



## Subcontractor says IFT selection process 'politically flawed'

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

While many area residents believe Big Spring didn't make the government's short list for an Air Force Introductory Flight Training (IFT) program because it simply didn't mea-

sure up to the competition, one man believes different.

In fact, he'll even go so far as to call the process by which the short list was developed as complete hogwash.

Retired U.S. Air Force Col. Phil Handley, chief operating officer for Durango Aerospace,

one of Big Spring's partners in the proposal, said it's not a lack of qualifications or resources that kept Big Spring off the program's short list.

According to Handley, it's backstage politics.

"We had the right site, the right airplane, the right nation-

al team, the right plan and the best price," Handley told members of the Moore Development for Big Spring Board of Directors during a meeting Tuesday. "I'd bet next week's salary that it's \$50 million, and that's the taxpayers money. And that's what someone has

squandered to move this through a politically flawed process. If this proposal had been judged on the merits like they said it would, it wouldn't have even been close."

Handley echoed claims that

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## RURAL MISHAP



HERALD photo/Thomas Jenkins  
The driver of this PT Cruiser was able to walk away unscathed from a wreck two miles north of Coahoma on Highway 820 Tuesday morning. According to law enforcement officers at the scene, the Cruiser was traveling north on Highway 820 when the driver made a left turn into a private driveway, turning in front of a Mitsubishi Galant. The driver and passenger in the Galant sustained only minor injuries and were transported to the emergency room at Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

## Council OKs firm to rehab clarifier; holds off bid for more financial info

By BILL MCCLELLAN

News Editor

Big Spring City Council members put the cart before the horse Tuesday, but for good reason.

The council, facing bids 30 percent higher than anticipated for the rehabilitation of a clarifier at the city's wastewater treatment plant, tabled the financial aspect of the project but went ahead and approved BW Environmental to do the work.

"I realize that we have not awarded the bid yet, but we're only approving this on first reading, so if it doesn't work out, we don't have to approve it on second reading and we're not obligated to anything," Mayor Russ McEwen explained to the council.

"It's not the normal way to do things, but I suppose there's no reason not to," said City Attorney Jean Shotts.

Rehabilitation of the clarifier, which must done to meet with the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality rules and standards, had been expected to cost about \$180,000 — an amount slightly more than was budgeted for the project. However, the prob-

## City responds favorably to senior citizen's request

Herald Staff Report

Sometimes you just have to take on City Hall.

Mattie Andrews stood before city council members Tuesday to tell them that she believes in keeping Big Spring beautiful, but she's got to have their help.

"Give me my black Dumpster back," the diminutive senior citizen politely told council members. "This metal one is just too heavy for me to push; I can't do it!"

She was referring to an ordinance that requires the trash containers to be pushed to the street on collection days, and then promptly be moved away from the pick up area afterward.

"I appreciate the effort being

made to keep Big Spring beautiful and I want to keep it as beautiful as possible myself," she told the council. "I have heard on the radio that people who leave their Dumpsters like that just 'don't have pride.' Well, I want you to know I do have pride. Give me my black Dumpster back and I'll prove it!"

Public Works Director Todd Darden immediately told the council the city is phasing out the metal containers and would be happy to replace Ms. Andrews' with a plastic one.

When informed her container would be replaced, the woman shouted, "I'm getting my black one back? Oh, wonderful!" and clapped her hands.

lem erupted when the only two bids on the project — \$244,000 by BW Environmental of Wichita Falls and \$312,000 by Red River

Construction of Wylie — came in much higher.

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## Sharp retains position in 3-2 vote by board

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

For the second time in less than two years, the Moore Development for Big Spring Board of Directors voted to keep Executive Director Kent Sharp at the helm of the economic development corporation by a slim margin.

Board members Tommy Churchwell and Ben Bancroft voted to terminate Sharp's service, much as they did in the early part of 2004 when Sharp announced he would run for a state office. Newly appointed board members Richard Steel, Joyce Crooker and Raul Marquez — having only served six months with the governing body — all voted to retain Sharp.

The vote came following a lengthy evaluation of Sharp's track record with the corporation, and while board members agreed Sharp needed to make improvements in some areas, the manner in which to address the deficiencies was greatly divided.

"Having only six months in which to evaluate an employee, in my mind, doesn't allow adequate time to do a full and accurate evaluation," said Steel. "Looking through the items on the evaluation form, and comparing

"People weighed in with their comments. They are all just personal opinions. They're not facts. Two of the five people said they didn't want to continue this way and three said they did."



Churchwell

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Sharp

that to my observations since I've been on the board, do I see room for improvement in some areas? Yes, I do. Do I think Kent can improve in some of these areas of weakness? Yes, I do.

"I don't feel that there are any areas so great that Kent cannot overcome those deficiencies with proper guidance and a true consensus of the board. Do I think Kent should be given the opportunity to correct those deficiencies? I absolutely do."

Bancroft, who voted to terminate Sharp in 2004, called for his dismissal based on the board evaluations and a need for new direction.

"Four out of five evaluations are basically the same, and they're not good," said Bancroft. "And, frankly, I'm ready for a change. This is not a personal thing. Personally, I like Kent. This is a decision we all have to decide individually, and I just feel like it's time to make a number of changes and start in a new direction with the community and the board... New philosophies and new directions. And based on four out of five evaluations, I just don't see a reason not to recommend Kent's termination at this time."

And while Crooker's final summation of the

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## UPCOMING PARADES

The Coahoma Patriotic Parade begins at 10 a.m. Saturday.

The celebration will continue in Coahoma Park with a car show, food booths and vendors. Free set up space for interested vendors. Contact Paulette Lindsey at 394-4975 or 270-0875 to secure space.

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The Highland Fourth of July Parade begins at 10 a.m. Saturday.

Line up starts at 9:15 a.m. at the corner of Stonehaven and Highland Drive. Call Shayla Seymore at 267-4854 or Linda Kay at 267-8427 for more information.

## COMING THIS WEEKEND

When young baseball players step onto the field in Williamsport, Pa., they are carrying on a tradition started 65 years ago by Carl E. Stotz. In 1938, Stotz gathered children together and devised the rules for his boys' baseball program. Today, Williamsport is home to the Little League Museum and Howard J. Lamade Stadium, where the finals of the Little League World Series have been played each year since 1959.



## BUSH SPEAKS ON IRAQ



U.S. soldiers applaud President George W. Bush at Ft. Bragg, N.C., Tuesday. See Page 5A.

Obituaries

Hildred Mandrell White

Hildred Mandrell White, 85, of Big Spring died Sunday, June 26, 2005, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. Private service and interment will be at 10 a.m. Friday, July 1, 2005, at the Dallas/Fort Worth National Cemetery in Dallas.

She was born March 7, 1920, in West City, Ill., to George and Pearl Mandrell. Hildred married John "Jerry" White Jan. 2, 1941, at Cape Girardeau, Mo. They moved to Big Spring in July of 1968. She was a homemaker and a Baptist.

She is survived by her husband, John "Jerry" White of Big Spring; three daughters, Jerry Jo Shires and her husband, Roger of Colorado Springs, Colo., Nancy Lynn Penny and her husband, Paul of Dallas and Cindi M. Moore of Big Spring; four grandchildren, Ashlyn Shires of Colorado Springs, Colo., Skydra Redden and her husband, John of Granbury, Zachary Terry of Big Spring and Trey Penny and his wife, Lindsey of Fort Worth; three great-grandchildren, Brayden Redden and Cheyenne Redden, both of Granbury and Brayden Gray of Big Spring; and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by one brother, Ralph Mandrell, twin sister, Mildred Ligon and four other sisters, Virginia Hayes, June Gilliam, Audrey Laffitte and Betty Silverman, and two infant sisters, Marjorie and Evangeline.

Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at [www.myersandsmith.com](http://www.myersandsmith.com).

*Paid obituary*

Ruby Cora Hull Fritzer Gower

Ruby Cora Hull Fritzer Gower, 94, of Big Spring died Monday, June 27, 2005, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. Graveside services are 10:30 a.m. Friday, July 1, 2005, at Forest Oak Cemetery in Austin.

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

She was born Jan. 10, 1911, in Ellis County, Okla. She attended school and graduated in Gage, Oklahoma in 1929. She married William Fritzer July 15, 1929, in Shattuck, Okla. In 1952, she married Blain Gower in Wichita Falls. Ruby made drapes, both customized and commercial. In 1992, she moved to Big Spring and to Mountain View Lodge in 1999.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Blain in 1986, and her son, Ted in 1992.

She is survived by one son, Robert Fritzer of Big Spring; one brother, Clarence Hull of Gage, Okla.; 10 grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; and 11 great-great-grandchildren.

Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at [www.myersandsmith.com](http://www.myersandsmith.com).

James Dewey Anderson

James Dewey Anderson, 69, of Big Spring, died Monday, June 27, 2005, in a local hospital. His services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

Take note

• **GROUP PHOTOS TAKEN BY BRUCE SCHOOLER AT BIG SPRING DAY IN AUSTIN** are available for purchase from the chamber of commerce Tuesday through July 15. Cost is \$10 for an 8x10 and \$5 for a 5x7. For more information, call Schooler at 264-7728 or 213-1760.

• **THE PERMIAN BASIN MENSA ORGANIZATION** is accepting donations of cash or merchandise for a scholarship program. For more information, e-mail [www.scholarships@pb.us.mensa.org](mailto:www.scholarships@pb.us.mensa.org) or call Ryan at 432-935-1387.

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

• **HIGHLAND FOURTH OF JULY PARADE** is set for Saturday at the corner of Highland Drive and Stonehaven. Line-up at 9:15 a.m., parade begins at 10 a.m. For more information, call Shayla Seymore at 267-4854 or Linda Kay at 267-8427.

• **HANGAR 25 AIR MUSEUM** needs volunteers to work Sunday afternoons. Call 264-1999 or visit the museum, 1911 Apron, to volunteer.

• **COAHOMA PATRIOTIC PARADE** begins at 10 a.m. Saturday. Celebration continues in Coahoma Park with a car show, food booths and vendors. Free set up space for interested vendors. Contact Paulette Lindsey at 394-4975 or 270-0875 to secure space.

• **COAHOMA NON-MARCHING BRASS BAND NEEDS MORE MEMBERS**, any age, any instrument, any ability, any experience. For more information, contact Pam Hicks at 394-4312 or Patricia Bennett at 394-4122.

• **TEXAS LIONS CAMP** is looking for children interested in attending camp this summer. Sessions are for children with physical disabilities 7 through 16 years of age. Camp is free for these children. For more information, call Bob Noyes at 267-5811 or 270-0811.

• **A MEMORIAL FUND HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED FOR THE FAMILY OF TYBO JACOBS** at the First Bank of West Texas in Coahoma and Big Spring to help with funeral costs. He died in an automobile accident March 10.

Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity between 8 a.m. Tuesday and 8 a.m. today:

- **DWAIN PAPE**, 54, of 408 W. Fifth Street, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of stalking.
- **KYLE REECE HALE**, 19, of 1500 Chickasaw, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of driving while license invalid.
- **KYRENEA HULL**, 43, of 1600 S. Lancaster, was arrested Tuesday on charges of theft and possession of marijuana - two ounces or less.
- **KORI LEWIS**, 22, of 904 E. 12th Street, was arrested Wednesday on a charge of possession of drug paraphernalia.
- **EDWARD HURRINGTON**, 51, of 4100 Dixon, was arrested Wednesday on a charge of possession of drug paraphernalia.
- **THEFT** was reported:
  - in the 1800 block of FM 700.
  - in the 400 block of Fourth Street.
  - in the 1200 block of Blackmon.
  - in the 1700 block of FM 700.
- **POSSESSION OF MARIJUANA - TWO OUNCES OR LESS** was reported in the 1800 block of FM 700.
- **EVADING ARREST OR DETENTION** was reported in the 400 block of Fourth Street.
- **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported in the 1900 block of Wasson.
- **BURGLARY OF A HABITATION** was reported in the 2500 block of Langley.

Sheriff's report

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

- **CLAYTON WILLIAM WIGINGTON**, 19, was transferred to the county jail Tuesday by the BSPD on charges of evading arrest or detention and duty on striking fixture or highway landscape.
- **FORGERY** was reported in the 8700 block of Gillam Road.
- **BURGLARY OF A HABITATION** was reported in the 200 block of S. Adams.

Fire/EMS

The Big Spring Fire Department reported the following activity:

- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 200 block of Galveston. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **TRAFFIC ACCIDENT** was reported on N. Highway 820 in Coahoma. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 100 block of Miller Bee Road. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 1100 block of Scurry. Service was refused.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 2700 block of Ann Street. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **GRASS FIRE** was reported near the intersection of 10th Street and N. Main.

Support groups

THURSDAY

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

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

• Alzheimers Support Group meets at 2 p.m. on the third Thursday of each month at The Texas State Veterans Home, 1809 N. Hwy 87. For more information call Orand Carroll 268-8387.

FRIDAY

• AA open discussion meeting from noon until 1 p.m. at 605 Settles. Noon open Big Book study meeting, 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.

SATURDAY

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

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

SUNDAY

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

Bulletin board

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

TODAY

- Downtown Lions Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room.
- Line dancing begins at 1 p.m. in the Spring City Senior Citizen's Center at the Industrial Park. Call 267-6966 or 267-1628.
- Duplicate Bridge Club meets at 1 p.m. in the Big Spring Country Club.

THURSDAY

- Gideon International Big Spring Camp U42060 meets at 7 a.m. in Herman's Restaurant.
- Coffee Club meets at 10 a.m. in Gale's Sweet Shoppe.
- Kiwanis Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room. Call 267-6479.
- The Prospector's Club meets at 7:30 p.m. at 606 E. Third St. The public is invited to these meetings. For more information contact Lola Lamb at 263-3340 or Doyle and Virginia McClain at 263-8407.

FRIDAY

- Signal Mountain Quilting Guild meets from 9 a.m. until about 3 p.m. at 1019 Nolan St. Members bring their own lunch. Call 267-1037 or 267-7281 for more information.
- AMBUCS meet at noon in La Posada Restaurant.
- Greater Big Spring Rotary meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.
- Spring City Senior Citizen's country and western dance from 7:30 p.m. until 10:30 p.m. featuring Monroe Casey and the Prowlers. All area seniors are invited.

SATURDAY

- Coahoma Fourth of July Parade begins at 10 a.m.
- Highland Fourth of July Parade begins at 10 a.m. at the corner of Highland Drive and Stonehaven.
- Eagles Lodge Dance at 8:30 p.m. at 703 W. Third.

Weather

Tonight—Clear. Lows in the upper 60s. South winds 10 to 15 mph.

Thursday—Mostly sunny. Highs in the upper 90s. South winds 10 to 15 mph.

Thursday night—Mostly clear. Lows in the lower 70s. South winds 10 to 15 mph.

Friday—Mostly sunny. Highs around 101. South winds around 15 mph.

Friday night—Partly cloudy with isolated thunderstorms. Lows in the lower 70s. The chance of rain is 20 percent.

Saturday—Partly cloudy in the morning then clearing. Highs in the upper 90s.

Saturday night—Mostly clear. Lows in the lower 70s.

Sunday—Partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 90s.

Sunday night—Partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 70s.

Independence day—Partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 90s.

Monday night—Partly cloudy. Lows around 70.

Tuesday—Partly cloudy in the morning then clearing. Highs in the upper 90s.

Lottery

The jackpot in the multi-state Mega Millions lottery drawing grew to \$63 million Wednesday.

None of the tickets sold for Tuesday's \$52 million drawing matched all five lotto numbers and the Mega Ball. The next drawing will be Friday.

The winning numbers from Tuesday's drawing were: 2, 20, 37, 43, and 46. The Mega Ball number was 4.

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Tuesday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 2-7-16-30-36

Number matching five of five: 2.

Prize per winner: \$16,406.

Winning tickets sold in: Arlington and Irving.

Matching four of five: 104. Prize: \$142.

Matching three of five: 3,063. Prize: \$11.

Matching two of five: 31,389. Prize: \$2.

Next Cash 5 drawing: Wednesday night.

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Tuesday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 9-2-2

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# Coahoma ISD board to consider bond election

By STEVE REAGAN  
Staff Writer

Coahoma school trustees will likely pull the trigger on an \$11 million bond election when they hold a special meeting at 6:30 p.m. Thursday in the administration building board room.

Trustees are expected to call for a Sept. 10 election, in which voters will be asked to give approval to a bond issue that will finance upgrades and renovations at all three district campuses.

The \$11 million estimate was presented to the school board by Alan Wolfe of the Lubbock architectural consulting firm of Parkhill, Smith and Cooper, who was hired by CISD earlier this year to draw up a master plan for infrastructure improvement in the district.

Key elements of that estimate include:

- \$7.8 million for improvements to the high school,

Trustees will convene at 6:30 p.m. Thursday in the administration building boardroom.

including construction of new classrooms and a field house, renovations at the auditorium and gymnasium and upgrades

of the plumbing and heating, ventilation and air conditioning systems.

- \$1.7 million for improvements at the elementary school, including installation of a fire sprinkler system and upgrades of the plumbing and electrical systems.

- \$1 million for improvements at the junior high, mostly in the areas of plumbing upgrades.

- \$550,000 for renovations of the district administration building and restroom facilities

at the football stadium.

Superintendent Jerry Johnson said he is hopeful Wolfe can trim the \$11 million estimate somewhat before the issue comes to a vote Thursday.

In other business Thursday, trustees are expected to consider resignations, retirements and employments.

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## FLAWED

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Big Spring had played "its best card" in the proposal, but said he wasn't the only one who saw its merits above the rest of the competition.

"What they told us is what they would really like to find is a closed Air Force base," said Handley. "And we took that to heart. They were singing our song. We went to the Boeing offices and met and it was the perfect team. All parties agreed that this was the opportunity of a lifetime to do something for Big Spring, which had been waiting for something like this."

"The team of professionals in Oklahoma City said out of the hundreds and hundreds of pro-

posals they've seen Boeing put forth, this was the best they had ever seen. And it was that team's job to tear this proposal to pieces — to find every little nitpicking thing wrong they could — and they could find absolutely nothing wrong with it."

While it may seem strange that Handley, a Midland resident, would be a major proponent for Big Spring in the bidding process for the program. However, the Midland man said it was simply a matter of what will work, and what won't.

"It was my immediate thought that I was going to make this program come to Midland. But the data showed that the program wouldn't work," said Handley, comparing flight data between

McMahon-Wrinkle Airpark and three Midland airports. "It's because of the traffic... It won't work. If you locate this in Midland, Texas — which someone, some politicians want to do — it won't work."

Efforts to bring the program to Big Spring began in mid-2004, when Moore Development, the city of Big Spring and several other local agencies joined forces to bring the program to the McMahon-Wrinkle Airpark.

The program is expected to involve initial flight screening of up to 1,300 aircrew training candidates each year, with screening of the initial class of students expected to begin in October of 2005. The initial contract has option periods extending out to 2015.

In mid-January, Big Spring

Mayor Russ McEwen announced Big Spring's McMahon-Wrinkle Airpark was chosen by aero-engineering giant Boeing as the site for a U.S. Air Force IFT program.

On June 9, the government released its "short list" of proposed sites, which did not include Big Spring.

And while many have already given up on hopes of landing the program in Big Spring, Handley said he doesn't plan to give up.

"I'm going to show you the insulting letter that we received that says we missed the mark on everything," said Handley. "After all of this, we received a letter — a simple one page letter — that said we missed it on all of the criteria."

"I'm convinced that the

majority of the people have no idea what the magnitude of this project was and what it would have done for the city of Big Spring. Because the notion that this is a fair and honest competition is flawed worse than any I have ever seen. It will not stand the light of day.

"This isn't dead yet. If you want to write it off, fine. Boeing can't protest. They won't," he said. "It's just little stuff to them. It's round-off change to them and they have a history of never protesting. But I'm one of subcontractors in this, and I will. And I'll put some sunshine on this."

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## SHARP

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situation was brief, the second-time Moore Development director called on a number of business owners and others in the audience to speak in Sharp's behalf, including representatives from Sid Richardson, Fiber Rod, Western Container and former Moore Development directors Lee George and Terry Hansen.

"I think you're doing a fine job," Crooker told Sharp. "I think you need the cooperation and help from your board, and I would like to retain you as executive director of Moore Development."

Following the 3-2 vote, Sharp said hearing so many people praise his work was humbling.

"It's a humbling experience," said Sharp. "You come to work everyday like I have for seven and a half years trying to do the best job you can. And nearly every day it's a

judgment call. And you just hope at the end of the day when go home that something you have done has had a positive impact on someone in the community.

"I'll go to one of the stores here and I see a person buying groceries, and I know where that person works. It's a job that's a direct result of something Moore Board did. That's my validation at the end of the day, and I think other people have seen that."

Sharp said he asked for the public evaluation instead of a closed-door session because he felt his professional image was being challenged by board members — an image he felt the public should be able to speak its mind about.

"I asked for the public evaluation," said Sharp. "Because of some of the comments that were offered in my evaluation form — because my professional image was challenged — I wanted people to be able to hear it. That's why I wanted it in

a public session.

"People told me I was nuts. They asked me why I would want this evaluation to be done in a public forum. I've been doing this 14 years, and seven years ago I would have been out here either bawling, sweating or crying. But Woodrow Wilson, before he was president, said, 'Time is on the side of your enemies.'"

