to study human embryonic cells created before August 2001. These are the so-called presidentially approved lines of stem cells the administration of President Bush allows researchers receiving federal funds to use.

Some of the other projects include:

Understanding stem cells derived from neural crest cells, a type of nerve cell in the peripheral nervous system. Michigan is credited with key discoveries in this field in the last three years. The project holds hope for

many conditions, including diabetic neuropathy, which causes painful numbness and tingling in legs and fingers.

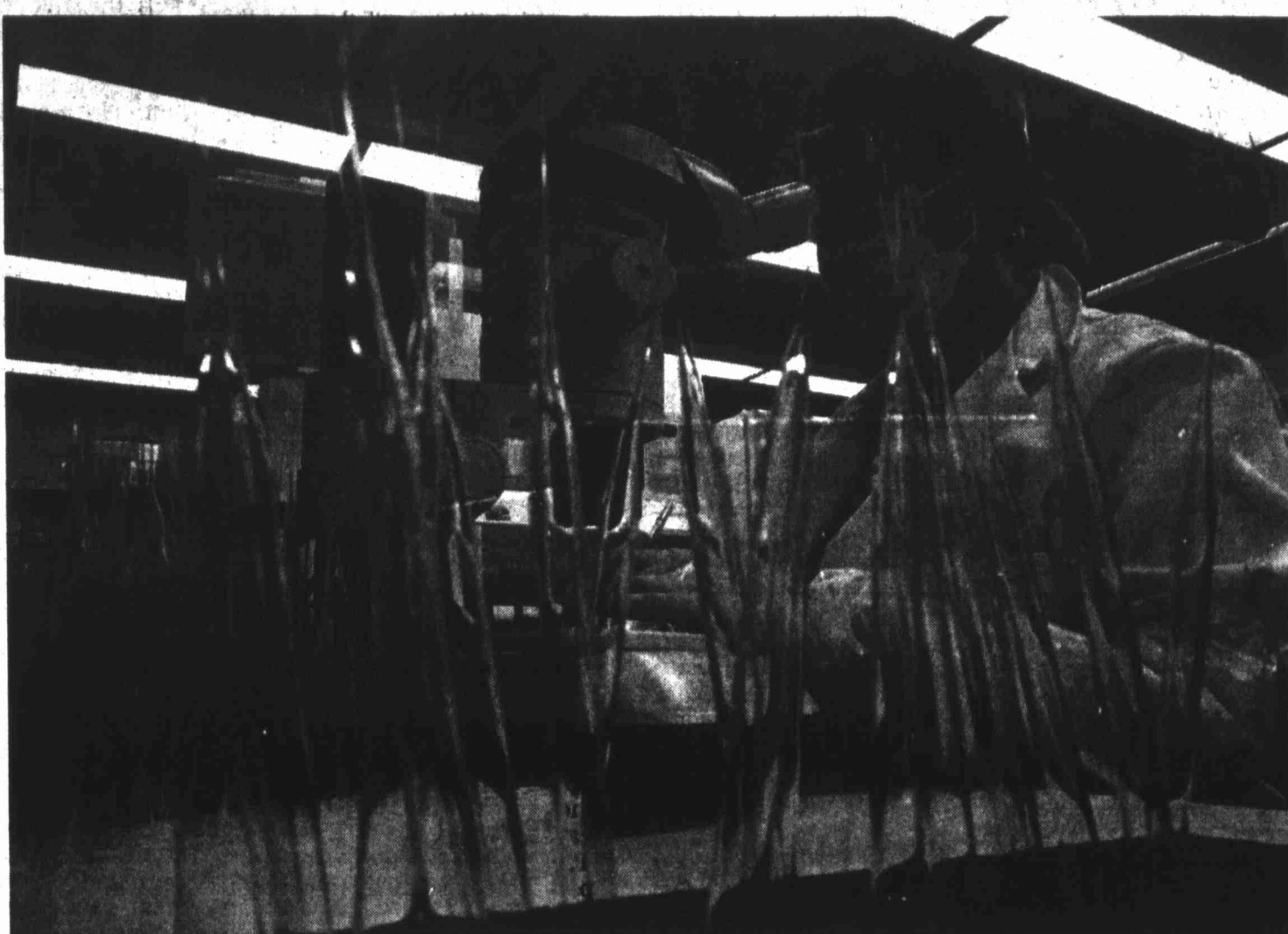
The self-repair function of nerve cells after injury, a project with potential benefits for brain injury, stroke and many neurodegenerative diseases such as Alzheimer's and Parkinson's.

Cord blood-cell transplants for sickle-cell anemia.

Strategies to prevent a common complication, graft-versus-host disease, which causes cancer patients undergoing bone marrow and stem-cell transplants to reject the transplants.

The cells come from frozen embryos no longer wanted by couples who underwent in vitro fertilization (IVF) procedures prior to August 2001.

Not surprisingly, Morrison said, given the cost of IVF, at \$10,000 to \$15,000 per attempt, these cells are mostly from white infertile couples. Stem cells cultured after



Crystal Pacut, a research assistant in human embryonic stem cell research at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor, uses a glass pipet to cut colonized cell cultures while viewing them through a dissecting scope.

2001 "have more genetic diversity," because they come from a broader pool of IVF couples and would be of greater help in treating diseases in a wider range of people, he said.

The university, prohibited by Michigan law from using embryos from Michigan couples, obtains stem cells from Australia, South Korea, Sweden and California, said K. Sue O'Shea, director of the university's stem-cell center.

The University of Michigan could use other embryonic stem cells cultivated elsewhere but they are costly, difficult to purchase and fraught with other obstacles, she

said. Wicha, Morrison and others at the University of Michigan support the bill passed by the U.S. House last week that would allow federally funded researchers to use stem-cell lines created after August 2001. They also favor changing Michigan laws that prohibit researchers from using stem cells from discarded embryos frozen after IVF.

Right-to-life groups are opposed to many types of embryonic stem-cell research because they consider life to begin when sperm fertilizes an egg, not when it can implant in the uterine wall or some later stage of

development, as abortion-rights groups argue.

All the stem-cell lines involve cells in the first four to five days after an embryo is fertilized with sperm. These cells "are so small you can't see them with the naked eye," Morrison said. "If you look at them through the microscope, they don't look like anything. There's no heart, no nervous system, no feature of a recognizable living entity of any type."

