Woman tells council that dog thefts becoming a problem

By CARLTON JOHNSON

Staff Writer

A problem that city officials, including the Big Spring Police Department (BSPD), may not be aware of — dog theft — was brought to the attention of the Big Spring City Council during Tuesday's council meeting by local resdent Denise Freeman.

Freeman addressed the council about her Basenji, which was stolen while

she was away on her honeymoon. "I know someone had to climb over my fence to get my dog," Freeman said. There is a bad problem with dog theft in Big Spring. I came to the city council to see if there was something that can be done."

Freeman has a \$100 reward posted for

the return of her Basenji, which answers to the name "Missy.

According to Freeman, the Basenji is a rare dog that does not get very big and does not bark, which is where it gets its nickname "barkless dog." The Basenji makes a sort of whining sound, and if registered can carry a value of up to \$4,000, according to Freeman.

Until the theft of her dog, Freeman has six of the rare Basenjis.

"I have rescued these dogs and have found homes for them or have kept them myself," Freeman said.

Freeman said her stolen dog is not registered, but the value of the dog is not the issue with her.

"My pets are a part of my family and I love them," Freeman said. "A \$35 dog is worth as much to an owner as a dog

Freeman also addressed the council because she wanted to make people aware of the problem of dog theft.

"When you have a community problem, you go to your community representatives," Freeman said. "This is somewhere between having your child and your lawnmower stolen.

According to Freeman, she knows of at least eight people who have had dogs stolen within the last six or seven months.

"I would not have gone to the council if a lot of people hadn't told me about their lost animals," Freeman said. People just don't know who to contact about stolen animals."

Freeman said she simply wants a coordinated effort among the various

According to BSPD Chief Jerry Edwards, whenever the department gets a theft report it is investigated as thoroughly as possible.

"We don't have an animal theft problem as far as I know," Lt. Terry Chamness, BSPD animal control supervisor, said.

Two reasons for the BSPD not being aware of a dog theft problem is that people are not registering their animals with the BSPD shelter and many are not making police reports when an animal is stolen.

According to Chamness, the BSPD averages about one animal registration per month, but registering animals and reporting incidents of theft will go a long way in assisting the BSPD in their tags.

"One thing people can do to help prevent animal theft is have a good fence around their yard with the gates locked," Chamness said.

Veterinarians have the technology to insert a microchip under a dog's skin, making it easier to track animals.

According to Chamness, officers in his department have also been trained in how to insert these microchips.

"When we have an animal come into the shelter, we scan (if they have the chip) the animal and can instantly tell who owns the animal," Chamness said.

Registration also allows officials to have a good description of animals as well as the ability to trace animal ownership from collars and identification

Hangar 25 display set for Saturday

Antique autos, model contest part of activities

By STEVE REAGAN **Staff Writer**

At about 3 p.m. Friday, area residents will know that the inaugural Hanger 25 Static Display is soon to begin.

It will be at that time that the deep, rumbling roar of a C-130 Hercules aircraft will be heard over Big Spring, as the aircraft from Dyess Air Force Base in Abilene flies over the city prior to landing at McMahon-Wrinkle Airpark.

The event will be held from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday at the airpark. There is no admission, although donations to help in the Hangar 25 renovation project will be accepted.

The Hercules, a workhorse Air Force cargo plane for the al World War II-vintage airpast three decades, will be one craft. of several aircraft on display at the Hangar 25 event, according to airpark manager Nelda Reagan.

Also at the event will be a C-46 Tinkerbell, as well as sever-



This model P-38 Lightning is one of the planes that actually flew at Webb Air Force Base. It was left behind by the personnel. Other models have been built by local residents in a contest being held in conjunction with Saturday's inaugural Hanger 25 Static Display.

Festivities begin Saturday morning with the presentation of the colors by a U.S. Air Force honor guard and the by local resident Kristie West.

A group of skydivers from Stanton will hold demonstrations throughout the day, Reagan said.

Also on hand will be a collection of antique cars and radiosinging of the national anthem controlled airplanes. In conjunction with the event, the airpark has held a model airplane contest, with the top finishers in each division winning cash

Food and other refreshments will be available throughout the day for those attending the inaugural event, Reagan said.

Corps of Engineers gives OK to resume Beals Creek project

By CARLTON JOHNSON

Staff Writer

The city of Big Spring has been informed by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers that the Corps will issue a notice to proceed to the contractor next week to resume construction on the Beals Creek project.

The city will also receive some of the some of the relief it was looking for to help offset the increased costs of the pro-

The relief will come in the form of a credit for the city's allowing its landfill to be used for disposal of the additional soil contamination found at the project site. The exact dollar amount of

the credit is not known at this but Community Development and Utilities Director Todd Darden said the city hopes it can receive a credit of around \$1.4 million.

As a result of the Corps talk ing to the contractor, \$1 million has been cut out of the overall

The initial soil contamination found a few years ago was thought to be minimal and isolated to one spot, and borings done at various locations of the site did not reveal any additional contamination.

The additional amount of contaminated soil the Corps, the city and the contractor are dealing with now is the equivalent of a football field 13 1/2 feet

Instead of the original project cost estimate of \$5.73 million -\$4.24 million being paid by the corps and \$1.49 million by the city of Big Spring - the additional contamination has increased the estimated cost to \$10,885,800. However, that estimate his been decreased slightly as a result of the Corps' negotiations with the contractor.

According to Darden, the contaminated soil that has to be removed adds up to approximately 130,000 cubic yards — all

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Dodds continuing bid to 'Let Freedom King'

By CARLTON JOHNSON

Staff Writer

The same community service spirit that earned Big Spring resident Mamie Lee Dodds the chamber of commerce's Woman of the Year Award in 1994 has guided her to continue the tradition of the annual Fourth of July "Let Freedom Ring"

This year's pageant is scheduled for 8 p.m. July 4 in the amphitheater at Comanche Trail Park.

Dodds recently addressed the Big Spring City Council about he Let Freedom Ring program and asked for the council's suport in promoting the pageant o the public.

The chamber's Convention nd Visitor's Bureau has given ne a budget of \$300 for this year's program," Dodds said. Everyone is invited to the pageant this year and is encour-aged to bring a bell."

The bells will all be rang in unison at the conclusion of the

Also during this year's program, Midland-based Sons of Confederate Veterans will present the colors and fire a can-

Dodds first did the program in Big Spring in 1964. She did the program herself until the cham-Cultural Committee decided to help tackle the project a few years later.

According to Dodds, President Lyndon Johnson, in the mid 1960s decided America needed to celebrate the fourth of July in a different way and issued a proclamation to let freedom ring in celebration of the nation's birthday, which is where the ringing of bells simultaneously comes from.

"Many communities didn't have fireworks, so bells, especially church bells, rang in unison to celebrate the Fourth of July," Dodds said.

The program itself, which does include speaking parts which have already been cast for the most part, according to

Dodds, traces the ethnic history of America, including history American Indians, Spaniards, the pilgrims, slavery the Declaration of Independence, according to

In 1977, Dodds, then a school teacher, took her fifth grade class and presented the program to the Disabled American Veterans (DAV).

The theme of the production was "What Is America?" and according to Dodds, the children dressed as the Statue of Liberty as the presented the program.

One of the freedoms mentioned in the Declaration of Independence is liberty.

To symbolize liberty and the famed Liberty Bell in Philadelphia, Dodds said the Steer victory bell at Big Spring High School has come to serve this purpose and is still a part of the program today. Dodds was honored by the

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SIGNAL'S FIRST



Beville (center) who posed with Signal representatives Mike Brignole (left) and Bud Ledingham when the home was rolled out Wednesday afternoon. Company officials have prepared a special ceremony this afternoon as the home is trucked away from the plant. In addition, Signal officials indicated that the first few homes constructed in the Big Spring plant will be "prototype homes" that will be used to fine tune operations prior to the start of full production at the plant.

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Today: Cloudy with a chance of thunderstorms. Tonight, showers or thunderstorms likely, some possibly severe. Lows in the mid to upper 40s.

Friday: Cloudy with a chance of showers or thunderstorms. Highs in the mid to upper 60s. Friday night, cloudy with a chance of showers and lows in the mid

Extended outlook: Saturday and Sunday, cooler with chance of showers

The first home to come off the Signal Homes plant line in Big Spring was bought by Bill and Carol

Bill focuses on unreturned library books

By CARLTON JOHNSON

Staff Writer

Not returning your library book on time could cost library patrons up to \$500 as well as a misdemeanor charge of theft of service if the Texas Legislature passes House Bill 237.

The bill is sponsored by Rep Tony Goolsby, R-Dallas, who equates not returning public library materials to someone walking into your home and stealing something.

HB 237 puts library materials

under the theft of service section of the state's criminal code. treating the materials like video rentals.

Dora Roberts Howard County Reference Librarian Rebecca Taylor said Big Spring is no stranger to materials not being returned.

"We do have a considerable problem with late items," Taylor said. 'From what I understand, this would be a law that would contact people under criminal pursuit, which might be a deterrent to keeping borrowed mate-

According to Taylor, unreturned materials are a real problem for most public libraries.

"I think this (HB 237) would be a good way to get people to return things," Taylor said.

Some of the items the library has had trouble in getting returned are things like test books, books on divorce and GED books, for which a deposit is now required.

Taylor said many libraries also put their best sellers on

"Theft or not returning items vote on the bill this week.

is one of the reasons we put in theft detection systems," she said.

Currently, local library patrons pay a per day fine for overdue books of five cents: 10 cents for audio tape materials; and \$1 for video materials. Texas libraries lose about

\$14.5 million in books not returned each year, according to a Texas Library Association survey.

A House committee has already approved HB 237 and the full house is expected to

OBITUARIES

J.M. "Jim" Nichols

Service for J.M. "Jim" Nichols, 97, Coahoma, will be 2 p.m. Friday, April 25, 1997, at College Park Church of God with Rev. F.M. Small, pastor, and Rev. J.W. Hill, retired Church of God minister, officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

Mr. Nichols died Wednesday, April 23, in a local hospital.

He was born on Feb. 21, 1900, in Bangs. He married Edna Gunn on July 8, 1918, in Coleman. She preceded him in death in January 1943. After Jim and Edna divorce, he married Cleo Myers in 1932 in Santa Anna. She also preceded him in death in 1980. He then married Esther Hale in 1984 in Big Spring. She preceded him in death in 1987. Mr. Nichols moved to Coahoma in 1970 from Alvin and had been a resident of Big Spring Care Center in recent years. He had worked for many years in road construction for the State Highway Department, retiring in 1969. He was a member of College Park Church of God.

Survivors include: one son, LeRoy Nichols, Coahoma; two daughters, Pearl McGahey, Santa Anna, and Louise Peavy, Houston; one sister. Ola Russell, Brownwood; six grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; and seven great-greatgrandchildren.

The family will receive friends tonight from 7 to 9 p.m. at the funeral home.

Arrangements under the direction of Nalley Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

Ronald Miller

Service for Ronald Miller, 60, Carroll, lowa, formerly of Big Spring, is pending with Nalley Pickle & Welch Funeral Home. He died Wednesday, April 23. 1997, in Carroll, Iowa.

Charles Douglass

Service for Charles Douglass, 48. is pending with Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

He died Thursday, April 24. 1997, in a local nursing home.

Albert Lee Johnson, Jr.