Churchwell, who also voted in 2004 to terminate Sharp's employment, said Tuesday's evaluation was just a normal part of business, and he and the rest of the board will be firmly behind Sharp in the future.

"This is just part of doing business," said Churchwell. "We normally evaluate employees annually, but we didn't last year. We got into a little bit of a jam on time last year because of a project we were working on. So we waited until this year."

"People weighed in with their comments. They are all just personal opinions. They're not facts. Two of

the five people said they didn't want to continue this way and three said they did. That's what we do. We take a vote, and once that's done we get onboard with the project."

Churchwell said he disagrees with claims the board has been "split" in the past, and is more than willing to "get back to work."

"I never saw it as a split board," said Churchwell. "We have different opinions and that's what we should be doing. We should have opinions that are different. I've never been on a board that was as good as this one about agreeing to disagree and having professional courtesy. It's just like tonight. I'm on the losing side and that's fine. I've cast my vote."

"I'm willing to continue working with him. I even worked with him last week. My mind wasn't made up until tonight. We went through the process. We just have to get back together and get back to work. We do have some things working, and hope-

fully, we'll be successful."

Sharp said the evaluation was a constructive process for him — pointing out some of his weakest areas, including marketing — and plans to make adjustments on the areas the board has pointed out.

"If you're doing your job, you're going to be making some people upset," said Sharp. "And Moore Development is a controversial organization because so much of what we do is in secrecy. But we've always tried to work with the media and the public."

"Do I have deficiencies? Absolutely. I think most people do. And I think that's what an evaluation is meant for. It's meant to encourage the process of self-improvement. And that's what I'm going to work on. I'm going to take what the board said in earnest, and I'm going to work on those areas where the consensus of the board said I need work, and just go from there."

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"Basically, the cost of anything having to do with petroleum or steel, no matter what it is, has gone up and up," said Butch Davis, project manager with Parkhill, Smith & Cooper Inc., which is handling the project for the city. "I don't see prices coming down. In fact they are escalating 2 to 3 percent a month. And right now contractors are busy, so they are able to pick and choose projects."

At the mayor's urging, the council tabled awarding the bid for two weeks until city staff can work out a financial plan, but

went ahead and approved BW Environment to do the work. Tabling the latter on first reading would have extended the project by at least a month, or put the council in the position of having to pass it on emergency reading.

Also tabled Tuesday was the second reading of an ordinance calling for "no parking" signage on 11th Place in front of Big Spring High School. However, it wasn't the ordinance that held up the vote, but rather its wording. Attorney Shotts asked that the measure be put aside, fearing that as posted, it might violate the open meetings act.

In a 4-1 vote, the council approved on second reading placing a two-way

stop sign on Sycamore, yielding to Settles. Councilman Greg Biddison cast the nay vote with Joann Knox, Gloria McDonald, Jo Ann Staulcup and McEwen voting for. Council members Stephanie Horton and Woody Jumper were absent.

In other business, the council:

- Approved a bid for a rotary mower to Professional Turf Products in the amount of \$19,500;

- Approved a bid from Insituform Technologies Inc. of Chesterfield, Mo., in the amount of \$359,734 for the final phase of the Capehart Addition sewer line replacement project;

- Approved the 2006 pro-

posed budget for the Howard County Appraisal District in the amount of \$593,545, a 12.2 percent increase compared to 2005.

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## OUR VIEWS

Supreme Court's  
'commandment'  
is not very clear

The way comedian Mel Brooks portrayed it in his "History of the World Part I," Moses came down from Mount Sinai bearing three tablets and 15 commandments, only to drop one of the stones and have it shatter. "Oy," he exclaimed, before presenting the Israelites with what, by default, became God's 10 laws for them to obey.

Brooks' vision was satiric, but the reaction of his Moses might have been pretty much the same had he been responding to the Supreme Court's split decision Monday in a pair of cases involving displays of the 10 Commandments on government property. Justices found such displays in two Kentucky courthouses violated the separation of church and state, while another display on the grounds of the Texas Capitol was deemed OK.

The muddled message seemed to be that there is no one-size-fits-all solution to the frequent arguments over the propriety of displays with religious overtones in government facilities, and each dispute must be decided on its own. That lack of clarity may disappoint both sides of the contentious debate and lead to even more court battles down the road.

The rulings were the first from the high court involving the 10 Commandments since it voted in 1980 to ban their display in public schools, where students were deemed to be a captive audience to a message with religious overtones. The Texas case was different, the majority found in a 5-4 decision, because of the history of how a 6-foot monolith came to be placed on the Capitol grounds, where it was sited, and the four decades that had elapsed before anyone complained.

The stone was a gift from the Fraternal Order of Eagles, a group that saw the message of the 10 Commandments as helpful in its battle against juvenile delinquency. The group worked with Cecil B. DeMille, the director of the epic Charlton Heston film "The Ten Commandments," to distribute thousands of similar monuments in public squares and lands across the country in the 1950s and 1960s. This was one of nearly 40 monuments and sculptures planted on the Capitol grounds dedicated to events and concepts that officials claimed had inspired the state's political and legal history.

"While the Commandments are religious, they have an undeniable historical meaning," Chief Justice William Rehnquist wrote in the majority opinion. "Simply having religious content or promoting a message consistent with a religious doctrine does not run afoul of the Establishment Clause."

In ruling against the displays in the McCreary and Pulaski County courthouses in Kentucky, though, a 5-4 majority found them to be too religious. Unlike in Texas, the gold-framed copies of the King James version of the 10 Commandments were originally hung on walls in heavily trafficked parts of the courthouses and were not part of more broadly themed exhibits. The displays were modified and expanded after the American Civil Liberties Union sued to have them removed; but the court found the revisions even more religiously inspired because they emphasized "America's Christian heritage."

Justice Sandra Day O'Connor stressed how difficult it was in a pluralistic society to draw a fine line between protecting the free exercise of religion and preventing government from promoting one version of faith over another. Monday's decisions, unfortunately, don't make the line much clearer.

-THE CHICAGO TRIBUNE

## Getting Tex-Mex in London is easy

One rainy night on our recent trip to England, we were in Trafalgar Square and noticed a substantial building nearby with big gold letters on it that read TEXAS EMBASSY. From our vantage point across the street, it was so welcoming and inviting. The lights inside were bright. We wandered over, looked in the window and saw the place full of people having a good time and enjoying Mexican Food. I had to investigate.

After a margarita (voted the best in London) and an order of quesadillas, I interviewed Alan Cook, the assistant manager. He said Texans feel right at home when they walk through the front door.

"That's the first thing they say. Gee, we're home. The other thing they say is 'do we get a discount

with our Texas drivers license.' We actually tell them no, we double it. But we're only joking."

The Texas Embassy in London, England is a Tex-Mex Restaurant and Cantina with a full Mexican food menu. It opened in 1994.

"We want to keep it as authentic as possible. Our chefs were trained by people who came across from one of our sister restaurants in Dallas."

People from all over the world go to the restaurant.

"Americans come here to get some good home cooking. English people come here because Mexican food has become the new Indian food. We have tourists who come here from Italy, Japan and France because they're in London and they see us and it looks like we have good food and fun, which we try to provide."

Texas actually had an embassy in London during the days of the Texas Republic, 1836 to 1945. The building where it was located is now a wine store. The structure housing today's Texas Embassy restaurant and cantina is quite

historic.

"Our directors, who are from Texas, took a long time to go around to find a location they thought was suitable and a building that had some history. Tickets for the Titanic were actually sold here. This used to be part of the White Star Line offices."

The restaurant looks like a Texas eating and drinking place. College banners, flags and photographs decorate the walls and hang from the ceiling. A designer from the states who works on Mexican restaurants went over and made it very Tex-Mex. The Texas Embassy in London is a one of a kind restaurant, but it's kin to the El Chico chain. Business is brisk on July 4 and Cinco de Mayo.

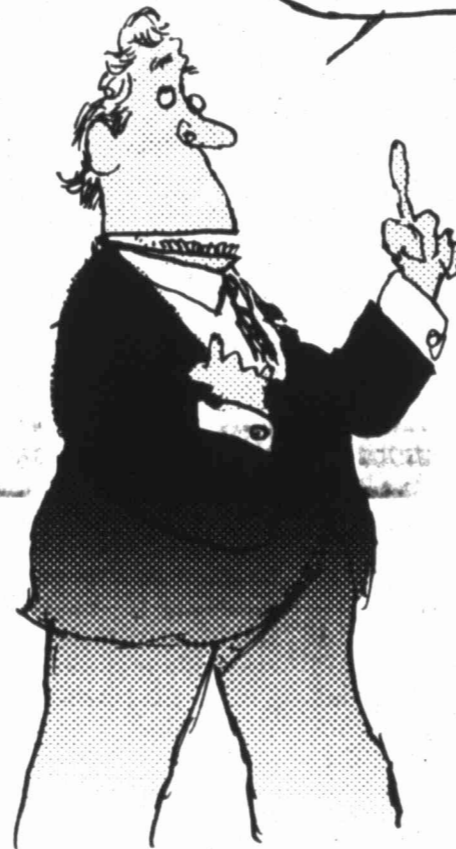
When we ate there, I expected a Texan to wait on us. But our waitress was from South Africa.

"Because London is such a multi-national city, we do get all sorts of people who come in looking for jobs. If Texans come in, we'll try to hire them."



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## Success in Iraq will require patience

One year after World War II ended — a leading news magazine published an article about post-war reconstruction efforts in Germany. It was titled: "Americans are Losing the Victory in Europe."

The author despairingly wrote:

"Never has American prestige in Europe been lower. People never tire of telling you of the ignorance and rowdiness of American troops, of our misunderstanding of European conditions."

The year was 1946. In retrospect, it was not a time to despair but to build — as they did.

Now it has been one year since the turnover of sovereignty to the liberated Iraqi people. And just as Europe was a central battlefield — ideological and military — in the war against communist aggression, so too the Middle East and Central Asia are centers of gravity in today's struggle against violent extremism.

It is not surprising that there are questions about the situation in Iraq today. That has always been the case in a time of war.

It was not long ago, there was relatively little disagreement — either here at home, or in the United Nations — as to the danger the former Iraqi regime posed to the region and the world. By contrast it is important to note what success will mean.

Specifically, a free, democratic and peaceful Iraq will not provide aid and comfort to violent extrem-

ists, plot the assassination of American presidents, invade or fire missiles at its neighbors, or use chemical weapons on its neighbors or its own people.

The president's strategy is clear — to empower the democratically elected Iraqi government to aggressively go after the terrorists and insurgents, pursue an inclusive constitutional political process, improve public services and the quality of life for the Iraqi people with international help, and enable Iraq's security forces to take charge of their own country. Each of these strategies depends on the others. Success will require patience and progress on each.

