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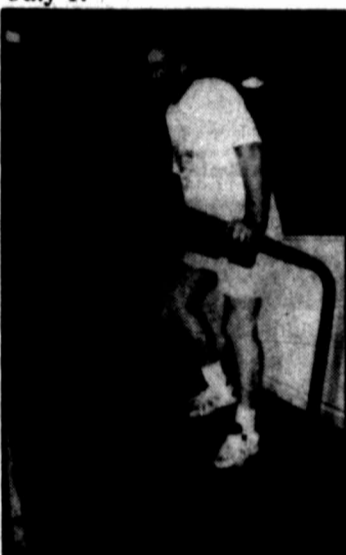
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NEWS DIGEST



What to read?

Howard County Library employee Martha Viera shows Joshua Correa a book as he was being signed up for the Read to Me program. Sign-ups for the Summer Reading Program and the Read to Me program continue at the library through July 1.



Steps toward health

In a quiet Fitness Center at Howard College, Dean Hodnett gets a workout by using a stair-climbing machine during his lunch break Wednesday afternoon.

In life! today

Big Spring Woman's Club closed a successful year with its 11th annual installation banquet for new officers. The club also completed or donated to several area projects. See life! page 6.



Briefs

- New exhibit:** Heritage Museum's, 510 Scurry St., latest exhibit is "Technology of the Past: Indian Artifacts." The show will be on display at the museum through June 30. The display includes artifacts and points from the Paleolithic to the Historic periods.
- Team roping contest:** GAIL - Indian Canyon Ranch is the site for the Borden County Team Roping contest scheduled for Saturday. Books open at 11:30 and roping begins at 12:30. Books will close after the first 100 teams. The event is organized by the Borden County 4-H Horse Project and proceeds will go to fund the group.
- Steers, Bulldogs playoffs:** The Big Spring Steers and Coahoma Bulldogs play in the next round of the state baseball playoffs. See Sports, page 9.

Weather

- Cloudy, chance of rain:** Tonight, mostly cloudy, 20 percent chance of rain, low mid 60s.
- Permian Basin Forecast:** Thursday: Partly cloudy, 20 percent chance of rain, high upper 80s, east-southeast winds 10 to 20 mph; cloudy night, low mid 60s. Friday: Partly cloudy, high near 90, chance of rain; partly cloudy night, low mid 50s. Saturday: Partly cloudy, high near 90; fair night, low mid 50s.

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Was Fields insane?

Defense: Murder defendant not responsible for actions

By KELLIE JONES
Staff Writer

Was Ricky Scott Fields insane when he allegedly choked a Big Spring State Hospital patient to death in September of last year?

That is the question defense attorney Mary Alice McLarty is trying to answer.

Fields is accused of murdering Benancio Gonzales, 49, while both men were in the psychiatric ward of the state hospital Sept. 20, 1993.

Assistant District Attorney Dale Dupree is trying the case for the prosecution and presented evidence that Fields knew what he did was wrong and was not insane.

Several state hospital employees were called to the stand by Dupree to present their testimony on what happened between Fields and Gonzales.

Daniel Gamble testified that he was walking down the hall and observed the two men laying on Gonzales' bed. Gamble then asked Ricky Martinez to come to the room so that they could find out what was going on. Gamble testified he was not sure at first if they were wrestling or if

something else was taking place.

Both Martinez and Gamble testified that Fields was laying on the bed with Gonzales on top of him. "He (Fields) had his arms around Ben's neck. When we tried to loosen his arms, he just tightened his grip. Ben's face was blue and he was unconscious. Ricky was then taken to the seclusion room," said Martinez.

The seclusion room is where patients are taken when they have been violent and this gives them an opportunity to calm down and employees try to diffuse the situation.

"We asked him (Fields) if he knew why he was in the room. He said yes, because of murder or attempted murder. He then refused to answer any more questions until his lawyer was present," said BSSH employee John Johnson.

During cross-examination, McLarty questioned them if Fields was saying anything or if he was looking at anyone while they were attempting to remove his arms from around Gonzales' neck. Martinez said he was staring and not making eye contact with them. Gamble said he did not notice because he was concerned with Gonzales and trying to revive him.

McLarty asked the employees if they knew that Gonzales was in the latter stages of neurosyphilis and the employees testified that they were not aware that he was suffering from this brain disease.

Dr. Barney Rubenstein, a psychiatrist at the state hospital, then took the stand after being subpoenaed by McLarty.

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Serenading students

Teachers at Moss Elementary School, also known at the "Mossettes," sing "My Guy" at student Aaron Schooler during the 6th annual Talent Show at the school Monday.

Coahoma BPA student receives honor

By BARBARA MORRISON
Staff Writer

COAHOMA - Coahoma High School strikes again. Call it another legend, another feather in their cap, another notch in their belt. Any way you look at it, CHS has another winner.

Business Professional Student of America, Angie Requejo, was honored recently for her ninth-place national finish in the area of Medical Concepts at the BPA yearly competition.

Advisor Sue Neff made the announcement at the recent vocational awards ceremony, an annual event that acknowledges all vocational programs at CHS.

"I've got a new name for Angie," said Neff. "She's always so quiet and shy. But when they announced her name at nationals, she shot out of her seat like a bullet. That's her new name - Bullet."

Requejo and fellow student Melissa Barnett, who placed first in district competition in the area of office specialist, traveled to San Francisco to attend the national competition.

BPA is a nationwide student organization for kids interested in professional business fields. All aspects of the industry are pursued and examined, and a student must be familiar with each area entered in competition.

"We can't say enough for the support we have received from C.I.S.D. administration," Neff said. "We couldn't have done it without knowing we had the whole school system behind us."

According to Neff, attending the national function is stressful and requires immense concentration.

"Each student must subject his or her self to extreme rigors of excellence," Neff explained. "We are the largest region in the state and this year was our strongest year."

Neff attributes her students success to their own personal determination. She commended all students who competed at the district and state level.

"Any success we have achieved is due to the individual commitment each student was willing to give," said Neff. "Each one of these kids is a special person, with a special goal and a belief in himself."

Neff adds, "These kids leave CHS as winners no matter how they placed. They know what they have to do."



A packed house sits in the city council chambers Tuesday evening as the council discussed the accountability of the Moore Board.

Council debates Moore bylaws

By KELLIE JONES
Staff Writer

The question of whether the bylaws for the Moore board meet the requirements of state statutes remains unanswered.

During Tuesday night's Big Spring City Council meeting, Moore board president Jim Purcell addressed the council. Purcell talked about the importance of an open line of communication between the two entities.

"We will cooperate in any manner. Our meetings are always open and we encourage council members to attend. Our financial information and minutes of our meetings are available for anyone to look at," said Purcell.

"They are doing their best to improve the economic development of Big Spring and they are not doing it behind closed doors."

Tim Blackshear
Big Spring mayor

Council members Pat DeAnda and Stephanie Horton expressed concern over the bylaws and the criteria that has been established for Moore board members to meet if they want to serve.

"I feel like you need to allow the

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Study: Immigrants not costing natives jobs

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON - Immigration, both legal and illegal, has little overall effect on jobs for native-born Americans, a think tank says in a new report.

The Urban Institute waded into the politically charged fray over immigration Tuesday, immediately drawing criticism from groups and lawmakers seeking to tighten the nation's immigration policies.

While job trends can be depressed in stagnant local economies with high concentrations of immigrants, "overall the job displacement effects are trivial," said Michael Fix, one of the report's authors.

In growing economies, immigration improves the job opportunities for low-skilled, native workers, the Washington-based think tank said.

"The evidence we see is strong that immigrants create jobs," said Jeffrey Passel, who co-authored the report based on Census Bureau data and a review of immigration studies done by others.

Of the estimated 1.1 million immigrants who enter the United States each year to stay, 200,000 to 300,000 come illegally, the authors said. They estimated the nation's undocumented alien population in 1992 at 3.2 million, significantly lower than others have projected. The Center for Immigration Studies, for example, estimated the 1992 illegal alien population at 4.8 million.

The researchers said they found that legal and illegal immigrants return more to the federal government in taxes than they cost in services. But, they added, the burden varies at the state level, and local governments pay out more in services for immigrants than they receive in taxes.

Three-quarters of all immigrants are massed in six states: California, New York, Texas, Florida, New Jersey and Illinois.

Overall, the estimated \$70 billion paid by immigrants in taxes to all levels of government more than offsets the cost of services received, generating a net annual surplus of \$25 billion to \$30 billion, the analysis found.

That conclusion contrasts sharply with the findings of Rice University professor Donald Huddle, who last year created a stir with a study pegging the net cost of immigration to all levels of government at \$42.5 billion in 1992.

The Urban Institute report devoted some attention to Huddle's study, criticizing its methodology. But the think tank's own work didn't avoid attack.

The Federation for American Immigration Reform, which favors tougher immigration laws, criticized the study, saying it "low-balls estimates of costs and overstates contributions."

FAIR also took issue with the report's conclusion that immigration causes little in the way of job or wage disruption for native-born Americans.

"Given the fact that immigration has dramatically expanded the size

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Herald photo by Tim Appel

Hangin around

While still holding onto the pole, Imari Brown reaches down to touch the ground as she and other children were playing outside at the Westside Community Center Wednesday afternoon.

Police

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following incidents:
•Criminal mischief was reported in the 4100 block of Parkway, 900 block of Aylesford, 600 block of Avenue A and in the 1400 block of West Fourth Street.
•Several thefts were reported in the 2600 block of Gregg, 400 block of Johnson, 1600 block of Gregg and in the

200 block of Runnels.
•An aggravated assault was reported in the 900 block of Aylesford.
•An aggravated assault with a deadly weapon was reported in the 700 block of East 13th Street. The complainant told police that an unknown person shot at him while he was driving his vehicle. There were no injuries reported and the windshield of his car was damaged.
•Lisa Dianna Jones, 20 of 1905 Wasson #85, was arrested on outstanding local warrants.
•Joe Rosendo Morelion, 26 of 4203 Muir, was arrested on assault charges.

Deaths

Lona Crocker
Lona Crocker, 90, of North Carolina, formerly of Big Spring, died today in North Carolina. Services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

Clifford Byrd
Clifford (Peewee) Byrd, 84, Big Spring, died today at his residence. Services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

Dewrell Austin
Graveside services for Dewrell Austin, 66, Big Spring, will be at 10 a.m. Thursday, May 26, 1994, at Mount Olive Memorial Park under

the direction of Myers & Smith Funeral Home. The Rev. Claude Craven, retired Baptist Minister, will officiate.

Austin died Monday, May 23 at Scenic Mountain Medical Center after a long illness.

He was born May 22, 1928, in Mississippi and married Bonnie Knight. He had lived in Big Spring for six years, coming from Lake Village, Ark. He was a Baptist, Veteran of the U.S. Army, and a retired farmer.
Survivors include his wife: Bonnie Austin, Bel Air, Ark.; five sons: Bobby Austin, Bel Air, Ark.; Billy Austin, Warren, Ark.; Herman Austin, Gary Austin, both of Big Spring, and Gerald Austin, Safety Harbor, Fla.; one daughter: Betty Hernandez, Houston; three brothers: Abe Austin, Arkansas; Billy Austin, and Charles Ingram, both of Big Spring; three sisters: Liz Strickland, Helen, both of Big Spring, and Willie Miller, Odessa; and 23 grandchildren.

