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Ford to recall 7.9 million vehicles, local dealers not yet notified

By SARA SOLIS
Staff Writer

A proposed Ford Motor Co. recall of 7.9 million cars, mini-vans and pickups in the United States could affect up to 6,000 Ford vehicle owners in Howard County.

According to an Associated Press story, Ford Motor Co. is recalling vehicles that were built with an ignition switch that has repeatedly caught fire, in some instances when the vehicle was parked and shut off.

In one of the biggest recalls ever, Ford Motor Co. has offered to fix about 8.7 million vehicles in the United States and Canada with ignition switches that have been blamed for hundreds of fires.

Ford's action comes close to match-

ing last year's record 8.8 million cars recalled by 10 automakers to fix faulty seat belts.

The No. 2 U.S. automaker said Thursday it is fixing certain Ford or Lincoln-Mercury sport utility vehicles, minivans and light trucks built between 1988 and early 1993.

Nearly 250,000 of the autos were recalled in Canada late last year.

Today's action extends the repairs to another 611,000 in Canada and 7.9 million in the United States. Reportedly, Ford consumers have reported 820 vehicle fires with an ignition switch origin. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration has been investigating 23.5 million Ford vehicles in the United States with the same type of ignition switch. Recalls in both Canada and the United States are expected to

cover: 1988-90 Escorts; 1988-92 and some early 1993 Mustangs, Thunderbirds, Tempos, Mercury Cougars and Topazes; 1988-89 Crown Victorias and Mercury Grand Marquis; 1988-89 Lincoln Town Cars; 1988-91 Aerostar minivans; 1988-91 Bronco sport-utility vehicles and F-series pickups; and 1988 EXPs. Sources at Ford expect the cost of the recall to exceed \$200 million.

Woodie Fowler, service manager at Bob Brock Ford in Big Spring, said they have yet to receive notice from Ford Motor Co. of the recall. "If they have declared a recall, we have not received information on it," he said. Fowler said typically in a recall situation, the auto manufacturer will contact the media first, in order to get the word out to consumers. He said if the recall is in fact declared, the manufac-

turer will contact by mail those consumers whose vehicles are affected.

Fowler said 6,000 Ford vehicles are registered in Howard County, or about 21 percent of the county's estimated 28,300 vehicles.

Fowler emphasized consumers should not be alarmed with the news of a recall. "They need to remember that out of 28 million vehicles (built with the ignition switch), 820 of them gave problems, which computes to 28 to 29 per million," he said.

Even though a recall is cause for concern, the likelihood of a fire starting, is highly unlikely, Fowler said. "Only three (of the 820 reported vehicles) actually had ignition fires," he said.

According to Fowler, consumers who experience problems turning their key in the ignition should not be con-

cerned. "The ignition switch is in the steering column, but does not affect the cylinder and the effort to turn the cylinder and keys," Fowler said.

He said until they receive formal notice of the recall from Ford Motor Co., Bob Brock Ford will not accept any vehicles for repair. "I can not receive any vehicle until Ford contacts me in print that there is actually a recall," Fowler said.

Even after notice is received, he said the dealership may still be unequipped to accept the recalled vehicles. "Ford has a nice sense of humor... We might not have the repair information at the time they (consumers) receive the card" notifying them of the recall. Fowler said it will also take time to order and receive the necessary replacement parts.

CHILDREN'S ART SHOW



Pictures and other artwork from area children hang in the Heritage Museum in preparation for the Children's Art Show sponsored by the Big Spring Art Association, the Heritage Museum and the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce. Awards in the competition will be presented Saturday at 2 p.m.

TPWA asks D.A. to investigate road & bridge department

By CARLTON JOHNSON
Staff Writer

A press conference was called by the Texas Public Workers Association this morning at the Howard County Courthouse to discuss the handling of the Howard County Road and Bridge Department by County Road Administrator Eddy Jameson.

TPWA Staff Representative Pam Johnson has raised questions about the possibility of alleged criminal misconduct by Jameson.

The TPWA has asked District Attorney Rick Hamby to look into allegations made against Jameson that he falsified documents, which might be a violation of the Texas Penal code, Section 37.10 "Tampering with Governmental Record."

Conviction of such a charge is a Class A Misdemeanor and carries a penalty of up to a \$4,000 fine and up to one year imprisonment.

Several members of the Road and Bridge department addressed Howard County Commissioners Monday about the way the department is run by Jameson, but four members of the five member court sided with Jameson by giving him a vote of confidence.

County Judge Ben Lockhart told one member of the plaintiff party that he thought the group was mad at Jameson and wanted him fired.

He also told the group of Road and Bridge employees that if that was the case the problem could be solved very easy, Eddy (Jameson) was not going.

The one vote against Jameson came from Commissioner Emma Brown, who said, "I can understand two or three people complaining, but look at all of these people, I don't have anything against Eddy (Jameson), but I think we have a problem and we need to sit down and talk about it."

In a signed letter to the Howard County Commissioners' Court, the plaintiff party stated, "We the undersigned employees of the Howard County Road Department feel nothing can be resolved with our Road Administrator. There are some serious concerns that must be looked into and dealt

with."

The major charges employees brought against Jameson Monday included eliminating seniority, which they say locks them into one spot and eliminates any chance for them to advance; falsifying time sheets for certain employees; and handling grievances with verbal abuse and harassment.

Following Monday's meeting of the Commissioners' Court Johnson said she was very disappointed at how Howard County Commissioners' disregarded the complaints of county road and bridge employees, but she did praise Emma Brown for siding with the employees and calling for an investigation.

"Commissioners did not address any of the issues, even after Jameson admitted he didn't document everything that was supposed to be documented. They acted as if these complaints weren't even issues," Johnson said.

She added, "These employees did not come to get Jameson fired, they came to raise issues."

Jameson was present at this morning's press conference and said this whole matter had disrupted the day to day operation of his department.

He agrees with Lockhart that there are some workers in the department with an ax to grind and that he's the logical person to become a target.

"I think the person who is giving out this information (time sheets) is far more guilty of anything than I am," Jameson said.

He added each person in the department has his own time sheet and should not be bothering any other time sheet other than his own.

Johnson said, "The distinct impression is that even though the facts presented Monday raise serious questions as to the conduct of Jameson, the Commissioners' Court has no intention of pursuing this matter."

She added, in a letter addressing Hamby's office, "If the DA's office chooses not to investigate this matter, then please accept this letter as a formal request for the name of the foreperson of the current Grand Jury in Howard County, as I would want them to present this information to the Grand Jury myself."

Lou Vincent named BSSH 'Volunteer of Year'

By KELLIE JONES
Features Editor

Lou Vincent received the highest honor a Big Spring State Hospital volunteer can get. At the hospital's annual volunteer appreciation banquet, Vincent was awarded the 1995 Jack Y. Smith Award for her outstanding work at the Chalet.

While Steve Smith was telling the audience a little about the recipient without giving their name, Vincent told those sitting around her she thought it was someone else.

"I was surprised. I was very honored. All of the volunteers at the Chalet are hard workers. This award should go to all of the volunteers there," Vincent said.

She and her husband, Steve, moved to Big Spring from Arlington in 1986 for a slower paced life. Vincent said she had worked all her life and after retiring, she wanted to keep busy.

Busy is an understatement when you considered she has volunteered more than 2,800 hours at the state hospital. She also volunteers at Scenic Mountain Medical Center and Meals on Wheels. Vincent was instrumental in the Main Street Pocket Park and is also involved in the Rosebud Garden Club and Elbow Extension Club.

Smith said, "She is an efficient businesswoman and has put in many hours organizing merchandise for display and for special sales. In honor of her late friend, Doris Day, and her wish for the Chalet's success to continue, after Doris's death, this capable lady said, 'for Doris, I'll be chairman of the Chalet.'" Vincent has served as co-chair of the resale shop for the last three years.

Robin Hallman, treasurer of the volunteer services council, received the hospital's Star Award for his hard work.

Hallman began working at the hospital six years ago as



Steve Smith presents the 1995 Jack Y. Smith Award to Lou Vincent during the Big Spring State Hospital's annual volunteer appreciation banquet Thursday. The award was given to Vincent for her outstanding work at the Chalet.

treasurer and has been in that position ever since taking care of the council books and paying the bills. He spends time managing and investing the council's funds to get the greatest returns, remarked Kathy Higgins, community relations director.

Higgins added, "He is always

there to take care of the volunteers making sure all of the accommodations are just so. (He) was instrumental in searching for a new location last year for the Chalet and is constantly exploring new ways to benefit the resale shop volunteers."

Busy weekend ticket on tap in Crossroads Country

HERALD staff report

Looking for something to do this weekend? Here's your ticket to weekend activities in and around Big Spring.

This feature is published each Friday and will include a variety of activities. It is limited to activities of a general nature, community fund-raisers, community functions, free performances, etc. It is not available to commercial ventures or for such events as dances where admission is charged.

To submit your activity, send it to "Weekend Ticket," Big Spring Herald, P.O. Box 1431, Big Spring, 79720.

If you wish, you may fax your listing to 264-7205 or bring it by the Herald offices at 710 Scurry St. No information will be taken by phone.

• High school baseball, today at 5 p.m. at Steer Park. The Big Spring Steers, currently tied for first place in the District 4-4A



What's happening this weekend in the Crossroads Country

baseball standings, host Pecos' Eagles. Admission is free.

• Seniors dance, tonight at 7:30 at Spring City Senior Center. Music by CW & Co.

• Dora Roberts Community Center benefit dance, tonight at 9 p.m., Dora Roberts Community Center, 100 Whipkey Drive. Dance features William Herd and the Diamond Dust Band from Midland. Tickets are \$10

in advance and \$12 at the door with all proceeds going to the community center.

• Christmas in April, Saturday, all day citywide. Meet at 1607 E. 3rd or call Theresa Hodnett at 263-0147 for more information.

• Bake sale, Saturday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Big Spring Mall. The sale is sponsored by the Big Spring Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association. Proceeds will help support the Big Spring Police Department.

• Heritage Museum, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Admission is \$2 for adults and \$1 for senior citizens and children under 12. Kids 4 and under are admitted free.

• Children's Art Show awards ceremony, today at 2 p.m., Heritage Museum, 510 Scurry.

• Coahoma Community Concert Series features internationally known singer/songwriter Dana Cooper. Saturday, 7:30 p.m. in the Social Hall of the First Presbyterian Church, 209 N. First, Coahoma. Suggested

donation is \$6 per person or \$15 for a family of three or more. For more information, call 394-4450.

• Bowling for Kids' Zone, Sunday noon until 3 p.m. at Bowlarama. All proceeds during the three-hour period go to Kids' Zone.

• Benefit for Gloria Alexander, Sunday at 1 p.m. at Sunset Tavern. Included will be a 32-player pool tournament and raffle. Food will be available for purchase. Proceeds go to help defray medical costs associated with heart bypass surgery.

• 33rd annual Moore School and community reunion, Sunday from 2-4 p.m. at 14th and Main Church of Christ, Big Spring.

• Golf tournament, Saturday and Sunday, Comanche Trail Golf Course. Sponsored by the Chicano Golf Association, the two-man scramble will benefit Kids' Zone and the CGA scholarship fund. For more information, call 264-2236.

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TODAY'S WEATHER

87 ▲ Highs 54
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Forecast

Partly sunny and windy, highs in upper 80s, lows near 55. Saturday near 90.

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ON THE RUN

IN BRIEF

SENIOR EMPLOYEES AND RETIRED Malone and Hogan Hospital workers are invited to a luncheon at noon Tuesday at the Golden Corral.

Anyone who worked at the old hospital is encouraged to attend including those who worked in the lab, housekeeping or retired nurses. Contact Peggy Kirby at 263-4519 for more information.

SPRINGBOARD

IF YOU HAVE ANY CHANGES IN A SPRINGBOARD ITEM OR FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT GINA GARZA, 263-7331, BETWEEN 8 A.M. AND 2 P.M. To submit an item to the Springboard, put it in writing and mail or deliver it to us one week in advance. Mail to: Springboard, Big Spring Herald, P.O. Box 1431, Big Spring, Texas 79720; or bring it by the office at 710 Scurry.

TODAY
•Spring City Senior Citizens country/western dance, 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. Music by CW & Co. Area seniors invited.

•Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. open meeting and 8 to 9 p.m. Big Book Study.

•Signal Mountain Quilting Guild, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church. Call 267-1037 or 267-7281. Bring a lunch.

SATURDAY
•Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, open meetings at noon, 8 p.m. and 10 p.m.
•Christmas in April Repair Program, work day for homes of senior citizens, meet at 1607 E. Third. Call Theresa Hodnett at 263-0147.

SUNDAY
•Good Shepherd Fellowship Church, 610 Abrams, has services 7 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend.
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SUNDAY
•Good Shepherd Fellowship Church, 610 Abrams, has services 7 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend.

•Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, 11 a.m. closed meeting and 7 p.m. open meeting.
•The Board of Annual Moore School and Community Reunion, 2 to 4 p.m., 14th & Main Church of Christ fellowship hall. This is for all decedents of those who lived in the Moore community as well as present members and friends.

MONDAY
•Big Spring Evening Lion's Club, 6:30 p.m., 1607 E. Third. Call Jan Noyes, 267-5811.
•TOPS Clubs (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) 5:30 to 6 p.m. weigh in and 6 p.m. meeting, Carriage Inn, 501 W. 17th. Call 263-1340 or 263-8633.

•Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. open meeting and 8 to 9 p.m. closed meeting at the VA Medical Center on fourth floor.

•Christian Singles Support Group, 7 p.m., First United Methodist Church, 400 Scurry. Call 267-6394.

•Senior employees and retired Malone and Hogan Hospital workers are invited to a luncheon at the Golden Corral. Anyone who worked at the old hospital is encouraged to attend including those who worked in the lab, housekeeping or retired nurses. Contact Peggy Kirby at 263-4519 for more information.

WEDNESDAY
•Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. open

THE MOBILE MEALS PROGRAM, also known as Meals on Wheels, needs volunteers to deliver meals.

If you can spare one hour per week to deliver eight or 10 meals, we need you. About 65 to 90 meals are prepared, packaged and delivered within the city limits of Big Spring. If you can volunteer, please call 267-4503 or 263-4016.

TEXAS LOTTERY

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POLICE

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

•**CHOY PITTMAN**, 42, of 1408 Virginia, was arrested for public intoxication.

•**CHRISTOPHE ALTON RANEY**, 23, of no known address, was arrested for outstanding local warrants.

•**DELMA SAIZ**, 26, of 1007 Nolan, was arrested for an outstanding Department of Public Safety warrant.

•**RICHARD CROSS**, 57, of Oklahoma City, Okla., was arrested for public intoxication.

•**JOHNNY RAMIREZ RANGEL**, 29, of 3106 W. 80, was arrested for evading arrest, outstanding local warrants and failure to identify.

•**JUAN NIETO**, 21, of 709 Johnson, was arrested for unlawfully carrying a weapon.

•**BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE** in the 1600 block of Martin Luther King.

