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Like sand in the hourglass, time running out on Permian Building

By CARLTON JOHNSON
Staff Writer

The future of the Permian Building, following the recent collapse of its east wall, is uncertain, according to city officials, and time is running out for owner Al Moore.

City of Big Spring Chief Building Official Todd Darden said the city sent Moore a letter requesting the building be secured and any hazards be removed.

"We also requested by phone that Moore give us a detailed schedule as to how he proposed to repair the build-

ing," Darden said.

On May 9, Moore left a handwritten letter at Darden's office stating that he would re-brick or plaster the wall, but no detailed schedule of the work was included.

"Basically he would be replacing the fire wall with some type of fire-rated material," Darden said.

In response to Moore's letter, Darden also sent a letter asking him to present the city with a more detailed schedule of the planned work with realistic dates for completion.

According to Darden, the city has several options as to how it can handle

this situation.

"Those options include filing a complaint in court and as a last resort the city itself can secure the building and file a lien against it," Darden said.

The city will now wait for Moore's response, according to Darden.

"What the city is saying is that this situation is a health and safety hazard as well as a hazard to what's left of the building," Darden said.

The brick wall in question collapsed the afternoon of April 29 causing a one block area of downtown to be roped off as officials investigated the situation.

City officials still do not know the

cause of the partial collapse, but immediately went to work to secure the area.

"The thing that's scary is that the wall didn't have any ties for the bricks to attach to," City Manager Gary Fuqua said at the time. "Usually there will be ties on a wall like this."

Part of the remaining wall had a large section of bricks that seemed to just be hanging without any support.

Stacks of bricks still remain below the wall's frame where a crane was brought in by Jack Cathey Construction Co. to flake away some of the remaining bricks so there would no danger of anyone being hit by falling

bricks.

City officials said it didn't appear that the foundation of the Permian Building was affected, just the exterior.

At the time of the collapse, Moore said he had not experienced any problems with the bricks on this end of the building," Moore said.

According to Moore, the building was purchased as is when he took ownership several months ago.

Moore wouldn't go into what plans he had for the building at that time, but did speculate that he would probably put a new cosmetic end, probably metal, on the building.



HERALD photo/Jonathan Garrett
Martin Dale, leader of Tyler-based "Youth with a Mission," addresses the audience during Thursday night's presentation at Howard College. The group will perform at the college again tonight at 7 p.m. The group is said to be the largest single mission group in the world. There are four different teams which travel around the world. Also on tap this weekend is Saturday's March for Jesus, set for 10 a.m. at the courthouse.

Churches continue busy slate of activities

HERALD Staff Report

Local churches are sponsoring a second night of musical events for families tonight.

Activities began Thursday night with "Heal Our Land" at the Howard College Auditorium.

Billed as a city-wide musical prayer meeting, the event was presented by Youth With a Mission, a Christian group based in Tyler.

Organizers say the interactive musical, geared toward adults, deals with moral and social issues that affect families today.

High school youth are the focus of tonight's event, which uses the theme, "Is what you're living for worth dying for?"

That show, which also starts at 7 p.m., will include dance and drama aimed at influencing young people.

Both events are supported by several local churches. Twenty-four members of Youth With a Mission will be staying in host homes throughout the community during the weekend. They will also participate in March for Jesus Saturday morning.

The march gets under way at 10 a.m. at the Howard County Courthouse, although participants are asked to be in place by 9.

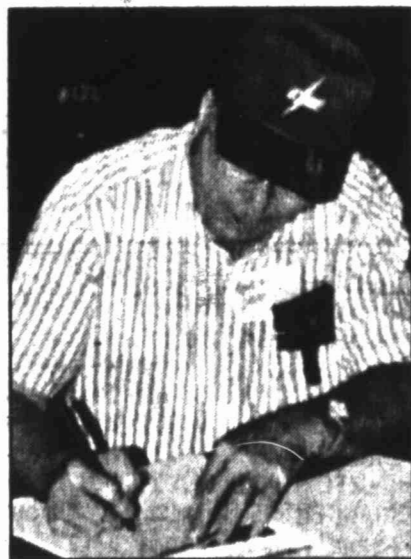
West side route top choice among locals

No doubt about public's highway priorities after Thursday session

By JOHN H. WALKER
Managing Editor

About 40 local residents turned out for Thursday's Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) meeting at the Dora Roberts Community Center and before the night was over, it was clear what the No. 1 local priority was.

By an overwhelming margin,



Long-time Howard County resident Roosevelt Shaw ranks his highway priorities.



Local residents participate in Thursday's Texas Department of Transportation meeting at the Dora Roberts Community Center. From left, Guy Teague, Col. Bowden Hampton (USAF Ret.), Kathy Lusk, Boosie Weaver and Howard County Commissioner Bill Crooker.

locals support a reliever route to the west side of the community as the top priority for the Lubbock to I-10/Amarillo North Route Study being conducted by TxDOT and Dallas-based HDR Engineering.

"We're pleased with the turnout and support we've seen in Big Spring," said TxDOT Project Manager Elizabeth Hilton. "Your participation shows that your community cares, is concerned and involved."

Thursday's meeting was the fourth of six in the second round of Phase 2 hearings being conducted to survey the

public regarding transportation improvements in West Texas.

As was the case last December, Big Spring's attendance leads in the area, which becomes a factor of ever-increasing importance as the Phase 2 process heads toward completion in August.

Both San Angelo and Snyder had 12 persons attend their meetings, while about the same number attending the joint Midland-Odessa meeting as did the Big Spring gathering.

Butch Davis of Parkhill Smith and Cooper, one of the project participants, said the

results of each group would be factored together following the completion of the six meetings.

"That means that attendance and participation is important, because if there are more people at this meeting than another, then the priorities that come out of this meeting carry more weight when everything is considered."

After an initial presentation, attendees were divided into three groups to discuss the entire central corridor (U.S. 87/277) from Lubbock through Big Spring to San Angelo and on to Sonora.

As those groups met, persons

were asked to rank the issues of highest priority with up to five marks. The numbers were then added up and the priorities ranked.

All three groups listed the west side reliever — or hazardous cargo route — as the top local priority. Other priorities that scored high included the completion of FM 700 west from U.S. 87 to a connection with I-20 west of town, addressing the issues of the FM 700 intersections at Goliad and Birdwell as well as at U.S. 87.

The public hearings continue Monday in Dumas and Tuesday in Pampa.

Police Department gets OK to operate 'Safe and Sober' program May 21-27

By CARLTON JOHNSON
Staff Writer

After receiving the approval of the Big Spring City Council, the Big Spring Police Department (BSPD) will again participate in the statewide Safe and Sober Traffic Safety Program.

The BSPD will have an extra three officers working between May 21 and May 27. These officers will be paid through a \$7,500 grant from the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) and will concentrate on traffic violations of speeding and occupant protection (seat belts).

TxDOT is funding this special enforcement for the holiday periods of Memorial Day, July 4th and Labor Day, according to BSPD Lt. Terry Chamness.

The purpose of the special funded program is to reduce speeding by 5 percent and to increase seat belt usage by 5 percent.

According to the BSPD, on

average, 55 people are killed every month in Texas as a result of speed-related crashes.

BSPD also offers some quick facts to area motorists regarding speeding:

- Driving 45 miles per hour instead of 35 miles per hour on a five-mile trip, will save less than two minutes in travel time.
- On a longer trip of perhaps 25 miles, increasing your speed from 55 miles per hour to 65 miles per hour will only save four and one-third minutes in travel time.
- About 88 percent of fatalities in speed-related crashes occur on non-interstate highways — a good indicator of where motorists should concentrate more on wearing seat belts.
- Sixty percent of fatal or injury crashes occur on roads with posted speed limits of 40 miles per hour or less.
- The factor most often noted for motorcyclists involved in fatal crashes is "driving too fast for conditions."

Speed crashes cost approximately \$23 billion each year nationwide and drivers involved in speed-related fatalities are more likely to have a history of traffic violations.

According to the BSPD, the Safe and Sober campaign would like to reduce alcohol-related fatalities and increase seat belt use to 75 percent by 1998.

Child safety seats reduce the risk of fatal injury by 47 percent for toddlers.

From 1982 to 1994, an estimated 65,290 lives have been saved by seat belts and an estimated 2,655 lives were saved by child safety seats.

On average, there is an alcohol-related fatality every seven hours and 42 minutes.

Police officials across the state continue to stress to motorists that drinking and driving don't mix and have one important bit of Texas history to back their claim — Saturday, Dec. 2, 1995 will be remembered as the deadliest day in Texas traffic history, when 19 people were killed in alcohol-related crashes.

FISHING BEALS CREEK?



John Lopez (left) and Donnie Juarez are doing a little fishing off the Beals Creek Bridge on Birdwell Lane Tuesday.

Relay for Life, Christian activities top weekend list

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,

WEEKEND TICKET

Big Spring, 79721.

