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Storm leaves almost an inch of rain, sirens wailing

By CARLTON JOHNSON
Staff Writer

The powerful storms that hit parts of North and West Texas Thursday night and early this morning didn't leave quite the impression on Big Spring as they did elsewhere, but they did howl just hard enough to cause tornado sirens in Big Spring to begin blasting at 12:54 this morning.

National Weather Service Forecaster T.J. Turnage said parts of the Permian Basin, including the Howard County area, reported rainfall amounts from .06 inches to 2.3 inches in Gall.

Tony Toroni reported .83 inches of rain on Wasson Road, Boyce Hale had .80 inches south of Big Spring and Herald editor John Walker reported measuring .82 inches on Dallas Street.

Golf ball-sized hail was reported at 6:26 p.m. Thursday in Gaines County, according to Turnage.

These storms moved in from Central New Mexico, which caused a tornado warning to be issued for Lea County, N.M.

Movement of these storms was variable and several storms developed later as a result.

"Most of the activity was caused by very moist, unstable air and by a cold front, which moved in from the Texas Panhandle," Turnage said.

Powerful thunderstorms also lashed parts of North and West Texas late Thursday and early today, bringing heavy rains and spawning several tornadoes.

Winds of 75 mph blasted Wichita Falls Thursday night, causing civil defense officials to sound warning

sirens. Some homes in the Faith Village neighborhood of southern Wichita Falls were flooded as rains fell at up to four inches in one hour, officials said.

The forecast for the Permian Basin called for a slight chance of morning showers today, otherwise mostly cloudy. The high temperature today is expected to be between 65 degrees and 70 degrees.

Tonight's forecast calls for partly cloudy conditions with the low temperature in the mid 40s.

Saturday, conditions will be mostly sunny with highs in the mid 70s. Saturday night calls for fair conditions with lows around 50.

The extended forecast for Sunday and Monday calls for a chance of showers and thunderstorms with lows in the mid 50s and highs in the mid 80s.

Lakes fuller, but drought not over

DEL RIO (AP) — The bright, white limestone banks of Lake Amistad aren't quite as bare as they were heading into last summer.

Like other reservoirs that suffered amid the severe drought, Lake Amistad is fuller now. The deep lake remains 36 feet below normal, but it had dipped to an all-time low of 51 feet below normal in August.

"So we've come up about 14 or 15 feet since then," said Kate Hammond, spokeswoman for Amistad National Recreation Area. "The boating is great. There's plenty of water."

In Central Texas, Lake Buchanan and Lake Travis also have rebounded. "Both lakes are full. In fact, Travis is a little bit over full," said Bill McCann, spokesman for the Lower Colorado River Authority.

Lake Buchanan is about 5 feet above its usual May average, and Lake Travis is more than 11 feet above its May average, McCann said.

But in West Texas, those who oversee water-supply reservoirs near Big Spring and Snyder haven't noticed much difference since last summer.

"We're still in a critical drought up here," said John Grant, general manager. Please see LAKES, page 2A

Board installs trustees, raises lunch prices

By CARLTON JOHNSON
Staff Writer

The Big Spring Independent School District (BSISD) Board of Trustees took the opportunity Thursday to thank several students and teachers for their service and the recognition they have brought to the district.

Newly elected and re-elected school board members were also sworn in at Thursday's meeting.

Steve Fraser, who was re-elected to his at-large board seat; Larry Hollar, District 2; and Frank A. Long, new board member for District 4, were sworn in and began new three-year terms.

"It never ceases to amaze me that we accomplish more every year than we did the year before," Board President Glynn Mouton said.

Mouton and the board thanked members of the academic decathlon team, band, girls softball team, members of the One Act Play cast, golf team, state tennis qualifier Hsiao Hsuan Li and boys' and girls track programs for the accomplishments and many awards they earned this year.

Also recognized were Virginia Martin, who will retire on May 23, and Doris Owusu, who is relocating at the end of the current school year, for their years of service to the BSISD.

The board also accepted the



Frank A. Long signs his "Oath of Office" after being sworn in as a member of the Big Spring Independent School District Board of Trustees during Thursday's meeting. Long defeated Don Baker in Saturday's election.

administration's recommendation that Elbow Elementary Principal Richard Light be hired to fill the position of

Director of Special Education for the BSISD.

Light will be filling a position held by Gene Adkins for sever-

al years, who recently announced his retirement after several years of service.

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BSISD officials honor Herald's Walker, Jones

By CARLTON JOHNSON
Staff Writer

The Big Spring Independent School District (BSISD) Board of Trustees made an unprecedented award presentation Thursday in presenting Herald Managing Editor John Walker and former Lifestyles Editor Kellie Jones with resolutions acknowledging their coverage of school board issues.

According to BSISD board President Glynn Mouton, the names of Walker and Jones will be placed on the statewide Media Honor Roll, calling attention to the ongoing responsible and exemplary nature of reporting on Big Spring public schools.

"We are an entity with an obligation to provide the public with knowledge about our board and the media helps us with this," Mouton said. "There has never been an award like this presented by the BSISD before and the board would like to thank John Walker and Kellie Jones for their evenhanded presentation of school board news."

"Much of of the community's knowledge and opinions about

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Standoff has other victims mourning

FORT DAVIS (AP) — Sugar Ray was given a quiet burial Wednesday at the Fort Stockton unit where he served, two days after a bullet fired by a separatist he was tracking tore through his body.

The veteran prison dog from the Lynaugh canine unit was shot in a confrontation in the rugged Davis Mountains that also left his killer, Republic of Texas movement member Mike Matson, dead.

"The other dogs howled all night long because they knew one of their partners was missing," said Sgt. Ralph Hager of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice.

Their mournful cries were so loud that another TDCJ dog, missing for more than two days and feared dead, was able to make his way home to the command post. He was tired and hungry, but otherwise unharmed.

Hager also was taking the loss of the 8-year-old Black and Tan crimefighter hard.

"He was a great dog," the dog handler said. "He wouldn't have been here if he hadn't been."

The corrections officer said the dog died in the line of duty for which he was born and bred.

"That's what they live for, to run men," Hager said.

Veterinarian Janet Greathouse said authorities told her when Sugar Ray was brought back from the brush country in the same helicopter as Matson's body, the officers showed respect.

"The pilot carried the dog out gently cradled in his arms," Greathouse said. "Everybody stopped and paid a silent tribute."

A necropsy at Fort Davis Veterinary Services showed a small-caliber bullet went through the dog's lungs, aorta, diaphragm and liver and lodged in his intestines.

"They said the guy was up in a tree and fired almost point blank," she said. "The dog died instantly."

Sugar Ray wasn't the only four-legged victim of the two men who fled when their leader, Richard McLaren, and four others surrendered.

Pastor not surprised by Stenholm's backing of amendment

By CARLTON JOHNSON
Staff Writer

Thursday's announcement by Congressman Charles Stenholm of his co-sponsorship of the Religious Freedom Amendment comes as no surprise to one local pastor.

Carroll Kohl, pastor of St. Paul Lutheran Church, knows Stenholm and said, "It is not surprising that Charlie is concerned about this issue."

The amendment to the Constitution, proponents say, would restore America's rights to religious liberties, and would

protect student-initiated prayer in public schools and guard religious expression in public settings.

"I am disturbed that the courts have protected violence, nudity, foul language and other expressions under the category of free speech while restricting religious free speech," Stenholm said.

According to Stenholm's office, recent examples of court-ordered infringements of religious liberties include: a ruling that students allowed to choose a topic for a report could be given a failing grade for picking a religious topic; a ruling overturning a moment of silence because it permitted students to pray silently; forbidding the display of the Ten Commandments in a courtroom; requiring the city of San Francisco to remove a cross which had been in a public park for 65 years; forcing

the city of Edmund, Okla., to remove a cross from among the emblems on its city seal; and banning or restricting public displays of Christmas religious symbols on public property over the holidays.

"Thirty years of court decisions have turned upside-down First Amendment rights," Stenholm said. "Courts have gone far beyond outlawing prayer in many public settings. The religious Freedom Amendment restores the proper balance between church and government."

"My understanding of the First Amendment is that our Founding Fathers believed religious freedom should be expressed," Kohl said. "The framers of the Constitution never intended that religious freedom not be expressed."

According to Stenholm's office, public opinion polls show

that for more than 30 years, 75 percent of the American people have continued to support such an amendment.

The proposed amendment reads:

"To secure the people's right to acknowledge God according to the dictates of conscience: The people's right to pray and to recognize their religious beliefs, heritage, or traditions on public property, including schools, shall not be infringed. The government shall not require any person to join in prayer or other religious activity, initiate or designate school prayers, discriminate against religion or deny equal access to a benefit on account of religion."

Kohl also serves as a part-time chaplain at Big Spring's Veterans Administration Medical Center (VAMC), and said one of the more common terms used at the VAMC, as

well as in the military, where religion is concerned, is pluralism.

Kohl said this means each person has a right to his or her own belief system.

"No one has the right to prohibit anyone else from expressing his or her religious views," Kohl said.

"My opinion is that recent court rulings have declared atheism the official religion in our country because it is a belief system," he added. "But, atheism denies a religion where God is concerned."

Kohl said that where the Religious Freedom Amendment is concerned, any improvement aimed at protecting religious freedom is better than no improvement at all.

"I'm a believer that if you can't have a whole glass of water, half a glass is better than nothing at all," Kohl said.

College graduation, 4-H shooter workshop top ticket

HERALD Staff Report

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

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

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

Big Spring, 79721.

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

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

• Howard College graduation, tonight, 7 p.m., Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

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

• A bake sale benefiting the Hangar 25 Restoration Project, 10 a.m. Saturday at Big Spring

Mall. Organizers say the sale will continue until all items are sold.

• 4-H New Shooter Workshop, 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Saturday, the R.C. Thomas Shooting Range in Knott. Lunch will be provided for participants by the Howard County 4-H Shooting Sports Club.

Anyone between the ages of 8 and 18 wanting to learn to shoot a shotgun or experienced shooters wanting to learn skeet and trap shooting are encouraged to

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TODAY'S WEATHER

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Today: Mostly cloudy with a chance of showers and thunderstorms tonight. High in the upper 60s. Low in the mid 40s.

Saturday: Partly cloudy and warmer. High in the mid 70s. Low in the lower 50s.

Extended outlook: Sunday and Monday, partly cloudy with a slight chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the 80s. Lows in the 50s. Tuesday, partly cloudy. High in the mid 80s. Low in the 50s.

OBITUARIES

R.R. Kennedy

Graveside service for R.R. Kennedy, 94, Abilene, formerly of Big Spring, will be 10 a.m. Saturday, May 10, 1997, at Trinity Memorial Park with Rev. Terry Wright, pastor of Westover Baptist Church in Odessa, officiating, and assisted by Dr. Frank Lasater, Jr., pastor of University Heights Church in Odessa.

Mr. Kennedy died Tuesday, May 6.

He was born on June 10, 1902, in Scurry County. He moved to Howard County in 1908. He was a member of Vincent Baptist Church. Mr. Kennedy married Nettie Lorene Mansfield on May 3, 1929, in Howard County. He had farmed in the Morgan community until 1969, and continued farm work until 1964, when he moved to Big Spring.

He is survived by: three sons, Ed Kennedy, Pleasanton, Joe Kennedy, Dallas, and Carl Kennedy, Odessa; two daughters, LaVerne Atwell, Odessa, and Gayla Paul, Abilene; 14 grandchildren; several great-grandchildren; and several great-great-grandchildren.

The family will be at 1105 Stanford in Big Spring. Arrangements under the direction of Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Marie Letcher

Marie Letcher, 78, Big Spring, died Thursday, May 8, 1997, at her home.

Service will be Saturday, May 10. Time and place are pending with Myers & Smith Funeral Home & Chapel.

Doris Gertrude Ward

Service for Doris Gertrude Ward, 74, Andrews, will be 4 p.m. Saturday, May 10, in the Andrews Church of Christ with John Snider, Greenwood, and Bob DuPont, minister, Andrews, officiating. Burial will be in the Andrews West Cemetery.

Mrs. Ward died Wednesday, May 7, at Midland Memorial Hospital.

She was born on March 2, 1923, in Pleasant Hill. She married George A. Ward on Sept. 29, 1945, in Gladewater. He preceded her in death on March 22, 1992. She had lived in Andrews for 48 years. She was a member of the Church of Christ, charter member of Andrews Desk and Derrick Club, National Society of The

Daughters of the American Revolution, Erma Wright Art Classes, Amoco Annuitants and the Thursday Card Club.

Survivors include: two sons, George Ward, Lubbock, and Danny Ward, Big Spring; one daughter, Lisa Barlow, China Springs; seven grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Arrangements under the direction of McNett Funeral Home, Inc., Andrews.

Malcolm Lee Watkins

Service for Malcolm Lee Watkins, 89, Philadelphia, Miss., was 2 p.m. Tuesday, May 6, 1997, in the Nowell Chapel with Rev. Jerry Bennett officiating. Burial was in Mars Hill in Leake County, Miss.

Mr. Watkins died Saturday, May 3, a Neshoba General Hospital.

He was born on March 31, 1908, in Leake Co., Miss. He was a farmer.

Survivors include: his wife, Jennie L. Watkins, Philadelphia, Miss.; four sons, Hamp H. Watkins, Dennis Watkins, both of Philadelphia, Miss.; Cary Watkins, Conehatta, Miss.; and Malcolm Watkins, Jr., Gilmer, Texas; three daughters, Shirleen L. Thomas, Sally Griffin, both of Houston, and Sue Whatley, Philadelphia, Miss.; two brothers, Cliff Watkins, Philadelphia, Miss., and Grady Watkins, Vicksburg, Miss.; four sisters, Nettie Ford, Alma Fryer, Loca Watkins and Gertie Foy, all of Vicksburg, Miss.; 12 grandchildren, including some from Big Spring; and nine great-grandchildren.

Arrangements under the direction of Nowell Funeral Services, Philadelphia, Miss.

J.E. (Pearl) Airhart

Service for Mrs. J.E. (Pearl) Airhart, 80, Lamesa, will be 4 p.m. today at the First Baptist Church in Lamesa with Rev. Howard Rhodes, pastor of Klondike Baptist Church, officiating. Burial will be in Lamesa Memorial Park.

Mrs. Airhart died Wednesday, May 7, 1997, at Medical Arts Hospital, Lamesa.

She was born on March 2, 1917, in Merkel. She married J.E. Airhart on Dec. 12, 1934, in Stanton. She moved to Dawson County on Feb. 21, 1936, from Martin County. She was a housewife and a member of the Baptist church.

