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Symbols of strength planted in remembrance of bombing victims

By KELLIE JONES
Staff Writer

A tree planting ceremony this morning at the Big Spring VA Medical Center marked the National Veterans Administration Day of Remembrance for the victims and survivors of the Oklahoma City bombing.

The ceremony took place at 9:05 a.m., the exact time the

bomb exploded one month ago. Secretary of Veterans Affairs Jesse Brown has declared May 19 as the day of remembrance. Tree planting ceremonies are taking place across the country at all VA offices.

Brown commented, "It is important that we observe the anniversary of this terrible tragedy, not only for those who lost their lives but also for those who lives will be forever

changed. "The senseless act that occurred on April 19 deeply touched all of us. Federal employees at every agency throughout the country have demonstrated their compassion for the victims and survivors, as well as their dedication to continue to fulfill their obligations to those they serve." Officials decided to plant a tree because it symbolizes life,

strength and perseverance. "We don't plant trees for ourselves; we plant them for future generations to enjoy, and that is why this tree will be a wonderful reminder for all who pass by for years to come that the American spirit will continue to persevere, even in the worst of times," commented Pat Atkins, local VA Center public affairs officer. There were eight VA employ-

ees in the federal building when it exploded. Four of them were injured and everyone survived. A VA crisis intervention team provided counseling at the bomb site and other locations to survivors, family members and relief workers.

According to officials with the American Police Hall of Fame, more law enforcement officers were killed in the bombing than any other incident in the coun-

try's history. Out of the 166 bodies recovered, 14 have been identified as federal law enforcement officers. Officials believe the toll may reach 40 as more bodies are identified. Those assigned to the building at the time included 70 personnel of the Drug Enforcement Agency, Bureau of Alcohol Tobacco and Firearms, Secret Service and U.S. Customs Service.

Roasted!

CRMWD bids farewell to only secretary-treasurer

By CARLTON JOHNSON
Staff Writer

About 100 friends, family members, and coworkers of 84-year old Joe Pickle honored him Thursday during a retirement luncheon roast at the Big Spring Country Club.

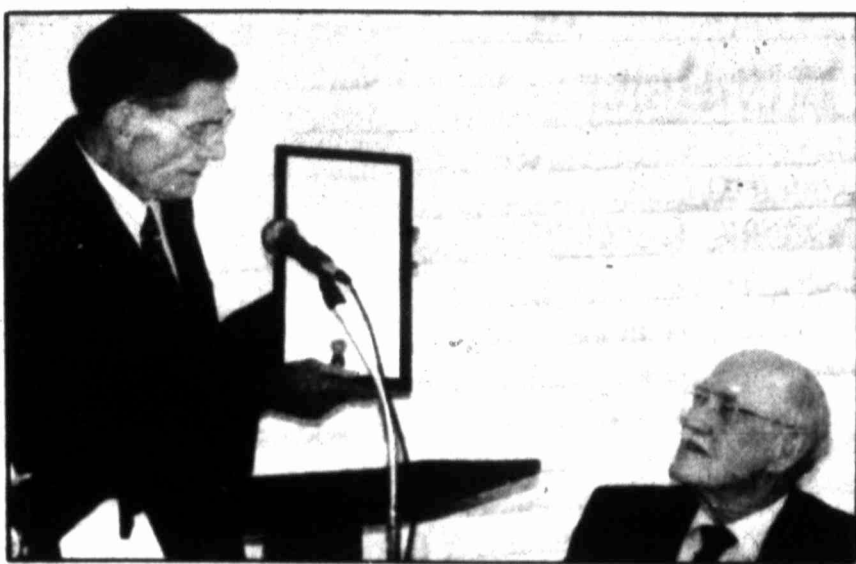
Several people praised Pickle for his longevity in service to the Colorado River Municipal Water District as the only secretary-treasurer the district has had in its 46-year history.

Pickle's tenure with the CRMWD began when he was on assignment as a reporter for the Big Spring Herald to cover an organizational meeting of what was, in 1949, called the Colorado River Water Association.

When the CRMWD was officially created on May 31, 1949, by the 51st Texas Legislature, Pickle was elected secretary-treasurer, a position he held until he announced his retirement May 1.

CRMWD Board of Directors President John Taylor read two resolutions, one thanking Pickle for his 46 years of service to the CRMWD and the other appointing him as Secretary-Treasurer Emeritus of the CRMWD.

As a retirement gift from the district, Taylor presented Pick-



CRMWD president John Taylor presents a proclamation to Joe Pickle during his retirement party at the Big Spring Country Club Thursday afternoon. Pickle was being honored as one who wrote flowery proclamations.

le with four round-trip tickets anywhere in the continental U.S. on American Airlines.

Taylor, continuing to praise Pickle, said the district wanted to give Pickle a traditional gold watch as a retirement gift, but one board member suddenly pointed out the price of gold, killing that idea. He added when you're as old as Pickle, time is the last thing you want to be reminded of.

As friends and family laughed, Taylor also added

someone also wanted to get Pickle a computer, but someone remembered that Pickle still hasn't learned how to use a typewriter.

As he finished his roast of Pickle, Taylor said, "I'll tell you Mr. Pickle, we admire you, we respect you, and we love you."

Longtime neighbor and friend Mack Underwood said, "I've known Joe for 75 years. We've had some wonderful

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Retirement marks the end of an era

By CARLTON JOHNSON
Staff Writer

The retirement of Joe Pickle from the Colorado River Municipal Water District marks the end of an era for many in Big Spring.

According to one guest at Thursday's retirement luncheon for Pickle, he's gone but definitely will not be forgotten. Among the praises for Pickle's remarkable tenure at the CRMWD were resolutions sent by Congressman Charles Stenholm and State Rep. David Counts.

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JOE PICKLE

McVeigh to be examined for competency

EL RENO, Okla. (AP) — Bombing suspect Timothy McVeigh is being subjected to a "kind of psychological warfare" with 24-hour camera surveillance in his prison isolation cell, his lawyer said Thursday.

Calling the treatment unnecessary and potentially harmful, lawyer Stephen Jones said he'll ask Attorney General Janet Reno to remove the camera.

Jones spoke after a preliminary hearing at which a federal magistrate ordered that a second suspect, Terry Nichols, also remain jailed at the El Reno Federal Correctional Institution.

Jones said he will have McVeigh's mental and physical health examined to ensure he is competent to stand trial, although he said he had no reason to doubt McVeigh's mental health. McVeigh hasn't attempted or threatened suicide or even been unruly, Jones said.

"I see the camera as simply an attempt to engage in a kind of psychological warfare and I think ultimately, perhaps, would have an effect on his mental stability — which might

in turn affect the trial, at least the date of the trial, or whether one is ever held," Jones said. Justice Department spokesman Carl Stern would not comment on Jones' statement.

McVeigh, 27, has been in federal custody since two days after the April 19 bombing, which killed 167 people when it shattered a federal office building in Oklahoma City.

U.S. Magistrate Ronald Howland ruled after Thursday's hearing that there was probable cause to keep Nichols, 41 — a buddy of McVeigh — in custody on bombing charges.

Nichols' lawyer, Michael Tigar, argued that his client is a victim of guilt by association and questionable circumstantial evidence. "There are people out there who hold anti-government views," Tigar said. "Making inferences from associations is always dangerous."

Nichols has been in custody since he surrendered to police near his home in Herington, Okla.

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Sightreading, solo and ensemble, marching, orchestra

Bulldog band first

By MARY McATEER
Staff Writer

"Play it again, Sam," could be a theme for the Coahoma High School Bulldog Band in 1995.

After winning Regional Competitions in Sightreading, Orchestra, Marching Band, and Solo and Ensemble with straight First Division Ratings, the Bulldogs went to concert competition in New Braunfels determined to do it again, and they did.

Receiving firsts from all three judges in the competition, they were judged outstanding band of their division. Twenty-seven

bands were entered in the New Braunfels contest, seven in direct competition with Coahoma: Post, Jayton, Luling, Johnson City, Blanco, George West, and Jal, N.M.

The straight first ratings in regional competition have been achieved four times previously in the state of Texas.

The three-day, two-night trip for the band began with departure from Coahoma at 7 a.m. May 5. On the way to New Braunfels, the band took advantage of the opportunity to tour Fredericksburg and the LBJ State Park.

Saturday morning began with

the triumphant performance in competition and ended with fun at the Schlitterbaun, the largest water park in Texas.

Sunday, members of the band offered a performance of prayer, mime, and music at the island in the Schlitterbaun that spectators described as "extremely powerful and moving."

The day's activities included touring San Marcos and Occaruna Springs, and a visit to the State Capitol at Austin. Members of the band then visited Northcross Mall for a try at ice skating.

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The Coahoma Bulldog band accomplished something few bands do - first division in marching, sightreading, orchestra and solo and ensemble competitions.

U.S. Trivia

When did the U.S. threaten France with war over expelled diplomats and raids on shipping?

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WORLD/NATION

Nation: Shawn Timothy Nelson lost his job and was about to lose his home. The electricity, telephone and water had been turned off. He had a drug habit that was ruling his life. See page 8A.

STATE

Suicide
A Wal-Mart assistant manager shot and killed himself with a sawed-off shotgun Thursday in a back room of the store, horrifying at least a dozen witnesses. See page 3A.

Posse rides after guitar thief
Like an Old West posse, patrons of the Hole in the Wall nightclub weren't going to sit still when someone snatched guitarist Miles Zuniga's Gibson Chet Atkins Tennesseean guitar. See page 3A.

Stalking law strengthened
The Texas House has tentatively approved three bills that would strengthen the rights of stalking victims. See page 5A.

TODAY'S WEATHER

Tonight **91** ▲ Highs **60**
Lows ▼

Partly cloudy
Tonight, partly cloudy, low around 60, south winds 10 to 20 mph.

Permian Basin Forecast
Saturday: Partly sunny, high lower 90s, south winds 15 to 25 mph, gusty, lake caution advised; fair night, low near 60.
Sunday: Partly sunny, high lower 90s, south winds 15 to 25 mph, gusty, lake caution advised; fair night, low near 60.

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OBITUARIES

John Clifton

Services for John Alvin Clifton, 81, Colorado City, will be 2 p.m. Saturday, May 20, 1995, at the First United Methodist Church, Colorado City, with Rev. Howard Qulett officiating. Burial will follow in the Colorado City Cemetery under the direction of Kiker-Seale Funeral Home, Inc., Colorado City.

Mr. Clifton died Thursday, May 18, in Mitchell County Hospital.

He was born Jan. 5, 1914, in Salina, Okla., and married Mildred O'Brien on April 12, 1936, in Sivell's Bend, Texas. Mr. Clifton had been a resident of Colorado City since 1965. He was a 42 year employee of Sun Oil Co. as an oil tester. He was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Colorado City.

Survivors include his wife: Mildred Clifton, Colorado City; two daughters: Barbara Bowman, Goree, and Sandra Hendrix, Colorado City; one brother: Claude Clifton, Mesa, Ariz.; four sisters: Lucille McCollum, Fort Worth, Willie Mae Allison, Georgetown, Virginia Hamilton, Mesa, Ariz., and Geraldine Chism, Lubbock; three grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials to the American Liver Foundation, 1425 Pompton Ave., Cedar Grove, N.J. 07009.

Blanche Lilly

Blanche James Lilly, 86, of Big Spring, died on Thursday, May 18, 1995, in a Lubbock hospital. Services will be 2 p.m. Saturday, May 20, 1995, at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with Royce Clay, minister of 14th & Main Church of Christ, officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

She was born on April 7, 1909, in Llano County, Texas and married Orville C. James on June 19, 1934, in Colorado City. He preceded her in death in 1975. She later married J.B. Lilly in November of 1976 in Sand Springs, and he preceded her in death in 1978.

She was a member of the Retired Teachers Association and the Retired Senior Volunteer Program.

She came to Big Spring in 1950 and taught school for 30 years with the Big Spring Independent School District.

She was a member of the 14th & Main Church of Christ.