•**ANIMAL PROBLEMS** in the 2600 block of Chanute, 1300 block of Douglas and 1600 block of West Marcy.

•**DISTURBANCES/FIGHTS** in the 2000 block of Goliad and 2500 block of Kelly Circle.

•**THEFTS** in the 2600 block of Chanute, 1200 block of Nolan, 1100 block of North Lamesa and 400 block of Gregg.

•**POSSESSION OF MARIJUANA** in the 200 block of East 10th, 200 block of Galveston and at Rannels Junior High School.

•**DISORDERLY CONDUCT** in the 500 block of East 13th.

•**ASSAULTS** in the 1900 block of North Highway 87 and 1900 block of Lamesa.

•**JUVENILE PROBLEMS** in the 3900 block of Hamilton and

1700 block of Purdue.
•**DRAG RACING/RECKLESS DRIVING** in the 700 block of East 11th.

•**MINOR ACCIDENT** in the 1000 block of Wood.

•**INVESTIGATING SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITIES** in the 900 block of Aylesford, at Rackley and Swords, 1200 block of Mesa, 300 block of West Fifth, 2900 block of West Seventh, 2800 block of Clanton and 700 block of Douglas.

•**LOUD PARTIES** in the 700 block of East 17th and 800 block of West Marcy.

•**DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE** in the 1400 block of Dixie.

•**EVADING ARREST** in the 700 block of East 15th.

SHERIFF

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

•**ALVIN GILBERT**, 51, of HC 82 Box 101, was arrested for aggravated assault with a deadly weapon. He was later released on \$5,000 bond.

•**ROSENDO GARCIA JIMENEZ**, 33, of Route 2 Box 146, was arrested for violating probation.

•**MARK WILLIAMS EDWARDS**, 38, of Houston, was arrested for possession of marijuana under two ounces. He was later released on \$1,500 bond.

•**FERNANDO RODRIGUEZ DELGADO**, 25, was transferred from the Big Spring Police Department and arrested for assault/family violence. He was later released on \$2,000 bond.

•**RECKLESS DRIVING** at mile marker 178 of Interstate 20.

MARKETS

May cotton futures 84.25 cents a pound, up 90 points. June crude oil 22.19, down 1 point. Gold 391.35, up 35.50. Silver 5.32, up 5.35. Soybean futures 52.50, up 1.50. Corn futures 3.25, up 1.25. Wheat futures 4.25, up 1.25. Pork chops 55.35, up 55 points. Courtesy: Delta Corporation.

Final	51 1/2
Ford Motor	35 1/2
General Motors	35 1/2
IBM	107 1/2
Microsoft	115 1/2
Merck	45 1/2
Mesa Ltd. Pri	35 1/2
Mobile	115 1/2
Norwest	36 1/2
NUV	9 1/2
Pepsi Cola	60 1/2
Phillips Petroleum	40 1/2
Rural/Metro	29 1/2
Sears	50 1/2
Southwestern Bell	50 1/2
Sun	30 1/2
Texasco	85 1/2
Texas Instruments	58 1/2
Texas Utils. Co	36 1/2 + 1/4
Unocal Corp	32 1/2
Wal Mart	23 1/2
Ancap	14.28-15.15
Euro Pacific	24.91-26.43
I.C.A.	22.80-24.19
New Economy	17.64-18.72
New Perspective	17.49-18.56
Van Kampen	14.40-15.12
Prime Rate	8.25%
Gold	391.35-392.10
Silver	5.32-5.35

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Amoco 73 1/2
Atlantic Richfield 117 1/2
Atmos Energy 24 1/2
Boston Chicken 32 1/2
Cabot 26 1/2
Chevron 57 1/2
Chrysler 62 1/2
Cifra 1.33-1.37
Coca-Cola 81 1/2
De Beers 30 1/2
DuPont 79 1/2
Exxon 84 1/2

RECORDS

Thursday's high 97
Thursday's low 51
Average high 82
Average low 53
Record high 101 in 1959
Record low 40 in 1921
Rainfall Thursday 0.00
Month to date 1.00
Month's normal 1.18
Year to date 1.41
Normal for the year 3.20
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IN BRIEF

THE HERALD IS CURRENTLY seeking input from readers concerning their memories, good or bad, of attending Runnels Junior High.

Please submit the information in writing to the Herald office, 710 Scurry, or drop in the mail to: Big Spring Herald, P.O. Box 1431, Big Spring, 79721.

On May 12, the Life! cover page will be devoted to the reader response along with photos of the school.

THE BIG SPRING HERALD is currently seeking submissions to its monthly "Readers Corner" that runs the last Wednesday of each month.

Readers are encouraged to submit stories or poems should be about a page and a half in length. Photos should be in focus and not too light or too dark. Make sure you identify who or what is in the picture and who took the photograph.

When space is limited, submissions will be held over for the next month.

The next "Readers Corner" is scheduled for May 29 and the deadline to turn in your submissions is May 20. If you have any questions, contact Kellie Jones, 263-7331 ext. 112.

THE BIG SPRING INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT is alerting local residents that 10th Street between State and Owens will be closed from 7 a.m. until noon on Tuesday, April 30, to do test hole drilling.

OBITUARIES

Mary Barnes Tunnell

Service for Mary Barnes Tunnell, 84, Stanton, were 2 p.m. today at the Stanton Church of Christ with Steve McLean and Duane McClure officiating. Burial followed in the Evergreen Cemetery.

Mrs. Tunnell died Wednesday April 24, 1996, in Stanton after a lengthy illness.

She was born on Jan. 10, 1912, in McCauley. She moved from McCauley to Stanton in 1958. She married Amos Barnes in Abilene in 1930. He preceded her in death in 1963. She then married Gordon Tunnell in Stanton in 1964. He also preceded her in death in 1971. She was an Avon representative for 32 years before her retirement and was a member of the Rock N' Roll Bowling League in Midland.

Survivors include four sons: Stanley Barnes and Richard Barnes, both of Stanton, Donald Barnes, Odessa, and Johnny Barnes, Midland; a daughter: Vila Lee Boggs, Levelland; two step-daughters: Gordean Miller, Big Lake, and Lola Myers, Big Spring; 13 grandchildren; and 22 great-grandchildren.

Arrangements under the direction of Gilbreath Funeral Home, Stanton.

Clemencia G. Cano

Service for Clemencia G. Cano, 73, Big Spring, are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

She died Friday, April 26, 1996, at her daughter's residence.

MYERS & SMITH FUNERAL HOME & CHAPEL
24th & Johnson 267-8288

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Big Spring, Tx. (915) 267-6331

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THERE WILL BE A benefit for Gloria Alexander beginning at 1 p.m. on Sunday at the Sunset Tavern. This is to help with medical costs incurred by bypass surgery.

There will be a 32 player pool tournament (guaranteed \$100 first place), a raffle for a video cassette player (tickets are \$1 each and can be purchased at the benefit or at Movie Warehouse), and food will be available for a small donation.

THE BIG SPRING SYMPHONY presents Symphony Pops '96 - "Hooray for Hollywood" at 8 p.m., Saturday, May 4 in the City Auditorium. The program will include highlights from "West Side Story," the "Sound of Music," Disney movies and much more! Featured with the orchestra will be a 40-voice choir composed of local singers. Tickets are now available at Blum's Jewelers, Dunlap's and the Chamber of Commerce. Buy in advance or at the door.

CHRISTMAS IN APRIL is scheduled for Saturday and your financial support is urgently needed to continue the success of the program.

The program is run by volunteers and all the funds come from the local community. Senior citizens in the area have their homes repaired by 500 volunteers who spend the day helping their neighbor.

Send your tax deductible donation to: Christmas in April, P.O. Box 2326, Big Spring, 79721-2326. The money is used to help purchase materials for the renovations.

COAHOMA ISD WILL HAVE kindergarten and pre-kindergarten registration by appointment on Friday, May 3. Call 394-4323 to set up an appointment. Kindergarten children must be 5 years old as of September 1, 1996. Pre-kindergarten children must be 4 years old on or before September 1, 1996. Pre-kindergarten must also be economically disadvantaged. You may call 394-4323 if you have any questions. Kindergarten students need to attend the registration and all students need to bring the following: birth certificate, social security card and shot record.

THE CYSTIC FIBROSIS "GREAT STRIDES" will be 9:30 a.m., Saturday, May 4, according to Wanda Wise.

The project helps raise funds for research to help fight cystic fibrosis, the No. 1 genetic killer of children and young adults in the U.S.

For more information, call Wise at 267-1929.

THE DISABLED AMERICAN VETERANS Chapter No. 47 is going to have a rummage sale at the VFW Hall on Driver Road and needs donations of usable and saleable items. Call 263-1625 or 267-7773 for pick up.

AREA NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS and persons involved in fund-raising will have the opportunity to learn fund raising techniques from a nationally known expert on Wednesday, May 1, in Midland. The Nonprofit Center at Midland College and the National Society of Fund Raising Executives, Permian Basin Chapter are sponsoring the 4th Annual Nonprofit Fund Raising Forum, Wednesday, May 1 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., at Midland College's Roadrunner Room in the Scharbauer Student Center. Registration for the event is \$60 per person, \$50 for additional persons from the same organization or NSFRE members. The registration deadline is today. Preregistration is required. For more information, call Laura Walker at 685-6479.

MARY SOLIS, 24, HAS been diagnosed with uterine cancer. She is the wife of Vintz Allen and has two pre-school age children.

There has been a fund set up at Norwest to help defray expenses and cover costs of operation in Galveston. If you have any questions contact Brenda Claxton at Norwest. For more information call Sonya Madry at 263-5330, or 267-7789 (work).

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TEXAS BRIEFS

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

Mother's investigative work frees son

STEPHENVILLE — Thelma Sellers knew her son was being framed for a December grocery store robbery, but no one was doing anything to prove his innocence, even while his trial was underway.

So she did it herself. Sellers confronted one of two men rumored to be behind the heist and got him to confess, then took a tape recording of it to police. The man admitted his crime, as did his accomplice, and within hours both pleaded guilty.

Cameron Dewey Light and James Edward Wheat confessed Thursday afternoon to state District Judge Don Jones, allowing Sellers' son, Pat Dwayne Starr, to be freed after four months in jail.

Light, 29, of Eastland, received a 25-year sentence for a first-degree felony of aggravated robbery and enhancements.

Study: I-69 will be worth lofty price tag

HOUSTON — Despite a \$4.8 billion price tag, the Texas section of a proposed roadway linking Canada and Mexico would eventually be worth the money, according to a state study to be released next month.

Roland Gamble, the lead consultant for the study told the Houston Chronicle in today's editions that Interstate 69, the so-called NAFTA Highway, is "a good investment of public funds."

The judgement was made based on a feasibility study that approximated the route. The scheme was drawn up to help government planners in Washington, D.C., and Austin decide whether it's a worthy proposition.

The country-to-country connection has been the goal of many communities for years. Hopes are to build roads from near the Texas-Mexico border to Indianapolis, where it would hook up to an existing I-69 that reaches the Canadian border at Fort Huron, Mich.

Federal legislation in 1991 designated the route as a "high priority corridor," paving the way for a feasibility study. Legislation last year tagged the route "I-69."

Private-public partnership sought for tilt-rotor

WASHINGTON — Backers of tilt-rotor aircraft, which fly like airplanes and hover like helicopters, are touting a report suggesting the federal government and industry should jointly develop civilian applications for the technology.

Currently, the tilt-rotor technology's use is strictly military: the Marine Corps' new V-22 Osprey developed by Bell Helicopter in Fort Worth and Boeing's helicopter division outside Philadelphia. Production on the first deliveries for the Marines, due in 1999, begins later this year.

But a new report from the Civil Tilt-Rotor Development Advisory Committee to Congress says that "civilian development is 'technically feasible' and tilt-rotor craft could operate profitably in some sectors of the air travel market — though at higher cost than airplanes.

The study "offers a blueprint for government and industry to follow to get civil tilt-rotor aircraft off the drawing board and into the real world of public transportation." House transportation committee Chairman Bud Shuster, R-Pa., said Thursday.

The report does recommend caution, saying that while the technology is economically viable, "there are substantial risks and uncertainties that must be overcome."

Nolan Ryan pitches for repairs at state parks

GALVESTON — Texas Parks and Wildlife Commissioner Nolan Ryan is helping to pitch an entrance fee hike at state parks that officials say

are badly in need of repair.

Ryan, the former Texas Rangers and Houston Astros pitching star, and Texas Parks and Wildlife Department executive director Andrew Sansom braved strong winds Thursday to survey plumbing leaks and crumbling picnic shelters at Galveston Island State Park.

"I feel like this is certainly something that is needed and has been put off for a long time," Ryan said. "There are so many parks that have this deferred maintenance that we need to address."

Starting next week, adults will be charged \$1 to \$5 per person instead of paying one price for a whole car.

The agency says the increase is necessary because it currently collects \$21 million a year from visitors but operating state parks costs \$32 million a year. The move is expected to draw an additional \$5 million to \$7 million annually.

Railroad Commission hears oil, gas testimony

AUSTIN — It was showtime at the Texas Railroad Commission's annual state of the industry oil and gas hearing.

Oilman and former gubernatorial candidate Clayton Williams dressed as a muscle man and gave Tarzan-like whoops, telling the industry meeting Thursday that things are looking up for independent producers.

"We're on the way back and we're muscling up, and you're going to hear more of us. Hasta la vista, baby," Williams, hoisting a fake 1,000-pound weight, told the commission.

Williams, president of Clayton Williams Energy Inc., is traditionally the most colorful character among dark-suited industry executives and lawyers.

Tyler lawyer Gaylord Hughey Jr., representing small natural gas producers and small industrial and municipal consumers, dressed as a "madam" to complain about what he called underregulated intrastate pipeline companies.

Agents seize \$104 million in cocaine, arrest five

HOUSTON — U.S. Customs Commissioner George Weise says the seizure of \$104 million in Colombian cocaine shows that a 14-month-old crackdown on drug smuggling at the southern border is working.

Customs agents seized the 2,300-pound cache of cocaine and arrested five people in Houston last week after following a tractor-trailer from Laredo, Weise said.

The bust is the latest of several major cocaine seizures in the Southwest, including a recent 1,200-pound bust in Nogales, Ariz., an 800-pound seizure in Houston and a 3,080-pound bust in Brownsville — the biggest single seizure ever in that border city.

Weise, standing before a pile of cocaine bricks wrapped in yellow latex, said his agency's "Operation Hard Line" is working to stop drugs as they enter the United States through border checkpoints in the Southwest.

"Our seizures are way up in every category — heroin, cocaine and marijuana," Weise said. "What you see here is another illustration of how successful this program is working."

Computers to streamline visa application process

EL PASO — An overhaul of visa application procedures won't necessarily boost immigration, even though it will accelerate the entry process, an immigration official says.

The federal government is testing a new computer system that will allow complete electronic processing of applications. The DataShare system could potentially be in place worldwide as early as the turn of the century.

Deputy U.S. immigration commissioner Chris Sale said Thursday the system will make it cheaper and easier to complete the work, noting also that it will facilitate attempts "to comply with statutory limits" on immigration.

