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Big Spring students ready for National Academic Challenge

By JOHN A. MOSELEY
News Editor

Winning the Permian Basin Academic Challenge has Big Spring High School officials ecstatic and the four members of the Academic Challenge team somewhat surprised by the attention they're receiving.

"The reaction really did come as a surprise," team captain Joe Rainwater, one of two seniors on the team, admitted. "It was a big accomplishment to us, but we really didn't expect other people to be that supportive."

Rainwater, who teammates Rebecca McCarty, D.J. Graves and Zachary Zilal claim is the team's mathematics and sports expert, noted that the four were truly surprised to learn that the Big Spring Independent School District will be covering the cost of their trip to compete in the National Academic Challenge set for May 29-June 1 in New Orleans.

"We're awfully proud of them and they have a right to be proud of themselves," teacher Virginia Miller, the team's coach said. "We've had some good teams before, but the best we've ever finished was fourth. This year everything just came together. We had a very balanced team."

All four members of the team admitted the surprises literally started last Saturday when time expired in the final challenge round and they learned they'd taken a 205 to 200 win over Lamesa's "A" team.

"We had a pretty good lead, but they went on a long run and I think we were all kind of shocked when they said we'd won it by five points,"

Rainwater said.

The Big Spring team had opened the challenge by dropping a 185-to-165 contest to Permian's "A" team, but rebounded to beat Lamesa's "B" team by 210 points en route to the final against the other Lamesa squad.

Surprisingly, all four team members had no trouble in agreeing on what had been the most difficult question they encountered in Midland.

"It was 'What was Ashley Longworth's plantation in Gone With the Wind named?' We knew it was something Oaks, we just couldn't remember how many," chimed Graves, a sophomore and possibly the team's most outgoing member. "There were a lot of tough questions, but that's the one that comes to mind for all of us."

Miller noted that in selecting the team, she'd been able to pick students with a wide range of knowledge.

Graves, who specialized in Bible questions, hopes to be admitted to the Texas Academy of Math and Science in Denton.

Zilal, a junior, tends to handle most of the team's questions concerning history and geography and was credited by his teammates with having a major impact on the Permian Basin Challenge victory.

McCarty's expertise in music makes her most valuable on those questions.

Ironically, none of the four team members who took part in last week's contest had competed in the Academic Challenge before. Rainwater was an alternate last year, but did not get a chance to compete.

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Members of the Big Spring High School Academic Challenge team — (clockwise from left) Rebecca McCarty, Zachary Zilal, D.J. Graves and Joe Rainwater — gather around coach Virginia Miller in displaying the Permian Basin Academic Challenge trophy.

HERALD photo/John A. Moseley

New council members sworn

Anderson receives recognition

By CARLTON JOHNSON
Staff Writer

The Big Spring City Council said thank you and farewell to outgoing council members John Paul Anderson and Tom Guess and to swear in new members Gregg Biddison and Tommy Tune during a special called meeting Tuesday afternoon.

The changing of the guard at Tuesday's meeting was highlighted by Anderson receiving a standing ovation by audience members after he received a plaque from Mayor Tim Blackshear for his service to the Big Spring community on the council.

Guess was not present at the meeting, but an award will also be given to him for his tenure on the council.

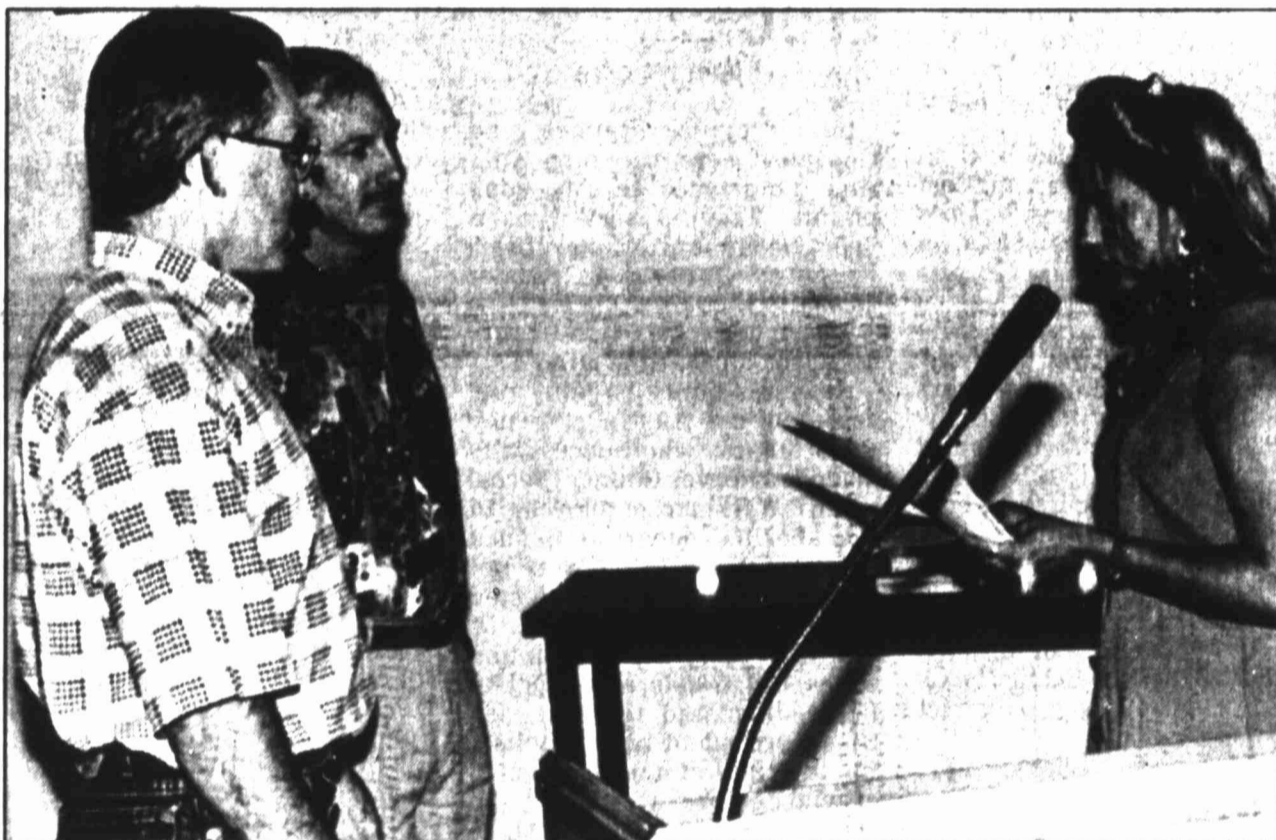
In presenting Anderson with the plaque, Blackshear thanked Anderson for his service and encouraged him to continue being active in the community.

Some of the accomplishments Anderson said he is the most proud to have been involved with as a council member include the city's deal with Cornell Corrections, the fire department taking over the ambulance service, the police department and the cooperation between the city, county and Moore Development.

After receiving his award, Anderson stepped out into the audience and Tune and Biddison were sworn in by Assistant City Secretary Shanna Young as the new representatives for District 4 and District 6.

Tuesday's meeting was also to canvass the ballots from Saturday's election, making

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District 4 Councilman Tommy Tune and District 6 Councilman Greg Biddison are administered the oath of office by Assistant City Secretary Shanna Young Tuesday as they prepare to take their seats on the Big Spring City Council. Outgoing Councilman John Paul Anderson is thanked and presented a plaque by Mayor Tim Blackshear for his three years of service to the community.

Herald photos/Jonathan Garrett

Izzard announces plan to challenge Stenholm again

By CARLTON JOHNSON
Staff Writer

Close was just not enough for Republican Rudy Izzard.

Izzard, who took U.S. Rep. Charles Stenholm, D-Stamford, down to the wire before losing the race for the 17th Congressional District seat last November, announced Monday that he has opened his 1998 campaign office in Abilene.

The Abilene dentist and former San Angelo city councilman earned almost 48 percent of the vote (87,805 votes) in the 1996 general election to Stenholm's 52 percent (95,373). "The 17th district is a big dis-

trict. There is a lot of work to be done and we want to get an early start," Izzard said at Monday's opening. "We are convinced we can build on our efforts from 1996 and win this seat."

Izzard's challenge in 1998 means he will be attempting to unseat a 20-year incumbent in Stenholm.

One of the big issues for Izzard during the 1996 campaign was term limits, which will again be an issue with Izzard in 1998, but as part of a much larger picture.

During last year's campaign, Izzard said, "I'm for limiting terms to 12 years for the U.S. House and U.S. Senate. The framers of our Constitution never envisioned legislators walking away with multi-million dollar pensions or increasing their salaries 100 percent."

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IZZARD

Sheriff acknowledges getting notice of new EEOC filing

By JOHN H. WALKER
Managing Editor

A sixth former employee of the Howard County Sheriff's Department, John Castro, has filed a complaint with the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) alleging wrongful termination.

Sheriff Bill Jennings has no comment other than to confirm the county had been notified of the additional complaint.

Castro joins failed sheriff's candidate Barney Edens, Alfonso "Al" Baca Jr., Tiburcio E. "Junior" Trevino Jr., Guillermo "Willie" Rangel Jr. and Gloria Gonzales.

The other five had previously

filed complaints with the EEOC, which will now review the complaints as well as the county's response and make a decision as to whether or not there is a basis for legal action against the county.

Following his election last November in which he defeated Edens by a vote of 5,881 to 3,945, Jennings established an office in the courthouse and announced that all employees of the previous sheriff's administration would be required to re-apply for employment in the new administration.

Edens was the only one of 11 deputies who chose not to re-apply.

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Fina buys Town & Country stores in Dallas area

By CARLTON JOHNSON
Staff Writer

Dallas-based Fina Oil and Chemical Company, for the second time in four months, has made a major purchase or entered into partnership with a prominent convenience store chain.

Town & Country Stores Chairman Steve Stephens recently announced that the chain has sold its 18 Dallas-Fort Worth area convenience stores to Fina. The purchase was finalized on April 28 with the trans-

fer of assets planned for a Friday completion.

With its sale to Fina, Town & Country now operates 129 convenience stores in Texas and New Mexico plus six T&C Village Market supermarkets in smaller West Texas towns.

"This sale will give Town & Country additional operating capital for us to continue our aggressive expansion in our more traditional operating areas of West Texas and Eastern New Mexico," Stephens said. "We have built 21 new stores in the past two years and

have a number of new sites already purchased in West Texas and New Mexico."

"Plus, we are searching for possible acquisitions of existing convenience stores in that area," Stephens added. "We are presently looking at some single stores as well as multiple unit opportunities."

According to Fina officials, the stores will continue to operate under the name Town & Country for at least a year and will sell Fina brand gasoline and products.

The Town & Country stores

recently purchased by Fina will be company owned, according to a Fina spokesperson in Dallas, and not a distributorship operation such as the venture Fina executed with Southwestern Convenience Stores earlier this year.

In January, Fina announced it had formed a new convenience store company with Southwest Convenience Stores — Southwest Convenience Stores LLC.

The venture is structured as a

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TODAY'S WEATHER

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Today: Mostly cloudy with a chance of thunderstorms tonight. High in the upper 80s. Low in the 50s.

Thursday: Mostly cloudy with a chance of showers and thunderstorms. High in the upper 70s. Low in the 50s.

Extended outlook: Friday and Sunday, mostly cloudy with a slight chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the lower 80s. Lows in the 50s.

OBITUARIES

Gordon Cleveland Fortune

Graveside service for Gordon Cleveland Fortune, 89, Big Spring, will be 4 p.m. today in Evergreen Cemetery with Rev. Skip Hodges, pastor of the First United Methodist Church in Stanton, officiating. Service will be under the direction of Gilbreath Funeral Home of Stanton.

Mr. Fortune died Tuesday, May 6, 1997, in Big Spring after a lengthy illness.

He was born on March 24, 1908, in Cass County. He had lived in Martin County 70 years and farmed in the Lenorah community until 1994 when he moved to Big Spring.

He was preceded in death by two brothers, Osborn Kermit Fortune, Sr., and Theodore Douglas Fortune.

Survivors include: a sister, Otelia Fortune of Big Spring; six nieces and nephews, Charlene Fortune Smith and June Fortune Stone, both of Big Spring, Ella Vonne Fortune West of Granbury, Osborn Kermit (Pat) Fortune, Jr., Midland, Jimmy D. (Mike) Fortune of Albany, Ore., and Jimmy T. Fortune of Tyler; two sisters-in-law, Mrs. Kermit Fortune of Big Spring, and Mrs. T.D. Fortune of Midland.

Pallbearers will be Roy G. Smith, O.K. (Pat) Fortune, Jr., Robert Fortune, Wesley Hutchings II, Bill Stone and Henry West.

(Paid obituary)

Dorothy B. Christensen

Dorothy B. Christensen, 66, Timmeron, N.M., died Sunday, May 4, 1997, at Gerald Champion Memorial Hospital in Alamogordo, N.M.

Mrs. Christensen was born Feb. 25, 1931, Guymon, Okla. She moved to Timmeron 13 years ago from Big Spring, and was a retired district sales manager for Avon. She was a member of the Timmeron Baptist Chapel and the Home Extension Club.

Survivors include: her husband, C.C. Christensen of the family home; four sons, Phillip Cross and his wife Patsy of Big Spring, Kennedy Cross and his wife Nancy of Timmeron, N.M., Douglas Christensen of Clearwater, Okla., and Gary

Christensen, Big Spring; a daughter, Donna Sexton, and her husband Craig of Big Spring; eight grandchildren; two brothers, Colin Brown of Redwood City, Calif., and Jerry Brown of San Diego, Calif.; and four sisters, Patricia Brune of Guymon, Okla., Doris St. Clair of Seattle, Wash., Arlis Jacobs of Dillon, Colo., and Mary Lynn O'Hanlon of McAlister, Okla.

Graveside service was 2 p.m. Wednesday, May 7 at the Timmeron Cemetery with Rev. Buddy C. Cobb officiating.

Pallbearers were Kevin Ross, James Ross, Spud Jones, Rick Merrick, Kevin Keune and Butch Haupt.

Should friends desire, memorial contributions may be made to the Building Fund at Timmeron Baptist Chapel; P.O. Box 160; Timmeron, N.M.; 88350.

Arrangements under the direction of Hamilton-O'Dell Funeral Home, Inc., Alamogordo, N.M.

(Paid obituary)

Celia Ramirez-Moran

Rosary for Celia Ramirez-Moran, 28, Big Spring, will be 7 p.m. Thursday, May 7, 1997, at Myers & Smith Chapel.

Funeral Mass will be 10:30 a.m. Friday, May 8, at St. Thomas Catholic Church with Rev. Cornelius Scanlon, pastor, officiating.

Interment will follow in Mount Olive Memorial Park.

Mrs. Moran died Monday, May 5, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center following a brief illness.

She was born on Nov. 21, 1968, in Big Spring. She was a member of St. Thomas Catholic Church and was a lifetime resident of Big Spring. She graduated from Big Spring High School in 1988 and attended Howard College. She married Eloy Moran on March 18, 1989, in Big Spring. Mrs. Moran had been employed at Anthony's for the last year.

Survivors are her husband, Eloy Moran, Big Spring; one son, Aristotle Moran, Big Spring; her parents, Canuto and Teodora Ramirez, Big Spring; three sisters, Alicia Ramirez-Lopez, San Angelo, Maria E.R. Johnke, Lubbock, and Adela Ramirez, Big Spring; four brothers, Canuto Ramirez, Jr., Temple, Frank Ramirez, Big Spring, Joe Ramirez, Miami, Fla., and Gus Ramirez, Midland; and several nieces, nephews, aunts and uncles.

Arrangements under the direction of Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Clara Roth Wegner

Service for Clara Roth Wegner, 84, Columbus, Mont., will be Saturday, May 10, 1997, at Smith Funeral Chapel in Columbus, Mont.

Mrs. Wegner died Tuesday, May 6, in a nursing home in Laurel, Mont.

She was born April 28, 1913. She married Robert Wegner in 1929. She was a member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Columbus, Mont.

Survivors are her husband, Robert Wegner, Columbus, Mont.; three sons, Robert C. (Bob) Wegner, Big Spring, Jimmy Wegner, Columbus, Mont., and Gene Wegner, Billings, Mont.; two daughters, Betty Southworth, Tucson, Ariz., and Julie (Jo) McGettes, Big Spring; 19 grandchildren; and 29 grandchildren.

Arrangements under the

direction of Smith Funeral Home, Columbus, Mont.

R.R. Kennedy

Service for R.R. Kennedy, 94, Abilene, formerly of Big Spring, is pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

He died Tuesday, May 6, 1997, in an Abilene nursing home.

C.R. "Red" Eubanks

Service for C.R. "Red" Eubanks, 82, Big Spring, is pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

He died Wednesday, May 7, 1997, in a local hospital.

