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## From hay to hair, cotton to corn, drought is taking its toll in region

### Ogallala Aquifer has dropped up to six feet in some counties this year

LUBBOCK (AP) — The effects range from flyaway hair — one Lubbock salon reports an extra 20 calls a week from concerned clients — to canceled hunts, lost wheat crops, higher farming expenses and a falling water table. The first four months of 1996 have set the stage for one of the thirstiest years in decades in the Texas Panhandle.

Less than a half-inch of rain has fallen, and the long-term forecast indicates this will be a dry year.

"This is the driest four-month period we've had since 1965," said National Weather Service hydrologist Steve Drillette.

The lack of rain is contributing to wildfires, threatening towns' water supplies and may add corn and cotton to wheat on the list of damaged crops. Experts say the drought could have a

significant impact on the South Plains economy and even on people's mental and physical health.

Historically, it would be tough to beat the drought of 1950-56. Rainfall then averaged only 14.05 inches a year, and 1956 saw only 10.86 inches, one of the lowest annual totals since the weather service began recording rainfall in 1911. Lubbock normally records about 17.76 inches a year.

But the toll from this stretch of aridity is mounting.

A recent blaze scorched about 20,000 acres of rangeland in Dickens, King and Kent counties.

In small towns like Floydada, water rates may have to rise to pay the higher cost of water from alternate sources. Although Lubbock probably has enough water to make it through the

summer without rationing, according to water superintendent Bruce Blalack, towns with less money and fewer water resources depend on voluntary rationing to get them through long, dry summers.

For farmers with dryland wheat, the season is basically over. A recent survey by U.S. Wheat Associates in Washington indicates that half the Hard Red Winter crop, grown from Nebraska to Texas is in poor to very poor condition, and none is ranked as excellent.

Both corn and cotton growers are irrigating deeply, hoping to give their crops a chance for a respectable yield. Those hoping to take advantage of favorable corn prices have applied 60 days' worth of water to soak soil that's dry up to four feet deep.

"We have a good price, but there is

nothing to sell," said Carl King of Dimmitt, president of the Texas Corn Growers Association.

The drought has affected almost every aspect of people's lives from hunting to health to hairdos.

The New Mexico Game and Fish Department canceled an October hunt because of drought conditions and a low survival rate of young fawns.

Mental health professionals worry about the effects of a difficult situation no human can fix.

Allergies, sinus troubles, dry skin and other medical problems associated with drought-induced weather can cause stress, said Ed Hammer, a counselor at the Texas Tech Health Sciences Center in Amarillo.

"We're used to man-made miracles in every area of life making everything

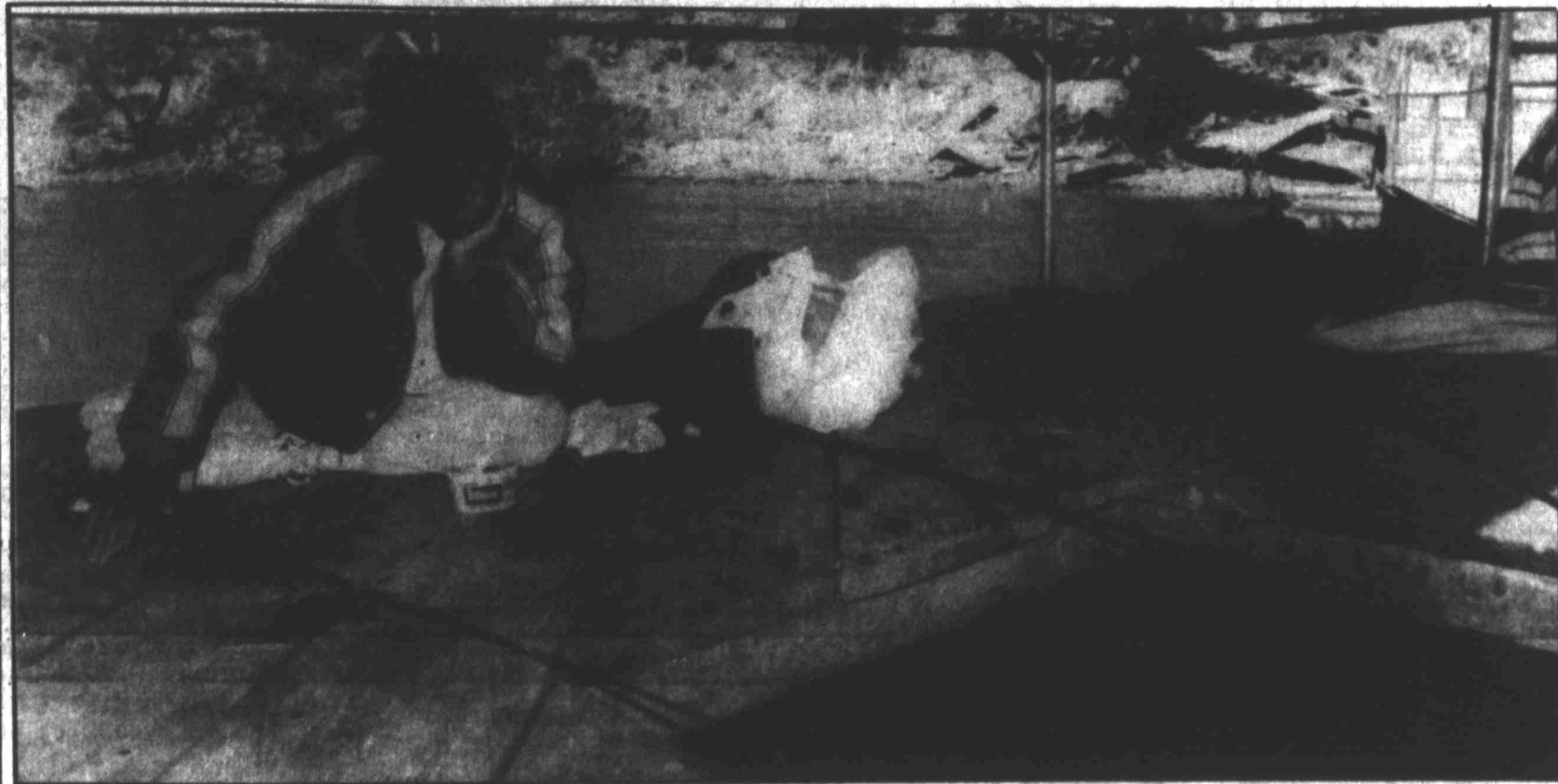
right," said Brian Carr, a psychologist specializing in health issues. "But we can't do anything about wind and dust."

People are even complaining about unusually dry and staticky hair because of the lack of moisture in the air, said Cindy Carey, a receptionist at Hair by Diane, who takes some two dozen calls a week about the condition.

Even well drillers, who are doing a booming business, understand the dangers. New wells can't guarantee a source of water — it takes rain to recharge the Ogallala Aquifer.

Water yields on many High Plains wells have dropped 20 percent this year. The static water level in Castro and Parmer counties has dropped three feet in 1996, but in some counties it has fallen six feet.

### FISHING THE DAY AWAY



HERALD photo/Tim Appel  
Lucille Trion patiently sits on the fishing dock at Moss Creek Lake and tries her luck with the fish. Except for some perch nibbling, the fish were scarce due to the wind.

## CRMWD releasing water from Spence to maximize supply

By SARA SOLIS  
Staff Writer

In an effort to reduce the level of chlorides in Lake E.V. Spence, located near Robert Lee, while taking advantage of available space in Lake O.H. Ivie, located near Ballinger, the Colorado River Municipal Water District (CRMWD) is releasing 50,000 acre-feet of water from Spence into Ivie.

John Grant, CRMWD general manager, said the current volume at Lake Spence is 150,000 acre-feet. He said they are in the process of draining 50,000 acre-feet to Lake Ivie, by way of the Colorado River. "We're releasing about a third of the water at Lake Spence," Grant said. He said the release should be complete by the end of May.

"Lake Ivie is 50,000 acre-feet below capacity, so we are taking advantage of our permitted capacity and releasing Spence water into Ivie," he continued.

Grant said Spence has not been used as a source for drinking water since March 1995, when the Ivie Pipeline went online, because of its high level of chlorides.

Part of the chlorides problem stems from the overflow at Natural Dam, located west of Midland, in the late 1980s. The water at Natural Dam, which has a higher salt content than that of the Great Salt Lake in Utah, filled Sulphur Draw and flowed into Beals Creek — eventually making its way into Spence after flooding low-lying portions of Big Spring.

Grant said the current level of chlorides at the lake is approximately 1,200 parts per million and is largely a result of that spill.

Decreasing the water volume in Spence to 100,000 acre-feet will also decrease the chloride levels, Grant said. Once the lake receives runoff or precipitation, the rate of chloride dilution will be much quicker. "Quality will start improving sooner," he said.

In effect, CRMWD is blending one part of Lake Spence water with 10 parts of Lake Ivie water. Lake Ivie is currently at 92 percent capacity. "We've got

room to take that much (water)," Grant said.

Lake Ivie is the primary source of water for the cities of Big Spring, Midland, Odessa and Stanton. The fact that only a fraction of Lake Spence water is being blended with a much larger amount in Lake Ivie, makes it highly unlikely that residents will taste a difference in the water quality, Grant said. "I doubt if you'll be able to taste the difference."

He said the water transfer will result in some short-term negatives; it will cause the level of water in Lake Spence to drop about nine-feet in elevation; and the chloride levels in Lake Ivie will rise somewhat. However, the long-term benefits will outweigh those negatives, Grant said.

"Theoretically, we're getting into the time of year when it will rain. Hopefully, we'll catch some and the lake (Spence) will come back-up," he said.

Grant said the Lake Spence release could be compared to the Hoover Dam release into the Colorado River earlier this month. "It's a mini-version of the Colorado River (release) here in Texas," he said.

Grant said another plan the district has in motion, in the event there is a lack of rainfall this year, is transferring Spence water to the district's Terminal Storage Reservoir, where it will be mixed with Ivie water.

"That's a 100 million gallon reservoir and we can blend the waters together without much drop in quality," he explained.

Grant said that was just one option the district has in place to ensure an adequate water supply for its member cities — Big Spring, Odessa and Snyder — and customers this summer.

"We've gone to all of the cities we serve and have talked with them and let them know what our plans are ... the board thought it was very important that we do that so that everyone is aware of everything and there are no questions about what's going on," he said.

Grant said there was an easier way to handle the problem of declining water supplies. "Rain. Lots of rain."

## Non-delinquent affidavits ruled unconstitutional by A.G.

By CARLTON JOHNSON  
Staff Writer

The practice of requiring marriage license applicants to sign an affidavit swearing they are not delinquent in paying child support payments has been declared unconstitutional by Texas Attorney General Dan Morales.

Morales said, "Family Code sections 1.045 and 1.07(a)(1), requiring an applicant for a marriage license to state under oath that he or she does not owe delinquent court-ordered child support, unnecessarily impinges on the right to marry and therefore violates the Equal Protection Clause of the Four-

teenth Amendment to the U.S. Constitution."

Texas' 254 county clerks have been instructed by state officials to seek the written opinion of their county attorney under Section 41.007, Government Code, concerning how to proceed in view of Morales' opinion.

Howard County Clerk Margaret Ray, who also serves as president of the Texas County and District Clerk's Association, is sending copies of Morales' opinion to county clerks around the state, but is not advising them how to handle it.

Ray said she based on Morales' opinion she has

stopped requiring marriage license applicants to sign affidavits.

"If it's unconstitutional and clerks require it, we'll be opening ourselves up to lawsuits. I believe the Attorney General's opinion is a strong justification to halting enforcement of the practice," Ray said.

