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Court's ruling has local farmers reeling

By CARLTON JOHNSON
Staff Writer

Reacting to the Texas Supreme Court's 5 to 4 decision upholding a Hale County District Court ruling that the Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Program is unconstitutional, Abilene-based Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation (TBWEF) said Thursday that attorneys are reviewing the decision to determine its next course of action.

According to TBWEF Executive Director Frank Myers, at this time the foundation is uncertain of the effect the ruling will have on individual zones and the statewide program as a whole.

"I'm disappointed for the growers who have invested so much time, money and faith in their program," Myers stated. "Our number one goal has always been to carry out what the producers

in the state have wanted."

Lenora cotton producer and ginner Myrl Mitchell said he is disappointed with the decision.

"As a producer and ginner, my opinion is that our industry needs a boll weevil program," Mitchell said. "I see the possibility of devastation on the plains of Texas. Right now we're in the enhanced diapause program and were scheduled to go into eradication in 1998."

According to TBWEF, operations in all zone offices have been shutdown and employees have been furloughed.

Harlingen cotton grower Lamar Smith, one of 120 Rio Grande Valley farmers who sued the Abilene-based Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation reacted when Wednesday's decision was read.

"Hopefully, it means that we're out from under

this flasco that they call the boll weevil eradication program," Smith stated.

His lawsuit was one of two filed against the foundation contending its method of assessing fees for the pesticide-spraying program was unconstitutional. The other was filed by 10 Hale County cotton growers.

In both cases, state district judges invalidated the assessments and stopped their collection.

The state's high court, which was considering an appeal from the foundation, upheld the lower court rulings.

In the majority opinion, Supreme Court Chief Justice Tom Phillips said the Legislature violated the state constitution by delegating broad governmental authority to the private foundation.

As for the plains area of Texas, Mitchell said anyone who farms in the area and doesn't think

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City, school board elections Saturday

HERALD Staff Report

Local voters will go to the polls tomorrow to cast their ballots to fill three positions on the Big Spring City Council and three spots on the Big Spring Independent School District (BSISD) Board of Trustees.

Early voting ended Tuesday with totals showing more than 1,300 early ballots being cast for council and trustee candidates.

According to Assistant City Secretary Shanna Young, a total of 426 early ballots were cast in council races, including 113 ballots in District 2, 65 in person and 48 by mail; 221 ballots in District 4, 205 in person and 16 by mail; and 92 ballots in District 6, 87 in person and five by

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Big dreams mount for young star

'Young Selena' role just a start for 11-year-old

By JOHN A. MOSELEY
News Editor

Becky Lee Meza was once a little girl with big dreams. Today, while already living many of those dreams, among them portraying young Selena in the film "Selena," the 11-year-old is finding loftier aspirations.

Stopping to spend a couple of nights with Vernell Early of Big Spring, Meza and her mother, Yolanda, are in the midst of a promotional tour through West Texas which has involved personal appearances at radio and television stations in Amarillo, Lubbock, Abilene, San Angelo, Midland, Odessa and Big Spring.

"I've always been performing... that's what my mom says," Becky Lee said, sounding almost as if she'd always expected to play the role she had in "Selena."

"I've been listening to her (Selena's) music since I was about two years old," she explained. "My parents always went to her concerts and I always had a lot of her music to sing along with."

In fact, Yolanda Meza says her daughter would grab her grandfather's cane and pretend



Becky Lee Meza and her mother, Yolanda, pose for a picture together during one of several stops during a promotional tour of West Texas. The 11-year-old portrayed young Selena in the movie about the late Tejano star and is well on her way to becoming a big star in her own right.

it was a microphone as she performed her act for family members.

However, it wasn't until a couple of years ago that Becky Lee began performing publicly.

"I was nine and they asked me to sing at my cousin's wed-

ding. I guess you could say I've been at it ever since," she said, and was almost matter-of-fact about the process involved in getting the movie part.

It's Yolanda who notes that more than 21,000 girls auditioned in San Antonio to play

young Selena. And Early is quick to remind her that the role gave her the distinction of being the youngest Hispanic to have a starring role in a major motion picture.

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Cinco de Mayo celebration gets started tonight

By JOHN A. MOSELEY
News Editor

A three-day festival of food, games and music begins tonight as Big Spring's annual Cinco de Mayo celebration gets under way on the grounds of the La Vadera Club.

According to Libby Uribe, one of the event's organizers, at least 15 booths featuring different types of foods, assorted games, arts and crafts and the like will open to the public at 6 p.m. And from 8 p.m. until midnight, the local Tejano band "Ilucion" will provide music for the crowd.

The band will perform all three nights of the celebration, taking center stage from 8 p.m. until 1 a.m. Saturday and from 8 p.m. until 11 p.m. Sunday.

Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus and the Hispanic Women for Progress, the festival will also feature a remote broadcast by local radio station La Signal from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday.

In addition to the band's performance Sunday, those taking part in the celebration that evening will get to enjoy dances provided by the "Folklorico"

dance group from Midland. Cinco de Mayo celebrates the Mexico's rejection of Europe's final efforts to rule the nation.

The historic events remembered during Cinco de Mayo festivals dates back to the 1860s when Mexico experienced some of its worst economic and political trials in history.

The Catholic Church and a conservative faction of the Mexican government, established rules and written documents about how that government would function. They chose Maximilian of Austria to lead them and received approval from Napoleon III.

When Maximilian arrived, he and his wife, Carlotta, learned that there was no throne for them to assume, nor was there a nation of people supporting them to rule.

Maximilian chose to invade Mexico with the promised assistance of Napoleon's French army.

Benito Juarez and the majority of the Mexican public resisted valiantly. And on May 5, 1862, Juarez' forces defeated the European invaders in a major battle near Puebla.

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Howard College, Signal Homes receive good news with grant

By JOHN H. WALKER
Managing Editor

Officials of Howard College and Signal Homes got 216,000 bits of good news this week when they received word that a training grant applied for by the college had been approved.

The \$216,000 grant was approved through the Skills Development Fund, a program established during the 74th Texas Legislature and targeted specifically to help community colleges.

Howard and Signal will utilize the funding to help train employees for the manufactured housing firm, which recently rolled out its first home.

"A lot of times," explained Howard President Dr. Cheryl T. Sparks, "a community may not have a work force that is ready for the industry it attracts. That

is where this grant comes into play."

Utilizing both on-the-job training at Signal, as well as classroom and shop training at Howard, officials hope to use the money to help develop a sound workforce base.

"Depending on the skill level of the employee, some of the training will be at Signal and some at the college," Sparks said.

Sparks said the process of applying for the grant began last fall.

"(Dean of Instructional Development) Shirley Shroyer and (Director of Continuing Education) Esther Lopez started on this in the fall when we were visiting with the manufactured housing people about coming to Big Spring," she explained.

In the two years since the program was implemented,

Howard has successfully applied for three grants — two in San Angelo and this one, which is one of the largest awarded by the state thus far.

"The first year everyone studied the rules," Sparks said. "Then, after we understood the rules, we all started putting together grants."

Sparks said the application process is not as difficult as for some monies.

"There's a pretty quick turnaround and the paperwork is not as complex," she said.

The reason for that, she added, is that the entire program was designed so that it could be utilized as needed.

"They (74th Legislature) wanted to be able to help us act quickly, because so many of these opportunities are on short time frames."

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Large crowd expected to attend Big Spring's 28th dance festival

HERALD Staff Report

More than 100 couples are expected when the 28th annual Big Spring Square and Round Dance Festival opens tonight and continues Saturday at the Corral, located in south Big Spring on Chapparral Road.

The weekend's activities are sponsored by the Big Spring Squares.

Featured callers for the weekend are Mike Bramlett of Garland and Tommy Carpenter of Lamesa while Harold and Carol Franklin of Midland will serve as round dance instructors.

Activities open tonight at 7 with round dancing from 7-8, followed by square dancers on the floor at 8 with Carpenter

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Four couples participate in the 24th annual Big Spring Square and Round Dance Festival on April 26, 1993. More than 100 couples are expected tonight and Saturday for the 28th annual festival at The Corral, located on Chapparral Road in south Big Spring.

Dance festival, Symphony, elections top busy ticket

HERALD Staff Report

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

This feature is published each Friday and will include a variety of activities. It is limited to activities of a general nature, community fund-raisers, community functions, free performances, etc. It is not available to commercial ventures.

To submit your activity, send it to "Weekend Ticket," Big Spring Herald, P.O. Box 1481,

WEEKEND TICKET

Big Spring, 79721.

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

• Spring City Senior Center dance, tonight, 7:30-10:30 p.m., Spring City Senior Center. Music will be provided by CW & Co. All senior citizens in the area are invited.

• Heritage Museum, today from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., 510 Scurry. For additional information, contact the museum at 267-8255.

• Moss Elementary Spring Fling, today from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. There will be a dunking booth, cake walk and many other booths, plus pizza by the slice, corn dogs, popcorn, etc.

Everyone is invited. • 28th annual Big Spring Square and Round Dance Festival opens tonight and Saturday at the Corral, located in south Big Spring on Chapparral Road.

Activities open tonight at 7 with round dancing from 7-8, followed by square dancers on the floor at 8 with Carpenter calling the moves. Dancing will continue until 10:30 p.m.

Saturday's schedule features a round dance workshop from 1-3

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TODAY'S WEATHER

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Today: Partly cloudy, turning clear tonight. High in the lower 80s. High in the upper 40s.

Saturday: Sunny. High in the mid 80s. Low around 50.

Extended outlook: Sunday, fair. High in the upper 80s. Low in the 50s. Monday and Tuesday, continued fair and warmer. Highs in the lower to mid 90s. Lows in the mid 50s to the lower 60s.

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OBITUARIES

Maudie L. Layfield Jones

Maudie L. Layfield Jones, 92, Big Spring, died on Thursday, May 1, 1997, in a local nursing home. Service will be 1 p.m. Saturday, May 3, 1997, at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with Dr. Claude Craven, retired Baptist minister, officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.



JONES

She was born on April 3, 1905, in Blanket, Texas and married Dave A. Jones on June 14, 1924, in Eastland County. He preceded her in death on Aug. 23, 1978.

They moved to Howard County in 1925. She had worked at Cunningham & Phillips Drug, the VA Hospital, Cowper Hospital and the Big Spring State Hospital.

She was a member of East Fourth Street Baptist Church. Mrs. Jones was also a member of the Rebekah Lodge and the Garden Club. She was a volunteer for senior citizens at nursing homes and the VA Hospital.

Survivors include: three daughters and two sons-in-law, Maxine and R.L. Hughey, Show Low, Ariz.; Joyce Steicher, Odessa, and Katie and Jack Cathey, Big Spring; three sons and two daughters-in-law, Eldon A. and Marge Jones, St. Jo, Weldon D. Jones, Keller, Okla., and Wayne N. and Patsy Jones, Comanche; three brothers, Noel Layfield, Brownwood, Earl Layfield, Kingsland, and Dennis Layfield, Tulsa, Okla.; three sisters, Ruby Pemberton, Tulsa, Okla., Minnie Qualabaum, Little Rock, Ark., and Mary Graham, Houston; 21 grandchildren; 47 great-grandchildren; three great-great-grandchildren; and her loving adoptive family at the Comanche Trail Nursing Center.

Mrs. Jones was also preceded in death by three sisters, four brothers and three granddaughters.

Pallbearers will be her grandsons: Ricky Wayne Jones, Terry Jones, Jerry Thompson, Norman Hughey, Jack Cathey, Jr., Mike Jones, Davey Jones, Eldon Jones and Weldon Jones. The family suggests memorials to: The American Cancer Society; c/o Lucy Bonner; P.O. Box 2121; Big Spring, Texas; 79721-2121.

The family will receive friends and relatives Friday, May 2, from 7 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

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

(Paid obituary)

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p.m., followed by a square dance workshop from 3-5 p.m. Saturday night dancing will begin with rounds from 7-8 p.m. and square dancing to begin at 8.

The weekend's activities are sponsored by the Big Spring Squares.

Cinco de Mayo, today through Sunday on the grounds of the La Vadera Club, located on the north I-20 service road west of U.S. 87. The three-day festival will feature at least 15 booths featuring different types of foods, assorted games, arts and crafts beginning at 6 p.m.

Local Tejano band "Illucion" will provide music all three nights from 8 p.m. until 1 a.m. Saturday and from 8 p.m. until 11 p.m. Sunday.

The event is sponsored by the Knights of Columbus and the Hispanic Women for Progress.

Christmas in April (postponed until May because of weather), Saturday. Volunteers from throughout the community will work Saturday to assist persons with improvement and repairs on homes.

Elections, 7 a.m. until 7 p.m., Big Spring High School Cafeteria. Three seats are up on both the city council and the Big Spring Independent School District Board of Trustees.

Motorcycle Swap Meet, Saturday at the Howard County Fairbarns.

The event is sponsored by the Cossacks Motorcycle Club and begins at 9:30 a.m. and continues through 10 p.m. Vendor setup will begin at 7:30 a.m.