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Joyce Bugg Green, 64, died Saturday. Services were 10:00 AM today at First Baptist Church. Burial was in Trinity Memorial Park.
Samantha (Nancy) Ferran, 57, died Sunday. Services will be Saturday in New Albany, Miss.
Dewrell Austin, 66, died Monday. Graveside services will be Thursday at 10:00 AM in Mount Olive Memorial Park.

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Council

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city and citizens to see where the money is going. The taxpayers are paying for this and someone needs to be accountable to them. I also question the election of the board members. This excludes some people from serving and that's not right. We should include everybody and have a true representation of the community," said DeAnda.

In order to be a Moore board member candidate, one must have been or is currently a chief executive officer or in executive management of a business or had experience in business such as an owner or a degree in business.

"I agree with Pat. The taxpayers and city have a right to know how the money is being spent. I think we need to change the criteria for the board and make them accountable. We could possibly set a \$50,000 limit. If they see a need to spend more than that, they need to let us know," said Horton.

During the council meeting, two separate rulings from the Texas Municipal League were presented. Purcell said that he received a letter from the TML stating that the Moore board does not have to amend its bylaws and it does not require council action to approve each expenditure by the board.

However, Joyce Crocker, who wants to see the bylaws amended, said she received word that the council does have the authority to request their approval of all Moore board decisions and they should amend the bylaws.

"I have spoken out about this before. The Moore board has no secrets but there is confidentiality. They are doing their best to improve the economic development of Big Spring and they are not doing it behind closed doors," said Mayor Tom Blackshear.

Former city council member Gail Earls also expressed her opinions about Moore board. "When I was on

Council at-a-glance

The Big Spring City Council approved and/or discussed the following items during their meeting Tuesday night:

•CRMD General Manager G.H. Ivie presented a water quality analysis for the city. Ivie stated the quality of water will be two to three times better by the first part of 1995.

•Council members approved trading the Settles Hotel property for 11 lots to David Weesloh. The city will now research whether or not the hotel is structurally sound and worth renovating. City Manager Larry Lambert suggested it could be turned into low-income housing. The council decided to research this possibility.

•Several permits for residents to own rabbits in the city were approved.

•Council approved to continue the current TV cable franchise with Telecast Associates, Inc.

•Council approved an ordinance to designate 602 East 17th Street to be used for a child day care center.

•Council approved the preliminary and final plat for Shannon Medical Center.

•Council approved Pitometer Associates to conduct a water loss audit for the city.

•Council approved a budget amendment to repair a bulldozer at the Signal Mountain Baler.

city council, we sent all of this information to Austin and they said it was fine. I believe we selected the cream of the crop to be on the Moore board. The meetings have always been open and I even attended some. We need to get behind the board 100 percent because they do a lot for the community for cheap pay. Let's get Big Spring going again," said Earls.

A round of applause rang out in the council chambers after Earls concluded her presentation.

No action was taken on this matter and a consensus of the new city council members including Tom Guess and John Paul Anderson was not taken at this time.

Study

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of the unskilled and semiskilled labor pool in this country... this assumption strains credulity," FAIR said. "How can you import millions of foreign laborers and not erode the bargaining leverage of the native worker?"

Rep. Lamar Smith, who chairs the House GOP Task Force on Illegal Immigration, said the Urban Institute report "comes closer to committing factual heresy than factual accuracy."

The San Antonio lawmaker challenged the researchers' numbers and assumptions, defending the need for immigration reform.

"We need not apologize for updating our immigration policy, much less for preserving the integrity of our borders to stem the flow of illegal

immigrants," said Smith, who helped shape the GOP immigration reform package introduced earlier this year.

The Urban Institute work, which steers clear of specific policy recommendations, comes at a time when immigration has become an increasingly hot-button issue.

Florida, California and Arizona are suing the federal government to recoup some of the financial burdens imposed on them by illegal immigration. Other states, including Texas, New York and New Jersey, are weighing similar action.

On Capitol Hill, a variety of proposals are circulating that would deny illegal aliens access to federal benefits and government jobs. Other measures would tighten the nation's immigration policies and beef up enforcement at the nation's borders.

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Sheriff
The Howard County Sheriff's Department reported the following incident:
•Jonathan Shane Allen, 18 of Arlington, was arrested at Quail Run Apartments for military desertion. He was released to the Marine Corps yesterday afternoon after being held in the county jail without bond.

Fields

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Rubenstein testified that Fields was at the hospital on a 90-day commitment and he took over the case on Sept. 17, 1993. Rubenstein stated that Fields was taken anti-depressant and anti-psychotic drugs. He also did an evaluation of Fields on that Friday and Fields appeared to be normal and knew the difference between right and wrong. "He (Fields) was diagnosed as being bipolar, which means he is a manic depressant," said Rubenstein.

Ron Leopard, an associate psychologist at the hospital, testified that he visited with Fields on Sept. 7, 1993, and was exhibiting bizarre behavior and mood swings. Fields also had religious fantasies and referred to himself as "the chosen one."

During testimony, it was revealed that Fields walked away from the hospital on Friday, Sept. 17 and attended a football game. Afterwards, he went to a local fast food restaurant and told Big Spring police officer Javier Becerra that he had just killed someone.

"Fields asked me to read him his rights. We continued talking and walked outside. Fields then said he was going to kill some more people and was a patient at the hospital. I called dispatch to send an officer over to us and he was taken back to the hospital," said Becerra.

Cathy Fields, the defendant's mother, then testified that her son had been an honor student in high school and enjoyed sports. However, his behavior began to change after an incident in their hometown of Seagraves.

Fields testified that her son had been hurt when a coke machine fell on top of him and the family had tried to get the owner to file a claim on the insurance to pay for the surgery and the man refused.

From there, Mrs. Fields testified that problems arose from Seagraves officials and her son became obsessed with the situation. Things became worse when he was watching the ATF raid on the Branch Davidians in Waco. During the summer of 1993, Fields had been admitted to Charter Plains Hospital in Lubbock then released. Things got progressively worse and he was readmitted.

Hospital officials then said that Fields needed to be committed by the state to the facility in Big Spring for 90 days.

She then testified that when her son was taken to Vernon State Hospital after this incident, he seems fine unless someone questions him about certain things.

Testimony continues today in 118th District Court with 10 women and two men on the jury.

Weather Records
Average low 60
Record high 109in 1989
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Tuesday's temp 96
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Job rate decl

The Associated

AUSTIN — Texas employment rate has state official Texas Employ Chairman Eddie Tuesday that the cent jobless rate f economy "is bustl" "The state's expanding, and n businesses need st The improvem across Texas, a dropped in all of rropolitan statisti A recent change statistics are fig resulted in an inc employment rate. "That wasn't th Cavazos said. The 6.2 percen one-point drop fr cent, and the lowe when Texas po unemployment. The number Texans dropped March to 582,700 Dorothy Gattis, analyst with the mission, said Apr attributed partly from historically l the year. But, she added, encing a healthy c The number of salary jobs increa service sector in 22,400 jobs, while increased by 15.1 Construction indu new positions. Ms. Gattis said i if the increase in result of the free with Mexico. Rates of unen urban areas of Te by the Texa Commission for with March figur Abilene 5.6 (6.3) Amarillo 4.0 (4.3) Austin-San Mar Beaumont-Port Brazoria 6.8 (7.4) Brownsville-Har Bryan-College S Corpus Christi 8 Dallas 5.3 (6.1) El Paso 9.8 (11.1) Fort Worth-Arli Galveston-Texas Houston 6.5 (7.3) Killeen-Temple Laredo 8.3 (9.8) Longview-Marsh Lubbock 4.2 (5.4) McAllen-Edinbu (16.8) Odessa-Midland San Angelo 5.0 (5.6) San Antonio 4.6 Sherman-Denise Texarkana unav Tyler 5.4 (6.5) Victoria 5.5 (6.7) Waco 4.8 (5.6) Wichita Falls 5.5

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Jobless rate declines

The Associated Press

AUSTIN — Texas' lowest unemployment rate in nearly three years has state officials beaming.

Texas Employment Commission Chairman Eddie Cavazos said Tuesday that the drop to a 6.2 percent jobless rate for April shows the economy "is bustling."

"The state's labor market is expanding, and new and continuing businesses need staff," Cavazos said. The improvement was spread across Texas, as unemployment dropped in all of the state's 27 metropolitan statistical areas.

A recent change in the way jobless statistics are figured has usually resulted in an increase in the unemployment rate.

"That wasn't the case this time," Cavazos said.

The 6.2 percent jobless rate is a one-point drop from March's 7.2 percent, and the lowest since June 1991, when Texas posted 6.1 percent unemployment.

The number of unemployed Texans dropped from 668,500 in March to 582,700 in April.

Dorothy Gattis, a labor market analyst with the employment commission, said April's low rate can be attributed partly to a natural drop from historically high rates early in the year.

But, she added, "Texas is experiencing a healthy economy now."

The number of nonfarm wage and salary jobs increased by 49,900. The service sector industries grew by 22,400 jobs, while trade-related jobs increased by 15,100, the TEC said. Construction industries added 4,000 new positions.

Ms. Gattis said it is too early to tell if the increase in trade jobs is the result of the free trade agreement with Mexico.

Rates of unemployment in the urban areas of Texas, as announced by the Texas Employment Commission for April, compared with March figures (in parenthesis):

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- Amarillo 4.0 (4.7)
- Austin-San Marcos 3.5 (4.0)
- Beaumont-Port Arthur 9.4 (10.9)
- Brazoria 6.8 (7.6)
- Brownsville-Harlingen 10.7 (12.3)
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Bunny hop?

Texas Gov. Ann Richards exchanges massages with students during an exercise to break the ice at the Governor's Youth Summit Saturday in Austin. The conference was to discuss ways to improve schools and neighborhoods so they will be better for children.

Court schedules hearing on school finance

The Associated Press

AUSTIN — The Texas Supreme Court is being asked for a fourth time to throw out a school funding law that relies on state aid and local property tax money.

The court scheduled a hearing today on challenges to the law by property-poor school districts that first sued over education funding almost 10 years ago; property-rich and mid-wealth school districts; and parents who want to be able to use tax money to pay private school tuition.

The measure that's drawn all the ire caps school districts' local property wealth and requires those over the limit to share with the rest of the system.

It follows three Texas Supreme Court decisions against previous laws, beginning in 1989, when the court first ordered lawmakers to even out the funding available to school districts of varying property wealth.

Two subsequent reform laws then were declared unconstitutional by the court: once on a challenge by poor districts, and once after objections by rich districts.

All the laws have continued to depend mainly on a combination of state funds and local property wealth, along with some federal money.