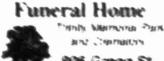
Service for Albert Lee Johnson, Jr. 71. Flat will be 4 p m. today at Cold Springs Raptist Church in Flat with Rev. But Phillips and Rev. Jack. Hopkins officiating. A service wall also be 2 p.m. Saturday. April be 1887, at Pleasant drew neans, at devand's wretes Rev T C. Melton officiating with bursal following at Mt

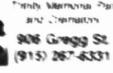
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Hope Cemetery near Anson. Mr. Johnson died Tuesday,

April 22, in a Temple hospital. He was born on Nov. 11, 1925, in Hawley. He entered the military in 1943 and served in the US Navy during World War II until 1947. He married Ruby Joyce Garrison on May 17. 1947, in Roby. He owned and operated a trucking business for many years. Mr. Johnson was a member of Cold Springs Baptist Church, Shriner's Midian Temple in Wichita, Kan., and was past master of Delta Lodge No. 77 in Medicine,

Survivors include: his wife, Joyce Johnson, Flat; four daughters, Paula Sue Crosby, Donna Ruth Trotter, both of Gatesville, Velma Jo Gann. Flat, and Darla Faye Green, Big Spring; three sons, Jerry R. Johnson, Buffalo Gap, Albert Lee Johnson III, Tuscola, and Charles W. Johnson, Abilene; a brother, John Johnson, Ft. Dodge, Kan.; 20 grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

Arrangements under the direction of Scotts Funeral Home, Gatesville.

DODDS

Continued from page 1A Elisha Mack chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) in 1976 by having a plaque named in her honor for being a person who demonstrated and promoted the American way of life through service and patriotism, inspiring love of country. Dodds was the first recipient of the award.

According to Dodds, the Let Freedom Ring Award is not an annual award, but is only given periodically

As for the program locally. Dodds said. 'I have absolutely loved doing this. I have been teaching, not in the classroom, but in the community."

PROJECT

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12 Months No Interest ESE, 267-4278 SIDEWALK SALE

PBOA FOOTBALL ASSOCI-ATION IS having meetings and training now. Anyone interested in officiating local area football games at junior high and high school level please call Jim Mattson at 263-5056.

THE FRIENDS OF THE Library of Howard County are sponsoring a design a logo contest. The winner will receive a \$50 savings bond. The winning entry becomes the property of the Friends of the Library. Take your entry to the library or mail it to 500 Main Street. Deadline is May 9. For more information contact Loraine at 264-2260.

THE HOWARD COUNTY FEED & Supply, along with Purina, is hosting a seminar Thursday from 7 to 9 p.m. in the Days Inn. Speakers will be Dr. Joe Neff, DVM, Dr. Bobb Cobb, DVM, and Susan Whittingslow, horse specialist for Purina.

A MOTORCYCLE SWAP MEET sponsored by the Cossacks Motorcycle Club is scheduled for May 3 at the Howard County Fairbarns.

The event begins at 9:30 a.m. and continues through 10 p.m. Vendor setup will begin at 7:30

Admission is \$7 per person, with children under the age of 12 admitted free. Vendors' 10x10 booth spaces are \$10.

For more information call 267-3234 or 263-2765.

THE JUVENILE DIABETES FOUNDATION is having their annual Walk-a-thon in Midland at the Chapparal Center on May 10. We are trying to raise money for research to find a cure. If you would like to participate in the walk or like to make a tax deductible donation contact Karen Davila at 264-7938 or Laurie Churchwell at 263-

PERSONS INTERESTED IN TAKING part in the 1997 Relay For Life event on May 16-17 should contact Judi Johnston at 267-1014 (work) or 267-1904 (home). The committee needs help with on-site events.

For more information, call Jay or Kim Phinney at 267-1480.

STUDENTS IN THIRD. **FOURTH** and fifth grade are taking the mandated Texas Assessment of Academic Skills (TAAS) test April 29 (math) and April 30 (reading). School officials emphasize this is an important testing period and are asking parents to help their children by: making sure your child has a good night's sleep. providing a healthy breakfast at home or school and having your child at school on time. Also, send No. 2 pencils with your child the days of the tests.

THE VA MEDICAL CEN-TERS 1447 Volunteer Recognition Dunner is May 1 at 6 p.m. in Garrett Hall at the First United Methodist Church. All 402 active VA Medical lemmer volummeers are unvited. Dimmer music is provided by the Texas Brass and Strings Samt.

ATTENTION WOMEN OVER 40 who have never had a mammogram and can't afford me. American Cancer Society has provided a grant for a free nammogram for women who reside in Howard and Glasscock Counties. Come to the Texas Department of Health in the College Park Shopping Center.

THE BIG SPRING SYMPHO-NY closes its season with Symphony Pops '97 on Satturday, May 3 at 8 p.m. in the Spring Municipal Auditorium. Program theme is Music from the Old West" and featured guests include Jody Nix and the Texas Cowboys, Tumbirweed Smith and the Big Spring Symphony Choraie.

Tickets are available at Blum's, Dunlag's, the chamber or at the door.

THE LET FREEDOM RING COMMUTTEE meets assistance from the community in making costumes for this year's Fourth of July celebration.

Volunteers with sewing skills are needed to make Piligrim colars, aprons and caps; sew ribbons or strings on caps and cularcs; sew hooks and eves on men's collars; and make stocks (ruffled neck pieces): All costime parts will be pre-cut.

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AROUND THE TOWN

Anyone interested in helping is asked to call Mamie Lee Dodds at 263-6508.

SPRINGBOARD

IF YOU HAVE ANY CHANGES IN A SPRING-BOARD ITEM OR FOR MORE INFORMATION, CON-TACT GINA GARZA, 263-7331 ext. 238, BETWEEN 8:30 A.M. AND 2 P.M. All Springboard items must be submitted in writing. Mail to: Springboard, Big Spring Herald, P.O. Box 1431, Big Spring, Texas 79720; bring it by the office at 710 Scurry; or fax it to 264-7205.

TODAY 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. Big Spring Senior Citizens

Center art classed, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m., 55 and older. Support Group Depression, 7 p.m., Dora Roberts Rehab Center, Third

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cafeteria. Alcoholics Anonymous, noon to 1 p.m. open meeting, 615 Settles. 8 to 9 p.m. closed meeting at Scenic Mountain Medical Center cafeteria.

 Masonic Lodge No. 598, 7:30 p.m., 219 Main.

 Alheimer's Association support group, 7 p.m., Comanche Trail Nursing Center.

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

Church, 610 Aframs, 7 p.m. Bible study. Alcoholics Anonymous, 615

Settles, noon to 1 p.m. open meeting and 8 to 9 p.m. Big Book Study. ·Signal Mountain Quilting

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

SATURDAY

·Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, open meetings at noon, 8 p.m.; and 10 p.m.

Open birthday night, covered dish 7 p.m. and birthday meeting 8 p.m., 615 Settles. This is to celebrate AA sobriety yearly birthdays. SUNDAY

 Good Shepherd Fellowship Church, 610 Abrams, has services at 11 a.m. and 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 Noves, 267-5811. Project Freedom, Christian support group, 7 p.m. Call 263-

5140 or 263-2241. •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 273-8633. Daytime prematal classes, Texas Department of Health, 1 to 2:30 p.m. Call 263-9775 to register. All expectant parents welcome. Class instructor will be

 Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 I.C.A. Settles, moon to 1 p.m. open meeting and 8 to 9 p.m. at the VA Medical Center on fourth

Laurie Burks, BSN.

TUESDAY -Comanche Lake Dupilicate, 1 p.m., Dora Boberts Civic

-Most Excellent Way, a chemical dependency support group. 7 p.m., Lining Water Church, 1998 Birdwell Lane. Call 267-1424 after 5 p.m. or 263-3168 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m.

-Good Shegherd Feilowship Church, 679 Ahrams, 7 p.m.; mitribile sourvices. -All-Amon., 8 to 9 p.m., 615

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•Narcotics Anonymous, 6:30 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal

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

WEDNESDAY Downtown Lions Club, noon, Howard College Cactus Room. Call Archie Kountz, 267-3821.

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Spring, 7:15 p.m., Howard County Library. Call Bernice Cason at 267-8542 or 267-7236.

 Masonic Lodge No 1340, 7:30 p.m., 2101 Lancaster. Call Preston Harris, 263-7136.

 VA Medical Center Volunteer Banquet, 6 p.m., Garrett Hall at First United Methodist Church. All 402 active VA Medical Center volunteers are invited.

MARKETS

Good Shephers Fellowship May of ton 11.05 pents a pour down 32 points; June crude oil 19.73, no change; Cash hogs steady at 57; slaughter steers at 68; June lean hog futures 85.30, up 35 points; June live cattle futures 64,25, down 40 points. Courtesy: Delta Corporation.

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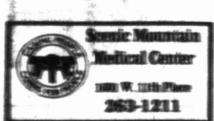
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POLICE

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity between 8 a.n Wednesday and 8 a.m Thursday:

 JOSE LOUIS ONTIVERO 18, of 710 Creighton, was arres ed for theft under \$50.

 DIANA ARCE HARVELI 38, of 1306 Wright, was arrested on local warrants.

OSCAR PENA DELAPAZ 19, of 1002 N. Main #59, was arrested on Nolan County warrants. •CHRISTOPHER VALBUS-

NA. 21, of 618 Caylor, was arrested for driving with an invalid license. JOHN LUIZ VALBUENA

19, of 618 Caylor, was arrested on local warrants. ·DEBRA SWANSON, 36, of

1404 Wood, was arrested for possession of a controlled substance under one gram. ·ROBERT DANIEL COSBY

JR., 49, of 1202 E. 3rd, was arrested on local warrants and Mitchell County warrants. ·ISIDORO TREJO GALAN JR., 45, of 808 N. Nolan, was

arrested for public intoxication. DISTURBANCE/FIGHT in the 3300 block of W. Hwy. 80. ·DISTURBANCE/FIGHT in the 800 block of Creighton.

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the 2000 block of Goliad. **•CRIMINAL MISCHIEF in** the 1000 block of N. Main; and the 2300 block of Carl.

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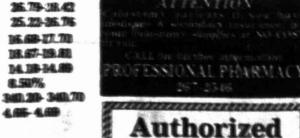
RECORDS

Wednesday's high 69 Wednesday's low 51 Average high 82 Average low 52 Record high 98 in 1989 Record low 36 in 1937 Precip. Wednesday 0.00 Month to date 1.13 Month's normal 1.02 Year to date 5.30 Normal for the year 3.16 **Statistics not available

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Grandmother receives deferred adjudication

WHARTON — A woman whose 2-year-old grandson was decap itated by her car's air bag has been given two years' deferred adjudication after she accepted a plea bargain and pleaded no contest to child endangerment.

The prosecution dropped charges of intoxication manslaughter. manslaughter and a second charge of endangerment against Ruby Mae Fields, 35, of El Campo.

Fields has filed a wrongful death lawsuit against General Motors Corp., the manufacturer of her 1995 Geo Metro, in connection with the Dec. 22 death of Montrey Jones. 2.

A Wharton County grand jury indicted Fields in January. The woman told police the air bag deployed when she swerved to avoid another car as she was driving her grandson and a 6year-old nephew around to view Christmas decorations.

Attorney seeks to reinstate lawsuit against Van Cliburn

FORT WORTH — A former longtime business partner and companion of Van Cliburn is attempting to have his lawsuit against the renowned pianist reinstated.

Thomas E. Zaremba claims that State District Judge Fred Davis improperly dismissed his lawsuit last July. Zaremba's attorney, Katherine Kinser of Dallas, argued his case Wednesday before a three-judge panel of the 2nd Court of Appeals.

Zaremba's lawsuit sought "multiple millions" in cash and property. He alleges that Cliburn breached an oral agreement to share his income in exchange for Zaremba performing business manager duties over a 17-year relationship.

The attorney said Zaremba, a licensed morticican who now lives in Center Line, Mich., performed "17 different types of ser vices" and took "care of (Cliburn's) business, so to speak, while he was free to perform."

Water-use fees likely to be included in House bill

AUSTIN — Texans would pay a fee if they used more than 7,000 gallons of water per month under an amended House bill that would give Texas its first-ever water conservation and drought management plan.