Survivors include: her husband, J.E. Airhart, Lamesa; four sons, Jimmy Airhart, Gayland Airhart, both of Lamesa, Donald Airhart, Lubbock, and Quinton Airhart, Klondike; two daughters, Mrs. Charlie (Judy) Everts, Lamesa, and Mrs. Don (Galenda) Shortes, Ackerly; one sister, Ma Mae Powell, Big Spring; 18 grandchildren; 29 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

Arrangements under the direction of Branon Funeral Home, Inc., Lamesa.

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Coahoma recycling effort collection, 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, the lot west of the Little Sooper grocery store. Sponsored by Coahoma Clean and Proud, organizers will be collecting all types of paper, aluminum, steel, plastic and carpet padding. In addition, the group will be collecting Campbell's soup labels for the schools and used eyeglasses for the Lions Club.

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LAKES

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er of the Colorado River Municipal Water District.

Lake J.B. Thomas was 5.6 percent full last year at this time, and now it's 6.4 percent full. E.V. Spence Reservoir was 28.9 percent full this time last year. Currently it is 25.5 percent full. Farther downstream, Lake O.H. Ivie is 89 percent full, down from 93 percent this time last year.

The drought also persists in the Rio Grande Valley, where farmers and cities rely on water from Amistad and Falcon Lake.

That supply is at 40 percent of capacity, up from 37.5 percent of capacity this time last year, said Julian Perales, river operations manager with the Rio Grande Watermaster office in McAllen.

Spring is peak irrigation time, but rainfall on farm land has reduced demand for irrigation water from the reservoirs, Perales said.

"Though we're not out of the drought by any means down here, we've made up some ground because we've had some rain," he said.

Few in severely drought-stricken areas are willing to guess what the rest of the spring and the summer hold in store. They're braced for more dry weather. They're hoping for adequate precipitation.

"Ask the rain god," said Ms. Hammond at Lake Amistad.

John Grant at the water district in Big Spring said, "I've been out here long enough to know that I don't predict the weather."

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the public schools rely on responsible reporting by local media representatives who decide which news to share with the community, how much attention will be focused on various issues and what the tone of the reporting will be," Mouton added.

Herald Publisher Chuck Williams accepted the award for Jones, who recently relocated to the Houston area after three years of covering World Board police and lifestyle issues.

Walker accepted his award saying he was appreciative of the recognition.

"We appreciate what the board did," Walker said. "David Brinkley once said it is impossible to be objective so we must try to be fair. While we may not always agree, I think it's important that the board recognizes that our coverage is fair."

BOARD

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Assistant Superintendent Murray Murphy said no one will be able to fill Adkins' shoes considering what he has done in the special education field, but Light is the type of person who will be able to blaze his own trail.

BSISD Food Service Director Joann Smoot addressed the board about a recommendation she said is always an unpopular decision — increasing food prices.

The board accepted Smoot's recommendation to increase lunch prices for the 1997-98 school year.

Lunch prices for grades K-5 will increase from \$1 to \$1.25; from \$1.25 to \$1.50 for grades 6-12; and from \$1.85 to \$2 for adults.

"In an effort to keep the Food Service Department self-sufficient, I am recommending these changes," Smoot said. "Some

will ask what the benefits for this increase will be to the public."

"At current enrollment (levels) we are at 59 percent for students qualifying for free and reduced price meals," Smoot added. "Unfortunately, those of us in the 41 percent group, not qualifying for these benefits, will pay for the increase. I believe this proposed increase will be good for at least five years and will offset the inflation that is inevitable."

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BIG SPRING AROUND THE TOWN

Texas Lottery

PICK 3: 8,0,2
CASH 5: 5,10,12,33,38

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 BENEFITING the Hangar 25 Restoration Project has been scheduled for 10 a.m. Saturday at Big Spring Mall and will continue until all items are sold.

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

•Good Shepherd Fellowship Church, 610 Abrams, 7 p.m. Bible study.

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

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

•May Day, St. Mary's Episcopal School, 118 Cedar, 10:30 to 11:15 a.m., ages three, Pre-K, and Kindergarten.

SATURDAY
•Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, open meetings at noon, 4 p.m. and 10 p.m.

•Howard County Scottish Rite Club, 7:30 a.m., Masonic Lodge, 21st and Lancaster. Breakfast served (\$4). All Scottish Rite Masons welcomed.

•Alzheimer's support group, 10 a.m., Carriage Inn Retirement Center, 501 West 17th.

•Juvenile Diabetes

Foundation Walk-a-thon in Midland at the Chapparral Center. Call Karen Davila at 264-7938 or Laurie Churchwell at 263-0087 to sign up or to make a donation.

SUNDAY
•Good Shepherd Fellowship Church, 610 Abrams, has services at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend.
•Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, 11 a.m. closed meeting and 7 p.m. open meeting.

POLICE REPORT

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

•JUAN BELIZ LASOYA, 43, of 503 Bell, was arrested on Dawson County warrants.

•JUAN RENTERIA, 47, of 3621 Connally, was arrested for driving while intoxicated.

•ROBERT MULLENS, 47, of 113 N.E. 19th, was arrested for public intoxication.

•JOSE LUIS RAMIREZ, 33, of Midland, was arrested on a Midland County warrant.

•ATTEMPTED BURGLARY OF A HABITATION in the 800 block of E. 14th.

•ASSAULT in the 3100 block of Hwy 80; and the 400 block of Westover.

•BURGLARY OF A BUILDING in the 1500 block of E. 4th.

•CRIMINAL MISCHIEF TO A VEHICLE in the 800 W. Marcy.

•BURGLARY OF A HABITATION in the 2700 block of Central.

•BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE in the 2600 block of Carleton; and the 1800 block of Duquoin.

•DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE in the 400 block of N.E. 9th.

•THEFT OF SERVICE in the 1600 block of S. Gregg.

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Celia Ramirez-Moran, died Monday. Services were 10:30 AM today at St. Thomas Catholic Church. Burial was in Mt. Olive Memorial Park.
R. R. Kennedy, 94, died Tuesday. Graveside Services are 10 AM Saturday in Trinity Memorial Park.
Marie Letcher, 78, died Thursday. Services are pending for Saturday.

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Senate tax debate expected

AUSTIN — Senate approval of a plan to lower local school property taxes would set up a conference with House lawmakers to determine how much the levies might be cut and how the state would replace the money.

Senators were expected to approve the proposal today that would lower local school property taxes by about \$2.5 billion.

It would fund the cuts by expanding the state business tax to nearly all companies, raising taxes on tobacco and alcoholic products, making several other state tax changes and dedicating more state funds to education.

The overall effect would be about a 2 percent state and local tax cut for most Texans.

The state tax system would be made slightly more regressive — meaning that it would take a greater percentage of poorer Texans' income than it would take from wealthier Texans — if the plan became law, according to an official analysis.

Move for Harrelson re-trial targets defense attorney

SAN ANTONIO — A defense lawyer is denying allegations by a legal team representing Charles Harrelson that he and some of his clients might have been responsible for the 1979 shooting death of a federal judge.

"The whole thing is an absolute lie," attorney Alan Brown was quoted as saying in Thursday's San Antonio Express-News.

Brown denied the allegation Wednesday after U.S. District Judge Fred Biery unsealed a motion for a new trial filed by attorneys for Harrelson.

Harrelson, the father of actor Woody Harrelson, is serving a life prison sentence for the May 29, 1979, killing of federal Judge John H. Wood, who was gunned down outside his San Antonio home.

Harvard law professor Alan Dershowitz, San Francisco lawyer David Michael and Corpus Christi attorney Bill May filed the motion on Harrelson's behalf April 23 and asked that it remain secret from the public until a hearing on the matter.

Farmers upset that court killed anti-weevil program

SAN ANGELO — The state Supreme Court decision that eradicated the state's boll weevil eradication program came just as the pest had become a virtual memory in the southern rolling plains of Texas, some growers say.

Many area cotton growers say they're upset because the program was nearly complete when the plug was pulled.

"It doesn't seem right," farmer Nolan Niehaus said. "We've got the biggest part of our money spent. We don't want to go backward now."

A lawsuit filed by 10 farmers in Hale County might leave other regions with no choice. The court upheld their complaint that the Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation unconstitutionally collected assessments.

Growers in the plains around San Angelo have contributed about \$8 million of the \$18 million spent in the area so far. The rest came from loans and the federal government.

House gives final approval to stadium bill

AUSTIN (AP) — Legislation that would allow cities and counties to use local tax money to finance sports venues was headed to the Senate after winning final approval by the House.

"This is a Texas bill. This is statewide," the bill's author, Rep. Kim Brimer, told House members before the 83-47 vote Thursday. "The people of Muleshoe can have a Muleshoe horseshoe pitching pit if they want to with this legislation."

The bill would allow local voters to decide whether to raise taxes to implement new fees to finance community venues such as sports stadiums. Voters could choose among a variety of options, ranging from raising sales and rental-car taxes to charging a tax on admission to the venue.

Board gives go-ahead for rewrite

AUSTIN (AP) — A massive rewrite of what Texas students are expected to learn in English, math, science, health and social studies has received a preliminary go-ahead from the State Board of Education.

The move overcame a push from Republican board members backed by religious conservatives to delay the package, part of the first wholesale overhaul of Texas' curriculum in more than a decade.

Those seeking a delay cited concerns about the content and structure of the proposed curriculum, particularly in the areas of English and social studies.

Those who wanted to move forward noted that the rewrite is subject to revisions until final action in July, which Democratic board member Will Davis of Austin called "the vote

that will really count."

"All that's attempting to be done here is to delay the process and to get us off our schedule," he said Thursday.

Davis advised his colleagues that state lawmakers who ordered the curriculum rewrite are closely watching the board. He noted that proposals are advancing in the Legislature that would limit the board to four meetings annually.

"They (lawmakers) are going to read about this meeting tomorrow," Davis said. "I would encourage you not to encourage them to pass those two pieces of legislation."

Davis added, however, that he also wants to see changes in the English curriculum rewrite.

Critics said the proposed English curriculum doesn't specifically set out what students are expected to learn in

each grade and doesn't make recommendations for literary texts, perhaps allowing "Charlotte's Web" to be taught three years in a row.

The proposed social studies curriculum was criticized as "a miscellaneous collection of unrelated facts, skills and concepts, which will prove to be both unteachable and unlearnable" by one expert, New York University professor Diane Ravitch.

Supporters of the English curriculum said it would provide a necessary framework for educators, while an advocate of the social studies rewrite urged board members to move it forward even if they think some changes are needed.

"If I don't think it's good enough for the children of Texas, I am not going to vote for it until I think it is," said board

member Donna Ballard of The Woodlands.

"I am not going to vote for something that I have not seen before my eyes, regardless of what kind of promises I get, because I believe that's the commitment I have to my constituents," said Ms. Ballard, one of six Republican board members considered social conservatives.

The others are David Bradley of Beaumont, Richard Neill of Fort Worth, Robert Offutt of San Antonio, Randy Stevenson of Bullard and Richard Watson of Gorman. They were joined by Republican Geraldine Miller of Dallas in voting to delay the curriculum, which failed on a 7-7 tie.

The six also voted against the math, science, social studies and health education curriculum rewrites.

Octogenarian obtains high school diploma

TEXAS CITY (AP) — An 80-year-old grandmother who will receive her GED this week followed the custom of many in her generation — she quit school many years ago to get married.

But after five children, several grandchildren and great grandchildren, Tiny Ellen Honn is ready to walk across the stage at College of the Mainland and join the ranks of those progeny.

She spent a good part of her lifetime raising children. "My oldest was 21 when my youngest was born," she said.

"All of my kids were good students," she said. "Everyone finished high school and some also

have college degrees." One of her grandsons will be getting his GED (General Equivalency Diploma) with her.

But it wasn't until she moved to Texas City about a year ago to help her youngest son and his wife with a daycare business that she was pushed back into a classroom, if only briefly.

"They said I had to get my GED in order to be more help at the daycare. And I love working with the children, so I told them if I came close to passing, then I would go ahead and study for it."

She went to the college, took the tests and surprised herself. "I passed every test but one

and I only missed it by one point," she said. "I had to go back and take the science (section) again."

"There were some words that I had never seen in print, but I knew enough to pass," she added.

She attributes her success to years of child rearing. "I had kids in school all my life. I helped them, and I guess I kept up."

She also had a hobby, sewing, which also helped bring in money for the family for a good many years. She had alterations shops in various places where they lived, and where her husband — 86 and finally retired —

worked as a barber.

All the kids also worked "carrying papers, jerking sodas and baby sitting" to help out the family, she explained.

"We all worked hard and it has been good for us," she said. "My heart breaks for kids who have never been taught the value of work."

She and her husband moved to Texas a little over a year ago to be closer to their children. "We were getting older," she said. They have been married 63 years, but they don't look it.

She likes Texas City and loves the children. "They all call me 'grandma,' even the adults," she said.

Minority-enrollment bill sent to governor

AUSTIN (AP) — A bill aimed at diversifying enrollment at public universities in the wake of an anti-affirmative action court ruling was sent to Gov. George W. Bush.

The Senate, on a voice vote Thursday, gave final approval to the measure and forwarded it to Bush for consideration.

Bush has said he intends to sign the bill.

Supporters said the measure would ensure that all students, regardless of race or ethnicity, are granted the opportunity to attend college.

Opponents have called the legislation a back-door approach to restoring race-based preferences akin to those struck down last year by a federal appeals court.

"We hope to increase the number of minority admissions that had plummeted after Hopwood," said Sen. Gonzalo Barrientos, D-Austin, referring to the lawsuit in which four white students argued that the University of Texas at Austin's admissions policy unfairly favored minorities.

The 5th U.S. Circuit Court of

Appeals agreed, and state Attorney General Dan Morales has since directed all public universities to adopt race-neutral policies for admissions, financial aid and scholarships.

The bill, sponsored in the Senate by Barrientos and in the House by Rep. Irma Rangel, D-Kingsville, has been endorsed by Morales.

The measure establishes uniform admission procedures under which universities would be required to admit applicants who graduated in either the top 10 or 25 percent of their classes.

After filling those slots, universities would have to consider, in addition to academic performance, race-neutral factors such as economic status and family background.

Proponents said the measure would give students of all backgrounds a better chance at gaining admission to college.

"This sends out a message that we care about our students and that the doors are still open to them," Ms. Rangel said.

State higher education officials have said financial aid should be at least doubled.

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Quote of the Day

"We are all here for a spell, get all the good laughs you can."

-Will Rogers

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OUR VIEWS

We salute:

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

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

This week we salute:

• **BIG SPRING HIGH SCHOOL'S JOE RAINWATER, REBECCA McCARTY, D.J. GRAVES and ZACHARY ZILAL**, and their coach, **VIRGINIA MILLER**, on winning the Permian Basin Academic Challenge championship at Midland College. The team has thereby qualified to take part in the National Academic Challenge in May 29-June 1 in New Orleans.