Morrison, 36, spends many hours each week trying to educate the public and elected officials of the importance of stem-cell research. His experiments with mice, for

example, show that ones getting stem-cell transplants in the stomach make new nerve cells that send impulses to make muscles contract properly. It's the kind of proof of principle needed before patients with Hirschsprung's or other diseases could be treated with stem cells.

Morrison said he is counting on the public to sort out the science and to overcome anxieties the complex issues may convey.

"In my experience, when people understand the issues they support the work," he said.

Heart attack warning signs aren't always the 'movie' kind

Special to the Herald

Some heart attacks are sudden and intense — the "movie heart attack," where no one doubts what's happening. But most heart attacks start slowly, with mild pain or discomfort. Often people affected aren't sure what's wrong and wait too long before getting help. Here are signs that can mean a heart attack is happening:

— Chest discomfort. Most heart attacks involve discomfort in the center of the chest that lasts more than a few minutes, or that goes away and comes back. It can feel like uncomfortable pressure, squeezing, fullness or pain.

— Discomfort in other areas of the upper body.

American Heart Association.

Symptoms can include pain or discomfort in one or both arms, the back, neck, jaw or — Shortness of breath. May occur with or without chest discomfort.

— Other signs: These may include breaking out in a cold sweat, nausea or lightheadedness.

If you or someone you're with has chest discomfort, especially with one or more of the other signs, don't wait longer than a few minutes (no more than 5) before calling for help. Call 9-1-1. Get to a hospital right away.

Calling 9-1-1 is almost always the fastest way to get lifesaving treatment.

Emergency medical services staff can begin treatment when they arrive — up to an hour sooner than if someone gets to the hospital by car. The staff are also trained to revive

someone whose heart has stopped. Patients with chest pain who arrive by ambulance usually receive faster treatment at the hospital, too.

If you can't access the

emergency medical services (EMS), have someone drive you to the hospital right away. If you're the one having symptoms, don't drive yourself, unless you have absolute-

ly no other option.

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Texas developers creating sex offender-free neighborhood

By **BETSY BLANEY**
Associated Press Writer

LUBBOCK — The sales pitch for a planned subdivision promises safety: criminal background checks for homeowners and, guaranteed, no convicted sex offenders.

It's a concept that might prove right for the times, said first-time developer Clayton Isom, one of three partners in a company that's creating Milwaukee Ridge on the outskirts of this West Texas city.

The high-profile deaths of two Florida girls allegedly killed by registered sex offenders inspired the idea, Isom said.

"It makes me sick at my stomach every time I hear one of these stories about these innocent girls," said Isom, a graduate student in business administration at Texas Tech

University. He said if the sex offender-free neighborhood catches on in Lubbock, it could spread to other communities.

Many areas are already looking for ways to cope with sex offenders.

In Miami Beach, Fla., the mayor hopes to broaden the buffer between where sex offenders are allowed to live and places children frequent, like parks and schools. The buffer would expand from 1,000 feet to 2,500 feet. A Milwaukee suburb this year amended its zoning code to limit one sexual predator per household after Wisconsin officials announced plans to place up to four of them in a group home.

Isom and his two partners in I&S Investments, who are all in their early 20s, own 213 acres and plan to subdivide it for 665 houses. Relatives and

other investors are backing the trio. The homes will range in price from \$100,000 to \$150,000.

The no-offender plan puts the initial responsibility on home builders, who will face financial repercussions if they even unknowingly sell to a convicted sex offender. Builders will run background checks on adults buying homes and juveniles expected to live in the homes.

There are 46,000 registered sex offenders in Texas. There have been no recent high-profile sex offender crimes reported in Lubbock, but there are 413 registered offenders in the city, ranking 16th in the state. Sex offenders, adults and juveniles, are required to register and are listed on the Texas Department of Public Safety Web site. Some exceptions apply to juve-

nile cases.

Residents of the subdivision also will face penalties if they allow a convicted sex offender to live in their homes. Homeowners will bear the responsibility for checking the backgrounds of potential buyers if they sell.

Isom's company promises to buy a home back for 85 percent of the lesser of appraised or market value if builders sell to an offender or an owner or a resident is convicted of a sex offense.

A homeowner's association will be the eyes and ears for Isom's company.

The subdivision's ban appears to be legal, according to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. Sex offenders are not a protected class under the Fair Housing Act, HUD spokesman Jerry Brown said.

Katherine Stark, a board member of the National Fair Housing Alliance, said she's not surprised by the idea because people are scared of sex offenders. But, she said, the prohibition can't keep offenders from living near the subdivision.

"They're a block away," she said. "In some sense it could give someone a false sense of security. I don't see that that would be a big selling point to people."

Kristine Burk, an attorney with Criminal Defense Associates in Los Angeles, questions if the ban will prove effective because most sex offenders are relatives or acquaintances.

According to the most recent U.S. Department of Justice statistics available, from 2000, 34 percent of juveniles were victimized by family members.

Acquaintances were responsible for 59 percent of sexual offenses against juveniles, the statistics show.

"If I'm a parent and I'm moving into this neighborhood, you've done nothing to protect my kids from the people most likely to victimize them," Burk said. "We pretend that there's this outside class of predator waiting to prey on our family. Most of the problem come from within."

That was not the case in the slayings of Jessica Lunsford, 9, and Sarah Lunde, 13, in Florida. A registered sex offender living down the street from Lunsford was charged in March with her kidnapping, sexual assault and death. A former boyfriend of Lunde's mother was charged in April with abducting and killing her.

TEXAS NEWS BRIEFS

Evacuees concerned about health, security

CROSBY (AP) — Fifteen families evacuated after an explosion at an exploratory natural gas well last week may be kept out of their homes for a month while the resulting fire burns itself out, a Louisiana Gas Development Corp. official said.

More than 200 Crosby residents met Sunday with Louisiana Gas officials to voice their concerns about health and security following the explosion that occurred early Wednesday. Residents and some people with asthma complained about noticeable health concerns that had developed since the explosion.

Harris County Public Health and Environmental Services issued an air quality warning Thursday because sandlike grit from the well was dusting homes and vehicles within a five-mile radius.

"I would switch places with anybody who is still living in their home," evacuee Roy Hardy said.

Russian wins Cliburn piano contest

FORT WORTH (AP) — When Alexander Kobrin was a toddler in Russia, he played happily with his toys as long as he could hear music. When the radio was turned off, he cried.