The House Natural Resources Committee approved an amendment by Rep. Ron Lewis. D-Mauriceville, that would add wateruse fees to the bill. The measure still faces a final vote by the committee, most likely next week.

If the committee approves the bill, as expected, the measure would go to the full House for consideration.

"If the small- and medium-sized cities don't have access to funds outside of their tax base to pay for infrastructure for new water sources, the small- and medium-sized cities of Texas will die," Lewis said Wednesday.

Senate votes to ban investment in some music companies

AUSTIN — Taking a stand against songs they say poison young minds by degrading women and promoting violence, the Texas Senate have voted to bar state investment in companies promoting "gangsta rap" and similar music.

"We can't censor this kind of music," said Sen. Bill Ratliff, bill sponsor. "But we can say that we're not going to stand by and let the funds of the taxpayers of the state of Texas be invested in this kind of trash.

Recording Industry Association of America spokeswoman Alexandra Walsh said she knows of no state with such a law on the books.

House OKs property tax amendment

approved a proposed constitutional amendment allowing the state to lower local school property taxes by raising and expanding a host of state taxes, the Texas House today is expected to begin work on a bill to do those things.

The House Wednesday night voted 114-35 for the constitutional amendment. It makes way for a nearly 400-page bill to lower local school property taxes by about 50 percent.

To pay for the cuts, the bill would expand the state business tax, add to the number of goods and services subject to the state sales tax and increase some other taxes. A separate measure would dedicate an additional \$1.3 billion in state funds for

local and state taxes about 2 percent for many Texans. Wealthier and poorer Texans would get slightly more cuts than those in the middle class.

Parts of the bill, including the business tax expansion, would be unconstitutional unless voters approve the proposed amendment. It now goes to the Senate and would go to voters on Aug. 9.

The bill would not take effect if voters rejected the constitutional amendment.

House approval of the proposed amendment came after more than eight hours of debate. Several attempts were impact of the bill.

Rep. Paul Sadler, D-The entire package would cut Henderson, chairman of the committee that wrote the constitutional amendment and the accompanying bill, called the entire package a sweeping change in state tax policy.

"There will be fights, but in the end this body knows it has to put together a package," Sadler said.

Bush called the vote in favor of the constitutional amendment a major step, but also said more work remains.

Nearly 200 amendments await the bill. Some would expand the tax savings while others would pare down the list of goods and services that would be added to the state sales tax. Debate was made to lower the overall expected to last through Friday. The constitutional amend-

- Bar school districts from imposing a business property tax for school operation and maintenance.

Allow the state to impose a business property tax for school operation and maintenance.

Limit to \$1.05 per \$100 in value the maintenance and operation tax on residential and business property.

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Allow the state to expand the state business tax — often called a business income tax to all companies except sole pro-

Four accused in bombing, robbery plot

accused of plotting to blow up a natural gas plant and rob an armored car had acquired and tested weapons and were ready to "wipe out half of Wise County," a federal agent says.

The suspects — three men and a woman — were arrested by the FBI Tuesday in Fort Worth and Boyd, 41 miles northwest in rural Wise County, after about six weeks of surveillance that stemmed from an informant's

Shawn Dee Adams, 37, of

DALLAS (AP) — Four people Boyd; his 35-year-old wife, Catherine Dee Adams; 34-yearold Edward Taylor Jr. of Bridgeport; and Carl Jay Waskom Jr., 34, of Boyd were charged with federal conspiracy to commit robbery. U.S. Attorney Paul Coggins said he would seek further charges from a grand jury.

A detention hearing for the four was set for Monday. They appeared Wednesday before U.S. Magistrate Judge Charles Bleil, who ordered them held without bail.

FBI agent Robert Garrity said the group planned to blow up the Mitchell Energy & Development Corp. natural gas processing plant in Bridgeport, about 15 miles from Boyd.

The suspects also planned "four or five" secondary explosions timed to kill law-enforcement officials responding to an initial bomb threat, Garrity

According to FBI affidavits, the group hoped the explosions and release of toxic gas from fuel tanks would trigger a cata-

"They anticipated they might wipe out half of Wise County,' Garrity said.

The suspects then planned to take advantage of the chaos to rob an armored car outside the First National Bank of Bridgeport with hopes of yielding \$2 million.

Garrity said group members wanted ultimately to fund future terroristic acts, but he and other federal authorities **refused** to describe the group's political bent.

Oklahoma City bombing trial gets under way

tape captured the deafening explosion that brought the Oklahoma City federal building down on hundreds of unsuspecting occupants. Videotapes recorded horrified victims, falling ash, burning cars.

Government prosecutors intend to convey the death and destruction from the worst terrorist attack on American soil with vivid sounds and images when they open their case today against Timothy McVeigh.

McVeigh's attorney, Stephen Jones, planned to assert that the from the very beginning, when investigators started collecting evidence on April 19, 1995, in that swirling mass of confusion.

Both sides should take at least half a day to present opening statements, after which prosecutors planned to call their first witnesses. One of the early prosecution

witnesses will be Lou Klaver, an attorney who can authenticate the audiotape of the explo-

Klaver was at a meeting across the street from the

government's case was flawed Alfred P. Murrah Federal stretchers covered with bloody Building when the bomb went sheets. A little boy sat dazed off at 9:02 a.m. His voice can be heard on the tape, followed by 14) seconds of the concrete and metal being ripped apart.

Prosecutors also plan to play dramatic news videotape of the explosion's frantic aftermath.

Television viewers saw bleeding children, frantic parents and throngs of people fleeing in terror as car alarms blared and thick, black smoke billowed from what only moments before was the federal building.

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and shivering as he was comforted by a rescuer.

Sources close to the case said prosecutors plan to present victims to give jurors a firsthand account of the tragedy.

Marsha Kight, whose 23-yearold daughter died in the bombing, said victims and their families were told about the prosecution's plans in advance. Some relatives went to the coroner's office to see photos of their loved ones so they wouldn't be shocked during the trial.

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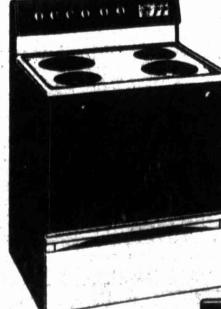
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"A government which robs Peter to pay Paul can always depend on the support of Paul.

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OTHER VIEWS

Here are excerpts from recent editorials in newspapers in the United States and abroad:

Israel's top prosecutors spared Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu the embarrassment of a criminal trial and the instant collapse of his government Sunday. They found insufficient evidence to sustain a police recommendation to indict him for fraud and breach of trust in a political corruption scandal.

But the prosecutors' announcement, which also cited their "tangible suspicion" that Mr. Netanyahu misbehaved, damaged him politically and left the fate of his Government and the peace process in doubt. His hasty proclamation that the affair is now behind him was unrealistic. ...

THE NEW YORK TIMES

To the question of whether Binyamin Netanyahu, Israel's embattled prime minister, can retain power, the official answer now is yes. A police investigation had recommended his indictment for appointing as attorney general someone who was going to go easy on three influential political figures facing charges of criminal misconduct. But a divided prosecutors' team decided the available evidence was insufficient. The prime minister admitted he had "erred" in making the appointment but said that the criminal allegations against him were strictly political. The prosecutors rendered an administrative decision that is subject to Supreme Court review, but the legal threat against Mr. Netanyahu is thought to be ... at an end.

Mr. Netanyahu, nontheless, has been hurt. The result almost surely will be to embolden his political adversaries and perhaps to incline him to rely a bit more on his nationalist and ultra-Orthodox constituencies...

THE WASHINGTON POST

This baseball season is all the more special because it marks the 50th anniversary of Jackie Rooseelt Robinson's breaking the color line with the Brooklyn **Dodgers**

It's hard to imagine the grand old game being deprived of spectacular talents such as Willie Mays, Roy Campanella, Bob Gibson, Hank Aaron, Rod Carew, Frank Robinson, Willie McCovey, Tony Gwynn, Ken Griffey Jr. and Frank Thomas.

But that is precisely what could have been, were it not for a visionary owner and a gifted athlete who went through a great deal of grief to prove he belonged in the big leagues. ...

> DAILY RECORD ROSWELL, N.M.

The folks in Washington just don't seem to get it They keep acting as if money were the solution. But money is not the solution, money is the problem

Newt Gingrich, the speaker of the house, got into hot water with the House Ethics Committee because of the way he exploited the power of his position to raise money, then misled the committee about what he'd

The Ethics Committee's answer was to fine the speak er \$300,000. Only on Capitol Hill would anybody think to punish improper fund-raising by sentencing the miscreant to raise funds.

Now, in yet another bizarre turn of events, Gingrich has announced that he has a moral duty to pay the fine out of his own pocket, which he'll fulfill by paying it out of Bob Dole's pocket.

Money explains everything in Washington politics today. This scheme to make Gingrich's present financial problem seem to go away does not do that at all. It merely creates a bigger financial problem down the road.

> NEWS & RECORD GREENSBORO, N.C.

Akron (Ohio) Beacon Journal, on Speaker Gingrich's

Newt Gingrich is nothing if not resourceful, at least,

politically speaking.

In January, the speaker received a stiff \$300,000 penalty from the House Ethics Committee. The committee concluded that he had misled the House about his use of tax-exempt funds to support a college course that carried an obvious partisan flavor

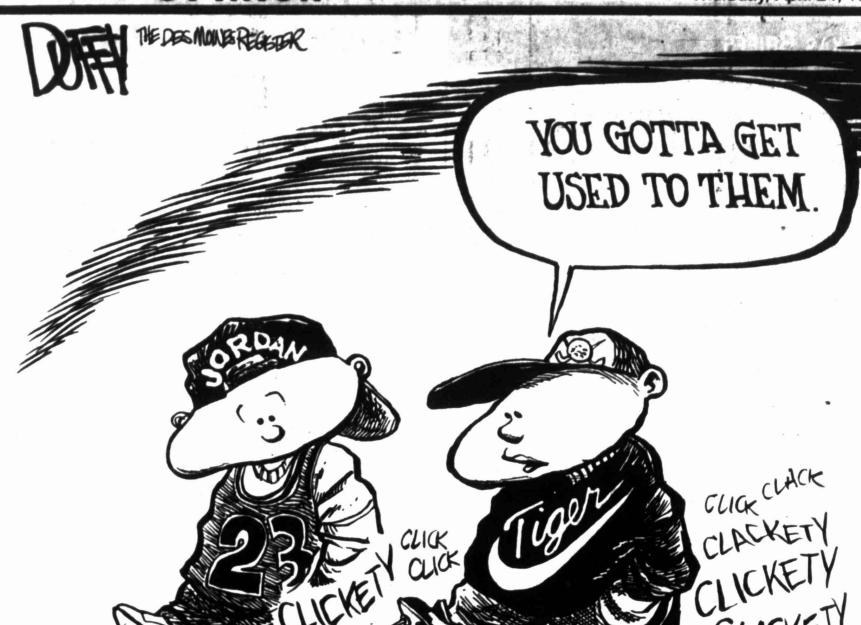
Gingrich understood that paying the penalty with campaign funds would "cause an uproer" as U.S. Rep. John Boehner (R-Ohio) put it. News reports have suggested the speaker's wife was less than thrilled about reaching into family funds.

How did Gingrich resolve the dilemma? He plans to

borrow the money from Bob Dole.

No matter how politically clever the deal may appear, it carries the stench of Washington insiders designing another arrangement that would hardly be available to the typical American.

> BEACON JOURNAL AKRON, OHIO



to be bad news for girls

The news affects more people than a plane crash or mass suicide. But as stories go, this one was a blip on the radar screen.

"U.S. Girls Reaching Puberty Early" wasn't a sexy enough headline to warrant much discussion.