IZZARD

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1998, Izzard said the whole area of congressional reform is important to him, not just term limits.

"I will not accept a taxpayer funded pension until the federal government balances its own budget," Izzard said.

Izzard's desire to run again was ignited by last year's success as well as the support he received from around the 17th district.

"I've received a lot of encouragement from people all over, but it was mostly a family decision," Izzard said. "My children are a little older and my family will be able to travel with me more."

Some of the issues Izzard sees as issues in 1998 include, balancing the federal budget and how, military issues and the continuing struggles of the agriculture industry.

The early start for Izzard is to continue the grassroots organization began last year and to start raising money.

"It's such a large district that you have to break your campaign up into several areas," Izzard said. "Abilene is the biggest media market, but we definitely want to hit all areas of the district."

Although Izzard did well in some several areas during last year's general election, he does not plan concentrate solely on the areas in which he was defeated by Stenholm.

"We will concentrate equally hard on the entire district," Izzard said. "I thought we were going to win last time, but now we have a great effort to build on."

"I intend to become a congressman the old-fashioned way — by earning it," Izzard added.

Sticking to a promise he made in last year's campaign, Izzard said if he is elected, he will make Abilene his district headquarters and will open a district office in Big Spring.

COUNCIL

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them official. The official ballot totals from the three council races are:

District 2 — Pat DeAnda, 88 votes; Oscar Garcia, 107 votes; and Bob Taylor, 38 votes.

District 4 — Tom Guess, 122 votes; and Tommy Tune, 304 votes.

District 6 — Gregg Biddison, 141 votes; Randy Mason, 104 votes; and Ray Rinard 25 votes.

Council members also called for a District 2 runoff election on May 31 between District 2 incumbent Pat DeAnda and Oscar Garcia.

Garcia's 107 votes in Saturday's election gave him 45.92 percent of the vote, which was 11 votes short of the 50 percent plus one vote needed to avoid a runoff in the three-person race.

Early voting for the runoff will be May 12 through May 27 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the finance office at City Hall.

The runoff election will be from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. May 31 in the Big Spring High School cafeteria.

BIG SPRING AROUND THE TOWN

FINA

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limited liability corporation with one-third owners ship belonging to Fina and two-thirds ownership belonging to Southwest Convenience Stores, which is owned by Don and Jack Wood of Odessa.

According to Fina, the new company owns and operated 149 units in West Texas and New Mexico under an exclusive licensing arrangement using the 7-Eleven brand. Fina will supply fuel to all Southwest Convenience Stores through its Big Spring refinery and other supply arrangements.

Big Spring Fina Refinery Manager Phil Carruthers said the joint venture changes nothing for the 280-employee Big Spring plant in the short-term, but the benefits are realized from a long-term standpoint.

"This means we will be supplying fuel to the new company as a long-term business venture rather than on a year-to-year contract basis," Carruthers said. "Fina plans to be a major player in the gasoline market in the Southwestern U.S."

Carruthers added, "Production wise, the venture provides a long-term outlet for our products, meaning the new company is a stable outlet for what we produce."

Earlier this year, Fina had announced an alliance with Holly Corp. for the purpose of creating a comprehensive supply network to serve the Southwest that was said to help solidify the future of the Big Spring refinery.

EEOC

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He, Trevino, Rangel and Gonzales were the only full-time employees to file complaints. Trevino served as a deputy/communications officer, Rangel as a jailer and Gonzales as a jailer/booking officer.

Castro was a part-time deputy and Baca a part-time jailer.

Howard County is being represented by Austin attorney Robert Pass, who successfully defended Reeves County (Pecos) when 17 former employees in the sheriff's department sued the county when they were not retained by a newly elected sheriff.

In 1995, Judge Lucius Bunton of the U.S. Western District in Pecos dismissed the suit, setting a precedent and establishing the right of a newly elected official to hire who he or she wants and to decline to rehire others.

County Judge Ben Lockhart said it is his understanding that the complainants could still file suit against the county even if the EEOC ruled their complaints were without merit.

CHALLENGE

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With both Rainwater and McCarty graduating this spring, and Graves planning to spend her next two years of education in Denton, next year's Big Spring team will be vastly different.

"It looks like it'll be Zach and Matt Holt (the alternate who will join the team on its trip to New Orleans) will be the only ones I'll have back," Miller said. The team members noted that they cannot take credit for the Permian Basin championship alone.

"One of the reasons we've done this well is being challenged every Wednesday with a different team of students," Graves said, noting that even a team of four teachers offered a challenge one week and lost.

Texas Lottery

PICK 3: 1, 8, 9
CASH 5: 10, 12, 14, 15, 31

BRIEFS

THE HOWARD COUNTY 4-H SHOOTING Sports Club will host a new shooter workshop at 9 a.m. Saturday at the R.C. Thomas Shooting Range in Knott.

Instruction begins at 9 and will continue until 1:30. Lunch will be provided. Anyone between the ages of 8 and 18 wanting to learn to shoot a shotgun or experienced shooters who want to learn to shoot trap and skeet are encouraged to attend.

Gun and shooter safety will be strictly enforced. All equipment will be provided, but each participant must be accompanied by an adult.

Anyone wanting to register or needing more information should call Van Gaskins at 353-4598, Larry Romine at 459-2435 or the County Extension office at 264-2236.

AN ANDERSON KINDERGARTEN CENTER fundraiser is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. on Friday, May 16 in the East Room of the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

Sponsored by the Federal Employees Group, a 7 p.m. dinner will follow the opening reception. Tickets are \$15 and all proceeds go to Anderson. Keynote speaker is Matthew Hamidullah.

For more information call Anderson Kindergarten Center at 264-4151 or the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce at 263-7641.

A BAKE SALE BENEFITTING The Hangar 25 Restoration Project has been scheduled for 10 a.m. Saturday until all items are sold at Big Spring Mall.

SPRINGBOARD

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

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

•Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. open meeting and 8 to 9 p.m. 12&12 Study.

•Sands pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten pre-registration 2 p.m. in the pre-K and Kindergarten rooms. To be eligible for pre-K, students must be three or four years old on or before Sept. 1, and Kindergarten students must be five years old on or before Sept. 1. Parents must bring their child's birth certificate, immunization records and social security number. For more information call Zalda Bilbo at (915)353-4314.

THURSDAY

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

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

•Big Spring Senior Citizens Center art classed, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m., 55 and older.

•Support Group for Depression, 7 p.m., Howard College room A-10.

•Al-Anon, 8 to 9 p.m., Scenic Mountain Medical Center small cafeteria.

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

•American Legion Auxiliary Post 506, 7 p.m. Call 263-2084.

•Christmas in April, noon, 1607 East Third. Call Theresa Hodnett at 263-0147.

POLICE REPORT

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

•FELIX MARTINEZ, 17, of 602 N.W. 7th, was arrested on local warrants.

•SANDRA HEAGY KING, 46, HC 76 Box 52, was arrested on local warrants.

•KIMBERLY JONES, 26, of Sweetwater, was arrested on two Dallas County warrants.

•SABINO GRANADOS TOLEDO, 28, of 601 Goliad, was arrested for theft under \$50.

•CLIFTON DOPHER GRIF-FON, 50, no known address, was arrested for public intoxication.

•TERRY POINDEXTER, 43, of 111A Donley, was arrested for not having a driver's license.

•STEVE HANNABAS, 39, HC 269 Box 507, was arrested for driving with an invalid license.

•GAS THEFT in the 1403 N. Lamesa.

•ASSAULT in the 1600 block of Stadium.

•DISTURBANCE/FIGHT near 18th and Austin; and the 1600 block of Young.

•DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE in the 1900 block of Johnson; and at Gregg and FM 700.

•THEFT in the 200 block of W. Marcy.

•AGGRAVATED ASSAULT WITH A DEADLY WEAPON in the 800 block of W. Marcy.

SHERIFF REPORT

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

•ROXANNE DeANDA, 29, of 1515 Wood, was arrested on a motion to revoke probation for driving while intoxicated, and released on a \$1,000 bond.

•GLORIA MELENDEZ, 35, of 821 W. 7th, was arrested for revocation of probation, and released on a \$1,000 bond.

•PRICILLA LOPEZ RODRIGUEZ, 41, of 1010 N.W. 2nd, was arrested for driving with an invalid license, and released on a \$1,500 bond.

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

Warren A. "Bud" Farrow, 77, died Sunday. Rosary will be 6:15 PM Wednesday at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Funeral service will be at 10:00 AM Thursday at Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church. Private family interment will follow.
C. R. "Red" Eubanks, 82, died Wednesday, May 7. Services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

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

Celia Ramirez-Moran, 28, died Monday. Rosary is 7 PM Thursday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Mass will be 10:30 AM Friday at St. Thomas Catholic Church. Interment will be in Mount Olive Cemetery.
R. R. Kennedy, 94, died Tuesday. Services are pending.

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EDITORIAL

Quote of the Day

"Success is counted sweetest
By those who ne'er succeed."

—Emily Dickinson

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OUR VIEWS

Just reaching meet monumental success

This week, several local and area athletes culminate years of effort, practice and sacrifice when they compete in the University Interscholastic League State Spring Meet in Austin.

These athletes, be they track stars, golfers or tennis players, achieved this level by placing in the top two positions of their respective sports at both the district and regional level.

Merely earning a spot at the UIL state meet is an achievement in itself and worthy of public recognition. But these area teenagers did more than just excel in sports — they did so while maintaining their grades at acceptable levels. For many, this entailed long afternoons of after-school practice, followed by hours of homework, chores or participation in other extra-curricular activities.

In other words, these student-athletes achieved excellence on more than one front, and are a credit to the communities in which they live.

This area's qualifiers to the state Spring meet, by school and sport, are:

- Big Spring High School — Hsiao-Hsuan Li, tennis; Jaclyn Owusu, Keesha Lott, Dee Hill and the 4X200 and 4X400 relays in girls' track; and Tory Mitchell in boys' track.

- Coahoma High School — Blake Nichols, Josh Collum, Regi Roberts, Jason Gwyn and Kyle Wyatt, boys' golf.

- Stanton High School — Tyron Davis, boys' track.
- Garden City High School — Kelly Lankford, boys' track.

- Sands High School — Josh Richter, boys' track.
- Grady High School — Tarah Schuelke, Allison Cooper, Gregory Gibson and Jim Bob Haggerton, tennis; Angela Welsh, girls' track; and Brad Cox, boys' track.

Regardless of how many medals these student-athletes bring home from Austin, they have already achieved a standard of success in which anyone could take pride.

For that, we offer our congratulations for a job well done.

YOUR VIEWS

To the Editor:

Citizens of Howard County, we need to be more concerned about what our government is doing. Recently, the Public Utility Commission of Texas approved TU Electric's new 138KW (138,000 kilowatt) line on the west side of Big Spring.

These very ugly 70-foot tall cement poles will start at the West Substation on West Fourth St., come south across FM 700, down State Park St., cross West 16th St. and Hudgens Memorial St., turn west down Hudgens Memorial to the new substation, close to Western Container.

When you walk or drive around Scenic Mountain, these poles will be very visible from two directions and you will have to drive under them to go to the Vietnam Memorial, baseball practice fields, soccer fields, SWCID, Senior Citizens Center and the prison.

The PUC said there was no opposition; I called and wrote letters to each of the commissioners, our city officials (who said they would check into it, this was in January and February; I still have not heard from them), Emma Brown, our county commissioner, and David Counts are the only ones who have responded.

Most people that I contacted did not know anything about this. If you wish to know more please call me at 263-4933.

NEAL BURGESS

To the Editor:

I saw in the Herald on Sunday that the state has given the city of Big Spring a \$600,000 grant less 20 percent the paper says we have to come up with \$114,000 to cover our 20 percent to restore Hangar 25. Where does the \$114,000 come from? Twenty

percent of 500,000 is and always has been 100,000, so where does the other \$14,000 come into the picture? Now to me the renovation of the Settles Hotel would benefit the city more than the hangar with an old World War II bomber in it, granted the "Tinkerbell" does have a history behind it, but so does my 1973 Pontiac Bonneville, but that doesn't mean that I am going to spend \$500,000 to house the old car. Then on the other hand, the Settles, I'm sure, has a great history too.

Everytime anyone mentions renovating the Settles, you get, "WE NEED" followed by "IT COST MONEY." Well, from where I sit, I see a situation that could be over taken by prison laborers, the city uses prison labor to clean alleys; why not let these people do something that will give them pride in the community and a chance to learn a trade so when they get out of prison, they can be productive? They do that all the time in Louisiana. (I know it grates you to know that people from Louisiana do things normally.) But the facts are you have prison labor, you have people in prison that have experience in carpentry, electrical work, plumbing, etc., all you have to do is use it.

But it will probably never happen, because this city council that we have would rather spend \$114,000 to restore an old hangar that will house an old war bird and have to pay a salary to have someone to "babysit" it rather than restore an old hotel that would bring pride and tourism to this small city.

Nobody seems to realize that we have the C.A.F. Museum only 30 minutes away from here.

M. FARR
BIG SPRING



Cotillion is a scrubbed, wholesome scene

Only Norman Rockwell could do it justice. Beneath four twinkling chandeliers, to the strains of "New York, New York," Atlanta area fifth-graders introduce themselves to one another and begin a neat foxtrot.

The scene might be from 1950, 1960 tops. The girls wear white gloves — the better not to really touch the boys — and Sunday dresses and pearls. Some also wear hair ribbons and wrist corsages and a sweet, fetching look. They have played with enough Glitter Barbies to know the score.

The boys are a different matter, a more touching sight somehow. Swallowed by their khaki pants and blue blazers — bought to last several years — the boys look at their loafers a lot, shyly offering their hands to partners whose eyes they can't quite meet.



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Syndicated Columnist

"The lady never, ever turns down a gentleman's invitation to dance," Alice Stephens says. Alice is no bigger than most of her Georgia Cotillion students, a perky, stylish woman dressed in spring flowers. Her past as a physical education teacher is evident; next to her, Kathie Lee is a slug.

"The lady always says 'Yes.' After all, it takes all their nerve to ask you to dance in the first place."

It's that kind of etiquette advice you get at Cotillion, five lessons in 10 weeks and classes grouped by age, fifth through eighth grade. Alice and her partner Sallie Johnson started Georgia Cotillion last year. Response has been overwhelming; you have to book six months in advance to be part of the scrubbed and wholesome scene at Roswell's Founders' Hall.

Good manners and social dancing may be anachronistic, "but people want to go back," Alice says. They want to return to a time when adults had manners and passed them on to their children like a strand of pearls, or a pearl of wisdom.

Alice is a Delta flight attendant, and Sallie has worked as

a school psychologist. They are professionals, not soccer moms with a manners agenda.

And they teach more than just the arbitrary incidentals like "A gentleman should unbutton his jacket when he sits and rebutton it when he stands." A monkey could probably learn that. They teach other things, far more profound.

"What are the three rules of etiquette?" Alice asks. The children answer aloud or silently move their lips. Always do the right thing. Always do your best. Remember the Golden Rule. That is the mantra of this manners class.

Alice and Sallie — such old-fashioned names — admit that Cotillion, at first, is usually the mother's idea; the kids and the dads need convincing.

But most come around, enjoying the dress-up, the dancing, the discipline. Fifth-grader Tommy Henry, Alice says, made her day with a question: "Why do we have to wait every other week to come?"

High-school senior Hamil Watson helps instruct. He says his own days at another Cotillion were enjoyable. Now he is the male role model for

the younger chaps trapped for the afternoon in their Sunday duds, counting to themselves as they try to master the three-count waltz.

Alli Mize, who is tall, one day was dancing with a much shorter boy. Alice asked her how she felt.

"I feel tall," Alli said. But that was OK, because her next partner was Hamil, who looks like Gulliver amongst the Lilliputians. The girls love to dance with him.

This is a brutal, bleating world, where people shoot one another over a space in a parking lot — or less. Somewhere along the line good manners have become quaint, something for squares and saps.

The parents watching the last Cotillion of the season in Roswell looked downright beatific. All were smiling. Some were misty-eyed. The boys were helping the girls put on and then take off the ubiquitous navy blazers, and — silly as it may seem — it was a scene of monumental proportions.

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A true community is formed on self-reliance

The Presidents' Summit for America's Future was an orgy of collectivism, as far removed from the American spirit and tradition as a convention of Marxists.

It's awful to criticize a photo opportunity buried under so much sugary do-goodism, but nevertheless, you should be clear as to what the real message of that summit is.

Underneath all that rhetorical goo is the collectivist message that the people who cause problems are not responsible for the problems they cause — you are. Quite explicitly, the message is that in addition to taking responsibility for your life and your family, you must also assume responsibility for everyone else's life. That's in the tradition of the collectivist philosophy.