Survivors include a son: Newlin "Chuck" James, Stanton; three granddaughters: Melani Walton, Stanton, Stefani Foreman and Kati James, both of Temple; two great-grandsons:

Keaton Foreman, Temple, and Garrett Walton, Stanton; one sister: Louise Logan, Eldorado, and one brother: Willard Newlin, Waldron, Ark.; two brothers-in-law: A.A. Cooper, Big Spring, and Fred Logan, Eldorado; two step-sons: M.A. "Shorty" Lilly, Sand Springs, and Emmitt B. Lilly, Lometa; two step-daughters: Iris Conner, of Robert Lee, and Mildred Hocker, Saratoga, Calif.; 10 step-grandchildren; and several step-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death also by her parents, two brothers and three sisters.

Pallbearers will be Charlie Shanks, Tommy Vick, Don Swinney, Carlos Humphrey, James Fryar and Kenneth Lane.

The family suggests memorials to: 14th & Main Church of Christ, 1401 Main St., Big Spring, Texas 79720.

Paid obituary

Bombing

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Kan., after hearing he was wanted for questioning. Tigar suggested that his voluntary surrender showed Nichols is innocent.

"The guilty flee where no man pursueth, but the righteous are as bold as a lion," Tigar said, quoting from the Bible's Book of Proverbs.

That drew a reply from Merrick Garland, of Reno's office, that Nichols "came in voluntarily because he knew he was being looked for. That does not suggest innocence."

Howland gave Tigar seven days to file a motion in support of bail for Nichols. After that, prosecutors will have seven days to respond before a judge schedules a hearing.

The lone witness at Thursday's hearing, FBI Agent Errol Myers, testified mainly about what authorities have said was bomb-making material found in Nichols' home. The material had already been cited in an affidavit that supported charging Nichols.

Nichols, not shackled or handcuffed, listened, calmly and sometimes took notes.

Band

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The band returned to Coahoma at 1:15 a.m. Monday, and according to Band Director John Ivey, "We were all in our first period class."

Twelve band members will compete at the UIL state solo and ensemble contest May 26-28 in Austin.

The band's final concert is scheduled for 2 p.m. Sunday, followed by their final performance at graduation ceremonies May 25.

Suit filed over false classification

ABILENE (AP) — When the government thinks you're dead, life isn't easy, a Big Spring woman says.

Karen Lowe's lawsuit, filed Monday in an Abilene federal court, contends the Social Security Administration in 1985 mistakenly classified her as dead in its records.

The agency never altered that status even though she was working, using her Social Security number and paying taxes, her lawsuit says.

The lawsuit seeks \$5 million in damages.

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POLICE

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following incidents during a 24 hour period ending 8 a.m. Friday:

•**LEE ANN ELLEN CAMPBELL**, 18, of 108 East 16th, was arrested for theft over \$20 and under \$500. She was transferred to the county jail and released on a \$2,000 bond.

•**JEANNIE DANIELLE KNOX**, 19, of 1108 Mount Vernon, was arrested for theft over \$20 and under \$500. She was transferred to the county jail and released on a \$2,000 bond.

•**MICHAEL LYNN LIVELY**, 23, of Route 2 Box 26, was arrested for theft over \$20 and under \$500. He was transferred to the county jail and released on a \$500 bond.

•**HEATHER DAWN BIRDWELL**, 19, of 108 East 16th, was arrested for theft over \$20 and under \$500 and for outstanding DPS warrants for speeding and having an expired driver's license. She was transferred to the county jail and released on a \$2,500 bond.

•**YESENIA DAVILA**, 17, of 3215 Auburn, was arrested for minor in possession of alcohol.

•**MARYBELL CONTRERAS**, 17, of 1002 North Main, was arrested for minor in possession of alcohol.

•**JESSE ADAM HERNANDEZ**, 17, of 1002 North Main, was arrested for minor in possession of alcohol.

•**KRISH ROMEHERUN NIMITSIL**, 25, of California, was arrested for possession of a controlled substance.

•**TAMMY LYNN BERGER**, 25, of California, was arrested for possession of a controlled substance.

•**RAY CARL MCGEE**, 19, of 1209 Wood, was arrested on outstanding Jones County warrants.

•**QUINCY TYRONE MCGEE**, 17, of 1209 Wood, was arrested on outstanding Jones County warrants.

•**SANTIAGO O. TREVINO**, 54, no address given, was arrested for driving while intoxicated and driving while license suspended.

•**AGGRAVATED ASSAULT WITH A DEADLY WEAPON/FAMILY VIOLENCE** in the 1500 block of Wood.

•**BURGLARY OF A HABITATION** in the 2500 block of Hunter.

•**THEFTS** in the 3900 block of Parkway and 1700 block of East Marcy.

•**SUSPICIOUS INVESTIGATIONS** in the 1200 block of East 11th Place, 300 block of Gregg, 1500 block of Wood and 1500 block of East 15th.

•**DOMESTIC DISTURBANCES** in the 1400 block of Mount Vernon and in the 2000 block of Rummels.

•**CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** in the 600 block of North Bell and

MARKETS

July cotton futures 102.80 cents a pound, up 96 points; June crude oil 19.84 down 16 points; cash hog steady at 39.50 cents even; slaughter steers steady at 63.50 cents even; June live hog futures 43.95, up 70 points; June live cattle futures 60.67, up 37 points; according to Delta Commodities.
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SHERIFF

The Howard County Sheriff's Department reported the following incidents during a 24 hour period ending 8 a.m. Friday:

•**LUIS RAUL LOZANO**, 33, of Eubanks Road, was arrested for family violence. No bond has been set.

•**DAVID WAYNE JUDGE**, 26, of Boulder, Colo., was arrested for revocation of probation for burglary of a habitation. He is being held without bond.

RECORDS

Thursday's temp. 78
Thursday's low 54
Average high 86
Average low 59
Record high 107 in 1927
Record low 45 in 1986
Rainfall Thursday 0.00
Month to date 3.33
Month's normal 1.75
Year to date 6.66
Normal for year 5.53
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IN BRIEF

Duo performs Sunday in Coahoma

Popular folk-rock duo, Adam and Kris, return to the Coahoma Community Concert Sunday evening.

The duo first appeared last September, and their melodic music, tight harmonies, and meaningful and thought provoking lyrics, combined with their mellow folk rock style, were an immediate hit.

Sunday's concert will be a stopover on the way to the Kerrville Folk Festival for Los Angeles based Adam and Kris. Those who missed their first performance, as well as those who were lucky enough to attend, won't want to miss this chance to see and hear them.

The performance begins at 7 p.m. in the social hall of the First Presbyterian Church of Coahoma at 205 N. First Street. Suggested donations at the door are six dollars for individuals or \$15 for families. All proceeds go to the traveling artists. All are invited and welcome.

Coahoma ISD board meets May 22

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Coahoma Independent School District is scheduled for May 22 at 7 p.m. in the Board Room of the Administration Building. Items on the agenda include the following: Elementary school program presentation, board training, personnel matters,

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consideration of a request for a basketball camp, approval of John VanDever as Purchasing Agent, bill payments, financial statement; and budget, membership, maintenance and transportation reports.

Test packets now available

Students who didn't graduate because of the TAAS or TEAMS tests, but met all criteria for graduation, can register for them this summer. Any student can pick up registration packets at Coahoma High School, Monday-Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. All registration packets must be received in Iowa City, Iowa by June 9. If you have any questions, please call 394-4535.

Traffic re-routed for memorial service

Starting at 1 p.m. Friday, the Big Spring Police Department will be rerouting traffic on Fourth Street. Beginning at Johnson Street, the two outside lanes will be open with the inside lane closed. Then once you approach Nolan, you must turn either north or south onto Nolan.

The department will have Fourth Street blocked off from Nolan to Goliad because of their scheduled Peace Officers Memorial Week ceremony.

TxDot workshop set for May 23

The Texas Department of Transportation is sponsoring a minority workshop in Gall on May 23. It is designed to recruit Disadvantaged Business Enterprises and Historically Underutilized Businesses.

The workshop is free and open to the public. It will be at the Borden County Courthouse starting at 6:30 p.m.

The purpose of the workshop is to recruit minority and women owned businesses that sell products and/or services needed by TxDOT and to help educate those who wish to start their own business.

Immunizations set for Saturday

Rotary Clubs of Big Spring are teaming up with the Texas Department of Health to bring "Shots Across Texas" Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Health and Human Service Center in College Park Shopping Center.

"Shots Across Texas" is a state program aimed at immunizing all Texas children for nine vaccine-preventable diseases.

For more information call 263-9775 or 263-9784

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To the rescue!

Nightclub patrons band together to find stolen guitar

AUSTIN (AP) — Like an Old West posse, patrons of the Hole in the Wall nightclub weren't going to sit still when someone snatched guitarist Miles Zuniga's Gibson Chet Atkins Tennessee guitar.

Zuniga, whose name is Max Dillinger when he is on stage with the band Magneto U.S.A., was playing the last verse of the last song of the night Wednesday when a patron grabbed Zuniga's spare guitar and ran.

"He just reached up on stage, grabbed it and booked it," said Alfred Walker, who has worked at the bar-restaurant-pool hall-music venue for all of its 21 years.

"Then everybody in the place, about 20 people, jumped up and headed for the door. Half went to the left, half went to the right."

Zuniga, wrapped up in the closing song, "Human Torch," did not yet miss the guitar, but he sure missed his audience.

"I thought there was some sort of horrible car accident right outside," he said.

"All I knew was we were playing and then the whole bar was running out the door. I thought: 'We don't sound that bad. They stayed there the whole set, why would they leave now?'"

Meanwhile, another musician kept pace with the fleeing thief, but "he didn't want to tackle him because he'd scratch up the guitar," Walker said. "So he said, 'Don't drop the guitar, don't drop the guitar.'"

The man was cornered, the \$1,500 instrument was returned to Zuniga, and a passing police officer arrested Christopher Payne, 19, of Austin.

"I was really grateful," Zuniga said. "I'd been ripped off before, but I never got to see the people who did it. This sort of compounds my fondness for the music community here. That's the cool thing about Austin."



Associated Press photo

Framed through the rear window of an open harse door, Wal-Mart employees, who would identify themselves only as Clint, left, and Phil, right, stand outside a back door after another employee died by an apparently self-inflicted gunshot wound Thursday in Marshall.

Wal-Mart employee kills self in front of co-workers

MARSHALL (AP) — A Wal-Mart assistant manager shot and killed himself with a sawed-off shotgun Thursday in a back room of the store, horrifying at least a dozen witnesses.

Longview resident Alan Dwight McAllister, 32, died after shooting himself once in the face in the discount store's training room, the Marshall News Messenger reported in

Thursday's editions. As many as a dozen people could have witnessed the shooting, which took place about 9:40 a.m. at the Wal-Mart Supercenter.

Police and witnesses told the newspaper that the man did not threaten other employees with the gun. Paramedics on the scene reported that the man was dead when they arrived.

Saldivar denied bond reduction

CORPUS CHRISTI (AP) — The woman charged with the killing of Tejano music icon Selena will continue to be jailed on \$500,000 bond after a judge denied to lower her bond Thursday.

Yolanda Saldivar, 34, made her first appearance in court since her March 31 arrest in the shooting at a Corpus Christi motel. Court-appointed defense attorney Doug Tinker wanted state District Judge Mike West-

ergren to lower the bond to \$10,000. Prosecutors opposed a bond reduction.

Ms. Saldivar founded the Selena Fan Club and was a personal assistant to the star. She also managed Selena's boutique in San Antonio.

Selena's father and manager, Abraham Quintanilla Jr., told investigators that Ms. Saldivar had embezzled more than \$30,000.

Doctors: 15% of patients victims of family violence

DALLAS (AP) — Fifteen percent of patients entering a doctor's office have been victims of domestic violence, according to a Texas Medical Association survey.

The Blue Ribbon Panel on Family Violence, the association's seven-member survey panel, urged physicians to learn the telltale signs of abuse and how to respond to them.