• **BIG SPRING HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS JENNIFER MATA, SHARRON FLEMING and CHARLOTTE BUMBULIS**, on winning \$500 scholarships to Howard College from the Sonic Drive-In and KBST radio.

• **HOWARD COLLEGE'S LA'TONYA KINDLE**, on signing a letter of intent to play basketball at Emporia State (Kan.) University. She was an all-conference performer for the nationally ranked Lady Hawks this season.

• **COAHOMA'S BULLDOGS**, on winning their fourth straight District 8-2A baseball championship Tuesday with a 17-8 victory over Wall. The Bulldogs finished the regular season with an 8-0 mark in district play, the first time they've ever gone undefeated in the league.

• **DONNA WENNIK, DONNA PALMER, STEFANIE WILKERSON, KRISTIE CARRUTHERS, TERRI PETERSON, AMY OVERTON, DONNA WRIGHT, DONNA AMONETT, KELLIE WASH and DONNA TUNE**, on being installed as the new officers of the Big Spring Women's Club.

• **ETHEL GUTHRIE, SHERRY HODNETT and HELEN GLASS**, on being named officers of the coordinating team of the Presbyterian Church's Tres Rios Synod of the Sun.

Is there an individual or organization in our community that you feel should be saluted? If so, please send us their name and why you think they should be recognized. We must have your name and telephone number and you must provide it in writing.

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OTHER VIEWS

Here are excerpts from editorials in newspapers across the United States:

Staff Sgt. Delmar G. Simpson, the drill sergeant convicted ... of raping six trainees in his command, was guilty of an abuse of power. ... There is no question that his sexual relationships were coercive, wrong and deserving of conviction. ... Testimony in fact suggests that a ring of sexual predators operated with impunity at the Aberdeen Proving Ground in Maryland, and the Army is right, albeit belatedly, to go after them.

... What happened at Aberdeen strikes us less as a case of hormones inevitably running rampant than as a blatant failure of command. Where were the higher-ranking officers while the accused drill sergeants organized their sex ring? ... They, too, should be held accountable. ...

THE POST
WASHINGTON

Attorney General Janet Reno's confrontation with Republican senators ... will do little to reassure the public that politics can be kept away from the investigation of Democratic fund-raising practices. But it served to highlight problems with campaign contributions laws that require the attention of Congress.

While Reno cited specific sec-

tions of the law in defending her decision not to appoint a special prosecutor, she conceded that federal laws regulating campaign donations and spending create "a very confusing situation." The Associated Press reported.

Confusion about the law undermines Reno's decision not to seek an independent counsel. It would have been far better for her to leave the resolution of the law's ambiguities to the independent judgment of a court-appointed investigator and to the courts, than to reserve for herself the final word on whether certain challenged fund-raising activities by the president and vice president were legal. ...

THE POST AND COURIER
CHARLESTON, S.C.

It's easy to criticize the presidential conference on volunteerism that was held with great fanfare in Philadelphia last week. ...

Some critics faulted the high-profile politicians involved for trying to create a feel-good aura around volunteerism while allowing the nation's social safety net to be ripped to shreds. ... There will always be some problems that government must tackle, they argued, and a much-hyped volunteer summit won't change that.

Others cynically dismissed the President's Summit for America's Future as just another

exercise in empty symbols.

In truth, now that the conference is over, its success will be measured by the actions or inaction of individual Americans. Some of the criticisms have some validity, but simply finding fault accomplishes little. ...

THE JOURNAL
WINSTON-SALEM, N.C.

The city of big shoulders bows today in tribute to columnist Mike Royko, dead Tuesday at the age of 64. So does Peoria.

No national columnist this newspaper carried was better read. The Sunday paper held his reservation. When Mike Royko took a vacation, readers were told. If he was gone for long, a few almost always called to make sure his absence was temporary. Until now, it

always was.

What was it about Royko? He was blunt and opinionated, sarcastic and clever, gruff and funny, always funny. Other columnists were more erudite and thoughtful, and that was part of his appeal. In a gray, snuffy world of Wills and Broders and Snows, Royko appeared — chartreuse. ...

JOURNAL STAR
PEORIA, ILL.

How old is too old to become a mother? That question has surfaced once again in dramatic fashion with news that a 63-year-old in the Los Angeles area has become the oldest woman ever to give birth. ...

This is not the first instance of a post-menopausal woman having a child with the help of fertility specialists. ... Not long ago, such a pregnan-

cy would have been unthinkable. But the rapidly expanding capabilities of modern science have left many people asking whether ... an age limit should be imposed on motherhood. The implicit assumption is that there is an age beyond which women are not suited to be good mothers. ...

The problem with an arbitrary age cutoff for motherhood is that it assumes all women are the same at, say, age 55. In reality, people age in widely divergent ways. Some are far more vigorous at age 65 than others are at age 55. ...

DAILY NEWS
ALAMOGORDO, N.M.

President Clinton, who has learned to appreciate how hard it is to get around with a physical disability, has moved to add a touch more realism to a

memorial honoring one of his most famous predecessors.

A mini-controversy has blown up concerning whether a wheelchair should be included in a memorial honoring Franklin D. Roosevelt.

Learning about — indeed, honoring — FDR should include an almost-exclusive focus on the ways in which this president achieved his public-policy record. Overcoming a physical disability is important, of course, but more important is how this memorable man guided a nation through some of this century's darkest hours. It's a subject that should be of special importance to all Americans who take the opportunity to visit the FDR memorial.

THE BLADE
TOLEDO, OHIO

PURSUANT TO THE ARTICLES OF THIS CONVENTION, WE, THE UNDERSIGNED, DO HEREBY COMMAND THE RETURN OF THE SCOURGE OF POISON GAS, HEREINAFTER KNOWN AS THE "GENIE," INTO ITS VESSEL OF CONTAINMENT, HEREINAFTER KNOWN AS THE "BOTTLE," WHERE IT SHALL REMAIN AND HENCEFORTH ATTEMPT NO FURTHER EGRESS UNDER PENALTY OF ...



Uncommon common names, roaches and Sydney

Some bard once wrote that a rose by any other name would still smell as sweet, but when Rice University senior Vivek Rao graduates on Saturday, he'll end two years of bewilderment for officials and others on campus who have confused him with Rice sophomore Vivek Rao.

They don't think they're related.

Rao is a common name in India like Smith or Jones is in the United States. However, Vivek is not a common name like John.

"My parents gave me this name because our last name is so common," says the 22-year-old Rao, who is graduating this year. "This makes you appreciate what every John Smith has to go through."

The younger Rao got his first inkling of name confusion when Rice officials mailed a school newspaper to him in 1995 in his native New Delhi, India.

He had already been admitted, so he and his parents thought "it was 'some kind of joke' when they saw that the newspaper identified a Vivek Rao as the editor."

"I thought all prospective students got a paper with their name in it like that," the younger Rao said.

With Herald Editor John

Walker already claiming I've made this next tidbit up — I didn't — we'll preface it by noting it crossed The Associated Press wire Thursday morning with a Boston dateline.

The nasty, lowly cockroach has been found to be the leading cause of severe childhood asthma in the country's poorest city neighborhoods, where asthma is worst.

Asthma is on the rise in cities and suburbs alike, but it is especially bad in the inner cities, with rates often double those found elsewhere.

A major study found that cockroaches are the most common trigger of inner-city asthma.

In their study, conducted in seven cities, the researchers looked at many things that may cause asthma, such as cats, smoking, mold, and dust. The only thing that really stood out was that the children who had a lot of cockroach exposure in their bedrooms wheezed more, made more trips to the hospital, missed more school and were up more often at night.

However, no similar patterns were found for children who were allergic to cat dander or dust mites and lived in homes where levels of these things were high.

The next phase of the study will be measuring what happens to children's asthma after exterminators clear their homes of cockroaches and built-up bug crud is thoroughly cleaned up.

They're on somewhat of a clean up campaign in Lillian,

Ala., these days.

That's why the Lillian Barracudas are no more, ripped apart in a dispute between a shop owner and parents who didn't want their children serving as "human billboards" for a store that rents X-rated videotapes.

Like other Dixie Youth Baseball teams, the Barracudas wore uniforms sporting their sponsor's name — C & J Video. Some unhappy parents, including the team's manager, filed a civil rights lawsuit.

The team was dissolved Wednesday to settle the legal fight.

"A 10-year-old can't buy an X-rated video. Why should a 10-year-old advertise an X-rated video?" said Barracudas manager Calvin Bartl, a youth pastor at an evangelical church.

The lawsuit, filed by Bartl and the parents of three other players, defended their "sincerely held religious beliefs," including refusing to let their sons wear jerseys advertising the store.

To settle the suit, lawyers worked out an agreement to disband the Barracudas and send them to five other teams.

In approving the settlement, all Circuit Judge Lyn Stuart could say was, "Play ball!"

Getting back to the "neat animal stuff," police officers in Bensalem, Pa. at first thought the wildly quacking mallard had a death wish because it kept jumping in front of a moving police car.

It turns out, however, she knew exactly who to call.

After the patrol car pulled over, the mama mallard led the officers to a storm drain where

nine baby ducks were trapped.

"I had never seen anything like it," said Officer Christopher McMullin, a five-year veteran of the suburban Philadelphia force. "It was going berserk."

The duck confronted McMullin's cruiser. The officer tried to drive around the bird, but it kept walking around in circles to block the vehicle.

So McMullin got out of the car.

With the mother duck quacking in the background, McMullin and two other officers pried off the storm grate to reunite the family. Said Officer Kenneth Dowd: "Mama took them back to the pond and probably yelled at them for wandering off."

Remember Sydney, the chimp?

Well, the wayward Sydney, who couldn't even be lured back home by his mate, has been recaptured. But he didn't go back to his cage quietly.

After the 150-pound chimpanzee pried open his bars and escaped, the owners of the Charlotte Metro Zoo tried to lure him back using everything from candy to romance. He finally was captured in the back yard of a school teacher who threw apples at him.

But when officials tried to persuade the 19-year-old primate back into his cage, Sydney jumped on a TV cameraman, knocked him to the ground and bit his arm.

To help him calm down, zookeepers gave Sydney a sedative — and a cigarette.

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

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Both parties agree on no big spending increases for Pentagon

WASHINGTON (AP) — The generals dodged a bullet.

Under the balanced budget agreement just completed, Pentagon spending will increase gently over the next five years — not enough for any dramatic new spending plans, but enough to cover the erosive effects of inflation. It could have been worse, and the proof is in the comments of lawmakers who traditionally support military spending.

"Everything is intact," a pleased Sen. Daniel Inouye, D-Hawaii, said of the defense budget.

While precise budget numbers con-

tained in the agreement reached by the White House and congressional leaders were still being worked out, the essence was clear, lawmakers and defense officials said Thursday. The agreement essentially accepted Republican defense numbers in the near term and Clinton administration numbers in the first few years of the next century.

In each year, that compromise means that the higher of two possible defense spending numbers was chosen for the long-term spending plan. On paper, it looks as if defense spending will increase. But when adjusted for infla-

tion, the Pentagon's buying power in 2002 will be about the same as it is today.

Sen. John Warner, R-Va., a senior member of the Senate Armed Services Committee, said the budget agreement on defense reflects broad consensus.

"There wasn't a great deal of debate on the defense issue," Warner said. "It was a recognition that defense should basically stay where it is."

Spending estimates released Thursday by the Senate Budget Committee indicate the agreement between the White House and Congress will add \$3.7 billion to

President Clinton's defense budget request for fiscal 1998, which begins next Oct. 1. That increase would authorize defense spending of \$269 billion.

To put that in perspective, \$3.7 billion would be enough to buy two Navy destroyers or about 15 of the new C-17 cargo planes. The sum exceeds the entire budget of some other federal departments but is modest compared with \$18 billion the Republicans added to Clinton's defense requests over the past two years.

Over the five years from 1998 to 2002, the defense plan would spend almost \$1.4 trillion. Had the lower numbers on

the negotiating table been agreed to, the Pentagon could have wound up with \$20 billion less.

The decision to defend the defense budget stemmed not only from negotiations on Capitol Hill but also within the Clinton administration. Defense Secretary William Cohen led a Pentagon delegation to the White House on May 1, and Clinton agreed with Cohen's numbers, according to Air Force Lt. Col. Joan Ferguson, a Pentagon spokeswoman.

For the next five years at least, the debate over defense spending will occur largely within the Pentagon.

Greenspan warns of inflationary pressures

WASHINGTON (AP) — Preparing for the possibility of more interest-rate increases, Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan is starkly describing the costs of permitting "insidious inflationary pressures" to build.

"Inflation ... destroys jobs," he said Thursday night in New York. "You cannot have a vibrant growing economy without sound money. History is unequivocal on this."

U.S. bond markets rallied early today as traders interpreted Greenspan's remarks as a sign the Fed may only raise rates modestly to prevent economic overheating.

Yields on 30-year Treasury bonds, which move in the opposite direction from prices and represent a gauge of long-term consumer and business borrowing costs, fell to 6.89 percent this morning from 6.93 percent late Thursday.

Greenspan refrained from saying explicitly what Fed policymakers would do when they next meet on May 20. The unusual clarity and forceful tone of his remarks suggested they probably would add to the quarter-point interest rate increase engineered on March

25. "For the Federal Reserve to remain inactive against a possible buildup of insidious inflationary pressures would be to sanction a threat to the job security and standards of living of too many Americans," he told an audience at New York University's Stern School of Business.

The Tokyo stock market reacted calmly today. A morning decline was caused instead by jitters on the foreign exchange market, namely the dollar's sharp retreat against the yen, analysts said. The Nikkei Stock Average closed down 259.03 points, or 1.29 percent.

Factory owners, labor unions and lawmakers in the United States have criticized the March rate increase as unnecessary because inflation is at a 30-year low. Greenspan said it was "eminently sensible."

"It would have been folly not to take this small, prudent step," he said.

The speech appears to be another of Greenspan's efforts to prepare financial markets for higher interest rates, dating back to early December when he posed his now-famous question about "irrational exuber-

ance." As he repeated his caution in stronger terms and then oversaw the first rate increase in two years, the Dow Jones average of industrial stocks lost nearly 10 percent of its value between March 11 and April 11.

With recent government data suggesting the economy is starting to cool, traders had begun betting the Fed might postpone another rate increase until mid-summer, and the Dow average climbed to a new high this week.

Greenspan made no reference to the stock market in his speech Thursday. This time he referred to the dangers of "excessive credit creation," strain on the ability of factories to meet the demand for goods and "growing tightness in labor markets."

A Fed survey released Wednesday found "fierce competition" among business lenders and "credit standards being lowered."

Greenspan said, "It is clear from our history that surges in growth financed by excessive credit creation ... threaten the underlying stability of our economy."

He said an increase in mar-

ket-set interest rates can brake an overheating economy. That will not happen, he said, if monetary policy accommodates "a step up in credit expansion."