The number of U.S. troops in Iraq has moved from a high during the Iraqi election of 160,000 to less than 140,000 currently. But their priorities have shifted — from conducting security operations essentially to a heavier focus on training, equipping, and assisting the Iraqi forces.

In the past, the performance of Iraqi security forces has been criticized for being mixed. But consider that two years ago few Iraqi forces were equipped with critical equipment like radios or vehicles or body armor. Today the vast majority of Iraqi security forces have this equipment. The Iraqi security forces previously had an inexperienced military chain of command and weak ministries. Today both are vastly improved but they have a way to go. Last year there were six Iraqi Army battalions in training. Today there are dozens of battalions capable of conducting anti-insurgent operations with Coalition support. Large sections of the country are

relatively peaceful and essentially under the control of Iraqi security forces. While the insurgency remains dangerous in parts of Iraq, Coalition and Iraqi operations are disrupting terrorist sanctuaries, such as Fallujah, and keeping them on the run.

Some in Congress have suggested that deadlines be set for withdrawal. That would be a mistake. It would throw a lifeline to terrorists who in recent months have suffered significant losses in casualties, been denied havens, and suffered weakened popular support.

Let me be clear: the United States made a commitment to finish the job and we must do so. Timing in war is never predictable — there are no guarantees. Any who say we have lost or are losing this war are flat wrong. We are not.

Iraq was a violent place long before its liberation, and there may undoubtedly be some violence in Iraq after Coalition forces depart. But success in this effort cannot be defined by domestic tranquility. Rather, success will be when there is a free Iraq, where Iraqis are the guarantors of their own security, with minimal Coalition involvement.

And one day, all those who have made sacrifices on behalf of this cause — and the American people who support their important work — will find a place of honor in history and will have won the appreciation and respect that they have richly earned.

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# Bush spells out continued strategy for U.S. war in Iraq

FORT BRAGG, N.C. (KRT) — Trying to rally a war-weary nation, President Bush defended the Iraq war Tuesday night by evoking memories of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

Calling the operation in Iraq "difficult and dangerous," Bush said "the lessons of September 11" require Americans to stand firm against an enemy that ignores the rules of conventional warfare. Although Bush has acknowledged that there's no known link between Iraq and the Sept. 11 attacks, he implied a connection in a prime-time speech that was intended to shore up flagging support for the war.

"We are fighting against men with blind hatred — and armed with lethal weapons — who are capable of any atrocity," he said in his prepared remarks. "They take innocent lives to create chaos for the cameras. They are trying to shake our will in Iraq — just as they tried to shake our will on September 11, 2001. They will fail."

In a sign of White House concern over declining public support for the war, presidential aides distributed excerpts of Bush's remarks a few hours before his speech and asked the major television networks to carry the speech live. The president planned to address the nation from a gymnasium packed with military personnel from Fort Bragg, N.C., and neigh-

boring Pope Air Force Base.

At least 89 soldiers and airmen from the two military installations have died in Iraq and Afghanistan. Some 9,300 troops from Fort Bragg are in Iraq.

Departing from his usual upbeat assessment of the war's progress, Bush offered a sober report on a conflict that's claimed more than 1,700 American lives. At least 12,000 Iraqis have also died in an insurgency that features almost daily attacks with explosive devices and car bombs.

"Like most Americans, I see the images of violence and bloodshed. Every picture is horrifying — and the suffering is real," Bush said. "Amid all this violence, I know Americans ask the question: Is the sacrifice worth it? It is worth it, and it is vital to the security of our country."

Bush's speech came as Democrats struggle to find a unified stance on the war that sets them apart from Bush but stops short of demanding a pull-out.

Said Sen. John Kerry, D-Mass, last year's Democratic presidential nominee, in a Senate speech Tuesday:

"Today I regret to say the experience in Iraq has proven again and again to America and the world that we have no realistic strategy, comprehensive strategy to reduce the risks to our soldiers and to achieve our goals."

Kerry called on Bush to concede mistakes in conducting the war "and that includes acknowledging that Iraq is today something that it wasn't before the war — a breeding ground for jihadists."

"If the administration really wants the Iraqis to bear the burden, they need to move beyond the hollow stay-as-long-as-it-takes-no-matter-what talk, a disincentive for Iraqis to stand up for Iraq. And instead they must talk forcefully about the transfer of responsibility," Kerry said.

MoveOn, an anti-war group that claims to have more than 3 million members, began airing a television ad Tuesday night declaring that "it's time to come home" from Iraq. The ad quotes Bush saying in April that "we're making really good progress," then contrasts those remarks with a more recent assessment by Sen. Chuck Hagel, R-Neb.

"The White House is



KRT photo/David T. Foster III, Charlotte Observer  
U.S. soldiers applaud President George W. Bush at Ft. Bragg, N.C., during a nationally televised speech on Iraq and the global war on terror Tuesday evening.

completely disconnected from reality," Hagel said earlier this month in an interview with U.S. News & World Report.

In his speech, Bush pointedly acknowledged difficulties while confidently predicting victory. Polls have found that Americans have become increasingly skeptical

about the administration's rationale for war and claims of progress in Iraq. Bush's personal standing has fallen along with support for the war, and his approval rating is now well below 50 percent in most polls.

Before his speech, Bush met privately with relatives of soldiers killed in

Iraq. "We have more work to do, and there will be tough moments that test America's resolve," he said in his prepared remarks. "The American people will not falter under threat — and we will not allow our future to be determined by car bombers and assassins."

## Canadian lawmakers approve bill to legalize same-sex marriage nationwide

TORONTO (AP) — Canada would become only the third country in the world to legalize gay marriage under landmark legislation passed in the House of Commons in spite of fierce opposition from Conservatives and religious leaders.

The bill would grant same-sex couples legal rights equal to those in traditional unions between a man and a woman, something already legal in a majority of Canadian provinces. The legislation drafted by Prime Minister Paul Martin's minority Liberal Party government was also expected to easily pass the Senate and become federal law by the end of July.

The Netherlands and Belgium are the only other two nations that allow gay marriage nationwide.

Some of Martin's Liberal lawmakers voted against the bill, and a

Cabinet minister resigned over the legislation. But enough allies rallied to support the bill that has been debated for months, voting 158 to 133 to approve it on Tuesday evening.

Martin praised Tuesday's vote as a necessary step for human rights.

"We are a nation of minorities," Martin said. "And in a nation of minorities, it is important that you don't cherry-pick rights."

There are an estimated 34,000 gay and lesbian couples in Canada, according to government statistics.

Alex Munter, national spokesman for Canadians for Equal Marriage, which has led the debate in favor of the law, was triumphant after the vote: "The genius of Canada, almost unparalleled in the world, is built on shared identity, out of respect for each other."

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News Briefs

**Soldier re-enlists to carry on tradition**

FORT HOOD (AP) — After serving five years in the military, Army Pfc. Jason Burt could have left last year without ever seeing combat. But Burt, whose grandfather fought in World War II and whose father is a Vietnam veteran, re-enlisted because he wants to go to Iraq. He hopes that will happen soon, despite the dangers he's heard about from friends and has seen in news reports.

"Every generation of my family has served, and I want to do something significant with my life that I could look back on and say I served my country and achieved something great," said Burt, 23, of Greenville, N.C.

Gathering at a Killeen restaurant near Fort Hood on Tuesday night, Burt and some fellow soldiers watched President Bush's speech on the first anniversary of Iraq's sovereignty. They said they agree with the president that U.S. troops should remain there until the job is done.

"We've come this far, so if we leave too soon and things go south, we've wasted all that time," said Spc. Patrick Henry, 23, of Winona, Mo., who has not been to Iraq. "You keep hearing about Iraqi police being killed. That's all the more reason to stay."

**Former sheriff gets probation, fine for abusing office**

WEATHERFORD (AP) — A former Texas sheriff has pleaded guilty to charges that he pocketed more than \$10,000 made in vehicle trades using drug money.

Former Parker County Sheriff Jay Brown, 65, was sentenced Tuesday on the charge of abuse of official capacity to 12 months probation. He was also fined \$1,000, must complete 80 hours of community service and gave up his law-enforcement license. He agreed to pay \$10,564 in restitution for the money made off the trades.

"It's a sad day when the No. 1 law enforcement officer of the county ends a 20-year career this way," Assistant District Attorney Robert DuBoise said.

The charges stem from three deals he made purchasing vehicles.

In one deal, he bought a vehicle for the Sheriff's Department using \$3,800 from money seized during drug investigations. He later traded it for another vehicle valued at \$2,600. Brown kept the difference of \$1,200.

**Supervisor told trainee overmatched in boxing drill**

AUSTIN (AP) — Two Department of Public Safety supervisors overseeing a boxing drill in which a trooper trainee was fatally injured had warned that he was overmatched and should have a different opponent, according to a published report.

The Dallas Morning News cited records it obtained that showed the supervisors asked Lt. Erwin Ballarta, the commanding officer, to match Jimmy Ray Carty Jr.'s opponent against a different recruit. Carty died of head trauma from the May 26 drill.

Tela Mange, a spokeswoman for DPS, said Tuesday that Ballarta did not see a "major mis-

match" between the two recruits. Ballarta is a 12-year training officer considered to be a defensive tactics expert.

DPS' training department is investigating.

Carty's death is the first to result from the "arrest-and-control tactics" drill, records show.

**Teacher charged with giving passing grades if students burn car**

HOUSTON (AP) — A Aldine Senior High School teacher has been charged with giving two students a passing grade in return for dumping and burning her car.

Tramesha Lashon Fox, 32, of Kingwood, is charged with insurance fraud and arson, authorities said. Officers obtained warrants for Fox Tuesday and were searching for her.

The two students, Roger Luna, 18, and Darwin Arias, 17, were also charged with arson. Luna was arrested Tuesday night, and Arias was arranging to surrender.

In an interview with Harris County fire marshal's investigators last week, Fox said she gave the students passing grades for destroying her 2003 Chevrolet Malibu. She told investigators she wanted to collect the insurance proceeds.

**Laredo border officials seize almost \$80,000**

LAREDO (AP) — Two California men were ordered detained Tuesday after Customs and Border Protection officials found nearly \$80,000 hidden in the pickup truck they were driving into the United States from Mexico.

The seizure occurred Monday at the Lincoln-Juarez Bridge.

**House approves education overhaul**

By APRIL CASTRO

Associated Press Writer  
AUSTIN (AP) — The Texas House late Tuesday approved an education reform plan that also lowers school property taxes for Texas homeowners.

Now, they're left with the task of paying for the promised tax relief.

The plan approved Tuesday would alter the way schools operate in a variety of areas. Teachers would get a raise and could soon teach using digital technology instead of textbooks, and all classes would start the day after Labor Day.

The classroom overhaul legislation is the first part of a package of school funding legislation that brought lawmakers back to the Capitol this summer for a 30-day special session.