So his piano-teacher father taught him how to play when Kobrin was about 5. Through the years Kobrin often preferred playing soccer or with friends, but the piano became so important to him that the first compact disc he bought was one by famed pianist Van Cliburn.

On Sunday night, Kobrin won the gold medal at the 12th Van Cliburn International Piano Competition, considered the premier contest for classical pianists worldwide.

Kobrin, 25, said it felt like a music festival because there was no cutthroat competition among the contestants.

"We're all musicians, and we do the same thing. We have the same ideals, the same dreams," said Kobrin, who received numerous curtain calls and even had roses thrown onstage after some performances. "You have to forget that this is a competition."

The silver medal went to South Korea native Joyce Yang, 19, and China's Sa Chen, 25, took third place. All three medalists win \$20,000 in cash and the opportunity to record a compact disc.

Lea Fastow released from prison

HOUSTON (AP) — Lea Fastow, wife of former Enron Corp. finance chief Andrew Fastow, left federal prison early Monday morning en route to a halfway house to serve the rest of her sentence.

Mrs. Fastow, who was serving a yearlong sentence for lying about income from an Enron deal on her tax return, was taken to a downtown Houston facility where she will be held until July 10.

Her soon-to-be-incarcerated husband, a key figure in the Enron scandal, was at her side.

"It's been a tough year, but it's supposed to be a tough year," Mrs. Fastow, 43, said. "I am going home to my family soon. That's exactly what I'm looking forward to."

She was whisked away in a private car with her husband, sister and attorneys.

Lea Fastow's attorney, Mike DeGuerin, and prison officials did not immediately return calls seeking comment.

Andrew Fastow has pleaded guilty to conspiracy in the energy company's collapse in exchange for a 10-year prison term that was to be served after his wife's release. He also has agreed to help the prosecution in pending cases against Enron founder Kenneth Lay and former CEO Jeffrey Skilling.

Mrs. Fastow pleaded guilty in May 2004 to helping her husband hide ill-gotten income from financial schemes that fueled Enron's December 2001 crash.

An heiress to a Houston grocery and real-estate fortune, she had been an assistant treasurer at Enron but quit in 1997 to focus on motherhood. She and her husband of 20 years have two children.

In February, U.S. District Judge David Hittner denied a request from Mrs. Fastow's attorney that she be released from prison before her sentence ended. Hittner had imposed the maximum prison term possible and refused to accept a plea deal that would have split her time between prison and home confinement.

Police investigating shooting death of soldier

HARKER HEIGHTS (AP) — Police were investigating the death of a soldier who was found in his house near Fort Hood with multiple gunshot wounds.

An acquaintance found Capt. Jason L. Gonzalez's body on Friday night, Harker Heights police said. An autopsy was being conducted.

Gonzalez, 28, was a company commander with the 4th Infantry Division at the fort, public affairs officer Lt. Col. Dan Baggio said.

Gonzalez, an Apache helicopter pilot, was a 1998 graduate of the U.S. Military Academy at West Point. He was scheduled to go back to Iraq by the end of the year.

The San Antonio native loved to go camping with his young daughter and son, said Mario Carrasco, a high school classmate.

"Jason, he was the picture of a perfect son, perfect

friend, perfect father, perfect husband. Jason was it," Carrasco said. "We're going to miss him."

Documents detail suspicion of priest's abuse

FORT WORTH (AP) — Shortly after investigators linked him to two men suspected of sexually abusing at least a half dozen boys, the Rev. Thomas Teczar left his parish in Rangér.

The reasons behind Teczar's departure from St. Rita's Catholic Church remained sealed for more than a decade, stashed away in a secret diocese archive known as the Confidential files. The Fort Worth Star-Telegram examined the files this spring after they were opened during a lawsuit.

The documents detail how Teczar — a Catholic priest who admitted being sexually attracted to boys — was sent to minister in four rural parishes without supervision. They also raise questions about the decisions by Fort Worth Bishop Joseph P. Delaney, Teczar's superior.

In a recent interview, Delaney said he knew nothing about sexual abuse allegations against Teczar before or during the priest's time in the Fort Worth Diocese. However, his notes in the Confidential Files show he was aware of suspicions and the risk of hiring Teczar.

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C.G.A. sets annual scholarship tourney

The Chicano Golf Association has announced its 15th annual scholarship golf tournament will take place Saturday and Sunday at the Big Spring Country Club (Saturday) and Comanche Trail Park (Sunday). The tournament will be a two person pick your partner scramble and costs \$75 per person. Proceeds will be used to help send local high school students to college.

Players can purchase mulligans both Saturday and Sunday for \$5 each. There will be free food for the players and prizes for closest to the pin on four different holes.

Tee times for Saturday's first round can be obtained by calling the Big Spring Country Club at 267-5354.

For more information, contact Willie Mendoza at 267-7977 or Billy Pineda at 264-7116.

B.S. Country Club sets junior clinics

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

The clinics begin Tuesday and run through August 4. Both clinics will be Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.

The junior clinic costs \$150, while the advanced junior clinic costs \$200.

All participants in the advanced clinic must be entering ninth grade or pass a skills test.

The fee includes instruction and range club membership for the child for June through August.

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

Bubba Franks invite scheduled for June

The fourth annual Big Spring High School Bubba Franks golf tournament will take place Saturday, June 18, at the Big Spring Country Club.

The tournament will start at 8 a.m. and will be a four-person scramble.

The cost is \$60 per person and includes a hamburger lunch and a golf cart.

For more information, contact Gene Piercefield at 267-4205 or 816-1134 or John Sparks at 263-8527.

Justin Cowboy Crisis Fund tourney set

The Big Spring Cowboy Reunion and Rodeo has announced a golf tournament to benefit the Justin Cowboy Crisis Fund.

The tournament is scheduled for Friday, June 17. The tournament costs \$50 per player and the fee includes lunch and fine prizes for top golfers.

For more information, contact Eddy Blasnigame at 263-8421.

Rogers wins career-best eighth straight start

• Rangers take care of business against MLB's worst team

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — Kenny Rogers pitched seven sharp innings to win his career-best eighth consecutive start and Mark Teixeira homered in the Texas Rangers' 8-1 victory over the Kansas City Royals on Sunday.

Rogers gave up five hits and a run, lowering his

American League-leading ERA to 1.62. The left-hander, who last lost April 18 at Tampa Bay, won seven straight starts May 6-June 6, 1995.

The 40-year-old Rogers who had a 31-inning scoreless streak from April 27-May 20, had his shutout spoiled with two outs in the seventh inning when Joe McEwing hit an run-scoring double.