Market rates did rise after the Fed's March 25 move, but have since sunk back to the levels where they were just before it.

Two weeks ago, five senators and 59 House members, all Democrats except one, said higher rates would endanger the economy's six-year expansion. The central bank also has come under fire from the National Association of Manufacturers and the AFL-CIO.

Greenspan said in the past Fed policymakers have acted too slowly and have had to raise rates much higher and slow growth much more sharply to tame inflation than if they had acted sooner.

Balancing his remarks, Greenspan noted economic conditions were not as tight, nor monetary policy as lax, now as in early 1994. That is when the Fed last began raising rates. It doubled the benchmark rate on overnight loans among banks from 3 percent to 6 percent in the course of a year. The rate stands now at 5.5 percent.

Plant blast kills three in Arkansas

WEST HELENA, Ark. (AP) — Noxious fumes continued to drift out of a chemical plant early today, hours after heat from a smoldering bag of pesticide triggered an explosion that killed three firefighters.

The plant's owner said the pesticides in the chemical-filled warehouse were not supposed to be explosive. The blast blew out a cinder-block wall that crushed the firemen, who had been sent to the plant to assess the danger of the smoking bag.

"They were just going to take a look at what was happening," said Allen Bartlo, owner of BPS Inc., which packages dry chemicals for use on farms. "Something blew up and we have no idea what caused the explosion."

A second evacuation was ordered today for homes within a half-mile of the plant. Residents had been allowed to return home temporarily Thursday after being kept away for about seven hours.

Firefighters, including some trained to handle hazardous materials, were summoned to the plant Thursday after a 27-cubic-foot bag of azinphos-methyl, a pesticide, was found smoldering, fire officials said. The explosion came quickly.

"It was just yellowish and white-looking dust coming out of it at first," said Calvin Smith, who was installing a fence at a neighboring plant. "And then, all of a sudden, it explodes. ... And all the tin was blowing off the buildings."

State police said 17 people were injured, including 16 firefighters.

Two of the dead were full-time employees of the 13-member West Helena Fire Department and the third was a volunteer.

"They were dedicated to their job. They wouldn't hesitate in a heartbeat to do their job," said Tim Snyder, the assistant fire chief in neighboring Helena.

The three men whose bodies were pulled from the rubble late Thursday: Capt. Stewart Warren, 47; Lt. Ed Hudson, 53; and Reginald Robinson, a volunteer.

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Israelis, Palestinians talk; U.S. peace effort continues

JERUSALEM (AP) — Israeli and Palestinian security officials held a tentative first meeting today after weeks of acrimony, as U.S. envoy Dennis Ross pushed on with efforts to save the faltering Mideast peace.

In the West Bank city of Hebron, Palestinian youths hurled rocks, petrol bombs and empty bottles at Israeli soldiers, who responded with rubber bullets.

An Israeli general warned in an interview published today that the continued stalemate in Israel-Palestinian relations is bringing the two sides closer to armed conflict.

Jibril Rajoub and Mohammed Dahlan, heads of Palestinian Preventive Security in the West Bank and Gaza Strip, met this morning in Tel Aviv with officials of the Israeli Shin Bet security service, a Palestinian official told The Associated Press.

Israel radio said the meeting was held at the U.S. embassy, and that the head of the Shin Bet, Ami Ayalon, did not attend, but sent lower-ranking officials instead.

The name of the U.S. official present at the meeting was not

disclosed, but the radio said he was from the CIA.

A U.S. embassy official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said only that "The United States is actively engaged in restarting the process of security cooperation between the two sides, and bridging the gaps between them. The security cooperation is a very high priority."

Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat broke off the regular meetings between Israeli and Palestinian security chiefs — aimed at preventing attacks on Israelis by Islamic militants — in March, when Israel broke ground for a housing project for Jews on captured Arab land in Jerusalem.

Arafat has refused to resume full security cooperation or peace talks until Israel stops expansion of Jewish settlements in the West Bank and construction of the housing project.

"The peace process cannot continue while Israel persists on building settlements and confiscating Palestinian land ... and this is what we told Ross," Arafat adviser Marwan Kanafani told The Associated

Press today.

Arafat has agreed only to occasional meetings of the security chiefs and only in the presence of an American official.

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, for his part, refuses to stop the construction in Jerusalem and insists the Palestinians resume security cooperation.

Ross met Arafat and Netanyahu on Thursday, but there was reportedly no movement on either side. Consequently, the United States sees Ross' mission as "damage limitation," reports from the Israeli newspaper Haaretz said today.

Ross met Israeli Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai today and was to meet again with Netanyahu and Arafat before flying to Cairo and Amman to meet Egyptian and Jordanian officials.

In Hebron, four Palestinian protesters were injured by rubber bullets and one was hospitalized with a leg injury.

One Israeli soldier was slightly injured by a stone, Israel Radio said.

Palestinian police detained two demonstrators.

Zaire's president, rebel leader slated to meet again next week

LIBREVILLE, Gabon (AP) — Embattled President Mobutu Sese Seko of Zaire has agreed to long-delayed elections in his country, and acknowledged he is too ill to be a candidate.

Despite a relentless rebel advance on his capital and speculation he is preparing to live out his life in exile, the president is vowing to return home.

Mobutu made the election pledge in a statement he and five other African leaders issued Thursday at a summit in Gabon, to the west of Zaire on the Atlantic coast.

The editor of the government-run daily newspaper L'Union, Ngoyo Moussavou, said the Zairian president planned to return home today. There was no confirmation from the Zairian government.

Western diplomats pushed for a peace settlement between Mobutu and rebel leader Laurent Kabila, whose forces control nearly three-fourths of the country. The rebels have

been fighting government forces in recent days in Kenge, 115 miles east of the capital Kinshasa.

"The next few days are critical for peace in Zaire," U.S. envoy Bill Richardson said in Paris. He briefed French diplomats after his nine-day shuttle diplomacy, which included several meetings with Kabila and Mobutu.

Richardson, the U.S. ambassador to the United Nations, refused to say whether Mobutu would go into exile, though he all but acknowledged that the dictator's nearly 32-year reign was coming to an end.

"The ultimate solution will involve a transitional government — there's going to be a change in Zaire," Richardson said.

Also on a mission of shuttle diplomacy, South African deputy president Thabo Mbeki arrived today in Lubumbashi in southern Zaire for a meeting with Kabila. Mbeki made no

comments to reporters.

The rebel foreign minister, Bizima Karaha, said in Lubumbashi that Kabila and Mobutu planned to meet again next week, but that Kabila was demanding that the meeting include a direct transfer of power to him.

In the summit statement Thursday, the leaders of the five regional Zairian allies called on the Zairian Armed Forces to prepare for the ballot and said Mobutu was too ill to run in the elections.

The heads of state — the presidents of Gabon, Congo, Equatorial Guinea, Central African Republic, Chad — and the foreign minister of Cameroon prepared the joint statement in the presidential palace while Mobutu waited in a guest room.

The document was read aloud at a news conference, and Mobutu nodded and signed it along with the other representatives.

Israel's interrogation methods called torture

GENEVA (AP) — A U.N. human rights committee said today that Israeli interrogation methods such as prolonged sleep deprivation and violent shaking amount to torture and should be halted immediately.

The Committee Against Torture also denounced the use of death threats, loud music and other methods Israel uses on suspected terrorists.

"This conclusion is particularly evident where such methods of interrogation are used in combination, which appears to be the standard case," committee member Peter Thomas Burns said.

Israel denied torturing Palestinians and other detainees in an address to the committee on Wednesday, and said its interrogation methods

were justified because they helped prevent 90 terrorist attacks in the last two years.

"The responsibility of the government of Israel is to protect its citizens from terrorist attacks," Israeli representative Yosef Lamdan said. "It is faced with the agonizing dilemma of seeking information from terrorist suspects in order to save human lives, while at the same time implementing the Convention Against Torture in full."

Burns disagreed, saying that as a signatory of the Convention Against Torture, Israel was not entitled to plea "exceptional circumstances as justification for acts the convention prohibits."

The committee also expressed concern that an Israeli Supreme

Court decision allowing "moderate physical pressure" during interrogation legitimizes torture and called for an immediate end to the methods.

The conclusions had been widely expected. The committee has no enforcement powers, and chairman Dipanda Mouelle acknowledged that as a result its "voice was a weak one," with only moral obligations.

"We cannot but express disappointment at the conclusions of the committee," said Israeli representative Lamdan. "It is absolutely not the case that Israel uses torture."

Committee member Bent Sorensen told reporters the group's conclusions were based on reports by non-governmental organizations as well as on medical reports.

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Ellen's 'coming out' should cause Christians to think about roles

The recent airing of a television program in which the main character "comes out" and declares her homosexuality has stirred much debate. It is not a new controversy; it is just the most recent round. The question has been asked, "What should Christians do about it?" It seems that there are two answers to the question that are equally valid.



Russell Mullins
Guest Columnist

Neither is more virtuous than the other is. In fact, to emphasize one over the other is to be unbalanced in our response.

On the one hand, we must realize that God loves everyone who engages in homosexuality just like every other sinner. Jesus gave His life for the whole world and that include the sexually immoral (Romans 5:8). Their only hope lies in Jesus and the kingdom of God in their lives. As Christians, then, the loving thing is to be willing to get close enough to the homosexual to share the life changing power of the gospel of Jesus Christ with him or her. That will mean putting on a heart of compassion (Colossians 3:12) towards the sinner. Even the morally

and spiritually deceived (1 Timothy 1:12) can be reconciled to God through Christ. Therefore if any man is in Christ, (he is) a new creature; the old things passed away; behold, new things have come (2 Corinthians 5:17). However, they will probably remain in darkness if what they perceive as Christianity is hateful and mean-spirited.

On the other hand, the Christian is to abhor what is evil (Romans 12:9). Jesus, the Lion of Judah, roared seven times when He said, "Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites..." (Matthew 23). They were the prevailing voices of His day. They were the cultural elite. They were the representatives of the conven-

tional school of thought. When they spoke people listened. They controlled the thought and popular opinion of men by virtue of the authority of their established position in society. And Jesus did not mince words about the shamefulness of the abuse of their "pulpit." But woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites, because you shut off the kingdom of heaven from men; for you do not enter in yourselves, nor do you allow those who are entering to go in (Matthew 23:13).

In a very real sense, the media in our society stand in their place today. The media are the prevailing voices in our present society. They represent the popular culture and control the thought of men and

women today because they are the dominant purveyors of opinion. And when they champion immoral lifestyles (Romans 1:24-27; 1 Corinthians 6:9) as normal and proper, people listen. Thus, they stand in the way and shut off the kingdom of heaven to men.

What are Christians to do? Christians must love the sinner, but Christians must also be holy. Christians are not God's policemen, but Christians are to be God's people shedding light in the darkness. Have nothing to do with the fruitless deeds of darkness, but rather expose them (Ephesians 5:11). Christians must never be content that right and wrong is being turned upside down.

Holiness demands that Christians extend mercy to the sinner, but also be uncompromising in unmasking the deceptions of popular culture that have always been the tools of Satan. To say that the only response is to love the sinner is to pretend that there is not a broad agenda intent on persuading the hearts of the masses that truth is relative and that sin is not sin. To say that the only response is to reprove the immoral is to ignore the only real solution — the gospel of Jesus Christ. It is not unloving to be loving, but neither is it unloving to roar.

(Russell Mullins is minister of the Coahoma Church of Christ.)

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Tonight the CYF youth group will have a "Lock-In" at the church. CYF will meet at the church at 7 p.m. and then go to Spanky's Coffee Shoppe to hear Greg Martinez. After that they will return to the church for fun and food and maybe a little sleep. Saturday morning the youth will practice on their program for Youth Sunday which is May 18. This is the special day set aside annually in which the youth of the church will be in charge of the 10:50 a.m. worship service.

Wednesday, May 21, is a very special date to mark on your calendars. A "Going Away Party" for exchange students in the Big Spring area is planned from 7 to 9 p.m. in the fellowship hall of First Christian Church. Host parents of Carolin Wenzel and Andreus Scheuren, both from Germany; Beata Sakowska, Poland; and Guilherme Balbim, Brazil, are inviting you to attend a reception for these young people.

MASONARY WORK



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Jimmy Burnett of Midland does masonry work at the Big Spring State Hospital. Burnett is working on a project that replaced outdated restroom facilities at the end of a ward at the hospital.

Ohio shrine

The faithful seek to be in the presence of the saints

MARIA STEIN, Ohio (AP) — One by one, they arrive. Passing silently through the doorway, they pad across polished wooden floors and disappear into a small chapel lit by a forest of red altar candles.

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The retired banker, fighting prostate cancer and looking for answers, is among thousands of visitors who make a pilgrimage each year to the Shrine of the Holy Relics, sacred ground for Roman Catholics.

The shrine is in a former convent that seems to rocket out of the flat, fertile farmland of western Ohio's Mercer County.

The four-story, red brick building is crowned with cupolas. Towering overhead is a spire topped with a golden cross.

Inside are 1,100 relics.

The shrine's collection is the second-largest in the United States. Only St. Anthony's Chapel in Greensburg, Pa., with its more than 5,000 relics, is larger.

In the religious sense, a relic is an object associated with a saint or a martyr.

The Catholic church believes that the power of a relic being held to relics believed — with reasonable probability — to be genuine.

Some people believe the relics put them in the presence of saints, who carry their prayers to God.

"I can get more out of coming out here for one hour than I can going to any other service," said Luken, who has made the 10-mile trip from his home in Coldwater each week for four years. He attributes his recovery from cancer to his prayers.

Dick Shenk, 55, of San Diego, grew up in nearby Minster. He stops at the shrine when he returns to visit family.

"If you have any understanding of the New Testament and love of the Lord, you can't help but be moved by being in the presence of this," Shenk said.

Pat Benanzer, 46, of Coldwater, visits regularly.

"I just think it's a place of solitude and puts sense back in my life," she said.

Only 500 of the 1,100 relics

"I think the people are looking for the help of God in the various difficulties they have in life."

— Sister Cordelia Graft

are on display because space is limited. They are sealed and displayed in glass cases built into a large intricately carved wooden altar, which was made in Cincinnati, shipped by canal and reassembled in the chapel.

Among the relics: a thorn believed to have been part of Jesus' crucifixion crown, a piece of wood from the Last Supper table, and a nail that touched a nail from the cross upon which he was crucified.

The convent was built in 1846 for a group of Swiss nuns who came to the German Catholic area to farm and teach. The community was named Maria Stein — which means "Our Lady of the Rock" — after a shrine in Switzerland.

Many of the relics were brought to the convent in 1875. A Milwaukee priest had bought the collection in Rome at a time the church was eager to prevent relics from being stolen and sold by bandits during Italy's civil war.