Lawmakers haven't yet decided how they'll pay for accompanying legislation to pay for reduced property taxes.

After hitting a dead end with the most recent tax scheme, Republican House Speaker Tom Craddick said he's emailed a new list of tax options to members, and a meeting to consider them was scheduled this morning.

Under the classroom spending plan approved Tuesday, school districts in Texas will get a minimum of 3 percent more money in 2006 than they would under current law.

The measure next goes to the Senate for consideration.

"I'm going to vote for this bill because I don't want the perfect to get in the way of the good," said Republican Rep. Dan Branch of Dallas, before the 77-69 vote in favor of the legislation.

After more than 13 hours of debate, Republican Rep. Kent Grusendorf, who crafted the legislation, said a vote for his bill is a vote for the only stakeholders that

matter in this issue — the children of Texas.

The education measure would not end the so-called Robin Hood system of distributing state funds from wealthy districts to poorer districts.

"Robin Hood is still going to be alive, he may not have all his merry men, but he'll be alive," said Rep. Rene Oliveira, a Brownsville Democrat who opposed the plan.

The amount of money rich schools can give back to the state would be capped.

The amount of the cap would be determined based on the number of students in an equalized system, which means they have roughly the same amount of educational resources for the same amount of tax effort.

School property taxes, now capped at \$1.50 per \$100 of property value, would be reduced to a maximum \$1.20 in 2006 and \$1.15 in 2007.

The plan approved Tuesday would give teachers an average \$1,500 pay raise in lieu of a \$1,000 health care stipend.

The measure also prescribes teacher incentive pay programs, including \$100 million aimed at improving student performance at at-risk campuses.

Schools would start the Tuesday after Labor Day and end no later than June 7 beginning with 2006-2007 school year under the measure.

The education commissioner could grant a waiver to extend the school year if a campus is closed because of a weather disaster or other calamity.

The legislation also would combine textbook funding with technology money, giving districts the option of buying traditional textbooks or other means of instruction, such as software, online services or other electronic media.

School officials criti-

cized the measure and Democratic Rep. Sylvester Turner said most of the school superintendents he's met with have opposed the measure.

"Are we so right as politicians that we know what's right for them more so than local school districts know what's right for them?" Turner asked.

Oliveira also criticized the measure for not providing enough money for school buildings.

Early in debate, the House rejected an amendment from Democratic Rep. Scott Hochberg that amounted to a new education plan. That Democratic-supported plan, which would have given less property tax relief and a higher teacher pay raise, lost approval by one vote. Republican House Speaker Tom Craddick, who doesn't usually vote, cast a vote against the plan.

Democrats argued that their plan would have given more homeowners more tax relief by using an increased homestead exemption.

Lawmakers are under court pressure to fix the school funding system. Hundreds of poor and wealthy school districts sued the state, arguing that Texas doesn't provide adequate funding to educate its 4.3 million public school students.

State District Judge John Dietz declared the funding system unconstitutional, arguing that it depends too heavily on property taxes imposed by local school districts.

Many districts tax homeowners at the legal limit and don't have room to raise more money for schools.

The property tax cap, Dietz said, amounts to a statewide property tax, which is unconstitutional in Texas.

The bill is House Bill 2.

**Texas RV Park hosts Business After Hours**

By STEVE REAGAN  
Staff Writer

The Texas RV Park will be spotlighted by the third Business After Hours event, hosted by the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce.

The RV park, located on 4100 S. Highway 87, will host the event from 4:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. Thursday, Chamber Executive Director Debbye ValVerde said.

ValVerde said the Business After Hours program allows Chamber

members to meet and "network" with their associates, and also allows the Chamber to showcase different businesses.

"You can go there and pass out your business card, hand out flyers, any way you want to do it," she said. "This also gives (businesses) the opportunity to get to understand other businesses in this area, as well."

Texas RV Park, aside from offering traditional recreational vehicle hookups for travelers,

also offers what ValVerde described as a "non-traditional" bed and breakfast establishment housed in the hulls of World War II-era aircraft.

Refreshments and dessert crepes will be served, and a tour of the park will be conducted.

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# Stay-at-home father of 6 relies on faith, love and alphabetical names

By Jeff Seldel

**Knights Ridder Newspapers**  
DETROIT — Eight chairs are set around the kitchen table. A diaper-changing station is pushed against the wall. Soon, when the letter G arrives, they will have to add another leaf to the table and bring back a high chair.

This house in St. Clair Shores, Mich., is usually an explosion of noise — with five boys younger than 5 — but it is supper time and the children know the rules: no playing at the table.

The boys — 5-year-old triplets, followed by twins who came 18 months later — walk quietly to the table, carrying color-coded plastic plates loaded with shish kabobs and rice. Each child has a different color scheme, something that started when they were babies.

Sean McManus sits at the head of the table, looking at this family that stretches across the alphabet:

There's Alyssa, 15, his stepdaughter.

And the triplets: Brendan, Collin and Daniel.

And the 3-year-old twins: Ethan and Franklin.

And letter G is on the way.

Sean's wife, Sue McManus, is eight months pregnant with Grace, a name picked because, she says, they couldn't do this without the grace of God.

"Collin, do you want to say the prayers for us, please?" Sean asks.

Everyone closes their eyes and folds their hands.

The children are polite and well-behaved. After the twins were born, Sean, 44, quit his job as a real estate agent and became a stay-at-home dad. He cooks the food and cleans the house and buys the groceries and hands out discipline and changes diapers, sometimes it seems, when he's asleep. Oh, the diapers. Thousands of diapers.

Sean's goal is to have the twins potty-trained by the time Grace arrives in July.

Sue, 35, works full time as a nurse on a surgery-oncology floor at St. John Oakland Hospital in Madison Heights, Mich. She kept her job because she had better benefits and a steadier income than her husband.

Sean and Sue have been married for 10 years.

They met when they lived in the same apartment building and started talking, from a second-floor balcony to a third-floor balcony. "When she finally met me, she thought I was taller," Sean says with a laugh.

They tried to have children for five years with no luck. A doctor removed cysts from her ovaries and gave her a fertility shot. "A one-time shot, that's all it took," Sean says.

Sue was pregnant in about six weeks.

After the triplets, they didn't plan to have any more children. "Then, she found out she was pregnant again," Sean says. "We said, 'OK, we can deal with one more.'"

After learning it was twins, "I literally fell on the ground," Sean says. "It was more of a shock. But you know what? Everything works out and they are such a blessing."

They didn't plan to have any more children after the twins, so when Sean learned of the latest pregnancy, he said it was nothing less than "shock and awe."

"This is it," Sue says. "But we said that two times ago," Sean says.

"This is really it," she says, smiling. "We are running out of space here."

With five children in diapers, he became disciplined and organized. He created color-coded charts to track when the children ate, slept and went to the bathroom. On the most basic level, it was the only way he could remember whose diaper needed to be changed.

Sean had no idea he could handle so many children, or become so organized. He believes the strength came from God. "All of a sudden," he says, "it was there."

Sean likes to dress the boys in identical clothing, giving each child the particular color he's had since birth. All five are so close in size they could pass for quintuplets. "They might rebel against the dressing thing when they are older and want their own style, and that's fine," Sean says. "Right now, it's easier — the cost, for one thing. Everything I buy, I buy on sale."

In what can be described as a fluke or perhaps divine intervention, each child has a different shoe size. Daniel has the biggest foot and gets all the new shoes.



Sean McManus, 44, is a stay-at-home dad raising six kids with one more on the way. He plays with his five sons, clockwise from top left, Ethan, 3, Collin, 5, Daniel, 5, Franklin, 3 and Brendan, 5, at their home in St. Clair Shores, Mich.

The old ones get handed up and down the alphabet.

When Sean goes out in public with the triplets and twins, and his pregnant wife, people stare — sometimes, in disgust.

"We look like a parade," he says. "Some people will say, 'That's so beautiful. That's a blessing.'"

"But I think we get more negative reaction than positive. They'll say, 'Better you than me,' or 'Omgosh!' The look of horror on some people's faces."

But they don't see the love and warmth. They don't see the joy.

Sean has devoted his life to his family, to raising the children. Not everyone could do that, giving up a job and staying at home.

Sean and Sue let Alyssa name one of the triplets and she named him after Brendan Shanahan of the Detroit Red Wings.

Alyssa, a straight-A student, plays volleyball, runs track and is on the swim team. She has raised her own money to go to Argentina this summer on a mission trip to build a church.

"She's just a great kid," Sean says.

When Sean and Sue had two incomes, they didn't realize how much money they had. "Or how much money we wasted and spent on ourselves," Sean says.

Sean's life has changed dramatically since the triplets. He gave up golf and rarely hangs out with his friends like he used to. He can't remember the last movie he went to, but he still bowls on Monday nights — his one night

out — just to see other adults.

Now, the McManuses live on Sue's nurse's income, although it fluctuates with overtime. It's never easy, living from paycheck to paycheck, but they are making it.

"You can't go out and do a whole lot of things like you used to do," Sean says, "so you don't spend a lot of money on frivolous things, but God has always made a way for us. Our bills are paid."

They are members of St. Clair Shores Assembly of God Church, which has been extremely supportive. Some church members brought over meals when the babies were born. Others volunteer to watch the children, so Sean and Sue can go out for lunch once a week.

About 20 men from the church helped hang dry-wall when Sean expanded the kitchen.

"We believe God is the reason we have everything we have and he takes care of us," Sean says.

"We don't have everything we want, but we have everything we need," Sue says. "I'd have air conditioning in my car, if we did."

Six weeks after Grace is born, Sue will have an operation to fix a hernia caused by the pregnancies.

Recently, she went on short-term disability. She draws only 60 percent of her paycheck until she returns to work.

With her being the sole income, we are going to be in financial difficulty for a while," Sean says.

He will use an income-tax refund to pay the bills

this month, but he doesn't know how he will pay them in July.

"Things are really tight right now," he says. "We will shuffle our bills until she gets back to work, but we'll manage. We always have."

Sean reads to the twins at bedtime. "Good night, gorilla," he says. Good night, elephant."

In the other bedroom, Sue reads to the triplets. Alyssa is downstairs, getting ready to go to a friend's 16th birthday party.

The twins say their prayers, and Sean kisses them good night. He goes into the triplets' room and kisses them.

"Lay down," he says. "Go to sleep. Good night guys, I love you."

"Good night, Dad."

He shuts the door. This isn't the life Sean McManus expected. But he wouldn't change it for anything.

"My kids bring me so much joy," he says. "Watching them grow and helping them and teaching them. It's awesome."

## In Sunday's Big Spring Herald



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# Library News

Quite a few Westerns have arrived.

Several are by Max Brand: "Bandit's Honor," "Donnegan," a trio of stories in "Timber Line," and "Coward of the Clan."