Glickman visits dry Panhandle

TULIA (AP) — A drought-ravaged winter wheat crop in the Texas Panhandle and Kansas awaits Agriculture Secretary Dan Glickman's inspection today.

The Agriculture Department reported this week that more than two-thirds of the Texas crop and 58 percent of the Kansas crop were in poor condition or worse.

Beverly Boyd, a spokeswoman for Texas Agricultural Commissioner Rick Perry, said Texas wheat production is at its lowest level in almost two decades.

"The estimated 1996 wheat crop is the smallest wheat crop in Texas since 1978, when it was 54 million bushels," she said.

Glickman will tour damaged wheat fields near Tulia today, then meet with growers in Dimmitt. His itinerary also includes a Saturday visit to a farm in Oxford, Kan.

"If the producers don't have any type of watering system or any water for their crops, they're seeing dry fields," said Pammy Millican, Castro County Agricultural Extension agent. "That's what (Glickman) will see."

Farmers in Dimmitt, about 70 miles north of Lubbock, have experienced one of the driest years on record, Millican said. No rain is in the immediate forecast.

Glickman said Thursday that the new farm bill likely means

no extra disaster payments for farmers.

Under the new farm program, most wheat producers will be eligible for government payments even though prices are at historically high levels. In the past, high prices usually meant no subsidy payments.

Coupled with crop insurance taken out by many producers, Glickman said there may be enough money available to handle drought losses.

Glickman said the farm program and crop insurance is the equivalent of a disaster program, but that the idea behind the new farm bill was no more disaster programs.

But Glickman added he will reserve final judgment and "work with the Congress on this particular situation."

Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole, R-Kan., said this week that there was a chance Congress would consider a farm disaster bill, if it is clear the damage is widespread and extensive.

Swisher County Agriculture Extension agent David Gibson, whose county includes Tulia, said agriculture is in a "precarious place in this region."

"I know that sounds like gloom and doom, but that's what it sounds like to our farmers."

"As far as the annual total, we are 2 1/3 inches below normal for the year," said Robert Slat-

tery, a meteorologist with the National Weather Service in Amarillo. "We've received less than 1 inch since Halloween. It's been one of the driest six months on record even dating back to the Dust Bowl days of the 1930s."

Many who lived through that period remember the rolling seas of airborne dirt in the nation's Midwest that gave the Dust Bowl its name.

The average annual rainfall total in the Panhandle is 19.1 inches, Slatery said.

"If it had rained, that wheat would be up about 8 to 10 inches tall and green," Millican said. "The way it is, it's about 3 inches tall — if it's there at all — and brown."

Few farmers can afford to pump water to their fields, Millican said. Since this year's wheat prices are up, he said he hopes those growers sell their crops and are able to make some money.

Wheat producers expect to harvest 55 million bushels this year, 27 percent less than the 1995 crop (75.6 million bushels) and the 1994 crop (75.4 million).

Production in the Panhandle or Northern High Plains of Texas is expected to total 28 million bushels, down 16 percent from one year ago. Irrigated fields across the region are in fair to good condition, while dryland fields are in poor condition, officials said.

Hidalgo officials acquitted on all counts

LAREDO (AP) — Five Hidalgo County officials returned home as free men today after a jury acquitted them of participating in a million-dollar bid-rigging scheme in exchange for kickbacks.

Thursday's verdict came two years and two trials after the FBI and Internal Revenue Service began its investigation into the administration of the state's seventh most-populous county.

"Obviously we're relieved and happy. We just went through so much pain," said County Judge J. Edgar Ruiz, who was suspended from his job after being indicted last summer. "For my family, for everybody — it's unbelievable, we had to go through this."

Ruiz wept and embraced his attorney as U.S. District Judge

George Kazen read the verdict. His mother exclaimed in Spanish, "Thanks to God for delivering my son!" while his family and those of the other defendants clapped and cried.

On trial with Ruiz were county commissioners Sam Sanchez and Abelardo Arcaute, former Commissioner Leonardo Camarillo and Head Start Director Luciano Ozuna.

Sanchez, who blamed the trial for his re-election loss earlier this month, said of the case, "It never should have happened. It's been a very difficult year — but it's over."

The jury deliberated 12 hours before returning innocent verdicts on all 86 counts in the government's indictment on charges of conspiracy to commit mail fraud, mail fraud, bribery

and extortion. The charges and counts against the officials differed, ranging from three counts against Sanchez to 31 against Arcaute. Ruiz was charged with nine counts.

The defendants had faced punishments ranging from up to five years in prison for the mail fraud to a maximum of 20 years' imprisonment for extortion.

Jurors in the officials' first trial, held last year in Hidalgo County, deliberated 28 hours without reaching a verdict, and a mistrial was declared. Prosecutors sought the change of venue to Laredo for the retrial.

"Needless to say we're disappointed, but we have to respect the jury's decision," said Assistant U.S. Attorney Jose Angel Moreno.

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Quote of the Day

"An idea is a feat of association."

-Robert Frost

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OUR VIEWS

We salute:

Each Friday, the Herald salutes individuals and groups from our community and area who have been recognized for special achievements or accomplishments.

We recognize these special people for working to help make our region a better place to live, work and play.

This week we salute:

- The Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) of Big Spring on the occasion of its 25th anniversary of service to the community.
- Virginia Miller and Sharon Richardson, Big Spring High School, for the many hours spent coaching and traveling with the BSHS members of the Permian Basin Academic Challenge team.
- Kelli Buchanan, Allison West and Lucas Phinney, Coahoma, on qualifying for the state University Interscholastic League's academic competition.
- Leanne Miller, Allison Miller, Clark Williams, Brandon Powell, Dale Cunningham, Mitzl Yancey, Kasey Narbalz, Jonathan Wiley, Chris Shelley and Dawn Wiley, Maranatha Baptist Academy, on qualifying for the international academic competition for Christian schools.
- The local Harley Owners' Group, for their presentation of \$2,165 to the Kids' Zone project.
- The City of Big Spring and area farmers, who have joined together to demonstrate the use of yard trimmings as a protective mulch and erosion deterrent. The effort landed the project, one of four in the state, a grant of \$9,500.
- Students and officials of SouthWest Collegiate Institute for the Deaf on ground-breaking ceremonies held for their new dormitory.
- Van's Well Service, Forsan, on their being recognized for their safe operations within the well-servicing industry. It marked the third time since 1989 that Van's has been recognized by the Association of Oil-well Servicing Contractors.
- The Big Spring Heritage Museum, Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce and Big Spring Art Association for their sponsorship of the Children's Art Show.

Is there an individual or organization in our community that you feel should be saluted? If so, please send us their name and why you think they should be recognized. We must have your name and telephone number and you must provide it in writing — no phone calls.

YOUR VIEWS

Writer feels commissioners missed the boat on R&B

To the Editor:

Earlier 13 county employees submitted a letter stating their grievances, but nothing seemed to be resolved by meeting with the road administrator. There has to be serious concerns for that many road and bridge employees to do this. However, the commissioners in the meeting Monday, April 22 refused to investigate the matter and voted 4-1 against the county employees by Judge Lockhart calling for a vote immediately.

Only Emma Brown took a sensible attitude and voted against Eddy Jameson. Doesn't it make you wonder what goes on behind the scenes? The public has a right to demand a fair deal from the elected commissioners — not a dictatorship!

I personally attended Monday's meeting. It was the first time I'd ever done so. I'd like to urge concerned citizens of Howard County to let the county commissioners know how you feel about this and any other issue coming before them. After all, we elected them to take care of county business in a businesslike way. How your tax dollars are spent should be of major concern to all citizens of Howard County. Get involved and above all, vote in all elections.

Marvin Lamb
Big Spring

Writer seeks support for Big Spring Humane Society

To the Editor:

Some of us no longer work at the Big Spring Humane Society because of employment demands, family needs, personal health problems or other civic organization choices. Whatever the reasons, there

has been a great void left to be filled.

Patty and Donald Hoffman are willing to fill this cavern; but they can not afford to work with the animals without financial compensation. Those of us who can no longer help with our time can bring much relief with our money.

Although the needs of the animals have not gone away, the present general manager has seen fit to cut back on the number of salaried hours. There has been some discussion of having to no longer keep our pledge to be a save-a-life shelter. She seems to reason that the society cannot afford to feed, medicate, and provide basic care for so many animals. Since the needs of the animals are still there and euthanasia of healthy well-behaved animals is abhorrent to some, the only solution seems to be more financial support.

The Humane Society once had a faithful continuing support group that sent \$10 to \$25 a month. Such a small amount would hardly be noticed in most of our monthly budgets; but as a group we could make all the difference to the beleaguered animals who presently live at the Humane Society.

Please consider rebuilding that support group by sending a monthly pledge to the Big Spring Humane Society, Box 823, Big Spring, 79721-0823.

Bettie R. Cox
Big Spring

The Herald welcomes letters to the editor.

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Look what came in the mail: Read it and bleep

In our bustling world of consumerism, people often have complaints. They

phone big companies to express these gripes.

Then they talk to people whose job it is to listen and maybe do something.

Ideally, everyone involved would be polite and reasonable. But that isn't realistic. Those making the complaints can be angry and abusive. And those who must listen can have nerves that are frayed from listening to so many grievances.

Then we can have conflict — two strangers on opposite ends of a distant phone hook-up. Something like this happened when Dennis P. L'Heureux, a corporate executive who lives in Rockford, Ill., had a dispute with America Online, the big computer service.

He came home one day and decided to go on-line and flit about the Internet. But when his computer hooked up to AOL's computers, he got a message on his screen telling him that his service had been discontinued and giving him a phone number to call.

He phoned and was told by a woman that there was a problem with his account and his credit card, and he was suspected of having tried to buy products fraudulently.

She insisted that someone used his computer to do it. Maybe a child? she suggested.

Impossible, he said. He had only one son old enough to use the computer and at the precise time the attempted fraud occurred, the entire family was watching that son play basketball.

Hah! A likely story. That is what the obviously skeptical woman at AOL seemed to say. Which angered Mr. L'Heureux. And his indignant response made her, as he described it, "very snotty."

Sometime after that, his bill from AOL arrived. His 10-year-old daughter happened to be outside when the postman dropped it off. She brought the envelope in and L'Heureux heard the child say to his wife: "What does this mean?"

That's because the envelope contained a vulgarity that I am not permitted to use in this newspaper. But I'll try to explain without using it. It is sometimes referred to as the "F-word."

So without using the word, and by letting you use your imagination for the translation, this is how the envelope was addressed:

(Bleep'n Dennis L'Heureux (Bleep'n (his home address) (Bleep'n Rockford IL, 61114 He tore open the envelope and took out his bill from AOL. And there was the same word

again. The letter began: "Dear (Bleep'n Dennis L'Heureux. "America Online values you as a customer and wants to reinstate your membership as soon as possible."

It went on to urge him to pay the amount in question because of the credit card dispute. And it was signed by one "P. Maxwell, Credit Department." But in the invoice that he was supposed to send in with his check, he was again referred to as the (Bleep'n Dennis L'Heureux.

L'Heureux says he was shocked and outraged. So he showed the letter to Rockford's postal inspector, who called it to the attention of AOL. Someone from AOL phoned L'Heureux and said they were sorry and that the letter should not have been sent with that language.

That didn't placate L'Heureux. Obviously the letter should not have referred to him and his home as (Bleep'n. But he wanted to know who sent it and what was being done about it.

So he sent a letter to Steven Case, present and CEO of America Online, and one of the best-known deep thinkers in the world of cyberspace, cyber-business and cybermoolah. After describing how appalled he is, he asked Case: "... I'm not sure if you have a family, but if you do, how would you feel if your 10-year-old daughter

scanned the day's mail to find an envelope addressed to (Bleep'n Steven Case, her Dad? Well, this is exactly what has happened in my household and I am not amused in the least."

And he concluded his letter with, "I demand an explanation ... and a formal apology for the way I have been treated."

He has not received an answer to that and several follow-up letters to Case. So he asked me to make inquiries, since the Tribune Company owns a piece of AOL and that's where my column appears on-line.

After several days of leaving phone messages, someone from AOL's public relations department finally called back and babbled and babbled, but finally admitted that they didn't know how or why L'Heureux was referred to as (Bleep'n. But I'll make a guess.

During L'Heureux's confrontation with the complaint-lady, she called his account up on a computer screen. Then when she got mad, she simply typed in the (Bleep'n, making it part of his name and address. What does a computer know about (Bleep'n stuff like that? It just does what it is told.

And, who knows, the way computerized lists are sold, swapped, and passed around, L'Heureux might forever and ever be known as (Bleep'n L'Heureux. Lucky for AOL and Mr. Case that it didn't happen to Ted Kaczynski.

Ann McFeaters
Syndicated Columnist

Gingrich not an asset to Bob Dole in campaign

WASHINGTON — More and more, Washington's odd couple — Senate GOP leader Bob Dole, who wants to be president, and House Speaker Newt Gingrich, who wants to be the rainmaker, are at odds with each other.

If Dole isn't careful, this strange, uncomfortable alliance could derail all his hopes. Gingrich, an ex-college teacher, is a complex, interesting and entertaining mixture of brains, wit, abrasive ego, stridency and savage humor.

The Contract With America was a clever, shrewd move by Gingrich. Dole originally ridiculed it.

The attack on President Clinton's 1,342-page health care reform plan was devised by Gingrich long before Clinton even presented it to Congress. And the excitement behind the Republicans' so-called revolution in 1994, when they captured both houses of Congress for the first time in 40 years, was provided by Gingrich.

There is no question but that Gingrich had Clinton against the ropes in early 1995. Now Clinton is 10 to 15 points ahead of Dole, who reels from one political disaster to another on his home turf — legislating.

The long, painful fight over the 1996 budget was caused by Gingrich, not Dole or Clinton, both of whom were ready to compromise months ago. The polls still indicate voters blame

Republicans for two government shutdowns; that ultimately hurts Dole.

The commitment to balance the budget in seven years came from Gingrich, not Dole or Clinton. Even though Clinton can take credit for cutting the annual deficit in half, it was Gingrich who forced the seven-year goal.

On another front, Dole opposes a 90-cent rise in the minimum hourly wage to help the working poor even though big business leaders have all but accepted it. A number of moderate Republicans, worried they were getting killed in the court of public opinion over opposition to improving the lives of several million families, forced him to concede that he would probably have to permit a vote.

Then Gingrich came along and said there would be no vote this year. That may not be the final word but instead of making Dole look strong, Gingrich made him look weak and ineffectual.

Dole likes the idea of a medical savings plan, whereby people with high deductibles in their health insurance can put aside tax-free money to pay them. Clinton argues such accounts are for the rich, may keep sick people from seeking

medical attention and vows a veto if Congress sends them to him. Democrats claim these medical accounts would cost taxpayers \$1.8 billion, drive up the cost of health insurance for less healthy, less rich people, and benefit a big GOP campaign contributor.