A study out of Chapel Hill found that nearly half of all black girls and 15 percent of white ones are

to develop

Columnist sexually by age 8. That means many second- and third-graders are having to deal with puberty at the same time they are learning to read. They are simultaneously buying Barbies and bras, struggling with cursive

and curves. They are filling out before they can grow up. So far, nobody knows exactly

what's to blame. It might be

"environmental estrogens," caused by everything from pesticides to plastic wrap. It might be real estrogen used in some beauty products. The study simply concludes more research is needed.

Please, get on with your research. To rob a girl of that rare and wonderful pre-pubescent freedom is a horrible thing.

It's the tomboy period for most girls. Tomboy. That's what we call a little girl who had rather climb a tree than host a tea party, who on a dare will try anything, especially if it bests a boy. Before a female knows she

put on this earth to appeal to men, before she checks her reflection 1,000 times a day, before she ever hears of a Mommy Track or Glass Ceiling

dom. Yes, male-like freedom. I think of them as the Lumberjack years. My daday was in the grocery business.

 before all of that — she gets a couple of years of true free-

and a bacon company gave him a big box of T-shirts touting its

meats. On the front of the shirt was a lumberjack hefting his

This was long before T-shirts and their slogans were ubiquitous. But I loved the shirts and wore one almost every day.

I also gave one of the prized shirts to my best friend Patricia Yancey. (In pre-pubescent girlhood it's perfectly OK to dress alike.) The shirts and jeans were our uniform; there was no mistaking our gang of

We spent a lot of time negotiating the storm sewers of Montgomery, Ala., wading barefoot through the concrete maze, squeezing ourselves through the occasional corrugated pipe for the thrill of it. On weekends we rode horses, jumping from their bare backs into the creek for a swim.

Unfettered fun didn't last long even then. So soon we were faced with junior high With change. Freedom was replaced with worry, a desperate kind, and a dread of inadequacy that never quite leaves a woman.

Suddenly I worried about everything. About boys. About the bumps on my face. I worried my feet were too long, my dress too short.

My hair got oily, and my perpetually skinned knees - not long before a point of pride seemed horrendous. All of this happened overnight, too, with no warning, at age 14. I can remember as if it was yester day, sitting in my eighth-grade class, looking out the window at another class marching to the lunchroom. All of the kids in that ragtag line looked so happy, so carefree Leouldn't believe we were the same

species. The pain of puberty doesn't last forever, of course. But an extended one could really do you in, I'm afraid.

Once again high technology seems to have low-down results. Chemicals are abroad that rob girls of girlhood. And: trust me, that's a real crime. c 1997 by Rheta Grimsley Johnson

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When group politics prevails, we lose individuals

Years ago, I gave a ride to a black man who was obviously distraught and was standing on the side of a residential street.

He told me he had just gotten out of prison. He was trying to make his way home. He had stopped at a house and asked

for food. A woman had made him a sandwich. but she gave it to

him on the back steps. "She wouldn't

Charley Reese even hand it to me," the ex-con

Syndicated Columnist said. He was both angry and hurt. Tears ran down his ebony face. "She put the plate on the steps, like I was a dog. But I'm not a dog. I'm a man

He seemed to be talking more to himself than to me, but I said, "I know you are."

a man among men.

I drove him out to the highway where he could thumb a ride and never saw him again. But I've never forgotten him either. More than likely the woman who had made the

sandwich for him was more afraid of him than disdainful. He wasn't what you'd call a fashion model

But fear can cause us to hurt people, and a hurt is a hurt regardless of the motive that produced it. And it is easy to be afraid when we see people as an abstract symbol rather than as individual human beings.

It is easy to think of people

in the abstract. That's what this group politics so many people are playing these days encourages us to do. It encourages us to talk about people as a class — criminals, whites, Hispanics, blacks, elderly, rich, poor, generation-this or generation-that.

But all people are individuals. We are not group-born. We are born individually, we live individually and we die individually. And every man or woman, every boy or girl, has individual emotions and feel-

That ex-con looked like a pretty tough guy, and maybe he was, but he wasn't so tough he couldn't be wounded by a gesture. A person's dignity is a precious thing, and it should never be taken away.

To shed my usual diplomatic

language, I can't stand people who think in the abstract and play group politics. I've noticed that no matter how much they claim to be compassionate or concerned about some group, they usually have darned little contact with individuals in that group

The only way this country has a chance is the old way for people to think of themselves as individual Americans and to deal in realities, not in abstractions. Group politics will eventually Balkanize us, and the country will break up. The federal government itself

plays group politics with a vengeance. We have groups now competing with each other for the prize of most victimized. That's a really stupid argument — whose ancestors were the most badly treated. There's something sick about anybody who revels in being a victim in the abstract while in their individual flesh and blood they are living the good life. A centralized government

with unlimited powers creates that kind of situation. It rewards political clout and punishes lack of political clout. So people tend to form groups or gangs — to wrestle favors from the government and to

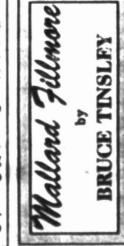
avoid being punished. So you end up with a sort of gang warfare on a national scale

The only answer is limited government, as our forefathers intended. When government has no favors to give, then there will be no need for gangs But there are probably too many people with a dependen cy mind-set, too many people who have built power bases based on group politics.

On the other hand, every sunrise is a new day and a new opportunity. Nobody has to be trapped by the past, which is gone an unchangeable Nobody has to live up to expec tations put on them by some demagogue. Nobody has to accept the status quo. Nobody has to accept the fashionable delusions of the day. All of those are decisions we make. We can choose to make different decisions.

Let us therefore concern ourselves with individuals and not with abstractions, which exist only in our heads. You can't touch an abstraction. You can, a person.

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The most awkward, difficult time for children is at age 13

QUESTION: What is the most difficult period of adolescence, and what is behind the dis-

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An adolescent's worth as a human being hangs precariously on peer group acceptance,

Thus, relatively minor evidences of rejection or ridicule are of major significance to those who already see themselves as fools and failures.

It is difficult to overestimate the impact of having no one to sit with on the school-sponsored bus trip, of not being invited to an important event, of being laughed at by the "in" group, waking up in the morning to find seven shiny new pimples on your bumpy forehead, or being slapped by the girl you thought had liked you as much as you liked her.

Some boys and girls consistently face this kind of social catastrophe throughout their teen years. They will never forget the experience.

Dr. Urie Bronfenbrenner, eminent authority on child development at Cornell vulnerable child being taught

which can be tough to garner. University, told a Senate-committee that the junior high years are probably the most critical to the development of a child's mental health. It is during this period of self-doubt that the personality is often assaulted and damaged beyond repair.

Consequently, it is not unusual for healthy, happy children to enter junior high school, but then emerge two years later as broken, discouraged teenagers.

I couldn't agree more emphatically with Bronfenbrenner's opinion at this point. Junior high school students are typically brutal to one another, attacking and slashing a weak victim much the same way a pack of northern welves kill and devour a deformed caribou. Few events stir my righteous indignation more than seeing a

to hate himself and despise his physical body, and wish he had never been born.

QUESTION: I keep hearing that it is unwise to get too carried away with the successes of your kids, but I can't help it.

Is it wrong for me to feel a sense of fatherly pride when my son succeeds in basketball? How can I not care about the quality of his performance?

DR. DOBSON: There's nothing wrong about feeling good about the successes of our children. The problem occurs when parents care too much about those triumphs and failures, when winning is necessary to maintain their parents' respect and love.

Boys and girls should know they are accepted simply because they were created. That's enough.

I'm reminded of John McKay, the former football coach from the University of Southern California and a former National Football League coach. I saw him interviewed on television at a time when his son, John Jr., was a successful football player on the

USC team. The interviewer referred to John's athletic talent and asked Coach McKay to comment on the pride he must feel over his son's accomplishments on the field. His answer was most impressive:

'Yes, I'm pleased that John had a good season last year. He does a fine job, and I am proud of him. But I would be just as proud of him if he had never played the game at all."

Coach McKay was saying, in effect, that John's football talent is recognized and appreciat-

ed, but his human worth does not depend on his athletic ability to play football. Thus, his son would not lose respect if the next season brought failure and disappointment.

John's place in his dad's heart was secure, being independent of his performance. I wish every child could say the same.

These questions and answers are excerpted from the book, Dr. Dobson Answers Your Questions. Dr. James Dobson is a psychologist, author and president of Focus on the Family, a nonprofit organization dedicated to the preservation of the home

EDITOR'S NOTE: Dr. James C. Dobson's "Focus on the Family" appears each Thursday as a cooperative effort of Scenic Mountain Medical Center and the Big Spring Herald. Letters to Dr. Dobson may be sent to P.O. Box 444; Colorado Springs, Colo.; 80903.

SCHOOL NEWS

Editor's Note: The following article was written by students in Big Spring or submitted by area schools. Each week, a different group of schools will contribute to the "School News" column to report on various activities at their campuses. The column appears each Thursday.

Bauer Magnet Elementary School

On Friday, March 7, in the Bauer cafeteria, the States Fair was held. All fifth graders displayed their colorful and creative tri-folds. The fair was the culminating event of five weeks of constant research.

Fifth graders at Bauer wrote to their states for valuable information. Almost everyone got something back in response. They also went to travel agencies, libraries, and even the police station to get information about their particular state. All students also used the encyclopedias to get more information on climates, wildlife and more.

There were seven winners for the tri-folds. Courtney Koch from Mrs. Chancy's class received first place with the state of Arizona. Brett Griffin with Hawaii received second and Jessica Ray, whose state was Colorado, received third. Both are in Mrs. Graves' class. In fourth place was Heather Hernandez from Mrs. Evans' class. Misty McCullough, Riquee Ison, Timothy Sanchez, and Rocky Torres all had hon-

orable mentions. Some students enjoyed making and bringing food to hand out during the fair. Brett Griffin brought fruity pineapples. Rebecca Williams brought fudgy and mouth-watering Mississippi Mud Cake. Golden corn bread was brought by Jessica Ray. Also, Ashley Rangel brought juicy and deli-

cious peaches. Mrs. Clark, the principal at Bauer, said she was most interested in California and Washington and liked the Mississippi Mud Cake the best. Corey Green, a fourth grader in Mrs. Long's class, said it was fun, and he liked all of the food. Justin McCullough in Mrs. Wallace's third grade class liked Colorado the best. Gabby Perez and Allison Ward both can't wait until they're in fifth grade so they can do the States Fair and make tri-folds. Aaron Hajovsky liked Arizona the

Every fifth grader participated and all tri-folds were colorful. Mrs. Graves, a fifth grade teacher, said, 'It was a huge success, and students became very knowledgeable about their states." Mrs. Jeffcoat enjoyed reading the brochures and was very impressed with all the hard work the fifth graders put into this exciting project.

The wide-eyed relatives enjoyed attending this exciting event and learned things from their own children as well as from other students who participated. The teachers, parents, and participants hope the States Fair will be an annual event for many years to come at Bauer.

Written by Courtney Koch and Jessica Ray.

Sands Elementary and Sands Junior High

Here are Sands Elementary and Junior High results from the UIL Spring Meet in Ira, April 13-17, Sands placed first in elementary competition:

Kindergarten Oral reading — 1. Brittni Blagrave; 2. Bliss Long; 3. Ethan Zant.

First grade Oral reading — 1. Kayla Gomez; 5. Lydia Telchroeb.

Second grade Oral reading — 3. Kenneth Peacock: 4. Garrett Nichols.

Storytelling - 3. Erik Gutierrez. Creative writing — 1. Garrett

Nichols; 2. Carol Martinez.

Third grade Oral reading — 3. Dan Campbell. Storytelling - 1. Trent

Rogers; 4. Dan Campbell; 5. Dee Frvar. Spelling — 3. Helen Loewen;

5. Dan Campbell Ready writing - 1. Helen Nichols. Loewen; 5. Dan Campbell.

Fourth grade Oral reading — 5. Marcelo Barraza.