Max Brand is the pen name of Frederick Faust, creator of Dr. Kildare, Destry and many other fictional characters.

A prolific writer, his output totals nearly 30 million words or the equivalent of 530 ordinary books.

He wrote in nearly every field — crime, fantasy, historical romance, espionage, westerns, science-fiction, adventure, animal stories, love, war, big business, big medicine and fashionable society.

Born in Seattle in 1892 and orphaned early, Faust grew up in the rural San Joaquin Valley of California. At UCLA-Berkeley, he was a student rebel and a one-man



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literary movement and contributed to all campus publications.

Denied his degree because of unconventional conduct, he then embarked on a series of adventures culminating in New York City where, after a period of near starvation, he received simultaneous recognition as a serious poet and successful popular-prose writer. Later, he traveled widely, making his home in New York, then in Florence, Italy, and finally Los Angeles.

For many years he lived in a villa in Florence with his wife and their three children. Every morning he laboriously wrote poetry with a quill pen on special, parchment-like paper.

If he produced three lines that satisfied him he considered it a good morning's work. Every afternoon and sometimes into the evening he pounded out prose fiction on an old Underwood upright typewriter.

Twenty pages was his usual stint but when pressed he could do 40 and even 50. He thought of himself as a poet, but the prose paid the bills. He seldom revised.

Usually the words went straight into print, sometimes at the rate of two million words a year.

Once the United States entered World War II, Faust abandoned his lucrative writing career and his work as a screenwriter to serve as a war correspondent with the infantry in Italy, despite his 51 years and a bad heart.

He was killed during a night attack on a hilltop village held by the German army. New books based on magazine serials, unpublished manuscripts, or restored versions continue to appear so that, dead and alive, he has averaged a new book every four months for 75 years.

In the United States alone, nine publishers now issue his work. Beyond this, some work by him is newly reprinted every week of every year in one format or other somewhere in the world.

Yet, only recently have the full dimensions of this extraordinarily versatile and prolific writer come to be recognized, and his stature as a protean literary figure acknowledged.

His popularity continues to grow throughout the world. While this may have been more than what you wanted to know about Max Brand, I found it interesting.

This information came from the following website devoted to Max Brand: <http://maxbrand-faust.com>.

Other western titles: "Long Ride," by Peter Dawson; "Sam Chance," by Benjamin Capps, Will Henry's "The Fourth Horseman" and several others. You can find the complete list in the new book binder at the front desk.

Here is a new one by Kinky Friedman, candidate for governor: "Armadillos and Old Lace" (M FRI K). The local justice of the peace, Pat Knox, is concerned that little old ladies seem to dropping dead at an alarming rate.

She calls upon the "Kinkster" to solve the mystery. I must warn you that Friedman does not moderate his language and can sometimes be pretty vulgar.

However, if you read and enjoyed "God Bless John Wayne" or "Greenwich Killing

Time," then you will probably like his latest.

It's discouraging to shift through all the disinformation regarding Islam, Middle East and related issues commonly found in the news today. However, Esther Nelson's book, written with Nasr Abu Zaid, represents a great departure from this overworked path.

"Reflections on Islam" (297.092 ZAI N) reveals a fascinating, well-balanced view of the Middle East and Islam through the perspective of an extremely relevant individual, Dr. Nasr. Gone are the typical propaganda, gross generalizations and antagonism which have accompanied a publication in this subject matter.

The complexities of human emotion, the hopes, dreams and disappointments which are universal human truths are beautifully articulated in this book. Esther Nelson and Nasr Abu Zaid should be commended for bringing this important point of view to the public consciousness.

If you are a reader who wants to see past the anti-Islamic propaganda and

the radical Islamic theology, for a more sophisticated understanding of Islam and the Middle East, this book will satisfy your search for a balanced, relevant perspective.

While I do not pretend to be a scholar, I certainly had my eyes opened to a culture so alien to this little ole Methodist.

The library will be closed Monday Fourth of July holiday. It will reopen at 9 a.m. Tuesday.

The Howard County Library is open from 9 a.m. until 6 p.m. Monday through Friday and is closed Saturday for the summer.

The Internet/Video Room is closed from noon until 1 p.m. and closes one-half hour earlier than the library each day.

The library is located at 500 S. Main St. The phone number is 264-2250. The Website is [www.howard-county.lib.tx.us](http://www.howard-county.lib.tx.us). The catalog is online; the e-mail address is [howard-countylibrary@hotmail.com](mailto:howard-countylibrary@hotmail.com).

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### B.S. Country Club sets junior clinics

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

The clinics run through 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.

### Howard announces men's basketball camps in mid-July

The Howard College men's basketball staff will host two week-long camps in the month of July.

The first camp will take place July 10-14, while the second camp starts July 24 and ends July 28. Both camps will cost \$250 per player who wants room and board and \$175 for a commuter. Both camps will take place at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

The Hawk camp format consists of morning and afternoon sessions. All sessions include specialized clinics on both the offensive and defensive phases of the game.

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

### Big Spring sets first Quarterback meeting

The Big Spring football booster club has set its first quarterback club meeting of the year Monday, July 5, at 7 p.m. in the Big Spring Athletic Training Center.

For more information, contact Gene Piercefield at 816-1134.

### Howard women's basketball sets three camp dates

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

The camps will both take place July 18-21.

The first 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. and costs \$50 per person.

The second 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. and costs \$60 per person.

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

## Roberts decides to take career to Western Texas

### • Bulldogs' leader on diamond gets chance to play at next level

By TROY HYDE  
Sports Editor

**SNYDER** — Coahoma head baseball coach Brad Harman pushed the idea of playing college ball to Coahoma senior Lance Roberts last year during his junior campaign and Western Texas College head baseball coach Billy Hefflinger turned the situation into a reality last week as Roberts inked his signature to a scholarship to play baseball at Western Texas College in Snyder.

"Anytime we can have a player move on to college, it is a great thing for the player and for our program," said Harman, who in seven years as a high

school coach has sent seven baseball players to the next level. "It's a great feeling as a coach."

Roberts is the first player under Harman at Coahoma to sign with a college.

"This situation also lets other baseball players which may want to play at the next level know that it is possible even though they are playing at a smaller school," said Harman.

Roberts was the best player on the field this year for the Bulldogs. He led the team on the mound with a 9-4 record, 118 strikeouts and an E.R.A. of 2.02. His bat also produced high numbers at the plate as he led his team in average (.468), home runs (four) and RBIs (30).

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Courtesy photo  
Coahoma senior Lance Roberts, center, signs a scholarship to play baseball at Western Texas College last week. From left: Western Texas head coach Billy Hefflinger, Lance's mom Shana, Coahoma head coach Brad Harman and Lance's dad Terry Don were all present for the event. Roberts led Coahoma this year on the mound and at the plate as the Bulldogs advanced to the postseason for the second straight year under Harman.



Courtesy photo  
The Diamondbacks, a 13-15-year-old local Pony League team from Big Spring won all 15 games which they play this season and were crowned 2005 champions. Front row, from left: Alex Hensley, Nick Rodriguez, Xavian Parnell, Cameron Wells and Matt Ritchey. Back: Coach Mike Ritchey, Tyler Tannehill, Chris Brooks, Cade Hollandsworth, Hutton Evans, Ramiro Mier and Coach Alan Hollandsworth. Not pictured: John Gonzales.

## Bogut taken No. 1, UNC takes center stage in lottery choices

### • Few high school athletes selected at top of NBA draft

By RALPH D. RUSSO  
AP Sports Writer

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Fourteen picks into the NBA draft, it was clear to see why North Carolina won an NCAA championship last season.

And why Andrew Bogut was the college player of the year.

The Milwaukee Bucks made Bogut the first player with U.S. college experience to be drafted No. 1 overall in five years, and four Tar Heels were taken in the first round Tuesday night — matching a record for one school.

Milwaukee had been debating whether to take the Utah center or North Carolina's Marvin Williams with the franchise's first overall No. 1 pick since 1994. In the end, the lure of a versatile, athletic 7-footer was too much to pass up.

"I was confident, but I wasn't 100 percent," Bogut said. "Now that I'm here, it's a great honor."

The Atlanta Hawks chose Williams second, and the 19-year-old player flashed a bright smile while shaking hands with commissioner David

Stern. It couldn't have worked out much better.

Not long after the Tar Heels' 6-foot-9 sixth-man was selected, three starters off UNC's fourth national title got to make that same joyful walk to the podium at Madison Square Garden.

Point guard Raymond Felton was next, going to the Charlotte Bobcats with the fifth pick.

Eight picks later, the Bobcats again looked close to home and took North Carolina forward Sean May.

Next up, the Minnesota Timberwolves used the last lottery pick — No. 14 overall — to complete the Tar Heels grand slam by selecting shooting guard Rashad McCants.

That allowed North Carolina to match Duke as the only school to have four first-rounders in one draft.

The Blue Devils did it in 1999 with Elton Brand, Corey Maggette, William Avery and Trajan Langdon.

Tar Heels coach Roy Williams was in New York to enjoy the moment with his former players, and called it a "big-time thrill."

Point guards were also in vogue early. Felton was the third of three straight to go in the top

five. Illinois junior point guard Deron Williams went third to the Jazz, who sent three first-round picks — Nos. 6 and 27 in this year's draft, plus a 2006 first-round pick — to the Trail Blazers earlier Tuesday.

New Orleans selected fourth and chose Wake Forest sophomore Chris Paul. It marked the first time since 1999 that three point guards were picked among the top 10.

The Portland trade was one of the few completed on a day that usually keeps the league office busy.

High school senior Martell Webster of Seattle Prep went No. 5 to Portland, making him the first prep player taken in a draft notable for its historical significance. It likely marked the final time high school players would be eligible to jump directly to the pros — the route chosen by Kevin Garnett, Kobe Bryant, Tracy McGrady, LeBron James, Jermaine O'Neal among others.

Gerald Green — projected in most mock drafts to be the first high schooler taken — went to Boston at No. 18. Green was the last of three high school players taken in the first round. Six more went in the second.

## Anderson's grand slam dooms Texas in extras

By STEPHEN HAWKINS  
AP Sports Writer

**ARLINGTON (AP)** — Garret Anderson hit a grand slam in the 11th inning and the Los Angeles Angels beat the Texas Rangers 5-1 Tuesday night for their eighth straight victory.

Anderson pulled a line drive into the first row of seats in the right-field stands for his ninth homer.

It was his seventh career slam, his first since May 8, 2003, and it came on a 1-1 pitch from Brian Shouse, a left-handed reliever brought in specifically to face him.

The Angels loaded the bases with none out against Kameron Loe (0-1). Chone Figgins had a leadoff single before Darin Erstad doubled and Vladimir Guerrero, who has a hit in all 29 career games he's played against the Rangers, was intentionally walked.