On the other hand, the American tradition is that

everyone assumes responsibility for himself and for his own family. Then there aren't any social problems. But was any word uttered at the summit, chiding the irresponsible for being irresponsible? Oh, no the responsible were chided for not being responsible for the irresponsible.

"People of all ages and from all walks of life must claim society's problems as their own," said the summit's declaration. What that means is, you don't win. No matter how hard you work, no matter how responsible you are, no matter how much taxes you pay you will be considered a failure and a shirker because of someone else's failure. That's about as airtight a no-win deal as you will find.

Let us all gather, the summiters were in effect saying, and lay one gigantic guilt trip on the hard-working, responsible, tax-paying Americans by making them responsible for all the people who don't work, who are irresponsible and wh76ive off other people's taxes.

They talked about volunteerism, but just wait; you'll see that what they mean is compulsory volunteerism. In the inverted, perverted world

of collectivism, they talk about what novelist George Orwell dubbed "newspeak."

This perverted form of collectivist-liberalism refuses to acknowledge virtue. The good people in this country who stay in school, who work their buns off, who don't commit crimes and don't draw welfare, accomplish all they accomplish by expending huge amounts of time and energy.

Implicit in the summit's message, however, is the belief that the good people are just sitting around with oodles of time and money on their hands being selfish. So why aren't they out there solving the social problems the collectivist-liberals have failed to solve with trillions of tax dollars?

The good people pay taxes to build schools and hire teachers to teach children to read. Now they are being told that, in addition to that, they must also tutor the children who won't learn in the classroom and whose parents don't give a flip.

In fact, of course, the really good people in America don't have any surplus time or money, thanks to the burden of government taxes, government regulations, government-induced inflation and govern-

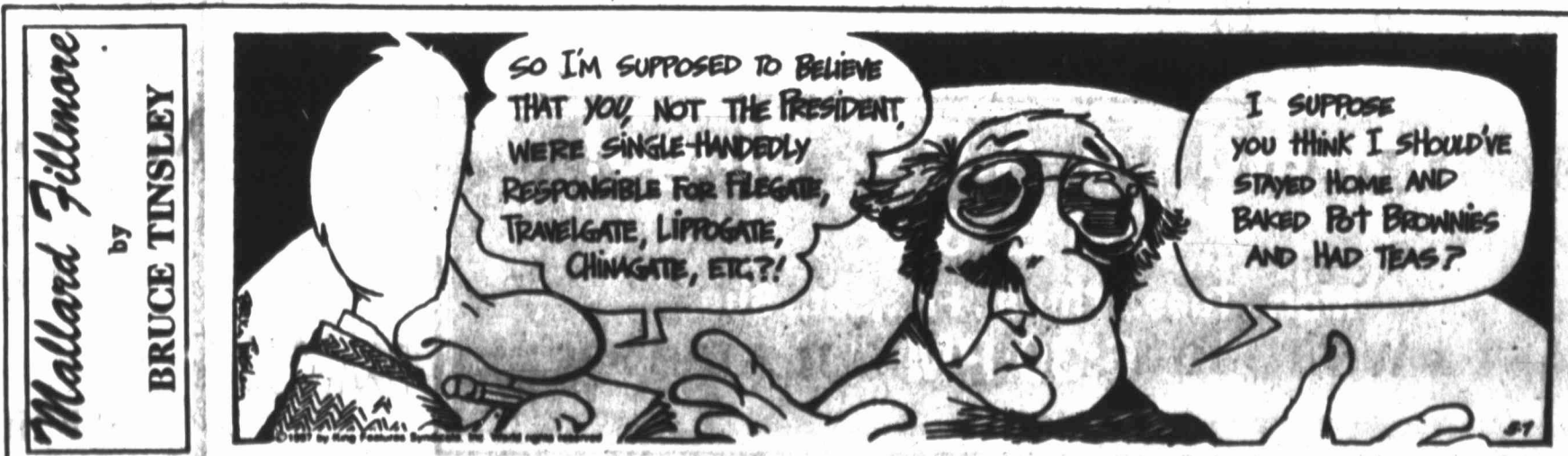
ment trade policies that destroy their jobs and drive down their wages. And what spare time and money they do have, they are already contributing to their neighborhoods and communities.

A real American summit of people dedicated to liberty would have preached the message of self-reliance. That is how a true community is formed. Self-reliant people cooperate and help each other out of respect and affection. They don't do it because the government tells them they have to do it.

If either of the Clintons has ever spoken of self-reliance, or mentioned the values of liberty and a free market, I'm sorry, I must have missed it. They are as close to socialists as I ever wish to see in the White House, and no president has been more contemptuous of the Bill of Rights than Clinton.

I can hardly wait until Clinton has rejoined the private sector and is free to volunteer on a full-time basis.

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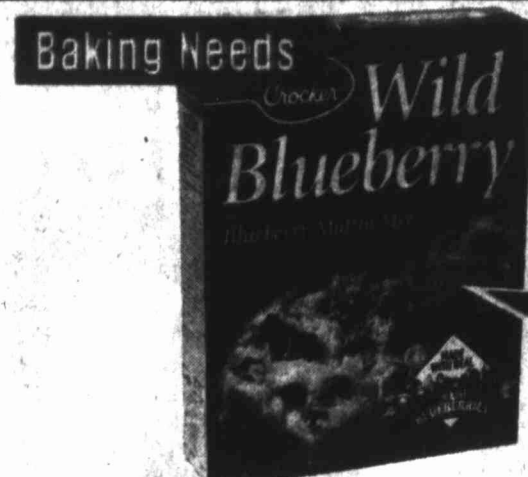
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Federal action means lower long-distance bills for many

WASHINGTON (AP) — Many Americans would see their monthly long-distance phone bills go down about \$2 under a new government plan. But those with second phone lines for a computer or a child and who make few long-distance calls probably would see their bills go up.

The changes are contained in a Federal Communications Commission plan, expected to be adopted today, that would revamp a labyrinth of "access" payments local phone companies get for routing long-distance calls on their networks and for subsidizing local phone service.

Those fees now make up about half of the average long-distance bill.

The FCC is expected to cut those pay-

ments by \$1.7 billion starting July 1. Assuming AT&T, MCI, Sprint and other long-distance companies pass along the reductions to customers as pledged, the average savings this year would be about \$2 a month, FCC officials said, speaking on condition of anonymity.

The average long-distance bill is about \$22.50 a month. The FCC says its plan would reduce that by 8 percent to 10 percent.

Congress ordered the FCC to take the action as part of opening the \$100 billion local phone market to competition from long-distance, cable companies and other potential rivals.

The FCC's decision is likely to be challenged in court.

FCC Chairman Reed Hundt asserted that the plan would lower phone bills for 85 percent of the nation's 82.6 million residential customers with one phone line. For the remainder, bills would remain the same.

In general, the more long-distance calls made, the more one would save.

But critics including consumer advocates, retailers, small businesses and local phone companies said bills could go up for some customers.

Business and residential phone users who make few long-distance calls and who have multiple phone lines in their homes — perhaps for a computer or for kids — will see bills go up, said Gene Kimmelman, co-director of the Consumer Union's Washington office.

That's because they will get hit with increased monthly phone charges to help pay for discounted telecommunications services for schools and libraries as Congress and the Clinton administration required in a 1996 telecommunications law.

Customers with multiple lines in their homes would pay an additional \$1.50 a month for each line beyond the first beginning Jan. 1, 1998. The average "subscriber line" charge that now appears on monthly bills is \$3.50. About 16 percent of U.S. homes have second phone lines.

Multiline businesses beginning July 1 would have to pay on average an additional 40 cents a month for each line. The average subscriber line

charge for businesses is now \$6 a month.

In addition, both multiple-line homes and business would get a new charge that would come from replacing some access fees, based on minutes of long-distance use, with flat monthly rates to better reflect costs and more evenly spread fees among customers.

Beginning Jan. 1, 1998, multiline homes would pay \$1 a month per line and multiline businesses would pay about \$2.22 a month per line.

The FCC says there are not many homes or businesses with multiple lines that make few long-distance calls.

Most homes with multiple phone lines make a lot of long-distance calls, the FCC says.

Zaire's president escapes country as rebels close in

KINSHASA, Zaire (AP) — With rebel forces closing in on Kinshasa, President Mobutu Sese Seko left his threatened capital today aboard his private Boeing 727. It's unclear whether he is ever coming back.

Mobutu headed for Gabon for what aides said would be two days of meetings with the leaders of Cameroon, Central African Republic, Gabon, Togo and Congo — all strong supporters of Mobutu throughout his seven-month war with rebel leader Laurent Kabila.

Mobutu spokesmen said he would return Friday to Kinshasa, dismissing speculation he might use the trip to launch his exile following his failure to secure a cease-fire at a weekend summit.

"This meeting was planned before that summit," Information Minister Kin-Kley Mulumba said. "He has a schedule to keep, and that is why he is going to Gabon. He is returning to Kinshasa afterward."

But one government aide suggested he was considering exile in France, saying on condition of anonymity: "If you ask me personally, I'd say he plans to make this a transit stop on the way to France."

The ailing Mobutu, 66, has a villa on the French Riviera where he spent months recuperating following recent treatment for prostate cancer. France for decades helped prop-

up Mobutu's regime. Journalists were kept out of Kinshasa's airport terminal today but saw a motorcade of at least 12 vehicles, including two limousines guarded by three military jeeps with mounted machine guns. The motorcade traveled through heavily populated neighborhoods, but people on the streets ignored it.

Mobutu himself has made no public statements since his face-to-face meeting Sunday with Kabila.

U.S. envoy Bill Richardson tried to wrest a peaceful settlement out of Kabila during the 90-minute meeting aboard a South African ship off Congo. But the talks only succeeded in underscoring the intransigence of both men.

Kabila repeated his demand that Mobutu resign. Mobutu in turn demanded an immediate cease-fire, and insisted he would surrender power only to a transitional authority that would organize elections.

In any case, it's obvious Mobutu's nearly 32-year reign is drawing to a close — something most Zairians seem to welcome in Kinshasa, where there were no immediate signs of panic.

Pamphlets have been circulating in Kinshasa saying rebels are already in the city. The leaflets urge civilians to wear white arm bands or headbands "to salute the liberation of Kinshasa."

Bosnian Serb convicted of war crimes

THE HAGUE, Netherlands (AP) — A U.N. court convicted a Bosnian Serb of atrocities today, the first verdict of an international war crimes trial since World War II.

The Yugoslav war crimes tribunal acquitted Dusan Tadic of all nine murder charges, but found him guilty of 11 of 31 counts of war crimes and crimes against humanity committed during Bosnia's 3-year war.

The 41-year-old karate expert and former cafe owner — charged with murder and torture in and around three Serb-run camps in northwest Bosnia in 1992 — stood impassively as the verdicts were read.

The three-judge panel's 301-page ruling was the first such verdict since military tribunals in Tokyo and Nuremberg sent 17 Axis leaders to the gallows. It came a year to the day after the trial began.

Tadic was convicted of 10 charges of beatings, some considered torture, and of a broad charge of persecution that included the killings of two Muslim police officers. But he was not specifically found responsible of murder in those deaths.

The Hague tribunal has no death penalty. Tadic had faced a life sentence for any of the murder charges. It was not clear what sentence could be imposed for today's convictions.

Tadic's lawyer, Milan Vujin, said he would appeal, a decision likely to delay a July 1 sentencing hearing.

Tribunal spokesman Christian Chartier hailed the verdict as "a judicial condemnation of the ethnic cleansing policy."

Mirza Hajric, a spokesman for the Muslim president of

Bosnia's joint presidency, said the verdict confirmed the Bosnian government's claims "that the Serbian regime has been undertaking, in an organized manner, crimes against humanity and genocide."

"Tadic was a hand of the genocide, but the brains — Radovan Karadzic and Gen. Ratko Mladic — are still at large," Hajric said. "As long as they are free, chances are small for the Dayton peace accord to be implemented."

Karadzic, the former Bosnian Serb leader, and Mladic, his army chief, have both been indicted for genocide for atrocities committed by Bosnian Serb forces during the war, which ended in 1995. But Serbian authorities have refused to extradite any citizens to the U.N. court.

Tadic had pleaded innocent to all charges, claiming he was a victim of mistaken identity.

Witness testimony of brutalities at the prison camps, while graphic, often failed to conclusively identify Tadic as the culprit. Most of the tribunal's cases against the 74 other indicted suspects lack physical evidence and will similarly rely on witnesses.

"Although this is the first trial conducted by the international tribunal and thus has some historic dimension, the goal of the trial chamber was always first and foremost to provide the accused with the fair trial," said presiding Judge Gabrielle Kirk McDonald of the United States. "This, we believe, has been done."

Tadic was acquitted of a murder charge stemming from a case in which prosecutors allege he forced one Muslim inmate to bite off another's testicle. But he was found guilty of war crimes and crimes against

humanity for beatings that led to the sexual mutilation.

Also among the convictions was a charge that Tadic took part in the systematic persecution of his former Muslim and Croat neighbors around Prijedor.

Allegations in that count said Tadic was involved in killing and torturing Muslims and Croats in and around the Omarska, Trnopolje and Keraterm detention camps, names that have become symbols of Serb brutality during the war.

That charge also alleged he was involved in a Serb attack

on Tadic's home village of Kozarac — including the killing of an elderly man and woman — and the subsequent torturing and killing of detainees at the camps.

The 150 seats in the court's public gallery were packed with press, public and tribunal employees for today's verdicts. The spectators were separated from the courtroom by a thick wall of bulletproof glass.

Despite its 74 indictments, the tribunal has just eight suspects in custody. Tadic was arrested by German authorities in Munich in September 1994.

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Central America seeking help from Clinton

SAN JOSE, Costa Rica (AP) — Eight years ago at a summit of Central American leaders, President Bush called Nicaragua's Daniel Ortega an "unwanted animal at a garden party."

It was 1989, the last time a U.S. president met with the region's leaders. Manuel Antonio Noriega, the Panamanian dictator, was in his last months in power as the United States prepared to invade. El Salvador's leftist rebels were about to launch their biggest urban offensive. And the Guatemalan army was fighting it out with guerrilla groups.

Today, Nicaragua's Sandinistas and Noriega are gone from power. A peace treaty

was signed in El Salvador, and the rebels recently won the election for mayor of the nation's capital. In Guatemala, the government and the guerrillas put an end to their 30-year war.

President Clinton arrives in Costa Rica tonight from Mexico, and the Central American presidents who will meet with him Thursday hope that the United States will help them in peace as much as it did in war.

"Central America has become democratic," former Guatemalan President Ramiro de Leon Carpio told The Associated Press. "We have overcome electoral fraud, authoritarianism and war. We now have an incipient democracy, but a democracy nevertheless."

The meeting that Bush attended in 1989 was organized by former Costa Rican president and Nobel Prize winner Oscar Arias to mark 100 years of democracy in Costa Rica. At the time, the United States was openly backing the Contra rebels fighting Ortega's Sandinista government while providing military and economic assistance to the Salvadoran government.

At the meeting, Bush had to shake hands with Ortega, who showed up in his military uniform, prompting Bush to call him "a boy scout."

Last week in Managua, Ortega said in an interview with the AP that the United States had come to the meeting to set conditions for peace while supporting the Contras. "It was a dif-

ferent situation then, and that was why our relationship was tense."

The region encompassing Guatemala, Belize, El Salvador, Honduras, Nicaragua, Costa Rica, Panama and 29 million people, is now at peace after decades of civil wars in which either governments or rebels depended on the United States for military hardware.

The conflicts were often part of the East-West confrontation of the Cold War.

Also present at this meeting as a special guest will be the president of the Dominican Republic. Panamanian President Ernesto Perez Balladares declined the invitation, claiming it did not have any significant role for Panama.

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Beaumont men find bond in horror of the Holocaust

BEAUMONT (AP) — When Mike Gerstner reads the paper, he believes little has changed in the 62 years since he was liberated from Auschwitz.

Gerstner cites Bosnia and Zaire as examples of how the lessons of the Holocaust have gone unlearned.

"Europe has a dirty history; Africa is bad too. You're looking at people well behind schedule in civilization," Gerstner said.

The survivor of Auschwitz and Buchenwald finds it all too depressing. "Hutu's or Tutsi's, whatever the name. It's heartbreaking," the 71-year-old Polish Jew said.

As Jews across the country celebrated the Day of Remembrance for Holocaust victims on Sunday, Gerstner too recalled his experiences.

Gerstner, who now lives in

Beaumont, grew up in an Orthodox Jewish family in Poland, near the German border. Even before the Holocaust, prejudice was rife in his village of Libiarz.

"The Christian people hated me because I was a Christ killer," Gerstner said. He still carries a pale scar on his left arm near the shoulder, from a knife wound a fellow student gave him at the age of 8.