The health insurance portability bill that just passed the Senate 100 to 0 does not have the medical savings accounts in them. Gingrich's House version does. Instead of working for a bill Clinton will sign, the Senate leader is championing the House version. If it prevails in conference, it could scuttle even this mini health insurance reform plan this year. Once again Gingrich is calling the shots.

Still eager to court conservatives, Dole has been on a big crusade recently against Clinton's judicial nominations, saying that "liberal" judges are contributing to crime.

Since most sitting federal judges were appointed by the Reagan and Bush administrations, his argument seems extreme. Also, as the White House correctly points out, Dole objected to only three of the 185 Clinton judicial nominations that reached the Senate floor.

The GOP strategy supposedly

was to have Gingrich, with his increasingly negative image among voters, be quiet and let Dole be more assertive, dynamic and forceful.

But like Peter Pan, Gingrich can't help but crow every now and then and keep rushing in to try to jump start his failed contract.

Also, the inevitable falling out among revolutionaries over strategy has hurt Dole. Eager to move quickly, the Gingrich supporters in the House found that the Senate rules don't favor young terriers telling the old bulls what to do.

Dole, after 35 years in Washington, is clearly an old bull. His instinct was to brush the terriers away with a few quick thrusts of his horns. But his problem was that the terriers have a lot of friends who voted in the Republican primaries and will control the GOP convention in San Diego.

The poll differences between Dole and Clinton will narrow as the year goes on and the fight becomes more intense. But the political damage to Dole has been significant. And eager-beaver Gingrich must share some of the blame.

(Ann McFeaters covers the White House for Scripps Howard News Service.)

By Bruce Tinsley



\$1.1 million for set of golf clubs? Only if they belonged to JFK

NEW YORK (AP) — A million dollars for golf clubs? Par for the course if they belonged to President Kennedy and Sotheby's sold them.

A set of woods — \$772,500 — and a set of irons — \$387,500 — topped the sky-high price list Thursday on the third day of the auction house's Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis estate sale.

Earlier, a triple strand of fake pearls that might go for \$65 at Macy's sold for \$211,500 for the simple reason that a laughing Jacqueline Kennedy was once photographed with her toddler son playfully tugging at the necklace.

It was just another Camelot-crazed sale where items were

bought at prices many times their estimated worth. Bids came from all over: Red Sox pitcher Roger Clemens phoned in during a game in Boston in an unsuccessful attempt to buy the clubs.

The running total after the third day of the four-day auction was \$28,311,666. Sotheby's conservative estimate for the entire auction had been \$3.3 million to \$4.6 million.

The sale concludes today, when the last thing on the block will be a 1992 BMW sedan.

On Wednesday, the spotlight was on Onassis glitz as a bidder — later identified as J.F. O'Reilly, chairman and chief executive officer of H.J. Heinz Co. —

paid \$2.59 million for a 40-carat diamond ring given by Aristotle Onassis to his bride.

On Thursday night, the attention turned to the golf clubs and three of Mrs. Onassis' hunting saddles.

An anonymous client bidding over the telephone paid \$772,500 for a set of MacGregor woods, and an anonymous bidder in the room paid \$387,500 for a set of Ben Hogan Power Thrust irons. Each set was in a golf bag inscribed "JFK Washington, D.C."

Two individual putters sold for \$65,750 and \$63,000 each.

Sotheby's presale estimate was \$700 to \$900 for the irons, the same for the woods and \$200

to \$300 each for the putters.

Clemens, an avid golfer and fan of the late president, wasn't scheduled to pitch Thursday and got permission to call in from the team doctor's office. His top bid reached \$121,000, far short of the winning bids.

"My pulse was racing," Clemens said. "They told me there were 11 guys left and then it just went like Dorothy's house falling out of the sky."

In other bidding wars, Mrs. Onassis' saddles, estimated at \$300 to \$500 each, sold for \$90,500, \$46,000 and \$34,500.

During the morning session, costume jewelry pieces like glass bead necklaces and fake diamond brooches were sold for

thousands of dollars each.

The Franklin Mint, which makes collectibles, bought the \$211,500 faux pearls worn by Jackie in a 1962 photo of her with a young John F. Kennedy Jr. The necklace, estimated to sell at about \$600, will be displayed in the company's museum in suburban Philadelphia. A company spokesman said there are no plans to reproduce it.

With nostalgia raising prices exponentially, many walked away empty-handed.

Linda Dyer, president of Finishing Touches, a girls' etiquette school with branches in eight states, came prepared to bid as much as \$2,500 for a piece of history.

Dyer thought \$2,500 "was more than realistic, but who knew. ... My little bubble is burst."

Sotheby's based its presale estimates on the intrinsic value of the objects — few of which were antiques or unusual works of art — rather than on who owned them. The prices include Sotheby's commission, which is 15 percent of the first \$50,000 and 10 percent of anything above that amount.

Mrs. Onassis died in 1994. Her will directed her children, Caroline Kennedy Schlossberg and John F. Kennedy Jr., and the John F. Kennedy Library in Boston, to choose whatever they wanted from her possessions.

Ruby Ridge negotiator meets with FBI, Weaver urges Freeman to come out

JORDAN, Mont. (AP) — The man who helped end the deadly siege at Ruby Ridge, Idaho, was barred from reaching the Freeman compound but did win a concession denied other would-be mediators: a meeting with the FBI.

Meanwhile, five people in Los Angeles were charged with running a fraudulent check scheme based on teachings of the anti-government Freeman, whose standoff with the FBI near Jordan is now in its fifth week.

Former Green Beret Col. James "Bo" Gritz arrived here Thursday with white separatist Randy Weaver to help end the standoff. Some Freeman were wanted on state and federal charges that include writing bad checks.

The FBI turned Gritz and Weaver away from the Freeman's 960-acre ranch, but later met for more than an hour with Gritz at its operations center near Jordan.

Gritz said an FBI spokesman offered him some useful suggestions, and he intends to remain in the Jordan area to try them out.

He said he is encouraged that the FBI seems to be making a serious effort to negotiate a peaceful resolution with the Freeman. Negotiations were not part of the assault at Ruby Ridge, he said.

Weaver's wife and son were killed by federal agents during the 1992 siege at his cabin in Ruby Ridge. Gritz helped negotiate Weaver's surrender.

Weaver said he hopes to help persuade the Freeman to surrender and fight in the courts.

"There are only two ways that (the standoff) can end," Weaver said. "They can come out peacefully, or the FBI will eventually go in. They've made their point. Now they should come out and argue their case to the public."

In California Thursday, five people were indicted on charges of mail fraud, counterfeiting and conspiracy.

Prosecutors believe they learned of the check scheme at a seminar taught by LeRoy Schweitzer, 56, a leader of the Freeman group in Montana. The California indictment alleges that M. Elizabeth Broderick of Palmdale began holding

similar seminars in southern California last November.

Broderick and her co-defendants earned more than \$300,000 a month from the seminars.

The other defendants are Adolf Karl Hoch of Loma Linda, his daughter, Laura Marie Hoy of Moreno Valley, Barry Switzer of Santa Clarita and Julian Cheney. Cheney also is charged with obstruction of justice.

The Freeman contend they are not subject to federal or state laws, but are sovereign citizens of their own country and are governed only by common law.

The group issued a 19-page paper Thursday, outlining their legal arguments justifying their actions, starting from the premise that the United States is bankrupt.

The FBI has allowed relatives to visit the Freeman, and four people spent about an hour in the compound.

State Rep. Karl Ohs, R-Harrison, and John Connor Jr., the state attorney general's top special prosecutor from Helena, also met with the Freeman for a second consecutive day. They did not speak with reporters.

Parents to plead in baby's six-year-old death

LAS VEGAS (AP) — Cowboys rounding up horses in the Arizona desert thought they had found a doll when they came across the body of a 1-year-old girl lying on her back, mouth agape, arms outstretched.

The toddler had been doused with gasoline and burned. For nearly six years her identity remained a mystery.

On Thursday, her parents agreed to plead guilty in her death.

The agreement by James and Lillian Meegan resolves what had seemed to be a futile search for the girl's identity. It also brings to a close Francine Meegan's 1990 disappearance, which police learned about only this year.

James Meegan had become irritated by Francine crying in her playpen and shook her so hard he killed her, authorities said. The Meegans then drove the body from Las Vegas to Arizona where they tried to burn it.

James Meegan waived his preliminary hearing and said he

would plead guilty to first-degree murder, a plea that carries a life prison sentence. Mrs. Meegan will plead guilty to felony child abuse, with the provision that prosecutors won't oppose probation.

Police were tipped off in February by the former boyfriend of Mrs. Meegan's sis-

ter. Mrs. Meegan and daughter Maria, who was 11 when Francine disappeared, later gave authorities statements detailing the little girl's final hours.

Francine had been sold to a California couple shortly after her birth, but her parents reneged on the deal.

Oklahoma executes admitted killer

McALESTER, Okla. — Admitted killer Benjamin Brewer was executed early today as 20 people — none of his choosing — watched.

Brewer, 38, was declared dead at 12:10 a.m. He was executed by lethal injection for the 1978 stabbing death of a Tulsa woman, Karen Joyce Stapleton.

Brewer declined to make a final statement, witnesses said.

In a prepared statement, members of Stapleton's family said after the execution: "We wish it had not taken 17-1/2 years for his final appeal to be exhausted; that is far too long. We came here tonight to witness Mr. Brewer's execution, and to see his final breath."

Five relatives of Brewer's victim witnessed the execution. The inmate declined to select any witnesses.

Brewer's final day was spent in a holding cell next to the execution chamber. He was moved into the cell about 8 a.m. Thursday.

Oklahoma State Penitentiary spokeswoman Lee Mann said Brewer worked crossword puzzles and had access to a TV and a telephone. His last appeal was turned down by the U.S. Supreme Court Thursday afternoon.

Brewer refused to order a final meal and instead received what other inmates had for dinner: pork chops, mashed potatoes and gravy, greens, bread and ice tea.

He became the seventh Oklahoma inmate to be executed since 1990.

Stapleton's father and four siblings became a footnote in Oklahoma history as the first victim's relatives to watch a killer's execution under a new state law.

Stapleton's relatives watched by closed-circuit television from a room below the execution chamber.

Other witnesses included prison officials and media members.

A small crowd of protesters held a candlelight vigil outside the prison gates. Standing in a circle, individuals read Bible passages and said prayers for the victim's and Brewer's families in the chilly air.

Earlier in the day, Attorney General Drew Edmondson said he expected 20 state death penalty cases to progress rapidly in the next 12 to 18 months because of a new federal law.

Edmondson said the decision to watch an execution would be a personal choice for victims' family members, but it is a welcome option.

"I know that this family that is here tonight is grateful that

they have the opportunity to witness the execution. I think it's part of an increasing awareness of victims' rights."

Brewer went to death row in 1979 for Stapleton's Aug. 16, 1978, death. The accounting student, 20, was stabbed more than 20 times.

Within hours, Brewer was seen driving Stapleton's car. The murder weapon and one of Stapleton's rings were found in his knapsack.

Edmondson said Brewer confessed to sexually assaulting Stapleton, and then "he sat on her couch and watched her as she died."

The Oklahoma Court of Criminal Appeals overturned his conviction in 1982 and ordered a new trial. The court cited a prosecutor's "prejudicial theatrics" — including stabbing a photo of the victim.

Brewer was retried and given the same sentence a year later.

He gained some notoriety in 1982 when he joined three other death row inmates in a four-day hunger strike. The killers sent letters to the media and to the American Civil Liberties Union with complaints of cold food and slow mail.

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Israeli Labor Party drops opposition to Palestinian state

TEL AVIV, Israel (AP) — Swiftly answering the PLO's decision to end its call for Israel's destruction, the governing Labor Party Thursday abandoned its long-standing opposition to a Palestinian state.

With its landmark vote, Labor discarded what was once a bedrock tenet and became the first major party in Israel to at least tacitly accept the idea of an independent Palestinian state, once unthinkable for most Israelis.

The move came a day after the Palestine National Council annulled clauses in the PLO charter that called for Israel's destruction.

The momentous exchange of gestures is expected to bolster the Israeli-Palestinian peace process, frozen since a series of suicide bombings by Islamic militants in February and March killed 59 victims in Israel.

Yet Israel still faces the threat of attack from Muslim extremist groups such as Hezbollah, Islamic Jihad and Hamas.

Prime Minister Shimon Peres told about 1,000 Labor Party delegates who had assembled in Tel Aviv to vote on the new platform that it would help him "achieve a comprehensive peace in the Middle East" if he is re-elected in May 29 balloting.

The new platform also abandons another major Labor Party position: that the Golan Heights, captured from Syria in 1967 and annexed in 1981, are essential to Israel's security. It says only that the strategic plateau, which Syria wants in exchange for peace, "has political importance."

Israel-Syria peace talks have been snagged for years over the Golan Heights issue.

Peres said the new platform

"gives the government a free hand to negotiate."

While Peres did not explicitly say he now accepted the Palestinians' goal of statehood, he stressed that the current autonomy arrangement in the West Bank and Gaza "cannot remain."

"With the Palestinians, we wish to arrive not at yet another interim settlement but a permanent settlement, a fundamental solution ... total elimination of the conflict between us and the Palestinian people," he said emphatically.

In Gaza, Yasser Arafat praised Labor's move. "It will help a lot in the negotiations for the final status," the PLO chief said.

Talks on a final Israel-Palestinian settlement, to begin May 4, are to address the most difficult issues dividing the sides: the PLO's demand for statehood, final borders, and the future of Israeli settlements and the disputed holy city of Jerusalem.

Labor's platform, approved overwhelmingly in a show of hands, does maintain some hard-line points on those issues: It says that Jerusalem, including the eastern sector claimed by the Palestinians, will remain united under Israeli rule; it calls for eventual Israeli sovereignty over parts of the West Bank such as the Jordan Valley; and while promising no new settlements will be built, it pledges most settlers will remain under Israeli rule.

In Israel, Labor's vote was widely seen as a turn towards accepting the idea of Palestinian independence in the West Bank and Gaza, which Israel seized from Jordan and Egypt, respectively, in 1967.

Columnist Yosef Lapid wrote in the Maariv daily that "Peres

vision of a New Middle East is taking shape ... Peres and Yasser Arafat agree on the establishment of a Palestinian state that recognizes the right of Israel to exist."

In Washington, State Department spokesman Glyn Davies welcomed both the Palestinian and Labor Party decisions. "The developments of the last 24 hours in Israel and in the occupied territories are very positive," Davies said.

In Gaza, nearly 600 members of the Palestine National Council on Thursday elected a new, relatively moderate 18-member PLO executive committee.

On Wednesday, the council, which has served as the Palestinians' parliament-in-exile for three decades, voted 504-54 with 14 abstentions to revoke all clauses in the 1964 PLO founding charter that called for the elimination of Israel.

Peres, who conditioned continued peace talks on the charter change, said the vote proved Arafat was a partner for peace.

But members of Israel's right-wing opposition criticized the wording of the Palestinians' decision, noting it used the future tense and was not specific about which clauses were being revoked.

"It's a hoax," said the Likud Party's Benjamin Begin.