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

- Coahoma Bulldog baseball vs. Albany, 5:30 p.m. today at Abilene's McMurry University.

Coahoma faces Albany in the bidistrict playoffs as the last local/area team vying for a state

title.

- 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.

- Heal Our Land, 7 p.m. tonight, Howard College Auditorium. This is a citywide musical prayer meeting featuring "Youth With A Mission," a

Christian contemporary group from Tyler.

- "Friday Night Rock," 7 p.m. tonight, also at the Howard College Auditorium.

- Relay for Life Survivor Walk, 7 p.m. tonight, Blankenship Field.

The Survivor Walk kicks off the Relay for Life, which will continue around the clock through Saturday. The luminary memorial service will be at 10 tonight.

- March for Jesus, 10 a.m. Saturday.

A communitywide march.

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TODAY'S WEATHER

89 ▲ Highs 60
Lows ▼

Today: Tonight, a less than 20 percent chance of evening thunderstorms, otherwise fair. Low around 60. Southeast wind 5-15 mph.

Saturday: Partly cloudy. High around 90. South wind 10-20 mph.

Extended outlook: Sunday through Monday, partly cloudy with a slight chance of showers or thunderstorms. Lows 55-60. Highs in the 80s.

'HEAL OUR LAND'



HERALD photo/Jonathan Garrett
Performers from Youth With a Mission presented "Heal our Land," a citywide musical prayer meeting Thursday. Tonight, the group will present "Friday Night Rock" for local youth at 7 p.m. in the Howard College Auditorium. Admission is free.

BRIEFS

THE BIG SPRING YMCA is now taking registration for summer swim lessons for boys and girls ages six months to 14 years. The classes are designed to provide fun, exercise, parent education, water adjustment and safety education. Classes start May 27. For more information call 267-8234.

THE BIG SPRING YMCA Discovery Day Camp care gives kids the chance to express their talents in the arts, sports and other areas of interest. This is a camp designed for the summer. For more information call 267-8234.

THE BIG SPRING HIGH School Class of 77 will be having their 20th reunion. The following list includes those people who have not been located.

Susan Anthony, Albert Barrera, Debra Baty, Scott Benier, Laura Bull, Craig Burks, Kay Capps, Jackie Carey, David Cisneros, David Clark, Charles Cushing, Billy Dean, Robert Delago, Virginia DeLeon, Jesse Doss, Jeff Dutrow, Ernestina Espinoza, Charlie Florez, Leonard Gagne, Debbie Ghrist, Becky Gonzales, Sean Grathwol, Dale Gray, Bruce Green, Steven Hannabas, Billy Hayes, Loy Holland, Lucy Holten, Randy Honeycutt, Joanna Hughes, Steve Hughes, Marlene Jezisek, Jana Kelley, Jon Linon, Ba Mai, John Martin, Janie Martinez Sanchez, Jimmy McChristian, Ed McCumber, Kevin McDaniel, Max Miller, Jerry Morrison, Bobby Morrow, Charles Nickle, Sylvia Olivas, Debbie Ortega, Diana Pineda, Robert Posey, Adela Padilla Rudd, Patricia Rodriguez, Irene Salgado, Maria Santos, Rocky Schreengost, Colleen (Paula) Smith, James Smith, David Stull, Tony Vieira, and John Wiley.

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Richard Sayles, 67, died Wednesday. Services were at 10:00 AM Friday at St. Paul Lutheran Church. Interment followed at Trinity Memorial Park.

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YOUTH WITH A MISSION will present Friday Night Rock at 7 p.m. today in the Howard College Auditorium. This multi-media presentation is a combination of dance, music and drama oriented toward people of junior high and high school age.

AN OPEN HOUSE IS scheduled from 3 to 6 p.m. on Sunday, June 1 at the Big Spring-Humane Society. This is to showcase to the public all of the recent renovations done to the building including new paint and tile. The Humane Society is located on the north service road of Interstate 20 across from McMahon/Wrinkle Airport.

THE 1995 TALL CITY Sectional Duplicate Bridge Tournament will get under way Friday, June 6, at the Holiday Inn Hotel, 4300 W. Hwy 80. Approximately 200 people from Dallas, Fort Worth, Abilene, San Angelo, Lubbock, Lamesa and surrounding communities

are expected to participate. It is a three-day event.

Contact Linda Jerman at (915)682-5659 or Sandy Rea at (915)683-2804 for more information.

MAY IS EYE GLASS Recycling Month and the Big Spring Evening Lions Club joins Lions International to collect, recycle and calibrate used eyeglasses.

Eyeglasses collected are given to needy adults every third Saturday at the Lions Building, 1607 E. 3rd.

Collection boxes are located at local pharmacies, grocery stores and First Bank of West Texas in Coahoma. All glasses are sent to a recycling center.

For more information, call Mills Optical at 267-5151 or Bob Noyes at 267-6095.

THE MOBILE MEALS PROGRAM, also known as Meals on Wheels, needs volunteers to deliver meals.

If you can spare one hour per week to deliver eight or 10 meals, we need you. About 85 to 90 meals are prepared, packaged and delivered within the city limits of Big Spring. If you can volunteer, please call 263-4016 before 3 p.m.

THE SANDS PARENT-TEACHER Organization will be giving two \$500 scholarships

A BIG SPRING AROUND THE TOWN

to seniors at graduations on May 23. The PTO will also host a barbecue luncheon for all the school personnel on May 20. This is in appreciation for all their hard work and dedication.

THE HALE FAMILY REUNION will be July 12 in the VFW Hall in Gordon. Any descendants of Harvey Bourne Hale or Miley Ann Dickerson are welcome to attend.

For more information, call Floreine Hale Palmer at (915) 362-2190.

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

THE DANCE GALLERY WILL be celebrating 15 years in the community with its annual recital at 7 p.m. Saturday in the Municipal Auditorium.

The theme is "We're Happy to Be Here," and the program includes Disney tunes and children's favorites. Dancers will perform tap, jazz, ballet and twirling.

A reception will follow at the Days Inn. Admission is free to both events, and the public is invited to attend.

ATTENTION WOMEN OVER 40 who have never had a mammogram and can't afford one. American Cancer Society has provided a grant for a free mammogram for women who reside in Howard and Glasscock Counties.

Come to the Texas Department of Health in the College Park Shopping Center.

SPARROWGRASS POETRY FORUM IS having a poetry contest. Poets may enter one poem only, 20 lines or less, on any subject, in any style. The contest closes July 31, but poets are encouraged to submit their work as soon as possible.

Poems entered in the contest also will be considered for publication in the Spring 1998 edition of Poetic Voices of America, a hardcover anthology. Prize winners will be announced on Sept. 30. Grand prize is \$1,000.

Poems should be sent to Sparrowgrass Poetry Forum Dept. 6; 609 Main St.; P.O. Box 193; Sistersville, W.V.; 26175-0193.

SPRINGBOARD

IF YOU HAVE ANY CHANGES IN A SPRINGBOARD ITEM OR FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT GINA GARZA, 263-7331 ext. 238, BETWEEN 8:30

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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.

•Friday Nigh Alive, 7 p.m., Howard College Auditorium, presented by Youth with a Mission.

•Relay For Life survivor walk, 7 p.m. Sign up between 6 and 6:45 p.m. Call Shana McGee at 267-6870 for more information. Luminary service, 10 p.m.

SATURDAY
•Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, open meetings at noon, 8 p.m. and 10 p.m.

•Snyder Lions Club Four Person "Scramble" Gold Tournament, Western Texas College Golf Course in Snyder, \$60 per person. Start times are 8 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Payout is based on a full field of 80 players, first - \$800 per team, second - \$600 per team, third - \$500 per team, and fourth - \$340 per team. All payouts are in cash. For more information call (915)573-3635.

•Rhapsody will present their final concert, 7 p.m., Big Spring High School Auditorium. There will be a small admission fee.

POLICE REPORT

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

•**MICHAEL DON FULBRIGHT**, 33, of 900 Rannels, was arrested for driving while intoxicated.

•**RICHARD WAYNE RAINS**, 30, of HC 76 Box 42, was arrested on local warrants.

•**CRUZ RAMIREZ FLORES**, 37, of 538 Westover #208, was arrested for public intoxication.

•**RICKIE JOSH LINDSEY**, 22, of 1800 Owens, was arrested on local warrants.

•**THEFT OF SERVICE** in the 300 block of Gregg.

•**UNAUTHORIZED USE OF A MOTOR VEHICLE** in the 300 block of N. Aylesford.

•**ASSAULT** in the 1300 block of E. 4th.

•**DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE** in the 1000 block of Ridgeroad; and the 700 block of Willia.

•**DISTURBANCE/FIGHT** in the 500 block of Westover.

•**THEFT** in the 400 block of Gregg; 1600 block of Marcy; and the 100 block of E. 18th.

MARKETS

July cotton 72.90 cents a pound, down 26 points; June crude oil 21.25, down 5 points; Cash hogs steady at \$1 lower at 60.50; slaughter steers at \$1 lower at 67 June lean hog futures 81.67, down 65 points; June live cattle futures 65.50, no change.

