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Background checks back in appeals court

HOUSTON (AP) — A South Texas sheriff's challenge of the Brady Law will be heard by the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals this week.

Val Verde County Sheriff J.R. Koog of Del Rio is one of six sheriffs around the nation who filed suit opposing the law, which requires a five-day waiting period and background checks for prospective handgun buyers.

The New Orleans appeals

court is set to hear arguments in the lawsuit on Wednesday.

Koog contends his 82-person department lacks the manpower to make proper background searches and that the responsibility of enforcing federal law should not fall to the states and local officials.

Last summer, U.S. District Judge Ed Prado of San Antonio disagreed and upheld the law. But while ruling that the act is constitutional, Prado also said

law enforcement officers have wide discretion to determine what is a reasonable background search — and he added that in some situations no background search might be necessary.

Under the law, felons, fugitives, illegal immigrants, juveniles and the mentally ill are prohibited from buying a handgun.

Federal judges in Mississippi, Montana, Arizona and Vermont

have struck down the background check provision, but each left the waiting period intact.

Stephen Halbrook, Koog's attorney, said Prado's decision was a departure from district court decisions in the other cases and predicted it will be a springboard for victory before the 5th Circuit.

"The Justice Department is in a very weak position here," Halbrook said. "There are six dis-

trict courts that have ruled on this and five have agreed with us."

He added: "Congress doesn't have the power to conscript state officers to do what the federal government should do."

The Brady Law requires the chief law enforcement officer of the county to perform background checks on prospective handgun buyers to see if the purchaser is eligible — and that's a violation of the 10th

Amendment, which reserves for the states all powers not given specifically to the federal government or the people, Halbrook said.

"It totally turns the Constitution upside down to have the federal government telling state officers to enforce federal laws," he said.

Department of Justice spokesman John Russell said he

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Teen reports sexual assault

■ Case makes 20th report this year

By KELLIE JONES
Staff Writer

A 13-year-old girl was reportedly raped on the west side of town late last night.

Reports say the Hispanic teenager contacted someone with Rape Crisis/Victim Services and told the representative she had been sexually assaulted.

Officers with the Big Spring

Police Department were then contacted to file a report. The victim claims she was assaulted by a Hispanic male she knows. The case is being handled as a sexual assault of a child and has been turned over to the detective division for further investigation.

Sexual assault of a child is a second degree felony punishable by two to 20 years in prison and a fine not to exceed \$10,000.

So far in 1995, there have been 20 sexual assaults reports. Of those, three have been classified as sexual assault of a child and 10 as aggravated sexual assault.

Out of those 20 reports, five were in January, five in February, three in March, two in April, four in May and one in June.

PAIN RENEWED

Exhumation unearths mishandled burials

ST. JOHNSBURY, Vt. (AP) — After Joyce Metcalf died at age 60, her jewelry and the money she had been saving for new appliances couldn't be found. Her four sisters, suspecting foul play, had the body exhumed.

When the coffin was opened, they found that the body had not been embalmed. The dress the family had provided for her burial lay crumpled inside the casket; instead, she was still wearing her nightgown and had been wrapped in the sheets from the bed in which she died.

That was the first hint police had of the scandal that has since touched virtually everyone in St. Johnsbury and surrounding areas of northeastern Vermont.

During his six years in business in Vermont, state regulators say, funeral director Larry H. Titmore mishandled hundreds of burials — virtually every case he dealt with.

Regulators say Titmore, 44, failed to store or embalm bodies properly, put some corpses in cheap coffins instead of the expensive ones relatives bought, and pocketed \$75,000 that people had paid in advance for their funerals.

Now the community is grieving again for the relatives they believed had been properly laid to rest. Many are angry at Tite-

more.

"He was so personable," said Ruth Covell of Milford, N.H., one of Metcalf's sisters. "We thought he really cared."

For those who paid Titmore in advance for their funerals there is another fear: that when their time comes there won't be enough money to bury them.

"The thing that is so sad, is that these are all things we all take for granted, that they are going to be conducted properly," said Franne Whitney Nelson, a grief consultant who has been helping the relatives. "The public has lost that trust. In some ways it is not going to be gotten back."

In April, Titmore's license was revoked by the Vermont Board of Funeral Service. He has since filed for bankruptcy.

So far, he is charged only with moving a body without a license. On Monday, he pleaded innocent.

His attorney, Deborah Bucknam, refused comment. But in April, Titmore said: "I made some errors in judgment, yes. But I am not the beast that they painted me out to be. Taken out of context, a lot of things sound worse than they actually are."

Titmore handled close to half of the 135 or so deaths a year in

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GLIDING ALONG



It's a nice evening for a stroll or even a float and these ducks know that as they slowly float past wooden obstacles sticking out of the waters of Comanche Trail Lake Thursday evening.

Herald photo by Tim Appel

Malpractice suit filed against city, county

By KELLIE JONES
Staff Writer

Howard County, city of Big Spring, three doctors and a nurse are facing a medical malpractice suit filed in Ector County.

During a special meeting Monday, county commissioners approved a motion to retain Tim Yeats as counsel to defend the county.

Olga Sifuentes is claiming she did not receive proper prenatal care at the city/county health unit in late 1992 and early 1993. As a result, she alleges her son was born premature and now suffers from mental and physical disabilities. Jaime Sifuentes, the father, is also a plaintiff in the lawsuit.

At the time Sifuentes was going to the clinic, the county claims the only part it had in the operations was to pay utilities.

County officials and Yeats are in the process of trying to establish what kind of relationship the county had with the clinic and to see if they can be removed from the lawsuit. Yeats plans to file the county's response soon.

Dr. Melvin Porter, Linda Porter, R.N., Dr. Robert Braun and Dr. Pappas Adusumilli are named in the suit along with the city of Big Spring. Braun and Adusumilli are physicians in Odessa.

Meanwhile, commissioners approved the authorization of construction documents with Aguirre Associates to handle the renovations at the courthouse.

County officials approved the motion to pay the company with the stipulation they would not pay more than \$110,000. Aguirre Associates is an architectural firm who will be responsible for making sure the courthouse meets all fire codes, American with Disabilities Act codes, renovating the outside of the building and replacing the stairwells and elevators.

Commissioners postponed making a decision to pay Fanning, Fanning and Associates \$82,000 for the mechanical and electrical renovations of the courthouse. A company

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U.S. Trivia
Who founded Providence, R.I., in 1636 as a democratically ruled colony with separation of church and state?
Roger Williams
Charter granted? 1644

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WORLD/NATION

World: An unspecified number of U.N. peacekeepers held hostage by Bosnian Serbs may be released today, sources in the Bosnian Serb stronghold of Pale said. See page 6.

Nation: Alan Jackson won the duel of the country gentlemen Monday evening, besting Vince Gill in five categories. See page 5.

STATE

Arsonist cleared
A 10-year-old Galveston boy who had admitted to setting a fire that killed a 74-year-old man has been cleared of arson charges. See page 3.

The blues turn bluer
Gerry Van King has sung the blues on Sixth Street for seven years. But lately, his blues sound even bluer. See page 3.

Greeted like heroes
Government officials trying to decide which military bases around the country should be closed have been greeted as if they were returning sports heroes. See page 3.

TODAY'S WEATHER

Tonight
97 ▲ Highs
65 ▼ Lows
Partly cloudy
Tonight, mostly clear; low upper 60s, south winds 15 to 20 mph, gusty.

Permian Basin Forecast
Wednesday: Partly cloudy, high upper 90s, south winds 10 to 15 mph, becoming southwest and increasing to 20 to 30 mph by noon; fair night, low upper 60s.
Thursday: Partly cloudy, high low 90s; fair night, low mid 60s.

Wednesday
Partly cloudy

Pain

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and around St. Johnsbury, population 6,000. The town has one other funeral home.

In Ms. Metcalf's case, her sisters had been told she died after having a seizure.

The exhumation has not resulted in any criminal charges. The autopsy found no evidence of foul play in her death and concluded she died of a heart attack.

Ms. Metcalf was found to be wearing her jewelry. Her sisters said the \$1,500 they believe their sister had was never found. But there have never been any allegations that Titmore took the money.

Ms. Metcalf had been given a welfare funeral after her death nearly two years ago, but Titmore never asked the state for payment, so there was no fraud committed, police said.

It was the Metcalf case that put police on Titmore's tail. In April, police, acting on a tip, found him transferring the body of a woman from a \$150 fiberboard casket into the \$1,250 hardwood casket she had paid for. She was about to be buried in the cheap coffin, police said.

Moving a body without a permit carries up to five years in prison and a \$1,000 fine.

At the same time, police discovered the body of a prominent local man lying in a hearse parked in the driveway, where

the corpse had been stored for four months during the winter.

Another woman who had died about three weeks previously lay in an unrefrigerated room, while two other bodies were being stored in a public part of the funeral home; industry standards require that bodies be stored in locked rooms away from the public.

There were about a dozen bodies awaiting the spring thaw for burial. That in itself is not unusual in upper New England, but none of the corpses had been properly prepared for burial, officials said.

All the bodies that were discovered in late April have since been properly buried. But it's unclear how many people had prepaid their funerals with Titmore and how their funerals will be paid for when they die.

"You have a lot of victims in this case," said Detective Clement Houde. "A lot of people are still shattered about this."

Nelson, the grief consultant, has been working with about 20 families whose relatives were buried by Titmore.

"Those who had people go through (Titmore's funeral home) are having the hardest time," Nelson said. "Short of exhuming, they are always going to wonder how their person was handled."

When Ms. Covell, Ms. Metcalf's sister, saw Titmore in the courtroom Monday, "I felt like kicking him."

OBITUARIES

Clara Fisher

Services for Clara Fisher, 88, Stanton, will be 1 p.m. Thursday, June 8, 1995, at Stacy-Wilkins Funeral Home Chapel in Goldthwaite under the direction of Stacy-Wilkins Funeral Home. Local arrangements were under the direction of Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Mrs. Fisher died Monday, June 5, in a Stanton Nursing Home after a long illness.

She was born on March 1, 1907, in Wortham. She married Erven L. Fisher, Sr. on Sept. 6, 1925, in Groesbeck. He preceded her in death on Feb. 2, 1993. She moved to Big Spring in November of 1991 from Mills County Texas. She was a member of the First Baptist Church in Mullin. Mrs. Fisher was a Licensed Vocational Nursing having worked in hospitals in Goldthwaite, Brownwood, Temple and Conway, Ark.

She is survived by two sons: Erven L. Fisher, Jr., Big Spring, and Bobby G. Fisher, Beeville; one daughter: Shirley Townsend, Clearwater, Fla.; one sister: Irene Hatcher, Houston; eight grandchildren; and 16 great-grandchildren.

Her body has been transferred to Stacy-Wilkins Funeral Home in Goldthwaite.

Thomas Butler

Thomas Lee Butler, 81, Big Spring, died Monday, June 5, 1995, in Sweetwater. He will be buried in Camp Springs Cemetery in Scurry County.

He is survived by a brother, M.Y. Butler, Big Spring.

MYERS & SMITH
FUNERAL HOME & CHAPEL
24th & Johnson 267-8288
Clara Fisher, 88, died Monday. Services are pending in Goldthwaite.

Nalley-Pickle & Welch
Funeral Home and Rosewood Chapel
906 GREGG
267-6331

Delia Sullivan, 87, died Sunday. Services were at 2:00 PM Tuesday at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Interment will follow at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

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could not comment on the government's case, but he said Walter Dellinger, assistant attorney general in charge of the Office of Legal Counsel, will argue the appeal.