McEwing had three of the five hits off Rogers, who struck out three and walked two before being

replaced by Kameron Loe to start the eighth.

The game ended with a brief confrontation when reliever Francisco Codero, who earlier in the ninth hit Shane Costa with a pitch, said some-

thing that was directed toward the Royals' dugout after the final out. Several Kansas City players came onto the field, but the umpires quickly kept the teams apart.

Teixeira hit his 14th homer of the season off Zack Greinke with two

outs in third into the grass beyond the right-field fence. He also doubled home Michael Young in the three-run fifth and has 15 extra-base hits among his past 25 hits.

Laynce Nix's two-out single in the second scored Alfonso Soriano to give Texas the early lead. Richard Hidalgo followed with an RBI double to shallow left-center to make it 2-0.

Teixeira homered and Kevin Mench had an RBI double in the third to

make it 4-0.

The Rangers chased Royals starter Greinke (2-6) in a three-run fifth. Greinke allowed seven runs on 10 hits in 4 1-3 innings.

The Royals have scored 28 runs in Greinke's 12 starts, the lowest run support average among AL starters.

David Dellucci hit his ninth home run in the sixth off reliever Leo Nunez. The Rangers lead the majors with 87 home runs and 311 runs.

All knotted at three games apiece

• Pistons turn up the heat, rout Miami to force deciding game

By CHRIS SHERIDAN

AP Basketball Writer

AUBURN HILLS, Mich.

Richard Hamilton plucked Shaquille O'Neal's lazy outlet pass from the air, took one dribble toward the basket and flicked a no-look pass to Ben Wallace for a resounding dunk.

The sound of London's Big Ben tower chimed over the loudspeaker system, and a sellout crowd stood and roared its approval. The time for the Pistons to be dethroned as champions had not yet arrived.

Hamilton did a little of everything on offense, and the Pistons swarmed and swatted their way to a dominant defensive performance Saturday night to defeat Miami 91-66 and even the best-of-seven series at three games apiece.

Game 7 will be in Miami on Monday night to determine who will represent the Eastern Conference in the NBA Finals. And the deciding factor may end up being a player who was no factor at all in Game 6 — Dwyane Wade.

A strained rib muscle was too painful for Miami's emerging superstar to bear, and he decided to sit out just before gametime. Without their leading scorer, the Heat had no one aside from O'Neal to give them an offensive boost — and there were several long stretches when that was exactly what Miami needed.

The 66 points represented the lowest postseason point total in Heat franchise history.

The Pistons used runs of 13-0 and 10-0 in the second quarter to take a 44-32 halftime lead, and the lead grew to 23 before the third quarter was over. Miami didn't reach 50 points until 8:07 remained in the fourth quarter, and by then the Pistons were already ahead by 26.

"The two teams played with who they had, and they dominated. Period," Miami coach Stan Van Gundy said.

Hamilton scored 24 points on 10-for-17 shooting with six assists and six rebounds, Tayshaun Prince scored 16 and Chauncey Billups 14 for the Pistons, whose most telling statistics were generated on the defensive end.

Detroit had an 19-7 advantage in fast-break points and an 18-7 edge in second-chance points,

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Detroit Pistons center Ben Wallace and Miami Heat center Shaquille O'Neal go for a ball during the second half in Game 6 of the NBA Eastern Conference Finals. The Pistons defeated the Heat, 91-66, at the Palace of Auburn Hills in Auburn Hills, Mich., Saturday, forcing a Game 7 in Miami tonight.

Teenager becomes new king of clay surface

By STEVEN WINE

AP Sports Writer

PARIS — Rafael Nadal's first Grand Slam final will be remembered for the magnificent tiebreaker he lost, the set points he saved and the title he won.

In a match filled with spectacular exchanges at dramatic moments, Spanish sensation Nadal beat an unseeded but unyielding Mariano Puerta 6-7 (6), 6-3, 6-1, 7-5 to win the French Open.

With Sunday's victory, the young king of clay earned a congratulatory handshake from the king of Spain.

"This is incredible," said Nadal, who turned 19

Friday. "It's a dream come true."

The No. 4-seeded Nadal overcame three set points in the final set and became the youngest men's Grand Slam champion since Michael Chang won the French Open in 1989 at age 17. Nadal's the first man to win the French Open on his initial try since Mats Wilander, who claimed the first of his seven Grand Slam titles at Roland Garros in 1982.

"I fight every ball," Nadal said in English. "When I have problems in the match, I fight, I fight, I fight every game."

For sheer entertainment, the final surpris-

ingly surpassed Nadal's semifinal win on his birthday against top-ranked Roger Federer.

The match inspired the best kind of clay-court creativity, keeping both players on the run as they chased drop shots, lobs and sharply angled groundstrokes. Some of the best rallies came in the tiebreaker, with each point seemingly more spectacular than the last.

Puerta, hampered by a sore thigh and weary from consecutive 3 1/2-hour five-setters in the previous two rounds, kept battling Nadal even after losing the second and third sets.

"He brought out the best

in me," Puerta said. "I lost to an excellent player. He's the best player in the world."

The Argentine's efforts to force a fifth set won over the center-court crowd, who repeatedly chanted his name, and drew applause even from Nadal's coach and uncle, Toni Nadal.

"Mariano played better tennis than Rafa," Toni Nadal said. "But Rafa had the luck when he needed it."

Puerta was one point from winning the fourth set serving at 5-4, 40-15. But in another series of thrilling exchanges,

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IN BRIEF

Big Spring sets up
2005 black and gold
tennis tournament

The 2005 Black and Gold tennis circuit will take place in Big Spring Friday and Saturday.

All players may enter three events, but are limited to two divisions. All entries are due seven days before the tournaments begins.

The divisions for boy's and girl's singles are 12 and under, 14 and under, 16 and under and 18 and under.

There will also be an adult singles division for both men and women. The divisions for doubles competitors are the same as the singles and there will be a mixed doubles division, as well.

The cost to play one event is \$15, while two and three events are \$25 and \$35, respectively.

For more information, contact Sarah Corse, Big Spring Tournament Director, at 432-263-2275.

BSISD announces
annual tennis camp

Big Spring High School has set up its annual tennis camp for today through Thursday at the Figure 7 Tennis Center at Comanche Trail Park.