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DuPont	109% - 1
Excel Comm.	18% - 1/2
Exxon	58% nc
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Ford Motors	37 + 1/2
Halliburton	75% - 1/2
IBM	172% - 1/2
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Medical Alliance	6% + 1/2
Mobil	135 + 1/2
Norwest	53% - 1/2
NUV	9% + 1/2
Phillips Petroleum	42% nc
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Pepsi Cola	37% nc
Rural/Metro	29% - 1/2
Sears	50% - 1/2
Southwestern Bell	57% nc
Sun	29% - 1/2
Texasco	111% + 1/2
Texas Instruments	90% - 1/2
Texas Utils. Co	36 - 1/2
Unocal Corp	42% + 1/2
Wal-Mart	30% - 1/2
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New Perspective	20.05-21.27
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Prime Rate	8.50%
Gold	344.30-344.80
Silver	4.66-4.69

WINNING ARTIST



HERALD photo/Jonathan Garrett
The painting which won "Best of Show" at the 43th annual Big Spring Art Association Juried Exhibition is "Everlasting Love" by Sheree Moates. Moates said, "My paintings usually don't win, judges don't like the detail."

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Woman imprisoned for nine years could go free today in South Texas

BROWNSVILLE (AP) — A woman imprisoned nine years for murdering her husband could go free today, five months after winning a new trial based on evidence showing he might have killed himself.

Susie Mowbray, 49, was scheduled to appear at a hearing this morning at which her attorney planned to ask that she be released on bond, pending a second trial.

Mrs. Mowbray, who has insisted her husband committed suicide, said she had mixed emotions about the possibility of finally being freed.

"There's a part of me that's just going, 'Oh, dear.' I'm condi-

tioned to bad news," she told The Associated Press in an interview Thursday night at the Cameron County Jail. "Does America really sleep better at night knowing I'm locked up?"

When asked how she would feel if she is able to go home with her family later today, she smiled, clenched her fists and exclaimed, "Yes!"

State District Judge Darrell Hester ordered today's hearing after the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals on Wednesday executed a ruling setting aside Mrs. Mowbray's conviction.

In December, the court decided Mrs. Mowbray should get a

new trial because prosecutors suppressed a blood expert's report concluding her husband most likely killed himself.

Cameron County prosecutors have appealed the ruling to the U.S. Supreme Court. If the decision is not reversed, they plan to retry Mrs. Mowbray.

Mrs. Mowbray said she's not concerned about the possibility of a second trial, so long as she is released in the meantime.

"I'm tired of being the red-headed stepchild," she said. "I want to be a gypsy. I want to travel and go see friends and live out of a suitcase. I want to be normal."

Asked whether she thought

she could return to a normal life, she quickly responded, "No."

"You're looking at a very damaged woman. I don't fit in with the women in prison, and now I don't fit in with the women here," she said, clasping her hands over her eyes as she held back tears.

"When you go through what I've been through, you don't come out of it the same person."

Mrs. Mowbray's legal saga has captivated residents of the Rio Grande Valley since Sept. 16, 1987 — the day Bill Mowbray, a prominent Brownsville Cadillac dealer, died of a gunshot wound to the head.

Mrs. Mowbray told investigators her husband, troubled with emotional and financial problems, shot himself as she lay beside him in bed.

But prosecutors pointed the finger at her, saying she killed Mowbray for \$1.8 million in life insurance money. In 1988, the former homecoming queen from Shreveport, La., was convicted and sentenced to life in prison.

After years of unsuccessful appeals and a campaign spearheaded by her law-student son to prove her innocence, her conviction was set aside.

In its ruling, the Court of Criminal Appeals said prosecutors withheld, until 10 days

prior to trial, an expert's report concluding Mowbray's death was more likely a suicide because no blood was found on his wife's nightgown.

The expert, one of the country's foremost authorities on blood spatter, was hired by prosecutors but never testified.

Instead, another expert testified for the prosecution that microscopic blood spatter was discovered on the nightgown. That expert has since said his testimony was scientifically invalid.

The court concluded that had the first expert testified instead of the second, an acquittal probably would have resulted.

TEXAS BRIEFS

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

Man who threatened to kill entire family sought in shooting of estranged wife

AUSTIN — Authorities say a man sneaked into a heavily guarded apartment complex, shot his estranged wife and fled with their 19-month-old son.

Kevin Ronald Miller, 31, was already accused in the abduction and slaying of his mother-in-law two weeks ago in San Antonio. He had vowed to kill his estranged wife's entire family.

The couple's son, Dylan, was believed to be with Miller, who was seen running into the woods Thursday, brandishing the handgun he had used to shoot the boy's mother.

Authorities described Miller as a tattooed, muscular knife collector who is experienced with explosives, armed and desperate.

Miller's estranged wife, Alison Kennedy, was hospitalized for treatment of gunshot wounds to the head and thigh.

No arrests in \$50,000 theft from police safe

DALLAS — A yearlong FBI investigation into a \$50,000 theft from a police safe has failed to nab a suspect, with officers now turning their attention inward to the department.

A police source who asked not to be identified told The Dallas Morning News almost all of the more than 120 narcotics division officers voluntarily submitted to lie-detector tests, but as many as six refused.

"If there are individuals who didn't take a polygraph, we'll order them to do it," Dallas Police Chief Ben Click said. "If there's a person who didn't give a statement, which is certainly their right, we'll consider ordering them to give a statement."

A police source said Thursday several narcotics officers are upset about how the FBI handled the investigation. The source said that officers complained to their supervisors about agents' tactics.

FBI agents submitted officers to lengthy polygraph tests with no breaks, threatened officers with imminent charges and asked highly person-

al questions, such as whether an officer had ever cheated on his wife, the source said.

Officials: Surpluses no evidence of laundering

WASHINGTON — The billion dollar surpluses posted by the San Antonio branch of the Dallas Federal Reserve Bank in recent years do not prove that South Texas banks are awash in drug trafficking profits, Treasury Department officials say.

Laundered money undoubtedly is circulating in the area, but after months of study, investigators have not been able to establish a link with the San Antonio branch's 1995 surplus of \$3 billion, said James J. Johnson, Treasury's assistant secretary for enforcement.

"The existence of the cash surplus, in and of itself, does not indicate drug-related money laundering," Johnson told the House Banking Committee on Thursday.

"The San Antonio Federal Reserve District has run a surplus every year since at least 1951 — more than 15 years before drug trafficking emerged as the significant economic activity that it is today in Mexico, and certainly more than 30 years before money laundering was a crime in this or in any other country in the world."

Rep. Henry B. Gonzalez, D-Texas, asked for the study in October. Law enforcement agencies estimate that the amount of cash laundered through Mexico ranges from \$10 billion to \$30 billion.

Baytown man charged in bomb-extortion plot

BAYTOWN — A 57-year-old man planned to abduct people at a dentist's office as a first step in an extortion scheme of planting bombs at daycare centers, police said.

David Jefferson Jennings, an unemployed air-conditioner repairman, was confined to the Harris County Jail on Thursday in lieu of \$100,000 bond. He is charged with possessing a prohibited weapon and soliciting capital murder.

"Apparently he had told the undercover officers that if he had to blow people up it wouldn't bother him," said police spokesman Gene Sutton. "He claimed he had some kind of remote device that he could detonate his destructive device if he

wanted to."

If convicted, Jennings could face life in prison. He was arrested Wednesday after he met with undercover officers at a city park. He believed they would help him take hostages later that day at a dentist's office that he had scouted previously, police said.

State AG pulls demand for separatists' e-mail

DALLAS — Computer disks of electronic mail and information on Internet subscribers, including militant separatists, are in legal limbo.

The quandary arose after the Texas attorney general's office withdrew demands against Internet service providers who had not yet shipped data.

Two of ten Internet service providers, contending that their users' privacy was threatened, had sued Attorney General Dan Morales last month to protect e-mail sought in a Republic of Texas lien investigation.

But the Overland Network Inc., which provides the World Wide Web page of the militant group's leader Richard McLaren, and Internet Texoma Inc. fought the civil demands issued earlier in April.

Privacy issues prompted the state to withdraw the demands this week, Ron Dusek, a Morales spokesman in Austin, said Thursday.

San Antonio man accused of being serial rapist

SAN ANTONIO — A man charged in the sexual assault of a 74-year-old woman is believed to have committed a series of rapes on the southeast side of San Antonio, police say.

"We have the individual known as the 'Southeast Side Serial Rapist' in custody," Police Chief Al Phillipus said Thursday. "It has been a real high priority for us."

James Norris Welch, 36, was arrested and charged with aggravated sexual assault in the Friday attack on the elderly woman. DNA tests linked him to three other assaults dating back to December, Phillipus said.

"It (last week's attack) was similar to the other rapes that had occurred in that area," Phillipus said.