The priest picked Maria Stein to house the relics because the rural setting and the nuns' round-the-clock devotions provided security. The nuns, who wore veils and long gray habits, prayed in the chapel in shifts.

The practice long since has stopped. At one time, there were 125 nuns at Maria Stein. Today, there are just five, all members of the order of the Sisters of the Precious Blood.

As long as people need guidance, however, the shrine will be there, said Sister Cordelia Graft, who ran the chapel for 19 years until she retired last year.

"I think the people are looking for the help of God in the various difficulties they have in life," she said. "When they come here, they find a solace, a comfort from God."

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(NAPS) — Some recipes:

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A sense of humor is a sense of proportion.

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Lying has a kind of respect and reverence with it. We pay a person the compliment of acknowledging his superiority whenever we lie to him.

Samuel Butler

CLUB NEWS

Tall Talkers Toastmasters Club held its weekly meeting Tuesday evening May 6.

The goal of Tall Talkers is to assist individuals in improving their communication skills, and thus provide the community with better civic and business leaders.

Toastmaster: Virginia Martin
Table Topics Master: Bonnie Saenz

Word of the day and definition: Extol, meaning to praise

The following individuals are acknowledged for their outstanding performance(s):

Best Table Topic: Greg Parde

Best Speaker: Bailey Anderson for the speech entitled - So you are from Texas

Best Evaluator: Kathy Terrazas

To become a member of Tall Talkers, please call Bailey Anderson at 267-3008. Weekly meetings are Tuesdays at 5:15 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church Education Center, Seventh Street.

BRIEFS

AKRON, Ohio (AP) — Supporters of an Ohio state program that gives poor parents vouchers to send their children to private schools — religious or not — are appealing a court's ruling that the program is unconstitutional.

The 10th Ohio District Court of Appeals last week ruled that the program violated constitutional guarantees of separation of church and state because 80 percent of the 53 schools in the program are affiliated with a religion.

Ohio was the first state in the nation to fund a voucher program that includes religious schools.

The state and voucher supporters say they plan to ask the Ohio Supreme Court to let the program continue while the case is appealed. The program is funded through the 1997-98 school year.

"Let the pilot program live, and let's see what the results are," said Bert Holt, director of Cleveland Scholarship and Tutoring Program, which administers the state's school voucher program.

About 2,000 Ohio public school students in kindergarten through third grade each received \$2,500 in taxpayer money last year to attend private schools.

BATH, N.Y. (AP) — A Roman Catholic priest who admitted sexually assaulting a mentally disabled man has been sentenced to six months in jail.

The Rev. Eugene G. Emo, 61, a one-time parish priest and chaplain at the Veterans Affairs hospital in Canandaigua, apologized Monday before his sentencing for the "terrible damage I feel I have done."

Emo, who pleaded guilty to one felony count of first-degree sexual assault, was arrested in February 1996 and charged with molesting the 31-year-old man. At the time, Emo was on limited duty at Blessed Sacrament Church in Rochester because of prior sexual abuse allegations.

He resigned as pastor of St. Januarius Church in Naples and entered a residential treatment center in August 1993 after being accused of inappropriate sexual behavior.

WESTFIELD, N.J. (AP) — Police are searching for the mother of a 2-week-old baby found abandoned in a beer box outside a church across the street from the Westfield Police Department.

The baby girl with strawberry blond hair was found by a caretaker outside St. Paul's Episcopal Church early Monday morning. She was dressed in a gown, with a blanket, a pacifier, a towel and a jumper in the box.

There was no note left with the child, who was in good condition at Overlook Hospital in Summit, said Acting Union County Prosecutor Edward M. Neafsey.

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Big Spring's Tory Mitchell ready for second run at state meet

By STEVE REAGAN
Staff Writer

Although he's not quite 16, Tory Mitchell has already built quite a reputation for himself in track and field circles. A good performance at this weekend's state track meet, however, might elevate him to full-blown legend status.

The Big Spring sophomore sprint sensation, already a seasoned pro at pressure situations, makes his second appearance at

the UIL State Track and Field Championships today in Austin.

As a freshman last season, Mitchell finished third in both the 100 meter and 200 meter dashes, and his coach sees no reason why he can't do even better this year.

Mitchell has dominated this region for the past two years, and the reason is very, very simple — he runs like the wind. At last weekend's state qualifier meet in Abilene, he was hand-timed at 9.97 seconds in the 100

STATE QUALIFIERS

meter dash and 20.4 seconds in the 200 dash.

That, to borrow an expression, is what's known as picking them up, and putting them down.

"He's one of the better sprinters in the United States, especially for his age group," BSHS track coach Randy Britton flatly

states. "Unfortunately in sprinting, like a lot of other things, you've got to re-prove yourself constantly."

"I don't know what his limits are," Britton added. "He might be another Michael Johnson. You just don't know."

Comparisons between a 15-year-old from Big Spring and

the Olympic 200 meter champion might be a bit premature, but there's no doubting the potential that lies within Mitchell's lanky frame. He currently is co-holder of the world record — in his age group — in the 100 dash, Britton said.

And the scary thing, at least for opponents, is that Mitchell might very well go even faster at state. Britton concedes that his star, undefeated this year, appeared to be simply running as fast as he needed to run this

season, and has yet to run as fast as he's capable.

"He ran fast enough to win those races this year," Britton said. "If he ever cuts loose and just runs as fast as he can, there's no telling what he'll do."

And Mitchell's prospects for next year? Well, that's enough to make even a pessimist giddy.

"Honestly, he should be able to qualify for the state meet in four events," Britton said. "It's fun to work with an athlete like that."

Larry Bird's Pacers top choice

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Larry Bird has agreed to become the next coach of the Indiana Pacers.

Bird, who led the Boston Celtics to three NBA championships and had been an adviser for the franchise since retiring, will return to his home state for a news conference on Monday, the club said.



BIRD

"I'm very excited about this opportunity to go back home and coach the Indiana Pacers," Bird said in a prepared statement.

No other details were immediately available.

Bird, who starred at Indiana

University, has legendary status with fans and is a former player-coach of the Pacers. The sight of Bird, who won his first NBA title with the Celtics in 1985, in the Pacers' front office, is a source of excitement for many fans.

His major responsibility for the Pacers has been scouting, but he was the one who first talked to Rick Pitino about leaving Kentucky to become Boston's new coach.

At a news conference in Boston on Thursday, Pitino said he wanted Bird to stay with the Celtics and act as a general manager who would also scout and help out in practice.

"We'd love Larry Bird to be a part of the Celtics," Pitino said. "Larry Bird epitomizes Celtics pride. Whatever title he wants,

he can have."

But he added that the lure of being a coach was apparently too strong.

"It's a career decision for him of whether he wants to be in the front office or whether he wants to be out there coaching and calling timeouts," Pitino said.

"If he wants to coach, then that is something we'll wish him well on."

Bird has never coached on any level, and there is some question if he can. Pacers president Donnie Walsh, who

offered him a contract reportedly valued at \$4.5 million a year, has no doubts.

"He looks at the game from more of a coach's mind than a player's mind," said Walsh.

Walsh, who met with Bird about the job even before former coach Larry Brown resigned.

"He's a very bright guy and a very honest guy, as well as a very tough guy. All these qualities add up. He'd be very successful anywhere he went."

At 40, Bird would be returning to his roots. A product of the 2,000-resident community of French Lick in southern Indiana, Bird was a two-time All-America at Indiana State. He was the college player of the year as a senior, when he led the Sycamores to the No. 1 ranking and an undefeated season until a loss in the NCAA title game against Michigan State and Magic Johnson.

The 6-foot-9 forward went on to become the NBA rookie of the year in 1979-80, a three-time league MVP and the playoff MVP in 1994 and 1995. He averaged 24.8 points, 10 rebounds and 6.3 assists a game. His total of 21,791 points is the 11th highest in NBA history.

Texas Tech's Carr, Battie may be NBA-bound

LUBBOCK (AP) — Juniors Tony Battie and Cory Carr, who formed one of the most imposing inside-outside tandems in college basketball, have announced that they've applied for the NBA draft.

Whether both actually leave remains to be seen.

Battie, a 6-11 center who's a near-lock as a top 10 draftee, seemed confident Thursday that he'll move on. Carr, the Big 12's leading scorer at guard, wouldn't confirm whether he'd follow through.

"I'd like to thank coach (James) Dickey for standing by my side and giving me all the information that I needed," said Battie, who added that he based his decision on his family, coaches and prayer.

Carr followed Battie at a morning news conference with the same declaration, though the 6-5 guard was more adamant that he could complete his eligibility.

"If things don't work out the way I'd like them to ... I'll definitely return for my senior season," Carr said.

Both players said the lottery

draft order might determine whether they turn pro. The players have until June 18 to finalize their decision. The draft is June 25.

As sophomores, the players were instrumental in leading Tech to the Sweet 16 round of the NCAA Tournament two years ago. They took over last season after four key seniors departed, with Battie averaging 19 points and 12 rebounds and Carr leading the Big 12 with 23 points per game.

With them, Dickey envisioned his 1997-98 team as a national title contender. He admits the Red Raiders won't be as good without them, but their loss wouldn't necessarily be catastrophic.

"I expect to win," Dickey said. "I don't expect to be as good, but I think we can be outstanding on the perimeter."

Asked how quickly his group of inexperienced frontcourt players must develop to fill Battie's void, Dickey responded, "Yesterday."

Battie said he'd discussed his decision with dozens of people. Some of the most important

advice came from his brother, Derrick, a former starter for Temple now playing overseas.

"He told me, 'Do what you got to do and don't look back,'" Battie said.

Battie blossomed last season, evolving as a defensive specialist who could rebound into an all-around player with a soft shooting touch.

"He's the real deal. Tony Battie is the best center in this league, hands down," Baylor coach Harry Miller said after the season. "When you get past (Wake Forest's) Tim Duncan, I don't know that there's anybody in the country any better. He's quick, agile and can run."

Carr is projected in the late first round or second round. Second-round picks aren't guaranteed contracts, and Carr and Dickey said that could influence his decision in the coming month.

Should both leave, it would be yet another blow to a program under a stormy NCAA cloud.

A 14-month investigation into allegations of academic improprieties in the men's bas-

ketball and football program has cast a pall over the immediate future.

Even if the NCAA limits Tech's television appearances or otherwise sanctions the school, Carr said he doesn't believe it would impact his chances.

"With teams, agents and general managers, if you're going to play at the next level, they'll watch you play," said Carr, who like Battie has filed a degree plan. Both say they plan to graduate regardless of what happens, they said.

Battie added that he's like to make enough money to allow his mother to retire after working 20 years at Texas Instruments in Dallas.

Speculation on the pair's future has run rampant since the Big 12 Tournament, when two other players were found to be academically ineligible and Tech was forced to forfeit its league victories.

Local fans did their best to urge Carr and Battie to stay. A billboard near campus with a heart-shaped basketball drove the message home.

Bulldogettes:

Big inning, three errors oust Coahoma softballers

By MARK WILSON
Herald Correspondent

MERKEL — One wild and crazy inning was enough to prevent the Coahoma girls from making a return trip to the Region 1-2A state softball tournament.

Hawley, the 1995 state champion, scored five runs on three errors and just two hits in the fifth inning and went on to a 6-2 victory over the Lady Bulldogs Thursday in their Region 1-2A championship game at the Merkel High School softball field.

The teams were locked in a scoreless tie until the fifth. Coahoma, which eliminates Hawley in the area round last season on its way to the state tournament in Austin, managed to score one run in the sixth and one in the seventh, but saw its season end with a 14-13 record.

The Lady Bearcats (20-1-1) will play their state semifinal game on May 16 at Pleasant Valley Sports Complex in Austin at either 1 p.m. or 3 p.m.

Hawley senior standout pitcher Amanda Cobb (19-1) struck out 12 batters — including the first six of the game — and walked five while yielding five hits.

"I thought it was a pretty even ballgame up until the fifth inning," said Coahoma coach Robby Dickenson. "Cobb did such a good job. It's a shame this game had to be played here. It should have been played in Austin."

Coahoma junior Tara Sterling (11-6) also went the distance on the mound, allowing seven hits

while walking six and striking out four.

"Coach Dickenson kept asking me if something was wrong. I was getting frustrated not getting the calls I wanted," Sterling said. "You have to look past that. They played a heck of a game."

Last year we beat them out and we wanted it this year to prove it wasn't a freak of nature. We'll be twice as good next year."

Coahoma's first run came in the top of the sixth as Cassie Tindol doubled and Stephanie Stone singled. In the seventh, Tonia Sparks walked and scored on three wild pitches by Cobb.

Hawley's five-run fifth included singles by Leigh Knight and Jenny Enfield. Two runs scored on errors, one scored on a wild pitch, and the other was forced in when Robin Vinson drew a walk with the bases loaded.

The Lady Bulldogs will lose four seniors to graduation — Stone, Sparks, Tori Elmore and Julie Hernandez.

The Lady Bulldogs came within one win of making it back to Austin despite an 0-6 start and losing all-state catcher Shana Earnest to a knee injury.

"I'm proud of them," Dickenson said. "I wouldn't trade them for any other team in the state. They gave me everything they had."

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Amanda Cobb and Robin Vinson, Tara Sterling and Allison West, W — Cobb, 19-1, L — Sterling, 11-6, 2B — Hawley; Cobb, Coahoma; Cassie Tindol. Records: Hawley, 30-1-1; Coahoma, 14-13.

Saunders wins, but worries about Glavine

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

As soon as Tony Saunders was taken out of the game, he headed for the telephone to talk to the opposing pitcher, Tom Glavine.

"I called over there and told him how badly I felt," the 23-year-old Saunders said. "He said, 'It hurt more giving up the home run to you than being hit by you.'"

Saunders pitched six shutout innings for his first major league victory. And his first major league hit was a home run off Glavine that helped power the Florida Marlins over the Atlanta Braves, 5-1.

But Saunders also hit Glavine with a pitch in the fifth inning Thursday night, forcing his longtime hero from the game.

Glavine squared to bunt when the pitch hit him on his pitching hand.

"I know he didn't do it on purpose. I told him not to worry about it," Glavine said of the telephone call.

The Atlanta left-hander said the errant pitch left three knuckles sore and his index finger numb. But X-rays were negative, and he isn't expected to miss his next start Tuesday — against Saunders in Atlanta.

"He's fine now and that's good news," Braves manager Bobby Cox said. "Any time you get hit on the hand when you're bunting the ball, that's normally a broken finger."

In other NL games, it was Houston 4, the New York Mets 2; St. Louis 6, Philadelphia 2; Pittsburgh 10, Colorado 8; and

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the Chicago Cubs 6, San Diego 2.

"I consider myself lucky," Glavine said. "I guess I got out of the way just enough that it didn't hit me square. It's sore and we'll see what happens. Thank God it's not broken."

Saunders led off Florida's third inning by pulling a 1-2 curveball over the right-field wall. It was only the second homer given up by Glavine this season.