Admission is \$7 per person, with children under 12 admitted free.

Big Spring Symphony and Chorale, 8 p.m. Saturday, City Auditorium. The season finale will feature the Symphony, the Chorale, Jody Nix and The Texas Cowboys and Bob Lewis as "Tumbleweed Smith" in a presentation of music from the Old West.

Tickets are \$10 each and are available at the chamber, Blum's Jewelers or at the door.

VOTE

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According to Howard County Clerk Margaret Ray, a total of 896 early ballots were cast in school board races, including 556 ballots in the At-Large race, with 22 ballots mailed out and 21 returned; 148 ballots in the District 2 race, with six ballots mailed out and all six returned; and 192 ballots in the District 4 race with nine ballots mailed out and seven returned.

The three remaining mailed out ballots have to be returned to this office by 7 p.m.

Saturday," Ray added. The candidates seeking office and the order in which they will appear on Saturday's ballot include:

Big Spring City Council
•District 2 — Pat DeAnda (incumbent) versus Bob Taylor and Oscar Garcia.
•District 4 — Tom Guess (incumbent) and Tommy Tune.
•District 6 — Gregg Biddison versus Ray Rinard and Randy Mason.

BSISD Board of Trustees
•At-Large — Steve Fraser (incumbent) and Mike Robinson.
•District 2 — Larry G. Hollar (incumbent) and Steve Jeter.
•District 4 — Donnie Baker (incumbent) and Frank A. Long.
Local voters will again use a central voting location during Saturday's election and will cast ballots in the Big Spring High School cafeteria from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

FARMERS

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there is a boll weevil problem, has a problem himself.

"If you grow cotton, no matter where, the threat of the boll weevil is there," Mitchell said. "Diapause has worked for more than 30 years, until the last few recent winters when conditions were mild."

Mitchell added, "I've made some phone calls and the Plains Cotton Growers Boll Weevil Steering Committee, which as years of experience dealing with this issue, met in Lubbock this morning to discuss several issues. I think we can get something done legislatively, this session, but it's going to have to be a give and take situation."

Several local producers, concerned about the court's decision, met Thursday as part of a Howard County Cotton Growers (HCG) meeting, to discuss what options may be available.

Producers mentioned the fact that Sen. Robert Duncan earlier had filed a shell bill that could address the issues raised in the court's ruling.

HCG President Rob Haney said that unless producers can get something done through Duncan's bill, the issue is probably dead for two years until the next legislative session begins.

The consensus among the two dozen producers at Thursday's meeting was that the boll weevil program is headed, but a financial structure is also needed that allows people to pay in equalty.

One idea mentioned was to replace the current method of collecting assessments with an across the board fee such as \$7 to \$10 per bale produced.

BIG SPRING AROUND THE TOWN

DANCE

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calling the moves. Dancing will continue until 10:30 p.m.

Saturday's schedule features a round dance workshop from 1-3 p.m., followed by a square dance workshop from 3-5 p.m.

Saturday night dancing will begin with rounds from 7-8 p.m. and square dancing to begin at 8.

Both forms of dancing — square and round — use similar steps. In square dancing, dancers don't know what step they will do next until the caller calls out the next move, just before it takes place.

In round dancing, a "cuer" also calls each move, but the steps have been predetermined.

Following Saturday's dancing, the "After Party" will be a brisket dinner with all the trimmings for all dancers.

From 10:30-11:30 p.m., "A" level square dancers will have the opportunity to dance.

The weekend's activities are free and open to the public. For more information, call 267-7043 or 263-6305.

MEZA

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"It was a dream come true ... really great," Becky Lee admitted, but the litany of projects currently under way clearly leave her little time to relish the experience.

Her West Texas appearances are being made to promote her first CD recording appropriately titled "Viva Tu Sueno," which translated in English is "Live Your Dream." That CD was released on April 1 and features her first single "Chango guango," which translated is "Loose Monkey."

She is also under contract as the spokesperson for Big Tex Grapefruit and has been featured in a Wendy's commercial. And within the next two or three weeks, her first music video will be released, as will a television documentary "Becky's Diary," which will be aired on NBC.

And apparently, Becky Lee's life will not slow down any time soon. She has already contracted with Warner Brothers to appear in two more feature films and is scheduled to do "voice overs" on two animated projects.

In addition, her next single, entitled "Papi," will be released on Father's Day.

Not every 11-year-old has her

Texas Lottery

PICK 3: 3, 3, 1
CASH 5: 1, 4, 5, 36, 38

BRIEFS

MOSS ELEMENTARY SPRING FLING, Friday, May 2, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. There will be a dunking booth, cake walk and many other booths, plus pizza by the slice, corn dogs, popcorn, etc. Everyone is invited.

THERE IS A MS teleconference call Progress and Profnise in MS Research at the VA Medical Center Saturday from 9:30 to 11:15 a.m.

MARCY HOUSE, 2301 WASSON, is celebrating their first year anniversary today and Saturday with an open reception from 1 to 4 p.m. Come for refreshments and learn about the new concept of assisted living. Call 268-9041 for more information.

COAHOMA ISD IS HAVING school on May 26 to make up for missed bad weather day.

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Shroyer said monies from the Skills Development Fund are available "to a lot of businesses."

"Any time someone is looking at a business expansion but they need workers trained, this is a program that can benefit them," she said.

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The Mexican victory did not deter Maximilian, who went on to capture Mexico City and "ruled" until 1867.

However, Mexico's spirit could not be defeated. It is said a "spirit" was born on the Fifth of May. As a result, those of Mexican descent living in the United States join their brothers in Mexico celebrating the holiday.

MARKETS

May cotton 70.50 cents a pound, no change; June crude oil 19.81, down 10 points; Cash hogs steady at 75 cents lower at 58.25; slaughter steers at 68; June lean hog futures 84.60, down 35 points; June live cattle futures 65.35, up 12 points.

Courtesy: Delta Corporation.

Noon quotes provided by Edward D. Jones & Co.

Table with market data including ATT, Amoco, Atlantic Richfield, Atmos Energy, Chevron, Chrysler, Cifra, Coca-Cola, De Beers, DuPont, Excel Comm, Exxon, Fina, Ford Motors, Halliburton, IBM, Laser Indus LTD.

POLICE REPORT

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

MICHAEL ELLEN RICHTER, 22, of Sand Springs, was arrested for theft over \$1,500.

RUDY SANCHEZ, 50, of Garden City, was arrested for possession of marijuana.

FABIAN RANGEL, 51, of 106 W. Pine, was arrested for possession of marijuana.

JENNIFER BRACKINS, 25, of 1704 Johnson, was arrested on local warrants.

RICKY ROBLES, 24, of 1505 Kentucky Way, was arrested on local warrants.

JERRY ALLEN ESPONZA, 18, of 111 E. 16th, was arrested for assault/family violence.

ANGELICA ESPONZA, 21, of 111 E. 16th, was arrested for assault/family violence.

CRIMINAL MISCHIEF at Comanche Trail Park; and the 600 block of E. 2nd.

THEFT in the 500 block of Hillside Drive; 2300 block of Wasson; 3700 block of LaJunta; and at 18th and Gregg.

BURGLARY OF A HABITATION in the 1500 block of Wood.

DISTURBANCE/FIGHT in the 4200 block of Hamilton; and at 16th and Donley.

ASSAULT in the 100 block of Carey.

SHERIFF REPORT

The Howard County Sheriff's Department reported the following activity between 8 a.m. Thursday and 8 a.m. Friday:

GARY JOE FLORES, 30, of 3800 Calvin, was arrested for unauthorized use of a vehicle.

SAMUEL GLENN STUTEVILLE, 34, of HC 63 Box 117, was arrested for revocation of probation for burglary of a building.

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MOST VOLUNTEER HOURS. Photo of Frances Mathis and others. Text: Frances Mathis was honored for her 12,500 hours of volunteer services to the Veterans Administration Hospital at their Volunteer Recognition Banquet Thursday. Virginia King was next highest with 8,250 hours. Also pictured are VAMC Chief of Staff Dr. Darryl Powell (left) and Big Spring VAMC Director Gary Brown.

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NALLEY-PICKLE & WELCH Funeral Home Trinity Memorial Park and Crematory 906 Gregg St. (915) 267-6331

Maudie L. Layfield Jones, 92, died Thursday. Services will be 1:00 PM Saturday at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

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TEXAS BRIEFS

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

Police developing suspects in death of 12-year-old girl

FRIENDSWOOD — Police are building a list of suspects in the murder of 12-year-old Laura Kate Smither, but a Florida inmate is not one of them, authorities said.

Laura was last seen the morning of April 3 when she went for a jog near her rural Friendswood home. Her body was discovered April 20 in a Pasadena retention pond. A cause of death has not been released.

Hopes were raised briefly when Ricky Rhodes, a 24-year-old transient, was arrested in Orlando, Fla., and started bragging to cellmates.

Waco television station KWTX reported Thursday that cellmates said Rhodes bragged of killing several people in Texas, including a 12-year-old girl. The station said Rhodes was working at a traveling carnival in Galveston when the Friendswood slaying occurred.

Bush signs bill regulating abortion facilities

AUSTIN — State regulation of facilities where abortions are performed will be strengthened under a measure signed into law by Gov. George W. Bush, who said it is meant to protect patients.

"No matter what your position may be on the subject of abortion, we can all agree that a facility which provides abortions should meet state health and safety standards," Bush said Thursday.

The measure by Sen. Chris Harris, R-Arlington, and Leticia Van de Putte, D-San Antonio, would authorize administrative penalties against abortion clinics that violate state standards. It also would allow the Texas Department of Health to immediately suspend or revoke an abortion facility's license when people's health and safety are threatened.

"We forgot about being Republican and Democrat and understood that this is not a choice issue, but this was a public safety, a public health issue," Van de Putte said.

Water-use fees included in House bill

AUSTIN — Texans would pay a fee if they used more than 7,000 gallons of water per month under a drought management bill approved by a House committee.

The House Natural Resources Committee voted unanimously Thursday in favor of the bill, amended by Rep. Ron Lewis, D-Mauriceville, to add water-use fees.

The measure now goes to the full House for consideration. "I think it's extremely bold," Lewis said. "My contention is there is never going to be a proper time for this, but it has to be done."

Lewis said small and medium-sized cities don't have a large enough tax base to raise money for water resource development, such as reservoirs.

House gives tentative approval to ethics bill

AUSTIN (AP) — The Texas House gave first-round approval to a bill tightening the state's ethics law after rejecting an attempt to allow lawmakers to take money during the legislative session for "fact-finding" trips.

Rep. John Shields, R-San Antonio, on Thursday attempted to amend a bill by Rep. Steve Wolens, D-Dallas, to allow lawmakers to accept campaign contributions while the Legislature is meeting for expenses related to trips taken for research on bills.

"We need to be informed," Shields said. For example, he said, lawmakers recently were offered a bus trip by supporters of a cogeneration plant several hours' drive outside of Austin. He said viewing the plant would have been helpful to lawmakers considering utility legislation.

The amendment was criticized as a thinly veiled attempt to allow lawmakers to go on junkets at the expense of lobbyists. Lawmakers currently cannot accept campaign contributions, including lobby-paid trips, 30 days before and during the session.

Officials issue ultimatum to McLaren

FORT DAVIS (AP) — The next move belonged to a group of besieged Texas secessionists after negotiators delivered what a lawyer said was the state's final offer: come out now or police are coming in.

Lawyer Terry O'Rourke, who represents Republic of Texas leader Richard McLaren and his wife, Evelyn, said the ultimatum and a letter he wrote to the group was delivered to McLaren Thursday night.

"I closed the letter to my client by saying, 'It is essential you pick up the phone and say you are coming out because they've made it clear that they're going to execute the warrants,'" O'Rourke said.

There was no word about the group's response by early today. State Department of Public Safety spokesman Mike Cox refused to discuss the agency's

timetable. "He's got it (the offer) and is able to study it," Cox said. "We have said all along that we want a peaceful outcome and not a wild west outcome."

Dozens of state troopers have been waiting since Monday about two miles from the ramshackle trailer McLaren calls his "embassy." They've been reinforced by two armored vehicles, two helicopters, tracking dogs and horses.

O'Rourke said authorities are anxious to end the standoff, because several sympathizers have been arrested in the area and more might be on the way.

"Certainly it is a matter of concern now that we had three separate arrests of people with weapons," Cox said.

On Wednesday, police detained seven heavily armed men at a truck stop in Pecos

and another two armed men were arrested near Fort Davis. An Illinois man was arrested Thursday while carrying a variety of weapons.

The state's ultimatum came on the day McLaren finally answered the phone and resumed negotiations after giving law officers the silent treatment for a day and a half.

It was only about two hours after Cox said talks had "gone beyond chitchat" that O'Rourke announced the final offer.

The attorney issued a public plea for his client while speaking to reporters.