Gerstner's family emphasized learning and he planned to attend a business school. Then, the Germans invaded on Friday, Sept. 1, 1939.

"Normal life for the Jews came to a halt," he said.

By Monday, Hitler's troops occupied Gerstner's village.

His ordeal began in the Jewish Ghetto at Trzebinia. Gerstner and his

father worked as slave labor in a quarry. "One day we came home from work tired and hungry and my mother, grandmother, sister and brother were gone," he said.

They searched for their relatives and found them waiting to be taken to concentration camps. "My dad cried. I couldn't even give her (his mother) a kiss. She was behind the wires," he said.

His mother, grandmother and brother died in the gas chambers of Auschwitz. His sister — as far as Gerstner could find out — died within days of the liberation of Bergen-Belsen, another death camp.

The Germans later took Gerstner and his father to work at Auschwitz. "You were surrounded by wires and guns from every direction. There was

always a gun in front of you or a whip," Gerstner recalls.

He remembers watching the beating three prisoners received for trying to escape. "For at least two hours, we witnessed the beating of their lives, until they were revived with ice water and beaten some more," he said. The three men were beaten to death.

With no newspapers or radio it was difficult for the Jews at Auschwitz to get news of the war. The sight of allied bombers hitting the German refinery near Auschwitz brought the first good tidings.

"We had a sense the war was coming to an end," Gerstner said.

In December 1944, the Germans ordered the evacuation of every Jew able to stand as the Russian army advanced toward Berlin. "My father

was too weak to stand, I had to leave him," he said.

Gerstner said 4,000 men started the march but only 1,000 made it to Gross Rosen, and from there, to Buchenwald.

From Buchenwald, the Germans evacuated 30,000 of the 60,000 Jews. Gerstner stayed behind after having two toes amputated because of frostbite.

The Americans liberated Buchenwald and Gerstner on Wednesday, April 11, 1945, at 1 p.m.

"All those men who fought in the war are my heroes. The sacrifice of those GIs was a high price to pay for my being alive," Gerstner said.

Ironically, the tattooed number the Germans gave him for identification brought him closer to one American soldier who went in to Buchenwald.

Counterfeit smuggler:

Bounty hunter clashes with U.S. government agents

FORT WORTH (AP) — A crusty pilot codenamed "Mr. Silver" is waging a largely quixotic battle with the U.S. government that he says demonstrates why the drug war is a disaster.

Mr. Silver is former nightclub operator Pat Kirkwood, 69, a confidential informant for the U.S. Customs Service and the FBI and a counterfeit pilot for American and Mexican drug smugglers.

Officially known as SA-207-DA, Kirkwood insists the government owes him hundreds of thousands of dollars.

Worse yet, he says drug enforcement officers "betrayed" him to enhance their own careers and exposed him and his family to retaliation by duped and dangerous drug merchants.

Striking back, he has revealed his identity and renewed a long-running but losing battle with the federal bureaucracy.

He says he realized the danger in divulging his identity but decided it was worth it because agents could no longer use such disclosure as a threat against him.

A spokesperson for the Customs Service indirectly denied the allegations.

"From what I'm hearing, it sounds like a disgruntled informant," said Judy Turner of the customs office in Houston.

Citing names and dates to a reporter, Kirkwood claims he was involved in dozens of cases resulting in numerous arrests and seizures of illicit drugs and money.

"The American government has made a lot of money off me," he says.

His first case involved a Mexican drug dealer who kidnapped and killed a Dallas area woman and her young son and later disposed of a topless dancer in a tree mulching machine.

His last FBI case was the breakup of a drug ring run by guards on Death Row in the Ellis I Unit of the Texas Department of Corrections in Huntsville.

In a lawsuit, Kirkwood maintains federal agents renege on promises of rewards and restitution and that a federal judge is stonewalling efforts to reach a settlement.

The U.S. Department of Justice apparently refuses to honor the alleged agreements on the grounds that federal

agents were not authorized to make such deals.

"The government recruits citizens, uses citizens, lies to citizens and then turns on them," Kirkwood says. "It's a hell of a way to win a war."

The Associated Press independently confirmed some of the allegations and, beginning last fall, pursued others through telephone calls or letters to federal agents and even to the judge whose ruling is in question.

There was no response at once.

Then, in mid-March, Al Pena of the Customs Office in Brownsville returned a call from the AP to say that he was "not at liberty" to discuss the matter. But he did maintain that Kirkwood was making false and misleading statements.

"It's just not the truth," he says. "This thing has become harassment ... and I'm extremely fed up with it."

Meanwhile, Kirkwood's lawyer, Phil Nichols of Stephenville, is adamant about his client's mistreatment.

"My client has placed his life in jeopardy. He has gathered original evidence. He has gathered original information. He has always been willing to testify," Nichols says.

"In all things my client has abided by his promises, but the United States of America has failed to reward, award or pay expenses as per the promise of its agents."

How, he wonders, can America win a war when it won't even pay its own soldiers? "The war on drugs," snorts Kirkwood, "is a big bust."

When he is sufficiently agitated, Kirkwood's whiskey-flavored growl resembles a garbage truck stuck in a gravel pit. His dark eyes, silver shoulder-length hair and scraggly white beard suggest a hippie grown long in the tooth.

Kirkwood readily confesses his affection for the wild side, having grown up in a Fort Worth gambling den called the Four Deuces.

"I thought everyone had a crap game in the front room," he quips.

During World War II the military confiscated the club and converted it into living quarters for officers stationed at Carswell Air Force Base.

"The government paid for a little suite for us in the

Blackstone Hotel," he says. "All my buddies were bellhops. That meant girls, good whiskey, crap games, tires, sugar, gasoline stamps and more girls."

He says he later made and lost a million dollars in the club business, and he made a brief splash in the professional racing circuit of the 1950s.

After burning out on the racing circuit, he got a new car, new boat and new girlfriend and fled to Mexico.

"But I wore everything out — the car, the boat, the girlfriend and me," he says.

By 1959 he was back in Fort Worth and running a notorious beatnik-flavored night club called The Cellar. It was a dark, smoky, noisy joint with black walls and ceiling and a sign that said:

"Evil spelled backwards is live."

Waitresses often wore less than the law allowed and the band routinely greeted police by turning a spotlight on a large picture of Mickey Mouse and playing the "Mickey Mouse Song."

Kirkwood imposed only a handful of rules but they were inviolate. They included no drugs, no pimps, no under-agers and no alcohol sales.

"We didn't sell drinks, but God knows we gave enough away — reporters, policemen, doctors, lawyers, musicians, entertainers, pretty girls and my friends."

Unknown to all but a few intimates, Kirkwood frequently cooperated with police in making drug busts and locating young runaways.

The Cellar became a historical footnote when authorities learned that a group of Secret Service agents partied there in the early morning hours of Nov. 22, 1963. That was shortly before the assassination of President Kennedy.

The feds became truly intrigued when they learned also of Kirkwood's bizarre contacts with Lee Harvey Oswald and Jack Ruby and two of Ruby's better known Carousel Club strippers.

"Ruby would come over every Saturday night to steal my girls and make them strippers," Kirkwood explains. "He got Little Lynn and Tammi True."

Assassination buffs will recall that Ruby wired money to Little Lynn minutes before he entered the basement of Dallas police headquarters and gunned down

Oswald two days after Kennedy was slain.

Kirkwood says Oswald had visited his San Antonio club, also called The Cellar, while returning from the Cuban Embassy in Mexico City.

"He walked in and asked if he could work for money to buy breakfast. He went to work for us as a 'pearl diver.' That's a dish washer. The girls all remembered him because he didn't make a pass at them. They would watch him stare down into those soap bubbles. He was strange."

"My recollection is that he worked about three or four days."

The Friday afternoon of the assassination, Kirkwood loaded up three girlfriends and drove to Laredo for a weekend on the Mexican border.

"I was sitting in the Cadillac Bar in Nuevo Laredo on Sunday morning and watched Ruby kill Oswald on Mexican television," he recalls.

"I said to the girls, 'Maybe we better go back.'"

Kirkwood says his looks, lifestyle and pilot's license appealed to the darker elements of society such as hustlers and hoodlums and led eventually to his drug dealing scam.

In 1988, he was contacted by a man named Genaro Camacho, ostensibly to fly gold, art and other valuables from his uncle's ranch in Mexico to Texas.

"A ranch down there is a kingdom," Kirkwood says. "... I later found out that Geno's uncle was the largest single grower of marijuana in all of Mexico."


Kirkwood says he told "Geno" if he would buy him a twin-engine Navaho Panther he would fly anything but drugs "through a hole in hell."

Camacho did in fact make a \$5,000 down payment on a plane in Corpus Christi. But it was a Customs Service sting operation and the FBI turned up with Kirkwood's pilot's license number.

Two FBI agents also quickly turned up on Kirkwood's doorstep.

That's when he says he learned that Geno Camacho was a known killer and accused of kidnapping and killing a suburban Dallas woman and her 3-year-old son.

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should not be exposed to direct sunlight. Keep the baby in the shade of a tree, umbrella or stroller canopy.

- Child-sized sunglasses with UV protection are available to protect the eyes.
- Dress the baby in comfortable lightweight clothing that covers the body. Choose a hat with a brim to shade the face.
- Clothes made of tighter weave fabric are best. Clothing held up to a lamp or window with little or no light shining through give the most protection. Cotton fabrics are both cool and protective.

While protecting your baby also protect yourself. All of the above tips are appropriate for adults as well and remember to apply sunscreen.

If possible make it a part of your daily routine if you plan to spend time in the sun.

Apply sunscreen at least 15-45 minutes before going out. What does SPF stand for - Sun Protection Factor. This term is used to express how powerful a sunscreen is. For instance, if a sunscreen has a SPF of 15 it means it will allow you to stay in the sun 15 times as long or about 5 hours. Of course the product will work only if it covers all exposed areas of the body and it does not get rubbed or washed off.

Sunscreen should be applied before going out into the sun and it should be reapplied if you stay in the sun. Even some waterproof and water resistant products will lose their protection power as time passes. Dermatologists re-

commend that you reapply sunscreen every 90 minutes to two hours - no matter the claim of protection.

Don't forget to cover all areas that will be exposed to the sun. Be sure to put it on your lips, behind your ears and your knees. Be careful when applying products around your eyes. A good rule of thumb to remember is that one ounce of sunscreen product should provide you with one application - so a six ounce bottle would last for approximately six applications.

Health dangers from the sun are real, but so are the health benefits from outdoor activity and recreation. Balance the dangers with the benefits, increase your knowledge about the sun and lower your risk.

SUPPORT GROUPS

WEDNESDAY

- Gamblers Anonymous, 7 p.m., St. Stephen's Catholic Church, room 1, 4601 Neeley, Midland. Call 263-8920.
- Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon open meeting and 8 p.m. 12 and 12 study.
- Samaritan Counseling Center of West Texas will have Sharon Beam, who is a licensed professional counselor interim specializing in play therapy for children, adolescent counseling and women's issues, available for clients at the First Presbyterian Church, Runnels and Eighth St. Appointments for counseling services are made by calling 1-800-329-4144.

THURSDAY

- Salvation Army drug education program, sponsored by Permian Basin Regional Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse, 7 p.m., Salvation Army building, 308 Aylford.
- Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon open meeting.
- A.D.D.A.P.T. non-profit support and learning organization about attention deficit disorder, learning disorders and dyslexia. Meets second Thursday of September, October, November, January, February, March, April and May, Cerebral Palsy building, 802 Ventura, Midland.
- Grief Support related to the death of a loved one. Call Nurses Unlimited, Inc., at 264-6523.
- Alzheimer's Association Support Group, fourth Thursday of the month, Comanche Trail Nursing Center, 3200 Parkway, 7 p.m.
- Support Group for Depression meets every Thursday at 7 p.m. in the Dora Roberts Rehab Center, Third and Lancaster.

FRIDAY

- Turning Point A.A., 8-9:30 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 10th and Goliad. Open to all substance abusers.
- Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon open meeting and 8 p.m. Big Book Study.

SATURDAY

- Alzheimer's Association Support Group, second Saturday of the month, Carriage Inn Retirement Center, 501 W. 17th, 10 a.m.
- Family support group for current and former patients and their families, 1 p.m. weekly, Reflections Unit of Scenic Mountain Medical Center. Call Beverly Grant, 263-0074.
- Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon, 8 p.m., 10 p.m. open meetings, 615 Settles.
- "So I Forget," Attention Deficit Disorder support group for individuals and couples, first Saturday of the month from 9 to 10:30 a.m., Samaritan

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Officers of the Big Spring Women's Club includes (from bottom left) Donna Wennik, Donna Palmer, Stefanie Wilkerson and Kristie Carruthers. Top, from left, includes Terri Peterson, Amy Overton, Donna Wright, Donna Amonett, Kellie Wash and Donna Tune.

Women's Club has busy week

The Big Spring Women's Club had a busy week to wrap up the month of April.

April 21 was our regular meeting in the home of Kristie Carruthers. As our club year draws to an end, we deliver the true purpose of our club - allocations. Each year we spend countless hours raising money through our fundraisers (ie, wrapping papers, cookbooks, cooking schools, etc.) and in April we had the good fortune to be able to vote upon several worthy organizations to donate money to. This year BSWC voted to donate \$500 each to the following groups: The Helping Hands, American Cancer Society-Relay For Life, Young Life and West Texas Center for the Arts.

Friday, April 25, the new board members were awakened at 5:30 a.m. to a group of "kidnappers." A fun tradition in our club was again carried out at an ungodly hour - a kidnap breakfast - in the home of Julie Wolf. New members provided a delicious breakfast, Karen Fraser provided lovely "Prima Donna" princess hats and Stefanie Wilkerson bid her presidency farewell in "fine fashion."

On Saturday, April 26, our Installation Banquet was at the Big Spring Country Club. All members were invited to join in appreciation for the great work done by committee chairmen, board members,

Midwives

Making a comeback with help from HMOs

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. (AP) — Stacy Seitzinger was in huge pain.

For the past five hours she had paced her house, watched television, played cards, stood in her shower and tried to relax as her labor progressed.

But as her delivery peaked, she took to her bed and focused on the tender voice of her midwife, Ramona Ludwig: "This is the hard part and it doesn't last forever. You can do this."

They breathed together, working intensely, and then an amazing, wonderful, natural thing happened — 8-pound Ian was born.

For Seitzinger, 30, the birth of her second son recently in Santa Fe, N.M., brought her new confidence. Her first child had been delivered by a doctor at a "cold and scary" hospital. This time she opted for a midwife.

"Now I wish I'd had enough guts to do it the first time," she says.

These days, more pregnant women are choosing midwives — with their empowering and attentive approach — to deliver their babies.

"I didn't want to be in a hospital and have anything happen that I didn't want happening," says Julie Bellamy, 49, of Boulder Creek, Calif., whose 9-pound girl Leilani was delivered by a midwife earlier this year.

Leilani and Ian are among more than 220,000 expected to be delivered this year in the United States by midwives. Most will be born in hospitals, but more than 10,000 will be delivered at home.

New Mexico has the highest rate of midwife deliveries in the nation — more than 20 percent last year. Reasons include a state government that encourages the practice, remote communities hard for doctors to reach quickly, and community members — from doctors and lawyers to indigent transients — interested in working with midwives.

"New Mexico is really unique. We're a model for other states about how to make good use of midwives," says Peggy O'Mara, editor of Mothering magazine in Santa Fe, N.M.

Albuquerque, N.M., midwife Barbara Pejer has delivered more than 1,000 babies during the past 15 years.

"In New Mexico, there's an accepted attitude that birth can

be a very special moment," she says. "It doesn't have to be a clinical, technical experience. It's an animal act."

Midwifery declined in the United States in the 1920s when doctors took over delivering babies. Midwives returned to the medical scene about 50 years later with training and licenses that allowed them to work in hospital delivery rooms.

In the mid-'70s, one out of every 100 babies in the United States was delivered by midwives. By the mid-'90s, about five out of 100 were delivered by midwives and the number is rising, said the National Center for Health Statistics.

James Unland, president of Health Capital Group of Chicago, says the increased use of midwives is "one of the most interesting convergences of trends in health care today."

Unland says more women are choosing midwives over obstetricians so they can have more one-on-one care and have their babies at home or in birthing centers instead of hospitals. In addition, health maintenance organizations are assigning midwives instead of obstetricians to patients to save money.

"The medical doctor is the most expensive person in the loop," says Unland, who negotiates managed care contracts.

A Kaiser Family Foundation study in 1995 found 39 percent of HMOs and 46 percent of independent provider associations allowed patients to choose a nurse midwife as a primary caregiver during pregnancy and birth.

Lovelace Health Systems, an Albuquerque-based HMO, is a leader in using certified nurse midwives, doubling their numbers in 1993 to 18. Since then, the HMO has had higher birth-weight babies and fewer Caesarean sections.