The assaults had terrified southeast side residents for months. One victim was a 10-year-old girl raped in her home in February as she was about to play Nintendo.

Water fees to be taken out of bill

AUSTIN — Water-use fees that would have affected most Texas households will be taken out of legislation proposed for the state's first comprehensive water conservation and drought management plan.

The compromise between House and Senate versions of the bill was announced Thursday by Rep. Ron Lewis, D-Mauriceville, and Sen. J.E. "Buster" Brown, R-Lake Jackson.

Lewis, the House sponsor of the bill, had been adamant about including a fee of \$1 per month for water used in excess of 7,000 gallons. The fee would have impacted 80 percent of Texas households, Lewis said.

The money was to go into a fund to help pay for water infrastructure needs, such as the construction of reservoirs or pipelines, primarily in small- and medium-sized cities that couldn't afford high-priced water projects.

But Brown, the Senate sponsor, said the fees might become a sticking point that could threaten the bill's passage.

House member kills campaign reform bill

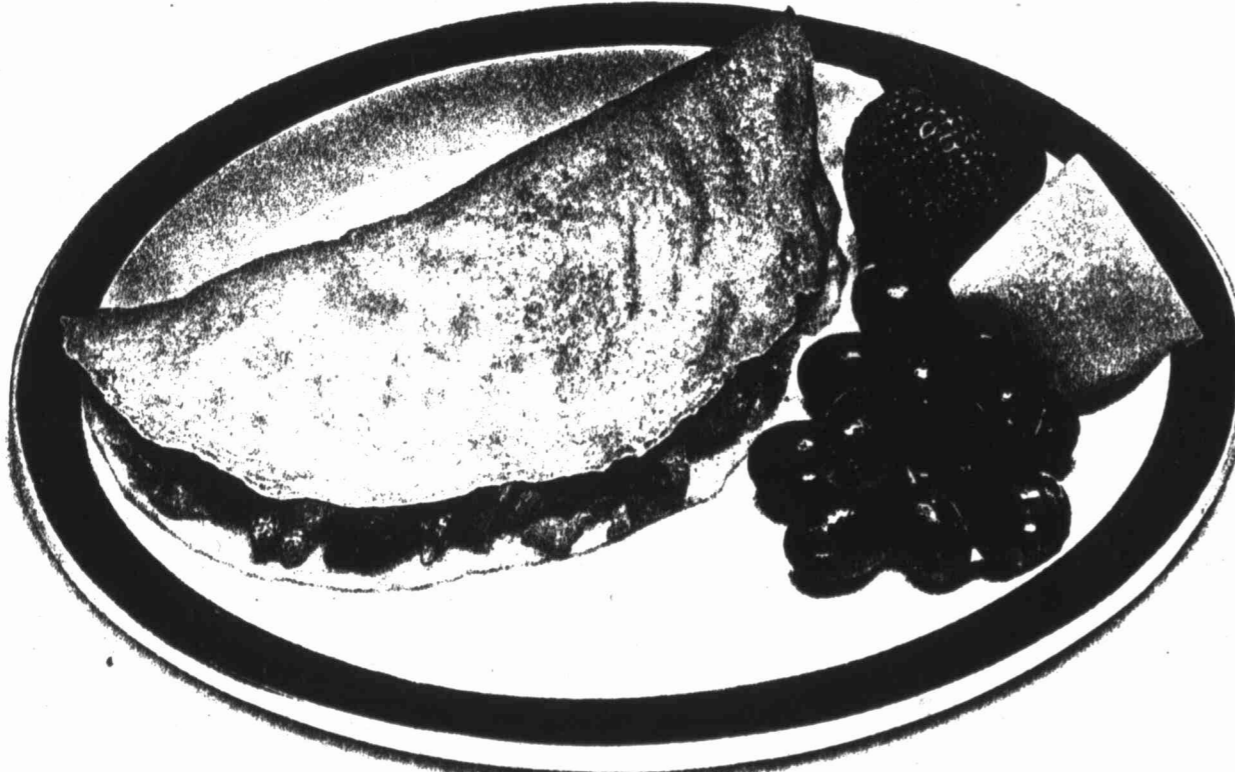
AUSTIN — A Republican lawmaker says he killed a campaign finance reform bill at the behest of GOP political consultants.

Rep. Kent Grusendorf, R-Arlington, used a procedural tactic known as a "point of order" on Thursday to derail the bill nearly three hours into debate on the measure. He said action taken on the bill wasn't properly recorded in committee minutes, violating a House rule.

His point of order came just after the House voted 68-62 to adopt an amendment that would have capped political action committee contributions to campaigns in Texas at \$10,000.

"There are no limits on what PACs can give. I'm for open government," Grusendorf said. "But I received a lot of calls from Republican political consultants who said the bill was unfair."

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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.

- **JOSH RICHTER**, Sands High School, on setting a new classification and state record in the triple jump during the University Interscholastic League's state track meet last weekend in Austin.
- **TORY MITCHELL** and **JACYLN OWUSU**, Big Spring High School, on their third place finishes at the same meet. Mitchell finished third in both the 100 and 200 meters and Owusu in the triple jump.
- **COAHOMA'S BULLDOGS**, on advancing into the state baseball playoffs for the fourth straight year.
- **TERRI J. NEWTON**, on being selected as executive vice president for the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce.
- **CONOCO**, for its Fire Safety House, which was on location at Washington Elementary School this week.
- **DEE** and **LINDA ELROD**, for their successful efforts to reclaim and make useful a building that had been empty and an eyesore for years.

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.

OTHER VIEWS

Last week's confrontation between lunatics and law enforcement in Texas was defused, initially without bloodshed, and most of the loonies surrendered.

Defenders of the hostage swap cited this incident as an exception to the theory that authorities should never yield to terrorists' demands.

We don't envy officials who had to decide whether to trade for the two hostages' release, but we think their decision could have repercussions elsewhere in the long run.

That's easy for us to say, of course, since we didn't have to make the decision with two lives in the balance. Even so, we think giving in to hostage-takers' demands to trade for the captives' release increases the likelihood that someone somewhere else will be encouraged to take other hostages.

THE ADVOCATE
Baton Rouge, La.

Badly handled catastrophes such as those at Ruby Ridge, Idaho, and Waco, Texas, have made many law enforcement authorities leery of confrontations with armed cults. Yet ignoring them can have its own unfortunate consequences, as recent events in Texas demonstrated.

A handful of lunatics calling themselves the Republic of Texas held state authorities at bay for several days before surrendering.

Had authorities made arrests before the cultists managed to build a mini-arsenal and fortify their headquarters, a standoff might never have become a reality.

The same goes for Ruby Ridge and Waco.

Crime is crime, whether committed by members of a cult or by street hoodlums at least honest enough not to hide behind some wacky philosophy. The quicker authorities act against criminals of any stripe, the better.

The News
Parkersburg, W. Va.

World chess champion Garry Kasparov was visibly upset when he lost a match against the supercomputer Deep Blue on Sunday. It was the very human reaction of a man — perhaps the best chess player of all time — losing to a machine.

But while Kasparov agonized over his defeat, what did Deep Blue do? It didn't break out the champagne. No, the celebrating was done by the humans who programmed it.

The IBM RS-6000 supercomputer that beat Kasparov is a human creation.

If Kasparov had sat across the table from his true opponents, he would have faced myriad human beings — the scientists, inventors and others who have contributed to the stunning progress in computer capabilities achieved over the years.

THE JOURNAL
Albuquerque, N.M.

Some social analysts and chess grandmasters reacted to the defeat of champion Garry Kasparov by an IBM computer as if it spelled the beginning of the end for competitive chess, if not the civilized world. Forgive us for missing the global significance; this was, after all, just a game.

Kasparov, the undefeated world champ for more than a decade, did a masterful job matching moves and wits with Deep Blue. For that he should be saluted, not ridiculed.

Consider the odds. The human was facing a machine that can consider 200 million positions a second; that's twice as much computing power as the IBM the champ triumphed over last year. Blue was backed by a team of six chess grandmasters, scores of computer programmers, technicians and corporate dollars.

The wonder isn't that Kasparov lost, it's that he came so close to winning.

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More strange offerings from the AP wire

From the sights along area roadways, it's rapidly getting to be planting time. But something tells us local farmers probably won't encounter the problem a Swedish woman encountered this week.



John A. Moseley
News Editor

In an Associated Press wire story which crossed the wires Thursday, we were told that the woman set out some sunflower seeds and attracted the wildlife she expected.

There was also an uninvited guest, as well.

She'd just never bargained on the kangaroo that showed up.

Vivi Berglund told the Swedish news agency TT that her unexpected guest showed up about 4 a.m. while she was sleeping. A howling house cat alerted her to the kangaroo's presence.

When Berglund sat up in bed and looked out the window, she couldn't believe what she saw. "I turned on the lamp so I could see better, but he sprang away," she said.

Eventually, the kangaroo came back.