"Know that there are people out there who love you and don't want you to die," he told McLaren. "The government has made its last, final written offer. They are people of their word. They are willing to do what you ask in substance. Rick, the time

to come out is now." O'Rourke did not detail the state's offer, but said it would guarantee that the McLaren couple would be kept at the Presidio County Jail, where they could prepare together for a federal court hearing.

McLaren, wanted on state organized crime charges, wants a federal court hearing to make his case for an independent Texas.

The Republic of Texas, which has splintered into three factions, claims Texas was illegally annexed by the United States and wants a statewide referendum on independence.

Cox has said 12 Republic of Texas members are holed up with McLaren. Six of them are wanted on charges of kidnapping or other offenses connected to a hostage-taking that started the siege.

Senate would cut property taxes \$2.5 billion

AUSTIN (AP) — Texas homeowners would get less of a property tax cut but face fewer state tax hikes under a Senate proposal that's notably different from a House-backed plan to lower local school property levies.

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The overall cut would be

about \$2.5 billion every two years, half the House total plan of \$5 billion every two years.

Texas in school districts with higher property taxes would see higher savings than those in districts with lower school property taxes, according to chief sponsor Sen. Ken Armbrister, D-Victoria.

The House plan would cut the average school property tax for maintenance and operation by about 60 cents per \$100 on residential property. It would cut the tax by about 24 cents per \$100 on business property. The business property tax would be collected by the state, instead of by local governments as cur-

rently done.

The plan also would cut school property taxes for school debt on both residential and business properties. Those average cuts have not been made available.

To pay for the plan, the House would raise nearly \$1.2 billion in expanded sales taxes. The Senate plan has \$132 million in new sales taxes, mostly applied to manufacturing supplies.

Both plans would increase taxes on alcohol and tobacco products and would expand the state business tax to all companies except sole proprietorships.

Architects of the Senate plan

said the House proposal is more dramatic, but is not as fair.

"We come a lot more toward a progressive program than a regressive program," Armbrister said.

A public hearing on the bill was expected to be scheduled for Monday. The bill could be voted on and sent to the full Senate that day, setting up Senate debate as early as next Thursday.

House and Senate lawmakers would have to iron out a compromise which would have to pass both chambers before June 2, the last day of the session. Voters would have the final say Aug. 9.

House OKs lowering legal level of intoxication

AUSTIN (AP) — The level at which a person is considered legally drunk in Texas would drop from 0.10 to 0.08 under a bill approved with little debate by the House.

In practical terms, the new level would mean the difference between drinking five alcoholic beverages and four over a one-hour period for a 160-pound man, said the bill's author, Rep. Scott Hochberg.

For a 120-pound woman, it would mean the difference between about four drinks and three.

"The key question is: Would you put your kids on a school bus if you saw the driver drink four margaritas the hour before he or she got on to drive?" said Hochberg, D-Houston. "I don't think you would, and yet any time we go out in our cars on the roads, we are subjecting ourselves to drivers like that."

The House tentatively approved the bill Thursday by a voice vote. It faces a final vote of the House before heading to the Senate for consideration.

For those who support tougher laws against drunken

drivers, the bill's passage was a tremendous victory. Advocacy groups such as Mothers Against Drunk Driving have tried unsuccessfully for years to pass similar laws.

"We're really happy about this," said Bill Lewis, a spokesman for the state office of MADD. "It reduced death and injuries in other states, and I think it will work the same in Texas."

At least 18 states, including California and Maine, have lowered their blood-alcohol content levels to 0.08. As a result,

drunken-driving related deaths have dropped 12-16 percent.

"That adds up to a couple hundred lives in the state of Texas. I think it's worth doing," he said.

Last year, 1,100 people were killed in drunken-driving accidents in Texas, Hochberg said.

"What we're trying to do is reduce injuries," he said. "The number of wrecks, the number of fatalities go down because people are more careful."

But opponents of the measure, including the Texas Restaurant Association,

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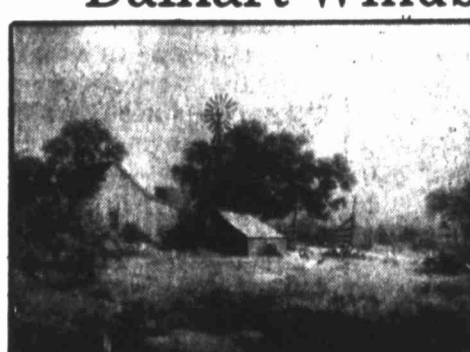
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We salute:

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

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

This week we salute:

• **BIG SPRING HIGH SCHOOL STEER HONOR BAND**, which earned its highest ratings in almost a decade at the University Interscholastic League contest at Odessa.

The Steer Band earned Division 1 ratings in both concert and sight reading.

• **BIG SPRING HIGH SCHOOL CONCERT BAND** and **RUNNELS JUNIOR HIGH BAND**, both of which earned Division 1 in Sight Reading at the Odessa UIL competition.

• **EVERETT BLACKBURN**, head athletic trainer at Howard College the past six years, on being named to the college's Hall of Fame during the school's annual athletic banquet.

• **HOWARD COUNTY SPECIAL OLYMPIANS**, who competed in the Area 18 Track Meet.

• **BIG SPRING HIGH SCHOOL'S LADY STEERS SOFTBALL TEAM**, which finished with a 25-7 record and advanced to the regional semifinals before bowing out during their first year of UIL competition.

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Island-hopping lizards evolve before your eyes

Look out Darwin, seems that evolution happens — or at least it can happen — faster than you ever imagined in "Origin of the Species."

A recent study — detailed in an Associated Press offering out of New York this week — shows that evolution, commonly thought of as operating over eons, can happen over just a few years.

Now it may come as some surprise, but that's apparently nothing new to biologists, who have witnessed remarkably rapid evolution in bacteria, snails, moths and a host of other creatures since Charles Darwin first documented the process in finches.

However, nobody had ever demonstrated rapid evolution in an actual experiment before researchers took lizards from the Bahamian island of Staniel Cay and introduced them to 14 even-smaller islands nearby.

These smaller islands had sparser, shorter vegetation than Staniel Cay. And since these particular lizards, of the species *Anolis sagrei*, spend a lot of time sitting on branches, the biologists — being intellectual sorts — predicted that the smaller vegetation would lead to correspondingly shorter

hind limbs in the lizard. That's exactly what happened.

The smaller the island, the smaller the vegetation, the smaller the hind limbs on the lizards.

After introducing lizards to 11 islands in 1977 and to three others in 1981, the researchers returned in 1991 to find exactly what they expected.

That's just as well, because nobody wants long-legged lizards lounging around on their small vegetation.

Once again, science triumphs!

That experiment could have gone tremendously awry, however, had the scientists decided to use well-kempt lawns in Edgewater, Fla.

A man living there was charged with cruelty to animals this week for allegedly shooting a squirrel to death with a bow and arrow.

Seems 67-year-old Sammie Parris snapped after seeing the offending squirrel eating his tomatoes, guavas and papayas.

He was arrested after a neighbor called police to say he saw him trying to catch the squirrel as it climbed a tree.

Parris says his lawyer told him he was within his rights to destroy the squirrel as long as the animal was on his property.

And Lt. Joy Hill of the Florida Game and Fresh Water Fish Commission agreed that it isn't illegal to destroy a squirrel on private property if the animal is being destructive.

But ... there's always a but in one of these stories ... Robin Feger, an Edgewater animal control officer, said Parris was charged because of the cruel way in which the animal was killed.

Talk about a dog's life!

A Georgia Bulldog is on the cover of the latest Sports Illustrated. Not just any athlete, mind you — the dog.

Uga — that's pronounced UH-guh — was rated the nation's No. 1 college mascot in the magazine's April 28 issue. Which I'm sure is to no end pleasing for Mississippi State fans.

"If you can't appreciate the swaggering gait and Churchillian physiognomy of UGA V, the Bulldogs' bulldog, you must be a cat lover," the magazine declares.

Every Uga since Uga I has been a part of Savannah lawyer Sonny Seiler's household.

Until now, the most famous was Uga IV, who figured in John Berendt's best-seller "Midnight in the Garden of Good and Evil." Clint Eastwood is filming an adaptation of the book and cast Uga V in the role.

On the heels of being called by Clint Eastwood and told he'd been chosen to play his famous father in the movie, Seiler said the SI cover "is his second big treat in a week."

Yeah, but I bet he'd rather have a chew toy.

Last but not least in this tale of animal weirdness is an item

that was dattelined Rockwell, N.C., where zoo keepers admit being stumped.

They can't seem to get Sydney, the chimp, to come home. In fact, he couldn't be lured back home by his sweet-heart.

The owners of the Charlotte Metro Zoo have been trying to entice the 150-pound chimpanzee back into his cage after nearly a week of freedom.

"We're basically at our wit's end," said Dawn Doros, who manages the small private zoo with her boyfriend, Steve Macaluso.

It was last Thursday when the 19-year-old chimp pried back part of his cage and escaped. Searchers appealed to Sydney's romantic side Tuesday, wheeling his mate, Rita, in a small cage into the woods. Zoo officials hoped her scent would be too much for Sydney to withstand.

Wrong. Sydney stayed away. Macaluso spotted him three times the next day.

"I was talking to him and I saw him grinning and smiling," he said. "Then he saw the tranquilizer gun and he took off into the woods, the smart little sucker."

He'd better be smart. What do you want to bet that when Sydney does decide to come home, he's going to have some explaining to do to Rita?

John A. Moseley is news editor of the Herald. His column appears on Fridays.

Spelling cemetery is one of life's little lessons

I was sitting in the veterinarian's waiting room, about to find out my new, adopted mutt has heartworms, when a woman came in with her dog. The dog wore a purple velvet bow on its head, the kind Connie Stevens used to sport.

The woman looked for a moment at me and Maxie, then walked to the opposite side of the room. I didn't blame her.

Maxie was muddy from checking out the holes on the riverbank. I had not bothered to brush my hair that day, and the cracks in my leather Keds were black with dirt.

"My gardening shoes," I said, pointing to the floor. I figured she deserved an explanation.

The couches in the vet's waiting room are vinyl, for obvious reasons, and they shift a bit as you take your seat. The woman was big, and the vinyl cushion shot out from under her as she sat. I stood up to help, but she quickly righted the cushion and looked away.

Maxie has big eyes that sometimes are hidden beneath her shaggy hair. To me she is adorable, the kind of dog that in movies runs away and has adventures.

"What kind of dog is that you have there?" I asked the woman, hoping she'd return the favor and notice my Maxie. "A Dandie Dinmont terrier," she said. She fiddled with her dandy dog's purple bow and never once asked about Maxie.

When my niece was here for spring break I passed along some advice a certain journalism teacher gives his students: If you learn to spell "cemetery," you'll be a success in life.

C-E-M-E-T-E-R-Y. Chelsey spelled it aloud, loudly, again and again, until I was ready to book myself a plot.

As we'd drive through the countryside, it wasn't hard to show Chelsey examples of expensive, official-looking signs with the word misspelled. "Ha!" Chelsey would say. "They don't even know how to spell 'cemetery.'"

When I took her home, the first thing she said to her mother, my sister, was, "Spell 'cemetery.'"

"C-E-M-E-T-A-R-Y?" "Ha!" Chelsey said. "That's wrong, wrong, wrong."

My sister shot me a dirty look. A few days later Chelsey left a phone message on my machine: "I asked my teacher how to spell 'cemetery.' She spelled it both ways, then finally told me 'Look it up!' I think it made her mad. Ha!"

What had I done? Better to go through life misspelling "cemetery" than to anger your teacher right before report cards. Had I transformed that sweet and fetching child into a know-it-all snob? Would she now grow up to own a Dandie Dinmont terrier?

Late in the day I like to sit and fantasize about the garden I'll plant the first spring I have the time. It will not be one of those sophisticated, moon gardens, with all white flowers. Instead it will have every color in the Crayola box. People will slow their cars when they drive past to see what's blooming.

Once I went on a trip with a woman I didn't know well. All along our way she critiqued the landscaping of houses we passed.

"Too much!" she'd snort. "You can just have too much."

The yards she liked the least were the ones that appealed to me the most. They were the garish ones with an uncontrolled profusion of flowering shrubs that hadn't been pruned in decades.

"Look at that yard," she said. "It looks like a cemetery."

"Yes it does," I said. "By the way, can you spell 'cemetery'?"

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Britain's New Labor wins landslide and quickly takes power

LONDON (AP) — Britain's Labor Party swept to power early today, crushing the Conservatives by record margins and redrawing the nation's political map in red, the color of the once-socialist movement.

Labor leader Tony Blair, 43, will become Britain's youngest prime minister since 1812, while the man he defeated, John Major, announced he would step down as leader of the Conservative Party.

After his announcement to fearful staff members, Major left his official Downing Street residence for the last time to tender his resignation as prime

minister to Queen Elizabeth II. Once Major formally resigns, Blair will go to the palace to be confirmed.

Under sunny skies, Major stood outside Downing Street for the last time today, surrounded by his wife, Norma, and children, and told reporters that it had been "an immense privilege" to serve as prime minister for the last 6 years.