Opponents of the latest measure last a round last year, when state District Judge F. Scott McCown of Austin upheld the law. But McCown also said lawmakers have yet to

address school construction needs and said they must find an equitable way to do so by Sept. 1, 1995.

The state is appealing that part of McCown's order. School districts and parents are appealing his decision to uphold the rest of the law.

Poor districts say the current system doesn't divide the money as equitably as it could, and it will leave a minimum \$600 per-student gap in funding between rich and poor districts. They also have complained about the lack of funding for facilities.

Rich districts, among other arguments, say the law amounts to an unconstitutional statewide property tax.

Many school districts with various degrees of property wealth say the state simply relies too heavily on

Police arrest 2nd gunman in student killing

The Associated Press

MATAMOROS, Mexico — The second alleged gunman in the bizarre murder-for-hire of a Texas high school student has been arrested in Mexico, authorities said Tuesday.

State judicial police here arrested Israel Olivares, 24, early Monday on charges of auto theft and falsification of documents, said Baltazar Guzman Guerra, a state prosecutor.

Olivares, also known as Israel Bazaldua Cepeda, is charged with capital murder in the killing of 18-year-old Joey Fischer in Cameron County, Texas, just across the Rio Grande from Matamoros.

Cameron County prosecutors say Brownsville surgeon's wife Dora Garcia Cisneros paid about \$3,000 to have Fischer killed because he had broken off a brief relationship with her teen-age daughter.

Olivares is the last of five defendants in the Fischer case to be arrested.

"I'm glad that all of them are finally in jail," Cameron County Sheriff Alex Perez said.

Olivares and Heriberto Puentes Pizana, 21, are accused of gunning

down Fischer outside the teen-ager's home in the fashionable suburb of Rancho Viejo on March 3, 1993.

Prosecutors have never said which suspect they accuse of actually pulling the trigger. Both Olivares and Puentes have denied any involvement in the case.

"I am innocent. I don't know why my name came up in the Fischer trial," Olivares told The Brownsville Herald.

Puentes, who was arrested in Reynosa on Feb. 13, remains in a Mexican prison for auto theft.

Cameron County prosecutors want Mexico to extradite Puentes and Olivares, both Mexican citizens from Matamoros, to face trial in the United States.

Mexico has never extradited one of its citizens to face criminal charges in the United States.

"It's hard for us to swallow because we are only a few blocks away and we can't get them over here for capital murder," Perez said at his office in Brownsville.

Guzman, the Tamaulipas state prosecutor, said he was holding Olivares only on the auto theft charges, not the homicide across the border.

local property taxes to fund public education.

Supporters of school vouchers also have entered the fight, seeking the ability to use state money at any private or public school they choose. McCown dismissed their claims, but they say they deserve a trial.

While challenging the current law, poor school districts have said progress has been made since they began their lawsuit.

For example, at the time of the first trial, the wealthiest school district had about \$14.7 million per student in property wealth. The poorest had

about \$20,000.

Under the latest law, the local property wealth cap is set at \$280,000 per student — phased in over several years — while the poorest district has \$10,000.

There also is more money in the school system: a total of about \$15.6 billion in state and local funding, compared with \$8.7 billion in 1984-85. According to the Texas Association of School Boards, however, the state share has dropped from about 52 percent to about 45 percent.

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Publisher Managing Editor

Seniors facing many challenges after school

As you step across that stage Thursday, accept the diploma you have worked 12 long years for, remember this is just a beginning, not an ending.

You are now facing many choices - college, work, marriage, family. What is a graduating senior to do?

You need to understand this is an ever-changing world, not even remotely like the one your parents graduated into.

Technological changes are rapid and keeping up is hard. But, that is what you have to do. Be prepared for a changing world.

A diploma doesn't go as far as it used to. That's what furthering your education is so important in this rapidly changing world.

Don't be discouraged by the violence around you, in the changes around you. Those are simply the challenges you face as you take your place. These are challenges we all face.

The choices are yours. Congratulations seniors.

Goodbye, it has been fun

As moving day draws near and the reality of picking up and moving our family some 800 miles grows close, we can't help thinking of all the lessons we've learned, the people we've met and all of those things about Big Spring and Texas in general that we will and will not miss.

We'd like to share with you that list and let you know that you and this parched patch of land named Big Spring will always be in our memories.

The 10 things we'll miss the most (not listed in any order what so ever):

- 1. The entire staff of the Big Spring Herald.
2. Mild winter weather.
3. Liz Trotter and Oldorf (you know who you are).

- 4. THE BEST Tex-Mex food in the country.
5. Spurs, ropes, boots, bolo ties and "Big Balls in Cowtown."
6. Walks on the mountain and beautiful sunsets.

- 7. The rodeo, cotton fields, cactus and that Texas drawl.
8. Poncho's Book Store and cinnamon snow cones.

- 9. Trips to Ruidoso
10. West Texas smiles and all ya'll.

- Things we won't miss:
Can't think of a thing.

- Adios, Hasta luego, Via con Dios and So long but never goodbye.

- Pat and Verna Morgan, Ryan and Shanna.

Things are looking up in Big Spring

By TIM BLACKSHEAR

Hello Citizens of Big Spring:

Spring is here - summer is on the way. School will soon be out. I like this time of the year the best in Big Spring! Everything is beautiful and green and the weather is not too hot - too cold. Big Spring is best in spring. I hope this letter finds you prosperous, healthy and in the embrace of a loving family.

The economy is improving in our community. All economic indicators show that we have bottomed out economically and begun to come back up. (First time we can claim this for over 10 years.) Sales tax is up, utility meter counts are up, school enrollment is up, building construction is up and the community attitude has improved. I believe that Big Spring is going to become a very healthy, diverse, stable community of 25,000 people. I see a good future for our children in Big Spring.

With the new construction and jobs created by Wal-Mart, Western Container, Mid-Tex Detention, Shannon Medical Clinic, the V.A. Hospital improvements, and the many new retail establishments throughout town - We can identify 500 new jobs (including Wal-Mart) in the next year. Let's continue to support new job creation in Big Spring. I want my children to be able to get a job in Big Spring, if they want it.

As summer approaches, I want to identify the summer recreational opportunities that are available to you in Big Spring.

1) Paddle Boat and Canoe Rentals - for the first time, the City of Big Spring will be opening paddle boat and canoe rentals in Comanche Trail Lake. The concession will open in June at the Dora Roberts Community Center. Bring your family out and enjoy our beautiful local lake.

2) Swimming Pool - the City pool opens June 1 and costs \$1.00. This olympic size pool was built by the W.P.A. in the 1930's, but continues to serve the citizens of Big Spring.

3) Golf - Comanche Trail Municipal Golf Course is open 7 days a week and costs varies with day of play. This course is challenging and beautiful. Come try this course this summer.

4) Fishing - great fishing is available at Moss Creek Lake and Comanche Trail Lake. Moss Creek is open 7:00 A.M.-10:00 P.M. and cost varies. In my opinion, this is the best kept secret in West Texas - check it out this summer.

5) Tennis - tennis courts are available at the Dora Roberts Tennis Center. These courts are "state of the art" and the finest in West Texas.

6) State Park - the view from the top of Scenic Mountain in the Big Spring State Park is "breath-taking. Try a picnic there this summer.

7) Prairie Dog Watching - One of (if not the) largest prairie dog towns in the United States is thriving at the Big Spring McMahon/Wrinkle Air Park. Drive out there this summer and watch their amusing antics. It is worth the drive.

8) Picnic - Comanche Trail Park and any of our other neighborhood parks are available for family picnics - use them.

9) Baseball - Baseball is available in every form or fashion at every city park (Pee Wee League, Little League, Softball, Church, etc.) If you want to play ball and are not - shame on you.

10) Soccer, Football & Basketball - is available through several local organizations and groups - just ask.

11) Exercise - the local YMCA and the Howard College Fitness Center are just a few of the many local organizations that provide exercise equipment for your health and fitness. There is no excuse for you to be out of shape in Big Spring.

If you have any questions regarding summer or recreation in Big Spring this summer, call City Hall at 264-2400 or the Chamber of Commerce at 2263-7641. You do not need to go to Ruidoso or elsewhere for recreation this summer. Stay in Big Spring for a change.

Tim Blackshear is mayor of Big Spring.

Dear God: Please tell me why?

Mike Royko is on vacation. During his absence, we are reprinting some of his favorite columns. This column was originally published on May 5, 1981.



Mike Royko

To: God
Address: Somewhere in the Universe:
Dear God:

I know how busy you must be with a whole universe to worry about. That's why it occurred to me that you don't have time to read our papers and your TV reception might not be good. So I thought I'd drop you a note about how things are going here.

Well, things couldn't be going any better, at least as far as your image is concerned. You wouldn't believe how well loved you are on this planet today, and how much is being done in your name.

I hardly know where to start, there's so much going on. So I might as well start in Northern Ireland where you've always been very big. Ah, what religious fervor can be found there.

The Irish Protestants are so devoted to you that they do everything possible to make life miserable for the Irish Catholics, because they don't think the Irish Catholics have the right approach toward worshipping you.

And the Irish Catholics do what they can to make life miserable for the Irish Protestants for essentially the same reasons.

In their great love for you, they shoot at one another, bomb one another, set one another afire, kill little children, bystanders, cops, soldiers, old ladies, and some are now

committing suicide by starvation.

Then each side buries its dead, goes to church, and gives fervent thanks to you for being on its side. It is very touching.

And one thing about these people: Their devotion to you is unshakable. They've been doing this for about four hundred years. So it's a good thing that you have an entire universe at your disposal, because I don't know where else you could find a room to accommodate the souls of all the people who have died there in your name.

You're also highly regarded in a country called Lebanon, where just about everyone believes in you, although they don't agree on what you should be called.

In that country, there are Moslems and Christians, and they've created different sets of rules for worshipping you. Naturally, they say you have sent the rules down to them. I don't know if that's true or not, but if I may make a suggestion: If it's true that you gave them the word, it would really simplify things if there were only one set of rules. It would cause less hard feelings.

But such details aside, they are expressing their devotion to you by killing each other by the hundreds. I

guess they figure that if one side can wipe the other side out, it will prove that their way of worshipping you is correct, and you'll be pleased with them.

So every day, they lob shells at one another and blow up the usual men, women, children, bystanders, old ladies, and stray dogs. And every day, they take a few moments out to thank you for your support and to promise that they'll continue their efforts on your behalf.

Now, not far from there are countries called Iraq and Iran. The Moslems in those countries basically agree on what to call you, but they disagree on some details concerning how best to worship you. So they're killing one another, too.

It's more than a little confusing, though, because in Iran there are people who call themselves Baha'i, and they, too, have their own way of showing their respect for you. Unfortunately for the Baha'i, their way doesn't include killing others who don't share their point of view. So that makes them patsies, and the Moslems in Iran, in their love for you, have been kicking the Baha'i around pretty good.

Just a short missile ride away, there's a lot of religious action going on between a country called Israel and just about everyone else in that neighborhood.