Hamas reacted to the Palestinian council's decision by calling on Thursday for heightened "resistance against the Zionist occupation." In Damascus, two Syrian-based radical Palestinian factions also condemned the vote.

These groups vehemently oppose any settlement with Israel and advocate the annihilation of the Jewish state. They have vowed to wreck the Palestinian self-rule accord.

Chernobyl

10 years on, questions still abound

KIEV, Ukraine (AP) — The Chernobyl nuclear accident spewed radiation across Europe and affected millions of lives. Ten years later, a host of vital questions remain about precisely how the world's worst commercial nuclear disaster happened.

Most experts agree that several factors, from flaws in the design of nuclear reactors to the Soviet system itself, contributed to the catastrophe. But even leading nuclear physicists remain uncertain of the technical process that led the plant's reactor No. 4 to combust on April 26, 1986.

Such lingering questions are precisely why many environmental activists and scientists insist that the still-operating Chernobyl plant and the world's other graphite-cooled nuclear reactors should be shut down — immediately.

Some 5,000 people run the plant, shuffling daily past the looming, badly cracked concrete and steel "sarcophagus" built to contain the ruined unit. Wind whistles through the contaminated, deserted homes that dot the surrounding pine forests.

"If it hadn't happened in 1986, it would have happened in 1987, or 1989, or 1991," said Oleksandr Smyshlayev, a Ukrainian nuclear physicist and first deputy environment minister.

"There are too many unclear moments, too many uncertainties about the physical characteristics of these reactors," he said.

Smyshlayev is one of the authors of Ukraine's latest official report on the accident, released Thursday in Kiev to coincide with the 10th anniversary of the explosion.

A few basic points are virtually undisputed.

On April 26, 1986, operators of reactor No. 4 were preparing to test its turbines. To conduct the tests, power had to be decreased. The reactor grew unstable as power declined, taking the operators by surprise.

At 1:23 a.m., the test began. But the reactor was still unsteady. Water levels in the core were abnormally low, and too few control rods were in the reactor.

Steam generation began to

increase, leading to a surge in power, which led to a further steam increase — a chain reaction unique to Chernobyl-type, graphite-cooled reactors.

As power soared uncontrollably, an operator pressed an emergency button. In the next 20 seconds, at least one explosion occurred, dispersing radiation more than 200 times the amount spread by atomic bombs the United States dropped in 1945 on the Japanese cities of Hiroshima and Nagasaki combined.

Scores of questions remain unanswered.

Why didn't the operators know that the reactor grows unstable at low power? Did pressing the emergency button cause the explosion? How many explosions were there? How many control rods were in the core at the time of the explosion? How much fuel was released into the atmosphere, and how much remains inside the sarcophagus?

The original, official Soviet version of the accident answered these questions by

blaming the operators, thus exonerating the technology itself and justifying continued use of the plant.

But scientists within and beyond the Soviet borders, dissatisfied with that explanation, have delved deeper.

Determining the operators' role has been difficult, because most died soon after the accident from massive radiation doses.

Boris Rogozhkin, the chief engineer in charge of reactors Nos. 3 and 4 on the night of the blast, spent five years in jail for the accident, one of six people convicted in widely publicized trials in 1987.

"Everyone had different data, different measurements," he said from his home outside Kiev. "The versions I've heard don't satisfy me. Everyone's at fault, and no one."

The government's latest report almost totally blames the reactor's design. It also blames hasty construction of the reactor, which was completed in a hurry to fulfill demands from the Communist leadership.

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Republicans and Democrats claim victory in budget agreement

Scripps Howard News Service

WASHINGTON — Both Republicans and Democrats claimed victory Thursday as Congress approved a bill to fund dozens of federal agencies through the rest of the fiscal year, closing the books on one of the most contentious budget battles in the nation's history.

A striking majority on both sides of the aisle moved the bill through. The House voted 399-25 in favor; hours later, the Senate cleared it, 88-11.

White House officials said that President Clinton planned to sign it into law by Friday morning. Although spending authority was to end at midnight Thursday, the federal government will operate normally Friday.

Republicans applauded themselves for cutting federal spending for fiscal 1996 by \$23 billion below last year's level. Combined with \$11 billion sliced from the 1995 budget, Republicans claimed credit for \$34 billion in cuts since gaining control of Congress.

"When history is finally recorded, we will show we have begun to downsize the cost of government," said House Appropriations Committee Chairman Robert Livingston, R-La. "The president himself said the era of big government is over. I think what we have put together in this package now shows that he was right."

At the same time, Democrats congratulated themselves for holding the line against Republi-

can proposals they said would have decimated critical federal education, environmental, crime prevention and job training programs.

"This legislation shows that you can save money without ignoring the value of human beings, without ignoring the necessity to invest in human beings," said Rep. David Obey, D-Wis. "It is a far less savage and far more civilized approach."

Passage of the \$160 billion bill came seven months after the start of the fiscal year. It was preceded by the two longest government shutdowns in the nation's history, idling hundreds of thousands of federal workers for a total of 27 days. The shutdowns played havoc

with the lives of millions of Americans, from tourists turned away from national parks and museums to federal contractors brought to the brink of bankruptcy.

The shutdowns were also a major factor in turning public opinion against the Republican-controlled Congress, although Clinton saw his support ebb for a while as well.

While Republicans were battling Democrats over the 1996 budget, they also were negotiating a seven-year plan to balance the federal budget.

When negotiations on a long-term budget broke off in January, the spending bills became the GOP's primary vehicle for making a down payment on deficit reduction.

However, the bills apply only to discretionary spending — about one-third of the federal budget — and have no impact on entitlement programs like Medicare, Medicaid and Social Security, where both sides acknowledge there will have to be structural changes if the budget is ever to be brought into balance.

Republicans initially proposed cutting 1996 spending \$30 billion below the amount Clinton had requested. Clinton then asked Republicans to restore \$8 billion. The two sides eventually compromised on a restoration of about \$4.8 billion, primarily for education and environmental programs. The additional money was entirely offset by cuts elsewhere in the budget.

Daschle of South Dakota said the spending cuts exacted by Republicans were tough for Democrats to swallow. "I think we gave a great deal on the spending level," he said. "This is going to hurt in a lot of areas."

On the other side, Republicans gave up a slew of policy provisions — most aimed at relaxing environmental regulations — or gave Clinton the power to waive the provisions.

"We see this bill as a huge step forward and a tremendous victory for the environmental community, although some ugly things did survive," said Gregory Wetstone, legislative director for the National Resources Defense Council.

HOROSCOPE

HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR SATURDAY, APRIL 27:

Creativity and energy are in full force. Detaching yourself from your emotions frequently will help you stay centered, see different solutions and open doors. Travel and education could play a major role in your year. Be easygoing with partners, especially if they are financial in nature. You enjoy socializing with others, though you need to be in control. If you are single, a very exotic stranger could grab your heart. If attached, make plans for a second honeymoon (or first!). VIRGO helps you relax.

The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Deal with changes, then relax. The unexpected occurs when relating on a one-to-one level. You run into a disagreement where you least expect it. Instability marks the day. Be nurturing with others. Your decisive actions open doors. Tonight: Get plenty of R&R. ***

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Your imagination unfolds, and you relate in a new way to a partner. Discussions open up financial and emotional potential. Creativity and fun mix, if you go with a flow of ideas. Intuition is right on target. When you share, you build closeness. Tonight: Be a wild thing. ****

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Get down to fundamental values. Family and home are important in your plans. Be centered about what you want. A friend surprises you with an invitation. Make time for socializing, and don't be surprised about sudden celebrations. Tonight: Wherever you are, the party is. ****

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Make plans for a get-together with friends, conversing over a meal and perhaps browsing through a favorite place. Screen calls — someone, probably a boss or parent, may make a demand on your time. Talks are passionate. Tonight: Pay a friend a visit. ****

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Make the most of your daylight hours. Your more possessive side emerges with a child or loved one. Budget before you leap into spend mode. Understand where others are coming from to avoid a misunderstanding. Tonight: Your treat. ***

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Keep plans low-key in the early hours. Finish a project, or relax some more. Later in the day, you are tossed into the limelight. A smile goes a long way. Popularity is high. Spend time with a favorite person as the day progresses. Tonight: All you have to do is ask. ****

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) Take time off to regroup. Consider how you can make your life work better for you. Pressure is intense as others don't hesitate to tell you what they think. There is no avoiding this situation; you need to handle it and talk it through. Tonight: Vanish if you can. **

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) Listen to your inner voice when dealing with bosses and funds. Someone who you put on a pedestal could create pressure. Do what you must, but remember, this is your day off. Make plans to get together with a friend. Enjoy a concert or movie. Tonight: Drop in on a party. ***

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) Check out information before you run with it. News from a distance makes possible a change in plans. Friendship needs to be more spiritual and less demanding. Confusion gets sorted out when you determine

what you want. Tonight: You are a force to be dealt with. ****

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) You spook yourself without reason. Detach from the group, or take a day off so that you can gain more insight. A short trip could be right up your alley. Adjust plans to suit yourself. Family and friends support you. Tonight: Try something different. ****

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) You desire closeness and are prepared to hurdle every obstacle to make it happen. Being open about what you want helps others relate to you. A friend may let you down. Were your expectations too high? Be honest, and you will benefit. Tonight: Use your imagination. ****

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) A change in plans or difficulty with an authority figure initially throws you off. Stay centered and direct. You gain as a result and unravel a misunderstanding. Popularity and happiness blend in the later part of the day. Accept another's demand. Tonight: Say "yes." ****

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Good advice at right time led abuse victim to help

DEAR ABBY: While I was going through some old papers, I came across a letter you wrote to me in 1984.



Abigail Van Buren
Columnist

At the time, I was 16 and suffering from the effects of several years of sexual abuse by my stepfather. I was suicidal and in one of the darkest places in hell.

You gave me sound advice: "Confide in a trusted adult and call the Child Abuse Hotline."

I can't recall if I ever thanked you, Abby, so I'm thanking you now for sending a ray of hope into my prison of pain and confusion.

I did get help and learned that there are more good, caring people in the world than villains.

I'm now working on my master's degree in teaching. I work with homeless and abused children. My career goal is to be an international English teacher in Asia or Africa.

I dream of becoming an advocate for abused children because there are many in situations far worse than mine when I sought your help.

Although I wish I had never been abused, I have emerged stronger, more self-confident and more motivated than I might have been had my childhood been easier.

Many people have helped me. Although I can't repay them individually, I can do my best to pass on the love and care I received.

Thanks again for caring, Abby. Many of us need guidance when we're stumbling in the dark. Sign me ... HEALED IN BAINBRIDGE ISLAND, WASH.

DEAR HEALED: No need to

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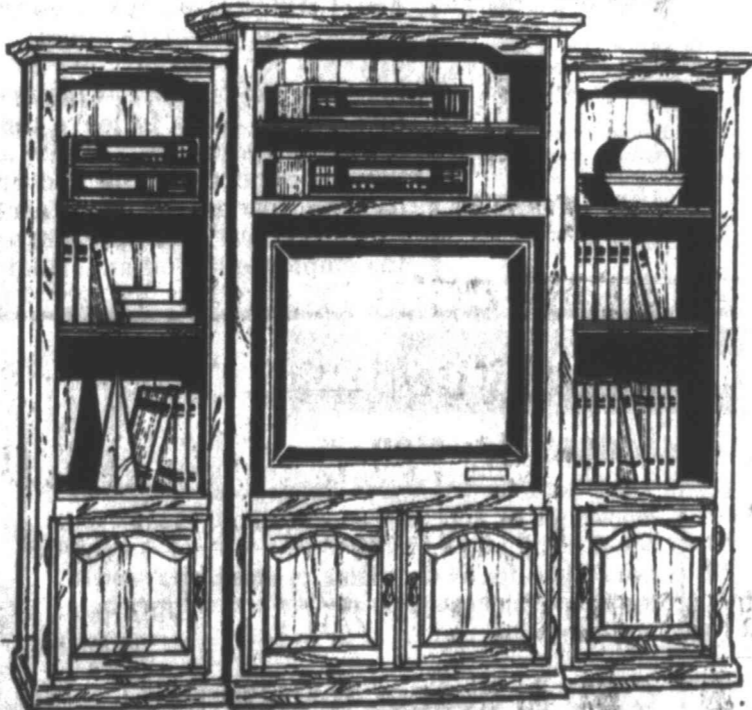
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Dana Cooper to perform Saturday

By KELLIE JONES
Features Editor

The Coahoma Concert Series continues this weekend and features rock and roll artist Dana Cooper.

Anyone who frequents the Austin music scene is familiar with Cooper who used to perform with the Shake Russell - Dana Cooper band in the late 70's and early 80's. He then formed a new band in 1983, Dana Cooper's DCs, and five years later, he began performing solo again.

Cooper, both a singer and songwriter, released his first CD in 1992, "Stone by Stone" and is heard on alternative and public radio stations. In 1994,

his album "Thrill of Love" won Album of the Year in the Houston Press/KLOL Music Awards. His newest CD entitled "Roughly Speaking" is a "live" acoustic recording of his music.

He is originally from Missouri and was playing in Kansas City clubs by the age of 16. The musician dropped out of college and headed to Los Angeles then moved to Texas in 1978 to join Russell.

Cooper has performed at concerts with Clint Black, Iris DeMont, Melissa Ethridge, Jerry Garcia, Hal Ketchum, Patty Larkin, Lyle Lovett, Anne Murray, the Neville Brothers, The Nitty Gritty Dirt Band, Poco, Spirit, Trout Fishing in America, Bob Weir and Kevin

Welch.

The music director at KERA in Dallas, Abby Goldstein, commented about Cooper, "Passionate songwriter, beautiful, clear voice and one of the nicest, most honest performers you would ever hope to meet. Dana's music is a joy to listen to - both live and recorded."