The Brady Law took effect on Feb. 28, 1994. It was named for Jim Brady, press secretary to former President Ronald Reagan.

Brady was critically injured after being shot in the head during an 1981 attempt to assassinate Reagan. Brady's wife, Sarah, was a key proponent of gun-control legislation.

Suit

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spokesperson will attend the next meeting to discuss the matter with officials before they approve the contract.

They also approved a motion to continue a cooperative agreement between the county and Midland College concerning the breath alcohol testing program. The program will cost the county \$9,400.

The services the college provides to the county under the agreement include: routine instrument maintenance, Intoxilyzer repair including parts, supply of testing materials, supervision of certified operators in Howard County, expert witness testimony, certification classes for new operators in Howard County and certification renewal classes for certified operators in Howard County.

Houston library sends books to Oklahoma

HOUSTON (AP) — In hopes that pictures and stories can help heal broken hearts, the Houston Public Library is sending 53 children's book to its Oklahoma City counterpart in memory of the city's bombing victims.

The books bound for the Metropolitan Library in Oklahoma City will consist mostly of the nominees for the last two Bluebonnet and Lone Star awards, as well as books dealing with death, loss and adjustment.

Bluebonnet books are chosen each year by Texas elementary school children from a Texas Library Association nomination list. Lone Star books are picked by middle school children.

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Big Spring ON THE RUN

POLICE

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

•**WILLIAM CALLEY**, 18, of HC 63 Box 37-A, was arrested for fleeing to elude and cited for speeding and not having a motorcycle license. An officer was attempting to pull him over for going 104 miles per hour in a 65 mph zone. He eventually crashed into a fence and was arrested.

•**MICKEY BARBER**, 22, of 605 Linda Lane, was arrested for public intoxication.

•**BRUCE E. ADKINS**, 45, of 1404 12th Street, was arrested for public intoxication and theft.

•**STEVEN FOSTER FOMBY**, 42, of 2503 Central, was arrested for public intoxication.

•**BOBBY SIMMONS**, 44, a transient, was arrested for public intoxication.

•**SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY INVESTIGATIONS** in the 1800 block of East Marcy, Interstate 20 at mile marker 181, 2000 block of North Lamesa, 2500 block of Marshall, 1300 block of Wright, 2300 block of Main, Cindy and McDonald and at the Big Spring State Park.

•**EMERGENCY COMMITMENT** to the state hospital.

•**TERRORISTIC THREAT** in the 2400 block of South Monticello.

•**ASSAULT/FAMILY VIOLENCE** in the 300 block of East 19th.

•**THEFTS** in the 400 and 2000 blocks of Gregg.

•**DOG BITES** in the 4200 block of Parkway and 100 block of Hooser.

•**DOMESTIC DISTURBANCES** in the 1700 block of Jennings, 2500 block of Central, 300 block of Lamesa Drive and 1400 block of Main.

•**DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE/ASSAULT** in the 300 block of East 19th.

•**ASSAULT** in the 2300 block of Thorp.

•**BURGLARY OF A HABITATION** in the 500 block of Lancaster.

•**CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** in the 1500 block of Lincoln and 2900 block of East Interstate 20.

•**UNAUTHORIZED USE OF A VEHICLE** in the 1100 block of East Fourth.

•**ASSAULT BY THREAT** in the 2100 block of Scurry.

•**MINOR ACCIDENT** at intersection of Third and Runnels. A citation for disobeying a red light was issued.

•**MINOR ACCIDENT** at intersection of Sixth and Runnels. A citation for failure to yield right-of-way was issued.

DID YOU WIN?

SHERIFF

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

•**JOSEPH WILLIAM HASKETT JR.**, 31, of Bacliff, Texas, was transferred from the city jail after being arrested on a parole violation warrant. He remains held without bond.

•**DAVID FRANK MORGAN**, 38, of 3613 Calvin, was transferred from the city jail after being arrested on a parole violation warrant and bondsman off bond for driving while intoxicated. He remains held without bond.

•**TROY MICHAEL ALLEN**, 35, of 1200 East 15th, was released after serving time on a driving while license suspended charge.

•**DARIN SEAN TUCKER**, 36, of 1610 South Johnson, was transferred from the city jail after being arrested on a felony charge of driving while intoxicated. He was released on a \$1,000 bond.

•**MOTORIST ASSISTANCE** in Coahoma.

•**POSSIBLE RABID FOXES** in the 2800 block of Highway 350 and 2500 block of South Anderson.

FIRE

The Big Spring Fire Department reported the following incidents during a 24-hour period ending 8 a.m. Tuesday:

•**SMOKE SMELL** at residence in the 4100 block of Parkway. A ceiling fan had overheated.

•**GAS METER HIT** in the 5000 block of Sterling Road.

•**ACCIDENT** at Third and Runnels. One person was still in their car when firefighters arrived but she refused medical treatment.

RECORDS

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| Monday's temp. | 96 |
| Monday's low | 72 |
| Average high | 90 |
| Average low | 64 |
| Record high | 104 in 1948 |
| Record low | 54 in 1920 |
| Rainfall Monday | 0.00 |
| Month to date | 0.00 |
| Month's normal | 0.37 |
| Year to date | 9.98 |
| Normal for year | 7.06 |
| **Statistics not available. | |

MARKETS

July cotton futures 105.70 cents a pound, down 205 points; July crude oil 19.06 down 19 points; cash hog steady at 50 cents higher at 40.50 cents even; slaughter steers steady at 64.50 cents even; June live hog futures 43.92, up 7; June live cattle futures 63.45, up 25 points; according to Delta Commodities.
Index 4491.08
Volume 114,434,900
ATT 50% -
Amoco 68% +
Atlantic Richfield 114% + 1/2
Atmos 20 +
Boston Chicken 22% -
Cabot 42% nc
Chevron 49% +
Chrysler 44% nc
Coca-Cola 60% +
De Beers 26% +

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| DuPont | 67% + |
| Exxon | 71% + |
| Fina Inc. | 42% nc |
| Ford Motors | 30% - |
| Halliburton | 39% + |
| IBM | 91% + |
| JC Penney | 47% - |
| Laser Indus LTD | 5% - |
| Mesa Ltd. Prt | 5% nc |
| Mobile | 101 + 1/2 |
| NUV | 10% nc |
| Pepsi Cola | 47% - |
| Phillips Petroleum | 35% + |
| Sears | 56% - |
| Southwestern Bell | 45% + |
| Sun | 31% - |
| Texaco | 69% + |
| Texas Instruments | 122 nc |
| Texas Utilities | 35% + |
| Unocal Corp. | 29% + |
| Wal Mart | 25% + |
| Amcap | 13.14-13.94 |
| Euro Pacific | 22.30-23.66 |

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IN BRIEF

Updates needed on clubs, churches

The Big Spring Herald will publish its annual Community Guide June 30.

Included in this will be a listing of local clubs, organizations and churches we need to update.

To update your club or organization, please see Gina Garza between 8 a.m. and 2 p.m. by June 15.

Tax union meeting set for tonight

Property Owners Protective Society is forming a property tax union. An organizational meeting will be Tuesday evening, 7 p.m., June 6, 1995, at 1110 Jeffery Road, the home of Roy Simmons, spokesman for Citizens For Tax Reform.

Discussion will center on organizational procedures, goals and possible election of officers.

For further information call Roy Simmons at 267-30313 or 267-6153. We need your help and welcome your participation.

Republican women to meet Thursday

Republican Women will meet noon Thursday at the country club.

Guest speaker is Jack Howard, one of the two men running for sheriff of Howard County on the GOP ticket.

Projects that will benefit those running for office will be discussed.

Commodities distribution will not occur in June

West Texas Opportunities, Inc. WILL NOT distribute commodities for the month of June. Commodities will resume in July.

For more information contact West Texas Opportunities, Inc., at 1000 11th Place or call 267-9536.

Contributions sought for scholarship fund

A scholarship in the name of Pat Lawrence has been established at Big Spring High School. Contributions can be made to: Pat Lawrence Scholarship Fund, Big Spring Educator's Credit Union, P.O. Box 1110, Big Spring, Texas, 79721.

WEDNESDAY

•Gamblers Anonymous, 7 p.m., St. Stephens Catholic Church, room 1, 4601 Neeley, Midland. Call 263-8920.

•Survivors, 10 to 11:30 a.m. Call Rape Crisis/Victim Services, 263-3312. This is open to all survivors.

•Adult Children of Alcoholics, 7:30 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church library. Contact Murph Watson, 264-0500.

•Alcoholics Anonymous noon open meeting and 8 p.m. 12 and 12 study.

•West Texas Legal Service offers legal help on civil matters for those unable to afford their own attorney, Northside Community Center. Call 1-686-0647.

•Spring Tabernacle Church, 1209 Wright, free food for area needy, 10 a.m.-noon.

•Masonic Lodge #598, 7:30 p.m., 219 Main.

SPRINGBOARD

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TODAY

•Spring Tabernacle Church, 1209 Wright, has free food for area needy, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

•Al-Anon, 8 p.m., 615 Settles.

•Voices support group, 3:45 p.m. Call Rape Crisis/Victim Services, 263-3312.

•Spring City Senior Citizen Center, ceramics classes from 9:30-11:30 a.m. 55 and older invited.

•Pastoral counseling by Samaritan Counseling Church, First Christian Church, 10th and Goliad. For appointment call 1-800-329-4144.

•Comanche Lake Duplicate Weekly, Dora Roberts Civic Center, 1 p.m. Come early at 12:15 for mini-lessons.

•Seniors' diabetic support group, 2 p.m., Canterbury South. Call 263-1265.

•Most Excellent Way' chemical dependency support group, 7 p.m., Cornerstone Bookstore. Call 267-1424 after 5 p.m., or 263-3168 before 8 p.m.

•Alcoholics Anonymous noon open meeting and 8 p.m. closed meeting, 615 Settles.

•VFW Post #2013, 7 p.m., VFW Hall.

•Compassionate Friends, support group for parents who have experienced the death of a child, 7:30 p.m., room 113, Family Life Center Building, First Baptist Church. Enter by SE door. Call 267-2769.

•Coahoma Senior Center Project Group, 11 a.m., Coahoma Community Center, 306 North Ave. Call 394-4439.

•Cancer support group, noon to 1 p.m., room 213, VA Medical Center, and 7 to 8 p.m., VA Medical Center.

•Widow/widower support group, 5:30 p.m., at a local restaurant. Call 398-5522 or 399-4369.

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Young arsonist cleared of charges

HOUSTON (AP) — A 10-year-old Galveston boy who had admitted to setting a fire that killed a 74-year-old man has been cleared of arson charges.

Officials aren't sure why the youngster falsely confessed to the arson charge. He's still in custody accused of other crimes unrelated to a rash of arson fires on the island in recent months.

The charges against the boy were dropped Monday when police charged Reginald Johnell Sellers, 23, with arson in connection with the April 13 blaze that killed Raymond Fickessen, critically burned his wife, Ethel, 73, and injured two other men.

Sellers, who could face up to life in prison if convicted, was charged Friday with in connection with a May 25 fire that killed Natalia Ventura, 8, and her 2-year-old sister, Guadalupe. The girls died when a late-night fire destroyed the home of relatives with whom they were staying while their parents worked.