Ray had asked Howard County Attorney Hardy Wilkerson to seek Morales' opinion on the law, which has been in effect since last Sept. 1.

She added since the law went into effect the request for marriage licenses in Howard County have been down about 15 percent. Ray said the county clerk in Fort Bend County informed

her that that county's request for marriage licenses was down approximately 15 percent also because people were going into Louisiana to get married.

A \$25 fee is charged for a marriage license in Texas. Ray said half of that fee goes to the state and half stay with the county in which the license is purchased.

Several county clerks were confused by the law and ray added the Dallas County Clerk never required applicants to sign the affidavit even though it was required by law.

The law was originally enacted as part of the Texas Legislature's battle against the deadbeat parents who have amassed more 800,000 pending delinquent child-support cases in Texas courts.

## Coahoma trio set for national competition

By SARA SOLIS  
Staff Writer

Business-minded Coahoma High School students will compete May 1-5 at the Business Professionals of America (BPA) National Leadership Conference in Phoenix.

Sue Neff, Coahoma High BPA advisor, said three students will compete; Diane Johnson; Bethany Graves; and Ernesto Requejo, all seniors. They will compete against 4,000 others representing 18 different states across the nation.

Neff said the students competed at the State BPA competition in Corpus Christi. Johnson came in first place in the office assistant event, Bethany placed second in prepared verbal II and Ernesto came in fourth place in banking concepts and applications, she said.

Business Professionals of America is a national organization for high school and college students preparing for careers in business and office occupations.

According to Neff, all three students competed in the



HERALD photo/Tim Appel  
Ernesto Requejo, Bethany Graves and Diane Johnson will represent Coahoma High School in the national meet May 1-5.

national contest last year as well. "Ernesto won banking in national last year," Neff said.

She said there are 60 different events in which the students can participate. "There's so much variety and opportunity for individual achievement ... This (experience) will go with them for life," Neff said.

Graves said she placed in the Top 10 in her event at the national contest last year. "This year it's my goal to do even better," she said. She said the event she competes in, prepared

verbal II, requires the preparation and presentation of a five to seven minute speech covering a business topic. "Mine is over Bill Gates, the head of Microsoft," Bethany said.

She plans to attend Schreiner College in Kerrville upon graduation.

Johnson, a competitor in the office assistant and business knowledge skills event, said she will use the business skills she has acquired this summer.

"I would like to get a part-time job as a secretary this summer," she said. However, Johnson has

a much bigger goal. She said she will begin training for a career in the medical field at the University of Texas.

Requejo said for his BPA event, banking, he is required to perform several different financial applications, such as preparing an amortization schedule. Ernesto said he would like to get a part-time job at a bank this summer and pursue part-time work while he's in college. Despite his past success he said, "I'm still excited about getting back to the nationals. It's as good as the first time."

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MARKETS

May cotton futures 82.60 cents a pound, down 10 points; June crude oil 21.68, down 75 points; Cash hog steady at \$1 higher at 52.50 cents even; slaughter steers steady at 55 cents even; June live hog futures 58.85, up 50 points; June live cattle futures 56.45, down 112 points.

Table with market data including ATT, Amoco, Atlantic Richfield, Atmos Energy, Boston Chicken, Cabot, Chevron, Chrysler, Cifra, Coca-Cola, De Beers, DuPont, Exxon, Fina, Ford Motors, Halliburton, IBM, Laser Indus LTD, Mesa Ltd. Prt, Mobile, Norwest, NUV, Pepsi Cola, Phillips Petroleum, Rural/Metro, Sears, Southwestern Bell, Sun, Texaco, Texas Instruments, Texas Utils. Co, Unocal Corp, Wal Mart, Amcap, Euro Pacific, I.C.A., New Economy, New Perspective, Van Kampen, Prime Rate, Gold, Silver.

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, Texas; 79721.

THE 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

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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 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 send to: Class of '76; c/o Les White; General Delivery; Big Spring, TX; 79720. More details about the reunion will be given out during mailings from the organizers.

SIGN-UP TIMES FOR FALL REGISTRATION at Howard College are now available at the Admissions Office. Registration times are available on a first-come first-serve basis through Aug. 21. For more information contact the Howard College Admission Office at 264-5072.

THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY JUDGE has announced that jurors, who were to appear for jury duty on Wednesday, May 1 in County Court, will not need to appear until 1 p.m. Thursday, May 2, because the case for Wednesday was settled out-of-court.

NATIONAL NURSES WEEK will be May 6-9. On May 9, the VAMC will have an awards ceremony to honor former VA Nursing employees and incumbents in room 212 starting at 2 p.m.

THE CITY OF BIG SPRING has announced that 10th Street, from Stadium to Owens, will be temporarily closed Tuesday from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. The street will be closed in order to facilitate a soil test, which will be conducted by a consultant for the Big Spring Independent School District.

THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS OF THE PERMIAN BASIN is accepting applications through April 30 from school teachers interested in enrolling in a four-week summer leadership institute. Each participant in the summer program will receive a \$2,000 scholarship through the UTPB John Shepperd Public Leadership Institute.

Each participant must hold a bachelor's degree in history or a related social science discipline; must have a valid teaching contract or commitment for the coming academic year at a public secondary school; must have met Texas minimum teacher certification requirements; must have taught one or more years in a public secondary school; and must submit a 700-1200 word essay on why the institute would make the applicant a more effective classroom teacher.

VETERANS BENEFITS ARE BEING CUT each year because our government does not hear from you. Big Spring VA Hospital could close because of this. One way your voice can be heard is to join the Veterans of Foreign Wars. We fight for your rights. The more members we have the bigger the voice we have in Washington to keep our benefits.

JOBETH GILLIAM of Lubbock will conduct a water-color workshop May 10-11 at the West Texas Center for the Arts at Howard College. The workshop is 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and tuition is \$70 with a \$25 deposit required by May 1. The class is sponsored by the

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Big Spring Art Association and is open to beginners as well as advanced artists. Call Sherree Moates at 264-5195 or Kay Smith at 263-6466 for more information.

THE DISABLED AMERICAN VETERANS Chapter #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.

THE CYSTIC FIBROSIS "Great Strides" scheduled for May 4, has been canceled.

HERE IS A LIST OF UPCOMING EVENTS in Big Spring and Howard County: May - National Day of Prayer, May 2; Big Spring Square and Round Dance Festival May 3-4 at the Square Corral; Cinco de Mayo Festival May 5; Kids' Zone Playground construction May 8-12; and American Cancer Society's Relay for Life at Big Spring High School May 17 and 18.

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 -Comanche Lake Duplicate, 1 p.m., Dora Roberts Civic Center. -Most Excellent Way, a chemical dependency support group, 7 p.m., Living Water Church, 1008 Birdwell Lane. Call 267-1424 after 5 p.m. or 263-3168 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m.

WEDNESDAY -Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. open meeting and 8 to 9 p.m. 12&12 Study. -Relay for Life committee will meet at noon at the First United Methodist Church. -4th Annual Nonprofit Fund Raising Forum, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Midland College's Roadrunner Room in the Scharbauer Student Center. Registration for the event is \$60 per person and \$50 for additional persons from the same organization or NSFRE members. The registration deadline is Friday, April 26. Preregistration is required. For more information call Laura Walker at 685-6479.

THURSDAY -Good Shepherd Fellowship Church, 610 Abrams, has services 7 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend. -Spring Tabernacle Church, 1209 Wright, has free food for area needy, 10 a.m. to noon. -Alcoholics Anonymous, noon to 1 p.m. open meeting, 615 Settles. 8 to 9 p.m. closed meeting at Scenic Mountain Medical Center cafeteria. -Genealogical Society of Big Spring, 7:15 p.m., Howard County Library conference room. Enter through West entrance. Call Bernice Cason, 267-8542 or 267-7236.

Masonic Lodge #1340, 7:30 p.m., 2101 Lancaster. Call Dalton Lewis, 263-8411.

FRIDAY -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.

SATURDAY -Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, open meetings at noon, 8 p.m. and 10 p.m. -2nd Annual Bull Frog Chili and BBQ Cookoff, Bull Creek Park at Lake Thomas, starts 10 a.m. This is to benefit the Fluvanna Volunteer Fire Department.

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.

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.

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SATURDAY -Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, open meetings at noon, 8 p.m. and 10 p.m. -Howard County Scottish Rite Club, 7:30 a.m., Masonic Lodge, 21st & Lancaster. Breakfast served at \$4. All Scottish Rite Masons welcome.

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May sweeps bonanza ends TV season

LOS ANGELES (AP) - Consider it TV's version of a going-out-of-business sale: Networks stock their May schedules with big stars, big movies and series gimmicks as the 1995-96 season draws to a close.

Here's a survey (all times Eastern): SERIES STUNTS AND FAREWELLS

"Sisters" ends its six-season run on NBC with a two-hour final episode 9-11 p.m. Saturday, May 4, featuring the return of Julianne Phillips in a reunion of the five Reed siblings.

"The wedding of a pregnant Darlene (Sara Gilbert) is the centerpiece of ABC's "Roseanne" on Tuesday, May 7, at 8 p.m. -Country singer Naomi Judd visits NBC's "3rd Rock From the Sun" (8:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 7), playing a feisty woman who objects to alien Sally's (Kristin Johnston) choice of boyfriends.

"Basketball players Tim Hardaway and Gary Payton drop in on "Hangin' With Mr. Cooper" and Mark's marriage proposal plans go awry in the Friday, May 10, season finale airing 9:30 p.m. on ABC.

"Dr. Quinn, Medicine Woman" goes into labor as the Western series marks the birth of the doctor's baby with a two-partner airing 8 p.m. Saturday, May 11, and Saturday, May 18, on CBS.

"The end, wrote CBS: "Murder, She Wrote" airs its 264th and final episode (8 p.m. Sunday, May 19) with Jessica Fletcher's return to her Cabot Cove hometown and a mystery revolving around revenge.

"Goosebumps," the Fox children's show, goes primetime with "The Werewolf of Fever Swamp," 8 p.m. Friday, May 17.

"The Fresh Prince of Bel-Air" ends its six seasons on NBC at 8 p.m. Monday, May 20. The Banks house is up for sale but Will (Will Smith) is discouraging potential buyers, including Sherman Helmsley and Isabel Sanford ("The Jeffersons").

MOVIES AND MINISERIES -John Ritter and Harley Jane Kozak are featured in CBS' "Unforgivable" (airing 9 p.m. Wednesday, May 1), a fact-based story about a family torn apart by domestic abuse and a man's attempt to reform. -"Wiseguy" brings Ken Wahl back as Vinnie Terranova, the undercover FBI operative he played in the 1987-90 series. High-tech crime and terrorism are at the heart of the ABC movie at 9 p.m. Thursday, May 2.

POLICE

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

-JOHNNY LARA, 31, of 1505 B. Lincoln, was arrested for outstanding local warrants. -YOLANDA GOMEZ SALAS, 32, of no known address, was arrested for outstanding local warrants. -ASSAULT/FAMILY VIOLENCE in the 600 block of McEwen.

-CRIMINAL MISCHIEF in the 2400 block of South Gregg, 2500 block of Old Highway 80 and at the rodeo grounds. -MINOR ACCIDENT at Third and Birdwell.

-ASSAULT at the Big Spring High School. -BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE in the 600 block of West 15th.

-POSSESSION OF MARIJUANA in the 1500 block of Main. -THEFT in the 1000 block of Baylor.

-DRIVING WHILE INTOXICATED in the 2600 block of South Highway 87.