The people in Israel also have their own set of rules for worshipping you, which they say you passed on to them. And they claim that you look more favorably upon them than anyone else. This has always caused a lot of hard feelings because a lot of

other groups figure that they're your favorites. (It must be hard being a father figure.) Israel's claim that they're Number One has also made some people wonder this: If the Jews, after all they've been through over the centuries, are really your chosen people, what do you do to somebody you don't like?

Anyway the Jews and their Moslem neighbors -- both of whom claim your complete support -- have been going at it for about thirty years. But I don't think they'll ever equal Ireland's record because they'll all eventually have nuclear bombs. Boy, when they start throwing those around, will you have a crowd showing up.

Oh, and I can't forget to mention this final item. Somebody just shot the pope. As you know, he's the leader of one of your largest groups of followers here. A very peaceful, non-violent man, by the way, although his followers have been known to shed a few million gallons of blood when their tempers are up. Anyway, the man who shot him apparently did it because of his devotion to you. It's not completely clear, but this fellow seems to think the pope was in some way responsible for somebody invading the sacred mosque of his religion in a place called Mecca. That, of course, was an insult to you, so he got even on your behalf by shooting the pope.

Well, I know you're busy, so that's all for now.

P.S. I never believed any of those stories going around a few years ago that "God is dead." How could you be? We don't have one weapon that can shoot that far.

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Affordable health care, the unwinnable fight

Can our nation -- or any nation -- realistically afford to provide governmentally funded health care for all? It's nice to think so. Let's see what history says.

What nations have attempted socialized medicine? Sweden. Germany. Canada. These countries have the programs we hear heralded. But are their plans really working?

Sweden is undergoing health-care reform. While the United States is going from individualized care, Sweden is going the other way from socialized care to independent.

The reason? Money. Dr. Kaj Mollerfors, a surgeon and top administrator in Sweden's national health system, admitted to the Christian Science Monitor, "We (the governmentalized program) are used to being able to afford everything, but we can't any longer."

Sweden has discovered that when costs escalate in a socialized system, long waiting lists and low productivity become the norm.

Germany? It's the German program after which President Clinton modeled his plan. A bad example to follow.

Dr. Hans Weitzel, an ob/gyn from Berlin, is quoted as saying: "The great privilege of our system is that



Paul Harvey

every man and woman can have insurance. But it has come to the point that it doesn't work. It is too expensive.

When Germany was overwhelmed by the cost of socialized medicine, Germany followed Sweden and rationed care.

Funding for cosmetic surgery, circumcision and sterilization reverses may be eliminated.

"When my father had cancer of the pancreas," said Uwe Reinhardt, professor at Princeton University, "he did nothing but make him comfortable. No surgery, no chemo. Just pain medication and food. They said, 'We'll let nature take its course.'"

Canada? In Canada this past winter, 23,000 doctors got a no-salary vacation from work because the government couldn't afford to pay them.

Four thousand hospital beds in

Toronto were closed because of lack of money. Administrators sealed wings, because of inability to pay staff.

Canadian doctors -- 650 of them -- fled the country for the United States ... just this last year.

Those Canadian patients waiting more than three months for surgery number 177,000.

And Dr. Walter Bobeckho, chairman of the orthopedic surgery department at Toronto's Hospital for Sick Children, quit because, as The Wall Street Journal reported, "he felt the government restricted patient care to the point of negligence."

The crux of the matter, Americans, is this: Our country can't afford government-controlled health care. No country can. Universal coverage is ideal but just not feasible.

Government-administered health care inevitably requires another gigantic government bureaucracy and another army of inefficient bureaucrats who cost more than any nation can afford.

The communist world discovered it, Sweden, Germany and Canada are discovering it, and the United States has a wonderful opportunity to benefit from the experience of others.

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Who is truly the elitist?

Scrapps Howard News Service

For Americans embarrassed by our students' poor academic showing in international comparisons, the first line of defense is usually U.S. inclusiveness. School systems in Europe and Japan are elitist, the argument goes, while this country aims to educate the masses.

Whatever the truth of that comforting argument in the past, it does not hold water today. In fact, a close comparison of academic tests actually reveals this country to be the elitist one.

By elitist we mean that the United States educates by far the smallest share of students to a high standard by the end of high school. Don't take it from us: Read the new compilation of biology examinations for college-bound seniors in England and Wales, France, Germany, Japan and the United States published by the American Federation of Teachers.

The tests considered are different in each country. British students heading for higher education, for example, specialize in three subjects at age 16. After two years' intensive study of these subjects, they take an "A-level" exam in each. The A-level in biology is nine hours long.

By contrast, French candidates for the "baccalaureat" at the end of high school are typically tested in seven subjects, differently weighted depending on their academic track. The AFT study includes the three-hour biology component from a Mathematics and Physical Sciences track baccalaureat given in 1992; the other subjects tested were French, history and geography, mathematics, philosophy, physics and a foreign language.

The American test in the AFT book is the three-hour Advanced Placement biology exam of the College Board. Unlike the exams in the other countries, the test consists largely of multiple-choice questions; all the European exam questions and more than half the Japanese ones require the student to formulate arguments and explanations.

But here is the most striking contrast of all: While only 7 percent of high-school-graduation-age Americans take even one AP exam, one-third or more of that age cohort takes at least one advanced subject-specific exam in the other countries.

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Judge levels heavy sentence in bombing

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Four Muslim fundamentalists convicted in the World Trade Center bombing drew 240 years behind bars from a merciless judge who arrived at the sentence by adding up the victims' lost years of life.

U.S. District Judge Kevin Duffy angrily rejected the defendants' defiant claims of innocence, saying they robbed a nation of its sense of security.

"Prior to February 26th, 1993, this country was a much freer place," Duffy told Mohammad Saleh, Nidal Ayyad, Mahmud Abouhalima and Ahmad Ajaj Tuesday. "Now we have guards. Now we have an identification card mentality. It's not quite as free."

The explosion at the 110-story twin towers — the world's second-tallest buildings — killed six people, injured more than 1,000 and caused \$500 million in damage.

The judge said he arrived at the sentences by calculating how much life was lost by the six killed — a combined 180 years — and adding

30 years each on two other charges. There is no parole in the federal system.

Duffy also fined the men \$250,000 each and told them that if they ever sold their story, the money would go to the victims. But, he added in sentencing Ayyad, "I can't imagine anyone wanting to give you anything."

Duffy handed down the sentences after Ed Smith, whose pregnant wife, Monica, died in the blast, asked the judge to "remember this bombing was an act of multiple murder."

"We lost all this because the four men you are to sentence today wanted to terrorize the people of the United States," Smith said, bringing tears to the eyes of victims' relatives in the front row of the courtroom.

The defendants did not go quietly or quickly.

All four read defiant statements in their native Arabic that lasted a total of more than seven hours.

Abouhalima complained that jurors slept through testimony, and Saleh likened himself to a falsely accused Nazi war criminal.

"I wonder how long I will remain in prison until the government reveals I was innocent," said

Saleh, a Palestinian immigrant. "Two years? Seven? Ten? Twenty? God only knows."

Duffy responded with icy disgust, calling Saleh a "sneak and a coward" and Abouhalima a coward "four times over."

When his turn came to speak, Ayyad said he would not "stand here and cry and ask for mercy."

"I'm telling you you're wrong because you don't know Muslims as they really are," he said.

Duffy responded by calling him "the most hypocritical person in the world."

Coming last was Ajaj, who spoke for nearly three hours, calling his conviction a farce and wearing out one translator with an exhaustive history of alleged terrorism by the U.S. government and Israel.

"You have a lot of nerve," said Duffy, finally cutting off Ajaj. "You lecture this country about terrorism. ... If it weren't for you there would be no bombing. The others were low. You were lower."

Duffy chastised the defendants for using Islam to defend themselves.

Rabin: Autonomy off to good start

The Associated Press

NAHAL OZ, Israel — Despite some mishaps, the first week of Palestinian autonomy has made a good start, Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin said Tuesday.

"If the system of coordination and cooperation will develop as it has so far, I see that as a good start and a good chance for the future," Rabin told reporters at this border station after touring the Gaza Strip.

"I had deep fears about anything related to the way things would take shape, because we know and trust the army, but we did not know the other side," Rabin said.

He said, his tour Tuesday indicated

an "orderly system of transferring power... On the Palestinian side, a real effort was made to coordinate and understand."

The week since the Palestinians began self-rule in the Gaza Strip and the West Bank town of Jericho was marked by a series of incidents that called into question Israeli-Palestinian coordination.

On Friday, Israeli leaders criticized Palestinian authorities for not immediately pursuing Islamic militants who shot two Israeli soldiers to death at the Erez border crossing, then disappeared into the autonomous region.

By Sunday, Palestinians had set up roadblocks and were checking all motorists for guns.

Rabin said the Palestinian police should not be blamed for not being totally familiar with the area after a week.

"There is no foolproof security," Rabin said, not even when the Israeli army is in charge.

"The army is fully in control of the West Bank, but ten days ago there was a lowly murder in the Bet Haggai," he said, referring to the drive-by killings of two settlers near Hebron.

Rabin also defended Palestinian police who shot out the tires of an Israeli car in Gaza on Monday after the driver ran a Palestinian roadblock. "The one who was unequivocally wrong here was the Israeli vehicle," Rabin said.

Aggression may be in the genes

The Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — People who habitually get into arguments and fights or throw temper tantrums can blame some of it on their genes, a study of twins suggests.

Genes may account for 27 percent to 40 percent of a person's tendency toward irritability and aggressiveness, according to the study. The rest comes from childhood and adult

experiences, researcher Dr. Emil Coccaro said.

The genes believed responsible have not been identified, but they may act by reducing the brain's supply of serotonin, which acts as a brake on aggressive responses, he said.


If so, drugs that help the brain keep up its serotonin supply might help treat people with aggressive tendencies, he said. Some preliminary evidence suggests such drugs

might work, he said.


Coccaro is director of the Clinical Neuroscience Research Unit at the Medical College of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia. He presented the work Tuesday at the annual meeting of the American Psychiatric Association.

He and colleagues surveyed 182 identical twins and 119 fraternal twins drawn from a registry of male twins who had served in the military.