Sellers confessed to that crime last week, then on Monday admitted to setting the April blaze, Fire Chief Willie Wisko said.

Last month, prosecutors filed a murder charge against the 10-year-old after he told police he set the April fire because he was mad at his mother and grandmother. That charge has been dropped.

The boy is expected to remain in custody on the other charges and so officials can provide him counseling and other help that may help explain his false confession, Wisko said.

The boy's mother, whose name has not been released, remained in the Galveston County Jail on Monday. She was charged last month with contributing to the delinquency of a minor because her son was never enrolled in school last year.

No reason was given why Sellers was questioned about the April fire, although officials said he's still being questioned about other recent local fires.

An unidentified source told the Houston Chronicle in today's editions that Sellers admitted to having an uncontrollable urge to set fires.

Sellers was considered more likely to have set the April blaze because he "had better facts" about it, the source said.

Sellers has told investigators he spotted his arson targets randomly while collecting cans and that he chose rundown structures that were eyesores anyway, the source said.

Officials have refused to release any background information about Sellers, who reportedly earned money by selling aluminum cans to recyclers.



Austin street musician, "Stormy," plays to a passing Sixth Street crowd Saturday. Police say the popular strip of dance and music clubs has become more crowded with street performers. In turn, police have received more complaints of noise and blocked sidewalks and doorways.

ON THE STREET AGAIN

Police looking to clear Sixth Street of musicians

AUSTIN (AP) — Gerry Van King has sung the blues on Sixth Street for seven years. But lately, his blues sound even bluer.

Van King is one of several street performers in the "Live Music Capital of the World" concerned about a police crackdown on noise.

"More than one (police officer) has told me they're going to clean up Sixth, and there wouldn't be nobody playing," says Van King, who plays the bass guitar and sings to crowds in the city's entertainment district.

The popular strip of dance and music clubs has become more crowded with street performers, police say. In turn, officers have received more complaints of noise and blocked sidewalks and doorways.

"I'm one individual who is very responsive to the ambiance of Sixth Street. But I've also got a responsibility to the citizenry down there to make sure their rights are not being violated," said Lt. Gerald Raines, a foot patrol supervisor for the Austin Police Department.

He has recommended that the city designate specific areas along Sixth Street for street performers.

Raines recently played for the Austin Music Commission a tape recording of a resident who called police to complain about a conga drummer in her doorway at 2 a.m. The drumming was clearly audible over the telephone, and the woman was in tears, he said.

"It was unbelievable," said Raines.

The city requires no permits for street performers. The musicians can't block sidewalks and can't panhandle, although people may toss money into an open guitar case.

Police have been using the city noise ordinance to tone down late-hour performers. The ordinance prohibits any music after 10:30 p.m. that's loud enough to disturb others.

"What we've told these individuals is that it's a violation of city ordinance, and if they're disturbing these people, they will either be cited or arrested," Raines said.

More restrictions, possibly

designated areas, could go before the City Council in a few months, said Austin Music Commission Chairman French Smith.

"It's certainly a possibility," Smith said. "We're going to work the Police Department and the Sixth Street merchants association and see what we can come up with as a way to solve the problem."

City Councilman Max Nofziger, a guitar and trumpet player who in the early 1980s sometimes performed on the street, said he's unaware of problems serious enough to warrant further restrictions.

However, the council will consider changes if the commission recommends them. Van King said he wouldn't mind a designated area for street musicians if that would ensure his right to perform.

Musician Kevin Lenihan agreed, so long as the area has enough foot traffic for the performers to make a little money.

"Anything's good as long as they allow it (street music) to happen," said Lenihan.

Physical link found in Gulf War Syndrome

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — A new study has found a link between the illnesses suffered by veterans of the Gulf War and the problems encountered by civilians who suffer from similar symptoms.

Dr. Claudia Miller, a consultant to the Department of Veterans Affairs on the Gulf War Syndrome, said Monday the study indicates the illness that sickness suffered by both groups is physical and not psychological.

Like veterans suffering from Gulf War Syndrome, patients with so-called multiple chemical sensitivity often have been frustrated by skepticism and the inability of doctors to diagnose their illness.

Both groups have symptoms that include chronic fatigue, shortness of breath, headaches, memory difficulties, depressed feelings and gastrointestinal problems.

Miller said the study adds credence to speculation the two illnesses are the same.

The claims were subjective and not confirmed by laboratory tests, Miller noted. Many of the symptoms overlap other medical problems.

Researcher surveyed 112 people from 33 states and three foreign countries for the study. All said they developed similar symptoms after exposure to common household chemicals such as pesticides, or from materials found in remodeled buildings.

Motorcycle gang takes fight to court

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — The motorcycle gang known as the Gypsies is fueled up for a fight.

Two factions of the group began squaring off in court Monday in a divisive battle some fear may threaten the group's 63-year existence.

About 180 members of the Gypsy Motorcycle Club International packed the second floor of the Bexar County Courthouse, then took turns sitting in on the civil hearing.

The non-profit club split into two factions in 1992.

Crowds turn out to greet members of base closure officials

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Government officials trying to decide which military bases around the country should be closed have been greeted at San Antonio International Airport as if they were returning sports heroes.

In the biggest crowd since the NBA's Spurs were welcomed home during the playoffs five years ago, about 1,800 Kelly Air Force Base supporters showed up Monday to greet the base closure panel commissioners.

"We always appreciate community support," Commissioner Rebecca Cox said. "It's nice to see that kind of support for the military."

The chanting, sign-waving, "Keep Kelly Open" contingent lined a quarter-mile stretch of concourse and spilled over into

the ticket area as smiling commissioners walked by them.

Mayor Bill Thornton told the crowd, "You guys were great" after Cox departed.

"I asked her, 'Did you see this in other cities?' and she said, 'Never, never like we see it in San Antonio,'" Thornton said.

The Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission, commonly known as BRAC, is reviewing Kelly and four other air logistics centers.

Three commissioners were to tour the base Tuesday. A fourth is planning a visit a week from Thursday.

"This decision won't be based on who can host the largest pep rally," Thornton said. "But we want them to realize their decision will affect many, many lives."

AG appealing federal order to release convicted cop killer

HOUSTON (AP) — The Texas attorney general's office is appealing a federal order to release Ricardo Aldape Guerra or grant him a new trial after he was sentenced to die for the 1982 murder of a police officer.

U.S. District Judge Kenneth Hoyt took prosecutors to task last November in a scathing ruling that accused authorities of being "merchants of chaos."

But last week, the attorney general's office notified attorneys that it has filed an appeal with the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in New Orleans.

The letter was received Monday by attorneys involved in the case.

A call to Aldape Guerra's attorney was not immediately returned Monday to The Associated Press.

Supporters of Aldape Guerra insist he is the victim of angry police out for revenge and anti-

illegal immigration sentiment.

Houston patrolman James Harris was slain the night of July 13, 1982, after he stopped his cruiser near a stalled car. Two men approached Harris, one fatally shooting the officer in the head.

Hoyt attacked police and prosecutors who worked on the case, saying their actions "were done in bad faith and are outrageous" and that Aldape Guerra's companion that evening — Roberto Carrasco Flores — was the real killer.

Authorities' "misconduct was designed and calculated to obtain a conviction and another 'notch in their guns' despite the overwhelming evidence that Carrasco was the killer and the lack of evidence pointing to Guerra," Hoyt wrote Nov. 14 after listening to testimony at a hearing a year ago.

Visit to ex-girlfriend turns fatal for both

FORT WORTH (AP) — When David Mark Wolf made his final visit to his ex-girlfriend, he brought a red carnation, a greeting card that proclaimed her "the love of my life" and a gun.

Wolf killed Dee Ann Lokey by shooting her in the back, then took his own life by shooting himself in the head Sunday night. The flower was found in the door and the card was on her body, police said.

Ms. Lokey, 32, had told some people Wolf, a 35-year-old computer operator, wouldn't leave her alone after their breakup six months ago. Her neighbors said he'd sit in his car watching

her house or he'd drive by.

"He would beg her to come back to him," said Karen Yancey, a neighbor of Ms. Lokey's who saw Wolf approach the house before Sunday night's shooting. "He stalked her. ... He would not let go."

Ms. Lokey, who was separated from her husband, met and dated Wolf for about a year and a half before the relationship ended, detectives said.

Mrs. Yancey said she never believed Wolf would hurt Ms. Lokey, although the neighbor said the breakup came after an intoxicated Wolf tried choking his girlfriend.

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EDITORIAL

Quote of the Day

"Language is not neutral. It is not merely a vehicle which carries ideas. It is itself a shaper of ideas."

Dale Spender, Australian editor, 1980

Safety reduces life's risks

All we have to do is watch any episode of "Rescue 911" to see that serious injuries happen to people nearly every day, in a variety of situations.

The point is driven home that much harder when we read that Christopher Reeve, a name and face most of us recognize, the modern movie embodiment of Superman, is lying in a hospital bed unable to move or breathe on his own, after being thrown from a horse.

Reeve did what he could - he wore his helmet and padded vest. The helmets do not protect the neck, however, with tragic consequences.

He is proof there is a certain amount of risk in almost anything we do. No matter how rigidly we follow the rules and regulations, something bad might happen. This is life. Reeve was injured doing something he loved; this might help his attitude toward his injury and recovery.

We can see how crucial it is to follow safety regulations. Had Reeve been cavalier about riding safety, he would certainly be dead or even more severely

injured with no hope of any brain function.

There is no way to eliminate all risks and dangers from life. We must accept responsibility for our choices and activities, realizing that some could bring us unexpected harm. This is no reason, however, to justify ignoring basic safety procedures.

So you may never ride a horse like Reeve, or drive a race car like Stan Fox, who is recovering from severe head injuries sustained in a crash during the Indy 500. No matter. You can still buckle your seat belt, wear helmets and pads when biking, rollerblading or motorcycling and follow other common-sense guidelines.

Safety precautions may not keep you out of a hospital bed, but they may keep you from prematurely occupying a coffin.

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ENTERTAINMENT



Country music legends Willie Nelson and Waylon Jennings acknowledge the applause after they performed together at the TNN Music City News Country Awards show Monday at the Grand Ole Opry in Nashville. Nelson was awarded the Minnie Pearl Award for charity work and Jennings won the Living Legend award.

Alan Jackson takes home Entertainer of Year award

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Alan Jackson won the duel of the country gentlemen Monday evening, besting Vince Gill in five categories at the TNN Music City News Country Awards, including entertainer of the year.

Jackson also picked up trophies at the fan-voted awards for best male vocalist, album of the year for "Who I Am," and single of the year for "Livin' On Love." Gill was shut out despite his six nominations, second only to Jackson's seven.

"Well, I had a pretty good night," Jackson said after picking up the entertainer trophy. "I was really pulling, wanted to get that female vocalist one," he joked.

Waylon Jennings won in the "living legend" category, and the Minnie Pearl award for charity work went to Willie Nelson.

"It was worth it tonight just to hear Willie and Waylon singing together," Jackson said.

Tim McGraw, Faith Hill and the group BlackHawk were named stars of tomorrow, while best vocal group went to Brooks & Dunn during the show that was broadcast from the Grand Ole Opry House on on The Nashville Network. Reba McEntire won for female artist.



Alan Jackson gets a hug along with a trophy from singer Pam Tillis as he accepts the single of the year award at the TNN Music City News Country Awards Show Monday. Jackson received five awards, including entertainer of the year.