Los Angeles began its winning streak with a three-game sweep of the second-place Rangers last week. The Angels have an 8 1/2-game lead in the AL West with two more games to play in Texas this week.

Guerrero's RBI double in the first inning extended his hitting streak against the Rangers. But he grounded out to start the ninth against Francisco Cordero, who then struck out Anderson and Juan Rivera.

The Rangers, who have lost eight of nine, had two on with one out in the ninth against Scot Shields before Laynce Nix grounded out and Rod Barajas popped out.

Brendan Donnelly (6-2) retired the top three hitters in Texas' lineup in the 10th, and Francisco Rodriguez worked the 11th.

Michael Young hit his 11th homer in the first, the only run allowed by Angels starter Jarrod Washburn.

Texas' John Wasdin allowed just five hits over eight innings in place of Kenny Rogers, his first eight-inning outing since June 30, 1996, for Oakland against the Angels.

Erstad had a one-out single before Guerrero's double for his 29-game hitting streak against the Rangers — all since signing with the Angels as a free agent before last season.



Courtesy photo  
The Coahoma Rangers and Reds pose together earlier this month after the two team's met for the championship in the Big Spring Little League (majors) City Tournament. The Rangers won the championship game on a walk-off home run by Josh Castilaw. The game marked the first time two teams from Coahoma met in the title game.

## Odessa Roughnecks Remaining Home Games

\*July 1 vs. Lubbock Gunslingers  
August 5-6: 1st-ever National Indoor Football League (NIFL) All-Star game.

Both games start at 7:11 p.m.  
\*exhibition game

The Roughnecks are 13-0 this year and have clinched a playoff berth. The home games listed above do not include future playoff games.

To purchase tickets to a Roughnecks game at Ector County Coliseum, call Ernie Salcido at 432-332-7277.



Switzerland's Roger Federer hits a return during his fourth round victory over Spain's Juan Carlos Ferrero at Wimbledon Monday. Federer won the match 6-3, 6-4, 7-6. He played in the quarterfinals today and defeated Fernando Gonzalez in straight sets. He will meet No. 3 Lleyton Hewitt, who also won today, in the semifinals.

# Venus to meet Sharapova after quarterfinal victories

By STEVEN WINE  
AP Sports Writer

WIMBLEDON, England (AP) — For Venus Williams, the memory of her first Wimbledon title remains vivid.

"I remember I won the semifinal, and I was in the car, and I said, 'Wow, I'm going to win this,'" Williams said. "I just knew it. That was my whole plan before the tournament — that I had to win it."

Five years later, Williams again has everything going according to plan. Playing in her first major semifinal in two years, she'll face defending champion Maria Sharapova on Thursday.

A former top-ranked player who has slumped to 16th, Williams seeks her first Grand Slam championship in nearly four years. But she sounds as confident as in 2000-01, when she won her four major titles, including Wimbledon twice.

"I deserve to be in the semifinal," she said. "I feel like when I play my best, I'm still a step ahead for sure."

She'll need a breakthrough to beat second-seeded Sharapova, who won two previous meetings and is unbeaten in her past 22 grass-court matches.

The other semifinal will be between top-ranked Lindsay Davenport, the 1999 champion, and third-seeded Amelie Mauresmo.

Like Williams, Davenport is trying to

end a Grand Slam drought. The most recent of her three major titles came at the Australian Open in January 2000, and after losing in the Wimbledon semifinals last year, Davenport said she was unlikely to return.

She subsequently changed her mind about retirement, and she's assured of retaining the No. 1 ranking next week.

The next challenge is Mauresmo, a former No. 1 player trying to win her first major title and shake a reputation for choking. She has lost her past three Grand Slam semifinals, including two at Wimbledon.

She'll also try to snap a streak of six consecutive losses to Davenport.

All four quarterfinal matches were decided in straight sets. Williams generated the most drama, erasing five set points in a tiebreaker to beat French Open runner-up Mary Pierce 6-0, 7-6 (10).

"She was playing unbelievable," Williams said. "That could have been a finals match, given how well she played."

Sharapova-Williams is a final-caliber pairing, too. Neither has lost a set, and Sharapova has dropped her serve just once in 44 games.

She held every service game in the quarterfinals and beat Russian compatriot Nadia Petrova 7-6 (6), 6-3.

The youngest player left in the tournament,

Sharapova, 18, still punctuates her shots with shrieks and her interview answers with giggles, but she has been unfazed by the role of defending champion.

"In the last year, she has become one of the most famous athletes, if not personalities, around the world," Davenport said. "She seems to have handled it really well and is still improving and still very young. I expect her to be a top player for a long time."

Williams upheld family pride with a fourth-round victory over Jill Craybas, who had upset two-time champion Serena Williams less than 48 hours earlier. Now Venus can win one for the family again — Sharapova beat Serena in last year's final.

Serena flew home after losing Saturday, altering Venus' routine between matches.

"How does it change? Less nonsense, I guess," Venus said with a smile. "It's not the same, that's for sure."

With or without Serena, Venus said the biggest challenge for her between matches is getting to practice.

"I can't wake up in the morning, but I hate to go to bed at night," she said. "And I need at least eight hours of sleep. Sometimes I just don't get up. I just watch the 'Golden Girls.'"

The semifinals are scheduled to start at 1 p.m., so Williams can sleep in and still make it.

## ROBERTS

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He was also selected as the District 4-2A Most Valuable Player and has played in one all-star tournament this spring and will play in two more over the summer.



Roberts also got some interest from Angelo State and a little interest from Howard College in Big Spring, a conference rival of Western Texas. Western Texas first saw Roberts at an all-star game in Plainview this

past spring and the interest grew as the Bulldogs played in the playoffs for the second straight season, said Harman.

"I am proud of Lance," said Harman. "He has put a lot of work into being able to do this and it paid off for him."

Roberts is expected to be a full-time pitcher for Western Texas College, but if he swings a strong bat, he could end up being used in the outfield and/or as a designated hitter.

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The Aries moon in the final quarter brings diverse energies conducive to the quick handling of any task that comes up. If you resolve not to dwell on matters — get in and get out — you can make a great deal of progress. Having only a little bit of information about an endeavor allows you to work more efficiently than someone who knows too much!

**ARIES (March 21-April 19).** You land in the middle of strange surroundings and new faces. Use humor to break the ice. Games of love are featured tonight. Luckily, two can win at those. Scorpio romance is favored.



HOLIDAY MATHIS

Tomorrow's Horoscope

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20).** Something occurs that's worthy of a standing ovation, an elated "Bravo!" and a jump for joy. Don't skimp on the celebration, especially on the small stuff. You attract more of whatever you celebrate.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 21).** When it comes to thinking, you're a pro. You think with the best of them. If thoughts were jewels (and who is to say they're not?), you'd have an embarrassment of riches (and who is to say you don't?).

**CANCER (June 22-July 22).** When others lose faith, you do not. Your hope exceeds human boundaries. Continue to disbelieve statistics. They are unreliable and only true for theoretical people.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22).** You will learn an interesting history about someone you know. There are many versions of the story, so be sure to go to the source with your questions. Your intuition will tell you when you're closer to the real truth.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22).** Today, you are paid for your play. OK, maybe it's really work, but you'd be doing it even if you

weren't paid! Clear away the distractions tonight. You need your rest.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23).** Do people at work appreciate you fully? If they don't, at least you should. You're the ace in the hole, the one who everyone likes. You make it possible to come to an agreement without a team of lawyers.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21).** Much will be accomplished at your request — unless you withhold your requests, in which case nothing is accomplished. So say what you want! The spoils go to those bold enough to ask.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21).** Though work goes off without a hitch, your personal life is one hitch after another. You will once again be completely baffled by the emotional expressions (or lack thereof) of the opposite sex.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19).** You are feeling a tad underappreciated. The remedy is to pull back so that others understand exactly what your contribution is. Why do the housework when no one will notice unless you don't do it?

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18).** The "another day another dollar" approach isn't working for you. You crave excitement and should seek it.

Plan a trip or a huge project. If you don't, you'll unconsciously find complications just to mix it up.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20).** The emphasis is on using your intellect. Still, be careful not to overthink because that will lead to underdoing. Feel your way through a problem, just like you did yesterday.

**CELEBRITY PROFILES:** The iconic Hollywood producer Robert Evans is the perfect example of Cancer's ability to create a persona to protect a highly sensitive (and intuitive) inner life. Evans has such a distinct persona that he's even been immortalized in animation, playing himself in "Kid Notorious." It's back to film producing this year, as his production company at Paramount has a full slate of movies on the horizon.

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Notice is hereby given that if requested in writing by July 21, 2005, a public hearing will be held by West Texas Opportunities, Inc., 4005 East I-20, Big Spring, Texas, on July 25, at 10:00 a.m. to accept comments on a proposed continuation of Rural Public Transportation services in Howard and Borden Counties. West Texas Opportunities, Inc. is applying to the Texas Department of Transportation for approximately \$10,000 to be used to provide vehicle maintenance that will aid us in continuing the transportation services for the elderly and/or persons with disabilities. Written comments or a written request for a public hearing can be mailed to Janet Everheart, Executive Director, West Texas Opportunities, Inc., P.O. Box 1308, Lamesa, Texas 79331 until Thursday, July 21, 2005. Further information, including the application, can be found at 603 North 4th. Street, Lamesa, Texas. #4606 June 29 & July 6, 2005

Annie's Mailbox  
Advice for those in need

Dear Annie: Eight months ago, I left a job that paid very well. My wife of 15 years has never had to work, and she has lived a very comfortable lifestyle. However, recently, we and our 8-year-old daughter moved to Florida, where I have been unable to find a good-paying job. It is at the point where I may have to find a weekend job to make enough just to pay the bills.

I have asked my wife to find work, even if it's twice a week during the evening, in order to help out. She has no interest in working, and the topic has turned into arguments. The pressure is all on me, and we are eating up our savings. This is affecting the way I feel about my wife. I hate to use the word "lazy," but it's what I'm thinking. What do I do? — Going Broke in Sarasota, Fla.

Dear Sarasota: We're a little confused. If you didn't have a job waiting in Florida, why did you just pick up and move? Still, since you are already there, you must make the best of it.

Your wife should be doing her part to make sure your family is solvent, but you cannot force her to work outside the home. We recommend you handle the family finances and put her on a strict budget, so she understands that the economic situation is not the same as it once was, and this entails sacrifice. If the arguing persists, you might want to look into marriage counseling to find out why your wife doesn't seem to consider herself at all responsible for her family's financial health.

Dear Annie: I'm dating a man a few years older than I am. He was divorced two years ago, and I have never been married.