"Despite the widespread presence of domestic violence and its major role in women's health, the medical community has yet to consistently identify victims of domestic violence and extend treatment beyond the physical manifestations of an abusive relationship," the panel said in its report released Thursday, "Domestic Violence: Start the Healing Now."

The survey included 708 patients seen by 14 Texas physicians — eight family practice and six gynecologists — during the first week of April.

Among the highlights:

—195 women, or 33 percent of the 584 responding, said they had been abused during their lives. Verbal abuse accounted for 38 percent and physical abuse, 29 percent.

—32 men, or 26 percent of the 124 responding, said they had been abused at some time in their lives. Forty-six percent of those cases were verbal and 23 percent sexual.

—15 percent of the females said they had been abused during the previous six months. Verbal abuse accounted for 47 percent of the cases.

—12 percent of the males said they had been abused during the previous six months. Of those cases, 75 percent reported verbal abuse.

"It's real surprising on the number of male respondents, particularly teen-agers," said Dr. Diana Fite, the panel chairwoman.

As an emergency room doctor at Houston's Spring Branch Medical Center, Dr. Fite has

treated numerous cases of abuse.

"A lot of times, when you hear quotes about the number of victims of domestic violence, it's hard sometimes to prove the numbers," she said.

"This showed the physicians that some of the patients they are seeing are being abused or have been abused. That could make a difference in their diagnoses."

Few of the approximately 900 women and children who passed through the Women's Shelter of Fort Worth last year were referred by private doctors, said Mary Lee Hafley, the shelter's executive director.

"One of the things I think physicians need to do is know what kind of questions to ask," she said. "When they see those injuries, they may have a hunch but won't know the questions to ask. Then we need to be able to provide them the community referrals they need."

Education winner in new state budget

AUSTIN (AP) — Public education is a winner in a no-new-taxes state budget that will pay for government services in 1996-97, lawmakers said Thursday.

Rep. Rob Junell, D-San Angelo, top House negotiator on the committee that worked out differences between House and Senate budget proposals, said public education would receive \$2 billion more than is currently being spent. The increase would include \$292 million for a teacher pay raise.

"The governor, lieutenant governor and speaker of the House all said to make public education number one," Junell said. "We took that seriously and that's what we've done."

The Legislative Budget Board says that the state's next two-

year spending plan tentatively totals \$79.7 billion, an increase in state funding of \$4.8 billion or 6.5 percent compared to 1994-95.

The House Senate conference committee on appropriations finished technical work on the bill Thursday. After the voluminous bill is printed, the committee will take a final vote and forward it to each chamber for consideration.

The Texas Constitution requires that the comptroller set the maximum amount the state can spend during the next two years.

Andy Welch, a spokesman for Comptroller John Sharp, said the budget plan will be "a real tight fit in terms of meeting certification."

"We can't certify the bill

until we have had a chance to review it in detail, line by line," Welch said. "That could take days, if not weeks."

Lt. Gov. Bob Bullock said this week he feared that the budget proposal might be close to violating constitutional spending limits.

"We can't have that," Bullock said.

Junell said, "I think it's a responsible budget. It doesn't fill all the needs... but I think it fills the basic needs of Texans without having to raise taxes."

According to the Legislative Budget Board, the proposed spending plan comprises \$45.3 billion in general revenue funds, an increase of \$4.6 billion or 11.4 percent over current levels.

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EDITORIAL

Quote of the Day

"Every mind was made for growth, for knowledge; and its nature is sinned against when it is doomed to ignorance."
William Ellery Channing, minister, reformer, 1840

Part of Big Spring says goodbye to CRMWD

I tried to stay on the side of truth and honesty in printing the news.

Those are the words of Joe Pickle who for 43 years was a newspaper man with the Big Spring Herald.

In that time, he did it all from reporting to editing, a part of recording the history of the town and of the time.

He retired from the Herald in 1975 but has spent 20 years with the Colorado River Municipal Water District as secretary and public relations consultant.

He said goodbye to CRMWD at the end of April and was given an appreciation luncheon Thursday by CRMWD. At a minimum, 100 of his closest friends were in attendance but for

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Charles C. Williams DD Turner
Publisher Managing Editor

those of us who can't claim a close friendship, we still know him as an honorable gentleman.

Pickle has had an impact on Big Spring and Howard County. He has been a part of it whether at the newspaper or with CRMWD.

He still doesn't look old enough to have been around since 1931, the year he joined the Herald. He doesn't look old enough to retire.

Everything must come to an end. And, it is with sadness that we see Joe Pickle leaving CRMWD.

RELAYING TODAY



Relay for Life Co-Chairman Judy Johnston (standing) goes over the final details with fellow organizers about this weekend's fund raiser for the American Cancer Society. More than 500 people will take to the track at Blankenship Field at 6 p.m. tonight with teams taking turns walking during a 24-hour period.

New food stamp card nearly on-line

By CARLTON JOHNSON
Staff Writer

One of the first steps in State Comptroller John Sharp's plan to overhaul the state's welfare system is already on-line in parts of Texas and producing results.

According to Sharp, who was the guest speaker at the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce annual banquet in January, overhauling the food stamp program is a major step toward helping people on assistance programs become independent again.

Starting June first, according to Sharp, Texas will launch a major attack on welfare fraud.

"On June 1, the most sweeping attack on bureaucratic bloat and welfare fraud ever will be launched, as the Lone Star Card makes its debut in grocery stores across North Texas and the Gulf Coast region," Sharp said.

"Another 30 Texas counties will come on-line that day," Sharp added as he announced the area start-up date of the Electronic Benefits Transfer program that represents a centerpiece of his wide-ranging welfare reform plan currently before the Texas Legislature.

Sharp said, "This debit-type security card will hold both bureaucrats and the people who depend on temporary public assistance accountable. Not only will it save tax dollars and cut down on fraud, but it may also boost food sales for area grocers."

He added, "In the Houston area, where the card had been in use since Feb. 1, retailers

reported an immediate increase in food sales after the LSC's implementation. From February to March, food sales rose by \$4.5 million, because the benefits can be spent on food and food alone, not on crack cocaine or other illegal activities in the food stamp black market."

The LSC, first proposed by Sharp in his 1991 Breaking the Mold report, is expected to dramatically reduce food stamp fraud throughout the 30-county area.

Sharp said, "In Houston, just six weeks into the system, \$1 million was taken off the black market. These were taxpayer-funded benefits that previously disappeared into the black hole of the black market."

"That's exactly the kind of efficiency we had in mind when we proposed this program and what taxpayers in North Texas can expect beginning next month."

Human services clients and grocery retailers began training on the use of the LSC earlier this month. Clients will use the card to pay for grocery-only food stamp purchases. Also, families who qualify for the Aid to Families with Dependent Children benefits program will use the card to receive payments.

According to Sharp, about 75 percent of the Houston area's grocers have signed agreements to provide food stamps and AFDC benefits with the LSC as the program enters its second phase.

Sharp said, "In three weeks, almost all of the food stamps that North Texas and Gulf Coast clients now use to pay for their groceries will no longer be in

circulation, so retailers who haven't signed their agreements yet, still have time to prepare because on June 1 their food stamp customers will be walking into the store with the LSC in their hands."

According to Texas Commissioner of Human Services Burt Raiford, AFDC grants and food stamp benefits represents a \$500 million investment in the economy of this area.

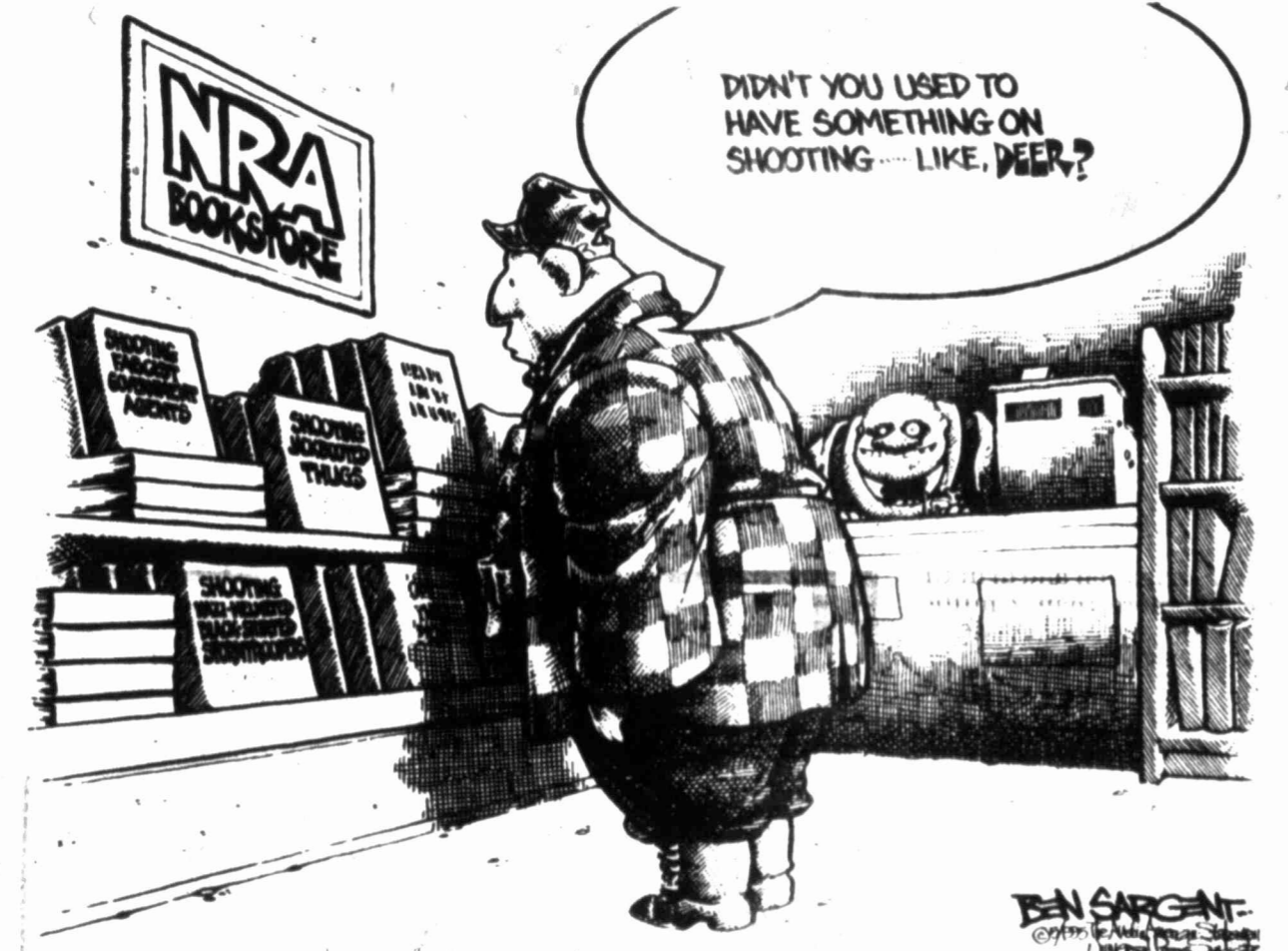
He said, "We want the support of the retail community to make sure Texas has the nation's most efficient system of helping needy citizens, and we join our partners in urging qualified North Texas retailers to join the EBT team."

The Texas Department of Human Services administers the food stamp and AFDC programs, while Austin-based Transactive Corporation is the private operator of the new electronic delivery system.

The LSC is the largest electronic benefits program in the country. And the expansion of the system into the Metroplex and the remaining Gulf Coast counties will double from 200,000 households in Harris and Chambers counties to 400,000 households statewide, making it twice the size of any other program in the country.

The LSC is expected to be implemented statewide by 1996, with 16,000 Texas retail outlets serving 2.7 million recipients in 1.3 million households.

"By the end of this year we plan to abolish food stamps in Texas, and return the program to feeding poor kids, instead of feeding a bureaucracy and a black market of fraud."