Art memory — 3. Marlena Gomez, Shaunessy Peacock, Travis Roberts. Spelling — 2. John Loewen; 3.

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Fifth grade

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Kennemer; 6. Steven Barraza. Music memory — 3. Chelsy Ybarra, Ben Campbell, Audra Kennemer, Devin McNew, Jose

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Listening skills - 1. Ben Campbell; 2. Chelsy Ybarra; 5. Audra Kennemer. Dictionary skills -4. Chelsey

Maps, graphs and charts -1. Kevin Wiley; 6. Ben Campbell

Art memory — 3. Brandon Woods, Devin McNew, Ben Campbell, Krista Blagrave. Ready writing - 1. Aurdra Kennemur.

Sixth grade

Oral reading - 1. Tinsey Grigg; 2. Ashley Newell; 3. Hollie Gibbs.

Ready writing — 2. Hollie Gibbs; 3. Amanda Watkins; 4. Tinsey Grigg.

Music memory — 2. Hollie Gibbs, Amanda Watkins, Tinsey Grigg, Stephanie Reddin, Roxanne Castro. Maps, graphs and charts -1.

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Number sense — I. Amanda Watkins; 4. Roxanne Castro. Spelling — 1. Amanda Watkins; 4. Hollie Gibbs; 6. Stephanie Reddin.

Mathematics — 4. Tinsey

Seventh grade

Oral reading -1. J.D. Grigg; 3. Aubrey Foster; 5. Brandi Woods.

Impromptu speaking — 4. Stacey Bodine; 6. Aubrey

Ready writing - 6. Brandi Woods. Listening skills — 2. Steven

Nichols; 6. Aubrey Foster. Calculator app. — 6. Steven Nichols.

Maps, graphs and charts -1. Chance Nichols. Mathematics - 1. Chance

Life science — 1. Jacob Campbell; 3. Brandi Woods.

Eighth grade Oral reading — 3. Leanne Miller; 6. Shelli Blagrave. Impromptu speaking -3.

Leanne Miller Ready writing — 6. Leanne Miller.

Dictionary skills — 6. Jessica Ybarra. Listening skills — 5. Leanne

Miller. Maps, charts and graphs -5.

Leanne Miller. Spelling — 5. Leanne Miller; 6. Jessica Ybarra. Mathematics — 5. Shelli

Blagrave. Earth science — 6. Leanne Miller.

THIS IS FUN



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Cole Carruthers spins in the tire swing at Kids' Zone Playground where his father is trying to "tire" him out before taking him home. The playground is located at Comanche Trail Park and has been open almost one year, with many children enjoying the spring weather and facilities at the

Last survivor remembers hunt for Bonnie and Clyde

PASADENA — The five men sat by the Louisiana logging road waiting for the arrival of the outlaws. It was a cool May morning in 1934. The men had assumed their ambush positions at around 3 p.m. the previous afternoon.

The night spent by the roadside was a small inconvenience for the chance to end their mission. Some of the men had hunted their quarry for more than three months across half a dozen states. Yet somehow, America's most famous couple had eluded them, leaving a trail of bank robberies and corpses in their wake.

At 9:30 a.m. on May 23, a lookout announced the stolen grey '34 Ford Deluxe was coming up the hill to its unsuspecting rendezvous.

Of all those present that fateful morning when the outlaws Bonnie Parker and Clyde Barrow met their deaths, only one is still alive today to tell He is 83-year-old Edd Miller,

one of Pasadena's sturdiest and most illustrious civil servants. On the day when his life and Bonnie and Clyde's intersected, he was a 22-year-old Special Texas Ranger

"Everybody in the country was looking for them," he said. "They were cold-blooded peo-

The flamboyant couple had killed 15 people and robbed more than a dozen banks in eight states. Even today, more than 60

years later, their deeds continue to fascinate and intrigue. How else to explain last week's auction in San Francisco, that netted \$187,809 from the sale of a few of Clyde Barrow's effects? Miller got a crash course in the misdeeds of the legendary couple in 1934, when he was recruited to join the hunt by the equally legendary Texas Ranger Frank Hamer.

Hamer had been called out of retirement after Bonnie and Clyde broke into Eastman Prison near Trinity in January of that year. They had shot and killed two guards and freed Barrow's cousin Raymond Hamilton from the death sentence he awaited in his cell.

After the escape, Lee Simmons, then-manager of the Texas prison system, spearheaded the effort to raise money to capture the couple, dead or alive.

Earlier, Hamer had quit the Rangers rather than serve under the first female governor of Texas, Miriam "Ma" Ferguson. But the challenge of capturing Bonnie and Clyde proved irresistible and he agreed to head the team.

"He was the best Ranger they

had," said Miller. A big man with a penchant for poker and whiskey, Hamer had killed 50 outlaws in his career, according to Miller.

But despite his reputation, he couldn't hunt Bonnie and Clyde alone - he needed a chauffeur. The man he picked was Miller. "He told me when he swore

me in that I would never be in the record," said Miller. "He didn't want anyone to know he couldn't drive at night." By that time, Miller had

already ridden the rails, for 3ht fires in Arizona and helped keep the peace in the roughand-ready oil fields of Kilgore and Arp. His cousin Lee Miller, Ranger Captain from San Antonio, recommended him for the job with Hamer. The young Ranger slept in

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TIPS 'N' TRIVIA

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Taking these steps can have a positive impact on your health and reduce your cancer risk. For more information about the Cancer Research Foundation of America, call 1-800-227-CFRA or visit their web site at: http://www.preventcancer.org.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Football association meetings PBOA football association is having meetings and training now. Anyone interested in officiating

local area football games at junior high and high

school level please call Jim Mattson at 263-5056. Community book sale

There is a community book sale Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the old Howard County Library, 312 Scurry. This event is sponsored by the Big Spring Rotary Club and Friends of the Library of

Howard County. Motorcycle swap meet May 3

A motorcycle swap meet sponsored by the Cossacks Motorcycle Club is scheduled for May 3 at the Howard County Fairbarns. The event begins at 9:30 a.m. and continues through 10 p.m. Vendor setup begins at 7:30 a.m.

THE LAST WORD

They say love's like the measles all the worse when it comes late in life.

Douglas Jerrold

There is an unseemly exposure of the mind, as well as of the

The feeling of friendship is like

William Hazlitt

that of being comfortably filled with roast beef; love, like being enlivened with champagne. Samuel Johnson

A good marriage is that in which each appoints the other guardian

of his solitude

Rainer Maria Rilke

BONNIE

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the car at night to guard the guns while Hamer wandered the clubs and beer joints looking for leads. Miller was paid \$5 a day plus \$5 for expenses, a princely sum at the time.

The pair cruised Oklahoma, Missouri, Kansas, Alabama and Texas in search of the outlaws. "The Texas Rangers went

anywhere they wanted to go in those days," said Miller.

Finally, a tip relayed to a sheriff in Dallas brought the pair, along with another Ranger and two deputies, to Gibsland in Bienville Parish,

That May morning, all five of the men waited patiently until they saw the Ford coming down the hill — then poured round after round of rifle fire into the car. Miller estimates they put about 50 bullets into

"Them days you didn't get adventure than most men see scared, you had too many rifles," he said.

They found eight bullets in the body of 22-year-old Bonnie Parker and 25 to 30 in Clyde Barrow, who was 26. In the back of the Ford, the men discovered a tin box with over \$10,000 in stolen money.

'Last time I saw it, the you," he said.

Rangers were counting it up," said Miller, with a smile.

The young Ranger rode in the wrecker that towed the car and bodies to nearby Arcadia for the inquest. The town of 2,000 swelled to triple its size from curious onlookers, the newspapers of the day reported.

Jesse Warren of Topeka, Kan. came to claim her stolen Ford. She later sold it to a carnival. according to Miller.

The car traded hands until it ended up with its current owner, Raymond Paglia of the Nevada-based casino Whiskey Pete's.

Paglia kept a high profile at the April auction, paying \$85,000 for a bullet-riddled shirt worn by Clyde Barrow the day he died.

Shortly after the ambush, the young Ranger was laid off in Depression-era cutbacks. At 22, he had already had more

in a lifetime. Miller later served stints as

Pasadena's police chief and as a judge. Yet he will never forget the major excitement in the days of Bonnie and Clyde, he

"Today it's petty excitement but it's just as bad if it kills

Day care program providing English lessons for children, parents

DALLAS — Every morning as soon as he wakes up, Cesar Cortez asks his mommy the same question: "Are we going to school today?"

The 4-year-old boy loves going to school, he loves learning the alphabet, and he loves knowing that his mom is right upstairs, learning, just like he is.

Cesar and his mother, Luceli Carpio, go to class at the Ross Avenue Center in Old East Dallas where parents learn English while their children. 6 weeks to 5 years of age, are cared for and also taught the language.

"We've only been coming for three months, and we've both learned so much already. He learns a lot faster than me," said Ms. Carpio.

The Basic English Program was started in 1992 by PTA members at James Fannin Elementary School on Ross Avenue to help mothers become more involved in their children's schooling.

The free program is now administrated by Dallas Services for Children. Dallas Independent School District board member Kathleen Leos, who works for the agency, expanded the program by pulling together PTAs, church-

es, schools, agencies and private corporations.

More than 150 parents, mostly mothers, and about 50 children are enrolled in the program, which holds class on Mondays and Wednesdays from noon to 3 p.m. Ms. Leos said she would like to expand the program to two more sites beginning next school year because of the high demand.

"It's an ongoing process," she said. "It's like taking a program that you know works and shouting it from treetops. always looking for funding sources. We just beg and borrow from everywhere." She said the program needs corporations to sponsor sites in their communities.

Ms. Leos said she has seen the program's benefits. She's seen women go on to get jobs, she's seen an increase in the PTA memberships at Fannin and James Bonham elementary schools, and she's seen the number of volunteer hours increase in those schools.

And the self-esteem and confidence of the women in the program are quickly boosted once they start attending class regularly, she said.

"What I've seen is women

intimidated and after a month or two, they come in dressed up with makeup on, and they feel comfortable with the language," she said. "They start communicating in English.

"At first, I used to be the one slipping over to Spanish when we talked and I thought, 'Wait a minute, that's not helping them practice.' Now they're forced to speak English.'

Leticia Hernandez gets embarrassed when asked how long she's been in the country because her English isn't very good. But it's gotten much better since she found the program five months ago, she said. Before, it was impossible to find a class where she could bring her sons along. When she learned of the Basic English Program, the 38-year-old woman and her youngest boy, 4-year-old Eddie, walked right over from their home, two blocks away.

"Everywhere I go people are speaking English, and it used to make me feel badly, that I wasn't good enough because I didn't understand what they were saying," she said. "Now I can understand a little and it makes me feel better. And now I will be able to understand who come in feeling very what my sons bring home from

Classes available for parents include preliteracy (for people who can barely read or write in any language), beginning, intermediate and advanced.

The students also have access to computers with Englishlessons software, donated by a Houston company. And the children are in the hands of bilingual instructors who teach them the basics and help prepare them for pre-kindergarten.

During a recent Wednesday class, the 4- and 5-year-olds in Josie Rodriguez's class brushed up on the alphabet and their counting, sang songs and played games. Their teacher spoke to them in both languages, switching back and forth to make sure they understood what she was saying.

Cesar, a quiet little boy who knew no English just three months ago, was already singing in his new language.

He smiled a shy smile when asked if he liked school. Then he pointed up at the ceiling.

"Mi mami esta en otro clase," he said. My mommy is in another class, still more comfortable in his native tongue.

Then he turned away, eager for Ms. Rodriguez to teach him

READ ALL ABOUT IT

Test your reading comprehension by reading the story then answering the questions that follow.

LIVERMORE, Calif. (AP) -How many firefighters does it take to change a light bulb?