"People here have reported seeing wolves and lynx and so on," officer Kjell Birgersson told reporters. "But never a kangaroo."

Authorities now are trying to figure out where the marsupial came from, because no zoos or circuses have reported any wayward kangaroos.

In other strange offerings from this week's wire report is David Wagner of Birmingham, Ala., who's had to pay a pretty high price for being a hero.

Wagner, an auto painter, forgot about work and forgot he was in a customer's car when he chased down a bank robbery suspect. FBI agent Ron Webb hailed him a hero but Wagner went home unemployed.

"I lost my job because I made my boss lose a lot of money," Wagner said. "Not one car got painted and we could have been sued because I was in a customer's car. I had to quit. But it just makes me sick."

Wagner was opening the shop, American Auto Painting, when he saw a bleeding man run by with an off-duty police officer in close pursuit.

The father of four took off after the man in the customer's car, then chased him on foot, tackled him and held him until police got there Tuesday.

"What David did was courageous but how he did it was wrong," said his boss, Rick Cole. "He put the customer liable for damages and American Auto Painting liable."

In the "I'm Really Not Making This Up Department," Southern Californians who are repulsed by smoggy air may soon be able to breathe a little easier.

Plans are in the works to open three oxygen bars where they can relax, inhale and pay through the nose — \$16 for a 20-minute dose of oxygen.

Some say these recreational oxygen blasts, plain or fruit-scented, can ease headaches, boost alertness, fight fatigue

and reduce stress.

Actor Woody Harrelson plans to open a Hollywood oxygen bar in June, and a Canadian entrepreneur plans two more this fall with \$70 oxygen facials and \$125 oxygen body wraps.

"It gives you a nice little buzz," said Harrelson. "It's an experience designed to recharge you before you go out into a smog- and traffic-ridden state."

On the other end of the coin, and the nation, researchers in Winston-Salem, N.C., could, if they dared, advertise thusly, "Wanted: about 20 regular marijuana users to get high in a laboratory setting for a scientific study."

Bowman Gray School of Medicine's \$50,000 project is backed by the federal government, part of a campaign to find out more about the effects of marijuana and curb its use among teens.

Volunteers will be given free, federally certified marijuana cigarettes and will be protected from prosecution. They'll earn \$200 for four sessions, and be shuttled to and from the lab by taxi.

Only regular marijuana users will be eligible to participate, because researchers don't want to encourage people to begin using the drug.

Swan-snatchers, beware! You apparently will not be protected from prosecution.

The swans in question, the newest birds to grace the lagoon at Boston Public Garden are fitted with high-tech gadgets to fend off swan thieves.

Security also has been stepped up in the garden, where two new pairs of swans have been

released.

The swans wear identifying leg bands and microchips for identification, precautions taken after a swan was stolen from the garden last summer. That swan was never found. A passerby reported seeing a man trying to stuff the bird into a bag.

"No one wants a repeat of last year," one official explained.

Speaking of ripoffs... It was the right diamond ring, the right box of chocolates, but the wrong woman.

Chuck Lehman's perfectly planned proposal took a wrong turn at a Boulder, Colo., restaurant, when a waiter delivered an engagement ring to the wrong table — and another woman left with it. Lehman had tucked the ring into a box of Godiva chocolates and arranged for the waiter to deliver it to his soon-to-be fiancée. Trouble is, they switched tables and the waiter didn't get the word.

Lehman's girlfriend was facing the table where the chocolates were delivered and watched, unaware of the plan, as the woman tried on the ring for size. Lehman's back was to the table, so he didn't know.

The other couple paid their bill and left — with the ring. Lawmen used a credit card receipt to track down the couple, who said they thought it was just costume jewelry and returned the ring.

The story does have a happy ending, though. Lehman's girlfriend said "yes."

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

YOUR VIEWS

TO THE EDITOR:
I find deeply offensive the comments of M. Farr (Herald, Letter To the Editor, May 7, 1997) in which he compares his '73 Pontiac' to a vintage warplane. The comparison is particularly denigrating during holocaust remembrance week and two weeks before Memorial Day.

In January 1996, I buried my uncle Jack Archer, who served from Oct. 1942 to Dec. 1945 in the Army Air Force as an airplane mechanic. He was overseas and served in the Rhineland Campaign and the Air Offensive Europe Campaign. My Aunt, Lt. Doris Smith, was a nurse in a field hospital in World War II. I'm sure, if they were still living,

they would be able to explain the importance of the "old warbirds" in winning the war. The delivery of troops, war material, supplies, and armament is vital in any successful campaign. Without these old warbirds medical attention would have been severely restricted and the casualty rate would have been even higher.

Perhaps M. Farr can talk to Ross Callihan, who flew "The Hump" in the China, Burma, India Theater. I'm sure Ross could explain the importance of the planes.

I will proudly wave the flag on Memorial Day to honor both the men and women and the machinery who won that war. I don't believe a 24 year old clunker or a gutted abandoned

building deserve the same respect. In the name of "pride and tourism," perhaps M. Farr would like to see Arlington Cemetery turned into a Putt Golf Course, and the Alamo into a video arcade.

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O.J. clueless as to whereabouts of Heisman, assets

SANTA MONICA, Calif. (AP) — Anyone seen O.J. Simpson's Heisman Trophy? Simpson says he hasn't, at least not since January or February, although he doesn't seem concerned.

In fact, Simpson said he doesn't know a lot of things. Like the location of his art works, including an Andy Warhol original. Or how much money he's drawing from his \$4 million pension. Or what became of \$100,000 in loans he's received. Or the \$72,000 he got from selling two cars.

He keeps coming home, he said, and finding his house "less congested."

It was not what attorneys at a debtor examination wanted to hear as they tried to collect \$33.5 million from Simpson for the deaths of his ex-wife Nicole and her friend Ronald Goldman.

"He can't remember anything," said Goldman's father, Fred Goldman. "We went through a list of 100 some-odd items. He doesn't know where anything is."

"He answered the questions," added Daniel Petrocelli, Goldman's attorney. "Perjury is up to the district attorney's office."

The hearing was to resume

today. Simpson was acquitted of the June 1994 slayings but a civil court jury in February found him responsible. The hearing was scheduled to identify Simpson's assets, some of which were missing when authorities searched his Brentwood estate in March to collect the jury award.

Simpson, whose home is in foreclosure, says he is broke.

Simpson — already under court order to disclose financial and personal records — lost nearly every ruling during Thursday's session in which parties meet privately, then appear publicly before a judge on stalemated issues.

He was ordered to produce bank and phone records and details of how he has used money from his pension plans. He also must answer questions about income from autographs and how much he has paid his lawyers.

But Petrocelli and Goldman said nothing was accomplished after a tense day behind closed doors. Goldman acknowledged he used an expletive to describe the man who he insists got away with murder.

"Damn right I called him an a---," Goldman told reporters. "He gave me a real dirty look."

Simpson confirmed the name-calling and added, "The man lost his son, so ..."

Petrocelli said he complained to Superior Court Judge David Perez that Simpson and his lawyers had shown a "complete lack of candor." He said that when he asked Simpson if he had paid "1 red cent" of the judgment to Goldman's parents, Simpson replied, "I don't know."

Petrocelli's law partner, Peter Gelblum, said he and his colleagues laughed when Simpson claimed he didn't know the whereabouts of his 1968 Heisman, a trophy awarded annually to college football's top player.

Simpson said later that his answer about the Heisman "is the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth, so help me Jesus Christ. And I am a Christian."

He told reporters he last saw the trophy "I think in January or February. I assume it's in my kids' trust" — an assertion later ridiculed by Petrocelli.

"There is no trust," Petrocelli countered, explaining that there was no physical place where property would be located.

Gelblum said Simpson also could not account for \$22,000

from the sale of his Chevrolet Suburban and \$50,000 received from an auction in which Simpson's Bentley was sold.

Petrocelli said he was most interested in two \$50,000 loans for which Simpson has little paperwork.

By afternoon, both sides tumbled outside to cool off.

"Yelling, they're all in there yelling. I can't take any more of this yelling," Simpson said, laughing.

He raised his arms to the sky and said, "Help me out here." Simpson wore a polo shirt that hung over his waistband, slacks and loafers. He wore no jewelry or watch — which could have been seized by the plaintiffs' attorneys.

Simpson told reporters that since his acquittal in October 1995, things have mysteriously disappeared from his home.

"I went to the Bahamas last week and I came back and my house was less congested," Simpson said. "When I came home from jail, I found the house less congested."

He said he had no idea what was missing, who took it or where it was. He said he did not call police, and laughed when asked what to do should someone find the missing trophy.

Zaire's president leaves palace ahead of rebels

KINSHASA, Zaire (AP) — With rebels preparing to capture the capital, President Mobutu Sese Seko left Kinshasa for his northern palace today. His departure again raised speculation that he would go into exile, possibly to Morocco or France.