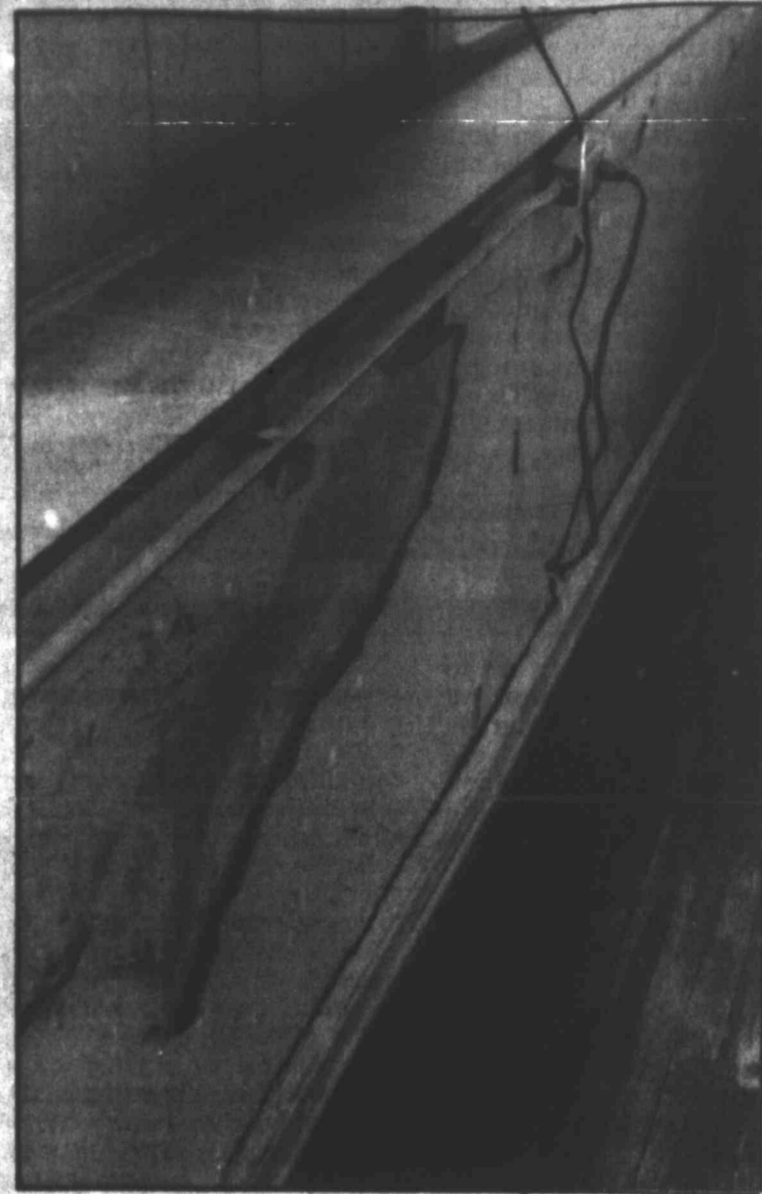
Performer Ellis Paul stated in a Cooper press release, "Dana is the finest harmonica player I've heard on a rack."

Cooper will perform Saturday night at the First Presbyterian Church in Coahoma, 205 North First, at 7:30 p.m. Donations of \$6 per person or \$15 per family of three or more are suggested. For more information, call the church at 394-4450.



COOPER

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On May 12, the *Life!* cover will be devoted to the comments from readers along with pictures of Runnels.

Quiet war emerging on Internet

VATICAN CITY (AP) — With much fanfare, one of the world's most tradition-bound institutions — the Vatican — jumped aboard the ultratechnological Internet last year.

Now the pope's solemn words mingle with a cacophony of dissident Roman Catholic voices, including gay activists, leftist Latin American clerics and even a liberal French bishop punished by John Paul II himself.

The battle over the pope's authority has flooded into cyberspace, with all sides treasuring the belief that the Internet preaches right to the heart.

For dissidents, it challenges the authority of Rome and allows fast circulation of information and coordination of efforts. For conservatives, it allows an end run around what many of them consider liberal-dominated diocesan administrations.

Hundreds of Catholic sites are on the Web — Irish women seeking the priesthood, Jesuits in Australia, a "married priests" page, a support group for victims of clerical child abuse, a page devoted to the Virgin Mary, plus scores of parishes, national bishops conferences, seminaries and Catholic schools.

The Holy See has seized on the Internet as another forum for this most media-savvy pope to disseminate his message to the world.

The Vatican site began with the pope's Christmas homily and, in the two weeks following, more than two million "hits" were recorded, papal spokesman Joaquin Navarro said. For now, the site remains experimental, containing a small summary of the pope's activities and one or two of his homilies at a time.

A new computer to furnish the Web site arrived at the Vatican on March 21, and the Vatican is considering using new software by a group of Benedictine monks in the New Mexican desert.

By May, all the pope's encyclicals, the daily bulletin of his doings and all his speeches should be accessible. Slowly, important past documents will

Please see WAR, page 9A

CLUBS IN BRIEF

Deadline for club news is Wednesday at noon.

1955 Hyperion Club

The 1955 Hyperion Club met April 9 at the Cornerstone Book Store, hosted by owner Steve Howard. Twelve members were present. Charlie Morehead presided over the meeting. Mrs. Morehead presented the following slate of officers for the upcoming year. President, Dot Blackwell; Vice President, Sharon Johnson, recording secretary; Jane Watson, treasurer; Kathryn Perry; parliamentarian, Mill Cunningham. Refreshments were served by Spanky's Coffee and Company.

The next meeting will be May 7 at noon in the home of Diane Murphy, 2805 Stonehaven. There will be a catered luncheon and new officers for the coming year will be installed.

1905 Hyperion Club

Hostesses for the April 18 meeting of the 1905 Hyperion Club were Lucy Bonner, Doris Hultbregtse, and Corene Elliott at the Dora Roberts Community Center with fifteen members present.

In the absence of Joyce Bradley, president, Neven Green presided over the business meeting. After considerable research during the preceding month, members voted to donate a puppet theater to the new library. The theater will bear a bronze plaque indicating the donor. Two amendments to the by-laws were discussed and will be voted on at the May meeting.

Geraldine Johnson gave a humorous report on "Infamous Women of Texas", including both outlaws and wild women who shared the same vices and virtues as the land itself. Many bawdy houses such as Fannie Parker's Brothel in San Antonio were often known simply as "Boarding Houses." Much of Mrs. Johnson's material came from "Outlaws and Petticoats."

The May 16 meeting will be a dinner at 6 p.m. at the Big Spring Country Club and members may bring guests.

1948 Hyperion Club

The 1948 Hyperion Club welcomed Howard College Coliseum Director Stan Feaster as the guest speaker for their April meeting held at the Dora

Roberts Community Center. Feaster began his talk with an amusing quiz that resulted in all members being rewarded with a miniature gift bag. The history of the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum was traced and pictures of the facility set up for different types of functions was shown. A question and answer period followed the presentation. This program concludes the club theme for the year, "Look What We Have Right Here At Home - Howard College."

President Mary Dudley conducted the business meeting in which members contributed \$100 to sponsor a team in the Relay For Life cancer fundraiser on May 17-18 at Blankenship Field. In other business, Betty Jo Thompson, chairman of nominations presented a slate of officers for the 1996-97 club year. Jan Foresyth will serve as president, Zula McCrary vice president, corresponding secretary will be Roberta Shive, treasurer Margie Hill, Mary Ann Phillips will serve as recording secretary, Mary Dudley parliamentarian and JoAnne Forrest Reporter.

Refreshments were served to 16 members by co-hostesses Joyce Choate and JoAnne Forrest.

Big Spring Genealogical Society

Dorothy Campbell, Snyder, will be the speaker when the Big Spring Genealogical Society meets on May 2. She will be speaking on Civil War research. The meeting will be at 7 p.m. in the Howard County Library Conference Room. Interested persons are invited.

The Society has recently purchased seven new books to be added to the genealogical research section in the Library.

Tall Talkers

Tall Talkers Toastmasters Club held its weekly meeting Tuesday evening April 24.

Table Topics were led by Kathy Terrazas, and the word of the day was vulnerable, meaning capable of being damaged. Each member was given the opportunity to speak on the topic of the day, which was superstitions. Best Table Topic speaker was Joelle F. Gene Roffers was voted best speaker.

His speech was titled The Color of Money. The best evaluator was Esther Schneider.

The goal of Tall Talkers is to educate people to become better leaders and communicators. If you are interested in becoming a Tall Talker Toastmaster,

please contact Bailey Anderson at 267-3008.

Woman's Forum

Seventeen members of the Woman's Forum met April 19 at the Heritage Museum with Ruth Salisbury, Lucy Knox, and Olive Ruth Cowden hosting the meeting.

Angie Way, curator, conducted a tour of the museum. Of special interest to members was the collection of 48 vintage phonographs donated by Wofford Hardy, a former resident of Big Spring. The display itself climaxes a four year effort on the part of museum personnel. All of the phonographs originated around the turn of the century, the most interesting one being a 1903 Edison which cost \$5 at that time.

Nancy Boney narrated interesting facts concerning the extensive doll collection donated by the family of Mrs. Claudine Terrazas and originally housed on third street at the Doll Museum. In the collection are both originals and reproductions.

A viewing of the 53 Texas steer longhorns, the largest of which measures 10 feet, six inches across and is listed in the Guinness Book of Records, completed the tour.

During the business meeting, presided over by Mabel Beene, it was noted that a check had been sent to Christmas in April and one to Hospice.

The May 17 meeting will be a luncheon at the Country Club at 11:30 a.m. and will climax the year-long celebration of the 50th anniversary of the founding of the club. Former members are invited as guests and installation of officers will be conducted by Edna Womack.

All about Recipe Corner

If you have any recipes you would like to see published, please submit them to the Herald office at 710 Scurry or mail them to: P.O. Box 1431; Big Spring, Texas; 79721; attention: Kellie Jones.

Submissions for the next recipe corner need to be in the Herald office no later than April 29. It is scheduled for May 8.

If you have taken a recipe and reduced the fat, sodium and/or calories in it, please submit those as well. Recipes for crock pots or meals that can be cooked in 30 minutes or less are also needed.

TIPS 'N' TRIVIA

Spring cleaning

(NAPS)—Tips on warm weather chores:

- Washing the outside of windows can make the inside of your home seem brighter.
- Hose down outdoor furniture to remove soil and stains.
- Use a mild household detergent and water solution, applied with a stiff brush or broom, to

Check your swimming pool before using this season.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Bake sale on Saturday

There will be a bake sale Saturday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Big Spring Mall to benefit the Big Spring Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association. The association, in turn, supports the Big Spring Police Department.

1976 BSHS reunion

The 1976 class of Big Spring High School will be having a 20 year reunion August 9-11. Reunion organizers are needing assistance with locating old classmates. If you have an address of an ex who moves frequently or had a name change or is otherwise difficult to locate, please call 263-7219 and leave a message. Organizers are also in need of suggestions, ideas and monetary donations. Please contact: Clean at 76; c/o Les White; General at 76; Big Spring, TX; 79721.

Moore Reunion

The 33rd Annual Moore School and community reunion will be April 28 from 2 to 4 p.m. The reunion will be at the 14th & Main Church of Christ fellowship hall. This is for all descendants of those who lived in the Moore community as well as present members and friends.

CISD to accept transfers

The Coahoma Independent School District will begin accepting applications for transfer students for the 1996-97 school year on April 29 through May 3. Transfer applications can be picked up at the Administration Office between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday. If you have any questions contact Brenda Claxton at Norwest.

THE LAST WORD

When a man blames others for his failures; it's a good idea to credit others with his successes.
—Howard W. Newton

The hardest thing to learn in life is which bridge to cross and which to burn.
—David Russell

Peace is not only better than war, but infinitely more arduous.
—George Bernard Shaw

The essence of true friendship is to make allowance for another's little lapses.
—David Story

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National Day of Prayer set for May 2

By LEE RUSHING
Guest Writer

America's Heritage is rich with expressions of faith in God. Indeed, the desire for religious freedom was one of the chief reasons early settlers risked their lives to come to this land.

In 1775, the First Continental Congress first proclaimed a National Day of Prayer. Because of the faith of our founding fathers, civil prayers and national days of prayer have a long history in America.

In 1952, Congress passed a joint resolution, signed by President Harry Truman, officially establishing the annual National Day of Prayer. The law was amended in 1988 and



RUSHING

signed by President Ronald Reagan, permanently setting the day as the first Thursday in May as the National Day of Prayer.

On May 4, 1996, local, state and federal observances were held from sunrise in Maine to sunset in Hawaii, uniting Americans in prayer for our country. At state capitols, county courthouses and city hall steps, in schools, businesses, churches and homes, people stopped their activity and gathered for prayer. Prayer gatherings, breakfasts, luncheons and evening prayer serves were attended by hundreds of people.

The 1996 National Day of Prayer theme is "Honor God," urging Americans of all ages to come before Him, giving the glory, the reverence and thanksgiving that is due our God, who has blessed our nation so abundantly.

The National Day of Prayer has great significance for us as a city and country. It enables

us to recall and to teach the way in which our founding fathers sought the wisdom of God when faced with critical decisions. It stands as a call to us today to humbly come before God seeking His guidance for our leaders and His grace upon us as a people. The unanimous passage of the bill establishing this day as a set day, each year, signifies prayer is as important to our nation today as it was in the beginning.

Big Spring will be observing National Day of Prayer at noon on the steps of the City Auditorium on Thursday, May 2. Everyone of all races and denominations is invited to be a part of this event as various citizens and ministers from Big Spring will be coordinating the prayer effort for everyone.

Editor's Note: The Herald invites ministers in our reading area to submit columns of this nature. For more information, contact Kelle Jones at 263-7331.

Work

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and having your bride monitoring your behavior on the road. If she gets her way, you'll be wearing a collar at home and away from now on.

Q: Not long ago when I received requests for donations to various organizations — Boy Scouts, volunteer fire companies, symphony orchestras — the calls always came to my house. Now the solicitors are hounding me at work, often when I'm busy or in the midst of a meeting. Even if I wanted to donate I'm usually too preoccupied to think about it. So, I make excuses. Naturally, such answers don't work. They merely call a few days later. What's your solution to turning these well-meaning volunteers off? — Cassie Johnson, Limon, Colo.

A: In one word: honesty! I don't like to play along and dangle a check in front of their telephone receiver. I either tell them that I can or cannot give and then add, "You have a marvelous cause and I wish you loads of luck." In this way you give a definite answer and you shouldn't be pestered by any more calls.

Dr. Paula Bern, author of "How to Work for a Woman Boss," has taught executive seminars at Pittsburgh's Carnegie-Mellon University's Graduate School of Urban and Public Affairs. Questions may be mailed to Dr. Paula Bern, 1090 Vermont Ave. NW, Suite 1000, Washington, DC, 20005. Questions can be answered only through this column.

My Mother

By Bernell Bayes

My Mother
Death has claimed my mother
She would not, could not get
well.
Emptyness left in sister and
brother,
does not compare with my
inner whall.

Yes, mother has gone away,
asleep in Jesus, not astray.
How I wish she were here
to share a laugh and a tear.

Fleeting memories within my
touch,
I miss my mother very much.
I awaken at night for no reason,
They say pain eases each
passing season.

Editor's Note: This poem was written by Bernell Bayes shortly after her mother died. Bernell wanted to remind readers that Mother's Day is May 12 and is a day set aside to pay honor to our mothers. Bernell wrote, "please give up just one day of your precious time and spend it with your mother. Your presence is a lot more important to her than your presents. Make her feel special, because she is! We think of mother as being infinite, but one day she will be taken from you as was mine. Time is on your side not her, so make the best of it and have no regrets."

Editor's Note: The author of this poem was not correct in Wednesday's Herald. The author is Bernell Bayes, not Bernice Jones. We apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused.

JOB HUNTING



Robert Gomez with the Texas Department of Transportation talks with Tiffany Newell and Elvira Brito during a job fair at the Howard College Student Union Building earlier this month.

War

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be added. Updates won't be difficult because the pope's speeches and writings already are placed on computer disk for use by the Vatican's press office, newspaper and printing service.

"What is the objective? To offer a large database of all the activity of the Holy See, of all the activity of the Holy Father, and all the documents of this pontificate," Navarro said in an interview.