Breaking a child like a dog

"This is not the child I know. I see those television pictures that are supposed to make everyone believe he's doing well, and I am consumed with fear. I know that little boy. I know his expressions and the way he walks and the way he looks. Something terrible is going on inside of him."

The speaker is Roger Kirsch, principal of the St. Peter Lutheran School in Schaumburg, Ill., where the 4-year-old boy known as Richard was a preschooler. Since the afternoon of April 30, when Richard was carried from his Schaumburg home sobbing and driven away in a van with people he had met only an hour before -- the woman who gave birth to him and willingly placed him for adoption, and the biological father whom that woman told Richard was dead -- occasional pictures of him at his new home have been published and broadcast.

To people who knew him before he was taken, the pictures are chilling.

"I wake up thinking about it in the middle of the night," Kirsch said. "If those pictures are supposed to be the proof that he's doing fine -- all I can tell you is, if you ever knew that child, the only conclusion you can draw is totally the opposite."

Some friends compare Richard to a hostage. Periodic reports are given about what he is eating, how he is sleep-

ing, what he allegedly is saying. From time to time a photo will appear -- in the weeks to come, all photos of him are likely to be controlled by his biological parents, who are receiving monetary offers for the rights to his likeness. If he is smiling in the photos, if the biological parents or their lawyer say he is happy and not asking about the people he considered to be his mother and father and brother -- well, that's the official word.

"He was a fiery little guy, a leader, always looking for something to do," said Kelly Gulnaugh, a parent who knew Richard. "I know his face, his stride. And the boy we've seen on television..."

She referred to footage of Richard being walked to the biological parents' car for a trip to their therapist for treatment. "He is behaving very unlike the way I ever saw him," she said. "He is marching obediently, he is sitting in the back seat silently, with that blank expression on his face -- this is a little boy in trauma, in some kind of shock. Why is no one being permitted to look into this?"

You can break a dog; you can break a child like a dog. It's only a matter of time. You can remove a child from everything he's ever known, everyone he's ever loved, and if you control the voices he hears, you can break him. Civilized societies are supposed to have mechanisms -- police, courts, child-welfare agencies -- to prevent this.

"These statements, that he's not asking for his parents and his brother," Kelly Gulnaugh said. "Listen -- I was with him once when a car drove by, and he got all excited and happy and started calling, 'That's Mommy's car! That's Mommy's

car!' It was the same kind of car his mother drove. So to ask anyone to believe he has no interest in his family... I have these visions of him looking at cars for the rest of his childhood, wondering if his family is coming to bring him home."

Rev. Fred Ade, pastor of St. Peter Lutheran Church of Schaumburg, said, "The boy I see on the film is not the boy I knew two weeks ago. The walk, the resigned, exhausted expression -- this is not him. Something terrible is going on inside him. This was a little boy from our church, and I tell you that all the people who knew him see those pictures and are terrified."

Kirsch, the school principal, said, "This was a beautiful, happy little boy with good friends. One little friend of his, the two of them would play in the reading corner, looking at picture books, playing with trucks. We try to teach the children that life is good. He had this happy, child's voice."

"And he's been taken away from everything and everyone he knew. I see him obediently doing what he's told in the films, and he's trying to be an obedient child because what choice does he have? His only choice is to do what he's told, and it so pains me to think of his inner fear, the world of fear inside him. How can he comprehend what has happened to him?"

"When he was carried off to that van, it was the worst experience I have ever had in my life, and I have buried children from gunshot wounds. This was worse. When a child dies, at least I know he's going to heaven, that he's in a happy place. This little boy... I am just numb for him."

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Pickle

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When he reached the podium Pickle was quick to point out there is a certain amount of fear and sadness when you come to the end of a road.

He said, "I can hardly believe it was almost half a century ago I was assigned to cover the first meeting of the district."

He added he's had the best seat in the house for almost 50 years.

"The CRMWD has had more than luck, it has had tremendous leadership," Pickle said.

Roasted

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years together."

Frank Medanic of 1st Southwest Company, who made the trip to Big Spring to honor Pickle as well, delivered one of the funniest knocks of the afternoon on Pickle.

He said, "Rumor has it that Joe was engaged to a 19-year old girl a little while ago and board member Clyde McMahon found out about it. McMahon went up to Pickle and said Joe this could kill somebody. Pickle replied, 'If she dies...'"

On a more serious side, outgoing CRMWD General Manager O.H. Ivie said, "I don't know what we would have done without Joe Pickle. I don't know what the city of Big Spring would have done without Joe Pickle. Since 1949, the CRMWD has had 324 board meetings and Joe has missed only eight. 'If Joe has a flaw, it's his

Referring to the only two general managers the district has had, Pickle said E.V. Spence and O.H. Ivie have been men of great vision for the CRMWD.

Pickle also took the time to characterize his tenure with the district.

He said, "I've been like a caddy for a professional golfer. They gave me a ringside seat and I've tried to keep to public well informed of what's happening. I would like to thank the CRMWD staff. I have some regrets, but the biggest one of all is leaving you."

When he first announced his retirement Pickle thanked the CRMWD saying, "I like having something to do and when I lost my wife, the CRMWD gave me something to do when I needed it most."

Pickle will have another honor bestowed upon him Monday as will Ivie and outgoing board members John Taylor and Clyde McMahon when the Texas Senate will approve a resolution to them and the CRMWD for its 46 years of service.

inability to say no. There is not a more serious person than Joe Pickle."

He added Pickle has kept such a complete record of minutes of CRMWD board meeting that anyone can look into the 11 leather-bound volumes and reconstruct what the district has done over the years just by reading.

Ivie said, "If it weren't for his encouragement, a lot of us at the district would have tucked our tails and ran."

He added Pickle always has a saying, "Tomorrow will be a better day than today, regardless of how good today is."

Pickle added to the laughter by telling the audience that if he'd known the luncheon was going to be a roast he wouldn't have shown up.

He said, "I had a lot of things I wanted to say, but I just had three glasses of tea."

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Donnie Darbonne takes a break from debris removal to answer a phone call at the home of his friend Skeet Raggio in Liberty Thursday. Raggio was on his way to vacation in Florida when he received the news an early morning tornado had damaged his home.

Tornado blasts Liberty

LIBERTY (AP) — Within a few minutes, a powerful tornado cut through central Liberty County, demolishing two dozen homes and businesses.

Ten people were treated and released at Baptist Hospital-Liberty for minor cuts and abrasions; but no one suffered serious injuries in the Thursday morning storm.

"It was the most unbelievable noise," said Liberty resident Jeff Parker, who was in his apartment when the building was pelted by flying debris. "It was so loud that everything trembled, as if you were laying on some railroad tracks and the train passed over you."

Uprooted trees, downed power lines and damaged buildings were left in the tornado's wake. At least 64 displaced people had sought shelter at the VFW Hall late Thursday.

Witnesses first spotted the funnel cloud — described as a city block wide at the top and 300 feet wide at the bottom — dipping out of the dark-gray sky about 8:15 a.m.

Coy Frizzell, owner of a U-Haul rental store, had taken shelter with a customer in the cinder block office when the building exploded, witnesses said. They said Frizzell was shaken but not injured and managed to dig the customer, John Stelly of Liberty, from beneath the pile of concrete blocks.

"Praise the Lord, I wasn't here," said Frizzell's wife, Pearl. "God put his hands on us."

Many of Frizzell's trucks were lifted into the air and dumped onto a grocery store parking lot nearby.



Heather West, foreground, carefully picks up family Bibles, removing them from the debris of her uncle's business in Liberty Thursday. An early morning tornado caused damage to several homes and businesses in Liberty.

Stalking laws strengthened

AUSTIN (AP) — The Texas House has tentatively approved three bills that would strengthen the rights of stalking victims.

The Legislature in 1993 passed an anti-stalking law that made the offense a class A misdemeanor. Some, however, felt the law did not go far enough.

"It was, I believe, the best stalking bill we could pass at the time, and two years of experience has shown that it's not quite good enough," Rep. Brian

McCall, R-Plano, said Thursday.

"In that two-year period, a number of people have been jailed, incarcerated, and victims have been able to put their lives together. Unfortunately, in that same period a number of people have died," said McCall, who sponsored the bills.

The legislation would:
— Require police departments to notify stalking victims when accused stalkers are

released from jail on bond.

— Remove the requirement that stalking must be reported once before police can act on a complaint.

— Authorize magistrates to issue 30-day emergency protective orders for victims of family violence or stalking.

The bills passed on voice votes Thursday and require another vote in the House before they are sent to Gov. George W. Bush.

Feds back reluctance to lend water

HARLINGEN (AP) — The U.S. State Department is backing up Texas' reluctance to lend water reserves to drought-suffering northern Mexico.

"We are talking about a finite resource," said Texas Secretary of State Tony Garza, Gov. George W. Bush's point man in the worsening water crisis. "To loan any water to Mexico means taking away water from users in our state. That's simply not acceptable."

However, "a re-evaluation of the situation is possible," Garza said, indicating a desire to continue a dialogue with Mexico officials.

Garza's comments came Thursday after he learned that State Department officials in Washington had denied Mexico's diplomatic request for 81,000 acre feet of water, or about 26.3 billion gallons.

By 1944 treaty, Texas and Mexico divide the water in Amistad Reservoir and Falcon Lake. The two reservoirs, created by international dams on the Rio Grande, hold the key supplies for irrigation and drinking water for more than 2 million people on both sides of the Texas-Mexico border.

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Scientists revive ancient bacteria found in extinct bee's stomach

WASHINGTON (AP) — When an ancient stingless bee died after becoming trapped in tree sap, bacteria in its gut turned into a spore. Now, in an experiment reminiscent of "Jurassic Park," scientists have awakened the bacteria from a 25-million-year sleep.

Not only is the prehistoric microbe alive and well, it is producing a natural antibiotic that scientists studied to determine if

it has any medical value, Raul J. Cano of California Polytechnic University said Thursday.

Cano said the bacteria spore was found in the remains of a bee that had been entombed in amber, a hardened resin from ancient pine trees. When the bee died, he said, the bacteria apparently turned into a spore and remained trapped until it was uncovered in the laboratory.

"Some bacteria make spores as a means of survival," Cano said. "These spores are very resistant to chemicals, heat and to pressure. They enable a bacteria to withstand long periods of dormancy."

The researcher said the spores were not a form of reproduction for the bacteria, but a type of hibernation.

"They were in a deep slumber and we reawakened them," said

Cano.

The amber that contained the bee was age-dated at 25 million to 40 million years. Bacteria also have been found in amber that is at least 135 million years old, but Cano said this specimen has not been studied closely and its uniqueness has not been confirmed.

A report on the research, by Cano and Monica K. Borucki, also of Cal Poly, is to be pub-

lished Friday in Science, the journal of the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

The study resembles work described in the novel and movie "Jurassic Park." In that fictional plot, scientists recovered dinosaur DNA from mosquitoes that had been preserved in amber. The bee in the Cal Poly amber lived millions of years after dinosaurs died out.

Other researchers applauded Cano's work, but questioned whether the bacteria are, in fact, a modern contaminant and not from spores stored in the amber.

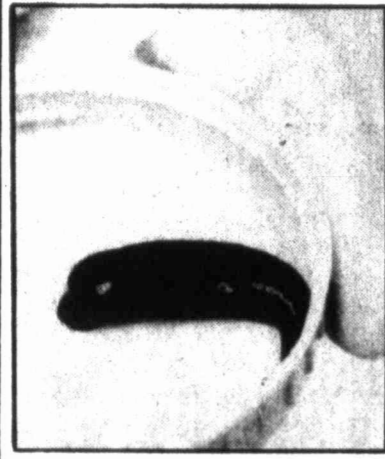
"The data are consistent with it being ancient," Peter Setlow, a University of Connecticut biochemist, said in Science. But he said the work did not actually prove the age of the bacteria.