The problem is, every time we go out, "Jack" runs into someone who invariably asks about his ex-wife. This happens even after he introduces me as his girlfriend. These conversations make me uncomfortable. Jack tells me that he



KATHY MITCHELL  
MARCY SUGAR

and his ex-wife do not get along, and he has no interest in speaking to her unless it is about their son. Yet he still tells these people whatever he knows about her. How can I let them know their questions upset me? Would it be rude for Jack to say he doesn't want to discuss the ex-wife in front of me? — Frustrated in Minnesota

Dear Frustrated: You are making too much of this. Jack's ex-wife is part of his life because they share a child. Her name is going to come up in conversation, and there's no point taking it so personally. Over time, Jack's knowledge of his ex-wife's comings and goings will be so limited that he can honestly respond to such questions, "I don't know what my ex is up to. You'll have to ask her." That should take care of it.

Dear Annie: Thank you for printing the letter from "Wisconsin Reader." Hooray! Someone is speaking up in favor of closed-captioning.

The volume is not the problem. Our family is not hard of hearing, but we use the captions all the time. In fact, for some shows, we buy the DVDs in order to have the captions. Why? Because too many actors do not speak clearly and the background noise is often louder than the dialogue.

My husband will not watch my favorite show because they not only do not speak clearly, but the picture is so dark you can't see their expressions. Whatever happened to that obsolete word, "elocution"? I guess it went out with Marlon

Brando. — Westlake Village, Calif.

Dear Westlake: A dark picture can sometimes be corrected by adjusting the contrast and brightness on your TV screen. But we agree that many actors mumble, thinking it is more realistic — which it may be, but it also is inaudible.

Dear Annie: I am a 14-year-old female, and "Mallory" is my best friend. She recently moved here and lives down the road. We got caught smoking pot. It was my first time, but Mallory has done it for a while. I realize what I did was wrong, and my parents forgave me, but they say I am not allowed to talk to Mallory ever again — not even in school next year. My mom told our principal to keep us apart at all times.

I feel I can straighten her out, but I'm not being given the chance. I can't find a way to get around my parents, and they won't give in. Please help. — Loyal Friend

Dear Loyal Friend: Your parents are trying to protect you from someone they see as a bad influence — and you have to admit, Mallory's track record is already sketchy if she got you to smoke pot with her. You may believe you can influence her behavior for the better, but your parents think it's just as likely that she will influence you in the other direction.

If you are honest with yourself, you will acknowledge that this is a possibility. There also is "guilt by association," which means even if you are on the straight and narrow, others will get the wrong impression if you hang out with Mallory, and a bad reputation is hard to shake.

We're not going to give you a way to circumvent your parents, and we think it's a good idea to cultivate some new friends. In the meantime, however, talk to your folks. Ask, if Mallory makes a sincere effort to clean up her act, you can talk to her again. Everyone deserves a second chance.

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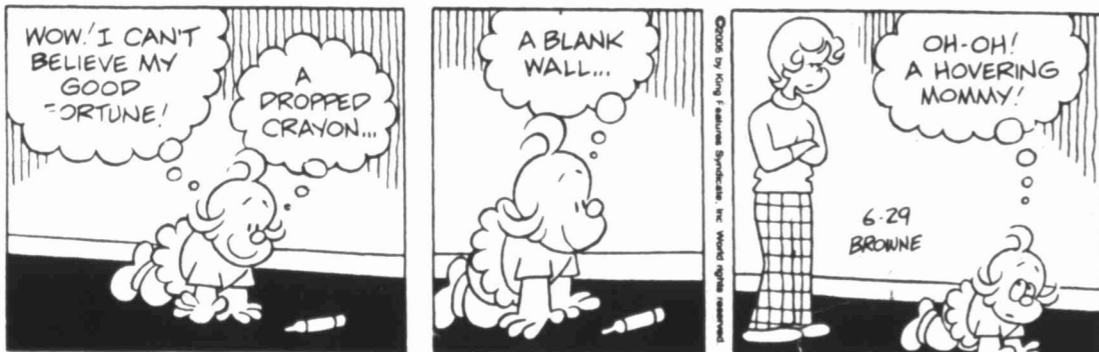
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This Date In History

By The Associated Press

Today is Wednesday, June 29, the 180th day of 2005. There are 185 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On June 29, 1776, the Virginia state constitution was adopted, and Patrick Henry made governor.

On this date: In 1767, the British Parliament approved the Townshend Revenue Acts, which imposed import duties on certain goods shipped to America. Colonists bitterly protested the Acts, which were repealed in 1770.

In 1949, the government of South Africa enacted a ban against racially mixed marriages.

In 1954, the Atomic Energy Commission voted against reinstating Dr. J. Robert Oppenheimer's access to classified information.

In 1967, Jerusalem was reunified as Israel removed barricades separating the Old City from the Israeli sector.

In 1970, the United States ended a two-month military offensive into Cambodia.

In 1972, the Supreme Court ruled the death penalty, as it was being meted out, could constitute "cruel and unusual punishment." (The ruling prompted states to revise their capital punishment laws.)

In 1992, a divided Supreme Court ruled that women have a constitutional right to abortion, but the justices also weakened the right as defined by the Roe v. Wade decision.

In 2003, actress Katharine Hepburn, one of the last stars from Hollywood's Golden Age, died in Old Saybrook, Conn., at age 96.

Ten years ago: The shuttle Atlantis and the space station Mir docked in orbit.

One year ago: The Supreme Court blocked a law meant to shield Web-surfing children from online pornography.

Today's Birthdays: Movie

producer Robert Evans is 75. Songwriter L. Russell Brown is 65. Rock musician Ian Paice (Deep Purple) is 57. Singer Don Dokken (Dokken) is 52. Actress Sharon Lawrence is 44. Rhythm-and-blues singer Stedman Pearson (Five Star) is 41. Rap D.J. Shadok is 33. Country musician Todd Sansom (Marshall Dillon) is 27.

Thought for Today: "These are times in which a genius would wish to live. It is not in the still calm of life, or the repose of a pacific station, that great characters are formed... Great necessities call out great virtues." - Abigail Adams, American first lady (1744-1818).

Answer to previous puzzle

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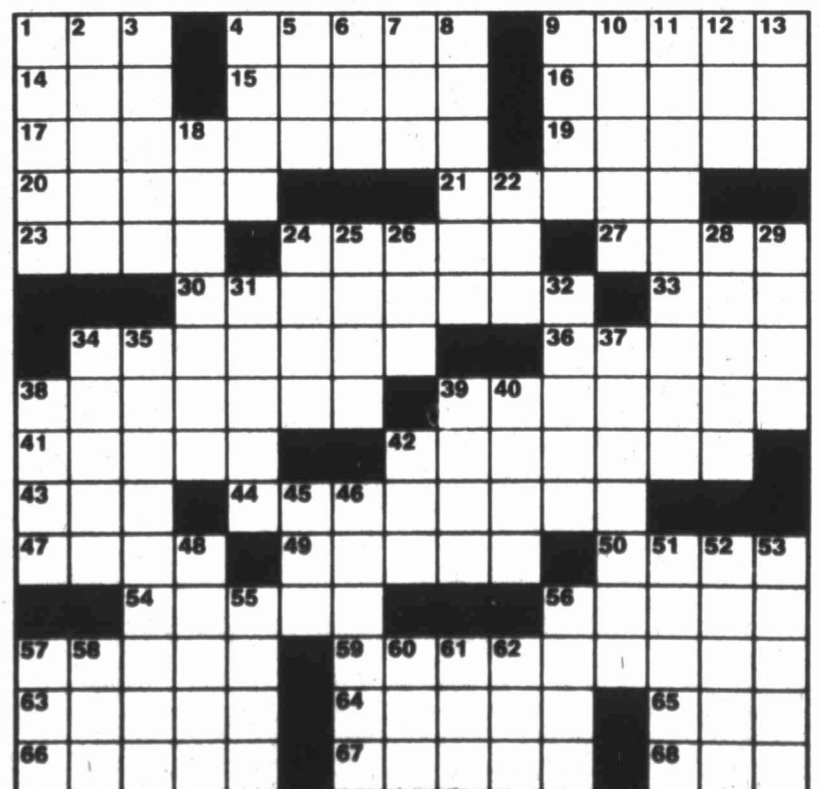
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|------------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------------|------------------------------|
| <b>ACROSS</b>                | 64 British noblemen       | 12 Slip into                   | 39 Burbank monologist        |
| 1 Where cranberries grow     | 65 Long, long __          | 13 Cen. fractions              | 40 March day                 |
| 4 Says the rosary            | 66 Linked, as oxen        | 18 Correct a typo, perhaps     | 42 Cartoonist Keane          |
| 9 Cowpoke's greeting         | 67 Albee output           | 22 __ de guerre                | 45 Compass pt.               |
| 14 Big bird                  | 68 Barnyard clucker       | 24 Pry, with "around"          | 46 Broke open                |
| 15 Bernhardt of the stage    |                           | 25 Like prime steak            | 48 Long weapon               |
| 16 Regard with loathing      | <b>DOWN</b>               | 26 "I need a warmer overcoat!" | 51 Indian ruler              |
| 17 Even chance               | 1 Suit well               | 28 Private lingo               | 52 Snapshot, e.g.            |
| 19 Horror-film sound effects | 2 Muscat citizen          | 29 Convince                    | 53 Magnate                   |
| 20 Passage to a lagoon       | 3 Duplicity               | 31 Pave a road again           | 55 Made Easter eggs          |
| 21 Road-map feature          | 4 Attention getter        | 32 Cavalry weapon              | 56 Hartman or Rinna          |
| 23 Fastens securely          | 5 Stadium shout           | 34 Blunt ends                  | 57 Author de Maupassant      |
| 24 Picasso or Casals         | 6 Altar                   | 35 100% dependable             | 58 "Sail __ Ship of State!"  |
| 27 Natural pouches           | 7 constellation           | 37 Use again                   | 60 Galley necessity          |
| 30 Theatrical handouts       | 8 Aussie woman            | 38 Card game for three         | 61 "Are you a man __ mouse?" |
| 33 Mandible                  | 9 Smokehouse meats        |                                | 62 Icelandair competitor     |
| 34 More streamlined          | 10 Orchestral instruments |                                |                              |
| 36 Sports stadium            | 11 Response to rudeness   |                                |                              |
| 38 Stiff and pompous         |                           |                                |                              |
| 39 Word on a dime            |                           |                                |                              |
| 41 Oliver J. Dragon's pal    |                           |                                |                              |
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| 43 Gettysburg addresser      |                           |                                |                              |
| 44 Gasoline facility         |                           |                                |                              |
| 47 Winter Palace resident    |                           |                                |                              |
| 49 Vaudeville turns          |                           |                                |                              |
| 50 Corn holder               |                           |                                |                              |
| 54 Equestrian                |                           |                                |                              |
| 56 Camel kin                 |                           |                                |                              |
| 57 Preposterous              |                           |                                |                              |
| 59 Kitchen container         |                           |                                |                              |
| 63 "I give up!"              |                           |                                |                              |



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