A close aide, speaking on condition of anonymity, said Mobutu would return from his isolated palace in Gbadolite, 700 miles north of Kinshasa, by Monday. He said the trip was designed to give Mobutu, 66 and suffering from prostate cancer, a "short rest." Mobutu's departure followed reports that his generals told him they would not defend the capital. Laurent Kabila has refused to halt his military advance while Mobutu dallies,

clinging to his office.

A Western diplomat had predicted that Mobutu would flee the country today. French TV TF1 said Mobutu was going to Morocco, then on to France, where he has a villa on the Riviera. It cited no sources.

Kabila reiterated his demand that Mobutu resign after more than two hours of meetings in Cape Town, South Africa, with President Nelson Mandela and U.N. officials on Thursday. Kabila gave Mobutu a Monday deadline.

Zairian Information Minister Kin-Kiey Mulumba called Kabila's demand "an insult to Zaire" and to the international community.

The talks Thursday came one day after Kabila refused to show up for face-to-face meetings

with Mobutu.

The failure of the peace talks made it increasingly likely that the war could reach the streets of Kinshasa. Some Zairians living near the airport piled belongings onto their heads or into wheelbarrows and hustled closer to the city center.

Western military sources say if the rebels did attack, they could take Kinshasa's international airport as soon as tonight and Mobutu's soldiers would give little resistance. The rebels have already captured more than three-quarters of Zaire since September.

The Western diplomat said Mobutu's generals told the president that they do not intend to defend the capital against advancing rebels, and that Mobutu should leave Zaire or

face capture.

The diplomat, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said he believed Mobutu, who has ruled Zaire for nearly 32 years, would leave today.

After their meeting, Mandela and Kabila suggested the next move was Mobutu's.

"We met President Mobutu (Wednesday night) and made a set of proposals to him which he took back to Kinshasa," Mandela said at a news conference. "We are expecting an answer from him on Monday."

Kabila, asked whether he would call his troops off in the interim, said: "I have nothing to say to that." Kabila left Cape Town for his headquarters in the southern Zairian city of Lubumbashi.

Hong Kong's future leaders back down some

HONG KONG (AP) — China's plans to roll back Hong Kong's civil liberties prompted an outcry in a colony used to Western ways. On Thursday, Hong Kong's future leaders softened their stance, but it remained unclear whether the territory will be as free after the handover as it is now.

Acting on results of a three-week public consultation, the future government said it would ease planned restrictions on the right to demonstrate and to form links with foreign organizations.

It also sought to explain what it meant by "national security" as a reason for restricting civil liberties, indicating that it applied chiefly to advocacy of independence for Taiwan and Tibet — causes China abhors but which have no mass following in Hong Kong.

The 11 changes announced at a news conference Thursday are a significant climbdown in some respects. They seem to reveal a leadership-in-waiting that is trying to strike a balance between pro-democracy groups who want no change at all, and a Chinese government that believes Hong Kong already has more that enough freedom already.

In a speech Thursday night, future leader Tung Chee-hwa defended the changes as needed for "a proper balance between civil liberties and social order." However, Hong Kong is already one of the world's most orderly, crime-free societies. Tung aides admit privately that they are making the changes not out of fear of a sudden outbreak of chaos, but because China has left them no choice.

"The central question... remains unanswered, and that is why any of it is necessary," said Chris Patten.

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Teams probe explosion at defunct nuclear plant

RICHLAND, Wash. (AP) — Investigators wearing protective suits on Thursday looked into how a chemical tank that was not supposed to be volatile exploded at a defunct plutonium processing plant at the nation's most contaminated nuclear site.

No one was injured and no radiation or chemicals were released in the Wednesday night explosion at the Plutonium Reclamation Facility building at the Hanford nuclear reservation, Hanford Manager Lloyd Piper said Thursday.

The cause of the blast was unknown, but sabotage has been ruled out. "Our preliminary evidence just doesn't indicate that is a possibility," said Energy Department spokesman Keith Taylor.

The explosion occurred in a 1,570-liter metal tank that Piper said contained hydroxylamine nitrate, an oxidant similar to salt that he said is not supposed to be volatile.

"It was a limited quantity of material. We don't have any large inventories of it," Piper said.

But James McCracken, a nuclear engineer with the Energy Department, said he believed the tank hadn't contained hydroxylamine nitrate for at least six years and instead contained nitric acid.

"We are not ready to say what was in those tanks, and won't until we've had a chance to have these things analyzed," DOE spokesman Guy Schein said Thursday night.

Gerald Pollet, director of Seattle-based Heart of America

Northwest, a watchdog group, blamed the blast on improper chemical storage and lax oversight.

"This was a predictable result of illegal storage of hazardous wastes," said Gerald Pollet, director of Seattle-based Heart of America Northwest.

The explosion blew the lid off the tank, rupturing a fire sprinkler line that flooded the fourth-floor room and flowed down an elevator shaft to a parking lot before water and electricity to the building were shut off, Piper said.

There was no fire and the building's radiation containment and ventilation systems remained intact, he said.

Filters in ventilation stacks were checked and showed no signs of radiation or chemical contamination, he said.

Nine workers were taken to a hospital as a precaution after reporting a metallic taste in their mouths.

The Energy Department declared a site alert late Wednesday, but rescinded it and told employees to report to work at their regular times.

Piper said he had appointed a team of experts to investigate how the explosion occurred and to review procedures for storing chemicals on the sprawling, 560-square-mile nuclear reservation in south-central Washington state.

The room where the blast occurred formerly was used to mix and store chemicals used in the plutonium recycling process, but contained no radioactive materials, Piper said.

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March with a mission

Local Christian event Saturday, evening concert planned to follow

By DEBBIE L. JENSEN
Features Editor

Big Spring residents will celebrate the fifth annual March for Jesus at 10 a.m. Saturday.

Organizer Aline Howard said planning this year's event has been more fun than ever.

"Awareness is so widespread," she said. "We don't have to really worry about getting people signed up and organized anymore. It just happens. This is a bunch of people truly working together."

The event brings together Christians of many denominations all over the world at the same time to march, sing and praise.

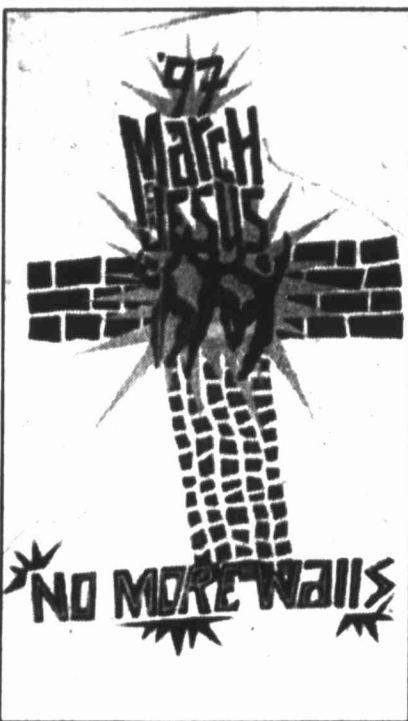
Beginning at the Howard County Courthouse, the march

will use the same route as last year: proceeding from Third Street south on Scurry to Eighth, west to Gregg, south to Tenth. From there the group will proceed east to Main and return north to the courthouse.

Participants need to pick up a program at the start of the march so they will have words to all the songs and prayers, Howard said. Music will be broadcast to marchers with help from KBST.

For a new twist this year, an evening event is planned as well. A free concert will begin at 7 p.m. Saturday in the parking lot behind Spanky's, Cornerstone Christian Resource Center and Neal's Sporting Goods.

"This is going to be a fun, family event," Howard said.



"Spanky's will be open. There will be balloons for the kids, mime performances and dance."

In addition to Spanky's coffee drinks, there will be cotton candy and other treats available during the event.

Musicians from the community will perform, including Matt and Shelly Warren, Barry Dunham and others. Lawn chairs are welcome.

Joining local residents for the march will be performers from Youth With A Mission. They will stay in town an extra day for the event, after a planned concert tonight at Howard College.

"The best thing about this is really the sense of community," said Howard. "So many people working together, it's a great fellowship."



A group of marchers is shown in the first event, the 1993 March for Jesus.

Recognition pin



HERALD Photo/Debbie L. Jensen

Martha Cummings of Daughters of the American Revolution Ellisha Mack Chapter presents a pin to Dillon Phernetton Tuesday. Cummings was recognizing Kristie Carruthers' first grade class at St. Mary's Episcopal School for its winning entry in the Junior American Citizen Contest. The class won first place in the state and third in the South Central Division of six states, with its project, "Reading Resort."

Communication matters

Parents need to spend time talking with children

By BERNIE DONATO
Guest columnist

"Madonna and Child" is a famous painting that comes down to us from the Middle Ages.

Several great painters of that period, such as Raphael and Leonardo de Vinci, painted the Virgin Mary and Baby Jesus in one pose or another. Such pictures evoke in us sweet memories of childhood when our own dear mothers cradled us in their loving arms.