SHERIFF

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

-JONATHAN SHANE ALLEN, 20, of Midland, was arrested for issuing a bad check. He was later released on \$1,000 bond. -STONEY MERVIN CASSELMAN, 34, of 1510 Main, was transferred from the Big Spring Police Department and arrested for possession of marijuana under two ounces. He was later released on \$1,000 bond.

-ADELAIDO MONOZ MARTINEZ, 44, of 307 W. Sixth, was arrested for forgery. He was later released on \$5,000 bond. -ANIMAL PROBLEM in the 4400 block of Wasson. -DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE in the 4200 block of Wasson.

FIRE

The Big Spring Fire Department reported the following incidents from Tuesday, April 23 to 8 a.m. Tuesday:

-CONTROLLED BURN in the 1000 block of Stadium. -MAJOR ACCIDENT on North Highway 350. -ASSIST MEDIC in the 300 block of Northeast 10th. -BURNING A BIRD NEST IN A TREE in the 3200 block of Drexel. -DEFECTIVE SMOKE ALARM in the 1200 block of East 19th.

RECORDS

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# Christians and Muslims unite to mourn '91 killed by Israelis

QANA, Lebanon (AP) — In a rare departure from Lebanon's sectarian divide, Christian and Muslim mourners united in grief today at a mass funeral for 91 Lebanese killed by an Israeli artillery attack on a U.N. base. Catholic church bells tolled and rhymed verses from the Koran, Islam's holy book, blared from mosque minarets as the funeral for victims of the April 18 bombardment began in the southern port of Tyre.

A sea of people waved framed portraits decorated with flowers of loved ones who perished in the artillery blitz and were being buried eight miles down the road in a communal grave in Qana, site of the worst of the carnage.

Women wailed and beat on their heads and chests. Thousands jammed the village's small main square and the gravesite. Mourners stood on rooftops or looked sadly from balconies as the coffins arrived in a long procession of ambulances from Tyre.

One woman, a Christian, was buried earlier in the day outside Tyre, while funerals were held during the afternoon in Qana for the other 90 victims, all Shiite Muslims.

The widespread destruction of Israel's 16-day offensive prompted all eight Christian sects to send their bishops to the victims' funerals, where the religious leaders stood next to the Muslim sheiks in a rare display of national unity.

Lebanon, a land of 4 million people, about 55 percent of them Muslims and the remainder Christians, hasn't seen such a spontaneous show of emotion and solidarity since a February 1994 bomb blast in a Maronite Catholic church north of Beirut killed 10 worshippers and wounded 60.

Turbaned Muslim clergymen and black-robed Christian bishops, golden crucifixes glittering on their chests, led the proces-

sion, underscoring how Israel's attacks on Hezbollah guerrillas has unified a country still rebuilding itself after 15 years of civil war.

"The Jews have committed a holocaust in Lebanon," Sheik Mohammed Shamseddine, Lebanon's top Shiite cleric, told mourners who had waited days for the victims' families to assemble and refugees to return so the funeral ceremonies could be held.

"Oh Lord, forgive them their trespasses as we wed those martyrs to your mercy," he said, with Prime Minister Rafik Hariri, a Sunni Muslim, and Parliament speaker Nabih Berri, a Shiite, standing next to him.

The mass killing of the villagers provoked unprecedented anger from Lebanon's nearly 2 million Christians, once believed to be relatively sympathetic to Israel. It also fueled an international uproar and spurred diplomatic efforts and a U.S.-arranged truce on Saturday.

The ceremonies began today with the flag-draped coffins transported in a convoy of Red Cross ambulances to a Roman-built arena on the outskirts of Tyre for the open-air service led by Shamseddine.

The open caskets were carried by civil defense volunteers past a triumphal arch built by Alexander the Great after he conquered Tyre in the 4th century B.C.

Heaps of floral wreaths sent by government officials, Parliament members, diplomatic missions and religious establishments, lay in the center of the arena. Onlookers watched from the ruins of an amphitheater built by the Romans.

At the Qana gravesite, a black poster read: "In Qana Jesus Christ Performed His Miracles. In Qana Shimon Peres Staged His Murderous Debacles."

Many Lebanese contend Qana

is the biblical site where Jesus changed water into wine, his first miracle. But Christian prelates and scholars around the world insist the Qana mentioned in the Bible is in Galilee, northern Israel.

The dead included two Lebanese-American brothers, Abdul Mohsen Bitar, 11, and Abdul-Hadi Bitar, 9, whose parents in Detroit, had sent them to Qana to visit their grandmother before Israel launched its offensive April 11. The grandmother survived.

Fewer than half of the bodies could be identified, and many were little more than charred pieces of flesh, Red Cross workers said.

Officials remain unsure of the exact death toll since some bodies were obliterated, but estimates range from 91 to more than 100.

The refugees had fled to the U.N. base in Qana, believing they would be safe there from Israel's air, sea and artillery attacks. But Hezbollah guerrillas unleashed a barrage of rockets on Israel from a cemetery 300 yards away, touching off Israel's deadly artillery retaliation.

Israel acknowledged making an "unfortunate mistake" but blamed Hezbollah for carrying out its operations from civilian centers. Israel continued to bombard Lebanon until the cease-fire brokered by Secretary of State Warren Christopher went into effect last weekend.

The Qana victims accounted for most of the 162 people killed and 339 wounded in Israel's deadliest onslaught in southern Lebanon in nearly 14 years.

Lebanon has declared April 18 a national day of mourning to be observed every year. Hariri, the prime minister, said Monday that Lebanon may take Israel to the International Court of Justice to seek war reparations. Initial damage estimates are \$500 million.

## TEXAS BRIEFS

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**FAA blames wind-shear takeoff on procedures**  
FORT WORTH — Federal Aviation Administration officials say a breakdown in communications among air traffic controllers allowed an American Airlines jet to take off into wind shear April 12 at Dallas-Fort Worth Airport.

The pilots should have been told that two other jets had experienced severe wind shear less than three minutes earlier, the officials said. The American jet, with 187 people aboard, almost crashed.

FAA officials said Monday it was a systems problem.

"I would not characterize it that somebody failed in their job; I would characterize it as a system deficiency," said Doug Murphy, the FAA's air traffic division manager for Texas and neighboring states.

**Judge who wanted stronger sentence off case**

SAN ANTONIO — A district judge who wanted more severe punishment for a teen-ager accused of sexually assaulting a 3-year-old girl has been ordered to step down from the case.

The action allowed prosecutors and a defense lawyer to bypass objections raised by District Judge Carmen Kelsey who had rejected a plea bargain agreement that would have allowed Larry Campos, 16, to serve a 20-year sentence.

Prosecutors said the victim's family had agreed to the plea bargain, but the judge said the sentence was "not enough."

The toddler's injuries from the sexual assault last fall were so severe that doctors used 10 stitches to repair her genital tears, authorities said.

"It was one of the most horrifying cases I've ever seen," the judge said Monday.

**Best laughing Texan can laugh all the way to bank**

DALLAS — Don't tell D.C. Nix that this is no laughing matter.

It's quite the opposite, thank you. Nix will help judge the Ripley's Believe It Or Not! "Oddest Laugh in Texas" contest, where the Texan with the state's best chuckle, guffaw, chortle, snicker or any combination thereof will walk off with a \$350 prize.

And Nix should know a good laugh when he hears one.

The 48-year-old San Antonio resident won last year's contest with a laugh he describes as sounding like a "pig with asthma."

**Prosecutor may drop theft case against Saldivar**

CORPUS CHRISTI — Nueces County District Attorney Carlos Valdez says he may not pursue embezzlement allegations against Yolanda Saldivar, the woman convicted of murdering slain Tejano singer Selena.

Last September, Valdez said he would vigorously pursue the theft case and that he expected a grand jury to return an indictment against Saldivar within weeks in connection with allegations that she embezzled \$30,000 from Selena's business operations.

But then Valdez said more police investigation was needed, and he decided to postpone taking the case to a grand jury until after Saldivar's

murder trial held in Houston in October. Saldivar was convicted of murdering Selena Quintanilla-Perez and sentenced to life in prison.

**Agency reports drop in most crimes**

AUSTIN — Texas' murder rate last year was the lowest since 1965, with decreases in almost every other major crime as well, according to the Texas Department of Public Safety.

Theft was the only offense in the state's Crime Index that went up from 1994 to 1995, with a 1.4 percent increase in the total number reported, the agency said Monday.

"While it is disappointing that incidences of theft increased, it is good news to us that all other categories of index crimes have shown a decrease. We are especially pleased to see that violent crimes have decreased," said Col. James Wilson, DPS director.

The murder rate in Texas dropped to nine per 100,000 people in 1995, the lowest since 1965's 7.5 per 100,000, according to DPS. The total number of murders in 1995 was 1,694, a 16.3 percent decrease from 1994.

**Center: Close property tax 'loopholes'**

AUSTIN — As Gov. George W. Bush prepares to pick a committee to hear public testimony on property taxes, a private group says those rates could be lowered by tightening tax breaks currently allowed.

"One reason for high tax rates is the erosion of the property tax base by exemptions, special valuations and other loopholes," said the Center for Public Policy Priorities.

"Since a significant proportion of property in Texas is exempt from taxation or taxed on less than its market value, the tax rates on the remaining property must be increased to raise the same amount of revenue," the center said Monday.

The center, an Austin-based group that does research on how government policies affect low- and middle-income people, said the state comptroller has determined that the total market value of property in Texas in 1994 was \$817.1 billion.

However, it said, because of tax exemptions and special, lower valuations, the taxable value was \$661.1 billion. Exemptions include those for homesteads, the elderly, agricultural land and some business property.

**Gramm wants repeal of 4.3-cent gas tax hike**

WASHINGTON — Sen. Phil Gramm has worked himself into the thick of congressional Republicans' election-year push to repeal President Clinton's 1993 gasoline tax increase.

With Democrats and Republicans competing for tangible ways to increase the amount of disposable income Americans take home, a gasoline tax reduction has emerged in GOP circles as a high-profile issue. Democrats have waged a concerted battle on raising the minimum wage.

Gramm outlined his plan to repeal the 4.3-cent gasoline tax hike enacted in 1993 over congressional Republicans' unanimous opposition.

The Texas Republican said he became interested in repeal of the tax after watching gasoline prices rise to their highest level since the Persian Gulf War. Prices have jumped 14 cents in a year.

### 7-year-old goes home after smile surgery

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Chelsey Thomas, the 7-year-old girl born with a nerve disorder that wouldn't let her smile, is home from the hospital, a week after surgery to give the right corner of her mouth a lift.

"She's on the road to a smile," said Linda Quon, spokeswoman for Kaiser Permanente Medical Center after the blond, blue-eyed youngster walked out of the hospital Monday.

"She's doing very, very well," Quon said. It will be about two months before it's known whether the April 23 surgery was a success.

Chelsey is hoping for a full smile by her 8th birthday on June 29.

The youngster underwent successful surgery on Dec. 15 on her left side, giving her a broad half-smile.

Doctors removed muscles and nerves from Chelsey's leg and transplanted them to her face. The corners of Chelsey's mouth had sagged because she was born without the nerve that transmits commands to facial muscles. The condition, called Moebius syndrome, afflicts about 1,000 Americans.

The two sets of surgery cost \$70,000.

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## RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of the Big Spring Independent School District that Irene Bustamante be declared **Elected** in District 1 and Larry McLellan be declared **Elected** in District 3. This will be effective after the first regular board meeting in May 1996, when the two candidates are sworn into office. This election will be for a three year term of office, ending in May of 1999.