"We certainly seem to be doing something right," says Lovelace midwife Tercia West.

She lets women decide while in labor if they want a home or hospital birth. She said those options draw mothers to midwives and away from traditional obstetricians.

Laura Migliaccio, who is studying to be a midwife at the University of New Mexico, says she decided to become a midwife instead of an obstetrician because she "didn't want to

CLUBS

Elbow Family & Community Education Club

The Elbow Family and Community Education Club met on Thursday, May 1, in the home of Lou Vincent. President Myrl Soles conducted and called the meeting to order promptly at 2 p.m. Hostess Lou Vincent read the devotional from Romans 12:10-12. The thought was given by Wanda Lee, "A Heart That Loves Stays Young." Secretary Lola Kelley called the roll. Ten members and three visitors answered by telling of a school picnic I remember." Visitors Lyn Criswell, Ida Belle Bankston and Beryl Richardson were

introduced and welcomed by all.

New business was presented. Nominees for state F.C.E. meeting were selected, Myrl Soles, Lola Kelley, and Olnee Menges. This meeting will be in September in Wichita Falls.

A nominating committee was then selected to present names for club officers for 1998. Election will be in September for this.

The members then voted to hold only one meeting a month for June, July and August. The next meeting is May 15, at the home of Olnee Menges. Visitors are welcome to attend F.C.E. meetings.

A program was then presented by president Soles on "Mexican Foods: A Comparison Between Dining Out Or Cooking At Home," counting calories, fat grams, salt and sodium content is important. If we avoid high intakes of these items our heart will say "thank you."

Persons interested in attending Elbow F.C.E. meeting may call 267-5067 or 263-6819 for more information.

Howard County Family & Community Education Council
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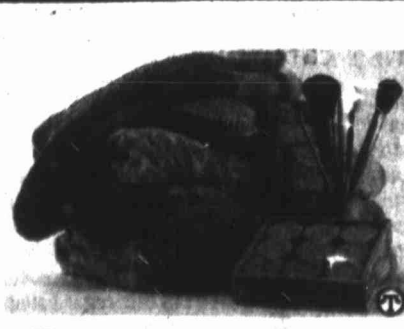
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SLICE of Life!

TIPS 'N' TRIVIA

Mother's Day
(NAPS) - Gift ideas:

- For the mom who loves food but is health-conscious, create a gift basket complete with low fat crackers and goodies, spices and flavored vinegars and sauces to add zing to her warm-weather cuisine. Include a low fat cookbook; then spend time together creating meals that are delicious and healthy.
- The best compliment to a healthy spread of food is a cheerful table setting. Hand-painted pottery, serving utensils and fresh glassware will brighten her summer table.
- Appeal to the do-it-yourself mom with new gardening tools and colorful pots that encourage her to grow her own herbs for cooking. She'll love being able to grow her own flowers, plants and vegetables.
- For the active mom, create a personalized gym bag complete with a new warm-up suit, brand name footwear, shorts and t-shirts.
- Making time to relax is just as important as exercise for mom's leading a healthy lifestyle. Treat her to a selection of bath soaps, perfumes and lotions packaged in a colorful trinket box or basket with a loofah pad and facial mask. Scented candles and potpourri will help set the mood and the result will be a soul that's as healthy as her body.



FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Coahoma having school May 26
Coahoma ISD is having school on May 26 to make up for missed bad weather day.

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.

Free blood pressure checks
The RSVP Volunteers at Malone & Hogan Clinic will be doing free blood pressure checks from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. and from 2 to 4 p.m.

THE LAST WORD

Mountains are earth's undecaying monuments.
Nathaniel Hawthorne

Minds that have nothing to confer find little to perceive.
William Wordsworth

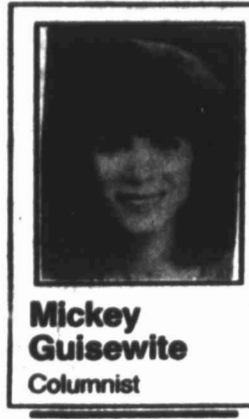
A good listener is not only popular everywhere, but after a while he gets to know something.
Wilson Mizner

None are more taken in by flattery than the proud, who wish to be first and are not.
Benedict Spinoza

The parenting role changes minute by minute

"What Kind of Parent Are You?" the magazine quiz asked. "Easy," I thought, looking at the list of options on the page and reading the description that applied to me: "Understanding. Calm. Infinitely patient. That was me, all right. I circled No. 7: The Sainly Parent. It was 2:03 p.m. Four minutes later my 2-year-old son awoke from his nap. Suddenly I went from being The Sainly Parent to No. 6: The Frazzled Parent.

toy choo-choo train my son must have within 12 seconds of waking up was in the final stages of being eaten by the dog. As my son's impatient whimpers turned into full-fledged screams, I automatically became Parent No. 5: Impatient and Accusatory.



Mickey Guisewite
Columnist

"Am I the only one in the house who puts the baby wipes back where they belong? Isn't anyone else capable of purchasing a diaper? Must I alone be the guardian of the choo-choo?"

Almost as soon as the words left my mouth, I became No. 8: The Guilt-Ridden, Self-Pummeling Parent. Jacob's mother keeps an emergency supply of diapers in the safe. Susan's mother wouldn't think of using disposable diapers in the first place. Phyllis's kids were all potty-trained at 14 months.

But I didn't have time to dwell on my many shortcomings as a mother for long, because my son climbed on my back and instantly I was The Fun-Loving, Carefree Parent playing bucking bronco. I bucked. We giggled. He screamed with laughter as I crawled through the house on all fours until—"Ouch! Stop that!"—he yanked the horse's mane with all of his might. "We're playing a pretend game," admonished The Humorless Disciplinarian Parent. "Mommy's hair is not pretend."

I followed him into the bathroom and spent 25 seconds being The Enlightened '90s

Parent... "Mommy respects your need to explore and touch, but we don't put our hands in the toilet..." followed by The Drill Sergeant Parent... "GET YOUR HANDS OUT OF THE TOILET!"... followed by The Absolute Dictator Parent... "NOW!"

During the next two hours I was The Go Ahead and Watch the Same Barney Video Ten Times if You Want While I Fix Dinner Parent, The No Peas, No Cookie Parent and The Creative Genius Who Tells the Story of Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs with a Stuffed Cow and Seven Tongue

Depressors Parent. A short while later, after rocking a tired little boy to sleep, I was The Security-Conscious Parent double-checking the locks and turning on the alarm, after which I surrounded myself with books on raising a toddler, and glided effortlessly into my final role of the day: The Sound Asleep Parent.

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ODDS AND ENDS

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

DES MOINES, Iowa — In this beauty contest, being bow-legged and wrinkled is a must and slobbering is preferred.

The winner of the Drake Bulldog Beauty Contest was Sadie, the 3-year-old pride of Steve and Becky Baker of Indianola. Sadie beat out 48 other bulldogs from as far away as Madison, Wis.

Sadie becomes the official mascot for the Drake Relays, an annual track event of world renown. Drake University's mascot is the bulldog.

The victory is old hat for the Bakers, who have had two other bulldogs win the beauty contest — Deuce in 1989 and Brooks in 1991.

ALBANY, N.Y. — Three children have been accused of breaking into an elementary school and stealing alphabet flash cards and a hole punch.

The youngsters, ages 7 to 10, were arrested after police said

they broke into Arbor Hill Elementary School and set off the fire alarm. They will have to appear in court.

Authorities couldn't say what the children's motives were. The school was closed for spring break.

A Better Choice, a group which provides grants for underprivileged children to attend private schools, announced Monday that it would donate alphabet flash cards to the school.

"Students should not have to resort to stealing alphabet flash cards to supplement their education," spokesman Tom Carroll said.

OCEAN CITY, Md. — Coke is officially the real thing in Ocean City.

The City Council voted 6-1 to enter into a \$1 million contract with Coca-Cola Corp. to make soda the town's official soft drink.

Coca-Cola promised the money over five years in

return for exclusive sales rights at places like Town Hall, the convention center and events. Town revenues are flat and leaders are looking to balance the budget without raising taxes.

Councilman Vince Gisriel, who has long opposed the deal, cast the lone dissenting vote.

"What is next, one brand of candy bar to be sold on city property?" Gisriel said before the vote. "Will we next have the official cereal of Ocean City, or the official athletic shoe?"

CHARLESTON, W.Va. — Are they getting older in West Virginia?

The median age of the state's 1.8 million residents was 37.7 years as of July 1996. That makes residents of the Wild and Wonderful state the oldest in the nation, edging Florida's 37.6 years, the U.S. Census Bureau reported. The median age means half the population is older and half is younger.

MIDWIVES

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enter a more strictly medical model of practice."

"I wanted to work with women and children, I wanted to do a hands-on skill but also develop interpersonal relationships," says Ms. Migliaccio, 30.

"This is really the golden age of midwifery," says Ruth Walsh, who chairs the North American Registry of Midwives in Linn, W.Va.

"One-hundred years ago women did die because they couldn't have a C-section. Now they can have the superior care of a midwife with a normal pregnancy, supported by an obstetrician if there are complications."

With the swift revival of the practice comes several types of midwives with different levels of training, including:

- Certified nurse midwives, who have completed nursing education and two years of midwifery training and are allowed to practice in hospitals in many states.
- Lay or home-birth midwives, who have different levels of training, education and experience, and who deliver babies at homes or in private birthing centers.

The American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists in Washington, D.C., does not support lay or home birth midwives, but encourages joint practice with certified nurse midwives.

Jennifer West, a home-birth midwife in Albuquerque, says doctors and health organizations who rule out practices like hers are missing out.

For \$2,000, Ms. West provides prenatal care complete with herbs, vitamins, classes and home visits. Many insurance plans or Medicaid will pay between \$800 and \$1,000 of that.

On birth day Ms. West shows up at the home with a portable Jacuzzi. After the baby is born, she visits the mother at least four times.

"Women have been doing this for ages without a doctor or a hospital," she says. "Our bodies were made to do this."

If the birth gets complicated, West doesn't hesitate to take clients to a hospital. But if the birth is normal, she works through labor to keep the mother comfortable at home.

"If you want to have your baby hanging from a chandelier," she says, "we'll figure out how to get you up there."

Dr. Norman Gant, a professor of obstetrics and gynecology at the University of Texas Southwestern Medical School in Dallas, says he supports certified nurse midwives but is "scared to death" about the resurgence of home births.

"If you're willing to write off the occasional baby and mother, fine, that's nature's way," he says. "Otherwise, get to the hospital to deliver that baby."

Labor is the most risky medical process most women in the United States will go through in their lives, he says.

"And birth is the riskiest thing for most babies until they start driving and turn sullen and rude," he says.

Gant stressed, however, certified nurse midwives are valuable colleagues in hospitals.

"We need to have good people who deliver babies and take the load off the rest of us," he says.

Send your club, support group, school, church and community news to:

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SUPPORT

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Counseling Center of West Texas, Inc., Midland. Call the center at (915) 563-4144 or 1-800-329-4144. Cost is \$15.

- West Texans Living with Chronic Fatigue & Immune Dysfunction Syndrome/Fibromyalgia, 1-3 p.m., on different Saturdays of the month. HealthSouth facility at Hwy. 191 and Loop 250, Midland. Call Joann Carney, (915) 686-7977, or Marsha Brunet, (915) 337-4829 to get the correct meeting date.

SUNDAY

- Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, 11 a.m. closed meeting and 7 p.m. open meeting.

MONDAY

- A-I-A Teen, 7:30 p.m., 615 Settles.
- Turning Point A.A., 8-9 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 10th and Goliad. Open to all substance abusers.
- TOPS Club (Take off pound sensibly), weigh-in 5:30 to 6 p.m., Carriage Inn, 501 W. 17th, meeting starts at 6 p.m. Call 263-1340 or 263-8633.
- Project Freedom, Christian support group for survivors of physical/emotional/sexual and/or spiritual abuse. Call 263-5140 or 263-2241 for dates/times of upcoming groups.
- Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon open meeting.
- Encouragers Support Group (formerly Widow/Widower support group) first and third Mondays each month. First Monday meetings are at a local restaurant at 6 p.m. Third Monday meetings are at 5:30 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church Seventh and Runnels (enter through north door). We have various activities, such as guest speakers, play games, have covered dish supper, visit or go out to eat. For more information call 398-5522 or 399-4369.

- Big Spring Group of Narcotics Anonymous, 6 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 1001 Goliad.
- Alzheimer's Association support group, 7 p.m., Marcy House on Wasson Road, second Monday.

TUESDAY

- Support for MS and Related Diseases, 6:30 p.m. second Tuesday of each month, Canterbury South. Public invited. Call Leslie, 267-1069.
- Al-Anon, 8 p.m., 615 Settles.
- Seniors' diabetic support group, 2 p.m., Canterbury South. Call 263-1265.
- Compassionate Friends support group for parents who have experienced death of a child, 7:30 p.m. first Tuesday in February, April, June, August, October and December in the Family Life Center Building, First Baptist Church, 705 West Marcy. Enter by southeast door. Call 267-2769.
- Diabetes support group, second Tuesday of each month, 7 p.m., Scenic Mountain Medical Center classroom.
- Cancer support group, first Tuesday of each month, 7-8 p.m., VA Medical Center room 213. Call Beverly Rice, 268-5077.
- "Most Excellent Way," a chemical dependency support group, Tuesdays, 7 p.m., Living Water Church, 1008 Birdwell Lane. Call 267-1424 after 5 p.m. or 263-3168 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m.
- Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon open meeting and 8 p.m. closed meeting.
- Family Education and Support, sponsored by Howard County Mental Health Center, meets the fourth Tuesday of each month at 6 p.m. at the Corral, 611 E. Third, followed at 7 p.m. by the monthly meeting of the Big Spring Alliance for the Mentally Ill.
- Samaritan Counseling Center of West Texas will have

Dr. Ronald Meyer, D.Min., LCDC, LMFT, specializing in individual and marriage counseling, Attention Deficit Disorder and chemical dependency, available for clients at the First Christian Church. Appointments for counseling services are made by calling 1-800-329-4144.

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

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and Community Education Council met on May 5, in the home of Irene Priebe. Chairwoman Jowill Etchison conducted and Francis Zant presented the devotional, "Because I Am Human."

Myrl Soles gave a report on Elbow Club's activities for the month of April which included a lesson entitled, "Better Safe Than Sorry." They reported over 100 hours of volunteer work at Scenic Mountain Medical Center and Canterbury. City Club activities for April included a luncheon at Furr's Cafeteria, and a tour of the museum.

The nominating committee for officers for 1998 was voted on. Election will be held in September. Election of delegates for state convention to be held Sept. 7-11 was then held. Delegates will be Irene Priebe, Myrl Soles and Jowill Etchison. Alternates are Francis Zant, Lola Kelly, and Olnee Menges.

The council adjourned until the next meeting on Sept. 2.

Women's Care Update

By Michael S. Phillips, M.D.
Diplomate, American Board Obstetrics & Gynecology

ESTROGEN AND REDUCED ALZHEIMER'S RISK

Those women who are weighing the decision of whether or not to undergo estrogen replacement therapy after menopause now have a new factor to consider. According to analysis of a National Institute of Aging study, women's risk of Alzheimer's disease appears to be sharply reduced if they take estrogen during and after menopause. This benefit may be added to evidence uncovered by previous studies that estrogen, prescribed to relieve menopause symptoms, reduces the risk of heart disease and osteoporosis. According to the most recent study of 472 women followed over 16 years, women who never took estrogen were 2.3 times more likely to develop Alzheimer's. The study's authors believe that estrogen's benefit in this regard stems either from its ability to keep nerve cells thriving longer or the fact that it enables nerve cells to communicate better, or both.

Estrogen replacement therapy (E.R.T.) has many advocates. Clearly, it provides enough advantages that it is worth consideration. It is not, however, the appropriate treatment for all menopausal women. There still exists some degree of controversy, even within the medical community, about estrogen replacement for women with certain risk factors. Only a physician thoroughly familiar with your complete history should advise you about whether or not E.R.T. is the best protocol for you. For a specialist experienced with E.R.T., call our office at (915) 523-2222 for an appointment. We're located at the Medical Care Plaza, 1300 Gregg Street, every Tuesday, here in Big Spring.

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Coahoma catches Tuesday. The Bulldogs game Thursday

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By STEVE REAG
Staff Writer

COAHOMA — the bat turned Wall baseball game into a rout.

A three-run Shawn Rye and from Freddie O'0 deficit and ig roller offense a earned their fourth title with Tuesday at Bull Coahoma (17-7 District 8-2A) season play with trict record for ever. After an the Bulldogs win in the first round

SPORTS E

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Bulldogs 6th a

AUSTIN — The boys' golf team at the UIL Class tournament, Tuesday in Austin. Playing at Lion the Bulldogs strokes off their but that was n make up ground Hamilton, who third at last year won with a team while Cisco finishes place with a 651.