"The country is in far better shape than when I entered Downing Street," he said, expressing hope that Labor would maintain the country's strong economy.

Then he announced it was time to

end his reign as party leader.

"When the curtain falls, it's time to get off the stage, and that is what I propose to do."

With the brutal efficiency of British politics, the powerful lost their offices, their cars and chauffeurs within 12 hours of the first returns.

"A new dawn has broken, has it not, and it's wonderful," Blair told delirious, champagne-slurping Labor supporters as dawn broke over London's Royal Festival Hall. "We always said if we had the courage to change we could do it and we did it."

For the Conservatives, who have

been in power for 18 years, the scale of the defeat was breathtaking, their worst since the Duke of Wellington was thrashed by the Whigs in 1832.

With final results in 628 races for 659 seats in the House of Commons, Labor had 44.8 percent of the vote and 417 seats. The party born in the mines, mills and docks has become the darling of the middle class.

Blair will have a five-year term and an impregnable majority in the Commons to implement what he calls a "radical center" program.

The Conservatives' lost more than half their districts and slumped to 160

seats with 31.4 percent of the vote.

"There are some times in politics when the ball just rolls in the opposite direction, and there isn't a great deal you can do about it," Major, 54, told workers at party headquarters.

A Tory defeat had seemed certain, with Labor some 20 points ahead through most of the campaign.

Overshadowed in the landslide was a strong showing by the Liberal Democrats, who won 40 seats, nearly doubling their previous tally. It was the best election for the Liberals since they won 133 seats under David Lloyd George in 1918.

Albright holding more talks with Primakov, delaying her departure

MOSCOW (AP) — Secretary of State Madeleine Albright today set up further talks with Russian Foreign Minister Yevgeny M. Primakov on NATO expansion, delaying her departure for home.

The unexpected meeting was called after American and Russian arms experts reviewed the impact on European security of adding Central and Eastern European countries to the trans-Atlantic alliance.

A positive atmosphere developed overnight after American and Russian experts discussed the security implications of expanding NATO. "The Russians are moving closer to saying yes," a U.S. official told The Associated Press.

The idea is to make as much headway as possible before NATO Secretary General Javier Solana holds critical talks next Tuesday in Luxembourg with Primakov, said the official, who spoke on condition of anonymity.

Albright, before seeing Primakov, assured a think-tank roundtable of Russian academics and other intellectuals that no NATO member, old or new, would become "a staging ground for potential attack against Russia."

Albright also said if Russia felt it had reason to fear that NATO was adopting a threatening stance, it would be able to consult with NATO "in an open and timely and cooperative fashion."

Albright still planned to return to Washington tonight. She was scheduled to begin a trip to Latin America with talks in Guatemala on Sunday. Russian President Boris

Yeltsin urged Albright on Thursday to give "concrete meaning" to pledges by President Clinton and NATO not to threaten Russia with the planned expansion to Russia's western border.

The administration signaled that room for bargaining remained before Clinton and leaders of the 15 other NATO countries meet in July and invite former allies of Russia to join the alliance.

Much of the negotiating until then will be in NATO member Luxembourg and Vienna, capital of neutral Austria, which is among the 30 countries, including Russia and the United States, that are debating troop concentrations.

Albright, true to her prediction, was unable in talks with Primakov on Thursday to close the gaps on a charter to give Russia a link to, but no military voice in, the Atlantic alliance. Their 2-hour discussion included a 20-minute telephone conversation with Yeltsin, who was vacationing at his dacha outside Moscow.

"We still have some ways to go," Albright said at a joint news conference with Primakov in a foreign ministry guest house. Deputy Secretary of State Strobe Talbott and other U.S. negotiators met with their counterparts Wednesday, and arms experts met again after the Albright-Primakov sessions.

Yeltsin has expressed hope that Clinton and other leaders can sign the charter in Paris on May 27. Even if it is not signed, Albright has pledged that expansion will go ahead in any event.

Clinton, Republicans near budget agreement

WASHINGTON (AP) — After two years of combat and a stab at compromise, President Clinton and congressional Republicans are reaching for final agreement on a plan to balance the budget while bestowing tax breaks on families, investors and students.

A provision to extend health care coverage to an estimated five million uninsured children — a key part of Clinton's second term agenda — also is part of the agreement the two sides hoped to announce formally today.

Even before the deal was unveiled, House Speaker Newt Gingrich and Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott labored to maximize support among the GOP rank and file while the White House worked to confine Democratic disaffection to the liberal wing of the party.

"We can't govern in an environment in which the Democrats, who are a minority in the Congress, can get everything they want," said White

House spokesman Mike McCurry.

Gingrich said a deal providing for the GOP's twin goals of a balanced budget with tax cuts was close at hand. Several of his colleagues said he had spoken with disdain of a "signing fee" the GOP was being forced to pay in the form of billions of dollars in additional domestic spending to gain Clinton's agreement.

The two sides arranged for separate announcement ceremonies, Clinton in the White House and the GOP leadership in the Rotunda, the soaring chamber beneath the Capitol dome that is midway between the House and Senate.

At the same time, negotiations continued late Thursday night, in part to address concerns raised by the administration that the tax cuts not cause deficits beyond the five-year life of the budget accord.

According to a variety of officials inside the administration and Congress, the broad out-

lines provided for a balanced budget in five years, with tax cuts totaling roughly \$135 billion.

Among the elements:

—Five-year Medicare savings would total \$115 billion, including slight increases in monthly premiums for many recipients necessitated at least in part by a change in the home health care program.

—Tax cuts would include a \$500-per-child reduction as well as cuts in capital gains and estate taxes that Republicans favor and possibly additional breaks in Individual Retirement Accounts. Clinton would gain the tax relief he seeks for higher education students.

—The \$135 billion in tax cuts would be partly offset by roughly \$50 billion in increases, including extension of the existing airline ticket tax.

—Spending on domestic programs ranging from the environment to transportation to veterans would be cut \$20 billion below Clinton's five-year

request, but rise by about \$70 billion above Republican proposals.

—An estimated \$18 billion to \$20 billion would be allotted to extend health insurance coverage to children of the working poor. Other Clinton initiatives to be funded include school repair and a welfare-to-work program.

—Welfare benefits would be partly restored for certain legal immigrants whose benefits were cut off under the welfare overhaul passed last summer.

—A change is assumed in the government's cost-of-living index that is used to figure annual benefit increases in Social Security and other programs. The precise change would depend on calculations by the Bureau of Labor Statistics, although bargainers assumed the reduction would be roughly 0.3 percentage point.

The agreement would mark the end of one process and the start of another, as lawmakers begin drafting the legislation.

Pentagon adds review advisor on Gulf illness

WASHINGTON (AP) — Stung by renewed criticism of its handling of Gulf War illness investigations, the Pentagon appointed former Sen. Warren Rudman to review its work and advise on ways to improve the military's cooperation with the CIA.

Both the Pentagon and the CIA have encountered heavy criticism, especially from veterans groups, for not aggressively seeking answers to whether exposure to Iraqi chemical weapons may have caused the mysterious Gulf War illnesses.

The Pentagon and the CIA recently have acknowledged that timely intelligence information about the presence of chemical warfare agents at an Iraqi weapons depot was not conveyed to the right people at the end of the Gulf War.

It is not yet clear that exposure to chemical warfare agents can cause the kinds of chronic health problems thousands of Gulf War veterans reported after returning home. But it is a theory the Pentagon initially was reluctant to pursue.

In a memorandum to Cohen, the Presidential Advisory Committee on Gulf War Veterans' Illnesses blasted the Pentagon on several fronts. Among other things it accused the Pentagon of obstructing its work.

New memorial tribute to FDR, his generation

WASHINGTON (AP) — A nation that bears his indelible stamp is paying tribute to Franklin Delano Roosevelt today with a granite and bronze memorial that evokes the man and the times that demanded his leadership.

Roosevelt's grandchildren and great-grandchildren were joining public officials, historians and other invited guests to witness President Clinton's acceptance of the nation's newest presidential memorial.

Saluting Roosevelt as a man of "bold, persistent experimentation," Clinton marveled to a Democratic fund-raising dinner Thursday night how the former president "managed to always look happy and strong and confident no matter what personal pain he might have endured."

"He was marvelously successful because he liked people and he liked politics."

The campaign to build a memorial to the only president elected to four terms began days after his death on April 12, 1945. Not for 50 years did construction begin. In the meantime, the capital's only official remembrance to FDR was a 39-inch-high marble block, flanked by greenery, in front of the National Archives.

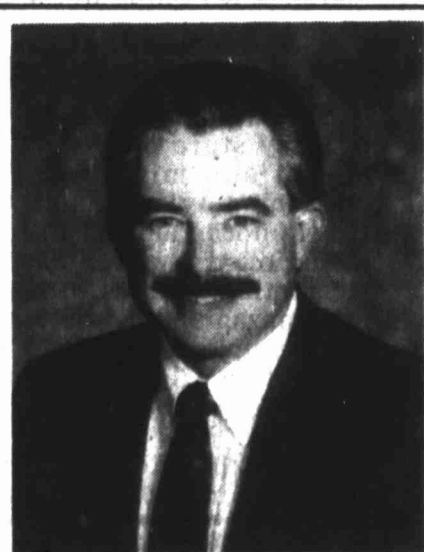
That's how Roosevelt wanted it. "We should let sleeping heroes lie," he once said.

Whether or not he wanted such an elaborate memorial, the nation is honoring Roosevelt with a 7-acre memorial within walking distance of monuments to George Washington, Thomas

Jefferson and Abraham Lincoln.

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Certain events and people can impact us in indelible ways

Certain events and people impact you in an indelible way that you will never forget. I was the "new kid on the block" in terms of pastoral ministry in Big Spring, and yet I received a phone call in March of 1996 from someone asking if I would be able to fly to Dallas with a group of pastors from Big Spring and pray with and for a young girl. That girl was Meagan Stanley.



Lee Rushing
Guest Columnist

Our church had already joined with other churches in praying for Meagan. Of course, she, the family, and all of us wanted a complete healing and recovery from her illness. What made a deep impression on me was that she and her family really desired for God to be completely glorified through her illness. The Bible says in James 5:14 that if anyone is

sick among you to call for the elders of the church and they are to pray over that person, anointing him (or her) with oil in the name of the Lord. She and the family agreed to have some of the pastors in Big Spring come and pray with her. It was also the hope of these pastors that God would use this to break down some of the "walls of division" and heal some of the problems that existed between the churches in Big Spring.

With seven other ministers (from Baptist, Charismatic, Church of Christ, Methodist and Nazarene churches), I flew to Dallas for a prayer meeting to pray for this young 16-year old girl. Our experience in praying together with and for Meagan was indeed incredible. For each of us and for all of us, it was a highlight in our lives as Christians. In the room next to her hospital room the eight ministers from different denominations and a few other people shared together, prayed together, sang together, read the Word of God together, and took the Lord's Supper together. Some of these pastors and others are still meeting together

weekly for prayer. Some churches and youth groups have been occasionally meeting together since that time also. It was and is awesome! The Bible says that if we Christians will love one another, the world will know that we are disciples of Jesus Christ.

At Meagan's funeral, two of the ministers spoke of this trip as one of the biggest "mountain top" experiences of their lives. One of the ministers encouraged the youth that if they think it's "uncool" to follow Jesus to just look around... the First Baptist Church sanctuary was standing room only with people who were influenced by this young girl who was committed to and in love with her Lord Jesus Christ.

Young person and Mr. or Ms. Adult — will you trust Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior and give your life completely to Him? Will you also be more open to the Lord with other Christians as pastors and churches continue to work together across denominational lines to worship and reach people with the gospel message?

Jesus Christ died for the sins of the

world, rose from the dead, and established His church to reach the world with that message. His church is to be a family, and yet there is more division and dysfunction in it than there is in the families of America. If the church of Jesus Christ is to be evangelistically effective in reaching people with the gospel, it must join together in its efforts.

A husband and wife do not agree on everything, and this side of heaven Christians will never agree on every point of doctrine, methodology, and biblical interpretation either. However, just as a couple's commitment and love for each other should keep them from divorcing, the love of God in the Christian in the power of the Holy Spirit can enable us to love each other enough to join together in the evangelistic effort and fellowship of a common faith that would glorify the Lord God we serve and reach our city for His kingdom. Yes, it can be done! It is being done all over the world, in our country, and in the state of Texas.

Praise the Lord for what God is doing around the world and for what

He has done in the past year among Christians in Big Spring in breaking down some of the walls that have caused separation and ineffectiveness over the years. Throughout Meagan's illness, she experienced healings along the way, and the doctors were baffled by the miracles that they saw time and time again. The church has experienced many sicknesses, yet few healings. It's time for the church to be healed and rise up with one voice proclaiming and living the love of Christ.