BE IT KNOWN that the **General Election** scheduled for May 4, 1996 will be canceled. This in accordance with Texas Election Law (Election of Unopposed Candidate), Subchapter C, Section 2.051, Section 2.052, Section 2.053, and Section 2.543.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 25th day of April, 1996 with the following members voting **FOR** the Resolution:

Irene Bustamante, Al Valdes, Larry Hollar, Glynn Mouton,

Larry McLellan, Dan Wise, and Donnie Baker

and the following members voting **AGAINST** the Resolution:

*Dan Wise*  
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Quote of the Day

"A liberal is a man who leaves the room when the fight begins."  
-Heywood Brown

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OUR VIEWS

Minimal courage on the minimum wage

Some Republicans in Congress, battered and bleeding from last year's budget battle with President Clinton, have dropped their opposition to the White House's proposed increase in the \$4.25-an-hour national minimum wage, and that's too bad for the thousands who stand to lose their jobs if a bill is finally signed into law.

Make no mistake about it: Increases in the minimum wage make it impossible for many small businesses, already operating on marginal profits, to keep paying as many people for as many hours of work. Most economists agree on this issue. Labor Department statistics demonstrate it's true. Major studies undertaken over the years support the thesis, although there is an exception, a study the Clinton administration now points to as justification for the legislation it is advocating.

This study, undertaken by economists at Princeton University, produced data appearing to show that increases in the minimum wage in California and New Jersey had actually increased employment at fast food restaurants. The study, however, was based on a phone survey that asked the wrong questions. Others have checked actual records at the some of the same New Jersey restaurants and found that in fact they had reduced the number of hours they were paying employees to work. An examination in California also exposed flaws in the Princeton study.

The Democrats, trying to portray themselves as the compassionate protectors of the exploited, would have you believe they're trying to improve the lot of working families. As statistics demonstrate, those earning the minimum wage are not abused men and women in large-scale factories or the like. They are mostly teenagers or young adults with part-time jobs and living in households where someone else works, often the parents. Altogether, minimum-wage earners constitute under 2 percent of the total workforce. This is not the Depression era.

In many parts of the country, such as the northeast, you'll be hard-pressed to find minimum wage jobs. There is limited impact in the land of Ted Kennedy and his liberal buddies.

But in West Texas and the parts of the country where you do find an abundance of minimum wage jobs, there are jobs that will be lost when employers have to come up with more money.

In the past, many Republicans have correctly argued that government's various impositions on businesses can ultimately thwart economic efficiency and thereby cause great social harm. This time out, many Republicans have decided to run from their principles and go along with the Democrats, almost certainly because polls show 84 percent of Americans support a minimum wage hike.

The poll results aren't surprising. Most Americans, after all, are themselves dependent on pay they receive from their employers and have not taken the time to think through what most economists and business managers or owners could quickly tell them, that cost increases in one part of an operation often necessitate some sort of curtailment elsewhere. What is surprising is the way President Clinton's political victory in the budget battle has made purring pussycats out of Republicans who not that long ago were growling tigers.



Warren Rudman tells it tough and to the point

By CHARLES McDOWELL  
Richmond Times-Dispatch

WASHINGTON — One of my favorite senators of all time, Warren Rudman, Republican of New Hampshire, retired in 1993 after two terms. Last week he was back with a new book he had written about his senatorial adventures, and I picked up his familiar if almost belligerent voice on a midday talk-radio show.

"I believe the far right and the Christian conservatives will eventually tear this Republican party apart," he said.

He seemed to give Bob Dole a chance to win the election this year but predicted that Republican voters would be shifting to the Democrats and maybe to assorted third parties for the next four years or more.

That evening, Rudman spoke at the National Press Club and I attended. He charged the far right with "despicable conduct" in attacking Colin Powell as an unsuitable running mate for Dole. He listed a half-dozen very conservative Republican leaders by name and said they

were "pipsqueaks."

Moving on to the Democrats, Rudman criticized President Clinton for not supporting means-testing for Medicare and other entitlement programs that are weighing down unretired taxpayers. Clinton's policies reduced the deficit but only temporarily, he said. Rudman predicted deficits in the \$300-billion a year range by the end of the century, no matter which party is in power.

"The light at the end of the tunnel," he said, "is an oncoming train."

At another point, talking again about the need means-test Medicare, the author shook his head and seemed to roll his eyes as he said, "What sense does it make for young people to have to pay for the medical care of well-off old people?"

Rudman's book (published by Random House) is named "Combat" of all things. It is about his front-line involvement in Washington's wars over deficit reduction, Iran-Contra and Oliver North et al, the "Keating five" and congressional ethics, and the confirma-

tion of Rudman's home-state friend, Justice David Suter.

I read the introductory chapter that night. It describes going to a ceremony at the White House in 1985 to celebrate the passage of the Gramm-Rudman-Hollings law intended to bring an end to budget deficits then running at the level of \$200 billion a year.

Rudman often writes well, especially for a fellow who speaks his first draft loudly into a tape-recorder. Here he brings Ronald Reagan into the celebration at the White House:

"As always, I was struck by his remarkable bearing, his ruddy complexion, his physical grace and the regal way he could disarm you with the twinkle in his eye, his Irish grin, that little nod of his head. Perhaps Reagan had never been a full-fledged star in Hollywood, but he had achieved historic stardom in politics..."

Rudman mentions that Reagan had "shortcomings" as president but interrupts himself to remind us again that there in the White House "I thought to myself, I love this

man, he is a wonderful, warm human being..."

And now he is ready to say that Reagan's staff in the first term never quite told him "the unpleasant truth that his huge tax cut and defense buildup, combined with his relatively minor spending cuts and refusal to consider new taxes, had not reduced the trillion-dollar debt he inherited but ... had doubled it."

As president, Reagan continued to have the spirit and energy to ride out his mistakes — and solemn aides' mistakes — and now Rudman has the zest necessary to keep telling to story in the hope we might learn something. When he was at the press club, he had slipped away from his law practice and appeared on 26 TV and radio shows in three days.

Not once did he forget that Howard Baker, the Senate leader, had called Reaganomics a "riverboat gamble." And Rudman could remind him and the rest of us that "we'd not only lost the gamble but lost the boat."

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The mostly lost art of humor in black communities

By BILL MAXWELL  
St. Petersburg Times

When I told an acquaintance, a woman in her late 40s, that I collect Amos 'N Andy videos and cassette tapes, she was outraged.

"How can a black man mess with that racist crap?" she asked.

"Because it's funny," I said. "You're sick!"

I had expected such a reaction. Because black people have been abused from the moment they were dragged onto America's shores, my acquaintance, trapped in an ethos of real victimization, is emotionally and psychologically justified in her sentiment. After all, vicious humor was used to deny black people a soul, which is one reason that most of us now reject humor that puts us down in any way.

Although she may be forgiven on emotional and psychological grounds, she has no intellectual justification for reacting as she did. In fact, her behavior is the product of contemporary ethnic correctness. Blacks, as with Jews, Hispanics and other marginalized groups, traditionally have used humor to their advantage.

"From a marginal position one sees things more clearly and therefore more comically!" writes historian A. Roy Eckardt in a 1992 article on Jewish humor.

Not until the 1960s, during the height of the civil rights movement, did the likes of Amos 'N Andy become taboo. Most blacks rejected the show because its creators were white, which should not have mattered. During this time, too, blacks, as a group, began to lose the benign side of their humor, their spirited self-mockery and self-deprecation. We also began to lose our awareness of humor's life-giving power.

Sure, today we may laugh at sitcoms such as "Martin" and

"Living Single", and the stand-up smut on cable. But the public banter and infectious joking relationships that sustained us during centuries of inhumane treatment are waning, especially in the middle class and other polite circles, where smugness is the mask of choice. Genuine joking has been replaced by gangsta rap, snaps and other anti-social genres.

What a shame. During my childhood, I heard great jokes all the time and everywhere — in the barbershops among the old men, in schoolyards among the boys and in the kitchens among some of the older women. I recall the catharsis, the fellowship, the fun of it all.

We even laughed at lynching. Listen to this joke: A Philadelphia-born teenager went to visit his kin in a small Alabama town. After arriving, he didn't see any other black people. He turned to a redneck and asked, "Where do all the colored folks hang out in this town?" The redneck pointed to a live oak in front of the courthouse and said, "See that limb ...?"

The very act of telling such a joke made lynching less frightening, thus empowering us.

Blacks correctly suspected that they received unequal justice before the law, which made the courtroom a source of ironic humor. A gag my grandfather loved went: "It is the opinion of the court,"

intoned the Mississippi judge, "that this innocent Negro is guilty as charged!"

Illiteracy, because of prohibitions against educating blacks, also served as a rich source of humor. I often heard this one: Little Henry came from school and said to his father, "Say, dad, I need help with my 'rithmetic. The teacher says we got to find the least common denominator."

"My Gawd, ain't they found that thing yet?" the father shouted. "Hell, they was looking for it when I was a boy."

Africa, our ancestral home, provided unlimited hilarity: A white missionary trekked into a remote part of Africa and met the chief of a cannibal tribe. "Do your people know anything about religion?" he asked. "Well, we got a little taste of it when the last missionary was here," the cannibal said.

Humor was the slave's talisman. Folklorist W. D. Weatherford explains humor's efficacy: "No master could be thoroughly comfortable around a sullen slave; and, conversely, a master, unless he was utterly humorless, could not overwork or brutally treat a jolly fellow, one who could make him laugh."

For society's pariahs, humor symbolizes a rhetorical effigy, having the power to destabilize the enemy's control. I grasped this truth several years ago while reading Steve Lipman's

book, "Laughter in Hell: The Use of Humor during the Holocaust."

How, I wondered, could Jews find humor in the worst evil ever perpetrated by humankind? Dutch Jew Rachel-la Velt Meekoms, who staged vaudeville shows with other teenage inmates in Auschwitz, comments in her diary: "In spite of all our agony and pain, we never lost our ability to laugh at ourselves and our miserable situation. We had to make jokes to survive and save ourselves from deep depression."

Earlier generations of blacks, like Jews, told jokes to save themselves. Today, we blacks still need to save ourselves from hostile forces, both external and internal. We need to lighten up, to stop taking ourselves so seriously, to stop turning many innocent comments about race into insults. And for goodness sakes, get out and tell a few good jokes.

Skin color, for example, is a major concern in black life, so here is a joke fit for the most discriminating repertoire: Dwayne was indignant to learn that his main squeeze had refused to marry him because of his black, black complexion. To complicate matters, she had nicknamed him "Captain Midnight."

"She got no business callin' me Midnight," he protested. "That gal is pretty close to 11:30 herself."

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## Lady Steers bask in glow of first-ever region title

By RODERICK RICHARDSON  
Herald Sportswriter

Saturday, the Big Spring girls' track team won the Region I-4A track championship. It marked the first time in school history a girls' team won a regional title.

There is no question that the team is sending positive vibes and emotion around the community. No one is more positive than head coach Jay Kennedy.

"I'm as excited as can be," said Kennedy. "I'm very happy, and looking forward to going to

state." The Lady Steers will take a big squad to Austin, including all three relay teams. Stephanie Henderson will compete in the 800-meter run, Dee Hill is in the 100-meter hurdles, Keesha Lott is in the triple jump, and Krissi McWherter is in the high jump.

Big Spring scored 107 points at the meet, overpowering defending champion Cedar Hill, which was second with 50 points.

The decisive win surprised many of the Lady Steers, but Rita Casillas believes it was the experience of competing at

regionals last year helped them this time around.

"Last year, the competition was very hard," said Casillas. "It's not that we couldn't compete, but we had to work real hard. This year, all we had to do was just go out there and run. I think last year's meet just intimidated us."

Kennedy was amazed with the big win, but he added not to let the score describe the entire meet.