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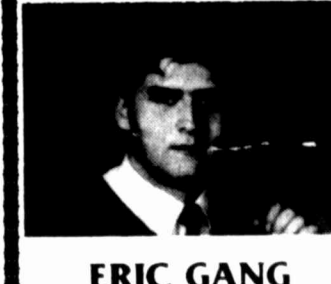
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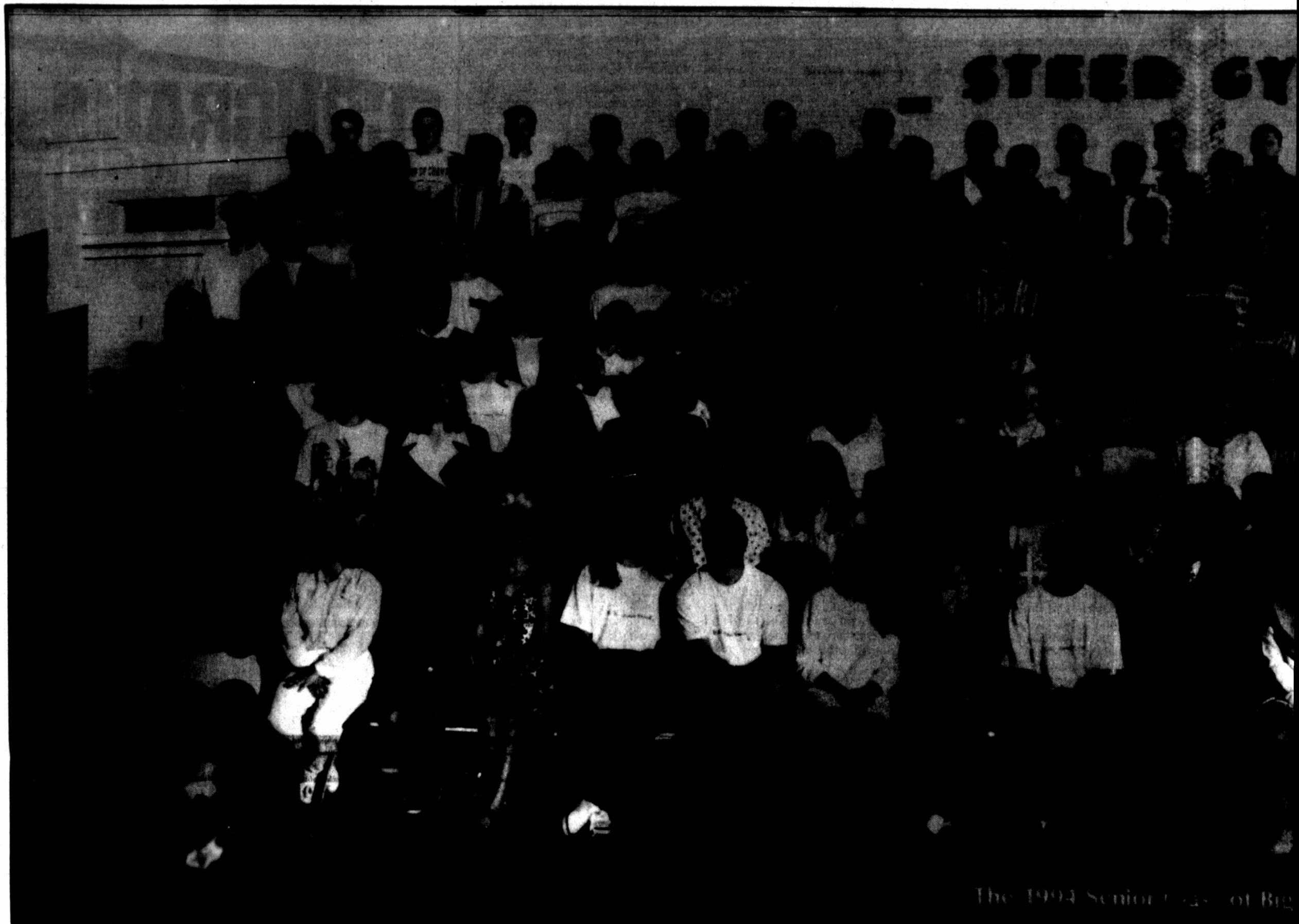
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Students were winners of the Big Spring Show, sponsored by the Arts Committee of the Area Chamber of Commerce and the Big Spring Art Center.

The finals, each of which had to compete with the grade level in school. The finals students artist at the Big Spring School District, Independent School District, Crossroads School, and the Big Spring School. An exhibit at the Big Spring School for the Arts. The winners of the Big Spring Show, sponsored by the Arts Committee of the Area Chamber of Commerce and the Big Spring Art Center, were: Best of Show, Kassie Ybarra; Second place, Corey Green; Third place, Erin Marquez; Fourth place, Michael Cardona; Fifth place, Marcy; Sixth place, Elida Rodriguez; Seventh place, Elida Rodriguez; Eighth place, Elida Rodriguez; Ninth place, Elida Rodriguez; Tenth place, Elida Rodriguez.

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Big Spring High School baseball player Marc Baker warms up before going against the pitching machine as the team practiced for its playoff series with Fort Worth Arlington Heights Tuesday. The Steers' playoff series with Arlington Heights will be previewed in Thursday's Herald, as will Coahoma's one-game playoff against Lockney. Big Spring will play Arlington Heights at Hunter Field, which is on the campus of Hardin-Simmons University in Abilene. Tickets are \$4 for adults, \$2 for children.

Herald photo by Tim Appel

Steers find leader in Rodgers

By STEVE REAGAN
Sports Editor

Go to any baseball game, and you'll hear the players chatter back and forth. Go to a Big Spring Steers game, and you'd have to be deaf not to hear Brandon Rodgers.

Rodgers, the Steers' senior first baseman, plays the game with emotion, and it shows as much in his chatter as anything else. With his high-toned West Texas drawl, Rodgers makes his presence easily known, either exhorting or consoling teammates or shouting instructions to outfielders.

It's all just part of being a leader, he says.

"I've always played real intense," he said. "I don't think I could go out there and relax. I've always been a real competitive. But then, the whole team's competitive. We don't like to lose."

His brand of leadership is appreciated, both by his teammates and his coach.

"He's a great first baseman, and an overall good team leader," shortstop Ricky Gonzales said. "He keeps us up most of the time... He's a good guy who we can rely on. If it came down to the nitty-gritty, he's one of those guys you'd like to take to war."

"He's kind of a fiery player, you might say," BSHS coach Bobby Doe said. "He plays on emotion, and that helps the team, enthusiasm-wise. That helps in the sense of keeping the team up."

Since Doe does not keep individual or team statistics, it is impossible to quantify Rodgers' contribution to the team. But suffice to say, he has been an integral part of the Steers ever since joining the varsity squad his sophomore year.

Since that time, he has become a fixture at first base, and, as the number three hitter in the lineup, is counted upon to be one of the main producers on the team.

Rodgers calls himself an "average" hitter.

"When I go up to the plate, you just try to do the best you can do," he said. "I know I'm not going to get a hit every time, but if not, I'll just go back and hopefully get a hit the next time."

It is his hitting, Doe said, that has



RODGERS

Send-off party will be Friday at Steer Park

The Steer baseball team will leave for Abilene Friday at 2 p.m.

Fans of the Steers are invited to come to Steer Park Friday at 1:30 p.m. to give the team a send-off.

The game will be played at Hardin-Simmons University's Hunter Field. The Herald listed an incorrect site in Monday's paper.

shown the most improvement over the past three seasons. But ask Doe about the best quality Rodgers brings to the team, and the answer is simple.

"Leadership," he said.

For his part, Rodgers does not shy away from the role, but spreads credit around to his teammates on the senior-dominated team.

"If one of the guys is down, or makes an error, I try to get him back up," Rodgers said. "But I think everybody on the team helps everybody out in those kind of situations."

STEERS VS. FORT WORTH ARLINGTON HEIGHTS

What: Class 4A regional baseball playoff (best-of-three format).

Where: Hunter Field, Hardin-Simmons University, Abilene.

When: Game 1 - 7:30 p.m. Friday.

Game 2 - 1 p.m. Saturday. Game 3 (if needed) - 30 minutes after conclusion of Game 2.

How to get to Hunter Field: 1-20 east to Abilene. Take Hardin-Simmons exit (sign will mark exit) and turn right (south) onto Pine Street. Signs will lead to Hardin-Simmons.

Tickets: \$4 for adults, \$2 for children.

Olajuwon grabs NBA MVP award for the first time

By The Associated Press

HOUSTON — Hakeem Olajuwon tirelessly repeats the team concept of NBA basketball, but his Houston Rockets teammates know where they'd be without their MVP center.

"He's the focal point of our offense, what we feed off of," Rockets coach Rudy Tomjanovich said. "The 3-point baskets we get? The reason we get them is because of Hakeem."

Olajuwon, after 10 years in the league, finally was rewarded on Tuesday with his first Most Valuable Player honor, after leading the Rockets to a franchise record (58-24) and the Western Conference final.

"There are a few great players who can go on the floor and make the other guys better," guard Kenny Smith said. "Hakeem is one of those."

Rookie Sam Cassell quickly learned the value of having Olajuwon as a protective force on defense.

"You can take chances, gamble because you know he is back there to slap it away," Cassell said.

Olajuwon beat out David Robinson of San Antonio and Scottie Pippen of Chicago for the award after finishing second to Phoenix's Charles Barkley last year.

Although honored to receive the award, Olajuwon insists on mentioning his teammates.

"As far as I'm concerned, my teammates are the MVP," Olajuwon said.

Tomjanovich sees a movie here. "It's a wonderful story," Tomjanovich said. "Here's a guy who comes to this country and hasn't played much organized basketball and he becomes the MVP."

"You love to have a guy with that work ethic. It makes it so much easier for a coach to have a star player who likes to work. He's right up there with the best, (Bill) Russell, (Kareem) Abdul-Jabbar. He's there."

Olajuwon, a native of Lagos, Nigeria, played at Houston and led the Cougars to the Final Four. He is the first foreign-born player to win the MVP.