On Monday, it's goodbye to Saturn's rings

WASHINGTON (AP) — In an astronomical event that happens every 15 years, the rings of Saturn will all but disappear for 24 minutes on Monday. Most of the world's big telescopes will be trained on the planet to record the event, which allows astronomers to look for new moons.

The phenomenon, known as a ring plane crossing, causes Saturn's distinctive rings to be seen edge-on from Earth. With the rings temporarily invisible because of the Earth Saturn alignment, telescopes can pick out faint objects near the planet. The ring plane crossings have enabled astronomers to discover 13 of Saturn's 18 known moons.

UGLY BUT HELPFUL



Associated Press photo
It might be an ugly little bloodsucker, but this leech is helping an Odessa girl to regain use of her thumb which was surgically reattached following an accident. The leech is being used to restore blood circulation.

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Check rebel positions

GROZNY, Russia forces rebels with wave of helicopter gunship positions south of battered capital.

It was the days, following Moscow was offensive against rebel Chechen forces. Dzhokhar Dudayev's forces launched evening attacks, the ITA agency reported.

Combat helicopters were used in the Chechen fighting, 30 miles south of Grozny.

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Chechen rebel positions pounded

GROZNY, Russia (AP) — Russian forces pounded Chechen rebels with rockets early today and wave after wave of helicopter gunships attacked rebel positions south of Chechnya's battered capital.

It was the fiercest assault in days, following reports that Moscow was planning a major offensive against supporters of rebel Chechen President Dzhokhar Dudayev.

Volleys of missiles were launched every eight to 10 minutes, the ITAR-Tass news agency reported. Military commanders said they were targeting Chechen fighters in forests 25 to 30 miles south of Grozny.

Combat helicopters were flying missions south and southeast of the Chechen capital.

Distant, powerful explosions could be heard in Grozny, ITAR-Tass said.

On Thursday, 200 Chechen rebels attacked a column of Russian Interior Ministry troops near the village of Gikhlchu, Interfax news agency reported.



Associated Press photo
A Bosnian government soldier motions a Sarajevo resident to move from an area stained by blood after a mortar round landed in a Sarajevo market place Thursday.

Front lines quiet around Sarajevo

SARAJEVO, Bosnia-Herzegovina (AP) — Front lines around Sarajevo quieted as the government and Serb rebels waited to see whether Serbia's leader, the key figure in the 3-year-old war, would try to make peace.

Serbian President Slobodan Milosevic, who instigated the war, has held negotiations all week with U.S. envoy Robert Frasure on a plan for Serbia to

recognize Bosnia's borders. Milosevic wants an end to punishing international sanctions if he recognizes Bosnia-Herzegovina in the borders it had before Bosnian Serbs rebelled in 1992. The rebels now control about two-thirds of Bosnia.

Recognition by Milosevic would not halt the fighting immediately.

New outbreaks of Ebola feared

KINSHASA, Zaire (AP) — People are bribing their way past roadblocks set up to contain the deadly Ebola virus, and experts fear new outbreaks among the thousands camped out at the barriers.

Some 3,000 people have been waiting at one roadblock for days with little food or water — ideal conditions for the virus, said Dr. Jean-Jacques Muyembe Tamfum, a virus expert who helped identify Ebola in the 1970s.

Muyembe, a professor at Kinshasa University, on Thursday criticized the attempt to quarantine Kikwit. Instead, he said,

more doctors and equipment should be sent to the city of 600,000 where an outbreak of the incurable virus has killed 79 people.

Anyone with enough money — \$550, according to a car rental agency in Kinshasa — can bribe their way through roadblocks, Muyembe said at a news conference in Kikwit.

"It's known that in Zaire, all barriers are permeable," said Muyembe, whose comments were relayed by radio to Kinshasa, the Zairian capital 250 miles west of Kikwit.

The chances are growing for an epidemic of bloody diarrhea

among people camped out at the roadblock outside Kikwit, he said. An outbreak of bloody diarrhea that happened at the same time as the Ebola outbreak is blamed for dozens of deaths.

So far, no Ebola cases have been diagnosed in Kinshasa, a city of about 6 million people. In Kikwit, at least 114 people have been infected and five new cases are appearing daily, Muyembe said.

Experts from the World Health Organization, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the Pasteur Institute and other groups are in

New French Cabinet has record number of women

PARIS (AP) — The new Cabinet named Thursday includes a record number of women, an Olympic hurdles champion and some tongue-twisting new port-folios reflecting France's complex social problems.

There is a minister for Solidarity Between Generations, another for Neighborhoods in Difficulty, a third for Integration and the Fight Against Exclusion.

But behind the awkward-sounding names is a clear sig-

nal from the new president, Jacques Chirac, and his premier, Alain Juppe, that they are ready to experiment as they work to reduce unemployment and ease social tension.

"We're going to get to work very quickly and strongly," Juppe said in a radio interview. "This is a declaration of war against unemployment."

He said "concrete measures" would be proposed next week, probably dealing with incentives to businesses to hire long-

term unemployed people.

Though both leaders are from the conservative Rally for the Republic party, their government will be assessed by the public on its ability to carry out at least some of the sweeping proposals Chirac made during the election campaign.

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Ports of entry under tighter guard for viruses

WASHINGTON (AP) — Agents at U.S. ports of entry are keeping a sharp lookout for arriving travelers who might have been infected by the Ebola virus that is killing people in Africa.

Immigration and Naturalization Service agents at passport checkpoints at all U.S. international airports have been told to be alert for anyone who appears to be ill, particularly if there is bleeding from the nose, mouth or ears, a major symptom of Ebola.

Travelers arriving from

Africa were to be particularly scrutinized, said an INS official, and anyone who has recently been in Zaire could be questioned or examined.

At least 87 people have died in one province of Zaire recently in an outbreak of Ebola.

Ebola is a vicious African virus that kills about 90 percent of those infected. Spread of the virus requires direct contact with a victim, such as being splashed with blood. The disease is not thought to spread through airborne droplets, as colds do.

"We are now screening everybody coming in from anywhere overseas," Robert Steve of the INS said Thursday. "If they are coming from Africa, then they will have a second screening."

Passports usually bear ink stamps from each country visited, enabling agents to check the travel history of passengers arriving on international flights.

Steve said if the travelers have recently been in Zaire, then they can be referred to experts from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

who are standing by at major ports of entry.

"Those passengers could be quarantined if necessary," said Steve.

The extra screening applies not only to immigrants and visitors from Africa, but also to American tourists returning from Africa, he said.

Most travelers arriving from Africa, said Steve, have stopped off in Europe, and immigration authorities in those countries are also alerted to screen for passengers who might be ill.

A man arriving from Zaire

was quarantined in Toronto on Wednesday after he told Canadian health officials that his mother had died in Africa of Ebola.

On Monday, the CDC ordered airlines to notify the agency of U.S.-bound passengers who appear to have fevers or who are vomiting blood, both symptoms of Ebola.

Travelers suspected of Ebola infection would be taken to a hospital and other passengers on the airline flight would be monitored by CDC personnel, said Chuck McCance, director

of the CDC's Division of Quarantine.

Robert Novak, a University of Illinois expert on tropical diseases, said the intensified monitoring "is a good start," but he warned that it doesn't completely remove the risk.

"We are never fully protected," said Novak. "We are not immune from things that float around the world."

Modern airline travel makes it possible for people to carry disease halfway around the world within a matter of hours, he said.

Problems led to tank rampage

SAN DIEGO (AP) — Shawn Timothy Nelson lost his job and was about to lose his home. The electricity, telephone and water had been turned off. He had a drug habit that was ruling his life.

He was in trouble long before he pirated a 60-ton tank from a National Guard armory Wednesday and went rumbling down residential streets, plowing through cars and knocking over bus benches, utility poles and fire hydrants.

"Those of us that knew and loved him were unaware of the severity of Shawn's difficulties," said Diana Fletcher, a family friend who read a statement in front of Nelson's home Thursday.

"The man that died yesterday was only a shell of the person we loved. The real Shawn died two years ago at the hand of drugs and alcohol. We are very sorry for all the damage done and are very thankful that no one was hurt," Fletcher said.

Nelson, a 35-year-old Army



Associated Press photo
A crushed U.S. government car sits just inside the knocked-down gate of the San Diego National Guard Armory Thursday in San Diego. The car was crushed when Shawn Nelson, 35, stole a M-60 tank and went on a rampage Wednesday. Nelson was killed by San Diego Police after failing to surrender.

veteran who had tank training in Germany, had simply driven his van through an open gate at the armory, used his know-how to hook up an M-60 tank's fuel and electric lines, and started it up.

No bystanders were hurt in the 23-minute rampage and tank's weapons were not loaded. Police helplessly chased the tank until it got hung up on a 3-foot-tall highway divider.

Police officers leaped atop the tank and opened the hatch with

bolt cutters as it rocked back and forth atop the divider. They shouted at Nelson to surrender and when he didn't, they shot him to death.

"He shifted into the proper gear and was preparing to spin the tank so he could get off the high-riser," police Capt. Tom Hall said. "He knew what he was doing."

Friends dropped by Nelson's home Thursday, including the best man at his wedding, a high school classmate.

NYPD accused of drunken rampage after memorial service

NEW YORK (AP) — Scores of New York City police are accused of going on a drunken rampage, groping women and firing automatic weapons in the air while in Washington, D.C., for ceremonies honoring fallen comrades.

Several thousand officers from around the country were in the nation's capital last weekend to attend the services for

police killed in the line of duty.

The New York Times reported that up to 100 New York City officers joined in, some stealing license plates and firing weapons in the air at the downtown Hyatt and at least four other hotels.

Some female hotel guests were grabbed and groped, The Washington Post reported. Officers

claiming to be federal agents tried to force their way into the hotel rooms of some female guests, New York Newsday said.

The Post also quoted hotel security guards and other witnesses as saying some of the officers stripped nude, poured beer on the center strip of a lobby escalator and took turns sliding down.



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The House v Thursday to approve trim \$16.4 billion eral budget for providing \$7 billion

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House passes spending cuts despite threatened Clinton veto

WASHINGTON (AP) — Despite a veto threat, the House passed a spending cut bill that President Clinton says saves pork-barrel projects but sacrifices social programs.

The House voted 235-189 Thursday to approve the bill to trim \$16.4 billion from the federal budget for this year, while providing \$7 billion for disaster

relief and measures to deal with the Oklahoma City bombing.

Only 10 Democrats voted for the package, and the margin of passage was well short of the two-thirds needed to overturn a presidential veto. The Senate has yet to consider the compromise bill, worked out in House-Senate negotiations earlier this week.

Clinton said again Thursday that he would veto the bill unless changes are made to take more money from federal construction projects. It would be his first veto. He noted that Congress approved one \$100 million courthouse, money that is being taken out of education programs and his national service program.

"Democrats aren't blameless either," he said. "This is about pork over people."

In a speech Thursday at a dinner honoring the Congressional Asian Pacific American Institute, Clinton repeated his veto but said the dispute over the rescission bill is not about partisanship or even about whether to cut the deficit.

"The issue is not cutting spending. I am for it," Clinton said.

"It is not a partisan issue. ... It is a dispute about yesterday's politics and tomorrow's politics," he said, adding it is clear that with both parties determined to reduce the deficit to remove "a crushing burden of debt," the money that remains

has to be spent with extra care. "My problem is that when the bill moved from a public process to a private process (the congressional conference), \$1 billion of education money was taken out and \$1 billion and more in pork was put back in," Clinton said.

Republicans rejected that notion.

Tornado kills 3 in Amish community

ETHRIDGE, Tenn. (AP) — A tornado spun through this predominately Amish town, killing three people, flipping a buggy at a market and damaging scores of homes and buildings.

An elderly couple died Thursday when the tornado picked up their house and destroyed it, said Bill Phillips, a spokesman for the Tennessee Emergency Management Agency. Another man died in a house that collapsed.

Twenty-nine people were injured, seven of them hospitalized.

"Two houses were torn apart, and another one was lifted completely off its foundation," said Mark Hendrix, who was at home when the tornado hit.