THE WINNERS

The complete list of TNN winners:

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Male Artist: Alan Jackson
Female Artist: Reba McEntire
Comedian: Jeff Foxworthy
Vocal Band: Sawyer Brown
Christian Country Artist: Ricky Van Shelton
Star of Tomorrow, Male: Tim

McGraw
Star of Tomorrow, Female: Faith Hill
Star of Tomorrow, Vocal Group or Duo: BlackHawk
Vocal Group or Duo: Brooks & Dunn
Vocal Collaboration: George Jones-Alan Jackson
Album: "Who I Am" — Alan

Jackson
Single: "Livin' On Love" — Alan Jackson
Video: "Independence Day" — Martina McBride
Living Legend: Waylon Jennings
Minnie Pearl Award for charity work: Willie Nelson

Spinal operation a success; now healing process begins for Reeve

CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va. (AP) — After a successful spinal cord operation, Christopher Reeve now begins the long process of healing and rehabilitation to determine whether he has a chance to move or breathe on his own again.

On Monday, surgeons pieced together two shattered vertebrae at the base of the actor's skull to immobilize his broken neck and keep bone fragments from further damaging his spinal cord. Reeve was in serious but stable condition early today.

"Everything went well," Reeve's surgeon, John Jane, said of the six-hour operation. "We did the fusion we anticipated."

The 42-year-old star of the "Superman" films was paralyzed from the neck down May 27 when he was thrown from his horse during a jumping competition in Culpeper. He landed on his head, breaking the top two bones of his spine.

Surgeons used 11 titanium wires to tie together Reeve's upper two vertebrae. They also connected the first vertebra to the base of the skull with a ring. Bone shavings from Reeve's hip were grafted between the first and second vertebrae.

The operation itself wasn't expected to restore Reeve's ability to move and breathe. But Jane said that Reeve would hopefully regain some mobility as his body's shock from the accident wears off and the swelling reduces, relieving some pressure on the spinal cord.

The actor has some feeling in his neck and chest, proving his spinal cord wasn't severed, Jane said. He said it was impossible to say how much mobility Reeve can hope to achieve.

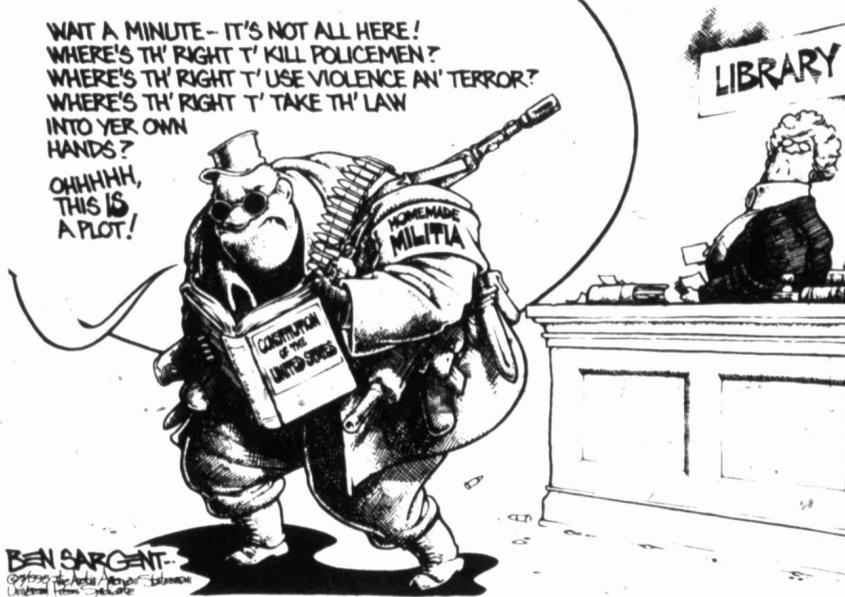
This week, nurses will gradually raise his head and torso a few degrees at a time. Jane said the prospect of sitting up made Reeve smile.

Propping Reeve upright should improve his breathing and help prevent any recurrence of pneumonia, a common complication in such cases, Jane said. Reeve will wear a neck collar for about a week. By the second week, rehabilitation will begin.

Nurses and doctors will periodically poke Reeve's body to test for sensations. They will try to increase the strength of the head and neck muscles he is able to move.

"It could be just sitting up 10 degrees or more, but those teeny things are very important and seem like big strides," said Henry Stifel, a New York City securities broker who had two vertebrae fused after he was paralyzed in a 1982 car crash.

Reeve's fractures should heal in six to eight weeks, but doctors said it could be weeks or months before the full extent of damage to his spinal cord is known.



O'Malley: Lawyer of few convictions

It's about time that Jack O'Malley, the Cook County state's attorney, receive praise and glory for cracking down on men who have sex with underage females.

This is the crime that used to be called statutory rape. It now has another name, but it still adds up to men having their way with females under 17.

Most people aren't aware of how often this happens. But you need only look at the teenage birth rate.

In Chicago, more than 10,000 unmarried teen-age girls have babies every year. In the suburbs, another 2,000 to 3,000.

Experts say that more than 60 percent of the male seducers are over 20 years old.

So clearly there is a shocking amount of statutory rape going on around here, especially in the low-income African-American neighborhoods.

Well, guys, watch out because the fun is over. O'Malley is in hot pursuit of U.S. Rep. Mel Reynolds.

Of course, Reynolds says that he is being hounded and persecuted for political reasons.

But why would an Irish-American Republican prosecutor want to pick on an African-American Democratic congressman?

What's the point? No, it is clear that O'Malley's devotion to justice has led to the prosecution of Reynolds, who is accused of having sex with a woman when she was 16, although she now says she is not interested in pursuing

the matter.

And the same devotion to justice has led to the prosecution of the following men for statutory rape:

Hmmm, it seems I don't have a list. O'Malley's office couldn't provide one.

The problem is that this outburst of zeal to nail male seducers seems to have begun with Reynolds.

Since O'Malley has been in office, there have probably been 50,000 potential statutory-rape cases in Chicago and Cook County.

Apparently O'Malley's office didn't notice. Shelton Green, the chief of the felony trial division for the public defender's office, said such prosecutions are "very, very rare. I think the only time that it's really pushed is when the parents of the victim want a prosecution. It just makes more sense, I think, from the prosecution's perspective."

Not any more, as the Reynolds case demonstrates. The parents of the woman aren't squawking. The female, now 19, has recanted. So has another young woman, now 21. And both appear to have been less-than-blushing young innocents when Reynolds allegedly did what O'Malley says he did but the women now say he didn't do.

Some cynics, a low sort, say that O'Malley is in hot pursuit of Reynolds because O'Malley also is in hot pursuit of higher office -- governor or senator maybe -- and Reynolds would provide a fine scalp to dangle at Illinois voters.

But that is nonsense. O'Malley already has so many other major prosecutorial trumps. There's the Hofer murder case. You remember -- the gay young German who stood trial for the brutal murder of a Wilmette woman.

Ooops, a mistake. The

accused killer was not guilty. And the woman's ex-husband has never been charged with arranging the crime.

Then there was a big-time Teamster prosecuted for the gunshot murder of his doped-up adult son.

Uh-oh. I erred again. Another not-guilty verdict.

But there was the real estate millionaire accused of hiring arsonists to torch one of his buildings so he could collect the insurance. Seven people died. Awful crime.

Whoops. It says here that the real estate guy beat the rap.

I guess that leaves us with Gregory Hudson, who was foolish enough to handle his own defense in a double-murder case even though he is not a lawyer and had no legal training. A prosecutor's dream.

Tut-tut. It appears that Hudson defeated the prosecutors and persuaded a jury of his innocence.

Well, you can't win 'em all, I always say. And as a wise man once said, "It isn't whether you win or lose, it is how you play the game and what kind of headlines you can generate."

So O'Malley still has Reynolds, whether he did what O'Malley insists that he did or he didn't, as the two victims who say they weren't victims say he didn't.

But even if the Reynolds case doesn't work out, O'Malley can continue his admirable crusade. This year, like last year and the year before that, there will be another 10,000 or more potential statutory-rape cases he can shake a fist at.

Who knows, there might be another Democratic politician out there.

Like a wise man also said: "Maybe you can't win 'em all, but you can't lose 'em all, either, can you?"

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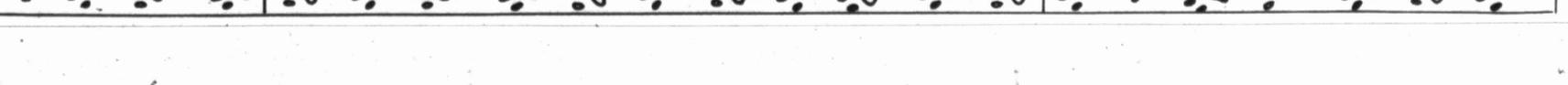
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New hopes signaled about downed pilot's survival

WASHINGTON (AP) — U.S. officials raised faint new hope for the survival of the American fighter pilot shot down in Bosnia last week, while Army airborne troops took a new step toward lending a hand in a potential pullout of U.N. peacekeepers.

In the first real sign that the Air Force F-16 pilot who was shot down last Friday might be alive, the Pentagon disclosed Monday that it had picked up intermittent signals from what appeared to be the airman's emergency locator beacon.

"The signals alone aren't enough for us to conclude that the pilot is alive, but it is encouraging," a senior Pentagon official told reporters

Monday afternoon.

"We have been doing everything we can, but it's best that we say as little as possible," President Clinton said Monday night on CNN's "Larry King Live" program when asked about the pilot and the radio signals.

The pilot, whose name has not been released, was knocked out of the sky over northern Bosnia when a Serb SA-6 surface-to-air missile slammed into the plane's underbelly, reportedly cutting it in half. Some of the wreckage has been shown on television, but the cockpit canopy has not been found.

The Pentagon official, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said the signals were being

transmitted in a specific pattern, although it remained possible that someone other than the pilot was doing it. There has been no other confirmed evidence that the pilot ejected from the F-16 before it crashed.

"It could be a ruse" by the Serbs, one Pentagon official said.

As a search-and-rescue team continued combing the rugged terrain of Bosnia in hopes of picking up the pilot, Army officials in Germany began getting about 3,500 troops and 100 helicopters ready to move to within striking range of Bosnia.

Pentagon officials said the Army troops would begin heading to Italy, possibly before the end of this week, as part of

preparations to execute a NATO plan for the complete withdrawal of the roughly 22,000 U.N. peacekeepers in Bosnia, should it be necessary.

The Clinton administration still hopes a U.N. evacuation will not be needed, but the Pentagon is moving ahead briskly with the training and deployment of troops that would be called upon if a withdrawal decision is made.

The mission of the U.N. peacekeepers has become increasingly untenable in recent weeks as Bosnian Serb forces have harassed and taken hostage some of the more vulnerable of the lightly armed U.N. soldiers. Last weekend France, Britain and the Netherlands announced

they were forming a quick-reaction force to provide protection to the peacekeepers, but a U.N. withdrawal remains a possibility.

The Army force moving out of U.S. bases in Germany is to include Apache attack and Black Hawk air assault helicopters as well as CH-47 medium-lift transport helicopters, Pentagon officials said. Trucks and fuel transports also will go.

"This is not an exercise; this is positioning" for a potential U.N. withdrawal, said one official, speaking on condition of anonymity.