"It was a very big win," said Kennedy. "I thought it would be a dog fight all the way, but it still wasn't easy. We made it look easy by the score. The

kids worked very hard, and I am pleased."

There were surprises. McWherter, who cleared 5-4 to win second place in the high jump, said she wasn't looking further than regionals in this event.

"I went into the regionals thinking I would be happy if I just get a medal," said McWherter. "Then I won second place, and now I'm going to state in the high jump."

McWherter is also an alternate for the 400 and 800-meter relay. She said the high jump lacks the pressure of the relays because "if you messed up than

the whole team's messed up," and believes Big Spring has a good thing going with its lineup.

"I think the relays are good as they are right now," said McWherter. "I hope they don't change them."

Kennedy will be the first to say the Lady Steers worked their hardest to make it this far. Their times and efforts improved throughout the year.

"We've already accomplished what the coach expected from us," said Charlotte Bumbulis. "Now we're ready to accomplish more in the state meet."

"I think we worked hard

enough to reach the state meet," said Latisha Hall. "We really deserve it."

After the meet, the Lady Steers were the last to leave the field. They absorbed the win with pats on the back from each other, family and friends. Then it was time to go home.

One would expect the coach to deliver a championship speech that helps everyone feel good about what just occurred.

Not really. "When we were driving out of San Angelo, everyone acted

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## Used to the heat Pressure games nothing new to Big Spring

By STEVE REAGAN  
Sports Editor

Last game of the season. Playoff spot on the line. Loser goes home for the year.

Been there, done that. Forgive the Big Spring Steers if they don't tense up at the ramifications of today's game with San Angelo Lake View. Because if there's one team used to tense situations, it's the Steers.

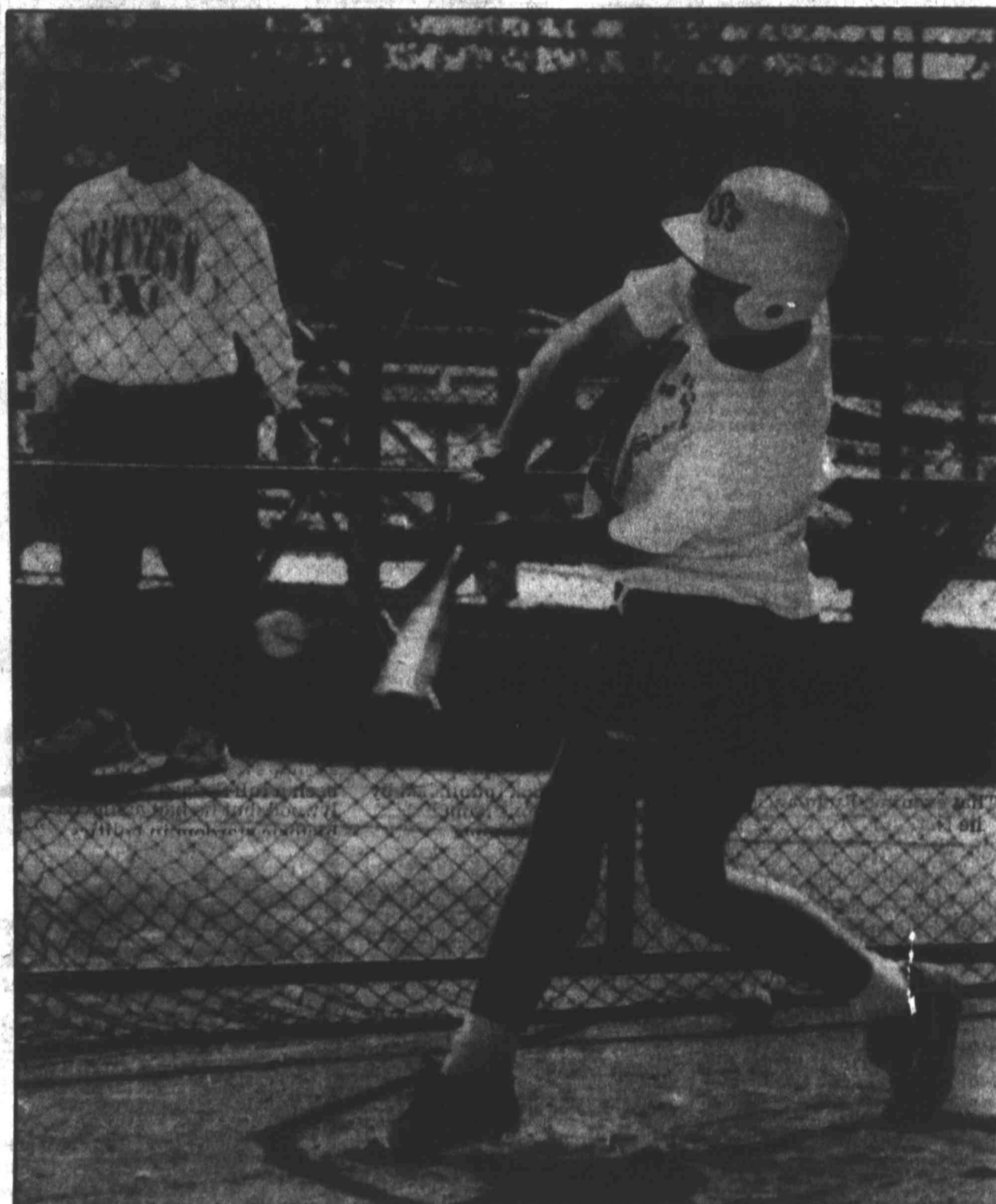
Almost every year, coach Bobby Doe's team has entered the final week of the season needing a crucial victory or two to make the playoffs. And, more often than not, they've delivered, making the postseason every year in Doe's four seasons.

This year is no different. The Steers and Lake View square off at 5 p.m. today in San Angelo. To the winner goes a state playoff spot. To the loser goes early vacation.

The two teams (both 6-3 in District 4-4A play) faced the exact situation last year, and it was Big Spring that came away with a 2-1 victory and a playoff berth.

"It's given us some confi-

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Big Spring outfielder Ben Inman takes some cuts during batting practice at Steer Park Monday. The Steers face San Angelo Lake View at 5 p.m. today in San Angelo.

## Blazers stay alive; Hawks down Pacers

### NBA PLAYOFFS

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) — On the brink of being swept from the playoffs for the second straight year and after nearly falling apart in the fourth quarter for the third consecutive game, the Portland Trail Blazers turned to defense and survived.

"We wanted it. We wanted it real bad," Portland's Rod Strickland said after the Blazers beat the Utah Jazz 94-91 in overtime Monday night to stay alive in their best-of-5 first-round series.

The Blazers will try to even the series in Game 4 Wednesday night in Portland's Rose Garden.

After some awful free-throw shooting by the Blazers in the final minute of regulation allowed the game to go into overtime, Portland's Clifford Robinson atoned for earlier mistakes by scoring five of his 11 points to put his team back in control.

But it was Buck Williams, the 15-year NBA veteran likely in his final season as a Blazer, who provided the game-winning basket. He knocked Karl Malone out of the way — or, if you buy Williams' version, Malone flopped to the floor on his own — and grabbed the offensive rebound to put Portland ahead 93-91 with 14.1 seconds to play.

"It's very fitting that the basket that decides the game is an offensive rebound and that it comes from Buck," Portland coach P.J. Carlesimo said, "because that's what gets us there more often than not."

Williams called it one of the roughest games he's played in, and that's the way the Blazers like it.

"The referees let us play tonight. They didn't call a lot of ticky-tack fouls. The first two games they called a lot of ticky-tack fouls," Williams said. "We have a defensive team. We play very aggressively."

Also Monday night, the Atlanta Hawks beat the Indiana Pacers 90-83 to take a 2-1 lead in their series.

At Atlanta, Steve Smith scored 26 points, Christian Laettner had 24 and Mookie Blaylock tied a playoff record with eight steals in the Hawks' win over the Pacers.

"They got close, but we weathered a storm," Hawks' guard Craig Ehlo said. "I think we really believe in ourselves now."

The Pacers, who have eliminated the Hawks from the playoffs the last two years en route to the Eastern finals, aren't ready to concede.

"This series is not over," guard Mark Jackson said. "Sure, there's more pressure on us now, but Atlanta's still under pressure to finish it off. No way they want to return to Indiana."

Smith made a crucial 3-point shot with 1:31 left and Blaylock — who finished with 16 points and seven assists — made two steals in the closing seconds.

## O's find a way to defeat Rangers

BALTIMORE (AP) — The Baltimore Orioles took a risky approach to finally pin a loss on the Texas Rangers.

"Seems like the only way to beat them is to get a lead and blow them out, or come back to win," Baltimore's B.J. Surhoff said.

Baltimore took the latter method Monday night. The Orioles rallied from a five-run deficit for an 8-7 victory, their first against the Rangers in seven games this season.

Surhoff hit the go-ahead homer in the seventh inning, ruining Texas' bid for its first four-game sweep in Baltimore since 1972.

"We couldn't let them get out of town without letting them

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taste defeat at least once," Baltimore manager Davey Johnson said.

In the only other AL games Monday, Minnesota beat Kansas City 11-6 and Chicago defeated California 4-3. The Seattle-Milwaukee game was postponed by rain.

Surhoff, playing third base this season for the first time in two years, made a critical error in the third inning that helped the Rangers score three unearned runs. He made amends, however, with his sixth homer of the season and a two-run double.

"It feels good to contribute,

especially when you know that you made a mistake earlier in the game," he said. "No one said third base was going to be easy — I get a lot more disappointed when I don't play well in the field than when I don't do well at the plate."

Surhoff has been doing just fine with the bat this year. Three of his six homers have either tied the game or put the Orioles ahead.

Mike Devereaux also homered and Roberto Alomar had three hits for the Orioles, who had lost nine of their previous 11 after opening the season 11-2.

"This is a big win for us, mainly because we had been struggling," reliever Jesse Orosco said.

## Suddenly hot Mondesi paces Dodgers

### THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

It was only a matter of time before Raul Mondesi started hitting.

"We hoped we'd get out of town before he got hot," Cubs manager Jim Riggleman said after Mondesi hit a three-run homer and drove in five runs Monday night, leading the Los Angeles Dodgers over Chicago 10-4.

Mondesi, in an 0-for-24 slump, singled in the second off Kevin Foster and scored the Dodgers' first run, then gave Los Angeles a 5-1 lead in the third with his fourth homer this season. Mondesi added a two-run single off Terry Adams to cap a three-run eighth.

### NL

"Nothing like this ever happened to me," Mondesi said. "I was thinking too much. That never happened to me before, going a whole week without a hit."

Mike Piazza added a solo homer for the Dodgers. Leo Gomez hit a two-run homer for visiting Chicago.

In other NL games, New York beat Montreal 3-2, San Diego beat Houston 2-0 and Atlanta beat St. Louis 4-1.

Dodgers manager Tommy Lasorda said he considered giving Mondesi a game off, but decided against it.

"It's like a snowball going

downhill," Lasorda said. "The further down the hill it gets, the bigger it gets. You try to derail it; there are all different ways. We thought the best thing was for him to play through it."

Padres 2, Astros 0  
Joey Hamilton (5-1) pitched a four-hitter to become the first five-game winner in the major leagues, and Luis Lopez hit his first home run since July 5, 1994.

San Diego, off to its best start ever at 17-9, won for the seventh time in nine games.

Former Padre Doug Brocail (1-2) allowed two runs and five hits in seven innings at Jack Murphy Stadium.

## Recent spate of titles bode well for Tech athletics

LUBBOCK (AP) — When Texas Tech built a new trophy case a few months ago, school officials didn't fathom they could be retiring it this summer.