Debris was scattered for nine miles in this town of 550 people about 70 miles southwest of Nashville. The town's utility building was leveled, knocking out power to 3,000 people in the county, Phillips said.

Witnesses said it flipped an Amish buggy parked at a market. The driver was not injured.

The tornado was part of day-long plague of twisters that barged Tennessee, injuring nearly 70 people and damaging dozens of buildings, including a shopping mall and high school. At least 56 tornadoes were reported in nearly every part of the state Thursday.

State emergency crews said at least 93 residences, 61 businesses and three public buildings were destroyed.

In Kentucky, at least five tornadoes left dozens injured or homeless. Heavy rain fell on already saturated ground, raising the danger of flooding.

Thirty students were injured when a funnel cloud and sheets of rain struck Jessamine County High School on the outskirts of Nicholasville at 7:30 a.m. Only a handful of the 1,600 students had arrived.

In Maryland, tornadoes caused serious property damage.

Missouri residents feeling a sense of deja vu as they fill sandbags again

HARTSBURG, Mo. (AP) — Defying a rising Missouri River, townspeople were hastily filling sandbags and bolstering a makeshift levee in a deja vu drill from the Flood of '93.

"You got to do something. The Hartsburg tradition is you fight the river," said Mayor Mike Rodemeyer. "You just don't give up."

On one side of the makeshift wall in this hamlet of 118 are 40 frame homes and a senior citizens' apartment complex, a new post office, the Hitching Post saloon and two churches a century old.

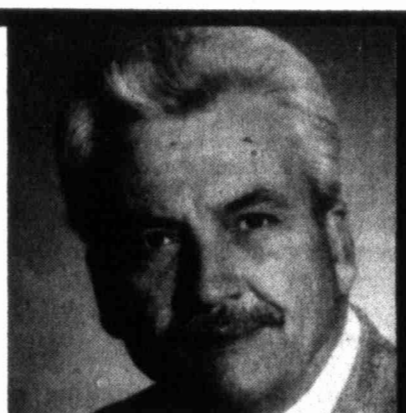
Closing in on the opposite side is the Missouri River, with rising waters that brought back memories of devastation in the summer of '93. Flooding and storms killed 48 people and caused \$16 billion in damage in nine Midwest states. Missouri was hardest hit.

In recent days, a violent combination of tornadoes, flooding and rain has hit the Midwest and the South, particularly in Tennessee, Kentucky, Alabama and Louisiana.

In Kentucky, one person died after she lost control of her car on a slicked highway. A funnel cloud tore off the roof of Jessamine County High School near Nicholasville, sending glass flying into students. About 30 were injured.

Skies were expected to clear today in Missouri, where 5 to 10 inches of rain has fallen since Sunday.

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LOS ANGELES (AP) — Elizabeth Montgomery, the housewife-sorceress who cast spells with a twitch of her nose in the enduring sitcom "Bewitched," died after battling cancer.

Montgomery died Thursday at home about a month after surgery to remove a tumor. Reference books and news clippings put her age at 62, but her family said she was 57. Her family did not disclose the type of cancer.

"Bewitched," a comedy that ran on ABC from 1964 to 1972, was one of the network's biggest hits and Montgomery's only TV series. She starred as Samantha, a witch who tries to avoid using her power to please her often exasperated mortal husband, an ad executive.

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The Steers have done it again

By STEVE REAGAN Sports writer

LEUBOCK - The Canyon Randall Raiders learned that a mad Zac Leslie is a dangerous baseball player...

with the win, had trouble figuring the ump's strike zone, scattering six hits while walking four and striking out six. With the game - and the Steers' season - on the line, however, all of Leslie's problems disappeared.

Big Spring beats Canyon Randall, sits two wins away from Austin

ous jeopardy, Leslie ended the threat by tossing back-to-back strikeouts to outfielders Marcus Quisenberry and Drew Baize. "I was really, really scared," said BSHS senior Trey Terrazas...

yet. Randall fired one last shot in the seventh. With one out, Jason Richardson singled to left, stole second base and went to third when catcher Rogelio Cervantes' throw went into the outfield.

The Steers scored their three runs early. Leadoff hitter Leslie Adkins had a direct hand in two of them, driving in Big Spring's first run with an RBI double in the third and scoring in the next run himself on Terry Terrazas' sacrifice fly. Adkins, who was a linebacker on the Big Spring team that was defeated 21-12 by Canyon Randall in the area football playoffs last November, said the Steers made amends for that earlier defeat.



ADKINS

ball," Adkins said. "I was just sitting on a fastball. If he put it down the middle, I was going to smash it. If not, I was going to lay off it. Thank goodness he threw it right down the middle. The Steers have shown a penchant for winning close games this season. Doe said: "We feel like every game we win, though not really a gift, is something we've really accomplished, because no one expected us to do anything this season."

Tech bombs Longhorns

COLLEGE STATION (AP) — Day Holmstead blasted a three-run homer to fuel Texas Tech's 9-2 blowout of the Texas Longhorns in the first round of the SWC Baseball Tournament Friday.



Texas Tech's Clint Bryant slides safely into home past Texas catcher Roman Escamilla Thursday. Tech won the SWC Tournament game 9-2.

'Dogs tame Ozona Lions

By DAVE HARGRAVE Sports Editor

SAN ANGELO - Coahoma dispelled any notions that it's a one-player team Thursday. The Bulldogs (18-5-1) defeated Ozona 10-6 to take a bi-district baseball title, and they did it without the usual dominating performance from senior pitcher Brandon McGuire.



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McGuire missed a chance and knew it when he fouled back a 1-1 pitch, letting out a grunt of disappointment after his swing. The next pitch McGuire missed nothing - he launched a towering moon shot over the left-center wall to give Coahoma a 5-2 lead. The ball, hit into a wind that was blowing out, seemed to stay in the air for an eternity. "Oh I knew it was gone," said Coahoma first-year coach Terry Baxter. "It was pretty high up there, but I see him hit every day in practice, so I know when he gets a hold of one."

Rockets force Game 7; Spurs kill Lakers

HOUSTON (AP) — Hakeem Olajuwon and Houston's 3-point barrage made sure Charles Barkley can't allow the defending champions to fold, securing 90 points. The Rockets sharpshooters also hit five straight fourth-quarter 3-pointers as the Rockets defeated Phoenix 116-103 Thursday night ending the Western Conference semifinal series 3-3.

NBA Playoffs

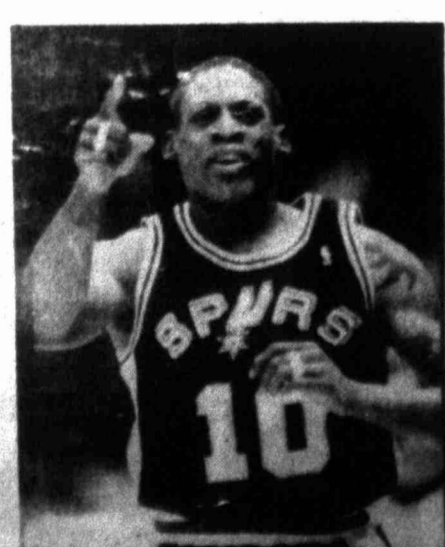
at living on the edge of elimination, there is a negative statistic to consider. Road teams are 0-20 since 1982 when playing Game 7. The last road winner was Philadelphia over the Boston Celtics. The Rockets fought through three quarters Thursday night and finally used an 18-5 run that started late in the third quarter to get a 101-89 advantage with 6:35 to play.

the fourth period. Barkley didn't like the tenor of the post-game talk. "We get sick and tired of hearing how much heart they have," Barkley said. "They don't have any more heart than we do. We will be ready Saturday."

the regular season, will meet the winner of Saturday's Houston-Phoenix game. The Lakers appeared on the verge of pulling off another comeback when they outscored the Spurs 16-5 to trim a 79-66 deficit late in the third quarter to 84-82 with nearly 7 1/2 minutes to play. The Forum crowd of 17,505 was going wild, but it would soon be quieted. After a short jumper by Dennis Rodman made it 86-82, Robinson began his streak of 12 straight San Antonio points, ensuring there wouldn't be another miracle.

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SHOT OF THE DAY



As The Worm Squirms San Antonio's Dennis Rodman celebrates his team's 100-88 win over Los Angeles Thursday. The Spurs will play either Houston or Phoenix in the NBA's Western Conference finals.

TEXAS SPORTS

Mansfield makes Hall of Fame

DALLAS (AP) — Big Spring rodeo legend Toots Mansfield was one of six inductees into the Texas Sports Hall of Fame, it was announced Thursday. The other inductees are Gene Stallings, Emory Bellard, Tut Bartzan, Sandra Haynie and Mike Singletary.

Rangers extend winning streak

ARLINGTON (AP) — Recently acquired Jack Voigt and Rusty Greer each homered and combined for five RBIs Thursday night as the Rangers defeated the Milwaukee Brewers 6-2. Roger Pavlik (2-1) was the winner, allowing two runs and five hits over eight innings.

NATION/WORLD

Fighter dies after 12-day battle

LAS VEGAS (AP) — Jimmy Garcia, a superfeatherweight from Colombia, died this morning at University Hospital, 12 days after suffering a brain injury in a World Boxing Council title fight with Gabriel Ruelas. Garcia underwent brain surgery to remove a blood clot after collapsing following his 11-round May 6 fight. He had been in a coma since the fight and had been on a life-support system.

Warriors hire former Blazer coach

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) — Former Portland coach Rick Adelman has been hired as coach of the Golden State Warriors, according to newspaper reports.

ON THE AIR

Baseball Major League Florida at Atlanta, 6:35 p.m., WTBS (ch. 11). Montreal at Houston, 7 p.m., PRIME (ch. 29). Basketball NBA Playoffs New York at Indiana, 7 p.m., TNT (ch. 28). Golf The Buick Classic, 3 p.m., USA (ch. 38). Hockey NHL Playoffs Vancouver at St. Louis, 6:30 p.m., ESPN (ch. 30).

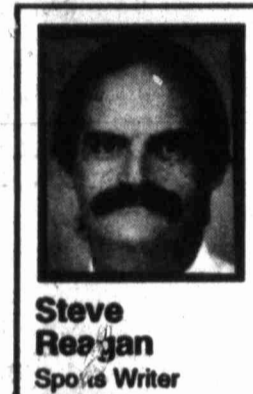
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Steve Reagan
Sports Writer

The aging process of a few hundred Big Spring fans was accelerated Thursday night during the Steers' 3-2 win over Canyon Randall. If nothing else, the contest proved baseball is a game best played by the young.

If you like thrills and chills with your fastballs and changeups, Lubbock was the place to be Thursday. If, however, you have this thing against accelerated heartbeats or increased blood pressure, you were wise to stay away.

Former Baltimore manager Earl Weaver once called Oriole reliever Dan Stanhouse a "two-pack pitcher," because watching Stanhouse pitch made Weaver go through two packs of cigarettes.

Well, the Steers are a two-pack team, with a roll of antacids and a warning from the Surgeon General's office thrown in for good measure.

All season, Big Spring has specialized in the kind of down-to-the-wire, bite-your-fingernails-and-pray-for-the-best game played against Canyon Randall.

The game had everything - big hits, even bigger strikeouts, busted plays, courageous comebacks ... and that was just in the first two innings.

Seriously, it was a game even a casual baseball fan would enjoy. Twice Randall had the tying run on third with less than two outs. Twice, Big Spring found the mookie to turn the Raiders aside.

Big Spring pitcher Zac Leslie had six strikeouts - not a large number for him - but three came when he absolutely needed them. He ended a bases-loaded threat in the sixth when he struck out consecutive batters, then fired another K as part of the game-ending double play in the seventh.

Read my game story if you want the details. Just thinking about it is making me reach for the cigarettes again.

The Steers opened the playoffs last week with an almost boring 13-6 win over El Paso Jefferson, but reverted to nail-biting form against Randall.