"I wasn't even trying to put that pitch in the strike zone," Glavine said. "I don't really know what happened there."

The homer ignited a five-run inning for the Marlins, capped by Moises Alou's bases-loaded triple. Glavine (4-2), who gave six hits and five runs in four innings, saw his ERA rise from 1.56 to 2.25.

"I've been in situations like that before when I wasn't pitching well and still managed to get guys out. Tonight I just couldn't make the right pitch at the right time," Glavine said.

Pirates 10, Rockies 8
Jason Kendall's three-run double keyed an eight-run fourth inning, and Pittsburgh pounded Colorado again.

The Pirates, who had 14 hits while winning their third straight game, reached Rockies pitchers for 24 runs on 31 hits in their two-game sweep at Coors Field.

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Johnson's winning streak over at 645 days

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

The latest greatest streak in baseball is over — Randy Johnson lost for the first time in 645 days.

Chris Hoiles had two homers and six RBIs Thursday night as the Baltimore Orioles ended Johnson's 16-game winning streak with a 13-3 victory over the Seattle Mariners on Thursday night.

"Randy had a heck of a streak," Seattle manager Lou Piniella said. "He should be proud of what he's done."

Johnson might be proud, but he wasn't talking. The 6-foot-10 left-hander, who lost for the first time since Aug. 1, 1995, a string of 25 starts, stalked out of the clubhouse without a word.

Johnson (4-1) struck out 10, but gave up five runs, six hits and two walks in six innings. He was attempting to tie the AL record of 17 straight wins, set in the 1930s by Johnny Allen of Cleveland and tied by Dave McNally of the Orioles in 1968-69. He settled for the seventh longest streak in major league history.

The game might have turned after rain delayed the start of the sixth inning for 57 minutes. After five, the Orioles led 2-1.

Mike Mussina (4-1) returned and retired the Mariners in order. When Johnson took the

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mound, he retired the first two batters before Cal Ripken and Pete Incaviglia singled and Hoiles hit his third career homer against Johnson.

"He's going for an American League-tying record. You've got to give him a chance to go out there," Piniella said about his decision to stay with Johnson. "It was a long delay. I was worried, believe me."

In other AL games, it was New York 5, Texas 4; Toronto 4, Cleveland 3; Chicago 10, Oakland 6; Minnesota 10, Boston 7; and Kansas City 4, Detroit 0.

At Camden Yards, Hoiles hit a two-run double in the first inning and added his second homer in a five-run eighth.

Mussina yielded one earned run and five hits in seven-plus innings to win his fourth straight decision. The right-hander struck out a season-high eight and walked one in improving to 8-1 in 10 career starts against Seattle.

"The rain always has an effect. Johnson didn't come back and pitch the same way he started," Mussina said.

Yankees 5, Rangers 4

At Yankee Stadium, Mariano Rivera struck out Juan Gonzalez with the bases loaded

to end the game, preserving Andy Pettitte's sixth victory and gaining his 11th save.

The Yankees won their third straight game and sent Texas to its season-high third loss in a row.

Pettitte (6-1) joined Jimmy Key as the top winners in the majors. He took a four-hitter and 4-1 lead into the eighth inning before the Rangers rallied on Ivan Rodriguez' RBI single and, after Rivera relieved, an RBI double by Will Clark.

Charlie Hayes homered in the New York eighth for a 5-3 lead, but pinch-hitter Lee Stevens blooped a double with one out and scored on pinch-hitter Dean Palmer's single. Rodriguez singled with two outs and Rusty Greer walked to load the bases, but Gonzalez was caught looking at a 1-2 fastball on Rivera's 43rd pitch.

Blue Jays 4, Indians 3

At Cleveland, Juan Guzman (3-2) held the Indians to three hits in seven innings, but Toronto still had to sweat out the win after David Justice hit a three-run homer in the ninth off Dan Plesac.

After the homer, the Indians' major-league leading 60th, Julio Franco singled, but was stranded at second when Paul

Quattrill retired Sandy Alomar and Omar Vizquel on lineouts for his first save. Chad Ogea (2-3) took the loss.

White Sox 10, Athletics 6

At Comiskey Park, Frank Thomas and Lyle Mouton hit first-inning homers and Norberto Martin added a three-run shot in the third to power Chicago.

James Baldwin (1-4) survived a scary comebacker off his shoulder in the fifth to pick up his first win. Mike Mohler (0-4) took the loss and fell to 0-10 in 17 career starts.

Baldwin didn't allow a hit until two outs in the fifth when George Williams' liner deflected off his right shoulder for a single. Baldwin fell to the ground but, after a few minutes of treatment by White Sox trainer Herm Schneider, stayed in the game.

Twins 10, Red Sox 7

At Boston, Paul Molitor's two-run bloop single capped a five-run sixth inning as Minnesota won for the third time in its last 15 games.

Boston led 4-1 before the Twins' big inning, with most of the damage coming against Rich Garces (0-1), who replaced Tim Wakefield. The Twins scored four runs in the eighth to offset Rudy Pemberton's grand slam in the second and Tim

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Sands' Richter, Bearkats' Lankford ready for effort at state meet

By STEVE REAGAN
Staff Writer

ACKERLY — He has pointed toward this moment for three years, overcoming injuries and disappointments along the way. Now is the time for Josh Richter to claim state gold.

Sands senior Richter will take part in his third UIL state track and field meet Saturday in Austin when he competes in the Class 1A triple jump.

As a sophomore, Richter finished sixth among eight competitors in the triple jump, then finished second in 1996 when the event winner beat him out on the final jump.

As Richter approaches the final athletic event of his high school career, his coach believes a gold medal is there for the taking.

"He's been plagued by injuries this year, but we've finally got him healthy," Sands track coach John Lain said. "This is his last event as a high school athlete, and his determination is unbelievable. He's the most coachable athlete I've ever been around."

Richter's best jump this year has been 46 feet, 5 inches, which puts him at the top among state qualifiers. However, he is capable of surpassing that distance easily, as he displayed at the 1996

regional track meet. There, he set a meet record with a jump of 47-3/4.

During this track season, he has battled injuries ranging from a deep heel bruise to a broken kneecap, but is prime shape heading into the state meet.

And with everything on the line, Lain believes that Richter is capable of uncorking a winning leap.

"Josh is one of those kids who, on an average day, will just do what it takes to win," Lain said. "This year, I think he's been saving himself for Austin, and he'll put everything he has into making a good showing there."

By STEVE REAGAN
Staff Writer

GARDEN CITY — There will be a showdown at high noon Saturday in Austin, and one of the principals will be Garden City's Kelly Lankford.

Lankford, the Region II-1A high jump champion, enters the UIL state track and field meet as one of the favorites, along with Justin Simpson, the Region III-1A champion from Blanket.

Each has cleared 6 feet, 7 inches in the high jump this year, best among the eight state qualifiers. And the two met at last week's state qualifiers' meet in Abilene, with both posting

"... I think the experience will benefit him a great deal this year."

— Rob Robinson

best heights of 6-6.

But if Lankford has an edge on his rival, it is in the area of motivation.

This marks Lankford's second trip to the state meet. Last year's journey to Austin was, as his coach puts it, forgettable.

"Last year, he went down there all wide-eyed and only cleared 6-0," Garden City track coach Rob Robinson said. "But I think the experience will benefit him a great deal this year."

Lankford, who finished sixth

at last year's meet, is determined to make a better showing this time around, Robinson said.

"He realizes the significance of the meet he's going to, and he wants to atone for last year and have a strong performance this year," the coach said. "But as far as jumping in front of big crowds and the hoopla surrounding the state meet, he's past all that now."

Last year's experience also raised expectations on everyone's part, including Lankford.

"He wanted to prove a point — not only to himself, but everybody else — that he was a better jumper than he showed last year," Robinson said.

Hawks even series, proving Bulls are not invincible

CHICAGO (AP) — The Chicago Bulls were nearly invincible a year ago. If not the greatest team in NBA history, they were certainly the most dominant, with 72 regular-season wins and a fourth title in the '90s.

They won 69 more games this season, but now suddenly and surprisingly they are looking vulnerable — and certainly beatable — as the Atlanta Hawks proved Thursday night with a 103-95 victory that tied their second-round series at 1-1.

"I think we had confidence when we opened the series. We had beaten the Bulls before and we match up well with them," Atlanta's Christian Laettner said.

"This reiterates the fact that we can do it and we can even do it on their home court."

Atlanta, which came close to winning Game 1, losing by three after blowing a 16-point lead, beat the Bulls at the United Center, where Chicago had won 91 of its previous 95 games and had never lost in 13 previous playoff games.

Scottie Pippen, whose late, 3-pointer won the opener, was blunt after the game. Either the Bulls start getting better efforts, or they'll be planning early vacations.

He had some pointed comments for bad-boy rebounder Dennis Rodman, who picked up his seventh technical foul in five playoff games. Rodman, who missed the final 13 games with a knee injury, fouled out with just five rebounds and two points.

"I'm trying to help us get over the hump. I can't say that for everyone on the team," Pippen said.

"We've got to have a big effort from Dennis. He's got to avoid the technical fouls. He's just got to play the game."

"There's a lot of other things that Dennis can do on the court. If he's not going to lead us in rebounding, don't lead us in technical fouls, because we don't need those."

The Hawks limited the Bulls to 41 percent shooting. Michael Jordan, tiring after defending Atlanta's Mookie Blaylock, had 27 points and 16 rebounds, and Pippen scored 24.

Steve Smith scored 27 for the Hawks, and Blaylock followed a 31-point game in the opener with 26 more points, going 8-for-9 on 3-pointers. Dikembe Mutombo had 19 and 14 rebounds and Laettner 18 points as Atlanta successfully worked the perimeter and the inside.

"We have to figure out a way of stopping Blaylock from getting so many 3-point attempts," said Pippen, looking ahead to Games 3 and 4 Saturday and Sunday at the Omni.

Pippen also criticized the Bulls' interior play that was weakened further when Brian Williams sat out the second half after hurting his knee in a collision with Toni Kukoc.

"I'm concerned about our big guys. They're not giving us quality time on the court," Pippen said.

"They're not doing the things that's going to make the game easier for us smaller guys. Anytime we have to have Michael come in and get 16 rebounds, that's not called for. Then we ask him to score 30 or 40 points, and he's not going to have that type of energy, especially having to chase Mookie

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Blaylock around."

The Bulls didn't play well in a three-game sweep of Washington in the first round.

"We've been living on the edge the last four games, and this time we got stung," Jordan said. "But that doesn't mean we can't turn this around. In all the years we won championships, we lost games."

Atlanta simply didn't falter in Game 2, once again building a 16-point lead, but not letting it slip away this time.

"We stayed aggressive. We were going to the basket," said Blaylock, whose team was 36-5 at home this season. "The other night, we got timid and stopped looking at the basket."

Blaylock, whose 57 points against the Bulls were just four fewer than he scored in five first-round games against Detroit, said the Bulls are giving him more room to get off his shot.

"They're leaving me open and giving me wide open looks," he said. "I'm not Michael Jordan or whatever. I just try to get wins when my shot is falling."

Atlanta trailed 68-67 with three minutes left in the third quarter before a 20-3 run put the Hawks ahead 87-71.

The Hawks also got a late boost from seldom-used backup guard Eldridge Recasner, who made two jumpers as the Bulls were trying to rally in the fourth quarter, and even blocked a shot by Jordan.

Now it's on to Atlanta to see if the Hawks can continue their strong play or if the Bulls can return to the team they were earlier in the season.

"We feel confident, not just to go home and take two, but just to continue playing well," Smith said.

"Even though that was a disappointing loss for us in Game 1, we felt we played well. If we can just come back and duplicate the way we played, we'll be OK."

Laker 104, Jazz 84

INGLEWOOD, Calif. (AP) — Karl Malone could only shake his head after one of the worst shooting performances in his brilliant 12-year NBA career with the Utah Jazz.

"One of the worst parts about it is now, we've got to sit through it tomorrow on film," Malone said with a thin smile. "My day's kind of ruined already."

Malone has made nearly 53 percent of his field-goal attempts in 980 regular-season games and over 47 percent of his floor shots in 102 playoff games.

Yet somehow, he went 2-of-20 as the Jazz lost to the Los Angeles Lakers 104-84 in Game 3 of their Western Conference semifinal playoff series.

Beaten twice by the Jazz in Utah, the Lakers now trail the best-of-7 series 2-1. The fourth game will be played Saturday at the Forum, with Game 5 Monday night at the Delta Center.

"I can't remember when I played this bad," said Malone, whose team lost for the first time after five playoff wins and just the second time in 26 games overall. "I didn't change anything, I just didn't make the shots."

"As an athlete, you know these kinds of games will happen now and then. It's one of those things where I'll come back on Saturday, and if the shots are there, I'm not going to hesitate to take them."

Thanks to an 11-of-12 performance at the free-throw line, Malone scored 15 points. He also grabbed 10 rebounds before coming out of the game for good with 10:31 remaining and the outcome all but decided.

Malone, who appeared to get away with a foul on Lakers guard Nick Van Exel as time expired in a 103-101 Utah victory in Game 2, was booed lustily by the sellout crowd of 17,505 every time he touched the ball.

The game was tied just once, at 2-2. The Lakers went ahead for good by scoring the next 10 points.

"Before the game, I said we would play a great game, and tonight we had an exceptional performance," Lakers coach Del Harris said.

It certainly was on defense. The Jazz made just two of its 22 shots

in the first quarter, and were 6-of-44 in the first half.

Utah finished 23-of-80 (28.8 percent), but outside of Jeff Hornacek, who was 9-of-14 and scored 26 points, the Jazz made just 14 of 66 shots.

Somehow, Utah was still in the game as the fourth quarter began, trailing 72-59. But the Lakers clinched the victory by scoring the first 12 points of the final period, making it 84-59 with 8:53 left.

The Lakers won handily despite a limited effort by Shaquille O'Neal, who was hampered by foul trouble and had just 11 points and 10 rebounds before being ejected with 7:36 remaining.

Reserve Kobe Bryant led a balanced Lakers attack with 19 points — all but two in the fourth quarter. Nick Van Exel scored 17 and Elden Campbell 14.

O'Neal played just 18 minutes before being called for two technical fouls by referee Bill Oakes, which calls for automatic ejection.

"We won tonight, that's all that matters," O'Neal said. "Our guys did a great job."

When asked why he got ejected, O'Neal said: "I got fouled, I made a gesture, I got a technical. I made another gesture, I got another technical."

Sonics 106, Rockets 101

SEATTLE (AP) — The SuperSonics are coming back home even. Now it's the Houston Rockets at the disadvantage.

"The pressure is on us now," Charles Barkley said.

The best-of-7 Western Conference semifinal series is tied 1-1 after the Sonics took away the Rockets' homecourt edge with a 106-101 victory Wednesday night in Houston.