"We put the possibility to (the pope), and he said go ahead," Navarro said. But John Paul, who writes his texts long-hand in Polish, doesn't log on, the spokesman said.

Navarro dismissed any thoughts that the sanctity of

the pontifical image would be compromised on a system where mouse clicks can lead a browser quickly from papal pronouncements to pornography.

One liberal list has been used to push for a U.S. petition drive modeled on movements that produced a million signatures in Germany and 500,000 in

Austria asking for changes in Church policy, including allowing women priests and an end to priestly celibacy.

Paul Halsall, who runs a "radical Catholic" and a gay and lesbian site, cites a parallel with dissidents in authoritarian countries who use the Internet to bypass controls on information.

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Submissions for the next Readers Corner page should be at the Herald office by May 20. The next Readers Corner page is scheduled for May 29.

Readers are encouraged to submit stories, poems and pictures. Stories and poems should be about a page and a half in length.

Photos should be in focus and not too light or too dark; please identify the subject and who took the photo.

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CHURCH IN BRIEF

Deadline for church news is noon Wednesday.

Philadelphia Primitive Baptist Church

Elder Jamey Tucker of Fitzgerald, Georgia, will be the guest minister for a series of meetings, Friday through Sunday at the Philadelphia Primitive Baptist Church here in Big Spring at 201 East 24th Street. Worship services are scheduled for Friday, 7 p.m.; Saturday, 7 p.m.; Sunday, 10:30 a.m. and 6 p.m.

The public is invited to come and worship with us. Elder Tucker has traveled among the Primitive Baptists in many sections of the country and has recently completed an evangelical tour in the Philippines.

Numbers to call for further information are: 394-4067 or 263-6217.

Baker's Chapel

Baker's Chapel AME Church will have their Annual Usher Board Program, Sunday, April 28 at 3 p.m. The community is invited to attend.

Ackerly First Baptist

The First Baptist Church, Ackerly, will have its Spring Revival April 28 through May 1. Sunday services will be at 10:50 a.m. and 6 p.m.; and services Monday through Wednesday will be at 7 p.m. Rev. Kenneth Winchester, pastor of Pleasant Valley Baptist Church, will be the visiting evangelist, and Mr. Dwayne McClure of Stanton will be the visiting singer. Rev. Robert Moore is the pastor of the church. Everyone is invited to attend.

CrossRoads

Community Fellowship

2 Days Later, 1995 Entertainer and Group of the year for the CrossTimbers Country Opry, will be in concert Saturday at 7 p.m. at the CrossRoads Community Fellowship. There will be no charge for admission.

CrossRoads Community Fellowship is located at the corner of FM 700 and East 11th Place. For more information, please call 264-0734.

Women's Spring Renewal

Robbie Ellis will be the guest speaker at this year's Women's Spring Renewal being hosted by the CrossRoads Community Fellowship, Friday and Saturday, May 10-11. The weekend retreat will be held at the Circle Six Ranch Camp in Stanton. The theme of the retreat will be "I'm So Glad To Be Alive!"

Robbie served the Lord for fifteen years as a missionary in Brazil and currently lives in Hollywood, Florida where her husband is pastor of Taft Street Baptist Church. She has also hosted her own television and radio shows and was the co-founder and President of the Sao Paulo, Brazil Christian Women's Club. She is an accomplished musician and gifted speaker and you will be refreshed and renewed as you get away for this weekend.

For more information about this retreat, please call the church office at 264-0734.

First Church of the Nazarene

A car wash and auction is scheduled for Saturday, May 4 beginning at 8 a.m. at the First Church of the Nazarene, 1400 Lancaster. The proceeds will go toward the mission trip planned for Peru to build a church at a village along the Amazon River.

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Bulldogettes notch history-making playoff win

By RODERICK RICHARDSON
Herald Sportswriter

The Coahoma girls softball team entered the playoffs confident of making a good showing. After Thursday's area playoff game, they're confident they could go all the way. After a first round bye, the Bulldogettes defeated the

defending 2A state champions Hawley 5-3 Thursday in Snyder. Coahoma coach Danny Randolph credits the big win to defense.

"The team played well," said Randolph. "Everyone played good defense. It's a shot in the arm to beat the defending state champs. It's something to grow on."

Coahoma took a big step in reaching this far. Last year at this time, the Bulldogettes were defeated by Clyde.

Coahoma advances to face Natalia in the regional round. The location, date and time has not been determined.

Randolph admits that his knowledge of Coahoma's opponent is limited.

"All I know is that Natalia is a long way from here," said Randolph. "It's about 33 miles west of San Antonio. I know very little about them at this point."

The Bulldogettes are now 18-10 with a 4-0 record in district.

Randolph says the Bulldogettes are going to rely on the pitching abilities of

Audra Bingham. He hopes that Bingham (10-7) could take Coahoma's opponent off their set pace.

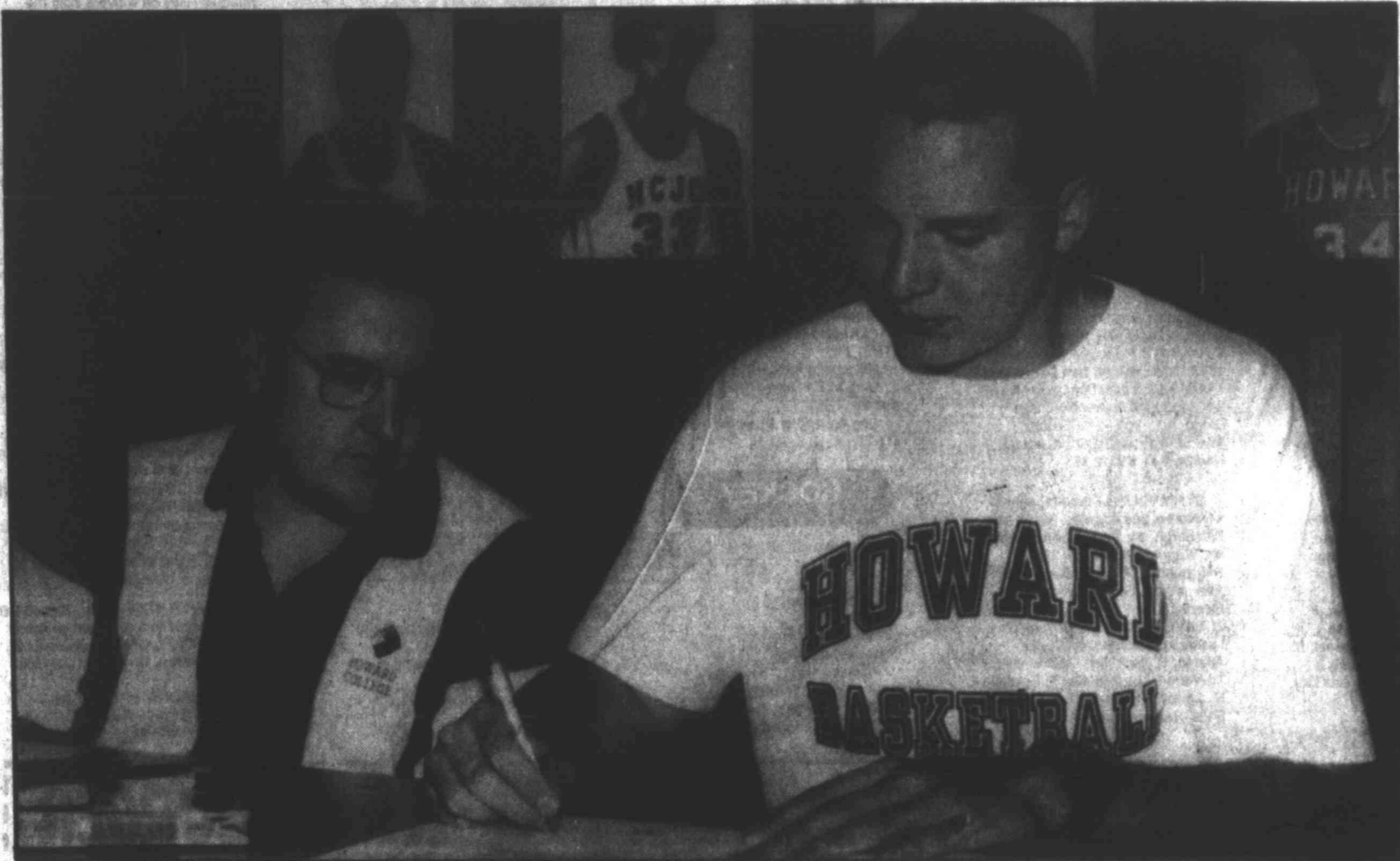
"Bingham can throw some strikeouts," said Randolph. "Enough of them to set any team off balance. We're going to follow her lead as far as she'll take us."

Randolph knows that no one

person can win the game, but he thinks the team will continue with its strong defense.

"Bingham will throw some strikeouts, but the other team is going to put some balls in play," said Randolph. "That's where we have to stop them. We are not going to overpower anyone. We're just going to do the best we can."

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Howard College freshman post player Patrick Wrigg signs a letter of intent Thursday to play basketball for Weber State in Utah. Looking on at left is Howard assistant coach Bobby Brasel.

Semifinal round end of road for area players

HERALD Staff Report

It was close but no cigar for area players at regional tennis tournaments Thursday.

The Crossroads Country sent 10 players into the semifinal rounds of their respective tournaments, and all were defeated at that stage. Only the top two finishers in each division advance to the state tournament in Austin.

Three Howard County doubles teams lost in the semifinal stages of the Region I-2A tennis tournament to miss out on a trip to state.

In boys' doubles Joe Miemstra and Caleb Ashley of Canadian narrowly defeated Matthew Hamilton and Adam Tindol of Coahoma 6-1, 5-7, 7-5. Josh Hedges and Rusty Rutledge of Forsan met the same fate as their Coahoma counterparts, losing to Brian Hughes and Zach Helton of Memphis, 6-4, 6-2.

In the third-place match, Hedges and Rutledge defeated Hamilton-Tindol 6-3, 6-0, then lost to Miemstra and Ashley in

TENNIS

a playback match.

In girls' doubles, Forsan's Jessie Ann Perez and Candra Beeson finished fourth. They opened Friday play by dropping a 6-4, 6-4 decision to Erin Meador and Kim Beach of Eldorado. Then they lost the third-place match, 6-3, 6-2, to Tisha Carr and Hilary Brown of Canadian.

At the Region I-1A tennis tournament in Levelland, Aaron Gibson of Grady won third place in boys' singles.

He opened Friday play by dropping a 6-1, 6-1 decision to Phillip Bailey of Irion County, then defeated Clint Davidson of Priddy, 3-6, 6-3, 6-3 for third place. That earned Gibson a playback match for second, but D.J. Rainey of Irion County took a 6-4, 6-1 victory.

In boys' doubles, Clayton Fryar and Stephen Croft of Sands were defeated 5-7, 6-1, 6-4 by a duo from Brock in the semifinals.

Quartet of schools sending athletes to respective regional meets

By RODERICK RICHARDSON
Herald Sportswriter

Track season reaches the regional stage today, and area athletes are ready to prove themselves in competition.

Coahoma, Forsan, Stanton and Garden City have athletes representing their schools in their respective meets. Garden City will take its athletes to Levelland for the Region I-1A meet. The other three will travel to Abilene for the Region I-2A meet.

At Abilene, field events began at 10 a.m., and preliminaries start at 4 p.m.

For Forsan, all eyes are on 100-meter hurdler Stephany Bedwell. She is Forsan's only regional qualifier after taking second with a time of 16.35. Bedwell's preliminary run is

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today at 4 p.m. Forsan coach John Schafer hopes she can maintain her time today, and step up in the finals.

"From what times I've gathered in the other district meets, her time is definitely in the top eight," said Forsan coach John Schafer. "Once you get to the finals, anything can happen. Some runners could trip up or miss a hurdle. She has a chance."

Garden City's boys team is sending Allan Fuchs and Kelly Lankford. Fuchs won the district 400-meter run with a time of 53.06. Lankford won the high jump event. In last week's regional qualifiers meet in Wall, Lankford tied the school

record, clearing 6-6.

Garden City coach Robbie Robinson says things are looking good for them. Especially since Lankford has improved his performance.

"Lankford has a legitimate shot for Austin," said Robinson. "Fuchs has an outside shot. Anytime you get past district, the competition is going to get stiffer. The boys will just have to rise to the occasion."

Lankford competed in the high jump at 10 a.m. Fuchs won't compete until 4:30 p.m.

Coahoma has Isaac Martinez in discuss and Aaron Barr in both the high and triple jump. Martinez stunned District 6-2A by taking second place, throwing 135-5 1/2.

Barr enters his events as one of the favorites. He won second the high jump clearing six feet,

and won second in the triple jump with 44 3/4.

In the regional qualifiers meet in Wall, Barr cleared 6-4 in the high jump. Coahoma coach Dean Richters say Barr has the best chance at state, but anything can happen for Martinez.

"Barr has a chance to jump a 6-6," said Richters. "He jumped the 6-4 in Wall without much difficulty. He used to have a hard time with 6-2."

"Martinez is capable of surprising some people again. ... (In district) a kid that could throw 160 couldn't go past 130. He didn't deal with the pressure, and that might be the case in Abilene. The ball is in their court."

Stanton has both boys and girls competing at regionals. For the boys, Todd Davis is in

both the 100 and 200-meter dash. His brother Tyrone Davis is in the 110-meter hurdles, the high jump and triple jump.

Leo McCallister is running in the 400-meter run, and is the anchor runner in the 1600-meter relay along with Francisco Garcia, Nicky Sanchez and Carlos Chapa.

Boys coach Rob Bird says Todd Davis has the strongest chance of qualifying for state, but everyone is showing improvement.

"Todd Davis has two of the best times in the state (in his events)," said Bird. "Tyrone Davis' triple jump is coming along. As for Leo (McCallister), from the times I've seen in this area, nine kids are running within a half second from each other. So who knows?"

The 1600-meter relay around

the region has been a slow improving event. Bird says everyone was running slow until their district meets. Bird says he may have a few changes in the squad.

"We've tried to keep the same people in the relay to keep consistency," said Bird. "But we may switch things up. Todd (Davis) never ran a quarter, but we may put him in."

In the girls division, Sandra Chapa will compete in the 1600-meter run. The 400-meter relay team of Julie Adams, Tiffany Madison, Misty Madison and Laci Chandler also is running, as is the 1600-meter relay team of Jean Adkins, Adams, Chandler and Tiffany Madison.

Girls coach Frank Riney has hopes of Chapa qualifying for

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Rockets begin title defense on good note

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

One night into the playoffs, and already a week's worth of questions have been partially answered.

Can the Houston Rockets maintain their championship form? Apparently so.

Can the New York Knicks summon one last gasp from their aging team? Yup.

Can anybody on Portland stop Karl Malone? Nope.

Can Indiana survive without Reggie Miller? Apparently not.