Thank you, Meagan for the opportunity and privilege in allowing me to come and pray with you and for you. It is my prayer that the division, strife, and competition that have plagued so many churches in Big Spring for so long would be eradicated and that there would be complete healing in our midst so that we Christians and the church would indeed be who and what God has called us to be. Please God, may the Christians love one another in such a way that the world would know that we are Your disciples and want to become Your followers, too.

Local Presbyterian women hold offices in Tres Rios Synod of the Sun

Local women of the Presbyterian church were installed as officers for the coordinating team of the Tres Rios Synod of the Sun 1997-99. This area takes in El Paso to Coahoma, Seminole to Ballinger.

Sherry Hodnett is the new moderator and has served on various offices of the CT for several years. Pam Morgan is the new secretary, Ethel Guthrie is on the Search Team, Helen Glass, of the Sterling City Church, is the Enabler for District 11, serving her second year.

The keynote speaker for the spring gathering on April 19, in Midland, was Karen Fritch, who went on the 1996 Global Exchange Mission to Thailand, Cambodia, The Philippines and U.S.

Next years meeting will be at the First Presbyterian Church in Big Spring with Rev. Fran Shelton, of Austin, as the keynote speaker.

In other local and area church news:

College Park Church of God
The College Park Church of God Youth Group will have a

spaghetti supper tonight from 5 to 8 p.m. in the fellowship hall, 603 Tulane. You may come in and eat or we can deliver it free. Call 263-1573 or 267-8593. Money raised will go towards summer youth camps.

Baker's Chapel AME Church

The Baker's Chapel Methodist Church Missionary Society will have Enchilada Dinners, Saturday, May 3 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the fellowship hall, 911 N. Lancaster. Come and eat lunch with us, or we will deliver your dinners to you. Call 267-4968. Money raised will go towards Missionary work and helping the youth to attend the Northwest Texas Conference Sunday School Convention, June 4, 5 & 6.

First United Methodist Church

"Something Good in Your Mirror" (1 Cor. 13:1-18) is Dr. Ed Williamson's message Sunday at the First United Methodist Church, 400 Scurry. The message is about how we look at ourselves and others. Join us in church at 8:30 and 10:50 a.m.

Visit our Internet site at <http://www.xroadstx.com/users/fumc/index.htm>.

Sunday, May 18 is Pentecost Sunday and everyone is



Officers for the 1997 Tres Rios Presbyterian Women include Ethel Guthrie (left), Search Team; Sherry Hodnett, Moderator and Helen Glass, Enabler II.

encouraged to wear red to celebrate this special day. The United Methodist Men is having their monthly breakfast meeting on Saturday, May 10 at 8 a.m. in the fellowship hall. Everyone is welcome to come. On Sunday, May 11, the Youth

Hand Bell Choir will present their music during the Sunday service.

The church has several Sunday School classes for adults, youth and children. All Please see **CHURCH**, Page 7A

Missionaries' kids Getting a taste of America at Waco's Baylor University

By MARK ENGLAND
Waco Tribune-Herald

WACO — It's been more than 50 years since Gerald Fielder, a political science professor at Baylor University, grew up in China.

But he still considers himself a missionary kid — a MK.

"It's more or less a permanent feeling," Fielder said. "It's sort of like in the New Testament when Jesus told his disciples that he was leaving them in the world but not of the world. They were to be a part of their community but also apart from it."

For many MKs, attending Baylor is their first extended foray into American life. For them, America is not really home. But neither are the countries where they lived with their missionary parents. Home is somewhere in-between. They spend their four years in Waco coming to terms with that feeling.

A sense of humor helps. The classic joke about being an MK is, "You know you're an MK when..." followed by such punchlines as, "You watch National Geographic specials and recognize someone," or "You have strong opinions on how to cook bugs," or "The L.A. Riots made you homesick."

Bill Houser, a Dallas attorney, knows the truth behind such jokes. That's because he knows about going to the grocery store and finding yourself in the checkout line with a cart full of toilet tissue.

"The first time you go to a grocery store on your own, almost any missionary kid ends up buying about five times more than he needs," said Houser, whose parents were missionaries in Kenya and Tanzania. "Instead of buying a couple bars of soap, you buy the family pack. You're thinking it may not be there tomorrow."

Don't expect to almost hear heavenly music in the back-

ground when Houser, a 1996 Baylor law school graduate, talks about his experiences as an MK.

"My father was chosen," Houser once told a friend. "I was abducted."

Houser spoke a tribal language before he spoke English. He still speaks Swahili. But as Houser got older, he quickly realized he would not blend seamlessly into the African landscape.

"When you and your family are riding down the road, children come running out of their houses, hands out, hoping for a piece of candy, yelling, 'mzungu,' which means 'white person,'" Houser said. "It's not a derogatory term, but you're really seen as different."

Sam Goff was called "gringo," the American, while growing up in Venezuela.

"I always stood out from the crowd," said Goff, who graduated last year from Baylor. "Maybe that's why some missionary kids have difficulty making the adjustment to this country. They're no longer seen as different. They're no longer special."

Being part of the crowd at Baylor, however, was just what Houser wanted.

"A lot of missionary kids call Africa their home," Houser said. "I never did. I always asked, 'When are we going back home to the states?' I liked America, the junk food, TV, plus I wanted to go to law school from a young age."

Goff hasn't made the adjustment as easily as Houser. Recently, while walking near the Baylor Marina, he closed his eyes, imagining he was on a Venezuelan beach known as Cata and could smell the salty air. Goff's family traditionally spent Christmas there.

"As much as I may be American because of my parentage, there is something about me that is not American," Goff said. "The Latin American culture is deeply ingrained in my soul."

He finds himself out-of-step with America's fast-paced lifestyle.

"Time is not really important to me," Goff said. "If I could, I

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CLUB NEWS

City Family & Community Education Club

The City Family and Community Education Club (formerly Texas Extension Homemakers Club) had its regular meeting at Frances Zant's home. All members were present except one who was on vacation. Roll call was answered with "My best friend in grade school." Everyone told interesting stories about their grade school buddies. The devotion was Proverbs 23: 1-2. The thought was "God gives every bird his worm, but He does not throw it in the nest."

The program was provided by Irene Priebe and entitled "Families and the Law" and was

a state recommended program. We start our day with a wake up call at 6 a.m. and the radio is controlled by laws that affects us. The electricity that we turn on for the lights, the water for our showers, waste disposal, labels on our clothes with fabric content and care instructions for clothing, towels and other textiles are controlled by government laws.

The cereal, the juice, toast, jelly and coffee we have for breakfast has labels that tell us of contents, production, distribution, advertising and sale that are required by laws.

A telephone call from a friend who is having family trouble—divorce and child custody and support disputes—is another

thing that is governed by the courts of law.

Our cars with some parts made in foreign countries have to meet certain standards. The gas, oil, tires, seat belt laws, driving rules, signals to other drivers, stop lights and signs come under the Department of Transportation.

Laws involved our monetary system, energy conservation, information labeling and business and consumer transactions.

Government influence involves housing, zoning, financing, provisions of educational and other services.

There are disability laws, freedom of speech and the media. These listed laws are

only the beginning of the list and are for our good.

Delegates to the district meeting in Midland gave their report. The next meeting will be at Lois Johnston's house.

Tall Talkers Toastmasters Club

Tall Talkers Toastmasters Club held its weekly meeting Tuesday, April 29 at the First Presbyterian Church. Annual election of officers was held with the following members elected: president, Joelle Ford; educational vice-president, Bailey Anderson; administrative vice-president, Ester

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TIPS 'N' TRIVIA

Stretch cooking is shortcut secret

(NAPS) - What can you do with a half a pot of chili?:

CHILI CORN PIE

Spread 2 to 2 1/2 cups chili in an 8-inch square pan and sprinkle with 1/2 cup grated fat-free Cheddar cheese. Prepare one 8 1/2 ounce box corn muffin mix according to package directions. Stir into the batter: 1/2 cup grated fat-free Cheddar cheese; one 4 ounce can diced mild green chilies, drained and 1/2 cup frozen corn, thawed. Spread over the chili and bake in a preheated 450 degree oven for about 20 minutes.

CHEDDAR CHILI QUESADILLAS

Take four burrito size flour tortillas and spread one half of each with 1/2 cup chili. Sprinkle the chili with 2 T. grated fat-free Cheddar cheese. Fold each tortilla in half then place in large baking dish. Cover with foil and bake in preheated 350 degree oven for 10-12 minutes. Remove foil and sprinkle more cheese over each tortilla. Return to oven, uncovered, and bake for five minutes longer.



FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Humane Society open house

An open house is scheduled for June 1 from 3 to 6 p.m. at the Big Spring Humane Society. This is to showcase to the public all of the recent renovations done to the building including new paint and tile. The Humane Society is located on the north service road of Interstate 20.

Symphony concert Saturday

The Big Spring Symphony closes its season with Symphony Pops '97 Saturday at 8 p.m. in the Big Spring Municipal Auditorium.

Program theme is "Music from the Old West" and featured guests include Jody Nix and the Texas Cowboys, Tumbleweed Smith and the Big Spring Symphony Chorus.

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

THE LAST WORD

To become mature is to recover that sense of seriousness which one had as a child at play.

Friedrich Nietzsche

The mind of a man is like a clock that is always running down, and requires to be as constantly wound up.

William Hazlitt

There are minds that resemble those convex or concave mirrors, which represent objects just as they receive them, but which never receive them as they really are.

Joseph Joubert

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visitors and residents of Big Spring are welcome.

First Church of the Nazarene

Sunday is Baby Day at the First Church of the Nazarene. This annual event is a time for celebrating our children under the age of three. Each young child will come forward with their parents and have a family picture taken as a keepsake, while they are introduced to the congregation.

A new addition to Baby Day this year will be a memorial service in honor of children who have died as a result of miscarriage, stillbirth, abortion, SIDS, illness or accident. Each family in attendance will receive a carnation to take home as a remembrance of any such child they might have known among family or friends. The purpose of the memorial service is to bring comfort and healing to those grieving the loss of a child and to remind the whole congregation that the love of our Lord Jesus Christ continues unabated through all the sorrows of life.

Coahoma United Methodist Church

The Coahoma United Methodist Church is having a revival the first three Sunday nights in May. This Sunday, Rev. Billy Everett, of Northridge United Methodist Church in Lamesa, will bring the message, May 11, Rev. Ken

Northcutt, of St. Luke United Methodist Church in Colorado City, will bring the message, and May 18, Rev. Jerry Don Cheshire, of Garden City United Methodist Church and Asbury United Methodist Church in Midland, will bring the message. There will be special music each Sunday evening. Following the service, there will be fellowship and refreshments. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Big Spring Outreach Aglow

Big Spring Outreach Aglow will meet Monday at 7 p.m. at the Dora Roberts Community Center. Lois Baker will be the speaker. She is a licensed, ordained minister and has since been sent out as an evangelist from her home church, Selma Worship Center, Selma, Ohio. She has been an active member of Women's Aglow Fellowship for many years, having served on the local board, and has ministered to many Aglow chapters, retreats and conferences throughout the United States, sharing God's Word with the anointing and power of the Holy Spirit.

If you are not to attend, please cover this meeting with your prayers. For more information, call Rhonda Harding at 915-965-3420, Brenda North at 267-3398 or Judy Sprowl at 267-6905.

First Christian Church

First Christian Church is gearing up for another summer of fun and learning for youth between the ages of three and

12. The "Wild Wonderful Wednesday" program begins Wednesday, June 3 and continues each Wednesday through July 2. Times are from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Debbie Gauschke is directing this year's program, "Sunrise Balloon Adventures." Registration forms and additional information are available by calling the First Christian Church office at 267-7851, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

First Presbyterian Church

The Chancel Choir of First Presbyterian Church, Eighth and Runnels, will present a concert at 5 p.m. Sunday in the sanctuary. The hour-long program features English, German and American works for choir as well as organ and trumpet music. All visitors are welcome to the concert and a reception will follow.

Gregg Martinez Concert Series

The Gregg Martinez Concert Series begins Friday, May 9 from 8 to 10 p.m. at Spanky's Coffee House, Saturday, May 10, 7 p.m., Miracle Revival Center, and through Sunday, May 11 at 10:30 a.m. at Living Water Ministries. Contact Geoff Hughey at 267-7047 or 267-2819 for information. There is no fee but love gifts will be taken.

Gregg Martinez and his wife, Janet, have three children and reside in Archer City. His latest recording, "They That Wait," was released featuring several of his original songs.

Old chapel put up for sale, leaving longtime members without a church home anymore

By MIKE JACKSON
The Dallas Morning News

LANCASTER — From the town square, a short walk across the railroad tracks to Porter's Chapel leads 100 years into a congregation's past. The little church, named for the family that donated the property, sits peacefully on East Third Street, almost hidden among the lush, low branches of trees that have grown up around it.

Years ago, the unpretentious chapel with five rows of pews was the spiritual heart of part of Lancaster's black community. It thrived, in its prime, with nearly 100 members.

Generations later, the aging frame building has fallen into disrepair. Its wooden floor sags, its roof is buckled and its antiquated plumbing needs to be replaced.