Looking at a beautiful, innocent child warmly snuggled in the mother's arms, makes us wonder, how would this child be when he or she grows up to manhood or womanhood?

Will the child continue to be sweet and innocent, loving and kind...or will he or she turn out to be bad, maybe a criminal?

Bringing up a child is a great and very solemn responsibility. It will need the wisdom of a King Solomon and the tender loving care of a Virgin Mary. As somebody said, "The hand that rocks the cradle is that hand that rules the world."

Not all sons or daughters will become rulers of the world, but they certainly will have a tremendous influence in the

lives of people of their generations and the generations after them.

So they must be taught what is right and what is wrong from infancy. And one of the ways to achieve this is through a close contact between parent and child during which Dad or Mom will have opportunities to talk with the child as a person to a person.

Impressions at this early age are reflected in adulthood through such expressions as, "Mother used to say..." or "My dad used to tell me..." and so on.

Today parents seem to have no time to talk with their children, and if they have, it is only when they are upset or angry.

As a result, instead of words of love or encouragements, what comes out are words of censure, criticism, condemnation, or discouragement. It is, therefore, no surprise when breakdowns of communication and alienation take place.

How wonderful would it be if mothers and fathers talk with their children about things the children like to talk about.

I understand that often the children's constant chatter and questions can become frustrat-

ing and bothersome. But this should not discourage us; instead, it should challenge us to be more observant, desire to learn, and be alert of situations taking place around us.

Yes, let us take time to talk with our children. Answer their questions as best we can, and if we don't know the answers, let us honestly say, "I don't know. How about the two of us finding the answer together?"

This way we can help develop in our children the desire to find out things for themselves, or make a "research," as they grow older.

Close communication between parents and children was well understood even during ancient times.

The Bible says, "Ye shall teach...your children, speaking...when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, when thou liest down, and when thou riseth up." Deuteronomy 11:19.

Even to be reminded alone of the importance of communication between parent and child, "Mother's Day" is a real blessing.

Bernie Donato is pastor for Big Spring Seventh-Day Adventist Church.

CLUB NEWS

Big Spring-Howard County Retired Teachers Association

Members of the Big Spring-Howard County Retired Teachers Association will meet in the Cactus Room at Howard College on Monday. Coffee and fellowship hour is 10:30 a.m. and lunch will be served at 11:30 a.m.

A special program is to be presented by the Bauer fifth grade choir, directed by Susan Dawes. This will be the last meeting and program for 1996-97.

During the business meeting, chaired by Billye Grisham, president, the officers for 1997-98 will be installed. Officers are: Doris Huijbregtse, president; Clovie Shannon, first vice-president; Loma Jean Wynn, second vice-president; Myrtle Lee, recording secretary; Jean Warren, corresponding secretary; and Eunice Thixton and Billye Grisham, co-treasurers.

During the April meeting, Doris Huijbregtse and Lucy Bonner reported on the Texas Retired Teachers Association Convention which met in Corpus Christi on April 9-12.

All retired personnel are invited to attend the meeting on May 19.

Mary Jane Club

The Mary Jane Club of Coahoma held its final meeting of the club year at the Dora Roberts Community Center in Big Spring recently. Thirteen members were present for the luncheon meeting hosted by Patricia Barr and Diane Wood. Catered by Kathy Lusk, the meal was served at quartet tables overlooking the lake.

In a brief business meeting presided by Eula Bell Fowler, the club voted to make a donation to the Relay for Life for luminaries in memory of the late Lou Clawson, a member of the Mary Jane Club who lost her fight with cancer. In other business programs for the 97-98 club year were discussed. The next meeting will be in September with the annual brunch.

1970 Hyperion Club

The 1970 Hyperion Club met May 9 at the home of Carolyn Freeman. A luncheon followed

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CHURCH NEWS

St. Mary's Episcopal Church

St. Mary's Episcopal Church will conclude their Sunday School classes for the summer on May 18. It has been an exciting Sunday School year with outings to the Sand Hills State Park and the Midland Community Theater. St. Mary's would like to thank Gloria Coffee, Kim Crowley, Lisa Emerson, Julie Frey, Barbara Harris, Charla Lewis, Kathleen Liggett, Inez Petty, Cherie Tidwell, and Teresa Sheppard for all their dedication and hard work with the children and youth of St. Mary's.

St. Mary's men's Brotherhood breakfast and meeting will be Saturday, May 17, at 8 a.m. in the Parish Hall, 1001 Goliad. The public is invited to come by for some fellowship and food.

Baker's Chapel

Baker's Chapel Methodist Church Missionary Society will have a Bake Sale, Saturday, May 17, starting at 8 a.m. in front of Wal-mart SuperCenter. There will be cakes, pies, brownies, cookies and lots of goodies. Proceeds from this effort will go toward missionary work.

First Christian Church

Sunday, the youth of First Christian Church will conduct the 10:50 a.m. service of worship. Immediately following the morning worship there will be a noon luncheon in the fellowship hall to celebrate Youth Sunday and to honor our graduating students.

At 6:30 p.m. Sunday, immediately following the regular church board meeting (5 p.m.), Debbie Guschke, director of this year's Bible School, will have a training/information meeting for the teachers and helpers of the Wild Wonderful

Wednesday's program (W.W.W.). Remember that the registration deadline for W.W.W. is Wednesday, May 21. Please call the First Christian Church office at 267-7851 between 8:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. for information.

Also, Wednesday, May 21, from 7 to 9 p.m., a "going away party" for foreign exchange students in the Big Spring area is planned in the fellowship hall of the church. Host parents of Carolin Wenzel and Andreus Scheuren, both of Germany; Beata Sakowska, Poland, and Guilherme Balbim, Brazil, are inviting the community to attend the reception for these young people who will be returning to their families and homes soon.

The time for choir practice on Wednesdays has been changed to 6:30 p.m. for the summer months. A nursery is available and all who are interested are welcome to come.

Midway Baptist Church

Midway Baptist Church will

be hosting the Pearly Gates Trio from St. Paul Baptist Church in San Angelo this Sunday evening and you are cordially invited to worship with us at 7 p.m. This will be an inspiring worship service as they present the gospel through music.

First Presbyterian Church

First Presbyterian welcomes Dr. Jerry Kelly of Samaritan Counseling Center as its guest minister on Sunday. His sermon will be, "Making Sense Out of Pentecost." Worship begins at 11 a.m.

West Texas Ranch for Christ

Sunday, a singing of all denominations will be at the West Texas Ranch for Christ, operated by the International Evangelism Association.

J.D. Taylor of Blackwell, asks everyone to bring a sandwich to eat on the way and be there about 1 p.m. to do some touring

and picture taking. Bring your camera and lawn chair. Winging will start at 2 p.m.

The ranch is 22 miles south of Sweetwater on highway 70 and 3 1/2 miles east or 6 miles north of Blackwell.

For more information call 915-282-2756.

First Methodist Church

"Giving Leads to Living" will be Dr. Ed Williamson's message on Sunday. Services are at 8:30 and 10:50 a.m. Everyone is encouraged to wear red for Pentecost Sunday. Big Spring High School seniors of the congregation will be honored at the 10:50 a.m. service.

The church has a home page on the Internet at <http://www.xroadstx.com/users/fumc/index.htm>. It is also broadcast on KBST 95.9 FM at 10:50 a.m. each Sunday.

Vacation Bible school will begin June 9.

Church news is due Wednesday at noon for Friday publication

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Call Debbie Jensen at 263-7331, ext. 235, or send a note to the *Herald life!* section at P.O. Box 1431, Big Spring. Please include a number to call for more information.

What's a kid to do?

If your group, agency or business is offering special programs for kids this summer, let the *life!* section know about it for an upcoming feature. Send the information (including dates, places and times) to Debbie Jensen at the Herald, P.O. Box 1431, Big Spring. Please include a phone number.



FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Youth concert tonight

"Friday Night Rock" will be presented at 7 p.m. tonight in the Howard College Auditorium. The musical prayer, dance and drama production is geared toward high school youth.

Youth With A Mission of Tyler are presenting the musical.

The theme is "Is what you're living for worth dying for?" Admission is free.

March, concert set

March for Jesus will begin 10 a.m. Saturday at the Howard County Courthouse. Marchers should assemble beginning at 9 a.m.

There will be an outdoor concert at 7 p.m. Saturday in the parking lot behind Spanky's, Cornerstone and Neal's (1900 block of Gregg).

THE LAST WORD

This I conceive to be the chemical function of humor: to change the character of our thought.

Lin Yutang

An ideal is often but a flaming vision of reality.

Joseph Conrad

A good marriage is that in which each appoints the other guardian of his solitude.

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CLUBS

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the installation of officers for the 1997-98 club year.
Officers included: Kim Cooksey, president; Dee De Cauley, vice president; Sue Haugh, secretary; Elaine Talbot, treasurer; Thelma Carlisle, historian; Carolyn Freeman, parliamentarian; and Linda Mueller, reporter.