The NBA playoffs began Thursday night, and somehow Michael Jordan and the Chicago Bulls didn't manage to dominate the spotlight. Instead, the two-time defending champion Rockets began this postseason the way they dominated the last one — winning on the road with all their confidence intact.

Hakeem Olajuwon had 33 points, eight rebounds and five steals. Clyde Drexler scored 21 points and the Rockets held Los Angeles scoreless for almost an eight-minute stretch in the fourth quarter of an 87-83 victory.

Rockets 87, Lakers 83
After Magic Johnson's three-

NBA PLAYOFFS

point play put the Lakers up 69-65 with 11:12 remaining, they went cold from the field and missed 11 straight shots. Olajuwon had two consecutive hooks and a tap-in in a 13-0 run that put Houston in control.

The Lakers didn't score again until 3:23 remained. Los Angeles almost made up a 10-point deficit in the final 100 seconds, but Drexler made the second of two free throws for a four-point pad with 3 1/2 seconds left.

The Rockets made only two 3-pointers to the Lakers' nine, but they turned the ball over just 10 times and forced Los Angeles into 22 miscues.

Knicks 106, Cavaliers 83

The Knicks finished just two 3-pointers short of the NBA record set last year by Houston. Cleveland chose to double-team Patrick Ewing in the low post, and that left plenty of open room on the perimeter.

"We've got a lot of guys on this team who can shoot. We made the pass to find the open man, but it's amazing to shoot

that percentage," coach Jeff Van Gundy said.

New York outscored Cleveland 37-16 in the fourth quarter and totaled 66 points in the second half against a team that set an NBA record by allowing just 88.5 points a game during the regular season.

Jazz 110, Trail Blazers 102

Malone and Stockton kept Utah in charge even though it missed 19 of 48 foul shots.

"If we would have lost this ballgame, I would have felt the worst I've ever felt as a ballplayer, because of all the missed free throws," Malone said.

Hornacek had 30 points on 10-of-13 shooting and Stockton's 23 assists were one shy of the NBA playoff record he shares with Magic Johnson.

Hawks 92, Pacers 80

With Miller out with a fractured eye socket, the Pacers did not have a go-to guy in the fourth quarter. It showed, too, as Indiana shot just 4-for-17 and was outscored 24-12 in the period.

Steve Smith scored 27 points, matching his playoff career-high.

Rangers fall for fourth straight time

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

At Boston, Mo Vaughn homered twice and Tim Wakefield won for the first time this season as Boston defeated the Texas Rangers, 8-3, Thursday night.

Troy O'Leary homered for the third consecutive game for Boston, which won two in a row for just the second time this year. The Rangers have lost four straight.

Vaughn hit a three-run homer in the sixth off Kevin Gross (3-2) and added a solo shot in the eighth — his 10th consecutive time reaching base safely.

Wakefield (1-3), who started last season 14-1 before falling apart, scattered seven hits in six innings.

Dean Palmer and Juan Gonzalez homered for Texas.

Cleveland 4, New York 3

Albert Belle is in the headlines again, and this time it's good news for Cleveland.

Belle hit a tie-breaking homer in the eighth inning Thursday night to give the Indians a 4-3 win over the New York Yankees.

Belle was having a tough

BASEBALL

night when he came to bat with the score tied 3-3. He had walked, popped out and grounded into a double play.

Pettitte (3-1) quickly got ahead in the count before Belle drove his pitch over the right-field wall for his eighth homer in 77 at-bats. Last year, when he led the majors with 50 homers, Belle hit six home runs in his first 122 at-bats.

Twins 11, Tigers 1

At Detroit, the Twins picked up where they left off the previous day, rapping 15 hits to send Detroit to its eighth straight loss.

The Twins routed the Tigers 24-11 Wednesday. Roberto Kelly had three hits, scored twice and stole two bases for the Twins.

LaTroy Hawkins (1-0), starting for the second time in three days, struck out a career-high 10 in six innings. He lasted only 1 1/3 innings Tuesday against Boston.

Scott Aldred (0-2) remained winless since May 14, 1993.

Brewers 6, Angels 5

At Milwaukee, Turner Ward tripled home the winning run in the ninth inning, and the Brewers stopped the Angels' seven-game winning streak.

Tim Unroe singled with one out off Mike James (4-2). Ward, who entered as a defensive replacement in the eighth, snapped a 1-for-20 slump with his triple.

Mike Fetters (1-0) got the victory despite allowing the tying run in the ninth on Randy Velarde's RBI single.

Jeff Cirillo and Pat Listach led off the Milwaukee first with homers, the first time the Brewers have done that since July 29, 1975, when Don Money and Darrell Porter connected.

Athletics 4, Blue Jays 3, 11 innings

At Toronto, Phil Plantier doubled home the go-ahead run in the 11th inning as Oakland won its fifth straight.

Pedro Munoz drew a one-out walk from Tim Crabtree (0-1). Plantier, who had been 0-for-4 with three strikeouts, followed with a double to the wall in right-center and Munoz scored without a throw.

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Table listing NHL games from Wednesday, May 1 to Thursday, April 26.

Mavericks' sale still not completed

DALLAS (AP) — The soon-to-be owners of the Dallas Mavericks may have to wait another week before taking over the team.

held has been set up since late last week. Carter anticipated receiving a final draft of the contract late Thursday, but instead was told the work still wasn't finished.

Carter is so set on passing the reigns that he took two of the new ownership group's members, Perot and auto dealer David McDavid, to the NBA's Board of Governors meetings in New York on Tuesday.

Baseball

Continued from page 1B Mike Mohler (2-0) struck out three in three perfect innings of relief.

Randy Myers pitched the ninth for his fifth save. Julio Valera (0-1) was the loser.

Track

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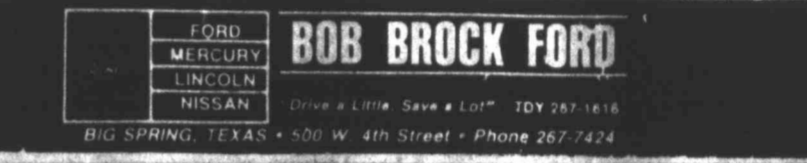
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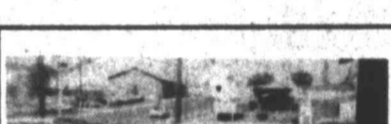


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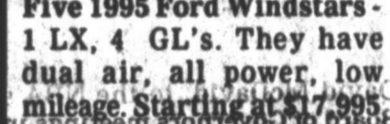
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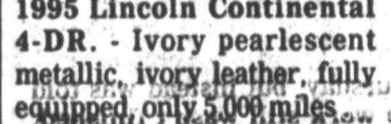
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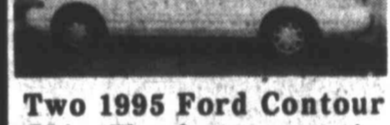
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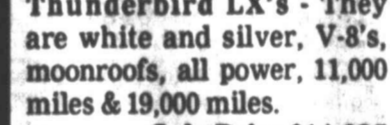
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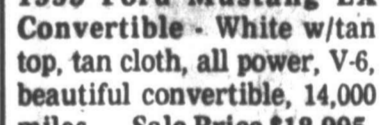
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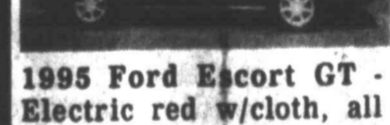
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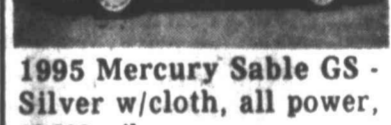
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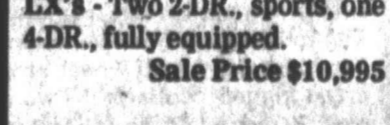
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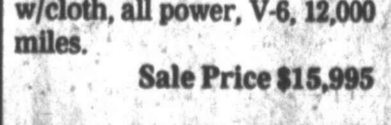
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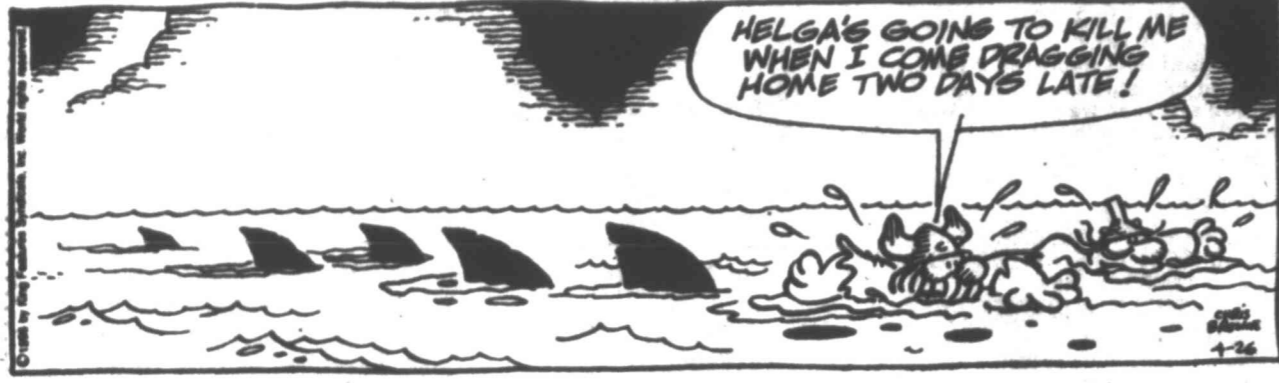
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9:30	20/20 (CC)	20/20 (CC)	20/20 (CC)	Star Trek: Voyager	Star Trek: Voyager	(71607)	(71607)	700 Club	700 Club	Nash Bridges	Nash Bridges	20/20 (CC)	20/20 (CC)	Homicide: Life	Homicide: Life	on the Street	on the Street	NBA	NBA	Basketball	Basketball	Playoffs:	Playoffs:	Teams to Be	Teams to Be	Announced	Announced	Hockey Week	Hockey Week	Perrault	Perrault	Teams TBA	Teams TBA	Movie: Dead	Movie: Dead	End	End	(82281)	(82281)	Comedian	Comedian	Cartoon	Cartoon																												
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11:30	Rising	Rising	Rising	Home Imp.	Home Imp.	In the Heat of	In the Heat of	News	News	Chairs	Chairs	20/20 (CC)	20/20 (CC)	Ent. Tonight	Ent. Tonight	(36) Rolonda	(36) Rolonda	Late Night	Late Night	Harlem	Harlem	Nights	Nights	Coach	Coach	Movie: The	Movie: The	Prime Time	Prime Time	Country	Country	News	News	Hologram	Hologram	Man	Man	Sex Bytes	Sex Bytes	Dennis Miller	Dennis Miller	Law & Order	Law & Order	Heat Step	Heat Step	Beyond 2000	Beyond 2000	Basketball	Basketball	Playoffs:	Playoffs:	Teams to Be	Teams to Be	Announced	Announced	Hockey Week	Hockey Week	Perrault	Perrault	Teams TBA	Teams TBA	Movie: Dead	Movie: Dead	End	End	(82281)	(82281)	Comedian	Comedian	Cartoon	Cartoon
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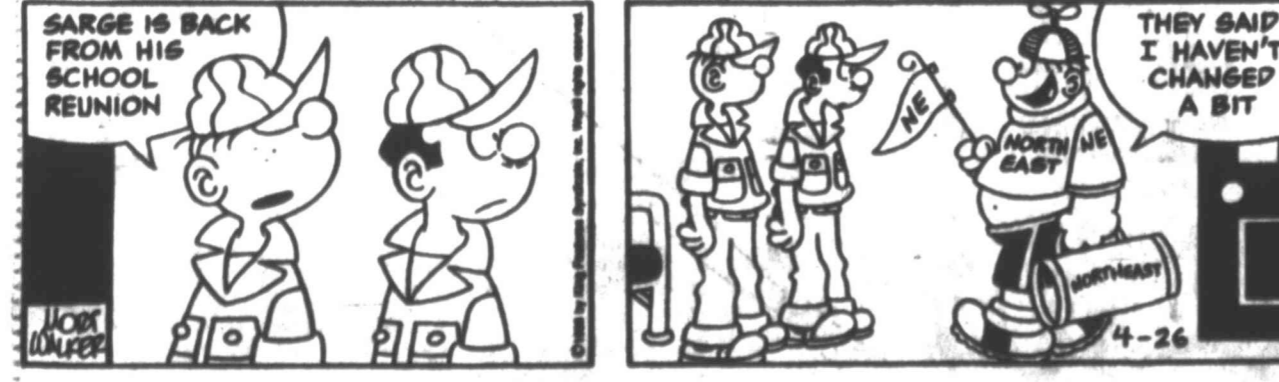
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THIS DATE IN HISTORY

Today is Friday, April 26, the 117th day of 1996. There are 249 days left in the year.
Today's Highlight in History:

Ten years ago, on April 26, 1986, the world's worst nuclear accident occurred at the Chernobyl plant in the Soviet Union. An explosion and fire in the No. 4 reactor sent radioactivity into the atmosphere; at least 31 Soviets died immediately.
On this date:

In 1607, an expedition of English colonists, including Capt. John Smith, went ashore at Cape Henry, Va., to establish the first permanent English settlement in the Western Hemisphere.
In 1788, the American naturalist and artist John James Audubon was born in Haiti.
In 1865, John Wilkes Booth, the assassin of President Lincoln, was surrounded by federal troops near Bowling Green, Va., and killed.
In 1900, seismologist Charles Richter, who devised the earthquake-measuring scale that bears his name, was born in Hamilton, Ohio.
In 1937, planes from Nazi Germany raided the Basque town of Guernica during the Spanish Civil War.
In 1945, Marshal Henri Philippe Petain, the head of France's Vichy government during World War II, was arrested.
In 1964, the African nations of Tanganyika and Zanzibar merged to form Tanzania.

THE Daily Crossword by Frederick T. Buhler

ACROSS

- Thaw
- Lifeless
- Arrived
- A Flynn
- Be a jockey
- Office
- Physics mecca
- Cubicle
- Something charged
- Cry out loud
- Pacific Northwest port
- Svelte
- Water tank
- Medical staffs
- Excel
- Giraffe relatives
- Pen together
- Brooks
- Gives back
- "Roy"
- No coastal dweller, he
- Poisons
- Trifled
- Young hare
- Cheer
- Inscribe with acid
- Sacramental mixtures
- Avy
- Grassland
- Asian land
- Antithetically
- Different
- Steak order
- Haggard
- Adversaries
- Son of Aphrodite
- Chihuahua cash

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- Ledger entry
- Gaffe
- Wryly
- Murmur
- Lodgers?
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- Forming images
- Slow
- Copra source
- Assert
- African country
- First name in jazz
- Conned
- For pants
- Diagram
- Clinched
- Skirts
- Suppressors
- Unhappy fate
- Eyes
- Fail to include
- Game of chance
- Becomes a part of
- Rock mineral
- Shields
- Wedding announcement word
- Rejects
- Love for Giuseppe
- Stringed instrument
- Rutherford or Helen
- Pitch sign
- Nimbus
- American Beauty
- Irregular gait
- Money player
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