By last summer, Porter's Chapel could claim only nine active members, most of them from a single family. Regrettably, said leaders of the United Methodist Church's South Dallas District, there was no alternative but to close Porter's Chapel last July and put the property up for sale.

"Any time we consider closing a church, it becomes a very tough decision," said the Rev. Henry Masters, superintendent of the South Dallas District. But Methodist officials said the chapel had survived long past its time.

Longtime members remain frustrated and bitter at the decision. They say district officials appeared unwilling to do much to save the church.

"I know that some of the people there were upset," Mr. Masters said. "But realistically, they were living in denial. There was no way to make

inroads in that community with that building."

After months of appeals, members acknowledge that the aging monument to their memories is almost certain to be torn down.

"I grew up in this church," Ralph Wright, 60, said of the chapel that was born a few blocks away and moved to its current site in 1951. "It's small, but it can't be judged by its size."

Generations of families followed each other into Porter's, which was within walking distance for most.

"I've been here ever since I was born," said Wright's nephew, Royal Wright, 40, who now lives in Arlington. "My great-grandmother went here."

Royal Wright's mother, Minnie Ruth Hardmon, 61, remembers Sunday mornings

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would live my life in a very slow pace, with a siesta every day.... The emphasis within the American culture is the future. The emphasis within the Latin American culture is the present. It's enjoying the moment."

A few years separate Goff and Fielder, but the MK experience hasn't changed much in that time. The sense of being part of a "third culture" has always been a part of MKs, Fielder said.

"The kids coming in from overseas are different," Fielder said. "Culturally speaking, our peers had a different experience than we did. They're not only immature, but they're limited in terms of their horizons. They're provincial rather than global. Coming back to America, I felt comfortable, but I did not necessarily feel a part of it. Just like I felt when I was in China."

Even Houser — who unlike many MKs felt at home in America — found himself sometimes frustrated with his Baylor classmates.

"I got frustrated at the self-centeredness of a lot of the students," Houser said. "During that time the Berlin Wall was coming down, the Cold War was ending. People here didn't seem to have an appreciation for the world. Their world was Dallas, Waco, their own little lives. The U.S. and Russia fought a lot of the cold war in Africa. It had a profound impact on me."

Missionary life overseas often is simpler, more basic, harder. For some, like Houser, it was back to nature. In Tanzania,

his family had electricity two hours a day. Water was the rain water they collected in 55-gallon drums.

"You spent all your time over there surviving," Houser said. "We killed the meat we ate, for example. Our hunting trips were like a family outing. We'd go out about twice a year for four days and hunt Cape buffalo, impala, warthogs and wildebeests. In a 300-square mile area, we'd be the only people out there. You'd pick up a gun, just a local person who can hit cows over that land, find a tent site, and go out about 6 a.m. and hunt until 9 a.m. Then go out again at 3 or 4. Whatever you killed, you had to hang it up in trees because of the lions. Even so, at least one of your animals was usually taken away at night."

The Africa of Houser's boyhood is disappearing, though. "Stuff like that is great when you're growing up," Houser said. "That's what the mystery of Africa was about. That's the ideal. But that's not Africa anymore. When I graduated, maybe a couple people at the local hospital had AIDS. Last time I heard, 70 percent of their patients had AIDS."

Coming back to America, even if that's where you want to be, it's hard to shake the memories. They linger. Houser, for example, no longer hunts. "Sitting in a blind waiting for a little deer just doesn't do it for me," Houser said.

Fielder's lifestyle reflects his youth, growing up in China, teaching in Japan after World War II. He prefers the functional to the ostentatious, the practical to the superfluous.

"I don't have to have a lot of things around," Fielder said. "I don't have to have a lot of furniture to be comfortable. Living in Asia, you get to looking at things more for function, less for purposes of show. But I think I also get from my faith. The Christian faith, taken seriously, teaches that. You don't hear that in mainline churches, but there is that element at its core."

Goff keeps plenty of mementos to remind him of Latin America, such as a bedspread from Ecuador and the skeleton of a piranha.

He's student-teaching this spring at Waco High School. After he gets his teaching degree, Goff plans to teach history for two years. Then he will try to get a job at an international school overseas — coming back to America periodically.

What Goff foresees as his future is an apt metaphor for MKs.

"I see myself in-between, journeying back and forth," Goff said. "Why? That's where I'm most comfortable."

Sunday deadlines

All Sunday items (weddings, anniversaries, engagements, birth announcements, Who's Who, military) are due to the Herald office by Wednesday at noon.

Wedding, engagement, anniversary and birth announcement forms are available in the editorial department.

Pictures are to be picked up no later than 30 days after publication or they will be discarded.

etc., were remembered.

Birthday honoree for the month of April was Arlene McMurtry. Mattie Richardson was welcomed back after a long absence due to the illness and loss of her husband J.J. "Jap" Richardson.

President McCann expressed appreciation to Garland Rudd for accepting the position of van driver for the club trips, and apologized for having to cancel a trip planned for this

date to tour the Levi Factory at Littlefield, Texas due to so many members being out because of illness. She announced the trip would be rescheduled for Tuesday, May 20, and would take the place of the regular monthly meeting.

Following the reading of minutes for the March meeting by Secretary Ida Belle Bankston and treasurer's report by Callie Bennett, Garland Rudd entertained the group by playing gospel hymns on his violin.

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Schneider, secretary-treasurer, Kathy Terrazas; and sergeant-at-arms, Virginia Martin. It was decided that we will continue the regular meetings until June 10, then have a summer break until Aug. 5. For information on the club call Bailey Anderson at 267-3008.

Mighty Oaks Senior Adult Club

The Mighty Oaks Senior Adult Club of East Fourth St. Baptist Church met Tuesday, April 15, at 11:30 a.m. in the church fellowship hall for their regular monthly meeting and covered dish lunch. Eleven members and three guest attended. The guests were Garland and Geraldine Rudd and Evelyn Delatour.

Garland Rudd led the group in prayer prior to the meal. Following the meal, President Gertrude McCann called the meeting to order and introduced the guests, inviting them to become members of the Mighty Oaks Club. Club members who were absent for illness or doctor's appointments,

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as a child walking three blocks to the chapel with a dozen friends and family members. Her grandmother played piano during services. The handful of choir members would file in from a back room little bigger than a coat closet.

"The pews, which could hold about 80 people, would fill with neighbors who all knew each other. "Everybody was more together at that time in the black area," Ms. Hardmon said.

But more than 20 years ago, Porter's began losing its younger members to larger, more modern and ornate churches, Ralph Wright said. When older members died, there were no young ones to take their place.

"People won't come to an old church," Wright complained. "They're not about the spirit of God — they want something fancy."

The chapel's closing was inevitable, said its pastor, the Rev. Marshall E. Hodge. He said small churches have a hard time attracting enough members who can afford to maintain a building.

"I feel sad about it," Hodge said. "It's one of the tragedies of our time. It had outlived its time. It was beyond the capability of the current membership to meet minimum maintenance."

New plumbing inside the chapel and new pipes outside would have cost as much as \$20,000, far beyond the congregation's means, Hodge said. A new roof and floor would have pushed repair costs higher. To make matters worse, the pastor said, the church was in such disrepair that it was difficult to keep it insured.

Methodist district officials figured the repairs would have cost more than the church was worth. They're asking \$30,000 for the property, Hodge said.

Potential costs aside, the chapel was hurt by its dwindling membership: In its last year, the chapel never attracted more than 15 people for a service, Hodge said.

It competed for membership with five more contemporary black churches just a few minutes away.

"There is a thriving black area in Lancaster, but the community is going in a different direction," Hodge said.

Porter's Chapel's location, though fine decades ago, is an inconvenience in the 1990s, he said. The chapel sits on a quiet, narrow street in an out-of-the-way rural setting unlikely to be seen by passers-by. It has been surrounded by storage yards, warehouses and auto repair businesses.

"That's the only church in that area that's off the beaten path," Hodge said, adding that successful churches are generally built on major roads or just off highways.

At the time of Porter's Chapel's demise, Hodge was splitting his time between the Lancaster church and God's Kingdom United Methodist Church in Ferris.

"The only way to keep its memory alive was to merge the churches," said the pastor, who invited his Lancaster flock to join the Ferris congregation.

So far, none of Porter's members has become a regular at God's Kingdom. Members said they are attending churches closer to home in Lancaster.

"There's nothing wrong with that church," Royal Wright said of God's Kingdom, "but this is the community we live in. We didn't want to go anywhere else."

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Lady Kangaroos put halt to Big Spring playoff trek

By STEVE REAGAN
Staff Writer

ABILENE — A strong wind was blowing from the south, but the storm that hit the Big Spring Lady Steers had nothing to do with the weather.

The Weatherford Lady Kangaroos brought Big Spring's playoff journey to an abrupt end with a 15-1 victory in their Class 4A regional semifinal playoff game Thursday at Abilene Wylie High School.

Very little went right for the Lady Steers, who ended their first year of UIL-sanctioned games with a 25-7 record. Defense ... offense ... pitching ... everywhere you looked, Weatherford had the advantage. The Lady Kangaroos (28-4)

served notice that it was going to be a long day for Big Spring when they scored three unearned runs in their first at-bat.

The Lady Steers almost escaped the inning unscathed, but a sinking pop fly off the bat of shortstop Sara Williamson glanced off the glove of center fielder Stefanie Kennedy, bringing home two runs. Williamson then scored on a single by pitcher Missy Mohon.

"That was a tough play," BSHS coach Wes Overton said. "Stefanie made a great effort for it ... I think it was mostly nerves on our part. Them coming out and scoring three runs in the first put us in a hole."

The early runs also had the undesirable side effect of energizing Weatherford's attack.

"That dropped ball in the first cost them a couple of runs, and it might have helped us psychologically," Weatherford coach Dwayne Ross said. "After that, we really got it going."

The Lady 'Roos followed their three-run first with four runs in the second and six in the third.

Williamson and Mohon were the two principal agents of Big Spring's downfall Thursday. Williamson, who entered the game with a .488 batting average, drove in four more runs on a home run and single, while Mohon, who improved to 14-1 for the year, limited the Lady Steers to four hits while striking out seven and walking none.

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Big Spring's Stefanie Kennedy fouls off a pitch during the Lady Steers' game with Weatherford Thursday in Abilene.

SPORTS BRIEFS

From staff and wire reports

Little League report

No Little League or girls' softball results were reported to the Herald Tuesday.

Little League coaches are requested to turn in result forms to the Herald between 8 a.m.-5 p.m. daily.

Playoff today

The Coahoma Bulldogettes, fresh from their pasting of Eula in the opening round of the Class 2A softball playoffs, are set to face Blanco in a regional semifinal contest.

The Bulldogettes (13-12) and Blanco will meet at 6 p.m. today in Brownwood.

Club hosts workshop

The Howard County 4-H shooting club will host a new shooter workshop Saturday, May 10.

Anyone between the ages 8-18 who want to learn to shoot a shotgun, or experienced shooters who want to learn to shoot trap or skeet are encouraged to attend.

Instruction will be from 9 a.m.-1:30 p.m. at the R.C. Thomas Shooting Range at

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All equipment will be provided, but each shooter must be accompanied by an adult.

For more information, call Van Gaskins at 353-4598, Larry Romine at 459-2435, or the county extension office at 264-2236.

Lady Steers banquet

The Big Spring High School Lady Steers' athletic banquet will be held at 7 p.m. May 12 in First United Methodist Church's Garrett Hall.

Tickets are \$8.50 per sale and on sale at Athletic Supply, Faye's Flowers, Neal's Sporting Goods and the BSHS athletic office.

Byers cards ace

Dewey Byers recorded a hole-in-one during play at Contender Park and Casino Monday.

Witnesses were Tommy Fletcher, Joe Sharpnack, Marvin Williams and Ron Booth.

Fresno probe deepens

FRESNO, Calif. — A major figure in the investigation into

alleged point shaving in Fresno State games had other gamblers place bets for him when bookmakers wouldn't take his wagers, The Fresno Bee reported.

Gamblers said pawnbroker Dan Jelladian laundered bets through others on at least three games, claiming he had "insider information," the newspaper said. A federal investigation of possible point-shaving has focused on Jelladian and Krikor Vartanian.

Eight vie for Olympics

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. — Officials from eight cities sent applications and non-refundable \$100,000 checks to the U.S. Olympic Committee, which could pick one of them to bid for the 2008 Summer Olympics.

Lining up for the chase were Baltimore, Cincinnati, Houston, New Orleans, New York, San Francisco, Seattle and Washington. A decision on whether to pursue a U.S. bid will come within two months.

Raleigh could get team

RALEIGH, N.C. — Raleigh could be celebrating the arrival

of the Hartford Whalers by the weekend.

ESPNEWS, citing unidentified team sources, reported that "barring a last-minute breakdown in negotiations, the Hartford Whalers will move to Raleigh and begin playing there next season."