At Livermore's Fire Station 1, the question is moot.

For nearly a century, firefighters there have been keepers of what is believed to be the longest-burning bulb on the planet. Donated to the department by a local businessman, it has been shining since 1901.

The naked bulb, which hangs from the ceiling, is celebrated in Ripley's Believe-It-or-Not and has attracted tourists from as far away as Japan and Australia to this city just east of Oakland.

Through earthquakes, fires and riots, the bulb has burned faintly with only short interruptions for the occasional power outage and a 23-minute respite in 1976 when the station moved locations. The bulb was brought along to the new build-

ing.
"We gave it (an emergency) code 3," firefighter Jim McCraw remembers. "We had all the trucks out with sirens and lights flashing.'

Now, it has become such an institution that the firefighters worry about the day it burns

"I'd hate to be on duty if that ever happens," McCraw said.

"We'd all be brought in and interrogated.'

Using the newspaper story, find the vocabulary words listed below, and circle them in the article. Use the context of the story to help you figure out the meaning of each vocabulary word. Then, write the number of each word next to its correct meaning. Use a dictionary to

1) moot. 2) respite. 3) century. 4) faintly. 5) sirens. 6) interrogated. 7) donated. 8) celebrated. 9) riots. 10) naked.

- --- a) open for discussion or
- ---b) made famous.
- ---d) dimly.
- ---e) violent disturbances made by large numbers of peo-
 - ---f) plain; uncovered.
- ···i) period of 100 years.
- ...j) devices that make loud, wailing sounds.

Answer Key: a)1. b)8. c)2. d)4. e)9. f)10. g)6. h)7. i)3. j)5.

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- debate.
- ---c) pause; period of rest.
- ---g) questioned closely. ---h) given as a gift.

BRIGHT IDEA How many hours is a light bulb supposed to shine? The next time you are in a supermarket, read the information on the packages of 60, 75 and 100 watt bulbs. How long is each type of bulb supposed to last? Do all the brands of bulbs

LIFE! IN BRIEF

Howard County: • The Howard County Feed & Supply, along with Purina, is hosting a seminar Thursday from 7 to 9 p.m. in the Days Inn. Speakers will be Dr. Joe Neff, DVM, Dr. Bobb Cobb,

horse specialist for Purina.

at the old Howard County Library, 312 Scurry. · A Kid's Rodeo Saturday,

June 21, on the courthouse parade. Registration for all events are taken between 11

The winners for the clown contest will be the clowns for the bull riding event. All events will be divided into three age



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Grady, G-City doubles teams advance to semis

HERALD Staff Report

ABILENE - Grady met Garden City the last time a regional tournament was held at McMurry University. It might happen again this time,

Two months after Garden City defeated Grady at the Region II-1A girls' basketball tournament, doubles teams from both schools are heading for a possible showdown at this year's regional tennis tourna-

Grady's Allison Cooper and Tarah Schuelke and Garden City's Krystal Bell and Kim Harp survived their opening

REGIONAL ROUNDUP

the semifinals of the regional tournament today.

Cooper and Schuelke opened play at the tournament by taking an easy 6-0, 6-1 victory over Lela Gooden and Leslie Calwell of Moran. They followed that with a 6-1, 6-1 win over Melissa Smetana and Brandee Havlak of Miles to advance to today's

They face the top seeded team of Marcy Mauldin and April Harp face Brianna Homer and Ami Beal of Santa Anna in the other semifinal.

The Garden City duo opened play by defeating Kipi Copeland and Stacy Stewart of Strawn, winning both sets at love, then took a 6-4, 6-1 win over Amy Fowler and Darby Stovall of Menard to earn a semifinal

Homer and Beal earned their semifinal spot by ousting another Grady duo, Caroline Madison and Rebecca Robles, by a 6-1, 6-4 score in the second

In boys' doubles, the Grady duo of Jim Bob Haggerton and Gregory Gibson also advanced

opened play Wednesday by taking a 7-6, 6-4 win over Dusty Henderson and Alex Alejandro of Byers. Haggerton and Gibson then ousted Jaime Estrada and Dan Seaney of Valentine by a 6-3, 6-3 score to make the semifi-

nals. They face James Williamson and Kelly Jennings of Menard for the right to advance to the championship match.

Their teammate, Jonathan Robles, was not so fortunate in boys' singles, dropping a 6-0, 6-0 decision to Cross Plain's Jarad Richards in the first round.

In girls' singles, Cheyenne Romine of Grady and Amy Hoch of Garden City each won running into trouble in the quarterfinals.

Romine took a 6-0, 6-2 win over Jessica Athley of Byers before losing, 3-6, 6-3, 6-2 to Kim Stansberry of Eden.. Hoch downed Era's Chelsea Lockhead 6-3, 6-2 before losing to Fenisse Pearson of Dell City.

Also in girls' singles, Hollie Zant of Sands was eliminated in the first round by Amanda Beckman of Irion County.

The top two finishers in each division qualify for the state tennis tournament, scheduled for May 9-10 in Austin.

Region I-2A tennis

ABILENE — The third time Please see REGION, page 2B

one semifinal, while Bell and to today's semifinals. They their first-round matches before was definitely not the charm for Cassie Tindol Wednesday.

Coahoma's Tindol advanced through two rounds of the Region I-2A tennis tournament at Abilene Christian University before hitting a roadblock in the form of top-seeded Kristen Beedy of Spearman. Beedy eliminated Tindol 6-0, 6-0 to advance to today's finals.

Tindol had wins over of 6-4, 6-4 over Trisha Moore of Idalou and 6-3, 7-6 over Amber DeVoss of Wellington in the first two rounds.

Forsan's contingent at the

tournament was eliminated in

the first round.

round matches to advance to Mohler from Irion County in

Sir Charles and fellow Rockets set to square off with T-wolves

Minnesota's Tom Gugliotta about Houston's Charles Barkley and he tilts his head back, grimaces and sighs, "Ohhhhh boy."

Gugliotta figures he'll see a lot of The Chuckster beginning tonight as the Rockets host the Timberwolves in the opening game of their best-of-5 NBA playoff series.

"Right now he's not really looking to score as much, which worries me even more because he's concentrating on rebounding," Gugliotta said Wednesday as the Wolves wrapped up their last full-scale practice before their first-ever playoff appearance.

"When he doesn't have the ball, that's when my work begins. I'm going to have to keep him off the glass."

whe easier said than Olajuwon and Clyde Drexler should do.

HOUSTON (AP) — Ask capable of carrying the scoring load, Barkley was acquired by the Rockets during the offseason primarily for his rebounding ability.

> Injuries forced him to miss more than two dozen games, but he still averaged 13.5 rebounds during the regular season, the second-best average in his career and his best in 10 years. And he chipped in with a not-so-shoddy 19.2 points per

"I'm going to have to hold my own," Gugliotta, who led the Wolves with 8.7 boards per game, said. "I can't let him get to the boards. I know that's going to be his main objective. For me, that's the biggest thing.'

For Minnesota, the biggest thing may have been just getting to the playoffs, although be easier said than they insist they won't be intimeven though the Rockets won idated, something that Barkley all four regular season meet wall-Stars Hakeem has suggested the Rockets and Clyde Drexler should do.

"We want to jump on them quick," Barkley says. "If you let young guys get their confidence, bad things can happen."

"If we strike quickly and fall off thinking it's going to be easy then it won't be easy," coach Houston Rudy Tomjanovich says. "We've started good before and then struggled. It can change your psychology and it could hurt

"You can't go in in awe of them for what they've accomplished," Gugliotta says. 'They're a great team. And we're going to have to play our best basketball to give us an opportunity to win.' And that's what the playoffs are all about an opportunity.

Minnesota coach Flip Saunders agrees, says his club won't be anxious and notes that

IT'S A GAPPER



Jason Philips hits an ABI double during recent softball play at Cotton Mize Field at Comanche

Hits, not homers, keep coming for Thomas

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Even when he is not hitting home runs — like this season, for example - Frank Thomas frequently finds a way to help the Chicago White Sox win.

Thomas, averaging 40 homers the past four seasons, failed to connect Wednesday night, leaving him with zero home runs in 74 at-bats this year. But he got four hits and drew a key walk as Chicago beat Baltimore 11-9 in 10 innings.

The Orioles overcame a seven-run deficit, tying it at 9 on Eric Davis' grand slam in the seventh inning. Davis finished with six RBIs, though that wasn't quite enough to give Baltimore an 8-0 start at home for the first time ever.

Instead, Lyle Mouton hit a sacrifice fly in the 10th inning and Dave Martinez delivered an RBI single that gave the White Sox just their third win in 11

"It's a very good win. We finally got some runs and some key hits. That's a plus," said Martinez, who also homered. "Frank got four hits. That's another plus.'

In other AL games, Oakland beat Minnesota 6-1, Kansas City held off Seattle 12-10. Anaheim topped Toronto 5-4 in 10 innings, Cleveland beat Boston 11-7, Texas downed Detroit 2-1 and New York beat Milwaukee

With the White Sox slumping, Mouton admitted that it looked like it might become another lost night after Baltimore ral-

"You start to think, 'Here we go again.' We've found many ways to lose ballgames this year," he said.

Tony Phillips started the 10th

Benitez (0-2). After Thomas Texas ninth. walked and Albert Belle grounded out, Harold Baines was walked intentionally to load the bases.

Mouton, who homered earlier, put the White Sox ahead, and Martinez gave them insur-

"This is the kind of win that can maybe change the script for this team," Mouton said. "Maybe this can jump start the offense and the team as a whole.

Rangers 2, Tigers 1

Pinch-hitter Mike Simms singled home the winning run with two outs in the ninth inning at Texas.

Detroit tied it with a run in the ninth off John Wetteland. Tony Clark's RBI single with two outs gave the World Series MVP his first blown save in

five chances with the Rangers. Ivan Rodriguez, who homered in the fourth inning, singled off with a single off Armando Doug Brocail (0-2) to start the

Rusty Greer sacrificed, and one out later, Simms singled against Dan Miceli. Athletics 6, Twins 1

Mark McGwire homered for the fourth straight game, one short of the Oakland record held by Dave Kingman, and Scott Spiezio hit his first career

grand slam. Chuck Knoblauch gave Minnesota a nice start, homering on the second pitch of the

game at the Coliseum But that was all the Twins managed against Ariel Prieto (2-0) and Aaron Small.

McGwire, who had three hits, hit his eighth homer in the first inning.

He walked in the fourth, helping set up Spiezio's slam.

Howard's homer capped a sixrun fifth inning that won it for Kansas City at the Kingdome.

Royals 12, Mariners 10 Ken Griffey Jr. hit his 10th home run for Seattle, but David

Brown gets the Coors Field comedown in loss to Rockies

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS **Kevin Brown arrived at Coors**

Field with a National Leagueleading 0.96 ERA. It doubled by the time he left. 'It is hard to be mediocre

here and get by with it," Brown said Wednesday after the Colorado Rockies beat the Florida Marlins 7-3. Brown (2-1) gave up five runs

on 10 hits in 5 1-3 innings, his shortest outing since last May 28. His ERA rose to 2.16. "I threw a lot of bad pitches,"

Brown said. "It wasn't all the ballpark. It wouldn't have mattered where I was pitching. It was one of those days where it happened here against this team. It only made it worse."

Walt Weiss had two hits for the Rockies, including a tworun triple that broke a sixthinning tie. Eric Young added four hits, and the bottom four hitters in Colorado's lineup combined to go 8-for-11 against

'It's kind of like survival against him," Weiss said. "His stuff is so good, you try to wear him down. I think that's what

we did."

Rockies starter Jamey Wright (3-1) had two hits and two RBIs, and gave up three runs and 10 hits in six innings. Bruce Ruffin got four outs for his third save.