The camp will begin at 8 a.m. Monday and 8:30 a.m. all other days. The sessions will end at 11:30 a.m. every day. The cost is \$100 and includes a T-shirt.

For more information, contact Dennis Smiley at 263-3848, Sarah Corse at 263-2275 or Ted Olesen at 806-236-8901.

Howard announces
first of three camps

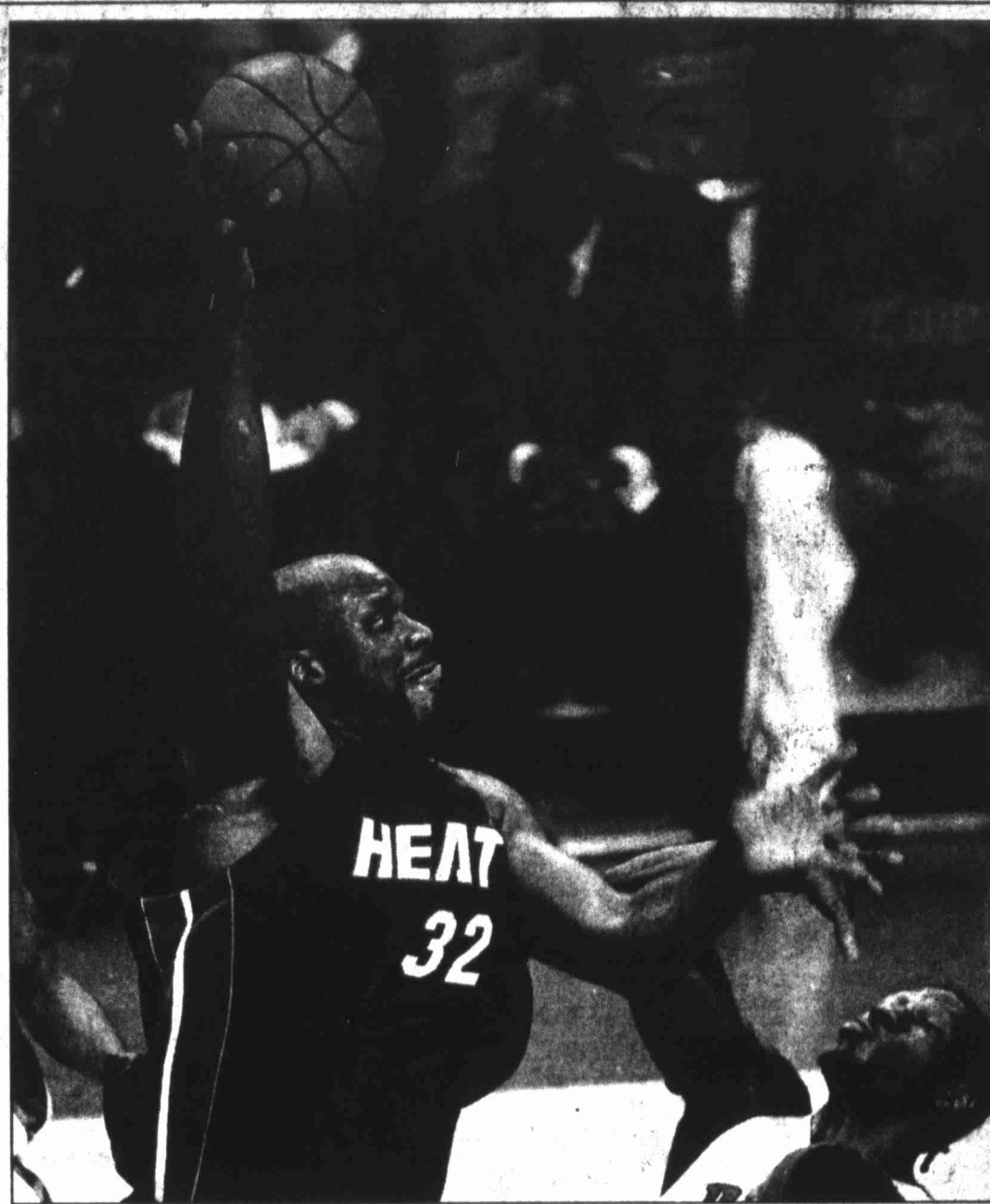
The Howard College women's basketball program will be hosting three camps this summer.

The first camp will take place June 13-16 and is for seventh-12th grade girls and is a shooting and offensive moves camp. Registration will take place Monday, June 13, from 8:30 a.m. to 9 a.m. The camp goes from 9 a.m. to noon through June 16 and the cost is \$60 per person.

The second camp is open for kindergarten through third grade boys and girls. Registration will take place from 8:30 a.m. to 9 a.m. July 18. The camp runs from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. through July 21 and costs \$50 per person.

The third camp is for fourth through sixth grade girls. Registration for this camp will take place from 12:30 p.m. to 1 p.m. July 18. The camp runs from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. through July 21 and costs \$60 per person.

For more information, call Earl Diddle at 264-5043 or Eric Rodewald at 816-4327.



Miami Heat center Shaquille O'Neal (32) goes up for the hook shot over the Detroit Pistons' Ben Wallace during third quarter action in Game 6 of the Eastern Conference Finals. The Pistons defeated the Heat, 91-66, at the Palace of Auburn Hills in Auburn Hills, Mich., Saturday, forcing a Game 7 in Miami tonight.

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and the biggest factor in the Pistons' favor — aside from Wade's absence — was their 25-2 advantage in points off turnovers.

O'Neal led Miami with 24 points, but he was one of the main culprits when it came to failing to take care of the ball, committing six of the Heat's 19 turnovers.

The Heat now must hope that Wade's injury starts to heal a lot quicker over the next 48 hours, or the chances increase that it will be the Pistons heading to San Antonio for Game 1 of the Finals on Thursday night.

"The thing I dread about Game 7 is for players to fear losing. I just want them to enjoy it, do the best they can — and hopefully the best team will win," Pistons coach Larry Brown said. "I'll be really disappointed if (Wade) doesn't play on Monday."

Wade was replaced in

the starting lineup by Rasual Butler, who scored 13 points. But Keyon Dooling with 10 points was the only other Miami player to reach double figures. Eddie Jones shot 1-for-9 for three points, Udonis Haslem scored eight and Damon Jones seven.

Detroit led just 17-16 after the first quarter, failing to take full advantage of Miami's six turnovers and a 12-7 edge in rebounding. The absence of Wade first started to hurt the Heat in the early part of the second quarter as the Pistons' pressure against backup point guard Keyon Dooling disrupted the flow of Miami's offense.