The cable network said a formal announcement would come no later than Monday. Whalers owner Peter Karmanos told The Associated Press, a decision could come as early as today.

UTEP gets probation

DALLAS — Texas-El Paso's troubled athletic program is in trouble again with the NCAA.

UTEP was placed on probation for five years Thursday after investigators found several violations that David Swank, chairman of the NCAA Committee on Infractions, characterized as relatively minor, but rampant.

Swank said the violations concerned grade-average calculations, athletes' free use of departmental copying machines, overall institutional compliance and other problems.

Expos' pitcher shines in 3-hit win over Astros

MONTREAL (AP) — How good is Montreal Expos right-hander Pedro Martinez? Darrin Fletcher has no doubt he's a legitimate Cy Young candidate. "This guy would be a perfect Cy Young," said Fletcher, the Expos' catcher. "He's a dominant pitcher. He'll go out after you, just throw the ball by you and flat out beat you."

"I don't see anything stopping him," Fletcher said. "If we can score some runs for him, this guy is going to win a lot of ballgames."

So far, that is all Martinez has done. Martinez pitched a three-hitter and lowered his ERA to 0.31 Thursday, leading Montreal to a 4-0 victory over the Houston Astros.

Martinez (4-0) has not allowed an earned run in 25 innings since making his first start April 15 at Houston. He struck out nine and walked two in his first complete game of the season.

"I feel really good, really strong," said Martinez, who pitched the fifth shutout of his career and his eighth complete game.

"I go out there with the mindset that I can beat anybody," Martinez said. "I hope I start getting some credit and respect. I hope people look at the things I'm doing."

Expos manager Felipe Alou believes Martinez, a 25-year-old in his fifth full major league season, is ready to become one of the game's best pitchers. "We've been predicting this for years," Alou said. "He's got great behavior on the mound, great command of pitching."

Martinez allowed a double by Craig Biggio in the fourth inning, a single by Tony Eusebio in the eighth and a two-out double by Thomas Howard in the ninth.

"He controlled the game," Astros manager Larry Dierker said of Martinez. "There's not much you can do against a pitcher like that, with that

kind of stuff and good control."

Can Martinez get any better? "I think I can mature a little more and have a better idea of what I'm doing out there," Martinez said. "As you get older, you learn more and it gets easier."

Fletcher homered for the fourth time in five starts and also hit an RBI double. Montreal completed a two-game sweep and won for the eighth time in 11 games overall.

Mark Grudzielanek led off the Montreal first with a single, extending his hitting streak to 16 games, the longest in the majors this season.

Henry Rodriguez added an RBI single and F.P. Santangelo hit a sacrifice fly for the Expos.

Chris Holt (2-3) allowed four runs and six hits in six innings. Houston lost for the fifth time in six games following a five-game winning streak.

Dierker said Holt, a rookie making his sixth major league start, was affected by watching Martinez work.

"I know I used to feel that way," said Dierker, who pitched 13 seasons with the Astros before finishing his career in St. Louis. "If I was pitching a good game, I'd try to discourage the other guy."

Martinez has allowed two runs — one earned — in 29 1-3 innings in four starts. He has not allowed an earned run since Russ Johnson's one-out homer in the fifth inning in a 7-5 win over Houston two weeks ago.

Martinez has won five straight decisions since last Sept. 13, allowing three earned runs in 47 innings.

"Wouldn't it be great to run him out there every day?" Fletcher asked. "He's just amazing. He's a pleasure to catch. All his pitches are around the strike zone. He's got complete command of all his pitches."

Rodriguez gave Montreal a 1-0 lead in the first, singling home Grudzielanek.

Magic, Supersonics force decisive games

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There will be at least two deciding Game 5s this weekend.

The Seattle SuperSonics and Orlando Magic avoided elimination from the first round of the NBA playoffs by getting a pair of must-wins Thursday night.

Seattle survived an incredible, game-tying 3-point shot by Rex Chapman with 1.9 seconds left in regulation and defeated the Phoenix Suns 122-115 in overtime to force a Game 5 on Saturday.

Orlando, playing without two injured starters, got a 41-point performance from Penny Hardaway and defeated the Miami Heat 99-91 to force a deciding game Sunday.

Two more teams have a chance tonight to force their series to the limit.

The Atlanta Hawks, trailing the Pistons 2-1, will need to win

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at Detroit. The Portland Trail Blazers, trailing the Lakers 2-1, play host to Los Angeles in the second game.

With the playoffs now eight days old, none of the second-round matchups are set yet. The Chicago Bulls, Utah Jazz, New York Knicks and Houston Rockets, all of whom won their opening-round series 3-0, must wait to see who their next opponent will be.

SuperSonics 122, Suns 115

At Phoenix, the Suns battled back from an 11-point deficit in the final two minutes and tied the game on Chapman's circus shot from 25 feet away.

Phoenix got its chance to go for the tying 3-point shot when Detlef Schrempf missed the second of two free throws with 5.4 seconds left, leaving Seattle ahead 107-104.

"I thought I was safe," Schrempf said about the miss. "I thought, 'They have about two seconds, and they'll have to throw up a prayer.' They did."

After a timeout, the Suns inbounded at midcourt and Chapman made an over-the-shoulder, running grab of a crosscourt pass from Jason Kidd. While still moving, he launched a high-arching, 25-footer that swished through.

"It was an unbelievable shot," Sonics coach George Karl said. "At that point I thought the gods were against us, but our guys played well in overtime."

Kidd sank a 3-pointer 1:05 into overtime for a 110-107 Phoenix lead — only the second lead of the game for the Suns. But Seattle battled back, drawing even on Schrempf's 3-pointer and going ahead for good 112-110 when he hit two free throws with 2:54 to go.

Gary Payton, who finished

with 28 points and 14 assists while playing all 53 minutes, made a layup at the 1:52 mark, and Hawkins made it 117-112 with his 3-pointer with 45 seconds remaining.

Schrempf had 26 points in his best playoff game this series, Kemp had 24 points and 20 rebounds and Hawkins had 17 points and 10 rebounds.

Kidd and Kevin Johnson paced the Suns, Kidd with 23 points and 14 assists and Johnson with 23 and 11. Chapman had 22 points and Danny Manning had 19 points and 10 rebounds before fouling out with 38 seconds to go in regulation.

Magic 99, Heat 91

At Orlando, Hardaway played the entire game and shot 12-for-23 with seven rebounds, four steals and three blocked shots. He scored a playoff career-high 42 Tuesday night to help

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'Black Jack' McDowell comes to Cleveland's rescue; Orioles win

CLEVELAND (AP) — Now, if only the Cleveland Indians could get this kind of pitching more than once a month.

Yes, the Indians hit four more home runs Thursday night. No surprise there. But they finally combined power with pitching, and the result was a 7-1 victory over the Oakland Athletics.

"I think we need a bunch more games like this," said Jack McDowell, who made a dominant return to the starting rotation after an embarrassing demotion to the bullpen.

McDowell (2-2) allowed only one run and three hits in seven innings, striking out a season-high nine and showing everyone what he thought of being a relief pitcher.

"I know emotionally I was a

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different player tonight," said McDowell, who started the season with a 12.51 ERA in three starts.

"I think having numbers like that and reading the things that were consistently said about me kind of put my back against the wall," he said. "That and being put in the bullpen, I think, shook me more than just getting knocked around."

The Indians pushed their season homer total to 53, tops in baseball.

David Justice hit two, giving him a team-high nine. Manny Ramirez hit one, and Omar Vizquel hit his first, meaning every position player on the

roster has at least one homer.

"No one player should put the pressure on himself," said Justice, who went 3-for-4 to raise his average to .402. "You know that if you don't do it, the guy right behind you is just as qualified."

Despite all that power, the Indians merely evened their record at 13-13. The struggles have been due to the worst pitching in the American League, a trend McDowell reversed for at least one night.

"That's how we should be playing almost every day," Vizquel said.

Elsewhere in the AL, Baltimore beat Minnesota 3-2 and Kansas City blanked Toronto 8-0. The Angels-Red Sox game at Boston was post-

poned by rain after 4 innings.

McDowell (2-2) showed a lively fastball, devastating splitter and even a few slow curves, allowing only Jason Giambi's first-inning single through 6 1-3 innings.

"In a town like this where the expectations are high, people start to question whether you've still got it," Giambi said. "There was no question tonight."

McDowell, wearing short sleeves despite wind-chill readings in the high 20s, last started on a similarly chilly night May 18 against Milwaukee. He was battered for the third straight time and demoted to the bullpen, where he pitched six scoreless innings of relief after 254 straight starts.

"He pitched as well as I've ever seen him pitch," A's manager Art Howe said. "It is hard to believe that people said he was struggling."

McDowell fanned Jose Canseco to end the sixth and Mark McGwire to start the seventh during a string of four straight strikeouts.

He struck out Canseco twice and thought he had another, arguing a call when the A's slugger appeared to swing at strike three leading off the fourth. McDowell ended the inning by striking out Geronimo Berroa, glaring at the umpire as he stormed off the mound — a glimpse of the emotional, intimidating Black Jack of old.

Mike Jackson relieved

McDowell, who threw 132 pitches, in the eighth and got the last six outs.

Ramirez hit his second homer in two nights, a two-run shot in the fourth into the left-field bleachers. That made it 3-0, which was more than enough for McDowell.

The Indians scored one in the third on an RBI groundout by Jim Thome against Willie Adams (1-3), who gave up six runs and seven hits in six innings.

Pinch-hitter Dave Magadan drove in Berroa, who doubled, to break up the shutout in the seventh.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR SATURDAY, MAY 3:

Turn inward and take your own advice often during this year. Frequent timeouts are necessary for you to center yourself. Look at the various alternatives, and decide what you really want. Examine your goals and needs carefully. You (and others) will find your desirability high, and you'll particularly enjoy one-to-one relating. If you are single, you will be motivated to become involved in a romantic relationship. Most likely, you will manifest this tie, but be careful not to choose someone who is emotionally unavailable. If attached, you and your mate will profit from periodic mini vacations together. ARIES reads you cold.

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) Handle a responsibility early in the day, and you'll clear a lot quickly. You feel empowered and full of vitality. Others seek you out for a fun day of explor-

ing. Check out what is happening behind the scenes. Tonight: Beam in what you want.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Consider taking time off. You have been pushing hard. Pull back, and share what is happening. One-to-one relating is important with a partner you care about. Investigate an expenditure. Reconsider a decision. Tonight: Make dinner for two.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Go for what you want. Make calls, find the most fun people and design plans that suit you. Instincts help you deal with a loved one. You are in the mood to socialize, touch base with others and shoot the breeze. It is a case of the more, the merrier. Tonight: Zoom around.

CANCER (June 21-July 21) Make time for an elder relative or friend who needs your attention. Sometimes you feel that this person is a burden, but he is important to you. Extra time at work proves rewarding. Reorganize things. Tonight: It's your night to choose.

LEO (July 22-Aug. 22)

Reach out for another who is at a distance, and start talking. What comes up for consideration is creative and intriguing. Expand your knowledge in your field. Energy is unstable, so you might need a nap at some point. Tonight: Go exotic.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Connect on a one-to-one level with loved ones. In-depth talks make you feel close to these people. Actually, you might want to throw a party at home. You are dynamic and motivated, and love the socializing. Tonight: It could become steamy.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) Go along with an unusual idea that comes your way. A talk with a roommate doesn't bring positive results. Be realistic about limits. Finish errands, and visit those who make a difference in your life. Tonight: Accept an enticing offer.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) Curb spending, in general, but if you are OK with the costs, go for it. Be realistic

when discussing a problem. It feels like you are rehashing the same old stuff -- and you are! Lighten up about what is possible. Tonight: Be contemplative.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) Your humor helps everyone relax. Your fun side comes out with others. Money is the wild card for you. Be realistic about what you want. Be willing to take emotional risks, but not financial ones. Open up to a loved one's flirtatious ways. Tonight: Go wild.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Do some solid thinking about long-term domestic goals. Even though you are direct with family, you might not hear what they are saying clearly enough. Instincts are right, but can cloud reality. Do some double-checking. Talk to a friend. Tonight: You are happy at home.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) Be realistic about what is happening. Know one thing: Your instincts are 100 percent off. Start up talks, and gather

feedback. Visit a friend, and catch up on news. Choose a fun, relaxing and enjoyable setting. Share feelings. Tonight: Have an intimate dinner.

FISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) Use care with finances. You could easily go overboard, trying to make what you want real. Don't push to make the impossible happen. This is a time to simply hang out, and let things unfold. A laissez-faire attitude goes a long way. Tonight: Go for inexpensive thrills.

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Bodgit handlers want fast Derby

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (AP) — The folks at Camp Bodgit can't stand the thought of a lazy pace in the Kentucky Derby for their Captain Bodgit.

"If they go the first half-mile in 48 seconds, I'm going to puke," said Barry Irwin, manager of the Team Valor syndicate that owns Captain Bodgit. Captain Bodgit will be among the favorites Saturday in a Kentucky Derby field of 13, devoid of a true front-runner. That means the early leader might be a horse that really doesn't want it, like the early favorite, Pulpit.