Flush with two years' worth of unprecedented athletic success, that case might soon become a permanent monument to Tech's triumphs in the waning days of the Southwest Conference.

Two straight football bowls — including the Cotton Bowl — back-to-back SWC championships in men's and women's basketball and improvements virtually program-wide mean the Red Raiders finally believe they've arrived.

Athletic director Bob Bockrath is pleased about what he calls the best overall sports year in school history, but he isn't convinced doing it in the final year of the SWC makes it that much sweeter.

"I don't know that you'd necessarily determine that this year is more important than any other," he said. "Our goal is to achieve in a maximum level at any time. This year we're fortunate to have hit on a lot of cylinders."

The most recent cylinder was men's golf. Tech stormed to a 12-stroke comeback Sunday to win its first SWC title since 1971. Monday, golf coach Tommy

Wilson still clutched the trophy.

"This piece of hardware sat in my lap on the plane back (from Houston) last night," said Wilson, whose teams had never beaten Texas in any tournament. "I figured if the plane went down, I would go down with the trophy."

Bockrath pointed to golf as an analogy for nearly every Tech sport this year.

"No one thought Texas Tech had any chance to win the SWC championship in golf," he said. "For Tommy and his kids to go out and win the championship and beat Texas is just kind of a phenomenal achievement and probably is kind of sympto-

matic of our whole sports program."

You know things are going well when the week's biggest disappointment came when the baseball team became the school's first major program to lose at home this season. A loss to Houston snapped a 56-game string contributed to by football and men's and women's basketball.

Coach Larry Hays' team actually won five of six games last week, but these days winning is almost expected on the South Plains, where Tech won SWC titles in all four major sports in 1994-95.

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### SCHEDULE

#### Today

#### Baseball

Big Spring at Lake View, 5 p.m.  
Winters at Coahoma, 5 p.m.

### ON TV

#### Basketball

#### NBA playoffs

Teams TBA, 6:30 p.m., ch. 11.  
Teams TBA, 7 p.m., ch. 28.  
Teams TBA, 9 p.m., ch. 11.  
Teams TBA, 9:30 p.m., ch. 28

#### Baseball

Atlanta at Houston, 7 p.m., ch. 29.

SPORTSEXTRA

Special Olympics results

The Area 18 Special Olympics track and field was held at Ratliff Stadium in Odessa on April 20. Eighteen athletes from Howard County participated in the event.

D'Iene Wylie was chosen Athlete of the Year by the area committee. The award is for outstanding achievement and excellent sportsmanship while participating in Special Olympics.

Other results included:

25-meter assisted walk: 1. Teresa Gutierrez

50-meter dash: 1. Lettie Angulano; Josh Hughes; Pat Laneave; Steven Mills; Robin Redman and Wylie. 2. Monroe Fabion.

100-meter dash: 1. Cindy Lee 2. Renae Gannon; Melinda Brantley 3. Stephen Lawson; Sandy Mack 4. Ricky Winn; Mary Ann Belyeu. 7. Charles Wallace

400-meter walk: 1. Stacy Wells 2. Raymond Holguin

400-meter relay: 1. Mack, Redman, Belyeu and Gannon; Lawson, Wells, Winn and Wallace. 2. Wylie, Brantley, Laneave and Angulano.

Standing long jump: 1. Mack, Wylie, Laneave; 3. Angulano

Softball throw: 1. Belyeu, Brantley, Winn, Mills, Wallace and Teresa Gutierrez. 2. Wells, Lawson. 3. Holguin, Fabion, Gannon. 4. Lee, Redman.

Emmitt makes his momma proud; graduates from UF

IRVINGS (AP) — Emmitt Smith made his mother, Mary, a promise six years ago. He keeps that promise on Saturday when he graduates from the University of Florida.

"I told her that I was coming out of school to begin my NFL career," Smith said. "I also told her that I would be back in Florida every off season until my degree was finished. I was serious about that commitment."

Smith will earn a bachelor of science degree in public relations from the College of Health and Human Performances.

The Cowboys former first round pick and six-time Pro Bowl star who has three Super Bowl rings said "I've always been a man of my word. There was no doubt in my mind that I would be back in Gainesville every off season to finish my degree. It was important to my family and it was super important to me."

"I had people tell me things

like 'you've got enough money for the rest of your life. Who needs school?' I'd respond by telling them that I need school. We all do. A solid education is critical. Those may be just words to some people, but I believe in education and all it has to offer."

Smith left Florida after his junior season in 1989 for the NFL. He returned to Gainesville each off season to complete his studies. He has been the leading rusher in the NFL four times.

In six seasons, he has totaled 8,956 yards. Last year he set the NFL single-season touchdown mark of 25.

"It only takes a little time to make a significant difference in the lives of young people," Smith said. "I plan to help others with my degree. If we can reach just a few kids and let them know that education is a wonderful and necessary thing in today's workplace then we will have been successful."

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"It just helps your athletes feel like they're part of a whole program," said Hays, who considers football the key to any school that wants to improve its overall performance.

The football team won its first SWC crown two years ago and capped a 9-3 season with a Copper Bowl victory last December.

"Being in the state of Texas, it helps to do well in football because that's what's on everyone's mind," Hays said. "All of it trickles down I think."

Bockrath moved aggressively

to upgrade Tech facilities upon his arrival in 1993. The renovated baseball and track stadiums will host the final SWC championships in those sports next month.

He also made huge pay-raise offers for Hays, women's basketball coach Marsha Sharp and men's coach James Dickey. Hays and Sharp already have signed multi-year contracts.

"Success tends to feed on itself," Bockrath said. "When one or more programs are successful, other programs pick up on that and try to achieve to the same levels of excellence."

IN BRIEF

THE HOWARD COLLEGE RODEO TEAM competed at Hardin-Simmons University Monday in Abilene. The men's team placed second and the women's team fourth overall. Howard results include: Bareback riding - 1. Trey Fisher. 2. Cory McFadden. Calf roping - 3. (finals) Todd Vinden (first in average). Breakaway roping - 3. Tina Sherrord (third in average). Steer wrestling - 2. Quinn Campbell (third). Goat tying - 4. Shawn Wise. Barrel racing - 4. Shanna Owens. 4. (average) Jill Voss. Bull riding - 3. Mike White (second in average).

JEREMY STALLINGS, University of Florida junior from Stanton, competed at the Penn Relays last weekend in Philadelphia.

Stallings ran the 800-meter leg of the sprint medley relay on Friday and the Gators finished sixth with a time of 3:19.07.

Stallings 800-meter split was 1:48.9. Stallings also ran on the 1600-meter relay Saturday and ran a 1:48.3 split on his 800-meter leg. The Gators finished 11th with a time of 7:34.26.

THE HEARTBEAT CLASSIC baseball tournament is scheduled for this weekend at Winston Field in Snyder.

The entry fee is \$100 per team. For more information, contact Ed Harrelson at (915) 573-7336 or Alex Lopez at 573-7618.

THE SECOND ANNUAL FOR PLAYERS ONLY CLASSIC is scheduled for May 11 in San Angelo.

The tournament is a five-on-five full-court competition. The deadline to enter is May 8, and the entry fee is \$100 per team.

There is a \$300 first place prize with trophies for the second and third place winners.

For more information, contact Chris Cardenas at (915) 942-7661 or call (915) 659-0004.

THE SNYDER CHAMBER OF COMMERCE will host the first Cinco De Mayo Men's Softball Tournament May 4-5 at the Winston Park in Snyder.

Entry fee is \$100 per team. For more information contact the Snyder Chamber of Commerce at 573-3558, 573-4130 or 573-1840.

THE STARS beat the Astros 4-0 in a recent little league game.

Jud Oppgaard hit a triple with bases loaded to seal the game. Bryan Wingert, Josh Wilson, Antoine Scott and Micheal Williamson each hit singles.

THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS will host its second annual men's softball tournament May 17-19 at Hidalgo Park, located on Orchard & Tyler in Midland.

The entry fee is \$110 per team the deadline to enter is May 15. Mail entry fee to Knights of Columbus 9215 Attn: softball tournament, P.O. Box 50743 Midland, TX 79710.

COLORADO CITY'S CHAMBER OF COMMERCE is holding a three-man golf scramble May 4-5 at the Wolf Creek Golf Links.

BASKETBALL

NBA Playoffs

All Times Local First Round (Best-of-5)

Thursday, April 25  
New York 106, Cleveland 93  
Atlanta 92, Indiana 90  
Utah 110, Portland 102  
Houston 87, L.A. Lakers 83

Friday, April 26  
Orlando 112, Detroit 92  
San Antonio 120, Phoenix 98  
Chicago 102, Miami 85  
Seattle 97, Sacramento 85

Saturday, April 27  
New York 84, Cleveland 80, New York leads series 2-0  
L.A. Lakers 104, Houston 94, series tied 1-1

Sunday, April 28  
Orlando 82, Detroit 77, Orlando leads series 2-0  
San Antonio 110, Phoenix 105, San Antonio leads series 2-0  
Chicago 106, Miami 76, Chicago leads series 2-0  
Sacramento 90, Seattle 81, series tied 1-1

Monday, April 29  
Atlanta 90, Indiana 83, Atlanta leads series 2-1  
Portland 94, Utah 91, OT, Utah leads series 2-1  
Orlando at Detroit, 7 p.m. (TNT)  
L.A. Lakers at Houston, 9 p.m. (TBS)

Seattle at Sacramento, 9:30 p.m. (TNT)  
Wednesday, May 1  
Cleveland at New York, 6 p.m. (TBS)

Chicago at Miami, 7 p.m. (TNT)  
Utah at Portland, 8:30 p.m., (TBS)  
San Antonio at Phoenix, 8:30 p.m. (TNT)

Thursday, May 2  
Orlando at Detroit, 7 p.m., if necessary  
Indiana at Atlanta, 6 p.m.  
L.A. Lakers at Houston, 8:30 p.m.  
Seattle at Sacramento, 9:30 p.m.

Friday, May 3  
Chicago at Miami, 7 p.m., if necessary (TNT)  
Cleveland at New York, TBA, if necessary  
San Antonio at Phoenix, TBA, if necessary

Saturday, May 4  
Houston at L.A. Lakers, TBA, if necessary (NBC)  
Sacramento at Seattle, TBA, if necessary (NBC)

Sunday, May 5  
Miami at Chicago, TBA, if necessary  
Detroit at Orlando, TBA, if necessary  
Atlanta at Indiana, TBA, if necessary

Monday, May 6  
New York at Cleveland, TBA, if necessary  
Phoenix at San Antonio, TBA, if necessary  
Portland at Utah, TBA, if necessary

HOCKEY

NHL Playoffs

All Times Local First Round (Best-of-7)

Saturday, April 27  
Florida 4, Boston 3, Florida wins series 4-1  
Philadelphia 6, Tampa Bay 1, Philadelphia wins series 4-2  
St. Louis 2, Toronto 1, St. Louis wins series 4-2

Sunday, April 28  
Colorado 3, Vancouver 2, Colorado wins series 4-2  
Pittsburgh 3, Washington 2, Pittsburgh wins series 4-2  
N.Y. Rangers 5, Montreal 3, N.Y. Rangers win series 4-2

Monday, April 29  
Detroit 4, Winnipeg 1, Detroit wins series 4-2

Tuesday, May 1  
Florida at Philadelphia, 6:30 p.m.  
Chicago at Colorado, 8 p.m.

Wednesday, May 2  
N.Y. Rangers at Pittsburgh, 6:30 p.m.  
St. Louis at Detroit, 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, May 3  
Florida at Philadelphia, 6 p.m.  
Chicago at Colorado, 9 p.m.

Friday, May 4  
N.Y. Rangers at Pittsburgh, 2 p.m.  
St. Louis at Detroit, 2 p.m.