The Heat had turnovers on four of five possessions, the last of which, a 24-second violation, was followed by an 18-footer by Lindsey Hunter to end the 13-0 run and put Detroit ahead 32-20. At that point, the Heat had 11 turnovers and just nine field goals.

But Miami came right

back with a 9-0 run, and a high-arching 3-pointer by Butler made it 34-32 before the Pistons closed the half with a 10-0 run for a 12-point halftime lead.

A 3-pointer by Billups got the lead up to 20, 56-36, with 7:04 left in the third quarter, and a corner jumper by Hamilton extended the run to 24-4 and put the Pistons ahead 58-36.

Miami pulled to 61-45 and had a chance to close after Rasheed Wallace drew his third foul, but O'Neal bricked two free throws, Hamilton then hit a pair from the line, Dooling forced up a rushed jumper that missed and O'Neal threw away a defensive rebound, leading to Ben Wallace's rim-rattling dunk.

A 3-pointer by Billups with 7:44 remaining got the lead up to 80-51, and O'Neal went to the bench for good with 4 1/2 minutes left.

Now, it comes down to a Game 7 — a situation coaches often like to call "the ultimate game."

NADAL

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Nadal rallied to break serve for 5-all. Two games later, after 3 hours, 24 minutes of tennis, he closed out the victory when Puerta pushed a forehand wide.

Nadal collapsed to the clay, flat on his back, then rose and embraced Puerta at the net. The young Spaniard then trotted to the other end of the court to shake hands with King Juan Carlos of Spain, seated in the front row.

"These moments are very strong," Nadal said. "It's something you can't explain. When you reach your goal, it's an extraordinary moment. For the first time, I cried after winning a match. It never happened to me before."

With his 24th consecutive victory, Nadal surpassed Andre Agassi for the longest winning streak by a male teenager in the Open era. All of the victories have come on clay.

It was the first all-lefty men's final at Roland Garros since 1946, and Nadal became the first left-handed men's champion since Thomas Muster in 1995.

On a cool, gray afternoon, Nadal broke in the opening game and led 3-1 when Puerta called for a trainer in the middle of the next game.

Puerta framed backhands on consecutive

points to fall behind 40-15, then went to his changeover chair for treatment. He grimaced as the trainer massaged his right thigh, then taped it.

With that, Puerta rallied. He won the game, then broke serve for 3-all. Both players held to the tiebreaker, and Nadal led 3-2 when the two players began a sequence of six consecutive spectacular points.

At 5-all, the Spaniard went into a shoulder roll in the clay trying to scoop out a shot in the corner. He lost the point, and two points later his lob landed a millimeter wide, giving Puerta the set after 72 minutes.

Nadal was 1-for-8 on break-point chances before he converted for a 3-1 lead in the second set. He broke three more times in the third set while easily holding serve, but there was more drama to come.

Puerta's last gasp came serving at 5-4 in the final set. On one set point, he lunged to his right to dig out a volley, then leaped to his left in a vain attempt to return another, dumping the ball in the net as he landed in the clay.

The last point of the game produced another frantic exchange. Nadal charged forward to scoop up a drop shot, and when Puerta sent a forehand back toward him from point-blank range, the Spaniard hit a reflex volley for a winner.

Texas advances past
Red Hawks at regional

AUSTIN (AP) — Adrian Alaniz pitched a complete game with nine strikeouts as Texas eliminated Miami from the Austin regional with a 12-5 victory Sunday.

Will Crouch had four hits, three RBIs and scored three runs for the Longhorns (47-15).

Taylor Teagarden added a three-run home run and David Maroul hit a two-run home run. Chance Wheelless also scored three runs for Texas.

Alaniz, who retired the first nine batters he

faced, gave up two earned runs on seven hits and one walk.

Ryne Robinson and Ryan Stone both had two hits for Miami (45-16) and Geoff Orr hit a three-run home run.

Miami starting pitcher John Ely threw 7 1/3 innings, giving up five earned runs and 10 hits.

Texas scored four unearned runs as Miami committed four errors.

Texas moves on to play Arkansas (40-20) Sunday at 6 p.m. CDT. Arkansas beat Texas 9-2 Saturday.

Lady Longhorns fall to UCLA,
eliminated from WCWS field

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — UCLA advanced to the Women's College World Series on Sunday night, scoring all its runs against Texas starter Meagan Denny in the first inning and beating the Longhorns 3-0.

UCLA (39-18) will face either Michigan or Tennessee in the best-of-three title series.

The Bruins scored their runs on a two hits and an error before Texas, which eliminated Arizona 1-0 earlier Sunday, replaced Denny (10-3) with ace Cat Osterman.

Jodi Legaspi's single scored UCLA's first run, an error by Texas shortstop Desiree Williams made it 2-0 and Krista Colburn's single to right gave the Bruins a three-run lead.

Osterman came on to get Lisa Dodd to bounce into a fielder's choice to end the inning. Osterman then retired 15 batters in order, not allowing any

hits and striking out six.

UCLA freshman Anjelica Selden (28-12) won her third consecutive game complete game and allowed only two hits, both in the first inning when Texas got runners to second and third but couldn't capitalize. She finished with 12 strikeouts.

Texas also got runners to second and third in the sixth inning, but Selden struck out two to end the inning.

In an earlier game, Monica Abbott allowed just four hits in Tennessee's 4-0 win over Alabama, eliminating the Crimson Tide.

Alabama (63-15) advanced to its second elimination game of the day after beating DePaul 2-1 on Capper Reed's single up the middle in the bottom of the 12th inning.

Abbott (49-8) allowed only singles as Tennessee (66-14) advanced to face No. 1 seed Michigan.

Astros rough up Cardinals ace Mulder

By JOEL ANDERSON

AP Sports Writer

HOUSTON — Roger Clemens won his 332nd game with some rare run support, and Morgan Ensberg and Jason Lane homered during a five-run first inning in the Houston Astros' 6-4 win over St. Louis on Sunday.

Willy Taveras had a career-high four hits and Lane went 2-for-3 with two RBIs to help Clemens (4-3) overcome some early struggles and outlast St. Louis lefty Mark Mulder, who lost his second straight after a seven-game winning streak.

Russ Springer and Dan Wheeler combined to pitch three scoreless innings and Brad Lidge got the final three outs for

his 13th save in 15 chances, snapping Houston's five-game losing streak to the NL Central-leading Cardinals.