Memphis, Coahoma took the championship, followed by Salado. The Bulldogs total of 683. Lead Tuesday was B

Bulls

CHICAGO (Atlanta Hawks) a better chance to tory at the U where the Chic been nearly un two years. And t "This is a misty, there's no qu We should be up ready for the Atlanta coach L said after Tuesd 97 loss to the C the opener of t Conference semif

The Bulls play the first half a played well, built lead early in the Dennis Rodman prise — got ejected Toni Kukoc got ing.

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Who ya gonna Scottie Pippen Michael Jordan, ly.

"You can't They're going t

Local Sports Schedule
Thursday
Softball — Coahoma vs. Hawley at Merkel, 5:30 p.m.

Today on the Air
NBA Playoffs
New York at Miami, 6 p.m., ch. 28.
Seattle at Houston, 8:30 p.m., ch. 28.
Baseball
Texas at New York, 6:30 p.m., ch. 29.

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Bulldogettes ready for quarterfinals vs. Hawley



Coahoma catcher Allison West snags a pitch during team practice Tuesday. The Bulldogettes face Hawley in a Class 2A quarterfinal game Thursday in Merkel.

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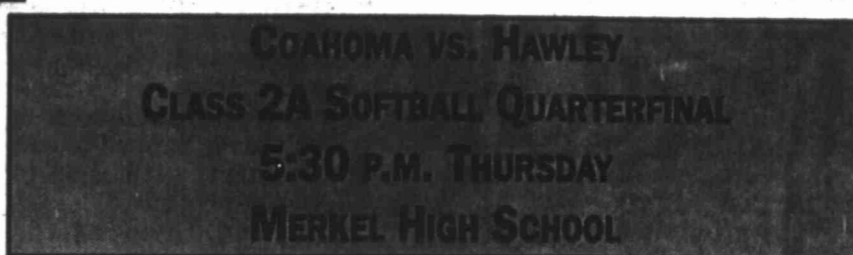
COAHOMA — If anybody looks at the Coahoma Bulldogettes' record and dismisses their chance for a return trip to the state tournament, well, that's just their mistake.

Despite a middling record of 14-12, the Bulldogettes are just as confident — if not more so — than last year's team about reaching the state softball tournament.

Only one team stands in Coahoma's way of achieving its goal, and it's a squad the Bulldogettes are overly familiar with — the Hawley Lady Bearcats.

The Bulldogettes and Hawley face off for the right to go to the state tournament at 5:30 p.m. Thursday in Merkel.

Coahoma and Hawley have faced each other in the playoffs the past four years, and the two communities have squared off countless times in UGSA soft-



Class 2A Softball Quarterfinal
5:30 p.m. Thursday
Merkel High School

ball tournaments in the past. In other words, the teams have built one of the most intense softball rivalries around.

"I think it pumps us up more having to play them," senior Tori Elmore said. "We know they're a good team, and we know they'll be ready for us."

That the Bulldogettes are even in this position is remarkable, considering they started the season 0-6. The team started the year with a new coach (Rob Dickenson), several new starters and had to adjust to the loss of all-state pitcher Audra Bingham.

now with Tara (Sterling) and Kelli (Buchanan at pitcher). We've learned to adjust to them, and our defense has learned to play better."

That last comment isn't a slap at Sterling or Buchanan, but an acknowledgement of how little the defense had to work behind Bingham last season. The two new pitchers, however, aren't strikeout artists like Bingham, meaning the defense has had to make a lot more plays.

"The defense didn't have a lot of chances last year in the field, because of Audra," Dickenson said. "Teams have hit Tara. It just took awhile for our defense to get used to her."

First baseman Stephanie Stone said the team also had to adjust to Dickenson after play-

ing under Danny Randolph the previous few years.

"This may sound weird, but playing for the new coach was a bigger adjustment than Audra," Stone said. "It would have been nice to have her back this year, but the biggest change was the coach."

With all these adjustments to make, it's not surprising the Bulldogettes struggled early.

"At the beginning of the year, we were really, really bad," infielder Tonia Sparks said. "I was scared at the first of the year ... but I'm a lot more confident now."

As the season wore on, the players got used to Dickenson, new pitching and each other, and began playing their best softball of the year at exactly the right time — the playoffs.

So the players warn not to ready too much into the 14-12 record.

"We came into the season thinking it would be like last

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Coahoma clinches district Bulldogs win fourth straight league crown

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COAHOMA — Two swings of the bat turned the Coahoma-Wall baseball game from a rout into a rout.

A three-run home run by Shawn Rye and a grand slam from Freddie Olivas erased a 6-0 deficit and ignited a steamroller offense as the Bulldogs earned their fourth straight district title with a 17-8 victory Tuesday at Bulldog Field.

Coahoma (17-7 overall, 8-0 in District 2A) ended regular season play with a perfect district record for the first time ever. After an off day Friday, the Bulldogs will face Albany in the first round of the Class

2A playoffs. No date or time has been determined for that game. Wall, which will finish second in 8-2A, will face Hamlin in a first-round playoff game, also at a time and site to be determined.

"I'm just so proud of this team for what they accomplished," head coach Trey Morgan said. "This is just super. The district was a lot tougher this year, and Wall is a very good baseball team. We had to battle today ... but I'm very proud for the guys."

The Bulldogs won Tuesday despite a sub-par effort from starting pitcher Mike McMillan, who is suffering from tendinitis in his throwing shoulder.

The shoulder obviously bothered McMillan early, and the Hawks didn't help matters either. They roughed up McMillan for six runs on five hits — including a three-run home by pitcher Billy Bradford — in the top of the first inning.

The few Wall fans, however, had little time to celebrate, as the Bulldogs showed some long-ball power of their own in the bottom of the inning. The big blast came on a towering three-run shot from Rye that landed well beyond the left field fence.

That brought the Bulldogs to within four runs of the lead, and that margin held until Coahoma got its offense crank



Coahoma's Rodney Gressett (37) is tagged out at home by Wall catcher Clint Sykes during their game in Coahoma Tuesday.

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SPORTS BRIEFS

From staff and wire reports

Bulldogs 6th at state

AUSTIN — The Coahoma boys' golf team finished sixth at the UIL Class 2A state golf tournament, which ended Tuesday in Austin.

Playing at Lions' Municipal, the Bulldogs shaved five strokes off their Monday score, but that was not enough to make up ground on the leaders.

Hamilton, which finished third at last year's tournament, won with a team total of 623, while Cisco finished in second place with a 651.

Memphis, which tied Coahoma for the Region 1-2A championship, was third, followed by Salado and Weimar.

The Bulldogs shot a two-day total of 683. Leading the way Tuesday was Blake Nichols,

who fired a 77.

Little League report

No Little League or UGSA softball results were turned into the Herald.

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

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.

Fees effective June 2

Boating fees previously announced for Amistad

National Recreation Area will go into effect June 2.

Every motorized craft that requires a state boat registration that is on the U.S. portion of Lake Amistad will be subject to the fee.

Boaters on Lake Amistad can choose between purchasing a \$4 daily permit or a \$40 annual permit. Valid Golden Age and Golden Access passport holders can purchase permits for their own use for half price.

Coahoma playoff set

The Coahoma Bulldogettes' Class 2A quarterfinal playoff with Hawley will be held at 5:30 p.m. Thursday at Merkel High School.

The Bulldogettes (14-12) advanced to the quarterfinals by defeating Blanco 10-0, while Hawley downed Natalia by a 16-1 score.

The winner of the game advances to the state softball tournament May 16-17 in Austin.

Club hosts workshop

The Howard County 4-H shooting club will host a new shooter workshop Saturday from 9 a.m.-1:30 p.m. at the R.C. Thomas Shooting Range in Knott.

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

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

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

Indians slip past Texas; Phillies defeat Astros

CLEVELAND (AP) — The Cleveland Indians looked pretty powerful for a team that's only one game above .500.

The Indians haven't exactly blown anyone away in the early part of their quest for a third straight AL Central title. But in beating the Texas Rangers 5-4 Tuesday night, Cleveland unveiled an arsenal that included two things the 1995 World Series team lacked — depth and defense.

With Matt Williams out with the flu, manager Mike Hargrove sent Kevin Seitzer — bad knees and all — out to play third base. Result: Seitzer was 2-for-4 with a pair of doubles and a stellar defensive play.

Hargrove also had to find a cleanup hitter. Hmmm, let's see. Manny Ramirez? David Justice? Jim Thome? Hargrove chose Julio Franco. Result: Franco hit a three-run homer, his second this season.

"I'm pretty smart, aren't I?" Hargrove joked afterward.

Still, the Indians are only 15-14, good for a first-place tie with the Kansas City Royals in the AL Central.

Cleveland's pitching, still ranked last in the league, showed more signs of improvement. Orel Hershiser (3-0) pitched seven strong innings and recovered from Juan Gonzalez's first homer of the season.

The trouble started once Hargrove went to the bullpen. Eric Plunk relieved in the eighth and hit Ivan Rodriguez. Rusty Greer doubled, and Gonzalez drove in Rodriguez with a sacrifice fly to cut the Indians' lead to 5-3.

Then Will Clark hit Paul Assenmacher's only pitch for a single through the left side to score Greer and make it 5-4. Finally, Mike Jackson demonstrated what a closer is supposed to do. He struck out Dean Palmer and got Warren Newson to ground out before retiring Damon Buford, pinch-hitter Lee Stevens and Mark McLemore in the ninth.

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"Everybody knows Jose Mesa is the guy here," said Jackson, who is filling in while Mesa is struggling. "I'm not going to sit here and say I'm stepping in."

Gonzalez, sidelined 24 games with a thumb injury, hit a two-run shot to left in the fourth to cut Cleveland's lead to 3-2. He is 4-for-17 with one homer and four RBIs since being activated Friday.

"Gonzalez's home run was a good pitch, and he hit it into the wind," said Hershiser, who allowed two runs and seven hits with one walk and one strikeout. He recorded 15 groundball outs.

Phillies 5, Astros 1

HOUSTON (AP) — Scott Rolen enjoys playing third and now batting third in Philadelphia's order as well.

The rookie third baseman went 3-for-4 with a double and run scored to help the Phillies beat the Houston Astros 5-1 Tuesday night and end a three-game losing streak.

Last week, Rolen was moved into the No. 3 spot in the lineup and he has responded in a big way, going 10-for-20 since.

"I'm comfortable there," Rolen said. "I batted there in the minors and it feels good to me. I like it."

He especially likes it with Darren Daulton hitting cleanup.

"With Darren hitting behind me and facing a right-handed pitcher," Rolen said, "they would much rather throw to me than to Darren. And I'm glad they would."

Curt Schilling (4-3) allowed one run, seven hits and two walks in seven innings.

"When you're going through games like we've gone through you just want to go out and prove to the team that we can

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Bulls flirt with disaster, but down Hawks

CHICAGO (AP) — The Atlanta Hawks may never have a better chance to "steal" a victory at the United Center, where the Chicago Bulls have been nearly unbeatable the last two years. And they know it.

"This is a missed opportunity, there's no question about it. We should be upset, angry and ready for the next game," Atlanta coach Lenny Wilkens said after Tuesday night's 100-97 loss to the Chicago Bulls in the opener of their Eastern Conference semifinal.

The Bulls played poorly in the first half and the Hawks played well, building a 16-point lead early in the third quarter.

Dennis Rodman — no surprise — got ejected and even Toni Kukoc got a "T" for arguing.

The world champions were losing their composure on a floor where they have lost only four games the last two years.

Who ya gonna call? Scottie Pippen, of course. Michael Jordan, quite naturally.

"You can't be shocked. They're going to make their

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run and we weren't effective to hold that run off. We should have won," said Hawks guard Mookie Blaylock, who had career playoff highs of 31 points and 12 rebounds before missing some key shots in the final minute.

Pippen hit six 3-pointers, including a game-winner with 43 seconds to play.

But just as crucial were the three he made in a row early in the third quarter when the Bulls trailed 55-39.

Jordan went on to score 20 of his 34 points in the third period as Chicago went on a 38-15 run, putting the Bulls in position to win the game in the final period.

Game 2 is Thursday night. "You can look at it like we lucked out or whatever," said Pippen, who scored 29.

"But we got back into it in the third quarter and did what we had to do to win. We're a championship team.

"They didn't have much time

to prepare for us. We have to look forward to them making some adjustments. It's going to be a tough series."

Pippen, who has a reputation for playing poorly in the clutch and deferring to Jordan in important situations, also scored the clinching basket in the Bulls' first-round series sweep of Washington.

"I've never doubted him in the clutch," Jordan said. "That's something that's been overstated. I've always felt he could make big shots and he's done that for us."

Blaylock badly missed a 3-pointer with about 35 seconds left, stepped on the sideline after taking an inbound pass with 32 seconds to go and shot an airball on a 3-point attempt at the buzzer.

He claimed he was pushed by Jordan on the inbound play.

"If I didn't get bumped, I wouldn't have stepped out," Blaylock said.

"The referee (Joey Crawford) said I didn't (get pushed). They got the call. That's part of basketball. You are going to miss some ... and I think he missed

that one."

Rodman received his second technical foul with 5:57 left in the third for taking a swipe at Dikembe Mutombo's face after Mutombo's pointed his index finger at Rodman. After leaving the court, Rodman knocked over a rack of basketballs and a garbage can on his way to the locker room.

He was assessed his first technical just 2:01 into the game for shoving Christian Laettner.

"He let us down by getting kicked out," Jordan said.

Atlanta, coming off a tough five-game series against Detroit, scored six straight, taking a 95-93 lead on Blaylock's basket with just over four minutes remaining.

It was 97-97 when Atlanta blew four chances to go back in front by missing two 3-pointers and committing two 24-second violations before Pippen hit his winning shot.

"We feel confident because we were right there," Laettner said. "We will be right there (again) with two minutes left. I know that."

NCAA socks UCLA with probation for softball irregularities

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The entire UCLA athletic program was placed on probation for three years following an NCAA investigation into the 1995 national championship women's softball team.

The school was ordered Tuesday to forfeit the NCAA softball championship it won two years ago.

In addition, the current team, much to its surprise and chagrin, was barred from this year's national tournament just five days before pairings are drawn.

The NCAA committee of infractions also required that a senior associate director of athletics be removed — which UCLA carried out last year.

And the NCAA limited UCLA's scholarships for softball for the next two years, with a reduction of three per year, from 12 to nine.

The violations involved listing some softball players as

multi-sport athletes receiving soccer scholarships, although they did not compete in soccer.

The senior associate director of athletics was involved in arranging a soccer tryout for one of those softball players, but not until after the soccer season was over, the NCAA reported.

While the probation only affects softball, all other sports, including basketball and football, will be closely monitored during that period.

UCLA officials have 15 days to appeal, but if the school hopes to play in this year's NCAA tournament, obviously an appeal must be made this week in that regard.

"We've got a lot of work to do in the next 48 hours," said Betsy Stephenson, UCLA's senior woman administrator-associate athletic director.

"We just need some time to collect information and explore all of our options."

"It's premature for me to tell you (if UCLA will appeal), we have certainly been zealous in looking at all the options."

Was she surprised the current UCLA softball team was barred from the NCAA tournament?

"That's an understatement," said Stephenson, hired by UCLA last summer.

She added that members of the softball team, ranked fourth in the country with a 39-11 record, were "devastated."

"I informed them of the penalties, at that point, the student-athletes were devastated, and extremely frustrated that they had been told this year would not be impacted," Stephenson said.

"When that rug is pulled out from under you, you'd be devastated."

Stephenson said she told the players this year wouldn't be involved, "based on the best information I had gathered

over the last 10 months."

UCLA must return the 1995 softball trophy, and that year's championship will be considered vacant, said David Swank, the committee of infractions chairman.

The 1995 softball team, led by Tanya Harding, won the NCAA title.

Harding had a 17-1 record and was the winning pitcher in all four victories by the Bruins in the national tournament.

Harding did not become a student until the 1995 season, and did not complete that semester's work, returning home to join Australia's Olympic softball team.

Harding and two other softball players whose scholarships were above the permissible limit were not identified by name in the NCAA announcement.

No effort will be made to reclaim individual awards such as championship rings, the

NCAA said, but competition records of individuals involved in the scholarship switch will be invalidated.

"NCAA rules violations concerning institutional control, financial aid and ethical conduct" were involved in granting scholarships above the NCAA limits for the softball program in 1993-94 and 1994-95, the NCAA said.

Further violations by the UCLA athletic program will be considered "repeat violations" if they occur in a five-year period following the Feb. 1, 1997, infractions committee hearing on the softball matter, the NCAA added.

No penalties against any other UCLA sport were ordered by the NCAA.