BASEBALL

American

All Times Local East Division

W L Pct. GB  
Baltimore 14 11 .560  
New York 12 10 .545 1/2  
Toronto 10 14 .417 3 1/2  
Detroit 9 17 .346 5 1/2  
Boston 6 19 .240 8

Central Division  
W L Pct. GB  
Cleveland 15 8 .652 -  
Chicago 15 9 .625 1/2  
Milwaukee 12 11 .522 3  
Minnesota 12 12 .500 3 1/2  
Kansas City 9 17 .346 7 1/2

West Division  
W L Pct. GB  
Texas 16 8 .667 -  
Seattle 15 10 .600 1 1/2  
Oakland 13 11 .542 3  
California 12 11 .522 3 1/2

Monday's Games  
Seattle at Milwaukee, p.p.d., rain  
Chicago 4, California 3  
Baltimore 6, Texas 7  
Minnesota 11, Kansas City 6

Only Games Scheduled Tuesday's Games  
Chicago (Tapani 2-0) at Cleveland (Martinez 3-2), 6:05 p.m.  
Detroit (Lima 0-0) at Boston (Waterfield 1-3), 8:05 p.m.  
Minnesota (McDonald 3-1) at Toronto (Hartigan 3-2), 6:35 p.m.  
New York (Petitte 3-1) at Baltimore (Rhodes 3-0), 6:35 p.m.

Kansas City (Valera 0-1) at Minnesota (Hawkins 1-0), 7:35 p.m.  
Seattle (Buzo 2-1) at Texas (Gross 2-1), 7:35 p.m.  
California (Langston 1-1) at Oakland (Prieto 1-1), 8:05 p.m.

National

All Times Local NATIONAL LEAGUE East Division

W L Pct. GB  
Montreal 17 9 .654 -  
Atlanta 15 11 .577 2  
Philadelphia 13 10 .565 2 1/2  
New York 11 13 .458 5  
Florida 10 16 .385 7

Central Division  
W L Pct. GB  
Houston 13 13 .500 -  
Chicago 12 14 .462 1  
St. Louis 12 14 .462 1  
Pittsburgh 11 14 .440 1 1/2  
Cincinnati 9 15 .375 3

West Division  
W L Pct. GB  
San Diego 17 9 .654 -  
San Francisco 13 12 .520 3 1/2  
Los Angeles 13 14 .481 4 1/2  
Colorado 11 15 .423 5

Monday's Games  
San Diego 2, Houston 0  
Atlanta 4, St. Louis 1  
New York 3, Montreal 2  
Los Angeles 10, Chicago 4  
Only Games Scheduled Tuesday's Games

Philadelphia (Williams 0-1) at Florida (Rapp 0-3), 8:05 p.m.  
Pittsburgh (Vespa 2-1) at Cincinnati (Smiley 1-3), 6:25 p.m.  
Montreal (P.Martinez 2-1) at New York (Clark 1-2), 6:40 p.m.

Atlanta (Smoetz 4-1) at Houston (Drabek 0-2), 7:05 p.m.  
St. Louis (Allens 3-1) at Chicago (Bullinger 1-2), 7:05 p.m.  
Colorado (Riz 2-2) at Los Angeles (Nomo 2-2), 9:05 p.m.

San Francisco (Wilson 1-3) at San Diego (Tewsbury 3-0), 9:05 p.m.

AL leaders

BATTING—O'Neill, New York, .368; Cordova, Minnesota, .367; Moller, Minnesota, .378; FThomas, Chicago, .378; RAlomar, Baltimore, .370; Brosius, Oakland, .362; Duncan, New York, .362.

RUNS—E Martinez, Seattle, 24; Belle, Cleveland, 23; ByAnderson, Baltimore, 23; Hamilton, Texas, 22; Moller, Minnesota, 22; Thome, Cleveland, 21; Nixon, Toronto, 21.

RBIs—A Vaughn, Boston, 25; Carter, Toronto, 25; JGonzalez, Texas, 25; O'Neill, New York, 23; FThomas, Chicago, 23; G Vaughn, Milwaukee, 23; Suhner, Seattle, 23; Fielder, Detroit, 23.

HITS—RAlomar, Baltimore, 37; Moller, Minnesota, 37; FThomas, Chicago, 36; Rodriguez, Texas, 34; Knoblauch, Minnesota, 33; Hamilton, Texas, 33; O'Neill, New York, 33.

DOUBLES—Rodriguez, Texas, 12; E Martinez, Seattle, 12; Damon, Kansas City, 10; A Rodriguez, Seattle, 9; Baerga, Cleveland, 8; RAlomar, Baltimore, 8; G Myers, Minnesota, 8; Chipman, Baltimore, 8.

TRIPLES—Dunham, Chicago, 3; Mease, Minnesota, 2; Vin.

Milwaukee, 2; JValentin, Milwaukee, 2; 10 are tied with 2.

HOME RUNS—ByAnderson, Baltimore, 11; Fielder, Detroit, 10; Belle, Cleveland, 9; Brosius, Oakland, 8; FThomas, Chicago, 8; G Vaughn, Milwaukee, 8; Griffey Jr., Seattle, 8.

STOLEN BASES—Lott, Cleveland, 17; TGooden, Kansas City, 13; Larkin, Milwaukee, 8; Vinayak, Cleveland, 7; Nixon, Toronto, 7; Belle, Oakland, 6; 9 are tied with 5.

PITCHING (4 Decisions)—RJohnson, Seattle, 4-0, 1,000, 3.38; AFernandez, Chicago, 4-1, .600, 3.35; Kasega, Detroit, 3-1, .750, 3.97; Pettite, New York, 3-1, .750, 5.09; Guzman, Toronto, 3-1, .750, 1.68; Nagy, Cleveland, 3-1, .750, 5.13; McDonald, Milwaukee, 3-1, .750, 2.70; Cone, New York, 3-1, .750, 2.81; BWR, Texas, 3-1, .750, 5.78.

STRIKEOUTS—RJohnson, Seattle, 45; Appier, Kansas City, 43; AFernandez, Chicago, 42; Guzman, Toronto, 38; Clemens, Boston, 38; Alvarez, Chicago, 36; Kuhl, Texas, 32.

SAVES—RHernandez, Chicago, 6; Perova, California, 6; Mesa, Cleveland, 6; Montgomery, Kansas City, 6; Riley, Baltimore, 6; Stevens, Minnesota, 5; Hansen, Tampa, 5; Vosherg, Texas, 5.

NL leaders

BATTING—Joyer, San Diego, .418; Segui, Montreal, .386; Larned, Montreal, .383; Burke, Colorado, .378; Grace, Chicago, .369; Grudzielanek, Montreal, .368; Piazza, Los Angeles, .365.

RUNS—Grudzielanek, Montreal, 25; Bonds, San Francisco, 24; Larned, Montreal, 23; Burke, Colorado, 23; McWilliams, San Francisco, 23; Bagwell, Houston, 22; Caminiti, San Diego, 22.

RBIs—HRodriguez, Montreal, 27; Bonds, San Francisco, 26; McGriff, Atlanta, 26; Bagwell, Houston, 24; DBell, Houston, 23; Gilkey, New York, 23; Segui, Montreal, 22.

HITS—Grudzielanek, Montreal, 45; Larned, Montreal, 41; Grace, Chicago, 39; BJHarris, Houston, 38; Piazza, Los Angeles, 38; DBell, Houston, 38; Caminiti, San Diego, 35; Burke, Colorado, 35.

DOUBLES—Larned, Montreal, 13; Barry, Houston, 12; Joyner, San Diego, 12; Caminiti, San Diego, 11; DBell, Houston, 10; Grace, Chicago, 10; McGriff, Atlanta, 9.

TRIPLES—LJohnson, New York, 6; Rivas, Montreal, 5; DeShields, Los Angeles, 5; Dylstra, Philadelphia, 3; 10 are tied with 2.

HOME RUNS—Sheffield, Florida, 11; Klecko, Atlanta, 8; HRodriguez, Montreal, 8; Bonds, San Francisco, 8; Bagwell, Houston, 8; Hundley, New York, 8; 9 are tied with 7.

STOLEN BASES—McRae, Chicago, 12; BJHarris, Houston, 9; Morandini, Philadelphia, 8; DeShields, Los Angeles, 8; Larned, Montreal, 7; Clayton, St. Louis, 7; Whiten, Philadelphia, 7; Bonds, San Francisco, 7; Coleman, Cincinnati, 7; Butler, Los Angeles, 7.

PITCHING (4 Decisions)—Grace, Philadelphia, 4-0, 1,000, 3.12; Hamilton, San Diego, 5-1, .833, 3.40;

Steers

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dence," Doe said. "We've played Lake View pretty good ... and the guys have responded well to pressure situations."

Something else that must make the Steers feel even better is that their resident Lake View killer, senior right-hander Zac Leslie, will be on the mound today. Leslie has owned the Chiefs recently, owning three straight victories dating back to last year.

"This is nothing new to us," said Leslie, who owns an 8-5 record this season. "We're not feeling any pressure because we've been in this sort of situa-

tion before."

What made this game so important was Big Spring's inability to defeat Pecos this year. Although the Eagles are also-rans in District 4-4A, their two victories over the Steers have pushed Big Spring down into the second-place tie with Lake View.

"We were upset (with the Pecos losses) because we're a better team and we should have beaten them," Leslie said. "But we just have to put it behind us and concentrate on the task at hand. We know if we beat Lake View, the Pecos games won't mean anything."

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excited. But as soon as we left the city, I turned around and everyone went to sleep," said Kennedy. "They were worn down physically and emotionally. The meet took a lot out of

them."

The state meet starts May 10. McWherter competes at 2 p.m., and Lott competes in triple jump at 3 p.m. The running events start at 6:15 p.m. All events are at Memorial Stadium in Austin.

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Foot problem shouldn't slow Derby favorite

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (AP) — Kentucky Derby contender's were hoping to find a crack in the armor of Unbridled's Song. Instead, they found one in his foot.

"This should not compromise him at all," trainer Jim Ryerson said. "He's worked on it, and he's comfortable."

Since he won the Wood Memorial on April 13 and established himself as the early Derby favorite, Unbridled's Song has worked in a protective bar shoe. At first, Ryerson called the injury a little cut. Then it was a bruise, then a gouge.

On Monday, Ryerson admitted it was a "quarter crack or heel crack" as well as an injury to the soft tissue in the heel of Unbridled's Song's left front foot.

And if that's not a crack in Unbridled's Song's armor, it might at least affect the odds on him as the race approaches.

Ryerson said blacksmith Bruce Scott cut away part of the hoof before Unbridled's Song arrived at Churchill Downs last week from New York to alleviate pressure, and the hoof was patched.

Then, Unbridled's Song was put in a bar shoe, which has a metal bar across the open end to keep the foot from making contact with the ground.

Ryerson said he expected Unbridled's Song to run with normal shoes in the Derby on Saturday.

"We noticed heat in the left front after the Wood," Ryerson said. "It's one of those things that happens. It's just that the timing was bad. You don't want this to happen now, but it could have been worse. It could have happened right on top of us."

Unbridled's Song, son of 1990 Derby winner Unbridled, set himself up as the early Derby favorite by winning the Breeders' Cup Juvenile last Oct. 28 at Belmont Park. Then, however, he was second in his first two starts of his 3-year-old season.

He came back with a 5 1/2-length victory in the Grade I Florida Derby over Editor's Note and Skip Away, both of whom will start in the Derby, then held on by 1 1/2 lengths in the Wood over In Contention, another Derby probable.