"If they're going slow enough, we'll take the lead," Pulpit's trainer, Frank Brothers, said. "If we get a first half of 48, and he's up there, that's fine. It's not going to happen, though."

If it does, there goes Irwin's lunch. Pulpit, owned by Claiborne Farm, and Captain Bodgit have split two previous meetings. Pulpit beat Captain Bodgit in the Fountain of Youth on Feb. 22, and Captain Bodgit came from behind to beat Pulpit in the Florida Derby on March 15.

The first half in the Florida Derby was 47 3-5 seconds, almost slow enough to make Irwin puke.

They split paths then, with Captain Bodgit winning the Wood Memorial and Pulpit capturing the Blue Grass in their final preps for the Derby.

"I think Pulpit will be the one up front and going," Irwin said. "They're going to figure no one wants to go with them."

"I'm just worried if we win, we'll all get arrested in the parkin' lot," Irwin said. "There's so much reverence for Claiborne Farm, if you beat them you feel like you've done something bad."

Other candidates for the early lead include Santa Anita Derby winner Free House and runner-up Silver Charm, Arkansas Derby runner-up Phantom on Tour, and Federico Tesio winner Concerto, owned by George Steinbrenner.

The classy stretch runners in the field include the Captain, Jim Beam runner-up Jack Flash, Arkansas Derby winner Crypto Star and Hello, the Irish-bred who was third in the Santa Anita Derby.

Phantom on Tour was the only horse that worked Thursday, turning in a time of 35 3-5 for three furlongs under regular rider Jerry Bailey.

"Just when you think you have the race figured out ... I mean, look at the '94 Derby. Everybody was saying Holy Bull would take the lead, and he never got anywhere near it," Bailey said.

In post position order, the field is: Crypto Star, Pat Day; Phantom on Tour, Bailey; Concerto, Carlos Marquez; Captain Bodgit, Alex Solis; Silver Charm, Gary Stevens; Celtic Warrior, Francisco Torres; Pulpit, Shane Sellers; Hello, Mike Smith; Jack Flash, Craig Perret; Shamy Davis, Willie Martinez; Deeds Not Words, Corey Nakatani; Crimson Classic, Robby Albarado, and Free House, David Flores.

All starters will carry 126 pounds, and \$700,000 of the \$1 million purse will go to the winner. Shamy Davis and Jack Flash will run as a Nick Zito-trained entry.

Education is the difference in love as well as in life

DEAR ABBY: When I saw the letter in your column from the woman who wrote to say that after 13 years of abuse, she had finally decided she was going to leave her husband, I had to write. The woman's decision prompted her to pen a poem she titled "Love Isn't ..."



Abigail Van Buren
Columnist

After reading it, I was compelled to write my own "poem." I call it, "Stupid Is ..."

STUPID IS ...

— Staying married to a man who is physically and verbally abusive for 13 YEARS! For heaven's sake, GET A CLUE!

— Having a child with an abusive mate. It's hard to believe there were no incidents of this nature prior to having a baby.

— Raising a child in this hostile environment. Statistics show that most abusers were either abused themselves or witnessed abuse during their own childhood. So, congratulations! You are now raising tomorrow's crop of tormentors.

— Any woman who doesn't get the best possible education she can before she gets married or has children. A good education is your ticket to freedom! I've rarely heard a well-educated woman say, "I had to stay with this abusive man because I don't have anywhere to go."

— Any woman who would PLAN to have a baby with someone who hasn't proven himself to be as committed to raising the child as she is. Choosing to bring a child into the world simply because you "want a baby" is the height of selfishness. Forget what you want. Think of what is best for the child.

— Anyone who would have a baby they cannot afford to care for. To people who complain that it's impossible to raise a "family" on a minimum wage, I say, "If you are making only

minimum wage, why are you starting a family?" Work your way up the ladder. Go back to school nights and weekends. Many of us have done just that, and THAT is how we have gotten ahead. Besides, job experience gives you something to fall back on if "Mr. Wonderful" turns out to be less than you'd hoped for. You'll know you are capable of taking care of yourself.

Abby, I'm sure I'll be criticized for my opinion, but I am ... SICK AND TIRED OF VOLUNTARY VICTIMS IN OREGON

DEAR SICK AND TIRED: You may be criticized for stating your opinion, and I may be criticized for printing it. You didn't sugar-coat the message, but perhaps it needs to be said. However, it may interest you that not everyone saw "Goodbye Wife's" poem in the same light as you. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: You recently printed a letter from "The Goodbye Wife in Calif." in which she outlined what "Love Isn't."

Abby, that letter hit home. I am married and the father of four. My wife and children have put up with that kind of behavior far too long.

Your advice was that we all have choices. Well, this husband and father just made one, before I, too, receive a letter like that.

I carry a copy of the column in my wallet, next to the picture of my family. At least once each day, I make it a point to look at both. Abby, I'd much rather have my family than get a goodbye letter.

Thanks to you and "Goodbye Wife" for opening my eyes. — CHANGING IN CINCINNATI

DEAR ABBY: I am a 28-year-old female, writing to you in the hope that my story might save or prolong the lives of other young women.

On Dec. 26, 1996, just two days before my wedding, I found a small lump in my right breast. Because of the chaos of the holidays and family members arriving from out of town, I decided to say nothing and to pursue no action at that time. A week later, on our honey-

moon, I showed the lump to my husband and expressed my concern. We agreed I would have it looked at upon our return.

I have since had a lumpectomy and axillary lymph nodes removed (some of the nodes were positive), and begun intensive high-dose chemotherapy with radiation treatments to follow. My outlook is very positive and I feel certain I can win this battle.

I am not writing for sympathy. I'm writing to alert your readers that this could happen to them, and to make them more aware of their role in early detection. Breast cancer does not run in my family. My mother, aunt, sister and cousins are all older than I and have never had an incident. Many physicians do not advise young women of their risk of breast cancer, and the majority of my friends don't know how to do breast self-examinations.

No one is concerned until a woman is over 40, and even then there's some controversy regarding the effectiveness of mammograms.

This is not a disease that caries how old you are. Please, Abby, implore your women readers over 20 to do self-checks, have an annual examination by a physician, and begin mammographies early if they feel they are at risk. — GINGER KELLY, CINCINNATI

DEAR GINGER: No need to implore my readers; you just did, and most effectively. Thank you for writing, and best wishes for a full and speedy recovery.

DEAR ABBY: I read with great empathy the letter from "Confused Heart," who loved his girlfriend but wasn't sure she was "the one." He wondered if he was living in a fairy tale world, or if there is a real love out there where there are no doubts.

I am 34 years old. I'm being married for the first time in June. As an adolescent I thought I wanted to get married as soon as possible, and regarded every guy I met as a potential mate. I stayed in some bad relationships because it was better than being alone. Over time, I matured, gained some

self-esteem, and my expectations about relationships changed. I had several boyfriends, one of whom I grew to care for deeply. But I chose not to marry him because I, too, was unsure of what love was "supposed" to feel like. I didn't want to make a mistake and end up divorced.

Then I met Dan. I can't explain how I knew. I just "knew" Dan was the one for me. I had no doubts. Abby, of all the guys I dated, no one made me feel the way he does. He brings out the best in me. He's my best friend. He never gives me any reason to doubt his love for me.

I'm not saying that everyone should wait as long as I did to get married, but your advice was right on. If in doubt, DON'T — and that applies to more than just marriage. When it's right, you'll know it. I hope "Confused Heart" makes the right choice. But as for me, I'm ... GLAD I WAITED

DEAR GLAD: Congratulations on your upcoming wedding. I love happy endings.

DEAR ABBY: Mom and I have been arguing about something for a week or so. Recently while Mom was visiting her parents, she went into the bedroom for something and saw Grandpa's checkbook lying open on the dresser. She looked through it and discovered that for the past year, her parents had been giving large sums of money to her brothers and sisters.

When she came to me about it, I told her that it was none of her business and she was guilty of snooping. Mom says the fact that she was snooping is beside the point. She feels that she should talk to her parents about those checks her siblings are getting — because she would like to get some money, too.

What do you think? — TROUBLED DAUGHTER

DEAR TROUBLED DAUGHTER: Your mother was wrong to have gone through her father's checkbook. But since she did, she should now discuss it with her parents. If she doesn't, jealousy and resentment

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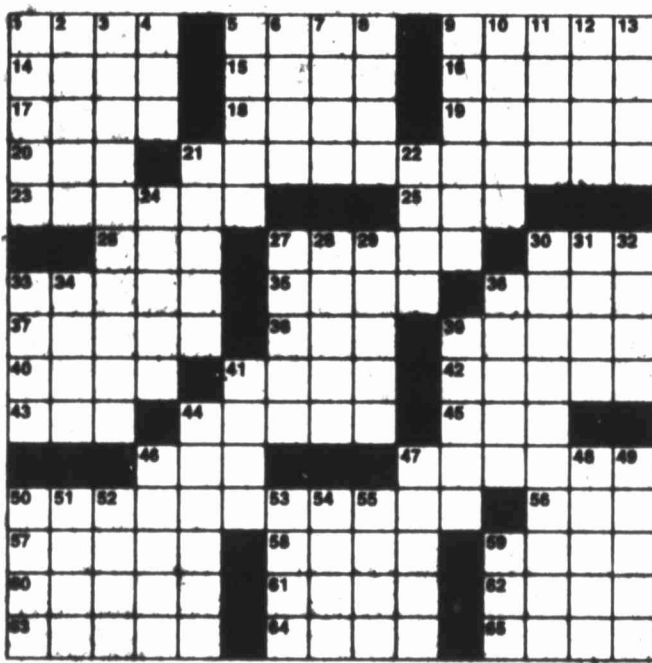
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Today's Highlight in History: On May 2, 1863, Confederate Gen. Thomas 'Stonewall' Jackson was accidentally wounded by his own men at Chancellorsville, Va. He died eight days later.

Vinci died at Cloux, France. In 1670, the Hudson Bay Co. was chartered by England's King Charles II. In 1890, the Oklahoma Territory was organized. In 1932, Jack Benny's first radio show made its debut on the NBC Blue Network. In 1988, 'Peter and the Wolf,' a symphonic tale for children by Sergei Prokofiev, had its world premiere in Moscow. In 1945, the Soviet Union announced the fall of Berlin and the Allies announced the surrender of Nazi troops in Italy and parts of Austria. In 1957, Sen. Joseph R. McCarthy, the controversial Republican from Wisconsin, died at Bethesda Naval Hospital in Maryland.

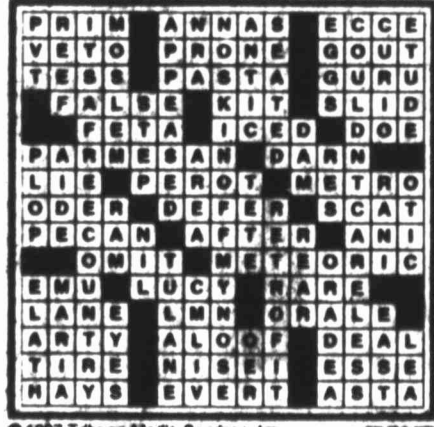
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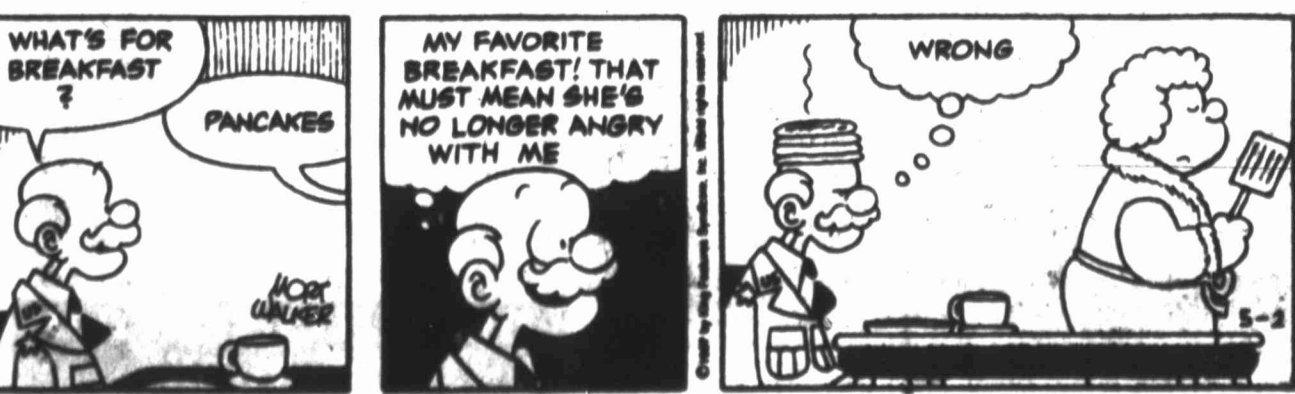
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