But the school must submit annual reports on its overall scholarship rule compliance.

"I don't think it's appropriate for me to comment," Stephenson said when asked if

the athletes were still in school.

"None of the infractions dealt with student-athletes violating rules. None of the athletes received extra benefits knowing they shouldn't have."

Swank said that UCLA removed the senior associate director from the athletic department in 1996.

Not identified by name in the NCAA report, Dr. Judith Holland was reassigned within the university, as was co-softball coach Sharon Backus.

Backus is retiring this year after eight NCAA championships, not including the 1995 title. The current softball coach, Sue Engquist, a co-coach for eight years, was not involved in the violations, Swank said.

Swank said the scholarship violations "resulted in a significant competitive advantage for the university in softball" in those 1993-94 and 1994-95 seasons.

Ripken slams Angels; Seattle rallies in eighth to down Sox

Cal Ripken is hot and so are the Baltimore Orioles. It's no surprise the two usually are linked.

"No one person has to do it every night," Ripken said Tuesday night after hitting his sixth grand slam in an 8-4 victory over the Anaheim Angels.

Baltimore rallied from a 4-2 deficit with a six-run sixth, capped by Ripken's homer.

"I've never been that type of person, like Eddie Murray, who would say, 'I'll take the team on my back,'" Ripken said.

"You only get four at-bats a game."

Eric Davis went 4-for-4 with a homer and Scott Erickson (5-1) allowed eight hits in eight-plus innings, improving to 13-2 against the Angels.

The Orioles were 24-25 in their season's last 49 games, starting last season and 7-3 this season. Davis is batting .388 with 19 RBIs and Ripken is at .316 with a team-high 28 RBIs.

"It's satisfying to see our right-handers swing the bat well. We were dismal against left-handers last year," manager Davey Johnson said. "Cal's swinging good and Eric Davis is kind of setting the tempo."

In other games, Seattle beat Chicago 7-6, Cleveland beat Texas 5-4, Kansas City beat Boston 7-2, New York beat Minnesota 7-2, Toronto beat Detroit 2-1 in 10 innings and Oakland beat Milwaukee 6-5.

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At Camden Yards, Chuck Finley (0-2) gave up seven runs — six earned — and eight hits in 6 2-3 innings. Randy Myers got three outs for his 12th save.

After the game, there was an altercation in the Angels' shower room, but reporters were quickly ushered away before it became apparent who was involved.

"Heat of the battle, that's a good way to put it," Anaheim manager Terry Collins said. "Frustration in a game that was well-pitched. Guys are frustrated."

Mariners 7, White Sox 6

Rich Amaral hit a go-ahead, two-run single off Tony Castillo (2-3) in a four-run eighth as visiting Seattle rallied from a 6-3 deficit.

Albert Belle hit a two-run homer in the first, and Ron Karkovice hit a solo shot leading off the fourth for the White Sox.

Bobby Ayala (3-1) pitched one inning of hitless relief, and Norm Charlton got three outs for his eighth save in 10 chances, ending the game by throwing a called third strike past Belle.

Royals 7, Red Sox 2

Jose Offerman and Jay Bell singled in runs in a three-run fifth inning as Kansas City won for the 15th time in its last 19 games at Fenway Park.

Kansas City, which led 3-2

before a four-run ninth, moved over .500 for only the second time this season (15-14) and sent the Red Sox to their season-high fourth consecutive loss.

Jose Rosado (3-0) allowed two runs and five hits in 7 2-3 innings. Hipolito Pichardo got four outs for his fifth save.

Tom Gordon (1-4) gave up five runs and nine hits in 8 1-3 innings, and struck out nine.

Yankees 7, Twins 2

David Wells (3-1) scattered eight hits in his second complete game in seven starts, improving to 11-2 at Yankee Stadium.

Paul O'Neill, Derek Jeter and Mark Whiten all homered for New York, which has 10 homers in three days.

Scott Aldred (1-4) allowed six runs and six hits in five-plus innings for the Twins, in a 2-11 slide.

Blue Jays 2, Tigers 1

Joe Carter drew a bases-loaded walk from reliever Dan Miceli with two outs in the 10th at SkyDome, the second time in four days Toronto won on a bases-loaded walk.

Robert Perez went 3-for-3 as the Blue Jays won their fourth straight.

Carlos Garcia reached on a one-out single off Todd Jones (1-2) in the 10th. Otis Nixon singled and Mike Myers walked Orlando Merced with two outs. Miceli then walked Carter on five pitches.

Tim Lincecum (2-2) pitched the 10th for the win.

Gant powers Cards past Braves

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The St. Louis Cardinals needed someone to make a big play if they were ever going to beat the Atlanta Braves again. Ron Gant came through, of course.

Gant's two-run homer in the eighth inning Tuesday night sent St. Louis to a 4-3 victory over Atlanta, the Cardinals' first win at home over the Braves in nine games.

The Braves had won four straight over the Cardinals since falling behind 3-1 in the NL championship series last fall and hadn't lost in St. Louis since Aug. 20, 1995.

But Gant put an end to that by victimizing his former team once again.

"He's a Brave killer," John Smoltz said. "I don't care if he's 0-for-20 or if he's hot, he always comes up with big hits."

Gant, released by the Braves in spring training 1994 after he broke his leg in a winter dirt bike accident, had four homers and nine RBIs against the Braves in 1996, then had two homers and four RBIs in the NLCS.

Since leaving Atlanta, Gant has eight home runs and 20 RBIs in 102 at-bats against the Braves.

"A lot of times against these guys I get a little extra adrenaline," Gant said.

"When I see that uniform, I get a tendency to want to beat them."

Elsewhere in the National League, it was Pittsburgh 4, Florida 0; Colorado 12, New York 11; Philadelphia 5,

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Houston 1; Chicago 2, San Diego 1; Montreal 10, San Francisco 3; and Cincinnati 3, Los Angeles 2 in 11 innings.

With one out in the eighth, Mike Bielecki (1-2) walked Ray Lankford and Gant followed with his fourth homer, a 418-foot drive into the Cardinals bullpen.

"I hope I can take that adrenaline and channel that through every series and every ballclub," Gant said. "If I do that, I'll have some tremendous numbers."

T.J. Mathews (1-1), the third St. Louis pitcher in the eighth, worked one-third of an inning and Dennis Eckersley finished for his seventh save.

Smoltz allowed two runs in seven innings for Atlanta, a major league-best 22-9.

He struck out the side in the third, retired 13 batters in a row at one point, and had eight strikeouts along with an intentional walk.

Pirates 4, Marlins 0

At Miami, Steve Cooke combined with two relievers on a four-hitter as Pittsburgh ended Florida's eight-game home winning streak.

The win was Pittsburgh's first over Florida manager Jim Leyland, who managed the Pirates for 11 years before accepting the Marlins job last Oct. 4.

Cooke (3-3) allowed just three hits in 6 2-3 innings in handing the Marlins just their third loss in 16 home games this season.

Tony Womack went 3-for-5 for the Pirates.

Rockies 12, Mets 11

At Denver, Eric Young, Ellis Burks and Dante Bichette each homered and eight different players drove in runs for Colorado.

Burks and Bichette hit back-to-back homers in the fifth as Colorado opened an 11-6 lead. Bill Swift (4-1) won his fourth straight decision despite allowing six runs and 11 hits in five innings.

Todd Hundley hit his third homer in two games and walked four times, and John Olerud went 4-for-5 with a homer and three RBIs. The Mets, who finished with 20 hits, blew an early 4-0 lead.

The Rockies went ahead for good with four runs in the fourth off reliever Toby Borland (0-1).

Cubs 2, Padres 1

At San Diego, Dave Hansen hit a two-run single in the seventh — his second and third RBIs this season — and Kevin Foster won for the first time in seven starts against San Diego.

Foster (3-2) had been 0-5 with a 5.97 ERA lifetime against the Padres.

Chicago's second win in six games handed the Padres their 13th loss in 16 games.

Brian McRae had two of Chicago's five hits.

Ken Caminiti went 3-for-4 with two doubles for San Diego.

Expos 10, Giants 3

At San Francisco, Pedro Martinez pitched seven innings of two-hit ball and matched his season-high with 10 strikeouts.

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year — and it wasn't," Elmore said. "We had to get used to a lot of different things ... but we've come together, and if people want to look at our record and think we're aren't very good, they can go ahead and think that."

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ing again in the third.

This time Olivas delivered the big blow. The senior second baseman turned a 7-4 deficit into an 8-7 lead with a grand slam to left. Afterwards, Olivas confessed to thinking just a little bit of clearing the fence during the at-bat.

"I just thought to myself, 'The bases are loaded. What if I hit a home run? That would be great,'" Olivas said. "But really, I just wanted to help the team."

Olivas' blast opened the floodgates for Coahoma, which added four more runs that inning for a 12-7 lead. Given that cushion, McMillan was able to battle through the Wall lineup, giving up only one run the rest of the way.

He ended the night with six strikeouts and six walks while allowing nine hits. It might not have been his most effective outing, but the senior hurler was too happy with the result to care.

"You can't take anything away from this team. I feel like we just about have it all," McMillan said. "Going 8-0 in district, well, there's nothing else to say about it. We've never done that before. Plus, with me pitching, it feels like I contributed this year."

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win when you're on the mound," said Schilling, who struck out seven to increase his league-leading total to 56. "I take a lot of pride in the fact I think these guys feel that we have a good chance to win when I pitch."

After Rico Brogna's RBI double in the second gave the Phillies a 1-0 lead, they scored four more in the third.

Daulton walked with the bases loaded and Mike Lieberthal's two-run single chased Houston starter Ramon Garcia (2-2). Brogna singled in another run off reliever Jose Lima to make it 5-0.

Garcia lasted just two-plus innings, allowing five runs and six hits.

"Ramon's biggest problem was he didn't have a low-ball umpire behind the plate," Houston manager Larry Dierker said. "He kept hitting the low spot consistently but he didn't adjust when it wasn't getting called (a strike)."

Dierker was impressed with Schilling's performance.

"Just because they're the Phillies and they're rebuilding doesn't mean they can't throw some hard stuff at you from time to time," he said. "That's what we saw tonight with Schilling, he was throwing 94-95 and hitting spots, when you do that you're going to win games."

Sonics seeking to solve riddle of Houston Rockets

HOUSTON (AP) — The Seattle SuperSonics need answers for how to beat Houston. Must they play ugly? How do they wear down the aging veterans? Can they rotate quicker on defense?

How about all of the above? And more. They've got to try anything to beat keep from falling behind 2-0 in the best-of-7 series against the Rockets.

"We've got to get out there and get more ugly," Seattle forward Shawn Kemp said. "We've got to create some more options and shoot the 3s better and bang and be physical."

The Rockets manhandled the SuperSonics for most of Monday night's 112-102 victory to take a 1-0 lead into tonight's Game 2 of their second-round NBA playoff series.

"We've got to keep Charles Barkley and Hakeem Olajuwon and Clyde Drexler on the court and get them tired and deal with their reserves at the end of the game," Kemp said.

The SuperSonics haven't found the Houston solution in their last two meetings, a 113-73 Houston victory in the final regular-season matchup, and Monday night's 3-point barrage led by Mario Elie, who hit all five of his 3-point shots.

The Rockets will try to do the same thing again tonight, and the SuperSonics will try to stop them.

"Every game we understand how we have to play better," Seattle coach George Karl said. "We'll go out and try to get a W, and if we don't, we'll learn from that and go home. I think it's going to be a long series."

The Rockets hit 15 of 28 (53.1 percent) of their 3s in Monday night's victory, and Elie said the Rockets will keep shooting from long range as long as they succeed.

"We space the floor so well, and passing is the key," Elie said. "If they keep doing that (playing their defensive scheme) to us, they'll have to take their medicine. I'm shooting well. I'm not hesitating. Matt Maloney is not hesitating and Sedale Threatt is not hesitating. We'll keep shooting."

Barkley doesn't anticipate Houston's hot shooting to last throughout the series.

"You can't shoot that percentage night after night," Barkley said. "It's going to stop. You don't go in with a pre-set idea that we're going to take everything they give us outside."

Seattle double-teamed Olajuwon and forced the ball outside to the perimeter shooters, assuming they would cool off. With Houston leading by 27 points in the fourth quarter Monday night, there wasn't enough time for the SuperSonics to catch up despite the Rockets' late cold spell.

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

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
Reach out for others. A surprise occurs, and you will be quite pleased. Your sense of humor carries through; there is laughter and happiness. You are grounded and make solid decisions. Clear up a misunderstanding. Your high energy is focused. Tonight: Hang out.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
You are instinctive but off-center; your anger needs an outlet; channeling it allows you

to see a business venture differently. Maybe that prospect isn't as good for you as you thought. You have many potential professional directions. Tonight: Be careful with spending.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
Let go of the idea that events must all go your way. You might be unduly nervous and uptight. The time to analyze and clear up these feelings is now. A family member may be difficult. Avoid worrying about the moment; eye your long-term objectives. Tonight: Do whatever makes you happy.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
Take the back seat with a boss. You will learn a lot more by saying little. You feel pushed, but an associate may pull out when you least expect it. Be direct, especially during a discussion involving a friend. Recent confusion isn't helping matters much. Tonight: Take a night off just for yourself.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
Consider alternatives vis-a-vis a friendship and stressful events. You feel pressured to overdo financially. Realize that no one chooses how to spend your money but you. Open up a few doors, and discover what is going on behind the scenes. Tonight: Be happy.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
Take the lead in professional matters. A partner becomes dif-

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

You'll need to reach out to see what is going on with someone. You find a partner or associate nothing less than difficult and cranky. Discuss your frustration. Determine what is wrong, then clear the air. News from afar is worth celebrating. Tonight: Try a new place.

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A short time later, a nurse from the hospital to which Cindy had been transferred called to update me on her status. Her injuries were severe; she was stable but critical and heading into surgery. Breaking all the rules, the nurse told me that my nephews, Jacob and Travis, had died instantly in the crash.

I had called ahead to Houston to reserve a rental car. But when I arrived, they refused to rent me one because I didn't have a current driver's license. My purse had been stolen the week before, and I had not yet gone to get a replacement. All I had with me was an expired card I was using for picture ID, but was told that was unacceptable. I was devastated. I was still two hours from the hospital where Cindy was.

I stood outside the rental office in the rain, ready to burst into tears, when two men who had been ahead of me in line at the counter approached and asked me why the agency wouldn't rent me a car. I explained about my sister, her family, the stolen purse and the missing driver's license. They listened sympathetically, then told me not to worry, they would get me there.

They were John and June

James, a father and son who live in Houston. They took me to John's home so I could call my family and let them know I was all right. Then June drove me 120 miles (one way) to the hospital where my sister and surviving nephew were. I don't know how I could have gotten to her side without their help. June's sister rode along, talking with me and keeping me calm the whole trip.

Crease rule costs Devils; Rangers take lead in best-of-seven series

NHL PLAYOFFS

NEW YORK (AP) — While everyone else griped about the NHL's crackdown on players straying into the goal crease, New Jersey coach Jacques Lemaire again insisted it was a good idea.

That was surprising considering the rule has cost the Devils tying goals in two straight playoff losses to the New York Rangers.

"I don't blame the player. I don't blame the rule, either. The rule is fine," Lemaire said Tuesday night after the Rangers beat the Devils 3-2 to take a 2-1 lead in their best-of-7 series.

Doug Gilmour's goal with 7:42 left in the game was disallowed because teammate Bill Guerin had a skate in the Rangers' crease.

A video review showed Guerin skated from behind the net into the opposite side of the crease behind Rangers goalie Mike Richter. Though he didn't touch Richter, the goal was disallowed.

"I don't think it's a great rule, but it's easy to criticize. It worked for us tonight," Richter said. "Guerin was just doing his job. If the guy had waited a second to shoot, Guerin would have been through."

The crease rule also hurt the Devils in Game 2, when Steve Thomas' goal was taken away in a 2-0 loss to the Rangers.

Lemaire, who feels the rule protects goalies, had no complaints about Guerin's costly move in Game 3.

"I don't think it's a silly play," he said. "(Guerin is) driving, he's working hard, he's going to the net for the loose puck."

Also Tuesday night, the Detroit Red Wings beat the Anaheim Mighty Ducks 5-3 to take a 3-0 lead in that series.

The playoffs resume tonight with Buffalo at Philadelphia and Colorado at Edmonton. The Flyers and Avalanche each hold 2-0 leads in their series.

Wayne Gretzky, who scored the Rangers' first goal Tuesday night, suggested changing the crease instead of the rule.

"The ironic thing is we brought this rule in to protect goalies, but no goalies are getting hit on these plays," he said. "Maybe we should go back to the old square crease of the 1980s," which jutted out in front, but didn't extend beyond the side poles of the goal net as does the current crescent.