The reinforced aviation brigade was expected to be drawn from the 11th Aviation

Regiment currently training in Germany. Units will move south by air, rail and bus.

The officials refused to say exactly where the U.S. forces would be based, but one said their headquarters would be in Vincenza, Italy, where paratroopers from the 82nd Airborne Division are located.

The shift of the Army airborne troops to the vicinity of Bosnia does not necessarily mean they will enter that war-torn country. The United States has pledged to provide up to 25,000 troops — of which the airborne troops would be a part — in the event the United Nations decides to completely withdraw from Bosnia.

Senate moves toward final vote on anti-terrorism bill

WASHINGTON (AP) — Propelled by the Oklahoma City bombing, the Senate is moving toward a final vote on anti-terrorism legislation now that President Clinton and Majority Leader Bob Dole have quit blaming each other for delaying it.

Clinton and Dole prodded lawmakers Monday, spurring them to break the logjam.

Dole, who is seeking the GOP presidential nomination, said Sunday that the bill might be bogged down by 67 Democratic amendments and 30 Republican amendments. But by Monday evening, Democrats had cut theirs to 15 to 20 and Republicans were down to five, said Sen. Joseph Biden of Delaware, the Senate Judiciary Committee's senior Democrat.

Family members of those killed in the bombing, meanwhile, gathered outside the Capitol and urged the senators to enact legislation to speed implementation of the death penalty.

As the Senate resumed work on the anti-terrorism measure

after its weeklong recess, it voted, 90-0, to approve a Democratic amendment requiring that tiny traceable materials, called taggants, be placed in chemicals that can be used to make bombs. The taggants would help law enforcement track down those responsible for bombings.

But the provision, sought by Clinton and proposed by Sen. Dianne Feinstein, D-Calif., was limited shortly before the vote to exclude smokeless or black powder, which is used to propel bullets. The National Rifle Association had opposed the original proposal.

The taggant requirement still would apply to dynamite, TNT, plastic explosives and other forms of explosive chemicals such as those used to make the fuel and fertilizer bomb that killed 168 in Oklahoma City.

Feinstein said there was a need to increase "transparency" in sales of explosives.

"We saw it in the World Trade Center (bombing), and we saw it again in Oklahoma City," she said.

Key votes are walking the Affirmative Action plank

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Clinton could lose some key voters if he doesn't firmly defend affirmative action, a leading black congressman says.

By not being clear and firm on the issue of equal opportunity, equal access and inclusion, the president runs the risk of permanently losing large segments of his base," Rep. Kweisi Mfume, D-Md., former head of the Congressional Black Caucus, said at a news conference Monday.

Mfume also had a caution for Republicans eager to scrap affirmative action. "If you think that racial minorities in this country, and in particular African Americans, are going to silently sit by and let 30 years of progress be taken away without a fight, you are in for a very rude awakening."

Mfume suggested that economic boycotts and public demonstrations could be used to get his message across.

He said he was upset by media reports that a White House task force reviewing federal affirma-

tive action programs may call for eliminating federal "set-aside" programs that save a portion of federal contracts for minority-owned businesses.

White House press secretary Mike McCurry insisted Clinton was being a strong leader on affirmative action.

"He has been helping frame a public climate in which we can make those changes that are necessary, keep those things that are important... and just make sure this nation retains a fundamental commitment to equal opportunity and justice at a time when there are those who would abolish those commitments," McCurry said.

Eliminating affirmative action is a popular cause of GOP presidential candidates, who see it as a strong campaign issue. Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole, for example, a long-time supporter of affirmative action, called for a congressional review of all programs.

Mfume said he also was upset by California Gov. Pete Wilson's move to scrap many affirmative action programs.



Crews try to clean up the area following a collision of two subway trains on New York's Williamsburg Bridge Monday. One train slammed into the back of another early Monday on the bridge over the East River, killing one motorman and injuring about 60, officials said.

Motorman killed as trains collide

NEW YORK (AP) — A subway train slammed into the rear of another on a bridge at least 100 feet above the East River on Monday, crushing a motorman to death in his compartment and injuring 54 passengers.

Hundreds of rescuers worked for three hours with ladders and aluminum mesh baskets to lower the injured and help other passengers to the roadway running along the Williamsburg Bridge about 15 feet below the tracks.

Passengers were thrown around cars, and their belongings littered the spot where the crash took place. The motorman's cab was crushed inside the last car of the other train, like one part of a telescope sliding into another.

"It was total chaos," said 33-year-old Herbert Brown, who was riding in the first train and was knocked to the floor. "It sounded like an explosion. Everybody in the car felt the impact. People fell down. People were crying."

The cause of the crash in lower Manhattan was under investigation by the National Transportation Safety Board.

NTSB Chairman Jim Hall noted that a similar accident involving two trains happened in February in the borough of Brooklyn. Seven people suffered minor injuries.

"Two accidents within four months is certainly something that warrants our full attention," Hall said.

The trains didn't derail, and authorities said there was no structural damage to the bridge, which connects Brooklyn to Manhattan.

There was no danger of the trains hurtling into the water because there are four lanes of road on either side of the tracks on the tier below, and the outside of the bridge is a close web of steel girders, officials said.

The M train was stopped at a red light on the bridge when the J train slammed into the back of it about 6:20 a.m., said the city Transit Authority's president,

Alan Kiepper. He wouldn't speculate on whether human error was to blame and said he didn't know how fast the moving train was going.

"It's a very gruesome scene," Mayor Rudolph Giuliani said after touring the wreckage. "It's remarkable the injuries weren't much worse."

About 50 people were taken to hospitals. The injured suffered mostly neck, back and leg sprains. The most seriously hurt was a man who suffered chest injuries. He was listed in critical condition.

The dead motorman was identified as Layton Gibson, 46, who worked for the subway system since 1977 and operated trains for 14 years. The only blot on his record was a two-day suspension in 1991 for stopping a train before all the cars were in a station, said Transit Authority spokesman Bob Slovak.

"I thought I was dead," said 47-year-old Harry King, who was on his way to work at a Catholic Charities center.

Last victim laid to rest

LONDON, Ky. (AP) — Alvin Justes, the last of the 168 victims of the Oklahoma City bombing to be laid to rest, was buried Monday in the eastern Kentucky town he had planned to revisit this summer.

"He came home in the spring, but not the way we wanted him to," Justes' sister, Violet Root, said as his casket was lowered into the ground. "It's not the kind of homecoming we wanted."

The 54-year-old disabled Army veteran was among the last three victims pulled from the wreckage of the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building.

Officials say Justes, who was reported missing May 15, was probably visiting the credit union the day of the blast. He and two credit union employees were pulled from the wreckage on May 29.

The Rev. Bobby Helton, Root's minister at Old Union Church, remembered how he had led prayers for the victims of the April 19 bombing and their families. It was still 1,000 miles away then.

"We were watching and viewing the faces of those that were affected by that tragedy," he said. "We didn't really know that it was going to reach into our own community."

Justes was buried with full military honors, a 21-gun salute and "Taps."

As she stood outside the cemetery in the 84-degree heat, Root said her brother would have been disappointed to find the two bombing suspects, Timothy McVeigh and Terry Nichols, were ex-soldiers. McVeigh served in the Gulf War.

Even so, he would not have kept anger in his heart, she said.

"We have to forgive them," Root said. "But it's, you know, hard sometimes. But we have to forgive them."

Student wins Powerball jackpot

BOISE, Idaho (AP) — A pregnant college student who recently moved back in with her parents to save money was clear Monday on what she intends to do with her Powerball jackpot of nearly \$87.6 million.

"If I want it, I'll buy it." Pam Hiatt also said she will quit the Idaho National Guard and drop out of Boise State University, at least for a while.

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Serbs expected to release some hostages today

PALE, Bosnia-Herzegovina (AP) — An unspecified number of U.N. peacekeepers held by Bosnian Serbs may be released today, sources in the Bosnian Serb stronghold of Pale said.

No release order had been issued, but the hostages were being gathered together in preparation, the sources said.

Serbia's president, Slobodan Milosevic, had said Monday that the remaining captives should be free soon. Details apparently still needed to be worked out.

Bosnian Serb leader Radovan Karadzic met on Monday with Greek officials and the chief of security for Milosevic.

Karadzic said afterwards that the hostage issue was being worked out with Milosevic. There was no indication when the issue would be settled and the more than 250 remaining hostages could be set free.

Bosnian Serbs took hundreds of peacekeepers hostage after NATO warplanes attacked Bosnian Serb ammunition bunkers nearly two weeks ago.

Milosevic officially severed ties with the Bosnian Serbs in August. His influence with the Bosnian Serbs is still strong, and he is trying to use it to wring concessions that would bolster his image as a peacemaker in the West.

Release of the peacekeepers would strengthen Milosevic's bid to lift bruising economic sanctions imposed three years ago to punish Serbia for inciting the Bosnian Serbs to war.

"The international community and all sides in the conflict should use this moment of relaxation of high tensions to ... move towards peace," said a statement issued by Milosevic's office on Monday.

Carolos Papoulias, the Greek

foreign minister, and Gerassimos Arsenis, Greece's defense minister, arrived on a surprise mediation mission on Monday and said they would continue talks with Milosevic today.

Sixty-three French peacekeepers released last week returned to their units in and around Sarajevo late Monday.

One unit rejoining its company had to run the gantlet of Serb guns ringing the besieged capital.

The soldiers drove down a treacherous mountain road in white U.N. armored vehicles camouflaged with mud, the headlights turned off and the driver wearing night-vision goggles.

Search and rescue operations continued to find the American F-16 pilot who crashed Friday in northern Bosnia after being shot down by a Bosnian Serb surface-to-air missile while on a NATO air patrol.

U.S. officials in Washington on Monday said they have been receiving signals from the pilot's communications device that could be coming from him.

"The signals alone aren't enough for us to conclude that the pilot is alive, but it is encouraging," a senior Pentagon told reporters Monday. "We are doing our utmost to locate these signals."

The signals could indicate that the pilot is alive, or that someone may have found his communications device. Sent in a regular pattern, the signals are being tracked by NATO air and intelligence units.

Pentagon officials said Monday that about 3,500 U.S. Army troops and more than 100 helicopters will head from Germany to Italy in preparation for potential rescue missions in Bosnia.

The force will include both attack and transport heli-



A Sarajevo resident cradles her child as she runs across an intersection targeted by snipers in downtown Sarajevo Tuesday. A man in the background waits to cross also, holding his child. Sniping activity intensified in the besieged Bosnian capital Tuesday.

copters, officials said. It could begin preparations as early as today.

It was unclear how the U.S. troops would interact with the rapid deployment force that NATO defense ministers decided on Saturday to form. Up to 10,000 men would protect some 22,000 U.N. peacekeepers in Bosnia.

The force's mission and command structure are still vague.

The danger of getting pulled directly into Bosnia's war could grow if the force were to fight its way through roadblocks or other impediments.

France's defense minister, Charles Millon, said today that if the United Nations rejects the proposed force, his country would again consider withdrawing its peacekeeping troops.

Russia has registered its opposition.

Cult leader, six others charged in subway attack

TOKYO (AP) — Closing a chapter on a national trauma, prosecutors charged cult leader Shoko Asahara and six top lieutenants with murder today in a chilling act of urban terror — the Tokyo subway attack.

Authorities said Asahara masterminded the attack that killed 12 people and sickened more than 5,500, ordering followers to produce the nerve gas sarin and spread it on subway trains March 20.