Clemens won despite enduring his worst outing of the season, allowing four runs on nine hits in five innings. He struck out four and walked one for his first victory since May 14 against San Francisco.

This rematch between Clemens and Mulder had none of the pitching dominance from their duel April 23, when Mulder fired a 10-inning, four-hitter in St. Louis' 1-0 win. Clemens also didn't allow a run that day, giving up four hits in seven innings.

This time, neither had much success on the mound.

Lane had a RBI single in the third to put Houston up 6-4.

Then Mulder started the fourth by walking Clemens and was chased from the game after a bunt by Taveras.

Mulder (7-3) tied a season high by allowing six runs on eight hits in three innings, his shortest outing of the year.

He had one walk and failed to get a strikeout for the first time this season.

Taveras left at the start of the seventh inning after straining his left hamstring. He's considered day to day.

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Tomorrow's Horoscope

key to "keeping it real."

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Your winning stars will give you something to celebrate if you let them! The only two mistakes you can make are not following through or not starting at all. So whatever the project, take it all the way.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You are knowledgeable about many things. This is the ideal time to brush up on what you know. Everything is interdependent. Consider how you rely on others and how they rely on you. Choose to be a part of something grand.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). The stars encourage going inward to find answers. Even if you do nothing but sit and think today, it will be the most productive day all week.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You're lauded for your originality. But there's no need to reinvent the wheel now.

Instead of starting from scratch, use what already exists, and try to make it better. A fresh turn on an old way of doing things can be quite lucrative.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Normally, you're more than fair, giving everyone a chance to prove themselves. But today's events are different. The test of time is one test you can't afford to take. When someone reveals their true charac-

ter, react swiftly.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Your open mind allows you to flow with the twists and turns along life's path. Plan B works brilliantly. Effective communication has to do with the way you convey information and not the information itself.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). When you know better, you do better. Today is about learning all you can about the task at hand so you can approach it as a master would. With your commanding presence, you should be able to attract quality helpers as well.

ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS: "How do you come up with the horoscopes? Do you guess? Do you feel the future? Are you psychic?"

After I read the Ephemeris and pick out significant transits, I combine my studies about what these transits have meant to astrologers for hundreds of years with my current interpretation of these transits for today. I then take into consideration the nature of each of the 12 signs as I look at how the emotions and activities highlighted by what the stars are currently doing might affect them. I also look at how the stars are aspecting (making angles to) their particular realm of the sky. Then I simply try to speak to the concerns, dreams and issues that each sign might have for that day, as well as give

answers, encouragement and tips to help them deal with the obstacles and treats I believe the day is going to bring. As far as being psychic and feeling the future, I believe we all have psychic ability that we are using to a greater or lesser degree. I exercise this part of myself regularly, like a body builder does when he or she lifts weights. Therefore, my "psychic muscles" are stronger than those of someone who doesn't try to use their gift as much.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: Noah Wyle, who plays Dr. John Carter on "ER," has the chart of a true artist. This year, he could expand his scope into the realm of voice-overs and music — perhaps he'll sing in an animated musical! Wyle is a Gemini with a Libra moon, and Mercury, Venus and Saturn in Taurus. His chart suggests that he gravitates toward a stable, normal lifestyle, but is willing to be wild and exploratory in art.

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Annie's Mailbox : Advice for those in need



KATHY MITCHELL
MARCY SUGAR

Dear Annie: I feel a little crazy writing to you. I always like to figure my problems out myself, but this time, I'd like another person's point of view.

I married my high school sweetheart, and we have been together more than 15 years. "Steve" has a high-profile job where many women throw themselves at him. To my knowledge, he always has been faithful to me.

Recently, I've had an insecure feeling, and I don't know why. Steve is an excellent father and a very good husband, and from what his friends say, he speaks highly of our marriage and of me when I'm not around. He is home any time he is not working.

The trouble is that I know some of the men he works with are unfaithful, and their wives are oblivious. So while I had no real reason to suspect him, I looked through Steve's cell phone and found that he called a female during his work shift. I have seen her name on his list of missed calls more than once. I believe she is a co-worker on the same shift, but what if she's not?

Steve never hides his cell phone, wallet or anything else from me. I know he wouldn't appreciate my prying, because he's done nothing to warrant it. I can't ask him about the cell phone or he'll know I snooped, but I don't want to miss "the signs" and be taken for a fool. It would crush me if

not be undressing in front of each other. Tell your husband it's time they had separate space, even if that means rigging a sheet down the middle of the room.

Dear Annie: I have a fabulous stepdaughter who is married to a man whose presence I simply can't stand. This man talks and acts like a child, although he is 32, has an education and holds a steady job as a supervisor.

"Willard" asks inappropriate questions, such as, "If you're lactose intolerant, what happens if you drink milk?" Or, "What tests did they do to diagnose your chronic medical problems?" I assure you he is not concerned for my health. He's just curious.

I am very uncomfortable with the prying. Please advise a way to cope with this since I am forced to see him at least once a week. — Disgusted by Him

Dear Disgusted: You don't have to answer these questions simply because Willard is a member of the family. Say sweetly, "I'd rather not discuss such personal issues." Repeat as often as necessary.

Dear Annie: I am a victim of adultery. It has been almost 30 years since my wife admitted having an affair with a friend at work. There was a pregnancy and a child I raised as my own. I knew then that she wasn't my daughter, and after all this time, whenever I look at her, I still see the other man in her face. I wish I could forget, but I can't, and I am not sure if I have forgiven, even to this day.

I still am torn apart by this betrayal. I have NEVER cheated, nor even let myself come within a mile of having an affair. I maintain dignity in all my relationships. But the animal side of me fantasizes about my wife having sex with this other man, and this leads to a denigration of our relationship on my side of the fence. I become moody

and nasty toward her whenever I think of the two of them together.

Help me forget and move on, ladies. This has interfered with our sex life and our love for each other. My wife does not know I feel this way, and I am afraid she will be angry at me for digging up this old manure. But after 25 years, I find myself wavering between loving her and hating her for what she did to me. She always brings up past faults of mine, financial ones and poor career decisions, but I have never done the same. When she told me about the affair, I forgave her verbally and thought I'd gotten past it. Now, however, I find myself letting these thoughts sneak in at the slightest hint.