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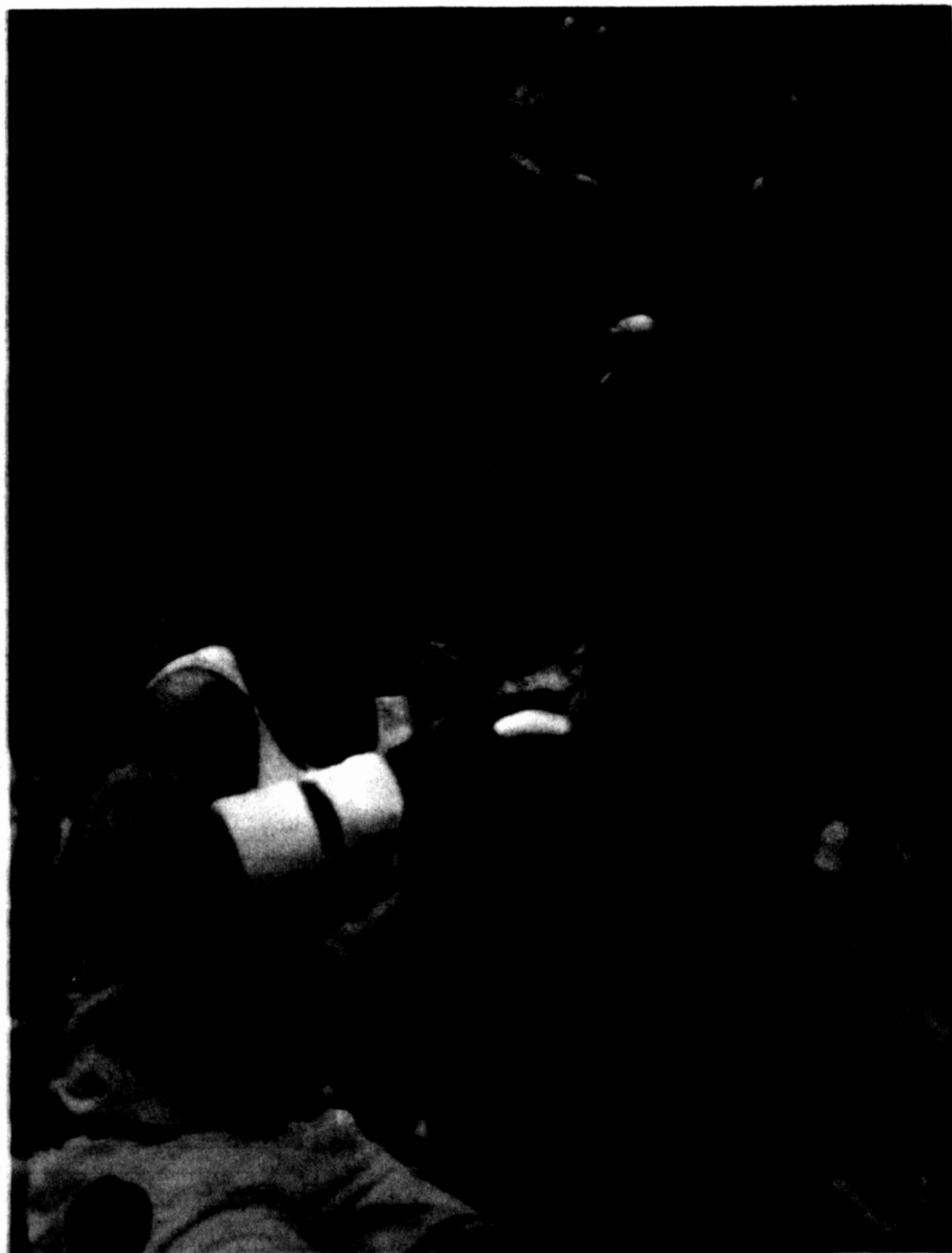
He received 889 points, including 66 first-place votes, from a panel of sports writers and broadcasters, who each voted for five candidates with points awarded on a 10-7-5-3-1 basis.

Robinson received 730 points and 24 first-place votes, while Pippen had 390 points and seven first-place votes. Shaquille O'Neal of Orlando received 289 points and Patrick Ewing of New York was next with 255. Olajuwon was the only player named on all 101 ballots.

Olajuwon ranked third in the league this year in scoring, fourth in rebounding and second in blocks. He was the only NBA player to rank among the top five in all three categories. Olajuwon also shot .528 percent from the field, 10th best in the NBA.

Olajuwon is averaging 30.6 points in the playoffs while leading the Rockets to the Western Conference final against Utah. He scored 31 points Monday as Houston beat the Jazz 100-88 in the opening game of their best-of-7 series.

He moved into third place on the NBA's career list for blocked shots, raising his total to 2,741. He trails only Kareem Abdul-Jabbar (3,189) and Mark Eaton (3,064).



Hakeem Olajuwon (34) drives to the basket in a playoff game against Phoenix last week. Olajuwon, in his 10th year with the NBA's Houston Rockets, was named league Most Valuable Player Tuesday.

Young 'Dogs smiling after playoff win

By DAVE HARGRAVE
Sports Editor

COAHOMA - The Coahoma baseball team is trying to claim new territory - a win in the area round of the state playoffs.

The lack of experience doesn't seem to bother the Bulldogs.

Coahoma (11-6, champions of District 6-2A) plays Lockney at 1 p.m. at Lubbock's Lowery Field Friday. The winner of the one-game playoff is area champion; the loser goes home.

Coahoma players like their chances for a variety of reasons, but one advantage clearly stands out.

"We've got a great pitcher right there," said Coahoma junior outfielder Jeff Phernetton as he watched Brandon McGuire take batting practice. "We've got him, so we're in good shape."

McGuire (7-1), a junior right-hander, finished the regular season with 100 strikeouts in 50 1/3 innings. He allowed just 26 hits, and his ERA was 0.79.

Thursday, in Coahoma's 12-2 bi-district win over Marfa, McGuire survived six Coahoma errors to throw a six-inning no-hitter. McGuire can do a lot of the damage for the Bulldogs, but he can't do it all. The Bulldogs will need another strong game at the plate - they rapped 11 hits against Marfa - and the playoff win should help.

"It feels so good to have finally won a playoff game," Phernetton said. "It's been three long years, but we finally got it, and I think now we'll do even better. Two years in a row, not scoring a run, was really hard."

Phernetton is referring to his first two years on the team, but anyone on the Bulldogs would likely tell you the same thing. Coahoma has reached the playoffs every year of its four-year baseball history, but the first three seasons it was shut out in the first game of the playoffs.

The playoff win was a bit ugly Thursday because of the six Coahoma errors, and the sloppiness wasn't lost on the players.

"We made too many errors, too many mistakes that we don't need," said Coahoma sophomore catcher

BULLDOGS VS. LOCKNEY

What: Class 2A area baseball playoff.

Where: Lowery Field, Lubbock.

When: 1 p.m. Friday.

How to get to Lowery Field: Highway 87 to Lubbock. Take Business 87 exit to 66th Street. Left on 66th to Lowery Field.

Brian Ruiz. "You can't make that many errors, especially in the playoffs. The games can go either way."

On the surface, Coahoma's success seems surprising because of its youth. The Bulldogs have one senior, four juniors and a ton of sophomores and freshmen. The youth has shown at times, but that hasn't kept Coahoma from a bi-district title and a possible area championship.

The lone senior is Murphy Henry, who has been part of the program since it began. Henry doesn't start, but he's one of Coahoma's top pinch hitters.

"We had some other seniors early, but some quit or failed out," Henry said. "It's tough, not playing all the time, but that's what I've been doing all year. You still work hard. Even if you might not play, it's nice to know the coach has enough confidence in you to bring you in when the game is on the line."

Everything is on the line Friday, and Coahoma coach Doc Rowell has that confidence that Henry spoke of in all of his players. Rowell said his goal is to have Coahoma become synonymous with baseball and the playoffs. He's halfway there, considering the Bulldogs' streak of playoff appearances, but now comes the harder part: putting together a playoff run.

"This is what I've wanted to do," Rowell said. "I want this team to get as far as it can this year, then really shoot for it next year, cause we've only got the one senior, and we've got five freshmen that are really contributing."

Three Steers choose McMurry

By DAVE HARGRAVE
Sports Editor

A trio of Big Spring High School football players have agreed to play football at McMurry University in Abilene.

Torbin Lancaster, Lonnie Jackson and Josh Jones have each accepted an academic grant to attend McMurry and play football for the Indians, who finished 8-2 last season as the 18th-ranked team in NAIA Division II. McMurry coach Joe George said McMurry does not offer athletic scholarships; only academic.

"All three have told me they are coming, and all three have accepted financial aid," George said. "I'm proud to have them. All three are good players, and they can step right in and help us. They've been coached well, and they all have experience running the same kind of offense and defense that we run here, so that may put them a little bit ahead of some of the others we've recruited."

Lancaster, a 6-foot-1, 180-pound linebacker, had 104 tackles for Big Spring in 1993. Lancaster registered three sacks, one interception, one fumble recovery for a touchdown and two blocked punts for the top defensive unit in District 3-4A.

Jackson, 5-8, 165, had an equally stellar season from the backfield, rushing 158 times for 1,094 yards.

Jones, a 5-10, 185-pound defensive back, tallied 52 tackles and three fumble recoveries. He had one interception.

Steve lists frustrating fish follies

Random thoughts while working on my curveball (I hear the Rangers could use a good left-hander):



Steve Reagan

Faithful readers will find a weekly fishing report on our sports pages. It has recently come to my attention that fishing is a sport, although I would tend to disagree.

Football is a sport.
Baseball is a sport.
Baseball is fun.
Soccer is a sport.
Soccer is ... well, it looks like fun.
Fishing is not a sport.
Fishing is not fun.
Fishing is an exercise in futility.
I don't hate fishing, mind you, and there are times that being on a boat in the middle of a lake, with miles separating you from the nearest phone, seems to be an almost idyllic existence.
But the ultimate object of fishing, it would seem to me, is to catch fish, and to that end I am an unmitigated failure.
The funny thing is, I should be good at fishing, if genes mean anything. Granddad Mitchell was, I wager, the best fisherman in any three counties you want to name. Granddad Reagan was no slouch,

either. My father was an excellent fisherman, as is my oldest brother.
Me? Well, I look good holding a rod and reel, I have to admit. And I can bait a hook without severing any major arteries (mine, not the worm's). And I can cast without causing severe injuries to bystanders.
But if you were dependent on me catching a fish for your survival, you would be better off making your peace with God.
Watching Bill Dance or some other expert reel in about 80 or so pounds of bass an episode proves one of two things: Either A) Those guys are better fishermen than I can ever hope to be, or B) the programs' editors are working overtime to make these boys look better than they really are.
In my dreams, I have caught a 10-pound bass. In my fantasies, I have netted a 40-pound catfish

using nothing but my trusty Zebco and guile. My inner self swears that I could feed a family of eight through the winter, with them singing hosannas to my fishing skill while they burp contentedly.

But when my musing meets the cold, harsh morning of reality, I am forced to concede that I am the fishing equivalent of the last kid picked to play baseball.

You might be thinking: All fishermen are liars, so maybe I'm lying about my lack of skill.

Well, let me tell you about my big catch.

I promise, this won't take long. The family was spending a week or so at Possum Kingdom Lake near Graham a few years back, and I got one of those uncontrollable urges to try my hand at casting.

Anyway, there on the dock, with only God as my witness, I cast the line and, much to my pleasant surprise, got an honest-to-goodness bite. Although this was not a common occurrence, some sort of memory forced me to yank on the line, else the critter probably would have made a clean getaway right there.

A couple of minutes later, I pulled my trophy ashore. It was a

gleaming white bass, all 1 1/4 pounds of him.
No big deal, right?

Wrong. Remember, we're talking about the fishing nebbish here. I was so proud of my haul that I immediately ran up to the cabin to inform the world of my accomplishment.

My family, obviously as shocked as I was by the development, came down to the dock to view the fish. When he saw it, another of my brothers - who doesn't even pretend to enjoy fishing - said, "That's nice, Steve," in the same tone of voice usually reserved for, "Let's humor him, shall we?"

Then he headed back to the cabin. I think he was right in the middle of an engrossing Reader's Digest article.

Then the rest of the family joined him. Maybe it was a group reading.

I think it was at that moment, alone again on the dock, that I decided I wasn't meant to be a modern version of the Old Man And The Sea. It was a sobering reality, but I finally soothed my bruised ego with a comforting thought:

Bill Dance probably has cooties.

Sidewinders conquer state; next is nationals

By STEVE REAGAN
Sportswriter

Another year, another state title. No doubt about it: The Sidewinders are in one serious rut. The Sidewinders, the local YMCA's gymnastics group, dominated last weekend's state YMCA gymnastics meet for the fifth time in the last six years.