Asahara, the bearded, partially blind guru of the Aum Shinri Kyo sect, has been under police interrogation since he was seized three weeks ago in a crypt-like room at Aum's commune in the shadow of Mount Fuji.

The 40-year-old cult leader maintains his innocence, but police say key followers have directly implicated him.

The cult, in a statement issued by its Tokyo headquarters, called the charges "truly regrettable."

"There is no change in our fundamental position of entrust-

ing the case to a court trial," the group said.

Experts say the case could take decades to play itself out in the courts. Legal proceedings could begin in the fall, media reports said.

The subway saga has captured public attention in Japan like no other crime in memory. Thousands of hours of television coverage and hundreds of pages of newsprint have been devoted to the cult.

The attack shattered Japan's cozy illusions of safety, and set off soul-searching about some of the country's most closely held values, such as conformity and unquestioning loyalty to a group.

Commercial networks all flashed bulletins of the charges, then switched from regular programming to live reports from in front of the prosecutor's office, Aum's Mount Fuji commune and police headquarters.

Authorities took two months to arrest Asahara, carefully building a case in Japan's biggest criminal investigation.

Children turn quake survival into miracles

OKHA, Sakhalin Island (AP) — Surgeon Anatoly Melnikov says he doesn't believe in miracles, but the emergency room chief of Okha's Central Hospital cannot explain how many of his patients survived the earthquake that levelled a nearby town.

At least 1,236 died in the May 28 quake in Neftegorsk and 500 more bodies are believed to remain in the rubble. Those who were pulled out alive are bright spots in a bleak vista of mass death.

There were the 2-month-old and 6-year-old boys who arrived at the hospital Thursday after being discovered in the basements of their collapsed apartment buildings. After five nights in sub-freezing temperatures, the two suffered only scratches.

And there was the woman who was in her nightgown curling her hair when the earthquake struck. She fell three stories into the building's basement, where she stayed for five days before being rescued with

only minor injuries. "When the rescue teams brought her to the hospital, she still had one curler in her hair," Melnikov said.

"It's amazing they survived in the cold. Even the baby, who was covered in plaster and dust, showed no signs of hypothermia. By all medical standards, this is very astonishing."

Rescue operations have been scaled back, but Sergei Shoigu, Russia's minister of emergency situations, said Monday it was still possible to discover more survivors in the debris.

So far, 406 people have been pulled alive from the ruins, though some died later, authorities say.

More than 1,600 rescue workers remain on the island and are expected to continue their efforts two or three more days.

Nikolai Laktionov, deputy minister for emergency situations, said rescue machinery is still being switched off for an hour of silence three times a day in hopes of hearing faint calls for help from the rubble.

Defense: Son played no role in Robert Maxwell's financial empire

LONDON (AP) — Ian Maxwell had no training in finances and played no role in the financial operations of the Maxwell publishing empire until his father's mysterious death at sea in 1991, a jury was told today.

Maxwell companies and family were thrown into chaos by the death, leaving many things to be done in a hurry, lawyer Edmund Lawson said in an opening statement for Ian Maxwell's defense.

Ian Maxwell and his brother Kevin are charged with fraud, along with Robert Bunn, a financial director for Maxwell companies, and Larry Trachtenberg, an American financial adviser to the Maxwells.

They are accused of stealing \$35.2 million from a Maxwell pension fund to buy stock in the Israeli company Teva Pharmaceutical Industries Ltd. The stock was used as collateral for a bank loan when Maxwell's

business was crumbling. Kevin Maxwell is also charged with conspiring with his father to steal \$160 million in pension fund stock, putting it into another Israeli company, Scitex Corp. Ltd.

The defendants have pleaded innocent to the charges, which carry maximum penalties of 10 years in prison, or fines, or both. The trial is expected to last six months.

Defense lawyers have sought

to blame the problems on Robert Maxwell's autocratic management style. They have argued that Maxwell ordered his sons around for years and kept executives in the dark until it was time for them to rubber-stamp his decisions.

Ian Maxwell, his lawyer said, had always been "answerable to Dad, who told him what was to be done, to a very large extent how it was to be done..."

Water topic of discussion for Israel, Jordan, Germany

BAQOURA, Jordan (AP) — The leaders of Germany, Israel and Jordan met today at the sun-scorched point where two rivers meet to launch a joint project to share the Mideast's most precious commodity — water.

In a tent overlooking the Yarmouk and Jordan rivers, Chancellor Helmut Kohl of Germany, King Hussein of Jordan and Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin of Israel reviewed plans for two dams that will divert water to Jordan for five months every year.

"I came here to make clear that we support the vision that is becoming a reality in the Jordan Valley," Kohl said.

The \$535 million dam project on the Yarmouk is being funded by the European Union. Germany, which has pledged to put up at least 28 percent of that sum, is the biggest contributor.

The project is critical for Jordan, which rationes water.

"Our dream is to see this valley become the valley of peace, to see the development of all its resources to the benefit of our peoples," Hussein said.

Rabin said the sharing of water was a symbol of suspicion overcome in Israel-Jordan peacemaking.

"If water is life, let's give life to the people who have courage to make peace," Rabin said.

The hilltop where the three leaders stood was part of the area Jerusalem returned to Jordan under the October 1994 peace treaty.

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Little League Rockies rough up Cards

By STEVE REAGAN
Sportswriter

Finding a star for the Coahoma Rockies might be difficult. Finding someone who isn't a star might be easier.

The Rockies used the group approach to success Monday night, cruising to a 20-4 win over the National League Cardinals in the first round of the City Little League tournament.

The Rockies (9-10) pounded out 13 hits and got at least one run from every spot in the lineup, then combined that with a five-hit, five-strikeout performance from pitcher Chris Mulkey to earn the easy win.

Mulkey received offensive support from virtually everyone on the team. The top three batters in the lineup, Casey Reid, Anthony Herrera and David Salazar, all went 2-for-3 Monday. Reid had a pair of doubles and drove in two runs while scoring three times. Herrera scored twice and had three RBIs, while Salazar had a double, triple and three RBIs.

Coach Don Hogan said the Rockies' team approach was nothing new.

"We started off not playing too well, but really came together at midseason," Hogan said. "The stars? You pick them. Everybody played well offensively and defensively."

The Cardinals (7-9-1) were hurt when their No. 1 pitcher recently moved to Austin. Ten-year-old Nick Bailey got the call for the Cards and was touched for six runs in the first inning.

Before the Cardinals recorded their first out, they were down 3-0 thanks to a walk to Reid, a double by Herrera, Salazar's triple and an error.

The Rockies, who sent 12 batters to the plate in the first, recorded three more runs in the frame on RBI singles by Derek DeHoyas and Reid, and a wild pitch from Bailey.

The Cards scored a run in the second on an RBI double by Derek Wilson, then added two more runs in the third to cut their deficit in half, but the Rockies responded with five runs in their half of the third to regain control of the game.

The Rockies advance in the winners' bracket and will face the International League Rebels today at 5:45 p.m. at the IL park. The Cardinals drop to the consolation bracket and will play Thursday against an opponent to be determined.

The tournament kicks into high gear tonight, with eight games scheduled at four parks.

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Monday scores
CL Rockies 20, NL Cardinals 4
NL A's 16, AL Cardinals 1
IL Longhorns 5, AL Colts 0

Tonight's games
5:45 p.m. - NL Yankees at AL Astros, CL Rockies at IL Rebels, IL Longhorns at CL Reds, IL Indians at NL A's

8 p.m. - IL Panthers at AL Stars, AL Braves at NL Rangers, NL Lions at CL Astros, CL Ponies at IL Royals



Houston Rocket guard Kenny Smith unloads a bag from his car as his team boarded a plane for Orlando Monday. The Rockets face the Orlando Magic in the NBA Finals.

Who's your pick - Rockets or Magic?

ORLANDO, Fla. (AP) - When Hakeem Olajuwon meets Shaquille O'Neal, a player with the serenity a championships brings will meet a player with all the promise of championships to come.

Stopping the best player in this postseason is the prize the Orlando Magic's center wins for leading his team to the NBA Finals. The matchup between Olajuwon and O'Neal will be the centerpiece of the series between the defending champions and the Magic, which starts Wednesday.

In their two meetings this season, both players had 49 points apiece, with O'Neal holding the edge in rebounds, 27-19. But the regular season has little to do with the playoffs, where Olajuwon has been all but unstoppable. In the Western Conference finals against San Antonio, Olajuwon averaged

NBA Finals

35.3 points in six games against David Robinson, an excellent defensive player and the league's MVP.

Except for the two games when foul trouble drastically limited his minutes, O'Neal dominated Pacers center Rik Smits, but Smits is a jump shooter without Olajuwon's seemingly unlimited repertoire of low post moves.

One of the most interesting subplots - and potentially troubling for the Rockets - is the matchup at point guard, where 6-foot-3 Kenny Smith will try to guard 6-7 Anfernee Hardaway. Hardaway has raised his scoring average and shooting percentage in each round of the playoffs, averaging 19.6 points and shooting 53 percent.

NBA Finals matchup

| Orlando Magic | 1994-95 regular season statistics | Houston Rockets |
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| 24.2 | OPP. ASSIST AVG. | 23.7 |

WASTING NO TIME

Coahoma coach Terry Baxter makes state finals in first season at helm

By DAVE HARGRAVE
Sports Editor

It's hard to imagine a first year being any better than this one.

Coahoma baseball coach Terry Baxter is in his first year with the Bulldogs, and already he has done what many coaches never accomplish. He's taking Coahoma to its first state finals, team-wise, in school history.

Coahoma (21-5-1) will play East Bernard (22-3), the defending Class 2A champion, in the first of two state semifinals Thursday at 5 p.m. in Austin.

The state finals are new territory for Coahoma and Baxter, but both have been long acquainted with success. The Bulldogs have reached the playoffs in each of the five seasons of the Coahoma baseball program, and Baxter was a football and baseball star at Midland Lee High School in the mid-1980s.



BAXTER

Eddie McHugh gave up the freshman football coaching job at Lee last summer to become Coahoma's athletic director and football coach, and he brought Baxter with him. Baxter coached for the Bulldog football team before heading to the diamond.

Baxter, 27, graduated from Lee in 1986 and played one season at Baylor before completing his degree work at Texas Tech. In 1991, Baxter took the baseball coaching job at Midland's Goddard Junior High, coaching seventh-graders the first year and eighth-graders the next. Then he coached one year at Midland's Abell Junior High before coming to Coahoma.

"He's really serious," said Coahoma shortstop Mike McMillan, "but he's easy to talk to. He's like a best friend to you. We welcomed him with open arms, bigtime. We knew we had a good team, but we needed somebody to lead it, and he's done the job."

First baseman Brandon Shifflett said: "Coach Baxter's has always got a lot of confidence in us, and he always shows us that. He showed us how good we really were."

Baxter, like coaches should,

passes credit to his players. But his modesty doesn't stop there - he passes credit to a coaching friend for pulling the Bulldogs out of a slump.

Baxter said: "Twelve games ago, we were 9-5, and that was pretty difficult. We were here in Midland playing a double-header against Lee, and Coach (Blaine) Huddleston talked to them.... That really helped us."

"I just told a few jokes," said Huddleston, who coaches football and track at Lee. "I told them they had to learn to have fun."