Big Spring coach Bobby Doe told me earlier this season his team has won a majority of its games by two or fewer runs. This no doubt does wonders for the team's confidence. It also, no doubt, is making a few fans' stomach linings look like a road map to Hell.

Am I complaining? Heck, no. I like good, close ball games as much as anybody.

I just want to pass on some friendly advice: If you catch any more Big Spring baseball games, be prepared.

Tyson to announce his next fight date

LAS VEGAS (AP) - Mike Tyson will announce Wednesday the date and opponent for his first bout since serving three years in prison.

Early reports say Tyson will fight Peter McNeeley on Aug. 19. Tyson had a six-fight contract with the MGM Grand.

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BASEBALL

AL standings

American League East Division				
W	L	Pct.	GB	
Boston	14	5	.737	-
New York	10	8	.556	3 1/2
Toronto	9	11	.450	5 1/2
Baltimore	8	11	.421	6
Detroit	8	12	.400	6 1/2

Central Division				
W	L	Pct.	GB	
Cleveland	12	6	.667	-
Minnesota	10	10	.500	3
Kansas City	9	10	.474	3 1/2
Chicago	8	11	.421	4 1/2
Minnesota	7	14	.333	6 1/2

West Division				
W	L	Pct.	GB	
California	12	9	.571	-
Seattle	10	9	.526	1
Texas	11	11	.500	1 1/2
Oakland	10	11	.476	2

Wednesday's Games

East Division
Boston 8, Milwaukee 2
Cleveland at New York, p.p.d., rain
Baltimore 7, Detroit 4
Texas 12, Toronto 7
Seattle 4, Kansas City 0
Minnesota 7, California 3
Chicago 6, Oakland 4

Central Division
California 15, Minnesota 9
Boston 4, Cleveland 3
Baltimore 2, Detroit 2
Texas 6, Milwaukee 2
Chicago 4, Oakland 2
Kansas City 3, Seattle 2, 14

Thursday's Games
California 15, Minnesota 9
Boston 4, Cleveland 3
Baltimore 2, Detroit 2
Texas 6, Milwaukee 2
Chicago 4, Oakland 2
Kansas City 3, Seattle 2, 14

Friday's Games
Toronto (Cone 2-2) at Detroit (Moore 3-1), 7:05 p.m.
Cleveland (Clerk 2-1) at Boston (Smith 0-0), 7:05 p.m.
Baltimore (Rhodes 1-2) at New York (McDowell 1-1), 7:35 p.m.
Milwaukee (Sparks 0-0) at Texas (Oliver 0-0), 8:05 p.m.
Oakland (Dering 0-1) at Kansas City (Browning 0-1), 8:05 p.m.
Seattle (Davis 2-0) at Minnesota (Radtke 1-1), 8:05 p.m.
California (Langston 2-0) at Chicago (Baldwin 0-1), 8:05 p.m.

Saturday's Games
Cleveland (Hershiser 2-1) at Boston (Cormier 1-0), 1:05 p.m.
Toronto (Hentgen 3-0) at Detroit (Bohanon 0-0), 1:15 p.m.
Baltimore (Fernandez 0-1) at New York (Perez 1-0), 1:35 p.m.
California (Sunderson 1-2) at Chicago (Abbott 2-1), 7:05 p.m.
Milwaukee (Wegman 0-3) at Texas (Trumberry 2-1), 8:05 p.m.
Oakland (Stoltner 2-0) at Kansas City (Harney 1-0), 8:05 p.m.
Seattle (Converse 0-2) at Minnesota (Erickson 1-3), 8:05 p.m.

Sunday's Games
Cleveland at Boston, 1:05 p.m.
Toronto at Detroit, 1:15 p.m.
Baltimore at New York, 1:25 p.m.
Seattle at Minnesota, 2:05 p.m.
California at Chicago, 2:05 p.m.
Oakland at Kansas City, 2:35 p.m.
Milwaukee at Texas, 3:05 p.m.

HOCKEY

NHL playoffs

NHL Playoff Game
All Times EDT
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Wednesday, May 17
Toronto 5, Chicago 4, OT, series tied 3-3
San Jose 5, Calgary 3, series tied 3-3

Thursday, May 18
Pittsburgh 3, Washington 0, Pittsburgh wins series 4-3

Friday, May 19
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St. Louis 10 12 .455 3 1/2
Pittsburgh 7 13 .350 5 1/2

Rodriguez signs pact with Rangers

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) - Catcher Ivan Rodriguez avoided an arbitration showdown with the Texas Rangers on Thursday by agreeing to a one-year contract worth \$2.575 million, nearly five times his \$520,000 salary last season.

Rodriguez had sought \$2.95 million and the Rangers had offered \$2.2 million. The settlement was at the midpoint.

The Rangers avoided arbitration with third baseman Dean Palmer earlier in the week by signing him to a one-year contract worth \$1.925 million.

Rodriguez is a three-time American League All-Star.

SPORTS IN BRIEF

BSHS tennis camp starts June 5

Big Spring municipal tennis professional Bill Willis has announced the dates and times for the Big Spring High School Tennis Camp.

The camp will be June 5-9, a.m. - noon each day, at the Figure Seven Tennis Center. Fee for the camp is \$125, which includes the camp T-shirt.

Boys and girls ages 5-18 are welcome to the camp, where they'll learn not only the fundamentals but also the rules and strategies of tennis. Each stroke will be practiced, and coaches will instruct players on how to handle various match situations.

For more information, and for an entry form, call Willis at 267-5206. Willis is also looking for adults interested in playing in a summer league.

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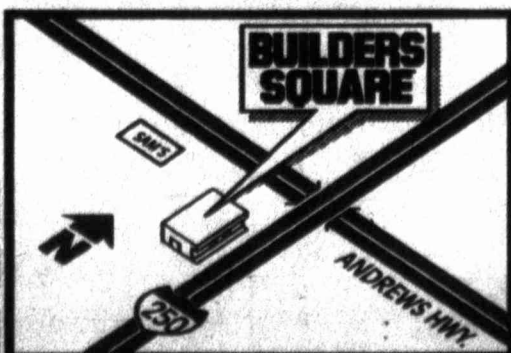
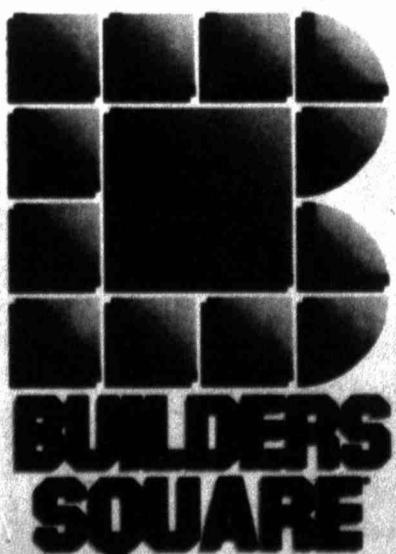
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CLUBS IN BRIEF

Deadline for club news items is noon Wednesday.

Child Study Club

The Big Spring Country Club was the setting for the May 10 meeting of the Big Spring Child Study Club. Twelve members and one guest were present.

President-elect Marilyn Turner invited Londa Henry, a former club member, to install the new officers. Officers installed for 1995-1996 were: President- Marilyn Turner; Vice-President- Lesia Sturm; Secretary-Connie Fuller; Treasurer-Rhonda Lefever; Historian- Marty Johnson; Parliamentarian-Sherri Key. Possible programs for next year were discussed. The meeting was then adjourned.

Shrine Club

Big Spring Shrine Club will meet 6:30 p.m. Saturday. A meal will be served. For more information call President J.D. Thompson.

Tall Talkers

Tall Talkers Toastmasters Club met Tuesday morning. Table Topics were led by

Lanelle Witt, and the word of the day was "cogent."

Each member was given the opportunity to speak on the topic of the day, which was on various subjects. Best Table Topic speaker was Woodie Howell. Dene Sheppard was voted best speaker. The best evaluator was Woodie Howell.

If you are interested in becoming a Tall Talker Toastmaster, please contact Bailey Anderson at 267-3008.

Mary Jane Club

The Mary Jane Club of Coahoma held their final meeting of the year at the Spanish Inn May 11. The club sponsored luncheon was hosted by Pat Nash and Jo Evans.

Officers for the coming year include Bobbie Nix, president; Marie Ethridge, vice president; Diane Wood, secretary; Pat Nash, treasurer; JoAnne Forrest, reporter and Nan McKinney, scrapbook chairperson.

Members were asked to join the cancer survivors' walk and lighting of the luminarias at the Relay for Life on Friday.

1955 Hyperion Club

The 1955 Hyperion Club met May 5 for their annual luncheon and installation of officers at Mulberry Manor in Sweetwater. Seventeen members were present.

Sherry Tompkins, president,

brought the meeting to order and presented gifts to the outgoing officers. Dorothy Blackwell read the Collect.

Milli Cunningham presented the guest speaker, Polly St. Clair. Mrs. St. Clair, playing the role of Dr. Elenor KuKunkle, installed the new officers, presenting each officer with humorous books pertaining to their office.

The new officers are as follows: Milli Cunningham, president; Polly St. Clair, vice president; Charlie Morehead, treasurer; Paulette Mason, recording and publicity secretary; Mary Ernsting, parliamentarian. Meetings will resume in September.

1970 Hyperion Club

Outgoing president Teresa Welch recently hosted a salad luncheon in her home to end the 1994-'95 club year.

Suzanne Haney conducted the ceremony to install new officers: Sherri Key, president; Kathy Kremsky, vice president; Linda Mueller, secretary; Mary Leatham, treasurer; Maureen Haddad, reporter-historian and Teresa Welch, parliamentarian.

A short business meeting was conducted by Key. She will make committee assignments at the Hyperion Council luncheon in September.

The club year ended as Welch presented gifts to her outgoing officers.

'Nana' wins, thanks to grandson

By GLORIA J. ROSSETTI
Thomson News Service

Chappy the canary and Lucky the dog may not be famous characters in the world of children's literature, but they mean everything to 10-year-old Tom Terrace Jr. of Hamden, Conn.

That's because those characters figure prominently in stories told to him by his "Nana," Maire Terrace, also of Hamden.

Storytelling is just a small part of the loving relationship that young Tom shares with his grandmother. In fact, their bond is so special that he entered her in the first National Grandparent of the Year contest sponsored by Crayola and Caring Grandparents of America.

Much to their delight, she was chosen Grandparent of the Year.

"It was very exciting when they called me to tell me that I won," recalls Terrace. "Tom's mother, Dianne, had told me that Tom had nominated me months ago, but I thought they were joking until the call came to tell me that we were the state winners, and then one of five finalists, then winner."

Tom's winning entry was picked from 3,500 nominations across the country and consisted of a one-paragraph description explaining his grandmother's qualities and a drawing to show the relationship. "We ran the award contest to celebrate the Year of the Grandparent. The mission is to recognize and

reward the experience of grandparenting," says Cathryn Girard, president of the Caring Grandparents of America.

Dedicated to "recognizing and rewarding grandparents," the organization was founded in 1992 by Girard based on her own experiences with her children.

"I began to listen to what my adult children were saying

about the impact their grandparents had on their lives," she says. "Grandparents and grandchildren have a unique relationship; it's important for children to have special adults in their life — this celebration of grandparents accentuates the positive."


Tom's originality impressed the panel of six judges that included teachers.

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Playing possum proves challenging

By NICK PATTERSON
Scripps Howard News Service

PELHAM, Ala. — Even without the national hue and cry against people who wear fur, it might be surprising to see a woman wearing a possum on her head.

But there she is. At the orthodontist's office. At your child's school. At the fast-food drive-through window. Bon appetit!

More often, perhaps, you can spot Terra Cotromano at the place where she works, the Greater Birmingham Humane Society.

But wherever you see her, if she's got a possum on her head, you can be sure she doesn't think it's all that strange.

She does realize that other people might. "They're very, very affectionate animals, combined with the fact that it's natural for them to ride on their mother's backs, holding on to her hair, and it makes them feel very, very secure," she said.