Game 3 is tonight at the Key Arena. The Sonics also are home for Game 4 on Sunday.

"These are two huge games," Sonics coach George Karl said. "We've got to be an intense team to win."

"With this team, we're never overconfident or complacent," Seattle's Sam Perkins said.

Perkins' defense against Hakeem Olajuwon keyed the Sonics' victory. Perkins, a 6-foot-9 center-forward who came off the bench in 76 games this season, started and used his long arms to hold Olajuwon to 19 points on 7-for-15 shooting in 40 minutes. Meanwhile, Perkins had 18 points in 30 minutes.

"Hakeem and Sam are going to play a lot against each other," Karl said.

The 34-year-old Barkley was brought to Houston to help Olajuwon and Clyde Drexler,

also both 34, bring the Rockets another championship. The Rockets looked old and tired Wednesday night, especially in the first half when they fell behind by 18 points. They got within two, but couldn't catch up in the second.

"You can come up with a lot of excuses, but they kicked our butts," Barkley said. "We didn't play like a team destined to win the championship."

"Our guys seemed a little rattled for a while," said Mario Elie, 33.

In winning Game 1 at Houston 112-102, the Rockets hit 15 of 28 3-pointers. They were 9-for-27 from behind the arc in Game 2. Elie and rookie Matt Maloney combined for 10 turnovers, 13 points and 4-for-12 shooting.

When Seattle pulled away with a 31-8 run in the second quarter, Houston coach Rudy Tomjanovich replaced Maloney with 35-year-old Sedale Threatt. Maloney had four turnovers in 22 minutes.

Karl used only seven players, playing Terry Cummings and David Wingate off the bench.

Shawn Kemp had 22 points and 15 rebounds, while Hersey Hawkins added 21 points and had six of Seattle's 15 steals.

"Kemp played a monster game," Drexler said. "He was the catalyst."

All-Star point guard Gary Payton said Kemp is intimidating the Rockets.

"I don't think Barkley wants to face him up and guard him because he knows he's going to get fouls," Payton said.

Payton has been struggling offensively against the Rockets. He's shooting 36 percent (13-for-36) for the series.

Not to worry, said Payton, who had nine assists Wednesday night when he played 47 minutes.

"I can sacrifice my game for us to win," he said. "I'll just keep passing the ball."

Seattle's victory at Houston was a surprise. The Rockets beat the Sonics 113-73 at Houston on April 13 and won the series opener convincingly. Until Wednesday night, the Sonics had gone 54 days without beating a winning team.

The Rockets believe they'll bounce back.

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Bill Myers, Lot 17, Block 8,
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Cindy is seeking a Variance to the
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Cindy is requesting a Variance to
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by six feet five inches (6'5") for the
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1204 College is requesting two (2)
Variances to the Zoning Ordinance
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encroachment of the side yard set-
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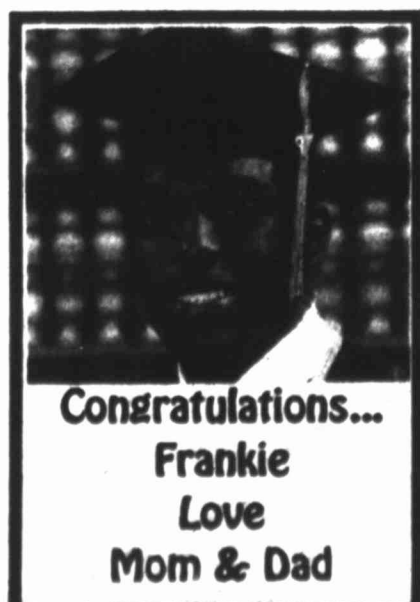
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HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR SATURDAY, MAY 10:

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ARIES (March 21-April 19) Key projects and errands occupy you at home. Complete spring cleaning, then invite others over to share the day. Treat an older relative to dinner or theater. Making him feel special is an appropriate gesture for the weekend. Tonight: Enjoy good times.***

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Take the initiative. Make plans with family or an older friend. It could take you out of town or expose you to another world. A day trip proves to be fun. Explore the various ways of saying thank you with a child. Tonight: Investigate.***

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Spending is intense, and could be a bit extravagant. A

discussion allows you to share what is on your mind with a partner. Be realistic about how much you should indulge yourself. Show another a good time, but not at enormous cost to you. Tonight: It's party time.***

CANCER (June 21-July 22) You are grounded. Creativity is high and allows for a better party. A partner absolutely adores you. Go within, to discover the depth of your feelings. Be careful, however, of an attractive member of the opposite sex. Tonight: Just ask.***

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Take a low-key day to pull back. Find a friend, and vanish on some fun excursion. Relax, and give in to the side of you that enjoys indulging your fantasies. Nothing recharges you like having a good time. Tonight: You don't have to tell.***

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) You enjoy intense and perky moments with a loved one. Let your imagination go, and share it with someone special. You find that another wants to let you know how much he cares. You're flattered, and feel cared about. Tonight: Get what you want.***

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) Take the lead, and be willing to organize. Bring friends and loved ones together. You feel appreciated. Do not forget someone at a distance whom you care about. Your actions speak for themselves. At home, you feel mellow. Share good news with family. Tonight: Head out.***

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) You are a sign that does everything completely. Do not leave out anyone; hurt feelings could develop out of nowhere. Sensitive sharing opens doors. Let others know just how important they are to you. Arrange for an exotic gathering. Tonight: Try something different.***

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) Take time with a special admirer, who obviously adores you. Be clear about what you want. Intimate discussions mark your day. It is an easy, caring day. Use more than a little common sense regarding spending and extravagance. Tonight: Snuggle up.***

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Sharing is natural to you, and you flow with the day's various situations. You enjoy socializing, making the most of the moment. A co-worker or someone in your day-to-day life appreciates your concern and a gesture you make. Return calls. Tonight: You are popular!***

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) You get a lot done because of

your determination. You have a great idea that you want to test. Take advantage of the prevailing creative atmosphere. Imagination and ingenuity are high. A friend or loved one wants to join in the fun and games. Tonight: You are focused.***

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) Your loving nature opens doors. Something you have always dreamed of becomes reality. Go with creativity, newness and opportunity. You are very comfortable sharing your vulnerabilities. The tone of a love relationship intensifies. Tonight: Be discreet.***

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Generous father heads up a family full of ingrates

DEAR ABBY: Six years ago, my father buried his sister as she instructed in her will. Her son (my cousin) now complains to my father that there is no marker on his mother's grave.

As long as I can remember, my father's relatives have expected him to be the "godfather" to all of them. He buried his parents with no financial help from his eight brothers and sisters. He also paid for a lovely headstone for his grandparents' graves. His siblings complained that it wasn't fancy enough.

My father has paid for new cars, home repairs, etc., for this brother or that sister, but the only time they call him is to ask for more money. Most of them earn more than he does, but they blow their money on gambling or drinking.

My mother finally divorced Dad because his generosity has enabled his dysfunctional family to continue their wasteful ways. Father is in complete denial, but believe me, Mom was right. Dad made his wife and children do without, while never questioning his siblings' constant requests for money.

I say, if my drug-addicted cousin wants the Taj Mahal on his mother's grave, he should arrange for it and pay for it himself.

Despite my father's generosity to those who don't appreciate it, I still love him. I'm just fed up with relatives who have no conscience about spending the nest egg that was meant to take care of him in his retirement. Sign me... **TIRED OF BEING THE GODFATHER'S DAUGHTER**

DEAR TIRED: Until your father finds the courage to say no to these moochers, they'll continue to regard him as a soft touch. I maintain: If some-

one takes advantage of you once, shame on him. If he takes advantage of you twice, shame on you.

I sympathize with your feelings, but it's your father's money and how he spends it is his decision. You can bet that he gets much gratification out of being the provider and the symbolic head of the family.

DEAR ABBY: My best friend "Sally" just called and told me that she had been visiting at her brother's house. While she was there, her sister-in-law showed her a "cute little trick" she had taught Sally's 2-year-old nephew. Abby, this sister-in-law is not exactly the family favorite. She handed him a lit cigarette, and he sucked in and blew out smoke! When Sally told her how disgusting that was, the boy's 4-year-old sister piped up, demanding her turn — which she was given.

I told Sally to call child protective services, that this is child abuse. She refused because she's afraid that it will cause a family rift.

Abby, what can be done to help those kids? — **DISGUSTED IN VIRGINIA**

DEAR DISGUSTED: If, after all the recent media attention focused on the addictive nature of tobacco, Sally's sister-in-law has not realized that encouraging her children to smoke is dangerous to their health, something must be wrong with her.

The family should be told about this woman's stupid and irresponsible behavior in the hope that family pressure will force her to stop. It is possible that what Sally observed was a one-time lapse in judgment. However, if it persists, I agree, child protective services should be notified.

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Don Pooley shoots 64 to lead BellSouth golf

DULUTH, Ga. (AP) — The way Don Pooley played, you would have thought he designed the course.

Pooley shot an 8-under-par 64 Thursday to grab a 2-shot lead after the opening round of the BellSouth Classic, being played for the first time at the new TPC Sugarloaf Country Club.

Greg Norman designed the picturesque, 7,259-yard course, which meanders through the rolling hills of a former horse farm north of Atlanta. But Pooley mastered it the first time out.

"I was around the hole all day," Pooley said. "There isn't a golf course that looks too hard when you hit all the fairways and then putt the ball well."

Five golfers, including Nick Price and former Georgia Tech golfer David Duval, were two shots off the pace, while Norman settled for a 2-under 70 after bogeying the final two holes.

Pooley, the top putter on the PGA Tour, put together a nearly perfect round, with eight birdies and 10 pars. Starting on the back nine, he holed a 30-foot birdie putt at No. 11, chipped within a foot of the cup for another birdie at 13, then took two more shots off his score by making 15-footers at 14 and 17.

On the front nine, he started off with birdies from 12 and 15 feet before his putter finally let him down. He missed a 6-footer at No. 3 and settled for par.

But Pooley bounced back with birdies at the two par-5s. He reached the green in two on the 541-yard fourth hole and two-putted, then lipped out a wedge from the bunker on 6 and tapped in for the birdie.

"It was a great round," said Pooley, who missed only one green. "Every facet of the game was there."

The conditions were optimum for those golfers who teed off in the morning, with soft greens and hardly any wind. The

breeze picked up considerably in the afternoon after Pooley took the course, but he still managed one brilliant shot after another.

"I'm not a long hitter, so I like this course because you must position yourself," he said. "But teeing off, I didn't think the afternoon would have the lower score. I was surprised."

Pooley, who has been plagued by injuries throughout his career, leads the tour in average putts per round (27.67), and the rest of his game is catching up. He has made the cut in every tournament this year, with two fifth-place finishes.

"I've always been a good putter, and it's there now," said Pooley, who underwent neck surgery in 1992 and back surgery the following year. "My problem was I was not swinging it well. Now I'm swinging like I did in 1987. The game's fun again."

Pooley's last victory came a decade ago in the Memorial. His only other tour victory was the 1980 B.C. Open.

Price's most recent victory was just three weeks ago at the MCI Classic in Hilton Head, S.C. He took a break the last two weekends, but his game hardly suffered from the layoff.

"I made probably six or seven putts in the 15- to 20-foot range, and that really just hit my score up for me," Price said. "I hit the ball pretty solidly, but my putting was really the key."

Price seems to be regaining the form he showed three years ago, when he was the most dominant golfer in the world. His outlook also is brightened by the condition his former caddy Jeff "Squeaky" Medlen, whose condition has improved after a second bone-marrow transplant for leukemia.

"There's a good chance he may have kicked the whole thing," said Price, who wears a green ribbon emblazoned with Medlen's nickname.

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Al Martin and Kevin Elster homered for the Pirates. Esteban Loaiza (4-0) won despite surrendering six runs in 5 2-3 innings. Rich Loiselle worked the ninth for his second save.

Martin hit a solo homer, his second in two days, but only his third of the season, off Jamey Wright (4-2) in the first.

The Pirates sent up 12 men in the fourth, rallying from a 5-1 deficit.

Astros 4, Mets 2

Slump-ridden Derek Bell drove in two runs with a homer and a double, and Mike Hampton pitched a strong game for Houston.

Hampton (2-3) allowed seven hits and two runs in seven innings. Billy Wagner pitched the ninth and struck out the side for his seventh save in seven chances.

Rick Reed (3-2) allowed seven hits and four runs in six innings.

Bell's first-inning homer at the Astrodome was his first since last Aug. 29, a span of 197 at-bats.

Cardinals 6, Phillies 2

Gary Gaetti had a three-run double and Andy Benes allowed five hits in eight innings at St. Louis.

Ray Lankford had two RBIs for the Cardinals, who scored 20 runs in the two-game series. St. Louis has won nine of 12 to climb to a game below .500 at

16-17 after a franchise-worst 0-6 start.

The Phillies lost for the ninth time in 12 games and also lost starting pitcher Matt Beech, who sprained his right ankle running the bases in the fifth.

Benes (2-1) raised his career mark against the Phillies to 13-4.

Cubs 6, Padres 2

In San Diego, Sammy Sosa went 4-for-5 and Brian McRae went 3-for-5 with a homer as Chicago had a season-high 16 hits.

McRae extended his hitting streak to 10 games as he and Sosa each scored twice. Fernando Valenzuela (1-4) allowed a season-high 10 hits in five innings, including McRae's three hits and a homer by Jose Hernandez.

The Cubs took two of three from the reeling Padres and won their second series of the year. The Padres have lost 14 of 18.

Terry Mulholland (3-3) won his third straight start, allowing six hits and two runs in 6 2-3 innings.

Greg Vaughn and Padres manager Bruce Bochy were ejected by home plate umpire Steve Rippley after Vaughn struck out leading off the sixth.

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Naehring's three-run homer in the bottom of the eighth.

Rich Robertson (3-1) went five innings for the win, and Rick Aguilera struck out Mo Vaughn and Naehring with two on in the ninth for his sixth save.

Royals 4, Tigers 0

At Detroit, Tim Belcher (4-3) scattered four hits and four walks in seven innings for his third straight decision and Jay Bell homered to pace Kansas City.

The Royals' Hipolito Pichardo allowed one hit over the final two innings and has not allowed a run over 16 innings in 14 appearances this season.

Brian Moehler (2-2) was the loser.