Baxter's a baseball guy - just look at his family. He and his wife, Jennifer, have one child, a 14-month-old son named Ryan Aaron. As in Nolan Ryan and Henry Aaron, the baseball legends he's named after.

Baxter is brief when discussing himself, but when you think about it, he really doesn't need to say much. His one year at Coahoma says it all.

"He comes to his first coaching job and takes us all the way to state," said Coahoma designated hitter Rodney Gressett. "If that doesn't say how good he is, I don't know what does."

Baseball

KC puts the KO on Rangers

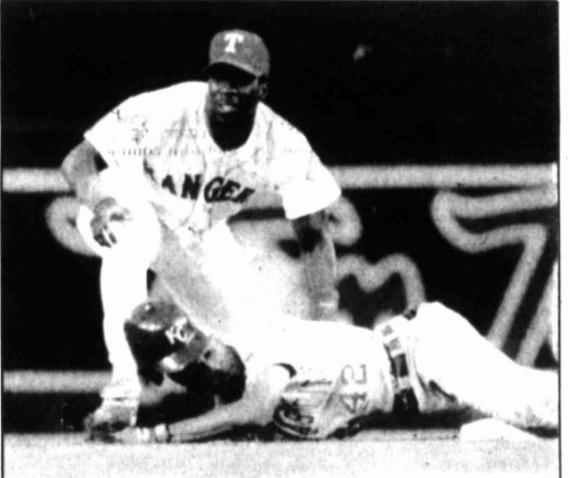
ARLINGTON (AP) - Kevin Appier won his American League-leading seventh game with four-hit pitching over 7 1/3 innings and Tom Goodwin went 3-for-4 with an RBI and a run scored to send the Kansas City Royals past the Texas Rangers 4-1 Monday night.

Appier (7-2) survived a 33-pitch first inning by giving up only one run. Then he settled down to dominate a patchwork Rangers lineup that included Mickey Tettleton catching and Rusty Greer in center field, both for the first time this year.

Appier, who shares the major league lead in victories with Montreal's Jeff Fassero, struck out four and walked four in his 10th start, tops in the majors.

The Rangers, who had won three of four and eight of 11, took advantage of Appier's wildness for 1-0 first-inning lead. Ivan Rodriguez singled with out, Will Clark walked, and after Juan Gonzalez struck out, Appier walked Tettleton and Greer to force in a run.

Texas threatened in the eighth after Appier had allowed only two baserunners from the second through the seventh. Mark McLemore singled with out and Rodriguez followed with a walk.



Kansas City's Tom Goodwin (42) is safe at second on a double Monday as he slides by Texas second baseman Mark McLemore (3). Kansas City won 4-1.

But reliever Jeff Montgomery came in to get the final two outs in the eighth, then retired the side in order in the ninth for his eighth save.

Rangers starter Bob Tewksbury (4-2) threw his second complete game of the season, allowing nine hits and three walks with three strikeouts.

Astros 6, Marlins 5

HOUSTON (AP) - The Houston Astros' only hit after the fourth inning Monday night was a big one.

Craig Biggio's three-run homer with two outs in the ninth inning rallied Houston to a 6-5 victory over Florida, extending the Astros' winning streak to five games.

Robb Nen (0-3) retired Houston's first two batters in the ninth before walking pinch-hitter Dave Magadan on four pitches and John Cangelosi on five pitches.

Biggio then hit a 2-1 pitch over the left-field scoreboard for his fifth homer of the season. Biggio's blast made a winner of Dave Veres (2-1), who allowed two hits in the final three innings.

Florida scored three runs with two outs in the second inning, highlighted by an RBI double by Marlins starter Bobby Witt, his second major league hit. Witt allowed seven hits and two walks in five innings.

The loss dropped the Marlins to 9-26, the worst record in the major leagues.

SHOT OF THE DAY



Tough but tasty
Germany's Michael Stich bites angrily into a tennis ball Monday at the French Open. Open. Michael Chang beat Stich 1-6, 6-0, 6-2, 6-3.

TEXAS SPORTS

Graduation rates drop for athletes

AUSTIN (AP) - The graduation rate for athletic programs at the University of Texas has dropped 3 percent, according to the Austin American-Statesman, which reported Monday 49 percent of the athletes who enrolled at Texas in 1988-89 have graduated. Last year, Texas' rate of 52 percent ranked 64th of the nation's 102 Division I schools.

Houston racetrack learns deadline

HOUSTON (AP) - The federal bankruptcy court judge handling the case of Sam Houston Race Park has set June 15 as the deadline for filing reorganization plans. The judge announced the date on Monday and set an Aug. 8 hearing on the reorganization plans for the embattled \$85 million racetrack.

NATION/WORLD

Angel's bat ruled legal

NEW YORK (AP) - Tony Phillips' bat was X-rayed and found "clean and legal" by the American League. The bat was taken by home plate umpire Rocky Roe at the start of Sunday's New York Yankee-California Angel game after Yankees manager Buck Showalter asked that it be examined.

Injured Giant takes honors

NEW YORK (AP) - Matt Williams, who fractured his right foot Saturday and will be sidelined at least six weeks, was selected NL player of the month. The Giants third baseman hit .405 in May with 12 homers, 31 RBIs, 23 runs scored, and a league-leading .811 on-base percentage. Williams led the NL with 43 homers last season.

ON THE AIR

Baseball

Major League
Chicago at Atlanta,
6:35 p.m., WTBS (ch. 11).
Kansas City at Texas,
7:30 p.m., PRIME (ch. 29).

Hockey

NHL Playoffs
Detroit at Chicago,
6:30 p.m., ESPN (ch. 30).

Boxing

8 p.m., USA (ch. 38).

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Turn down the music!

Contrary to popular belief, the NBA playoffs are going to end. It officially will be summer by then, but they will end. Question is, who will win?

And, when will they stop the music? The Orlando Magic will win the whole shebang, kicking the Rockets in the NBA Finals, and the Magic may win the award for Most Musical Team as well.

Does anyone else find the music arenas play during the game annoying? Shaquille O'Neal is posting up Rik Smits, hoping to grab an entry pass from Anfernee Hardaway, and all the while the Orlando Arena public-address system is blaring the 2001 Space Odyssey theme.

Not only do the fans have to grin and bear it, but the folks watching at home on the tube hear it too. Most arenas or stadiums shut off the sound system when play begins in baseball, football and other sports, leaving the tunes for dead-ball situations or timeouts.

Not basketball. Walk into Reunion Arena for a Dallas Mavericks game, and it feels more like a rock concert than it does a basketball game. You'd think the home team is using it as a way to distract the opponents, but music in the NBA appears to be an equal-opportunity annoyer. Doesn't matter who has the ball - the tunes keep blaring.

If you did that at a football game, the offensive line wouldn't be able to hear the quarterback's signals.

In fact, one of the few if not the only NBA arena to tone down the tunes during play is Boston Garden. Wouldn't you know it?

They're tearing that sucker down.

In baseball, the music and the sound effects are always going - until the pitcher steps on the rubber. The NBA could stand to have the same policy.

No music once somebody dribbles.

Speaking of baseball, have you checked the standings lately?

Last Monday was Memorial Day, the traditional first checkpoint of the season. Usually about a quarter of the games have been played by then, but this abbreviated season is a bit different.

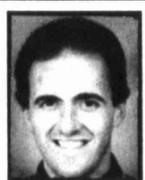
Yet the standings are still worth a look. Remember last season, when everybody called the American League West the AL Worst?

This year you can call it the AL Best. California has stunned a lot of baseball observers by its rocket start, but what is more surprising is that every team in the four-team loop is over .500. The Texas Rangers finished 10 games under last year, 52-62, but were in first place when the strike hit.

The Boston Red Sox are in first place despite Roger Clemens sitting on the shelf - who woulda thunk it?! Clemens finally returned last week, so maybe the Sox are for real. Of course, everyone knows about Boston's usual failures down the stretch.

Kind of like the Chicago Cubs. What's that? The Cubs are in first place, too? You're kidding!

Hey, you're right! The Cubs were leading the National League Central until last night. Sesame Streeters, here's two words for you: June swoon.



Dave Hargrave
Sports Editor

SPORTSEXTRA

BASKETBALL

NBA Finals

Orlando vs. Houston
Wednesday, June 7
Houston at Orlando, 8 p.m.
Friday, June 9
Houston at Orlando, 8 p.m.
Sunday, June 11
Orlando at Houston, 6:30 p.m.
Wednesday, June 14
Orlando at Houston, 8 p.m.
Friday, June 16
Orlando at Houston, 8 p.m., if necessary
Sunday, June 18
Houston at Orlando, 6:30 p.m., if necessary
Wednesday, June 21
Houston at Orlando, 8 p.m., if necessary

BASEBALL

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Tuesday's Games
New York (Birkbeck 0-1) at San Francisco (VanLandingham 0-0), 3:35 p.m.
Pittsburgh (Loaiza 1-2) at Cincinnati (Nirkowski 0-0), 7:35 p.m.
Chicago (Traschel 2-2) at Atlanta (Mercker 2-2), 7:40 p.m.
Florida (Rapp 1-3) at Houston (Brocail 1-0), 8:05 p.m.
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Tulsa 19 37 339 17
Western Division
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San Antonio 30 27 526 1
El Paso 30 27 526 1
Wichita 24 33 421 7
Monday's Games
El Paso 9, Wichita 8
Midland 13, San Antonio 10
Shreveport 9, Jackson 6
Arkansas 15, Tulsa 2
Tuesday's Games
Wichita at El Paso
San Antonio at Midland, 7 p.m.
Jackson at Shreveport
Tulsa at Arkansas

Tex-La. League

Northern Division
Lubbock 12 3 800 —
Amarillo 12 4 750 1/2
Tyler 7 11 389 6 1/2
Abilene 4 13 235 9
Pueblo 4 13 235 9
Southern Division
Rio Grande 11 7 611 —
Alexandria 10 8 556 1
Mobile 8 7 533 1 1/2
Corpus Christi 9 8 529 1 1/2
Laredo 6 9 490 3 1/2
Monday's Games
Amarillo 12, Laredo 4
Lubbock at Abilene, 2
Mobile 8, Corpus Christi 7

Four Hawks earn honors

The Howard College Hawks, who finished third in the Western Junior College Athletic Conference this season, placed four players on the All-WJAC baseball team.

Sophomore centerfielder Brian Ogle, freshman first baseman Tyson Lindekugel, freshman designated hitter Matt Schuldt and pitcher Scott Mackenzie were named to the all-conference first team, HC coach Brian Roper said.

Pitcher Bryan Kozlowski from New Mexico Junior College and shortstop Jim Chamblee from Odessa College were named co-



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All-WJAC

Most Valuable Players for the conference, while Ray Birmingham from NMJC was named coach of the year.

Odessa, which finished third in the recent Junior College World Series, placed five players on the team. NMJC put four on the squad.

Voted to the All-WJAC team were:

- Catcher - Estaban James, NMJC
- Infield - Tyson Lindekugel, Howard; Jim Chamblee, Odessa; Arturo Mata, NMJC; Rich Powers, Frank Phillips; Danny Mangual, Odessa.
- Outfield - Brian Ogle, Howard; Steve Reintjes, Odessa; Jeremy Duval, Odessa.
- Designated hitter - Matt Schuldt, Howard.
- Pitcher - Scott Mackenzie, Howard; Clint Weibl, Odessa; Bryan Kozlowski, NMJC; Terry Clemmer, NMJC; Michael Lucio, Frank Phillips.