While re-establishing his favorite's role, the Wood also raised questions about Unbridled's Song, who loped to victory in a relatively slow 1:49 3/5 for 1/16 miles and allowed In Contention to hang close to the end.

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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) Extremes punctuate a change. You have too many choices. Indulge a favorite person in your life: Plan some time together. Romance builds if you are open to greater togetherness. A diplomatic style goes a long way toward achieving success. Tonight: Make plans. \*\*\*\*\*

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) You get a lot accomplished despite many distractions. Popularity is high, though you need to stay focused on what is important for success. You are prone to overdoing both financially and emotionally. Establish limits for yourself. Tonight: Buy a card on the way home. \*\*\*\*\*

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) A partner fosters creative interests. You receive intense and constant feedback as you make a decision. Let your imagination roam, and discover different options for an investment. Your humor and gentleness make saying no to you difficult. Tonight: Take a midweek break. \*\*\*\*\*

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Demands surround you left and right. Pace yourself; you will like the results. Your instincts are right on regarding another. Sharing feelings opens doors. You are building stronger and firmer roots as you are overwhelmed by popularity. Tonight: Homeward bound. \*\*\*\*\*

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) You hear a lot and may be shaking your head. There are many different routes to take professionally. Don't let someone corner you into making a decision before you are ready. Call in a trusted advisor who has a different viewpoint. Tonight: Make plans with a loved one. \*\*\*\*\*

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Goodwill surrounds you, and you receive an offer that is hard to refuse. Listen carefully

to another's ideas before you nix them. Creativity surges if you stay open and work toward the right ideas. Good feelings surround you. Tonight: Treat a friend to dinner. \*\*\*\*\*

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) You are empowered, especially if you center your feelings on a higher plane. Love reaches a new level. Be willing to take a leap of faith. Touch base with a loved one who is at a distance. Many choices affect your family and long-term needs. Tonight: As you want it. \*\*\*\*\*

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) You receive a lot of information and choices. An established partnership helps you come to the right decision. Sort through messages, make calls and eliminate a plan or an appointment. Keep your own counsel. Tonight: Curl up with a good book. \*\*\*\*\*

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) You are directed and feel positive about what you want. Feedback from friends helps determining your path to a goal. Friendship plays a big role in your day and could be the stimulus for excessive spending; keep an eye on your wallet. Tonight: Enjoy yourself. \*\*\*\*\*

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PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) Make time for a special friend in your life. Handle a money or security-related matter early on in the day to clear your mind. Do not mull over something that can be settled quickly. A positive attitude goes far and opens doors. Tonight: So what if it is midweek? \*\*\*\*\*

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Thanks for letting me speak up. — HAD ENOUGH IN WATERLOO, N.Y.

DEAR HAD ENOUGH: I've also had enough — and "Home Improvement" happens to be one of my favorites, too.

On Feb. 29 in Washington, a group of network executives promised to begin rating television programs by the end of this year. It will be interesting to see if this voluntary rating system leads to any reduction of sex and violence on TV.

DEAR ABBY: Your recent column on the subject of children showering with their parents struck a nerve with me because my daughter-in-law often suggests that my son shower with their 3-year-old

daughter "to save time." This is a big "no-no" with me.

One time when I was at their home, my son was going to take his daughter into the shower with him. (Her mother was not home.) I spoke up and said, "That child is too old to be showering with you; I'll bathe her in the other bathroom." He acquiesced.

Abby, they also allow this child to sleep with them on occasion. Another "no-no" in my book. I was brought up to respect privacy; the parents' bedroom should be strictly for the parents.

This couple is in their 40s, so they are old enough to know better. Both are professional people.

I remain concerned about this situation. I try to be a good mother-in-law and don't want to cause any trouble, so I usually keep my mouth shut. Perhaps a few words in your column about this subject will get through to them. — OLD-FASHIONED GRANDMA

TUESDAY

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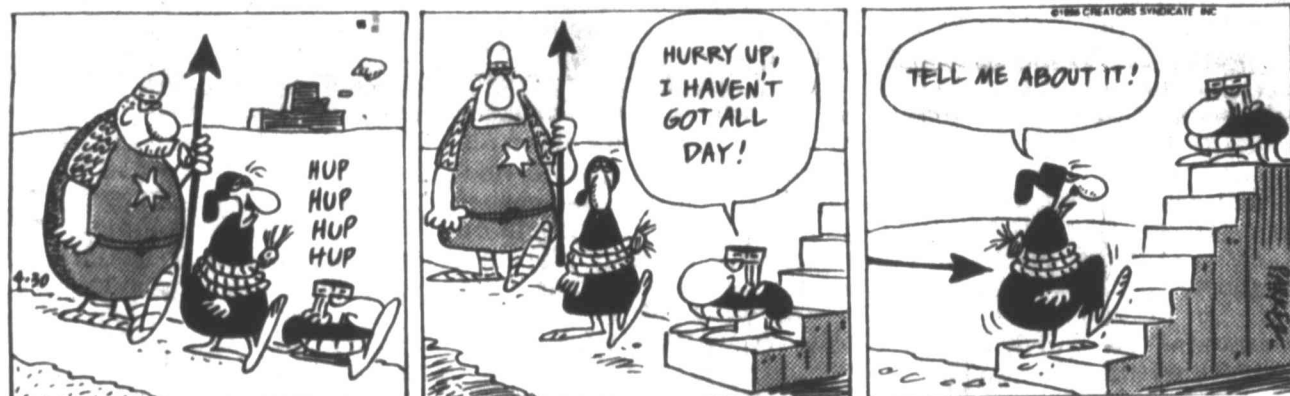
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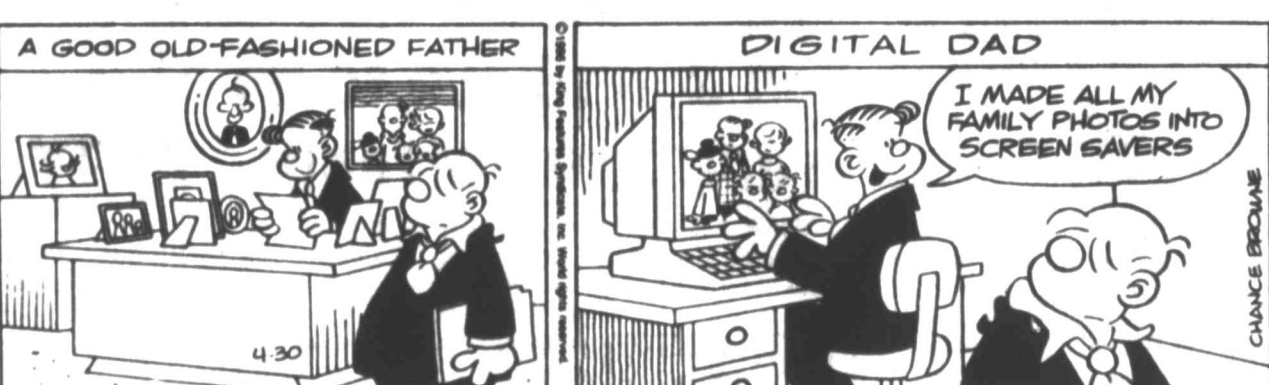
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**THIS DATE IN HISTORY**  
Today is Tuesday, April 30, the 121st day of 1996. There are 245 days left in the year.  
Today's Highlight in History:  
On April 30, 1945, as Russian troops approached his Berlin bunker, Adolf Hitler committed suicide along with his wife of one day, Eva Braun. One week later, Germany surrendered unconditionally, ending Hitler's Third Reich.  
On this date:  
In 1789, George Washington took office in New York as the first president of the United States.  
In 1803, the United States purchased the Louisiana Territory from France.  
In 1812, Louisiana became the 18th state of the Union.  
In 1900, Hawaii was organized as a U.S. territory.  
In 1900, engineer John Luther "Casey" Jones of the Illinois Central Railroad was killed in a wreck near Vaughan, Miss., after staying at the controls in an effort to save the passengers.  
In 1939, the New York World's Fair, billed as a look at "the world of tomorrow," officially opened.  
In 1945, "Arthur Godfrey Time" made its debut on the CBS radio network.  
In 1947, President Truman signed a measure officially changing the name of Boulder Dam to Hoover Dam.  
In 1948, the Organization of American States held its first meeting, in Bogota, Colombia.  
In 1970, President Nixon announced the United States was sending troops into Cambodia, an action that sparked widespread protest.  
In 1973, President Nixon announced the resignations of his aides H.R. Haldeman and John Ehrlichman, along with Attorney General Richard G. Kleindienst and White House counsel John Dean.  
In 1975, the South Vietnamese capital of Saigon fell to Communist forces as President Duong Van Minh announced an unconditional surrender.

**THE Daily Crossword** by Alan Otschwang  
ACROSS  
1 Satisfied the piper  
5 Glides quickly  
10 Mimics  
14 Woody's scion  
15 Rambo, for example  
16 Scarlett's place  
17 Homeless child  
18 Elevate  
19 Speaker to remember  
20 Abandoned  
23 Actor Mineo  
24 Wrath  
25 — Quixote  
28 Evidencing ennu  
31 Famous racehorse  
36 Pie — mode  
37 Tokyo, formerly  
38 Same  
39 Stability focus  
44 Amass  
45 A Claire  
46 New Guinea port  
47 Brazilian palm  
48 Spaghetti cover  
50 Goof  
51 Folding bed  
53 Sign  
55 Geometric figures  
63 Raison d'—  
64 Lena or Marilyn  
65 Footnote word  
67 Necktie item  
68 Adams and McClurg  
69 Baseball team  
70 Fighting force  
71 Takes five  
72 Ms. James  
DOWN  
1 Handle roughly  
2 Inland sea  
3 Tennis' Nastase  
4 Tips the topper  
5 More piercing  
6 Renowned Shakespearean actor  
7 Copy: abbr.  
8 Golf club  
9 Villain's expression  
10 Aleutian island  
11 Young salmon  
12 Norwegian navigator  
13 Obi  
21 File drawer item  
22 "You can — a horse to —"  
25 Russian villa  
26 Dairy case items  
27 Grandmothers  
29 Bustle  
30 Capital of Bulgaria  
32 54  
33 Set of steps over a fence  
34 Flower perfume  
35 Actor Charles of old  
40 — la la  
41 Fiat  
42 Wildebeest  
43 Indelicate quality  
48 Moved forward with authority  
49 Sch. subj.  
52 Different from  
54 Acting Kevin  
55 First name in country music  
56 Cato's course  
57 Chickpea  
58 Lamarr of old films  
59 Rainbow  
60 Dill, old style  
61 Emend  
62 Mailed  
66 — culpa

**Monday's Puzzle solved:**  
SAGE ASTIN COLA  
HIRT SOUSE OVID  
IDEA YULIP ROBO  
PEA BULLTERRIER  
TOUTS NOODLE  
ENDURE DATED  
LEARN MESH EDAM  
IAN SPANIEL ATA  
STEW OTIS ALLOY  
ISLAM STAMPS  
SEANCE SHERA  
LAST TRUER PITA  
OSLO ASNER TAOS  
SEEN REEDY ANNA  
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Child 7<sup>99</sup> 491 & Main  
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ED PG  
7:00-9:10  
FEAR R  
7:10-9:30  
Robert Durall & James Earl Jones in  
**A FAMILY THING PG-13**  
6:00-8:00  
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Thursday Night All Stars 1<sup>99</sup>  
7:00-9:30

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**THE QUEST (PG-13)**  
4:30-7:30  
**MULHOLLAND FALLS (R)**  
4:00-7:00  
**THE SUBSTITUTE (R)**  
4:45-7:20  
**UP CLOSE & PERSONAL (PG-13)**  
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