'Two or three years ago, coming off a bad outing, I'd have been out there thinking about it," Wright said. "Today, I was so much more relaxed. I didn't get caught up in the adrenalin of pitching against the Marlins and Kevin Brown."

In other NL games, Los Angeles downed St. Louis 2-1, Houston defeated San Diego 11-7. San Francisco beat Atlanta 4-3. Montreal edged Chicago 4-3. New York stopped Cincinnati 3and Pittsburgh beat

Philadelphia 3-2. Ahead 2-1 in the fifth, Brown gave up an RBI single to Wright. Weiss tripled off the right-field wall for two runs in the sixth, and Wright followed with a line single over a drawn-

'I've got such a horrible

swing and he's got such a good sinker, I think opposites attract there," Wright said. "I'm sure I'll go oh for my next 60.' Dodgers 2, Cardinals 1

Raul Mondesi singled home the go-ahead run in the eighth inning at Dodger Stadium.

Los Angeles loaded the bases on a one-out double by Greg Gagne and walks to Mike Piazza and Eric Karros, and Mondesi grounded a single to left field off Mark Petkovsek (2-

St. Louis managed just three hits, including a homer and single by Ray Lankford. Todd Worrell, who blew a save chance Tuesday night against the Cardinals, retired Ron Gant on a long fly with a runner on second to end the game.

Astros 11, Padres 7 Jeff Bagwell hit a three-run homer and Houston completed a two-game sweep at San Diego. Bagwell finished with three hits and four RBIs. His fifth homer broke a 6-6 tie in the

sixth inning Greg Vaughn, stuck in a 3-for-47 slump, had three hits for the Padres. He got a standing ovation after he singled in the fifth inning, and he later singled and homered. Giants 4, Braves 3

Barry Bonds' slicing popup turned into a three-run insidethe-park homer, and Bill Mueller singled in the winning run in the ninth at San

Francisco. Ryan Klesko hit a two-run homer as the Braves scored three in the seventh to tie the game, but the Giants won for the 10th time in 11 games by scoring off Alan Embree (1-1) in the ninth.

Doug Henry (2-0) pitched the ninth as San Francisco improved to 7-1 in one-run games this season. Expos 4, Cubs 3

Henry Rodriguez went 3-for-4 and doubled off Terry Mulholland (0-3) to break a fifth-inning tie as Montreal rallied from a 3-0 deficit and won its fourth straight.

Chicago fell to 2-16 and has lost two straight following consecutive wins against the Mets. Jim Bullinger (1-3), signed as a free agent in the offseason

after being cast off by the Cubs, said. The third goal came on a allowed three runs and five hits in six innings.

Lemieux extends his farewell; Gretzky shoots down Panthers

hundred miles away, Mario Lemieux was saying a tearful farewell. Fifteen feet away, there was a small space between John Vanbiesbrouck's pad and the goalpost.

And as his only comparable contemporary was playing perhaps his last game on home ice, Wayne Gretzky found that space and showed just how far he is from the end of his career.

With a signature move to shake his defensive shadow, Gretzky fired Vanbiesbrouck to record his ninth playoff hat trick - the most in NHL history give the New York Rangers a 3-2 victory over the Florida Panthers on Wednesday night.

"Some nights you're a little bit lucky, and tonight was one of those nights," he said. 'Things like that happen. I guess they used to happen more often like that when I was younger.

The win gives the Rangers a 3-1 lead over the defending Eastern Conference champions in the best-of-7 first-round series. The series returns to Miami for Game 5 on I'riday night.

Meanwhile, Lemieux sparked the Pittsburgh Penguins to a 4-1 victory over Philadelphia, fending off a first-round sweep.

In the only other playoff game Wednesday night, Ottawa beat Buffalo 1-0 in overtime to tie their firstround series 2-2. Gretzky scored three times

in a span of 6:23 in the second period for his 58th career hat trick, but first with New York. It was his first three-goal game in the postseason in four

"What else can you say Wayne Gretzky? about Seventeen years of this. That's why he's the greatest player that ever played the game." Florida coach Doug MacLean

typical Gretzky move at 9:30 of the second period. As the Rangers rushed up ice, he took Niklas Sundstrom's pass, cut sharply away from Florida defender Ed Jovanovski, then slapped the puck past a screened Vanbiesbrouck.

"The first time, he didn't have the right angle to shoot, Vanbiesbrouck said. "He circled back and found the right angle. I didn't see much of it.' Despite leading the team with 97 points, doubts persist-

ed that the 36-year-old center

was nearing the end of his storied career. 'He has a quest to make sure his detractors are never right. Tonight vas just one of those oodles and oodles of challenges he's faced," coach Colin

Campbell said. Rob Niedermayer opened the scoring for Florida, beating Mike Richter on a slap shot at 13:23 of the first period. Gretzky tied it at 3:07 of the second on a pass from Brian Leetch, and made it 2-1 at 6:46 on a feed from Luc Robitaille.

"No question about it, he was turned on tonight," said Mark Messier, Gretzky's longtime friend and teammate on the Edmonton Oilers. "He has an uncanny ability to be around the puck every shift when he gets like that. He said before the game he felt fresh."

David Nemirovsky also scored for Florida.

Penguins 4, Flyers 1 Buoyed by two short-handed goals by the Penguins in Pittsburgh, the Mario Lemieux retirement party was put on hold. Lemieux left the ice in tears after what possibly was his last home game, and many

fans were crying, too. Lemieux made the finish more dramatic by scoring on a

Penguins fans showered the ice with caps.

SAN ANTONIO (AP) Coach Gregg Popovich figures his first season at the helm of the San Antonio Spurs is ancient history and his second season is well under way.

"I'm thrilled to move forward," Popovich said Wednesday after signing a new multi-year contract that has him returning as general manager and coach despite compiling the worst record in franchise history

Spurs president Jack Diller said the decision to keep Popovich as coach was an easy

"Gregg did a great job with the team this season. Even though our record was one we would like to forget, the way the team played under Pop was a style which was impressive." Diller said.

Popovich fired Bob Hill on Dec. 10 and appointed himself coach

Then he oversaw a season filled with player injuries and one that ended with a 20-62 record The Spurs were 17-47 under Popovich

With the third worst record in the NBA, San Antonio has a good chance of drawing the No. 1 draft pick in the NBA lottery

We all suffered through a tough season." Popovich said. But that's gone. It's over."

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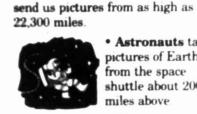




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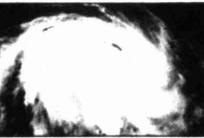
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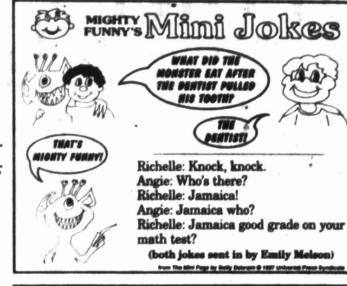
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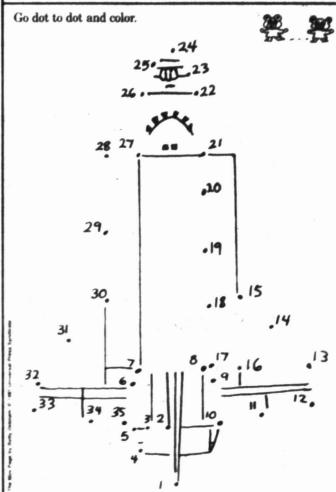
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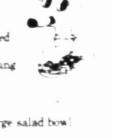
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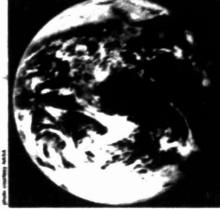


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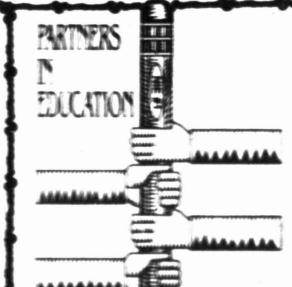
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You are unusually verbal and direct this year. Others clearly receive the messages you send. You might decide to structure your financial partnerships and agreements differently. Use your instincts and inner knowledge as a resource. You will need to be flexible with bosses. Some of you might opt for your own business in 1997. If you are single, you certainly are desirable, and others let you know. You might be overly cautious about allowing new people into your life. If attached, the two of you could make an important decision that would affect your finances. SAGITTARIUS helps you understand different ideas.

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) Because of your ability to gain perspective, you see this week's events in a new light. Discuss financial commitments with a partner. Lady Luck smiles on you. Stay anchored as you choose your path. Make time for a special person. Tonight: Go away for the week-

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) You are more expressive than usual. Others respond to your dynamic thinking. Not everything is as you see it, though. Ask questions, especially if a boss gets flaky with you. Your instincts are right about a partnership. Tonight: Stoke the fires of romance.****

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Brainstorming brings dynamite ideas. Don't hold everything in; share what's on your mind. Others respect your opinions. Accept an invitation; it opens a door to news and travel. Take risks. You are sure about your desires. Tonight: Run out of the office, ASAP, to begin TGIF!****

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Buckle down to responsibility. Fill in where a boss doesn't want to. Focus on long-term goals, though you want to toss your hat in the ring now. Do nothing radical; stay on a preplanned course. Your flexibility is your strong suit. Tonight: Run errands on the way

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

Your loving side emerges in response to someone's scattered reaction. A loved one feels insecure. It may take work to see his point of view, but it is still necessary. Maintain a sense of humor, but don't forget work! Tonight: It could be a great

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Take the lead with a domestic matter. Once you present your idea clearly, another cannot

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) Reach out for others, and be clear about your expectations. An associate is aloof and changeable; be level with him. An intimate discussion helps him thaw. Let loose your creativity and imagination. Tonight: Go to a favorite

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) Take another look at expenses. What you thought was a

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan.

Maintain some decorum with a potentially difficult loved one. You want to say a lot of things, but holding your tongue is more positive in the long run. A child reveals a lot when you play with him. Creativity is high. You will solve an issue soon. Tonight: Take a night

Your perceptions are important to a friend. Someone may baffle you by the way he seeks your opinion. Solid discussion with a family member is needed; you'll feel closer as a result. You seem to have a magic touch. Tonight: Aim for what you want.****

making than a decision maker.

Former Supreme Court Justice William Brennan Jr. (1906), director Paul Mazursky (1930), actor Al Pacino (1940)

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Message of son's drug use prompts parents to attack
DEAR ABBY: The letter from DEAR SADDER AND WI

"Someone in Georgia," the mother of a child who had died



Perhaps this is the reason why:

ty have often discussed the

necessity for openness and

sharing information about each

other's kids. Sadly, this com-

My son (I'll call him "Mike")

experimentation, which he had

both heard about and wit-

nessed. Mike wasn't the first to

reveal it to school staff. But he

was the only one who agreed to

tell John's parents about it

while in a protected school set-

ting, in the presence of profes-

sional counseling staff. Mike

was sure that John's parents

would believe him and appreci-

ate his honesty if they heard it

straight from him. My husband

The response was devastat-

ing. John's parents called Mike

a "traitor," a "narc," and many

names that are unprintable.

John has predictably denied

everything. His parents cried

"conspiracy, competition, vin-

dictiveness," and continue to

claim that Mike had ulterior

motives. They blamed the

accuser and became aggressors

instead of listeners, criticizing

and questioning the motives of

my entire family. Is making

Mike the enemy and a scape-

goat a twisted way to deflect

attention away from their own

I now regret that I didn't tell

Mike, "You don't tell on

friends." But the knowledge

had burdened him for months.