HOCKEY

NHL Playoffs

All Times EDT
CONFERENCE FINALS
(Best-of-7)
Sunday, June 4
Detroit 3, Chicago 2, Detroit leads series 2-0
Monday, June 5
New Jersey 5, Philadelphia 2, New Jersey leads series 2-0
Tuesday, June 6
Detroit at Chicago, 8 p.m.
Wednesday, June 7
Philadelphia at New Jersey, 7:30 p.m.

Stanford staying alive; Cal St.-Fullerton walks tall

NCAA Baseball

OMAHA, Neb. (AP) — Tennessee already has been beaten by the smoking bat of Mark Kotsay. Now, the Volunteers try not to have Steve Carver do the same thing.

Stanford's Carver has a pair of homers, five hits and three RBIs in his two tournament appearances after helping Kyle Peterson eliminate Clemson Monday. Carver homered and singled in another run in that 8-3 win, while Peterson won his 14th game against one loss in an eight-hit complete game.

Kotsay was 4-for-4 with a grand slam as the top-seeded Titans ripped No. 5 Tennessee 11-1 earlier Monday. He is hitting .750 at the tournament. Carver is hitting .625.

Tennessee (53-15) tries to rebound against Stanford (40-24) at 6:36 p.m. CDT tonight in Bracket Two after a Bracket One elimination game matches No. 2 Florida State (53-15) and No. 6 Southern Cal (46-20).

Fullerton had 16 hits against three Tennessee pitchers Monday, including 15 off All-American starter R.A. Dickey (14-4). Kotsay's grand slam came in a six-run second inning that all but decided the game for Titans starter Jon Ward (10-3).

The win gave Fullerton (55-9) two days off. The Titans will await tonight's survivor for a Thursday afternoon game that would decide one of the championship spots for Saturday if Fullerton wins.

In Monday's nightcap, Stanford stayed alive again. Clemson (54-14) was winless in its third-straight CWS appearance.

Stanford, meanwhile, marked the ninth consecutive time it has won at least one game in Omaha. The Cardinal has won two titles.



Stanford pitcher Kyle Peterson high-fives with catcher A.J. Hinch (17) after the team's 8-3 win over Clemson in the College World Series Monday.

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SPORTS IN BRIEF

Little League plans parents' day

The American Little League will host Parents' Day at 1:30 p.m. Sunday at the park. Parents are invited for an afternoon of softball games and food. Also, nominations for the 1996 board of directors will continue to be accepted at the park's concession stand through the city tournament.

Hawk b-ball camp starts June 12

The Howard College boys' basketball camp will be June 12-15 at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. Cost of the day camp is \$95. Those campers wishing to stay overnight have a cost of \$195. The cost covers tuition, equipment, meals, room and T-shirt. The UIL has ruled any athlete

may now attend summer camp without affecting high school eligibility regardless of age or past varsity experience.

Seniors tourney set for June 10-11

A seniors-only (50 and over) four-person scramble will be June 10-11 at Comanche Trail Golf Course. There will be four flights, and prizes will include various golfing equipment. For more information, contact Al Patterson at Comanche Trail at 264-2366.

Big Spring rodeo taking local entries

The Big Spring Cowboy Reunion and Rodeo starts June 21, and local performers are asked to declare their entry Friday or Monday at Driver Insurance Agency, 215 Rundles St. Entries will be taken Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., then Monday from 9 a.m. until noon.

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HOROSCOPE

FOR WEDNESDAY, JUNE 7, 1995
ARIES (March 21-April 19): Say yes to unexpected offers. Key associates support you. Listen to solutions offered by others. Clarify a situation, and get to the bottom line. Use your creativity, deal with surprises and stay content. Tonight: You can't deny your social life, so go out; and play. *****

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Slowly but surely, you accomplish a lot. Associates agree with you on a money-making idea. Do not minimize an offer. Stay on a steady course, and remain optimistic. Listen to a loved one who is supporting you in every way possible. Tonight: Be out and about. ****

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Your playful side emerges. Evaluate what is going on, and decide what you want. A loved one is in control and must overcome stubbornness. Your choices are significant, so make sure you understand them. Others are there for you. Tonight: Make merry. *****

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Family matters dominate in an unprecedented way. You cannot solve a problem unless you face it realistically. Understanding breeds a better sense of conviction and points you in a new direction. Be sincere as you deal with a situation. Tonight: Go out on the town. ***

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Be sure of what's happening and what you need. A significant opportunity presents itself. Know what is realistic, and stick to your guns. Your chatty side emerges, and romance flourishes in this atmosphere. Tonight: Focus on excellent communications. *****

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Expenses are a major concern because you are building greater security for you. Stay centered, and honor a high priority. Your imagination runs wild with a profitable idea. Try a dose of realism before you make a decision. Romance flourishes. Tonight: Curb spending. ***

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): You open new doors. You are full of joie de vivre, and others respond to your energy. You can make your wishes reality now. You have a lot of unexpected and unusual creativity, and others view you as inspired. A soft approach makes you a winner. Tonight: Have fun. *****

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):

Cut back, and be willing to admit when something is not working for you. Being straight forward will help you move in new directions. Listen carefully to what others are offering. This is an unusual period, and you are highly creative. Tonight: Do for yourself. **

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Focus on what's important and what you need to do. Recognize what is appropriate. You are very creative, and there is much change around you. You successfully approach a loved one. Deal with the unexpected. Tonight: Be on top of a situation. *****

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): You can deal with a challenge. You realize that there are changes going on, and you might want to take action accordingly. You are not in a position to back out of an obligation, but brainstorming provides another route. Take a bow in the limelight. Tonight: Stay settled in. ***

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): One-to-one relating is highlighted, and you settle problems. You feel excellent, and you establish new possibilities. Others respond to your playful, positive energy. Reach out to someone who is at a distance. Follow a hunch with a partner. Tonight: Be aware of your choices. ****

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): There are a lot of romantic moments between you and someone. Remain secure with an offer, and feel less uptight about what's happening. It's important that you deal with changes with clarity. Tonight: Make time for a very important person in your life. *****

IF JUNE 7 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: Romance flourishes this year. Your strong opinions pay off. Know what works for you in the long run, and then make choices. Communications work on a high level. Your career and your love life will be unusually successful, if you choose to make them so. Be more secure, and avoid power plays. If you are, single, romance will flourish. If attached, this is a year when the two of you will be very happy as long as you keep communicating. There are changes for the better in your relationship. LIBRA anchors and excites you.

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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Make it easy to say 'I love you'

DEAR ABBY: I am responding to the letter from "A Grieving Daughter, Bethel Park, Pa.," who urged the world to learn to say, "I love you."

My son, "Ken," who died of AIDS this past November, had a wonderful solution. He helped his older brother, "Greg," who was his primary caregiver, to say those very important words.

One day, Greg said to his dying brother, "It's hard for me to say the words, but you know I love you, don't you?" Ken replied, "If the words are hard, just say something else - like maybe 'green pigs' - and I'll know what you mean."

Every day after that, Greg would say "green pigs," and his brother would giggle.

After a while Greg said, "You know, Ken, I think it's easier to just say I love you than to say 'green pigs.'" Ken's response was simply, "Of course."

As he faced death at the age of 34, Ken had learned a valuable lesson and passed it on to his brother: It's not important HOW you say I love you; it's just important that you SAY it! — KEN'S MOM, HOMEWOOD, ILL.

DEAR MOM: I offer my deepest sympathy for the untimely loss of your very wise son. The lesson he taught his brother is one we should all take to heart and put into action.

DEAR ABBY: My daughter, "Mary Ellen," is 54, and right now she has me in the doghouse. She's mad at because I scolded her for buying a leather miniskirt.

her hair in a ponytail. I feel there is a time and a place for ponytails - like swimming, doing yard work or cleaning the house. When Mary Ellen was a little girl, she looked adorable with a ponytail. I just mentioned that she looks prettier wearing her hair down or up in a more dignified manner.

The other day, she sent me a picture of a social event, and one of the ladies had a ponytail. Well, I feel she was not as well-groomed as the other ladies.

How do you feel about this? I'll back down and apologize if necessary, but am I wrong, really? — ALWAYS A MOTHER

DEAR ALWAYS A MOTHER: Neither your taste nor hers is "wrong." What is wrong is your meddling, which comes across as criticism.

Since your daughter has passed the half-century mark, it's time to let her make her own decisions about what is becoming, appropriate and fashionable. And if she has the figure to wear a leather miniskirt, my hat is off to her.

DEAR ABBY: I just read the letter signed "Nothing in the Oven in Colorado." The same thing happened to me, and I can tell her how to put such people in their place.

This stranger walked up to me in the supermarket and asked me if I was pregnant. I said "yes" and kept right on walking. Of course, I wasn't pregnant - I was just fat!

She turned around and caught up with me and asked, "When is the baby due?" I said, without stopping, "Nine months from tonight!" — DOT ABERCROMBIE, SIMPSONVILLE, S.C.

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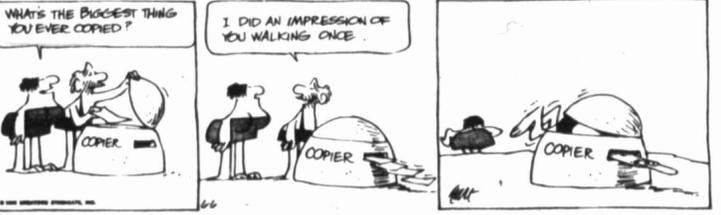
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THIS DATE IN HISTORY

Today is Tuesday, June 6, the 157th day of 1995. There are 208 days left in the year. Today's Highlight in History: On June 6, 1944, the D-Day invasion of Europe took place during World War II as Allied forces stormed the beaches of Normandy, France. On this date: In 1844, the Young Men's Christian Association was founded in London. In 1918, the World War I Battle of Belleau Wood, which resulted in a U.S. victory over the Germans, began in France. In 1925, Walter Percy Chrysler founded the Chrysler Corporation.

In 1933, the first drive-in movie theater opened, in Camden, N.J. In 1934, the Securities and Exchange Commission was established. In 1942, Japanese forces retreated in the World War II Battle of Midway. In 1966, black activist James Meredith was shot and wounded as he walked along a Mississippi highway to encourage black voter registration. In 1968, Sen. Robert F. Kennedy died at Good Samaritan Hospital in Los Angeles, a day after he was shot by Sirhan Bishara Sirhan. In 1977, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled states could not impose an automatic death sentence for defendants convicted of murdering a police officer. In 1978, California voters over-

whelmingly approved Proposition 13, a primary ballot initiative calling for major cuts in property taxes. In 1982, Israeli forces invaded Lebanon to drive Palestine Liberation Organization fighters out of the country. The Israelis withdrew in June 1985. In 1984, government forces in India stormed the Golden Temple in Amritsar in an effort to crush Sikh extremists. At least 1,000 Sikhs and 200 soldiers were killed. Ten years ago: Authorities in

Brazil exhumed a body later identified as the remains of Dr. Josef Mengele, the notorious "Angel of Death" of the Nazi Holocaust. Today's Birthdays: Former California Gov. George Deukmejian is 67. Actress Billie Whitelaw is 63. Civil rights activist Roy Innis is 61. Singer-songwriter Gary "U.S." Bonds is 56. Playwright-actor Harvey Fierstein is 41. Tennis player Bjorn Borg is 39. The Associated Press

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