"They literally just get handfuls and mouthfuls of hair and you just have to wait for them to get ready to come out."

Last Monday, one baby pos-

sum wasn't ready to come out of Ms. Cotromano's hair before she had to take her 9-year-old daughter Colleen to the orthodontist.

People noticed. "They called everything to a screeching halt," Ms. Cotromano said, laughing. "Drive-through windows are fun when you have them in your hair."

Ms. Cotromano became the mother figure to five clingy possum siblings about a month ago, when a woman called the

Humane Society to report that her dog had killed their mother.

The next thing that happened, you shouldn't try at home, Ms. Cotromano said. "Since I was there and I have spent three years studying possums, I just went out and made the rescue."

She took the baby marsupials in, made a place for them to live in her dining room, feeding them specialized formula. Please see POSSUM, page 4B

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First United Methodist

The Children's Program at Methodist Church will hold registration public. The fall Aug. 18. Available, first-semester Wednesday. \$20 registration fee. Positions available. Christian learning open to all. Call Wednesdays between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. for more information.

Evangelical Temple

Evangelical Temple God will sponsor the Saviour, a school program Temple 6:30-9:15 June 2.

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HOROSCOPE

FOR SATURDAY, MAY 20, 1995
ARIES (March 21-April 19): You might feel pushed by a partner, friend or financial matter. Listen carefully to someone, and take that person seriously. Excellent communications surround a problem, and you work things out. Trust what's happening, and you'll get ahead. Tonight: Balance your budget.
TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Push could come to shove if you are not diplomatic today. Evaluate a situation honestly. Being bright-eyed and bushy-tailed will help more than you think. Take an unexpected risk. A positive attitude works for you. Tonight: Let a partner have things his way.
GEMINI (May 21-June 20): New insights come from fatigue and pressure. You solve a problem in a new way. Listen carefully to what's happening, and know your needs. Be aware of your limits, and make choices accordingly. A sense of humor takes you far. Tonight: Call it a nearly night.
CANCER (June 21-July 22): Tread with care around loved ones. Reassess creative ventures and long-term goals. People are volatile, to say the least. Critical choices surround a situation, and you do well because of who you are. Being aware of your desires will help you. Tonight: Go out with a best friend.
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Communications focus on creativity and feeling good. You handle situations easily. A friend gives you important feedback. You feel pressured by a domestic issue. A merry disposition is important as you deal with a situation. Be light and easy. Tonight: Dine out.
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): How you feel will be strongly affected by your positive choices and accomplishments. Be aware of your limits. Your ability to understand key issues is instrumental to your well-being. You will want to clarify a complicated matter so you can see it in a new light. Tonight: Work late.
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Your playful side emerges, but you need to be aware of finances and risk-taking. You feel compelled to take a risk or to try something in an unusual way. The clearer you are about making new choices, the better off you will be. Stay upbeat. Tonight: Be more fun-loving.
SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): You have a tendency to

push others away today. You need to be aware that your temper is short. A family member requires attention. Communications need to revolve around one-to-one relationships and finances. You might want to invest. Tonight: Head home early.
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Your talkative side takes over; you are ready to change gears and handle matters in a new way. You feel better, and you are willing to enhance an opportunity. Listen carefully, stay on top of problems and maintain a sense of humor. Tonight: Paint the town red.
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): A responsible action is important when dealing with a friend who may be causing you some problems. Recognize your limits. Realize someone means well but has an odd way of demonstrating it. Solve problems. Tonight: Don't let a friend push you into a corner.
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Keep your chin up. Someone may challenge you when you least expect it. Your ability to laugh will help you handle an obstacle. Opportunities to grow are important. Reveal more of what's in your heart to a love one. Tonight: Go out on the town.
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Cut back while you are ahead. Be sensitive to what someone offers. A lover on has an odd way of showing affection. Stay on top of a situation. Clarity in dealing with others is important. Tonight: Avoid reacting to news that may be stunning. You don't have the whole story.
IF MAY 20 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: This year the focus is on your image and your desires. Career is a major issue this year. However, you can end up in trouble if you don't deal correctly with office politics. You might need to change your style. Understanding your limits is very important. If you are single: Relationships seem to end in power plays; you need to evaluate what's happening. If attached: This is an unusual year, one when you want to evaluate your choices carefully; learn to communicate your desires and priorities.
THE ASTERISKS (*) SHOW THE KIND OF DAY YOU'LL HAVE: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult.
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Black Baptist helps lead Zionist group

NEWARK, N.J. (AP) — Pauline Drake's heart jumped when she met former Jerusalem Mayor Teddy Kollek. The devout black Baptist stunned the legendary Israeli politician when she asked him to pose for a picture. "He looked at me and told me, 'You have your picture,'" Drake said. "I remember that, because I loved the expression on his face."



Pauline Drake poses in her Cliffwood, N.J., home. Drake, a devout Baptist, is the president of her local Hadassah chapter and a regional board member of the Zionist organization.

The 68-year-old woman not only speaks Hebrew, she is also president of the 150-member Matawan-Aberdeen Hadassah chapter. Drake also serves as a board member, and the Hebrew studies chair, for the Zionist organization's southern New Jersey region. "A lot of people tell me, 'You're black, and you're the only black amongst a group of Jews,'" Drake said. "But I love everybody. I pay it no mind." "I just feel that we're all God's children," said Drake, an active member of Providence Baptist Church in Cliffwood. Hadassah is the country's largest women's Zionist organization, with about 385,000 members. Members believe in the unity of the Jewish people and the centrality of Israel in Jewish life. The organization runs two major hospitals in Israel and supports Jewish rights around the world.

dry cleaners to study the language. It was while reading a Hebrew story in class that Drake first heard of Hadassah. She went to a local meeting and has been an active member ever since. "If it wasn't for the story in the Hebrew class about the Hadassah hospital, I never would have gone," she said. "I think it was God's blessing." "I know that Jesus Christ was a Jew ... and I wanted to know his holidays, how he enjoyed them, what he was about," she said. Drake has attended synagogue services for the Jewish holidays of Simhat Torah and Yom Kippur. Last month, she went to a fellow Hadassah member's house for a Passover seder.

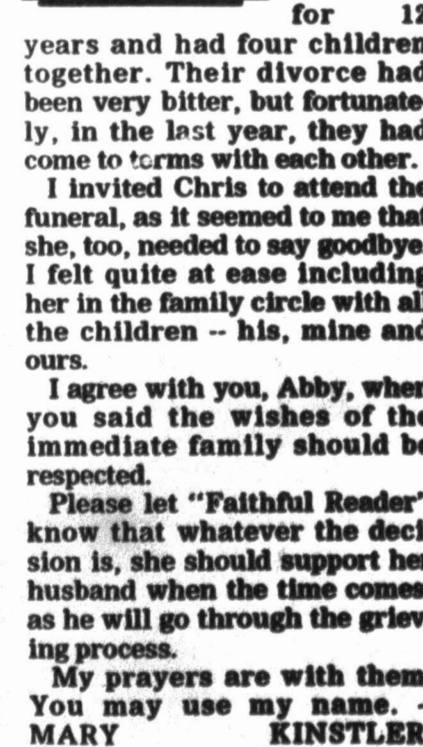
Her activism in Hadassah led her to many of the organization's national conventions. She has visited Israel three times and plans on going twice more in the coming months, for Hadassah's national convention this summer and as head of a church group going next February. She hopes to take part in Jerusalem's 3,000-year anniversary celebrations. Drake currently is teaching Hebrew to about 15 members of her church preparing for their pilgrimage to the Jewish state. Synagogues and Jewish organizations throughout New Jersey have been clamoring to book Drake as a speaker. She spoke before a crowd of 300 at a Holocaust commemoration in Newark last month and represented Hadassah in a recent Holocaust program at Fort Monmouth. She also helped arrange a program in which members of her church visited a local synagogue for Sabbath services.

Every Thursday afternoon for 2 1/2 years, Drake took time off from her job as a presser at a

Man's wives share grief at his funeral

DEAR ABBY: I just read the letter in your column signed "Faithful Reader," asking if her husband should attend the funeral of his former wife. Four weeks ago today, I lost my husband. He, too, had a former wife. He and "Chris" had been married for 12 years and had four children together. Their divorce had been very bitter, but fortunately, in the last year, they had come to terms with each other. I invited Chris to attend the funeral, as it seemed to me that she, too, needed to say goodbye. I felt quite at ease including her in the family circle with all the children -- his, mine and ours. I agree with you, Abby, when you said the wishes of the immediate family should be respected. Please let "Faithful Reader" know that whatever the decision is, she should support her husband when the time comes, as he will go through the grieving process. My prayers are with them. You may use my name. -- MARY KINSTLER,

PORTSMOUTH, VA. DEAR MARY: What a gracious, understanding woman you are. Because my column is a trouble dump, I rarely hear from anyone who has survived divorce with no bitter aftertaste. How much better for the divorced couple -- and the children -- when they put the bitterness behind them and behave civilly toward each other. Anger and bitterness eat away at those who harbor these feelings, as well as those who are near and dear to them. DEAR ABBY: A quick note to add to the letter signed "Tired of Waiting" (in the outer offices of dentists and doctors): How about the medical professionals whose patients are kept waiting anywhere from an hour to forever? They have a framed notice on their walls saying: "Appointments must be canceled 24 hours in advance, or patient will be billed for the visit." Abby, how are patients supposed to know 24 hours in advance that they will have an emergency? -- ELTHREE IN NASHUA, N.H. DEAR ELTHREE: Good question. However, not all cancellations are due to emergencies. Some folks just have a change of plans, or an irresistible invitation. Readers?



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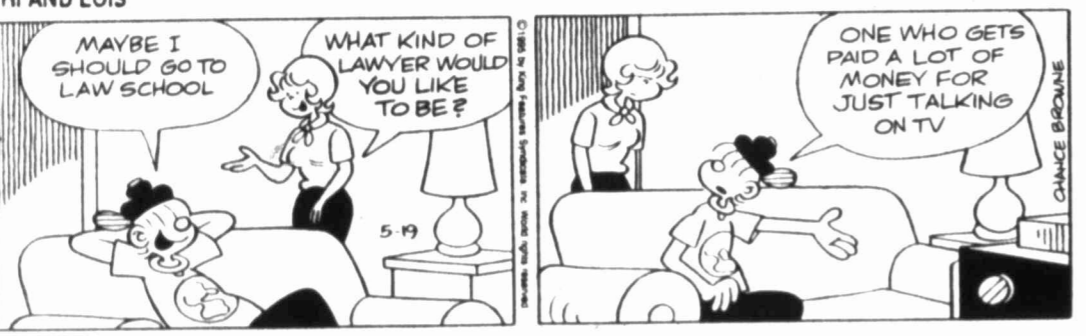
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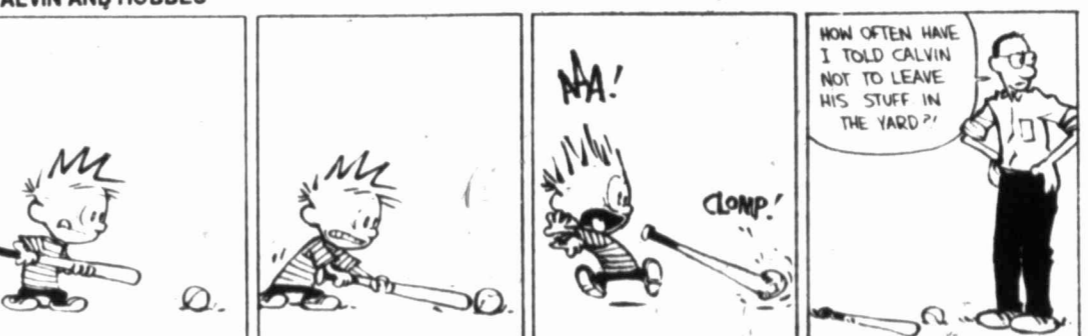
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