I assumed that personal integri-

ty, mutual respect and honest

evaluation would prevail. But

John's parents have remained

in vehement denial, fueled by

their child's accomplished

The school principal tells me

that it can take from 20 to 30

incidents — even up to 60 — for

some parents to look objective-

ly at a child's drug problem,

and that the substance abuse is

most likely still continuing or

This has been awful. Our

household is still reeling. We

thought of John's parents as

friends, fair people. Mike still

feels threatened, and even I feel

Now I ask myself, if the situa-

tion had been reversed, would

my husband and I have been

any more objective? Parents

want to believe their children;

we need to believe them.

Nobody wants to face the dark-

er possibilities. No parent

wants to think that perhaps

their parenting skills or their

family's communication system

that she would have listened.

Ideally that would have been

true. But when someone tried

to reach her, perhaps she was steadfastly believing something

else. — SADDER AND WISER

"Someone in Georgia" stated

will return.

threatened.

has failed.

and I naively agreed.

The mothers in our communi-

Abigail Van Buren Columnist

on my family.

Your theory that the reaction of John's parents was an attempt from an to divert attention from their overdose son by focusing their anger on of drugs, yours is perceptive. Their proprompts tective instincts prevented this letter. them from keeping an open She asked mind, and they went on the why no attack. It is possible that they one had would have been less hostile warned and defensive if you and your her about son had approached them priher child's vately, instead of involving drug probschool authorities in the interlem while vention. he/she Please don't second-guess could be saved.

your own judgment. Your son did the right thing by speaking out. It showed courage and a sense of responsibility. No one does a friend a favor by remaining silent when friends engage in self-destructive and possibly life-threatening behavmitment came crashing down

DEAR SADDER AND WISER:

DEAR ABBY: I have enjoyed your columns for many years spoke to school counselors but have never written to you about his friend "John's" drug before.

For a long time I have been concerned and embarrassed because someone in my family, whom I love very much, is a habitual liar. No matter what we say or do, he can't stop lying. He has told so many outrageous stories about the family that he has been disowned many times, but then given a second, third, fourth chance, ad infinitum. Please advise on what might help. Please don't print my name or town. —CAR-ING IN SOUTH CAROLINA

DEAR CARING: When people lie compulsively, low selfesteem is often the root of the problem. Your family member may need the help of a psychologist to determine the cause of the problem and eliminate this destructive compulsion. I have been told that antidepressants are somewhat effective, but the cure is psychotherapy.

Show him this column and offer your support if he agrees to seek professional help. Good

DEAR ABBY: My husband and I are the proud parents of five children, ages 8, 5, 3, and people at this tournament. And twins who are nearly a year old. My dilemma begins when I take my children shopping. Abby, you wouldn't believe some of the comments I get: You sure have your hands full!" "I wouldn't want to pay your grocery bills." "Better you than me." "Lady, you have too many kids!"

I'm beginning to dislike going shopping, and now become automatically defensive if someone approaches me.

My question is, should I respond to these insensitive people? If so, what do I say? I don't want to be rude, but I can't tell you how fed up I am with strangers minding my business. Yes, occasionally there is a good comment, but the negative greatly outweigh the positive. — SEETHING IN OAKDALE, CONN.

DEAR SEETHING: It would be the better part of wisdom to just smile and keep walking.

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Repentent Zoeller withdraws from Greensboro stop

GREENSBORO, N.C. (AP) — The usually jovial Fuzzy Zoeller won't be cracking jokes and trading one-liners with fans at this week's PGA Tour

A somber Zoeller, one day after being fired by sponsor Kmart, withdrew from the Greater Greensboro Chrysler Classic on Wednesday. He said he wants to talk to Tiger Woods about racially insensitive remarks Zoeller made about the Masters champion before picking up another golf club.

The 45-year-old Zoeller. arguably the most popular player on tour and a fixture in the Greensboro event, said he pulled out of the event because of "my respect for the game of golf, ladies and gentlemen, and my love for my fellow pros."

Zoeller choked back tears as he read a brief statement to reporters, at one point straying his pride is important. from his prepared text to say, "It hurts.

"I am the one who screwed up and I will pay the price," Zoeller said after pulling out of the \$1.9 million event without fielding questions.

For the third straight day, Zoeller apologized for calling Woods "that little boy" and urging him not to request fried chicken and collard greens at the Champions Dinner when he returns to Augusta National next year.

Zoeller then shocked the crowd of reporters by withdrawing from this week's tournament.

"I started this, and I feel strongly that I have to make things right with Tiger first before anything else," he said.

"I also regret the distraction this has caused the world of golf. What I said is distracting

that's not fair to the other people on this course trying to play this tournament.

The 21-year-old Woods became the first black to win a major on April 13 with his record-setting performance at the Masters.

Players came to the defense of the veteran Zoeller on Wednesday, including Davis Love III, one of four golfers on the PGA Tour policy board. Love came to the media tent when he heard Zoeller was planning to withdraw, and the two conferred after Zoeller's news conference.

"Nobody can ever give Fuzzy back what people are trying to take away from him right now." Love said.

"I know that Fuzzy is disappointed that he is not going to play this week, and Fuzzy may te financially hurt by this, but

'Fuzzy is one of the most liked players on tour," Love added. "If you make a list of the most popular guys on tour. he's going to be right there at the top. Fuzzy has been a brother, a father, a friend to a lot of players out there — just like he has been to Tiger in the very beginning.

"It's unfortunate that one of the most liked guys out here gets pinned down on something like this. He definitely feels sorry for what he said, but still from the players perspective it was taken way, way out of context. He's not meaning to harm anybody, he doesn't have a mean bone in his body."

On Tuesday night, the Greensboro Jaycees, the tournament's organizers, honored Zoeller for his loyalty to the

Zoeller played here 21 straight years.

Gonzalez donates money for ballpark

Rangers outfielder Juan Gonzalez hasn't been able to play this season because of a thumb injury, but he's helping make it possible for youngsters in the Oak Cliff section of Dallas to play.

Gonzalez attended a ground breaking ceremony Wednesday for a ballpark he and the Rangers are helping to build.

"I hope this will be a great inspiration for the people of this area," said Gonzalez, last year's most valuable player in the American League. He put up \$50,000 to help make the park a reality.

"There are kids born in this area who have dreams of playing baseball and they have no place to go," Gonzalez said.

The Texas Rangers Baseball will match Foundation Gonzalez's \$50,000 gift to pay for construction of the Juan Gonzalez/Texas Rangers Youth Ballpark.

The facility at city-owned Bushman Park will include bleachers and a concession stand.

The ballpark, expected to be completed by late summer, will be the fourth built by the

DALLAS (AP) - Texas Rangers Foundation. Two are in Fort Worth and another is also located in Oak Cliff.

Mayor Ron Kirk, who attended the ceremony, said the city will chip in \$40,000 to install lights for night games and will maintain the park.

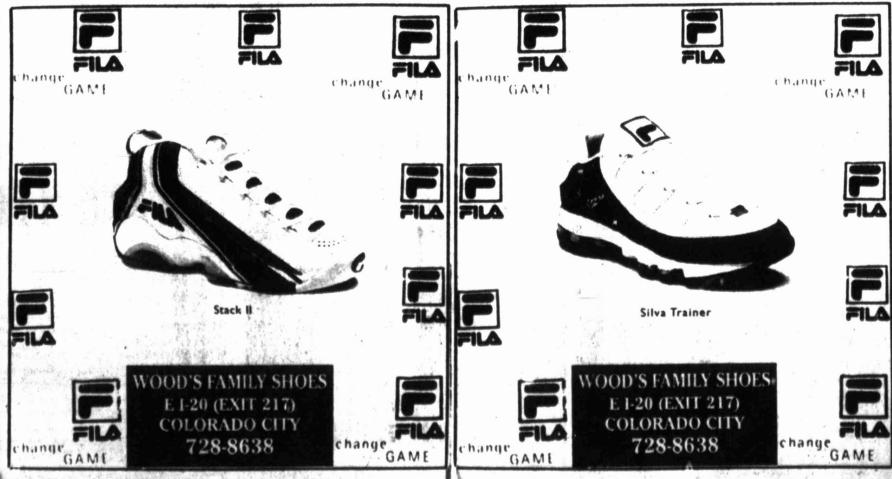
"It's a common-sense project we can do that gives young people something to say yes to. The more youths we have doing positive things, the fewer youths we have to worry about doing negative things," the mayor said.

"I think this is great to have because it will keep more kids off of the streets," said 11-yearold Charles Hatley, a fifth-grader at nearby W.W. Bushman Elementary School. "Maybe one day someone will go to the pros and be like Juan.'

The idea to build little league parks came during the construction of The Ballpark in Arlington, Rangers president Tom Schieffer said.

The langers built a youth ball field just outside the stadi-

'We thought it was so much fun building that park and we wanted to keep building them," Schieffer said.



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financial advantage might not pan out as you expected. Humor goes a long way with a partner. Make solid decisions for the future. Take a leap of faith. Tonight: Pay bills.**** SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec.

A loved one is serious and wants your feedback. Your loving, intelligent response strikes a chord within him. Focus on work, and evaluate what looks like a brainy idea. Be spontaneous. You can deal with whatever is tossed your way. Tonight: Just ask!*****

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) You are in the limelight. Others seek you out for money-Uncharacteristically, your response is conservative. Keep the conversation going, as brainstorming opens up other ideas. Be a mediator rather

Tonight: Stay out late.**** **BORN TODAY**

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YUCK! COFFEE JUST ISN'T MY CUP OF TEA!"

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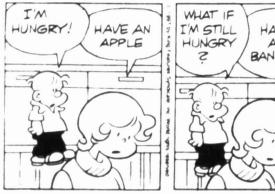




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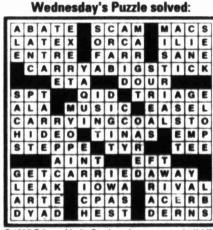
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Joseph Rouget de Lisle, an officer stationed in Strasbourg. In 1898, Spain declared war on

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the United States after rejecting America's ultimatum to withdraw from Cuba. In 1915, the Ottoman Turkish

Empire began the brutal mass deportation of Armenians during World War I.

In 1916, some 1,600 Irish nationalists launched the Easter Rising by seizing several key sites in Dublin, including the General Post Office. The rising was put down by British forces several days later.

In 1953, British statesman Winston Churchill was knighted by Queen Elizabeth II at Buckingham Palace.

In 1968, leftist students at Columbia University in New York City began a weeklong occupation of several campus buildings.

In 1970, the People's Republic of China launched its first satellite, which kept transmitting a song, "The East is Red."

In 1980, the United States launched an abortive attempt to free the American hostages in Iran, a mission that resulted in the deaths of eight U.S. servicemen.

In 1986, Wallis Simpson, the Duchess of Windsor, for whom King Edward VIII gave up the British throne, died in Paris at age 89.

In 1990, the space shuttle Discovery blasted off from Cape Canaveral, Fla., carrying the \$1.5 Dian Hubble Space Telescope.

Ten years ago: 18 people, including 12 U.S. military personnel, were injured when a roadside bomb exploded in the Greek port of Piraeus; the guerrilla group November 17

claimed responsibility.
Five years ago: President Bush and Democratic challenger Bill Clinton made longdistance back-to-back appearances via satellite hookups before the National Association of Hispanic Journalists meeting in Albuquerque, N.M.

One year ago: The main assembly of the Palestine Liberation Organization voted to revoke clauses in its charter that called for an armed strugto destroy Negotiators for Congress and the White House agreed on a permanent budget for fiscal year 1996.

Today's Birthdays: Critic Stanley Kauffmann is 81, Actress Shirley MacLaine is 63, Author Sue Grafton is 57. Actress-singer-director Barbra Streisand is 55. Chicago Mayor Richard M. Daley is 55. Country singer Richard Sterban (The Oak Ridge Boys) is 54. Rock Doug musician Clifford (Creedence Clearwater Revival) is 52. Actor-playwright Eric Bogosian is 44.