The Big Spring group brought home state titles in two divisions: Level 6 (ages 12-14) and developmental (12-14). In addition, the Sidewinders qualified seven gymnasts for next month's national YMCA meet in San Diego, Calif.: Casey McKim, Stephanie Stewart, Kristen Myers, Emily Mouton, Jana Duncan, Caytlan McCarthy and Hayley Whiteside.

Other YMCA teams in the state must find this streak kind of boring, and Sidewinders director Russ McEwen might feel likewise - that is, if he didn't enjoy the situation so much.

"It was awesome, absolutely," he said. "The Level 6 kids came through well. They had a goal of

winning state, and that's just what they did ... Although I wasn't sure what the standings would be until after all the routines, I knew our kids won by a fairly substantial margin."

The Sidewinders' three Level 10 gymnasts also had strong meets, McEwen said. Myers scored a career-best 36.4 in the all-around competition, while McKim and Stewart each totaled 34.45 points.

Gee, coach, were there any disappointments at the meet?

"No, not really," McEwen answered. "Every child did very, very well. (Level 8 competitors) Emily Mouton, Jana Duncan and Allison Miller all had exceptionally good meets."

But he was especially proud of his Level 6 champs, including Julie Golson, Rachele Guinn and Ashley Taylor.

"They did what they were supposed to do," he said. "They worked hard, and trained well, and went into the competition and did just super."

Next for the Sidewinders is the national meet, which begins June 26.

Knicks wear down Pacers

By The Associated Press

NEW YORK — The New York Knicks and the Indiana Pacers were supposed to be teams with similar styles, and that certainly proved true in the opener of the Eastern Conference finals.

Both centers, Patrick Ewing and Rik Smits, had big performances, and shooting guards Reggie Miller and John Starks had subpar offensive games.

What separated the two teams in the Knicks' 100-89 victory Tuesday night was the support Ewing received inside from Charles Oakley and outside from Hubert Davis and Greg Anthony.

"I thought that Oakley was the difference," Pacers coach Larry Brown said. "When you get down to late in the game, you can't give up those

offensive rebounds. We had a chance when we were down just 85-83, but Oakley made some great plays."

Ewing finished with 28 points, 11 rebounds and six blocks, but that was offset by Smits' 27 points and 10 rebounds in just 27 minutes.

"I felt good out there, but we didn't win and that's the bottom line," Smits said.

No one else on the Pacers had more than 14 points, while Oakley had 20 points and 13 rebounds in support of Ewing. In addition, Anthony scored 16 points with three 3-pointers and Davis had 12 points with two fourth-quarter 3-pointers.

Indiana didn't get its only 3-point-er until the final minute. Miller's 14 points were eight under his playoff average, and he got off just 11 shots.

"We know that he is capable,

more than capable," Knicks coach Pat Riley said of Miller. "He burned us for 31 points a game last year in the playoffs."

Miller, however, blamed himself for the loss.

"I have to step up, be more aggressive," he said.

"We got 27 points on 17 shots from Rik, but the Knicks did a tremendous job of defending our other scorers," Brown said.

In their first game since dethroning the Chicago Bulls, the Knicks held Indiana to six points in the final four minutes after the Pacers closed to 85-83. Davis' second 3-point-er of the quarter and a tip-in by Oakley put the Knicks back in control.

"These two teams have two great centers, and when you can hit a couple of perimeter shots, it opens things up for them," Anthony said.

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Jazz must adjust against Hakeem

By The Associated Press

HOUSTON — When the Utah Jazz needed to stop David Robinson, they told Karl Malone to guard the San Antonio center.

Tonight, the Jazz needs to stop Hakeem Olajuwon.

Does that mean Malone might take over the defensive assignment from Utah center Felton Spencer?

"Whatever my assignment is, if the coach tells me to do it, I'll do it," Malone said.

But coach Jerry Sloan said he

wouldn't change the strategy of having Spencer and someone else focus on guarding Olajuwon.

"People have told me not to do it, that it wouldn't work," Sloan said Tuesday as the Jazz practiced for Game 2 of the Western Conference final. "If Malone guards Hakeem, who guards (Robert) Horry?"

"It was different against Robinson because Spencer could guard (Dennis) Rodman, who doesn't look to score points. This is a totally different situation."

Maybe so, but Utah has to come up with some sort of strategy to pre-

vent a repeat of Monday night's 100-88 Houston victory. In Game 1, Olajuwon scored 31 points despite facing double coverage much of the time.

When Olajuwon found himself triple-teamed or too far from the basket, he passed the ball out. The Rockets passed it around the perimeter and found the open man, and the open man was usually all alone behind the 3-point line. Houston made 10 3-point shots. Kenny Smith had six of them and Vernon Maxwell three.

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Jacqueline Bigar - Horoscope

FOR THURSDAY, MAY 26, 1994

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Take action in the middle of confusion. By being responsible and willing to handle a problem, you come out on top. Creative thinking takes you far. Be clear in your dealings, as the atmosphere for misunderstandings brews. Tonight: Work late. ***

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): You have high-voltage energy. Be aware of what you project. Nervousness is high, especially about a financial matter. Chill out. The results will be much better. Take a walk at lunchtime and reduce stress. Tonight: Make an important long-distance call. ***

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Partners seek you out, but not necessarily with positive news. Roll with the punches. Pressure is high, and you might need to get past a restriction or limit. The more open you are to creativity, the happier you will be. Tonight: Be a romantic. ***

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Exercise to deal with stress. Work-related matters are annoying at best. You need to get settled. An upbeat approach takes you far. Let your inner voice lead you. A boss gives you important direction. Tonight: Make the most of a situation. ***

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Creativity is high. A misunderstanding could cause you to grasp for fast answers and needed change. Because you are so aware of your limits, you will be able to make a big difference in the outcome of a situation. Tonight: Work late. ***

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): There are intense undercurrents today. A family member makes demands. A boss might say you are spending too much time on personal matters. You are doing the juggling act. Be more sincere in your dealings with a loved one. Tonight: Make merry. ***

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Nervous energy surrounds you. Communications are active, forcing a quick decision. A change in plans seems in order. Listen to your instincts about a situation. Prepare to take action quickly. Tonight: Have a talk with a family member. ***

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Express yourself more dynamically. Try to understand what motivates you and another. Creative urges are high. Reach out to another at a distance. Communicate your bottom line. Tonight: Have a key conversation. ***

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): You are in an upbeat period. Do not overdo. Allow yourself to see things from a new point of view. Your sense of humor can make all the difference. Tonight: Balance your checkbook before you go out. ***

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): There is a strong improvement in your day once you get past a misunderstanding. Pressure is high, and you are more jumpy than usual. You know what works for you. It's time to make a statement about your direction. Tonight: Claim your power. ***

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): A friend might put you in a difficult situation, perhaps with your permission. Remember, you can handle the problem. Be more positive about your potential. Another displays caring for you. Tonight: Time for the vanishing act. ***

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Pressure at work is intense. You might need to reorganize your day-to-day life. Listen to your inner voice concerning another. You might need to push to make your points. Now is the time to deal with what's coming up. Tonight: Have fun. ***

IF MAY 26, 1994 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: Partnership options will surround you in the year ahead. It will be a particularly upbeat year. Expect to change how you deal with others. Take a more positive approach. Good communications will come out of arguments. You'll have the wherewithal to actualize what you need out of life. Finances will improve. Your work will be demanding, but will prove to be worthwhile. Relationships will be emphasized all year, but interactions will be especially favored in the winter. If you are single, you'll meet someone through work.

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This date in history
 By The Associated Press

Today is Wednesday, May 25th, the 145th day of 1994. There are 220 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:
 On May 25th, 1979, 275 people died in America's worst domestic air disaster when an American Airlines DC-10 crashed at Chicago's O'Hare airport.

On this date:
 In 1787, the Constitutional Convention was convened in Philadelphia after enough delegates had shown up for a quorum.
 In 1793, Father Stephen Theodore Badin became the first Roman Catholic priest to be ordained in the United States, in a ceremony in Baltimore.
 In 1810, Argentina began its revolt against Spain.
 In 1844, 150 years ago, the first telegraphed news despatch, sent from Washington D.C. to Baltimore, appeared in the Baltimore "Patriot".
 In 1935, baseball great Babe Ruth hit the 714th and final home run of his career, for the Boston Braves, in a game against the Pittsburgh Pirates.
 In 1946, Transjordan (now Jordan) became a kingdom as it proclaimed its new monarch, King Abdullah Ibn Ul-Hussein.
 In 1961, President Kennedy asked the nation to work toward putting a man on the moon by the end of the decade.
 In 1963, the Organization of African Unity was founded, in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.
 In 1968, the Gateway Arch, part of the Jefferson National Expansion Memorial in St. Louis, was dedicated in a rain-soaked ceremony presided over by Vice President Hubert H. Humphrey.

Dear Abby - Letters...

Photo's kissing couple still unknown

DEAR ABBY: At the end of World War II, someone took a picture that appeared on newsreels. It showed a sailor, wearing his sailor's suit, kissing a nurse, wearing a white uniform, on the dock of a ship.

As I recall, the sailor had just gotten off the ship; it was Aug. 14, 1945 - V-J Day - marking the end of the war with Japan. Does anybody know the name of the ship? --M.E.C., SEAMAN FIRST CLASS, WW II

DEAR M.E.C.: The picture of the sailor enthusiastically kissing the nurse was a random shot taken by Alfred Eisenstadt, a photographer with Life magazine. He is now 95 years old and is still with Life.

According to Paul Arbor, syndication manager of Life Picture Sales, that famous picture was taken in Manhattan at Times Square, not on a dock. Life published this photo in a series of 14 shots inside the magazine. However, it was years later before the picture was selected for a cover.

Arbor said it is now one of the three most famous pictures published in Life. Believe it or not, Life magazine does not know the name of the sailor's ship -- or the names of the sailor or the nurse.

DEAR ABBY: The letter from the girl who wanted her mother to walk her down the aisle prompts this letter.

When my son was married, he asked his sister to be his "best man." She is seven years younger, and they have always had a very close and loving relationship.

Although the wedding was formal, it was held outside, on the California coast overlooking the ocean. My daughter wore a tux and, with her beautiful long hair, she looked like a picture.

You are right, Abby; there should be no set rules for weddings. They should be what the

bride and groom want them to be. -- MOTHER OF FIVE

DEAR MOTHER: If every mother of the bride -- or the groom -- were as broadminded and loving as you, my mail would probably be reduced by one-third. I don't know who decided that rules for weddings cannot be altered to suit the wishes of the bride and groom.

After all, a wedding is a celebration of a couple's commitment to each other -- not a Broadway production.

DEAR ABBY: While everyone is telling you what terrible things their kids did to them, let me tell you what my "rotten" son did to me.

I live in Florida, and my six children live in Michigan. I was getting a package a day for a week for my birthday.