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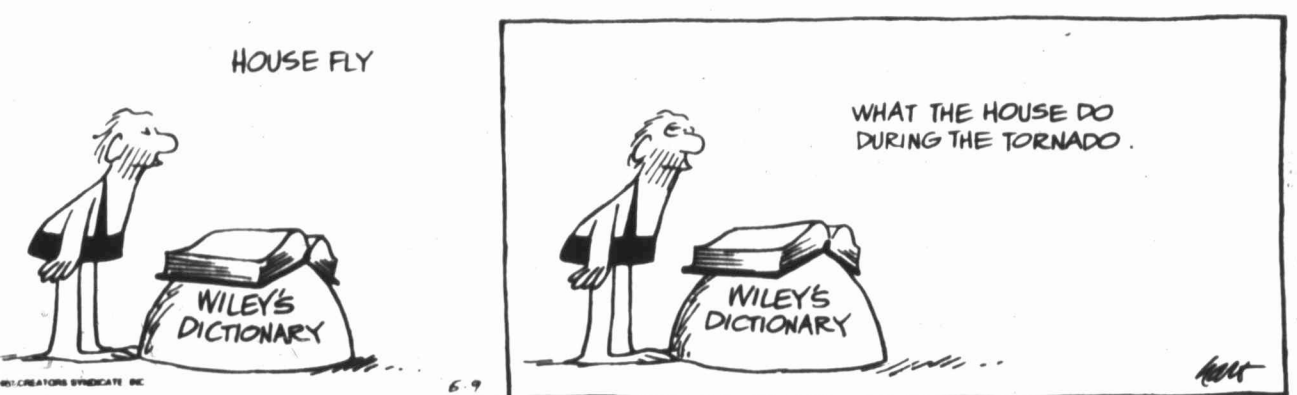
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6	PM News (6006)	Simpsons Home Imp.	Science Guy	Waltons (43625)	News (6006)	News (6006)	News (6006)	Major League Baseball: Atlanta Braves at Pittsburgh	Luz Clara (6880)	An American Tail (CC)	Dukes of Hazzard	(13354) Night of the Living Dead	(CC) (172915)	(CC) (99557)	Light of the Spirit	Law & Order	Wings (20518)	In the Heat of the Night	Major League Baseball: Texas Rangers at Boston Red Sox (494354)	Playoffs: Conference Semifinal Game 4 - Boston Red Sox vs. New York Yankees (59018460)	Damascus and the	Planet Groove Top Twenty
7	PM Step by Step	Sideways (CC) (27644)	Wash. Week	Highway to Heaven	All Star Moms (CC) (10712)	Farm. Mat. Step by Step	Unsolved Mysteries	Pirates (CC) (221002)	Tu y Yo (87064)	Down Under	Classical Church	Classical Church	Movie: Hiccup (238528)	Movie: Mary (238528)	Movie: Diabolique (994118)	Movie: L.A. E. Topp	Movie: Murphy's (727354)	Movie: Murphy's (727354)	Movie: Murphy's (727354)	Movie: Murphy's (727354)	Movie: Murphy's (727354)	Movie: Murphy's (727354)
8	PM Sabrina-Witch	Millennium (CC) (57444)	Star Trek: Voyager	Championship Ballroom	700 Club (94108)	Back to the Cul-de-Sac	News Nightline	News Nightline	News Nightline	News Nightline	News Nightline	News Nightline	News Nightline	News Nightline	News Nightline	News Nightline	News Nightline	News Nightline	News Nightline	News Nightline	News Nightline	News Nightline
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12	AM Roseanne Bible Lesson	Universe H. Patrol	Neighbors Frame of Mind	Paid Program Paid Program	Late Late Show	Polonia	Cops	Chained Heat 2 (3059828)	Gallero (68947)	(12:10) The Pirates of	Classical Church	Night Terrors (2653460)	Cyberzone	The Great White Hype	McDowell Update News	Movie: Murphy's	Fangirl (294300)	Inside-NBA Movie: Red	Palmer Fishing Texas	Soccer: England at	Gladiators	Planet Groove Top Twenty

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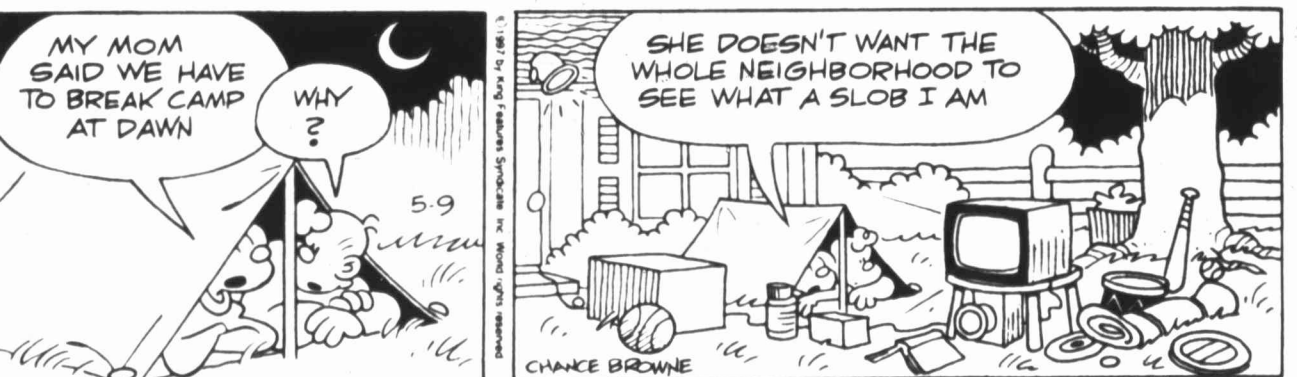
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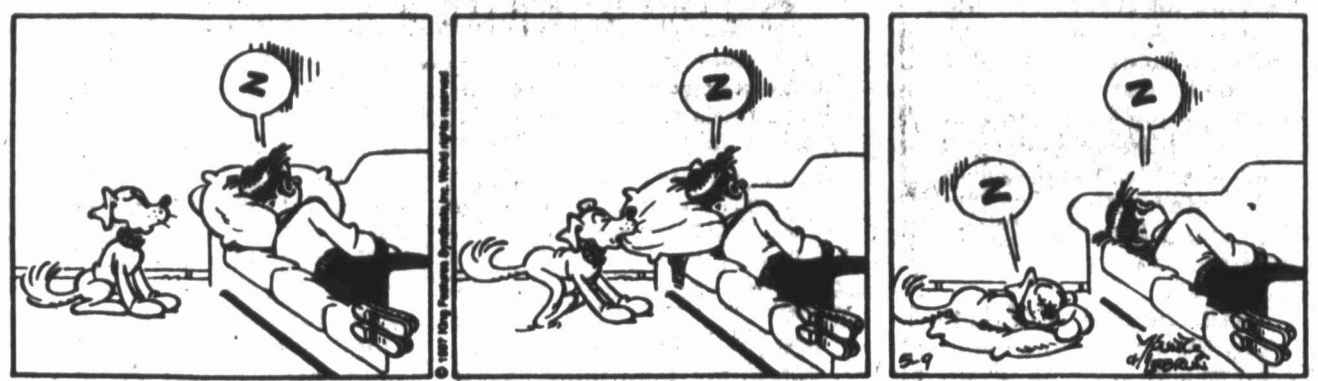
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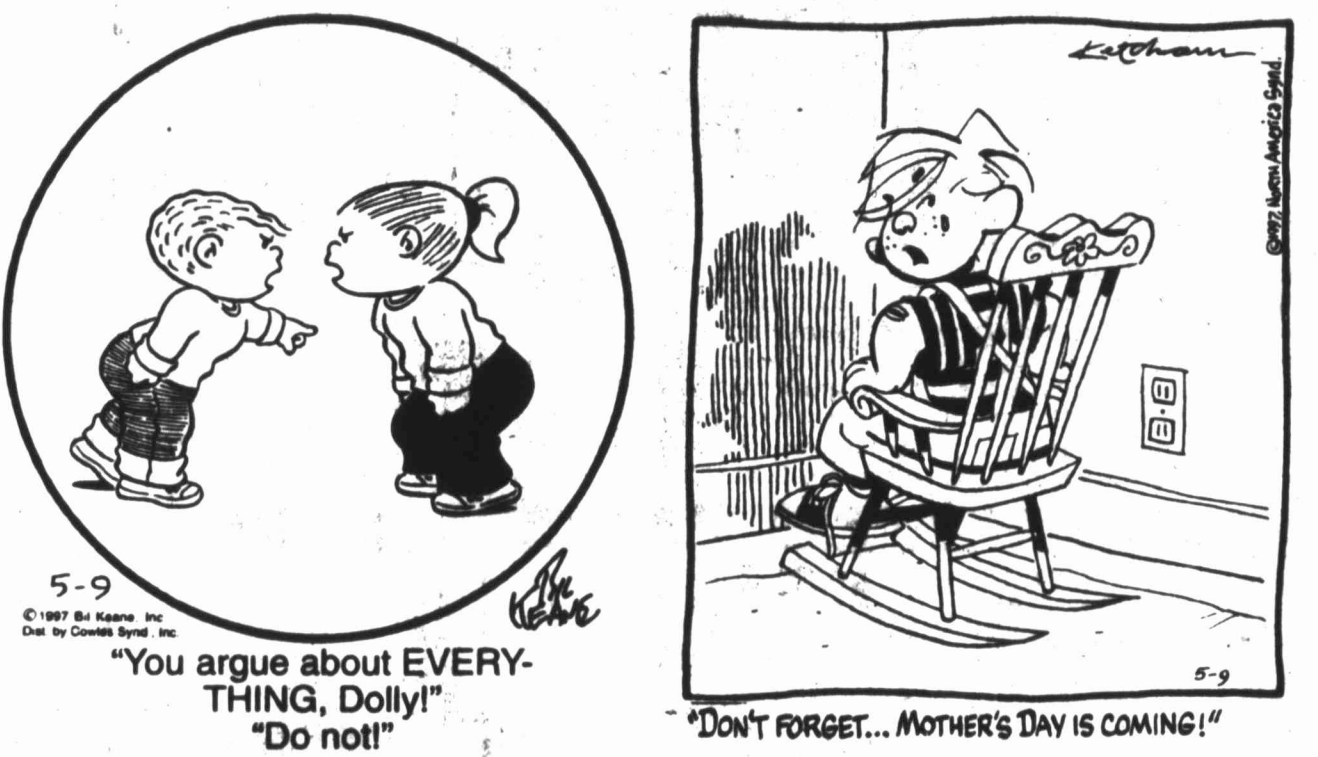
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THIS DATE
IN HISTORY

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

Today is Friday, May 9, the 129th day of 1997. There are 236

days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On May 9, 1754, the first American newspaper cartoon was published. The illustration in Benjamin Franklin's Pennsylvania Gazette showed a snake cut into sections, each part representing an American colony; the caption read, "Join

or die."

On this date:

In 1502, Christopher Columbus left Cadiz, Spain, on his fourth and final trip to the Western Hemisphere.

In 1926, Americans Richard Byrd and Floyd Bennett became the first men to make an airplane flight over the North Pole.

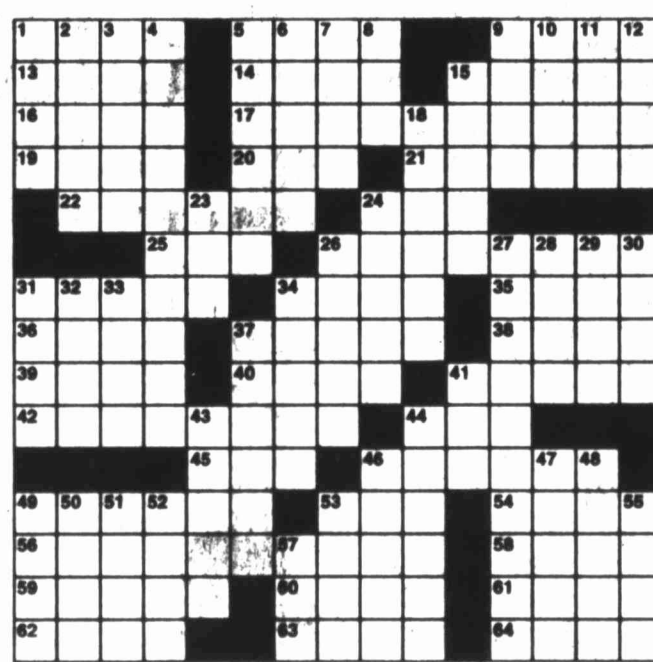
In 1936, Italy annexed Ethiopia as Benito Mussolini celebrated in Rome.

In 1945, U.S. officials announced that the midnight entertainment curfew was being lifted immediately.

In 1961, in a speech to the National Association of Broadcasters, Federal Communications Commission chairman Newton N. Minow condemned television programming as a "vast wasteland."

THE Daily Crossword

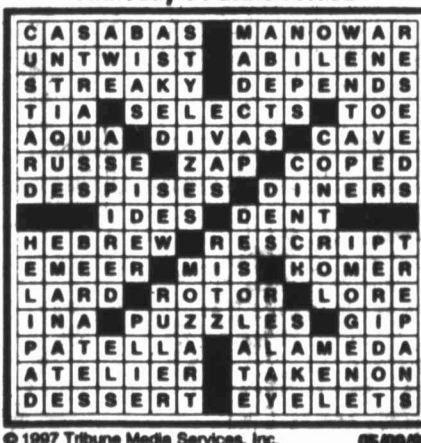
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by Roger Coburn

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Thursday's Puzzle solved:



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7 days a week
Mon.-Fri.
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Saturday 1
2 pm-10 pm
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"FATHER'S DAY" (PG-13)
DTS DIGITAL SOUND
Fri. & Sat. Times: 4:10-6:50-9:10
Sun.-Thurs. Times: 4:10-6:50
Sat. & Sun. Mat. 1:50

"WARRIORS OF VIRTUE" (PG)
Fri. & Sat. Times: 4:20-7:00-9:20
Sun.-Thurs. Times: 4:20-7:00
Sat. & Sun. Mat. 2:00

AUSTIN POWERS (PG-13)
Fri. & Sat. Times: 4:30-7:10-9:30
Sun.-Thurs. Times: 4:30-7:10
Sat. & Sun. Mat. 2:10

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BIG SPRING, TX

62.75 ALL SHOWS BEFORE 6 PM

62.75 SENIORS & CHILDREN - 64.75 ADULTS

STEREO SOUNDING SOUND IN ALL AUDITORIUMS

ANACONDA (PG-13)

Fri. & Sat. Times: 4:30-7:30-9:15

Sun.-Thurs. Times: 4:30-7:30

Sat. & Sun. Mat. 1:45

*THE 5TH ELEMENT (PG-13)

Fri. & Sat. Times: 4:30-7:30-9:15

Sun.-Thurs. Times: 4:30-7:30

Sat. & Sun. Mat. 1:15

VOLCANO (PG-13)

DTS DIGITAL SOUND

Fri. & Sat. Times: 4:10-7:10-9:30

Sun.-Thurs. Times: 4:10-7:10

Sat. & Sun. Mat. 1:30

*BREAKDOWN (R)

Fri. & Sat. Times: 4:30-7:30-9:35

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