Gretzky and Esa Tikkanen scored in the first 5 minutes for New York, and Tikkanen added the game-winner on a power play in the second period. New Jersey's goals were scored by Randy McKay and Thomas.

New York won despite being outshot 15-3 in the third period — 35-26 overall — as New Jersey's defense, disorganized to the point of bickering in the earlier periods, closed down.

"We stopped hitting and they got vicious and mean and hard," Rangers coach Colin Campbell said.

"After that, they took the game over. Sometimes that happens when you start protecting a lead midway through the game."

Gretzky opened the scoring on a pretty passing play with Luc Robitaille, who retrieved Gretzky's drop pass just inside the blue line for a slap shot into traffic at the top of the crease.

Gretzky, alone on the net's open right side, tucked in the rebound at 3:57 of the first.

Tikkanen scored his first goal from the same spot just under 1 1/2 minutes later on Brian Leetch's rebound out of another goalmouth scramble.

New Jersey cut the lead to 2-1 only 40 seconds later when Brian Rolston was abandoned by the Rangers defense in the high slot long enough to slap

the puck on net, where McKay tapped it in. That goal was also reviewed, but McKay had stayed just outside of the crease.

The Devils made it easier for New York through the second period with plenty of defensive lapses that, after one particularly close call, left goalie Martin Brodeur and defenseman Ken Daneyko apparently scolding each other in the crease.

Tikkanen's second goal came on one of the Rangers' five power plays, when he took Gretzky's pass low in the right circle and fired the puck through Brodeur's pads to make it 3-1 at 6:41 of the second period.

Less than a minute later, New Jersey narrowed it to 3-2 when Thomas batted down an airborne puck that was slapped in from the point by Dave Ellett and lofted over the shoulder of an out-of-position Richter.

Red Wings 5, Mighty Ducks 3

At Anaheim, the Red Wings dominated the Mighty Ducks after needing overtime to win the first two games of the series.

Vyacheslav Kozlov had two goals and an assist to lead the Red Wings, who rallied from a 3-1 second-period deficit.

Detroit scored the last four goals, including two just 24 seconds apart early in the final period.

Sergei Fedorov added a goal and two assists, with his score 3-34 into the third period snapping a 3-3 tie. Kozlov then gave Detroit a two-goal advantage with his fifth goal of the post-season.

Kozlov scored the game-winner in a 3-2, triple-overtime win over Anaheim in Game 2. The Red Wings needed one overtime to defeat the Ducks 2-1 in the series opener.

The Mighty Ducks lost for just the second time in their last 19 home games, both in the playoffs.

Pitino charged with bringing back Celtics from mediocrity

BOSTON (AP) — Immediately, the Boston Celtics became Rick Pitino's team. Now he wants Larry Bird to join him.

Just 16 days after his ugly season ended, the club with 16 NBA titles took the biggest step toward putting together a glamour duo to oversee its rebirth.

Pitino went for the green — the Celtics overflowing wallets and tradition of their green-and-white championship banners — and agreed Tuesday to leave Kentucky for what is believed to be the richest contract for any coach in the history of any sport.

His 10-year deal, six as coach and four as director of basketball operations, is thought to be worth about \$70 million. One of his first tasks was to try to convince Bird to reject a \$4 million offer to coach the Indiana Pacers, Bird's home-state team.

"Oh, very much so," Pitino said when asked if he wanted Bird, now a special assistant, to stay with the Celtics. "But Larry's got to want to be part of it. Right now, he's got to find out if he wants to coach or be in management."

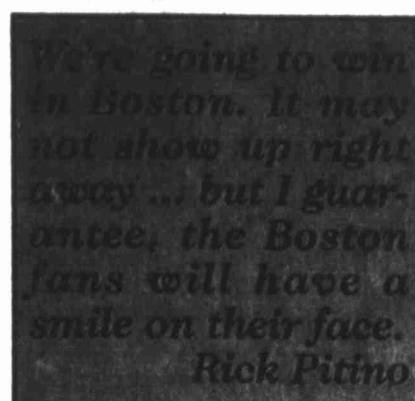
The Celtics would like to restore even more credibility by having Bird agree to stay by the time Pitino holds his first news conference in Boston as Celtics coach Thursday.

Pitino announced his decision in Lexington, Ky., where he led the Wildcats, college basketball's winningest team, to three Final Fours in the last five seasons and won the 1996 championship.

Near his Naples, Fla., home, Bird played golf Tuesday as a fundraiser for his son's school.

In Boston, the decks were being cleared for Pitino to hire his own people on the team with the most wins in NBA history.

He started by naming Jim O'Brien and Winston Bennett, his Kentucky assistants, to his Celtics staff.



Meanwhile, Jan Volk drove away from the team's offices in his blue Corvette after stepping down as general manager, a job he held for 13 of his 26 years with Boston. K.C. Jones carried his possessions out in a U.S. Mail crate.

He and the other assistant coaches — Dennis Johnson and John Kuester — were fired. Trainer Ed Lacerte also was let go. A day earlier, the Celtics fired four others — director of travel and team services Wayne Lebeaux, director of publications and information David Zuccaro and two marketing employees.

And the gregarious M.L. Carr was nowhere to be seen. For now, he remains director of basketball operations after resigning as coach last Wednesday.

He could end up with an ownership stake in the team.

The Celtics wanted the focus to be on their future hopes, represented by Pitino, rather than on their past embarrassments, symbolized by the coach who led them to the worst record in club history last season, 15-67.

Even without Pitino, the Celtics figured to have a much better record next season.

They have two lottery picks in the June 25 draft and the best chance at gaining the top choice in the May 18 lottery. They also have Antoine Walker, fourth in this year's rookie of the year balloting after playing at Kentucky, and

five months for injured players like Dino Radja and Dana Barros to get completely healthy.

"We're going to win in Boston," Pitino said. "It may not show up right away ... but I guarantee, the Boston fans will have a smile on their face."

His teams showed improvement in his first year at his previous head coaching jobs at Boston University, Providence College, the New York Knicks and Kentucky.

BU went to the NCAA tournament for the first time in 24 years in Pitino's fifth season, Providence made it to the Final Four in his second and the Knicks won 52 games and the Atlantic Division title in his second.

Kentucky was on probation for his first two seasons there. In his seventh, he led the Wildcats to the NCAA title. And last season, they made it to the finals, where they lost to Arizona in overtime.

"What we built in Kentucky is the challenge I take on in Boston," Pitino said.

"He's a great motivator," said Red Auerbach, 79, who is expected to stay on as president.

Bird was a fierce competitor in his 13 seasons with the Celtics, in which he led them to their last three championships in 1981, 1984 and 1986.

He was part of the Big Three frontcourt with Kevin McHale and Robert Parish. Now he may be part of the Big Two front office.

As Pitino found out, the tradition can be tough to resist.

"It's the lure of the Boston Celtics. It's magical," Pitino said.

"I have a similar type situation at the professional level that I had eight years ago at this (college) level — something that's full of glory, full of tradition, full of wonderful pride that I'd like to see get back to the championship level."

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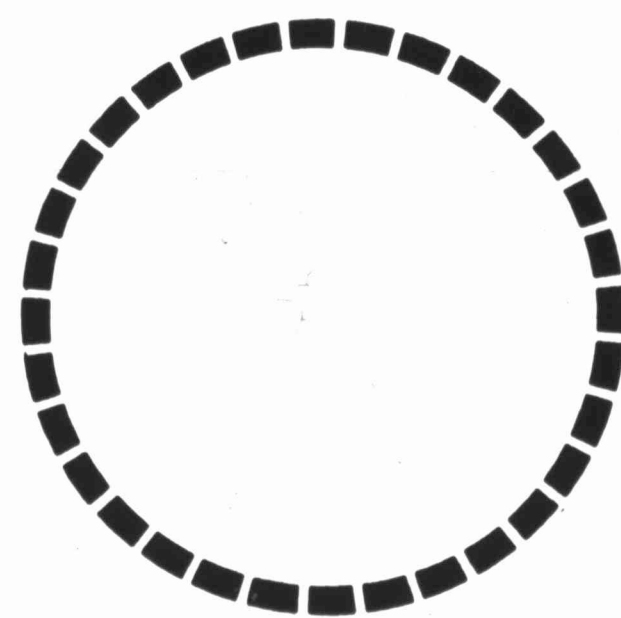
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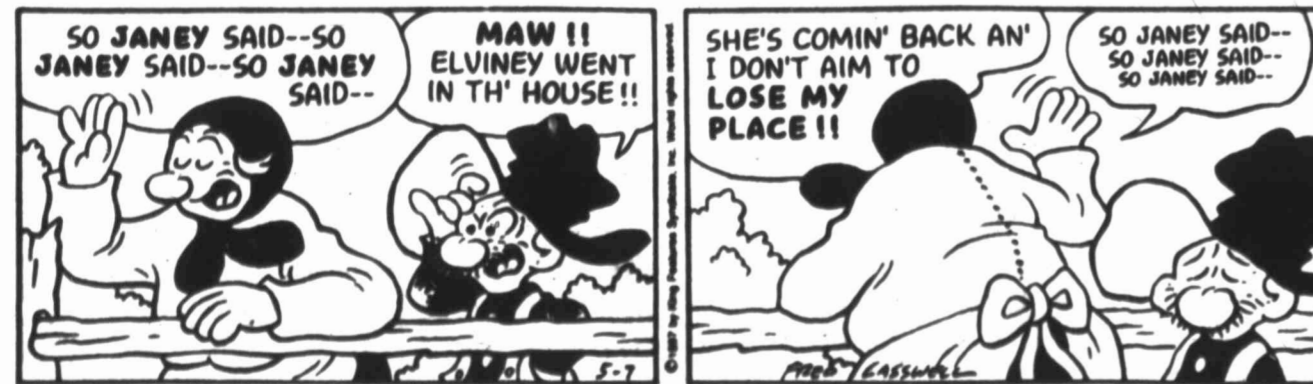
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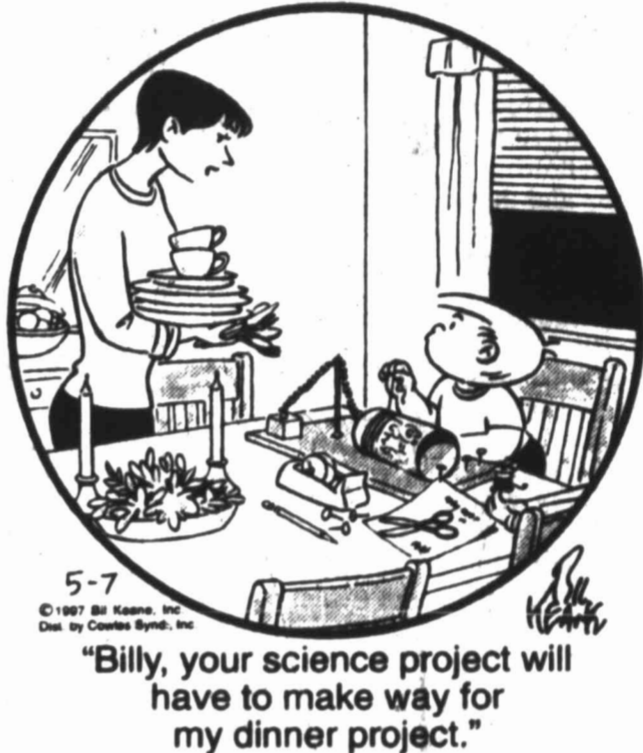
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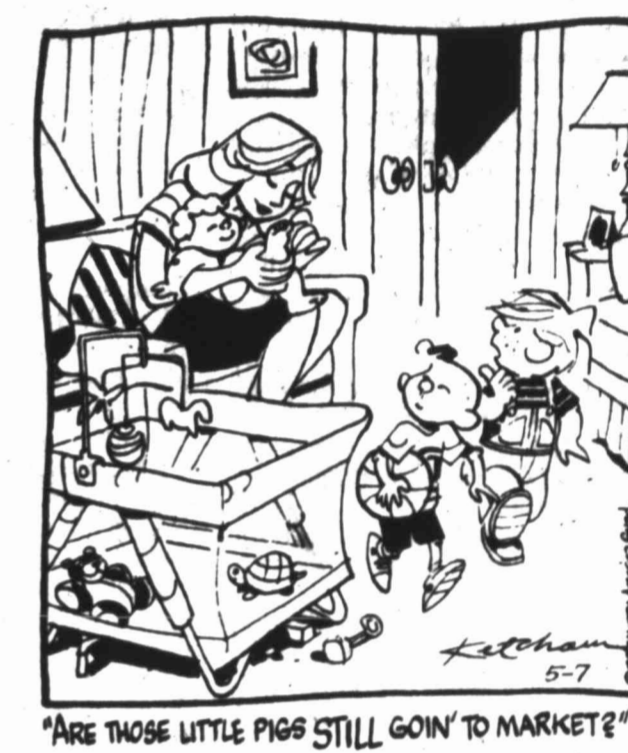
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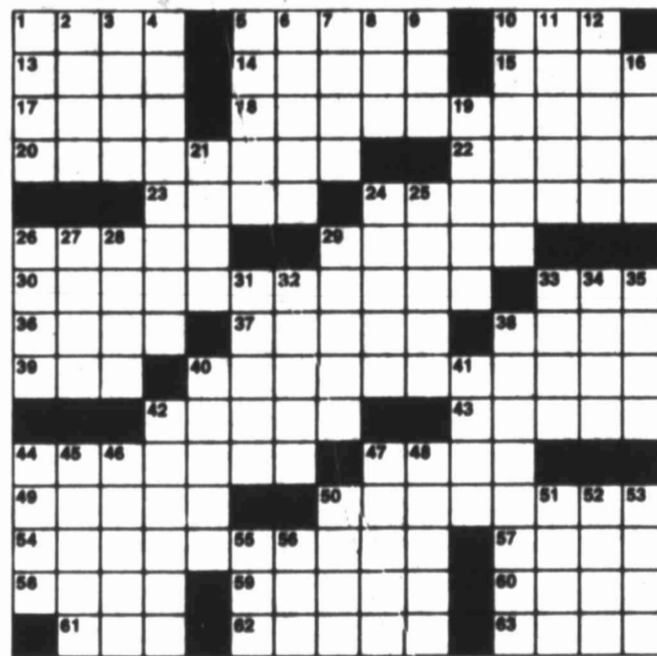
Today is Wednesday, May 7, the 127th day of 1997. There are 238 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: On May 7, 1945, Germany signed an unconditional surrender at Allied headquarters in Rheims, France, to take effect the following day, ending the European conflict of World War II.

In 1789, the first inaugural ball was held in New York in honor of President and Mrs. George Washington. In 1812, poet Robert Browning was born in London. In 1825, Italian composer Antonio Salieri died in Vienna, Austria. In 1833, composer Johannes Brahms was born in Hamburg, Germany. In 1840, composer Peter Ilyich Tchaikovsky was born in the Ural region of Russia. In 1847, the American Medical Association was founded in Philadelphia. In 1915, nearly 1,200 people died when a German torpedo sank the British liner Lusitania off the Irish coast. In 1939, Germany and Italy announced a military and political alliance known as the Rome-Berlin Axis. In 1954, the Battle of Dien Bien Phu in Vietnam ended after 55 days with Vietnamese insurgents overrunning French forces. In 1975, President Ford formally declared an end to the "Vietnam era." In Ho Chi Minh City, formerly Saigon, the Viet Cong staged a rally to celebrate their takeover. In 1984, a \$180 million out-of-court settlement was announced in the Agent Orange class-action suit brought by Vietnam veterans who charged they had suffered injury from exposure to the defoliant. Ten years ago: Democratic presidential candidate Gary Hart, dogged by reports about his relationship with Miami model Donna Rice, put his campaign on hold and flew home to Denver to be with his family. Five years ago: President Bush visited riot-scarred Los Angeles. The space shuttle Endeavour blasted off on its maiden voyage. A 203-year-old proposed constitutional amendment barring Congress from giving itself a midterm pay raise received enough votes for ratification as Michigan became the 38th state to approve it. One year ago: The first international war crimes proceeding since Nuremberg opened at The Hague in the Netherlands, with a Serbian police officer, Dusan Tadic, facing trial on murder-torture charges. A verdict has yet to be rendered in the case.

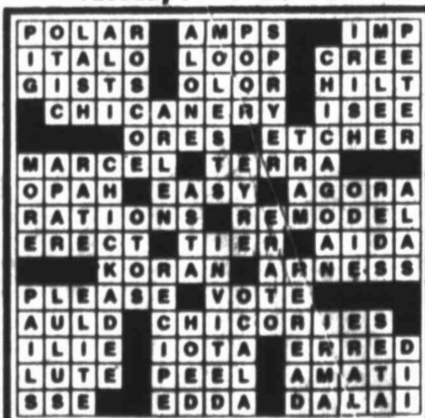
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