Tim, my youngest son, telephoned to see if I had received his surprise. I said, "What surprise?"

He said, "Well, it will arrive soon." While we were talking, my doorbell rang, so I said, "Tim, there's someone at my door -- hang up and I'll call you right back." He replied, "No, Mom, I'll stay on the line."

Well, I opened the door -- and there Tim stood with a cellular phone and a camcorder to videotape my reaction as he handed me my 18-month-old grandson!

I couldn't believe the generosity of my daughter-in-law, Ann, for sending my son and my grandson so that I could have them all to myself.

They stayed from Thursday 'til Monday. A double bonus -- Tim made all the repairs my house needed. -- ISABELLE SIMON, DAYTONA BEACH, FLA.

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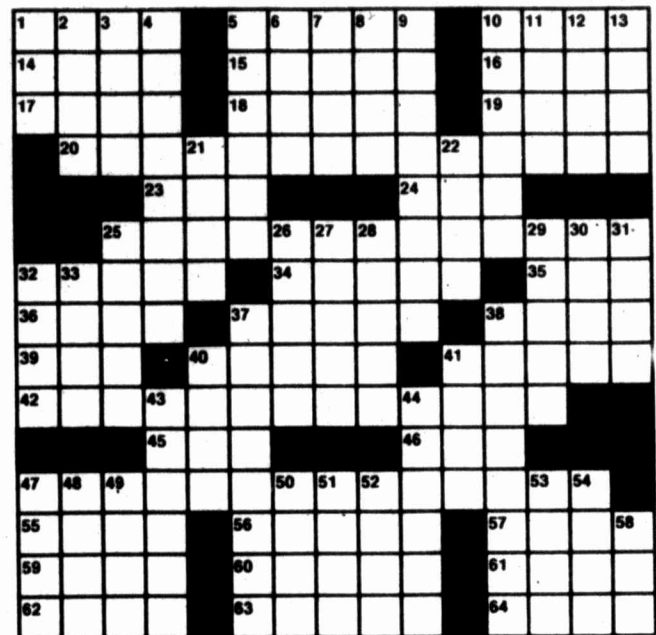
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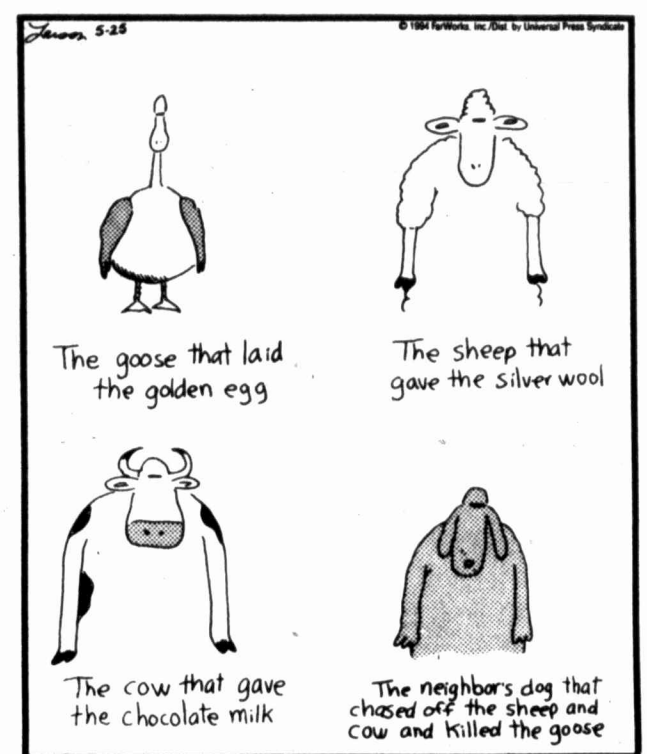
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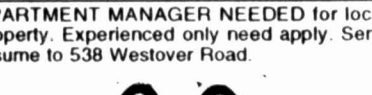
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 Bidders shall visit the site. Arrangements can be made through Mr. Joe Gomes of Turner Construction Company at (915) 728-2002.
 Bid Documents
 Interested bidders should contact Mr. Randall Smith of Turner Construction Company at (806) 376-6096 for questions or to secure bidding documents.
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Are You Overdue In Rediscovering Fondue?

Once upon a time, not long ago, all across America a cupboard was empty without a fondue pot. Borrowed from the convivial Swiss, fondue, the communal rite of sitting around a bubbling pot of fragrant, creamy cheese and dunking chunks of bread into it, was a trend enjoyed by everyone.

Happily, today at dinner tables, fondue is being rediscovered for its many dining and easy entertaining pleasures. Happily too, Wisconsin's expert cheesemakers—many with Swiss cheesemaking traditions passed down through generations—produce the creamy, meltable cheese needed to make fondue. The skilled cheesemakers in America's Dairyland make over 250 varieties, types and styles of delicious specialty cheeses which means it's easy to find premium Wisconsin Gruyère or Wisconsin Swiss.

Although the actual origin of cheese fondue is buried in legends, the French-speaking region of Switzerland is generally given credit for its invention and name, "fondre" meaning "to melt." Legends aside, it's likely that the practical Swiss invented fondue to use up stale bread and leftover hard cheese. Given this surmised origin, Americans have a decided advantage in preparing the cheesy delicacy using top quality Wisconsin Gruyère or Wisconsin Swiss. Both grate easily for superior melting and have the nutty flavor that creates the subtly-flavored dish.



minutes until smooth, stirring every 2 minutes. Transfer to fondue pot, set over low heat. Serve with French bread cubes. Makes 8 servings.

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- 4 cups (16 ounces) shredded Wisconsin Gruyère or Swiss Cheese
- 3 tablespoons all-purpose flour
- 1/8 teaspoon white pepper
- 1/8 teaspoon garlic powder
- 1 cup dry white wine
- 1 pound French bread, cut into 1-inch cubes

In 2-quart microwave-safe casserole dish, place cheese, flour and seasonings; toss to combine. Place wine in microwave-safe measuring cup; microwave on HIGH for 1 to 2 minutes or until hot. Stir into cheese mixture. Microwave uncovered at MEDIUM for 7 to 9

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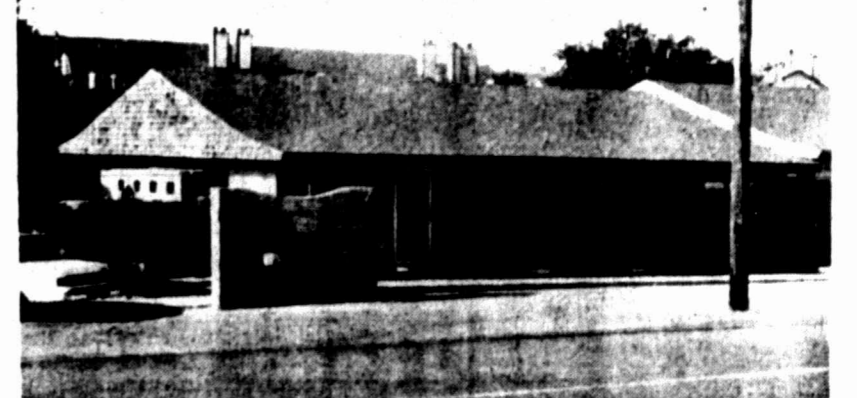
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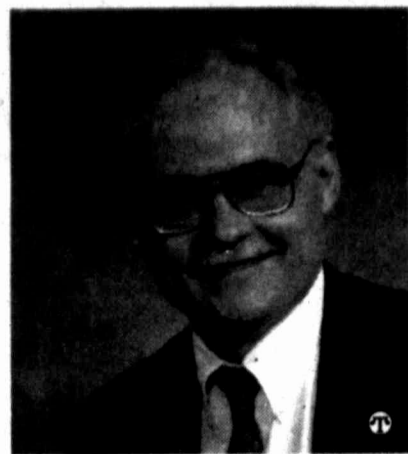
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TDAC is possible because of two recent developments:

"The Food and Drug Administration's approval of Interleukin-2 (IL-2), a substance the body produces in small amounts to stimulate the growth of white blood cells called T-Cells.

"A new technology that enables researchers to grow large numbers of T-cells from tumor specimens.

"TDAC is part of Cancer Treatment Centers of America's commitment to provide cancer patients with the most effective, innovative treatment options," notes Williams. "This process enables us to expand our patients' access to treatment options even when surgery, radiation and chemotherapy have not



Dr. Michael Williams, M.D., Ph.D., Cancer Treatment Centers of America.

eliminated or controlled the growth of cancer cells."

Cancer Treatment Centers of America currently operates two programs: Cancer Treatment Center of Tulsa at Memorial Medical Center in Tulsa, Okla., and Cancer Treatment Centers of America at Midwestern Regional Medical Center in Zion, Ill., near Chicago. Its comprehensive approach to cancer treatment ranges from traditional protocols such as radiation, chemotherapy and surgery as well as more innovative treatments. The program emphasizes treating the whole patient, not just the disease. This means that nutrition, psychological support and pastoral care are all considered important components of the wellness process. For more information about TDAC, call Cancer Treatment Centers of America at 800/367-4357.

All Ages Are Enjoying Video Games

The experts agree that togetherness is the key to family stability, and what better way to spend time together than having fun doing an activity that everyone can enjoy—video gaming! The video game craze is sweeping the nation, with kids of all ages playing for a variety of reasons—as the perfect "downtime" relaxation exercise, just for the fun of it and to live out fantasies that just aren't possible in day-to-day life.

For instance, one easy way for the whole family to help save the planet—the planet Mobius that is—is to take on the role of a feisty blue superhero hedgehog named Sonic. With "faster than a speeding bullet" agility, Sonic The Hedgehog has smirked in the face of danger to conquer evil and capture the hearts of video gamers worldwide.

And he's back—going faster than ever.

Video gamers have been anxiously awaiting the return of this feisty character in the Sega video game sequel, "Sonic The Hedgehog 2." It will be available worldwide from New York to London to Tokyo.

Sonic's popularity is unsurpassed in the video game industry. He is the star of Sega's most popular video game of all time and promises to continue this appeal. Even though the scenery and challenge may change in this new adventure, Sonic's goal remains the same—to help save his

home and rescue his friends from the evil Dr. Robotnik.

Sonic will have help from a new friend, named Tails, an adorable fox-like creature, who has two bushy tails. Tails wants to be just as cool and just as fast as his hero, Sonic, but he's not quite as quick or as clever. So, be sure to keep an eye out for Tails because if he gets into any trouble it will slow down your mission.

But today's video games aren't just about capturing the bad guy and staying out of trouble, they also encourage personal growth. Valuable lessons can be learned from playing video games. For instance, problem-solving and decision-making are necessary to continue to the next level of game play. When zipping through the air and water, aerodynamic skill and control are required. Finally, the rules of friendly competition are exercised when two players race independently to the finish. This dramatic split-screen action is only possible on "Sonic The Hedgehog 2."

Any way you play, gamers will experience the playing power of two times the challenge and fun of the original Sonic game, in addition to all-new worlds, zones, music and maneuvers.

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