What can I do? I am really troubled by my attitude and want to get away from thinking about it. — Troubled Husband

Dear Husband: We feel terribly sorry for your daughter (and she IS your daughter if you raised her). It may be too much to expect you to forget this long-ago affair, and it doesn't help that your wife brings up past grievances, but forgiveness is still possible. Since you obviously cannot do it on your own, please talk to a marriage counselor, with or without your wife, and do whatever work is necessary to truly and completely let this go. It is eating you alive.

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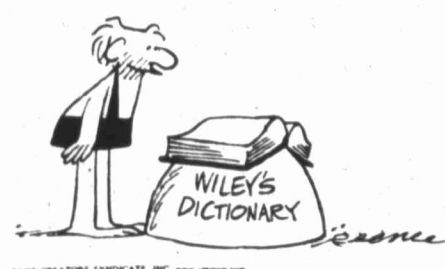
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This Date In History

By The Associated Press

Today is Monday, June 6, the 157th day of 2005. There are 208 days left in the year.

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

On this date:
In 1918, the World War I Battle of Belleau Wood, which resulted in a U.S. victory over the Germans, began in France.

In 1933, the first drive-in movie theater opened in Camden, N.J.

In 1942, Japanese forces retreated in the World War II Battle of Midway.

In 1966, black activist James Meredith was shot and wounded as he walked along a Mississippi highway to encourage black voter registration.

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

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

Ten years ago: U.S. astronaut Norman Thagard broke NASA's space endurance record of 84 days, one hour and 16 minutes, aboard the Russian space station Mir.

One year ago: World leaders, including President Bush and French President Jacques Chirac put aside their differences to commemorate the D-Day invasion that broke Nazi Germany's grip on continental Europe.

Phylcia Rashad, who starred in a revival of "A Raisin in the Sun," became the first black actress to win a Tony for a leading dramatic role.

Birthdays:
Actress Billie Whitelaw is 73. Civil rights activist Roy Innis is 71. Singer Levi

Stubbs (The Four Tops) is 69. Folk singer Holly Near is 56. Singer Dwight Twilley is 54. Playwright-actor Harvey Fierstein is 51. Comedian Sandra Bernhard is 50. Rock musician Steve Vai is 45. Actor Jason Isaacs is 42. Rock musician Sean Yseult (White Zombie) is 39. Actor Max Casella is 38. Rapper-actor Uncle Kracker is 31. Actress Staci Keanan is 30.

Thought for Today: "To be successful, grow to the point where one completely forgets himself; that is, to lose himself in a great cause." — Booker T. Washington, American educator (1856-1915).

Answer to previous puzzle

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- 14 Supermarket section
- 15 Pork cut
- 16 Similarly
- 17 Signal, as for an 18 Across
- 18 Metered vehicle
- 19 Window sill
- 20 Embarrassment, so to speak
- 23 Moved quickly at
- 24 Poor grade
- 25 Falsehood
- 28 Overhead trains
- 29 Musician's job
- 32 Moral values
- 35 San Francisco footballers, for short
- 38 Hockey arenas
- 39 Crosshatch fabric pattern
- 41 Winter dew
- 43 Horse's home
- 44 "Finally!"
- 46 Hoops group: Abbr.
- 47 Lifesaving technique: Abbr.
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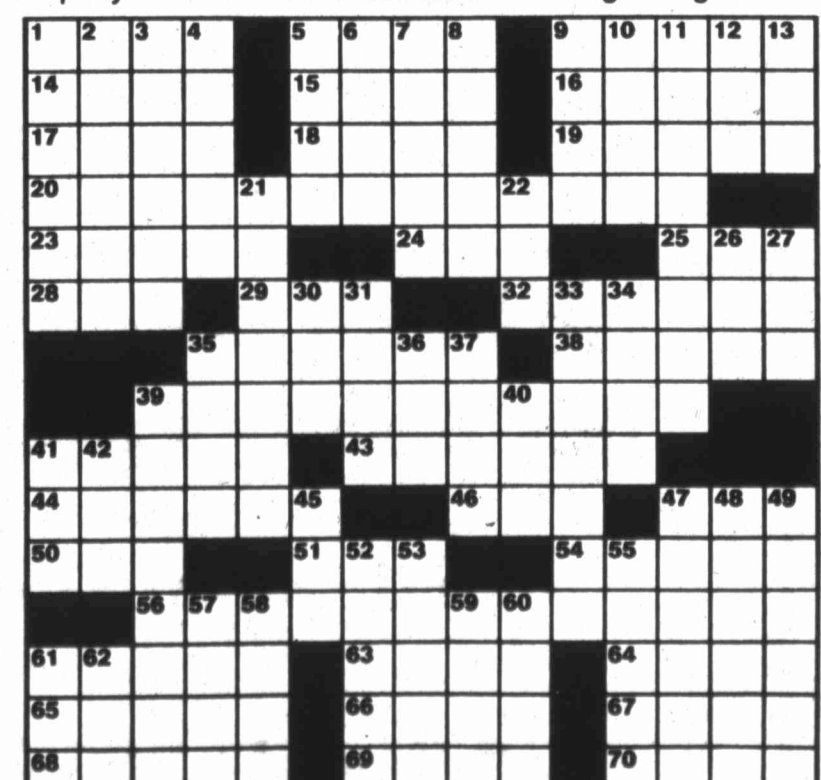
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- 69 Jay of late-night TV
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- 3 Adjusts, as wheels
- 4 Aviator
- 5 Choir member
- 6 Mortgage, for example
- 7 Combined, with "in"
- 8 Licorice flavoring
- 9 Elaborate party

- 10 Actor Baldwin
- 11 Second job
- 12 UPS delivery: Abbr.
- 13 Look at
- 21 Invitation request, perhaps
- 22 Lawyer's charge
- 26 "That's gross!"
- 27 Curvy letter
- 30 Footsoldier grp.
- 31 Hairdo goos
- 33 Singing syllables
- 34 Honeybee home
- 35 Cape Canaveral initials
- 36 Collecting a pension: Abbr.
- 37 Graceful bird

- 39 Bunch of wild canines
- 40 Recede
- 41 "So good"
- 42 Numbered highway: Abbr.
- 45 Tic-toe
- 47 Like haunted houses
- 48 Dried plums
- 49 Newscaster's story
- 52 Herb in pesto sauce
- 53 Glide on ice
- 55 Gumbo veggies
- 57 Arthur of tennis
- 58 Close to
- 59 Smooth out
- 60 Office note
- 61 Electrical unit
- 62 Ghost's greeting



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