Scenic Cactus Chapter of A.B.W.A.
The Scenic Cactus Chapter of A.B.W.A. had its monthly meeting May 12, at Betty Kelley's home. A workshop on handwriting analysis was done by Marilyn Irving of Midland. Marilyn has a masters degree in Mastergraphonanalysis from Chicago University. Handwriting analysis is also known as brain writing and is used by major companies as an employment screening tool.
The chapter will have its annual scholarship auction at 7 p.m. June 9 at Garrett Hall. The group will also give out scholarships to the Kids College program at Howard College. In addition we will be accepting applications for scholarship requests until June 9. Applications can be obtained at Howard College and returned to Danelle Castillo, Elaine Tubb or Betty Kelley. For more information contact the Financial Aid Department at Howard College.

Big Spring Art Association
The Big Spring Art Association will meet at the West Texas Center of the Arts at 7 p.m. Tuesday. Anyone interested in arts is welcome. There will be a demonstration for the program.

Club news is due by Wednesday noon for Friday publication.

Pastor's wisdom rings true

By VALERIE CULP WILKERSON
The Lufkin Daily News

LUFKIN, Texas — To talk with the Rev. Fred Julien, M.S., is to be in the presence of a man who has had time and experience to cultivate wisdom.
Here are some of the thoughts Julien shared during a recent interview:
— On getting along with someone who is irritating: "I have learned to remind myself they are made in the image and likeness of God just like me. . . . Say a few prayers for the person you dislike."
— On marriage: "One of the things a husband and wife should remember is that each one comes from a different background. Each should be willing to give up some of their ways and so should the other."
"It takes two people to make an argument. If you keep your mouth shut, the other person looks pretty foolish to keep talking."
— On society: "If you want a great society you have to have a good family. The family is the most important unit in our society."
— On healthy families: "When I was brought up I don't ever remember my father and mother arguing. I never heard angry words or vulgarities of any kind. The home is the most important educational center for children. . . . Lots of times parents today don't have time to spend with their children. We have to spend time with our children."
— On living without regrets: "An old priest once said to me, 'Fred, I have lived long enough to regret every harsh word I have ever said.'"

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I Corinthians 10:13

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Payton, Kemp give Sonics new life vs. Rockets

SEATTLE (AP) — The Seattle SuperSonics, on the verge a few days ago of falling out of the playoffs, are proving to the Houston Rockets and everyone else that they are tough to land a knockout punch against.

The Sonics, looking to become only the sixth team in NBA history to overcome a 3-1 deficit to win a playoff series, tied their Western Conference semifinal series at 3-3 with a 99-96 victory Thursday night.

The series will be decided in the seventh game at The Summit, where the Sonics won Games 2 and 5, on Saturday. In the first round, Seattle trailed 2-1 before winning the final two games against Phoenix.

So who's going to win it? "My teams have always played well when they've been backed into a corner," Houston coach Rudy Tomjanovich said. "They have the advantage because they're going home,"

said Gary Payton, who hit the shot of the game with 12 seconds left after the Rockets rallied within two after trailing Seattle by 22 points.

The Sonics are seeking to duplicate what the Rockets did two years ago when they came back from trailing 3-1 in a semifinal series to beat the Suns.

In a trade with Phoenix in August, the Rockets added Charles Barkley to go with Hakeem Olajuwon and Clyde Drexler in what many figure is their final opportunity to win another title. All three superstars are 34, and Drexler will turn 35 next month.

After beating the Sonics in overtime last Sunday, Houston had a 3-1 advantage, and last season's conference champs were on the ropes. Maybe that's just where the Sonics wanted to be.

"We've given ourselves a

chance to go on," said Seattle's Shawn Kemp, who had 22 points, 11 rebounds and an apparent slap at Kevin Willis with three seconds left in the third quarter.

There almost wasn't a Game 7. The Sonics opened the game with a 16-2 blitz, led by 22 twice early in the second quarter and were up by 19 when Terry Cummings hit a 16-footer 23 seconds into the final period.

The Sonics built up their 22-point leads — their largest of the series — by running. Houston finally rallied by stopping Seattle's fast break on the boards, rebounding the Sonics 57-43.

"We don't need to bang with them if we can outrun them," Payton said.

"We'll probably have to press more down there to win," Seattle coach George Karl said. When Seattle went ahead by 19, it looked like the first

blowout of the series. It didn't happen.

Drexler's 3-pointer with 31 seconds left cut the Sonics' lead to 95-93. The Key Arena crowd of 17,072 wondered if it was going to have to go home disappointed.

Payton, averaging a career-best 23 points in the playoffs, came through again. His spinning, acrobatic left-handed hook put the Sonics ahead 97-93. It was the Sonics' only basket in the final 7:59.

Payton finished the game with 19 points, 13 assists, eight rebounds and five steals. He also had a face-to-face confrontation with Drexler near the end of the first half, and each player got a technical.

"He may be the best point guard in the league," Tomjanovich said of Payton. "In terms of strength and toughness, he definitely is." So what's going to happen

now? "Before the series began, I thought we could hang with them," Payton said. "We're fortunate to get it to Game 7, but I feel like we're going to win."

Barkley, who had 20 points and 12 rebounds, came to the postgame interview room to make a statement, not answer questions. "We are going to win Saturday, we are going to win Saturday, we are going to win Saturday," he said before getting up and walking out.

Barkley might have been talking from his heart. He was a member of the Suns' team that lost that 3-1 lead to Houston in 1995.

Drexler missed a 3-point attempt with seven seconds left and Hersey Hawkins made two clinching free throws for the Sonics with 5.8 seconds remaining before Sedale Threatt sank a 3-pointer for Houston just before the final buzzer.

It made for some exciting TV in Salt Lake City, where the Utah Jazz are waiting to find out who they're going to play in the conference finals. If Houston won, the finals were supposed to start Saturday. Now, they won't start until Monday night.

The Jazz were 3-1 against the Sonics and split four games with the Rockets during the regular season.

Olajuwon led the Rockets with 30 points and 11 rebounds, including 16 points in the fourth quarter.

There wasn't any P.J. Brown vs. Charlie Ward-type confrontation, but there was an ugly incident near the end of the third quarter. Willis was called for a technical foul for throwing an elbow at Kemp, who appeared to retaliate with a slap to the head.

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Lady Hawks sign 3

HERALD Staff Report

Howard College head women's basketball coach Matt Corkery announced Thursday the signing of three players to national letters of intent.

Corkery said Danielle Rainey, Jovanae St. Cyr and Kisha Shepard of Los Angeles will play basketball for the Lady Hawks next season.

Shepard, from Crenshaw High School, is a 5-foot-9 guard who averaged 15 points and 4 assists per game.

"Kisha is an excellent shooter with good all-around skills on the perimeter," Corkery said. "Her range behind the three-point arc (she was a 40-percent three-point shooter last season) will help our versatility on offense."

St. Cyr, a teammate of Shepard, is a 6-0 forward who averaged 12 points and 9 rebounds a game. She averaged 55 percent from the field and was named to the All-City team.

"Jovanae is a versatile player as well as a great athlete," Corkery said. "She can play facing or with her back to the basket. Her ability to rebound and defend will improve our front line."

The third Crenshaw player signed is Rainey, a 5-8 guard who won all-state honors while averaging 18 points and 6 rebounds a game.

"Danielle is a very talented young lady," Corkery said. "She has the ability to play both guard positions and can create shots for teammates as well as herself. We expect her to be a big contributor as a freshman."

Corkery said the program at Crenshaw helped prepare the players for collegiate basketball.

"The program at Crenshaw

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BRIEFS

From staff and wire reports

Softball tourney Saturday, Sunday

The May Madness Softball Tournament will be held May 16-18 at Cotton Mize Field in Big Spring.

The \$90 entry fee comes with a three-game guarantee. Awards will be presented to all-tournament team members, tournament MVP and gold glove winner.

For more information, contact Chuck Martin at 264-9236.

Big Spring CC sets men's tourney

Big Spring Country Club will host a two-man low ball tournament Saturday and Sunday. Entry fee is \$120 per team, plus carts, and includes a barbecue after Saturday's round of play.

For more information, call Larry Bryan at the Pro Shop 267-5354.

Little League results

Dan Griffin, Cannon McWilliams and Sam Tindol led a 14-hit attack as the Angels downed the Rangers 12-5 in Coahoma Major League action Tuesday.

Griffin, McWilliams and Tindol had three hits each, while Tindol and Ben Griffin combined to pitch a seven-hitter.

Kelby Kemper hit a solo home run for the Rangers.

Coaches are asked to pick up result forms at the Herald's front desk between 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday.

CGA tournament Sunday

The Chicano Golf Association will hold a four-man, A-B-C-D Player golf tournament Sunday at Comanche Trail Golf Course.

The first six holes will be low ball format, the second six holes will be selective drive and the third six holes will be a best-ball scramble.

Tea times are 9 a.m. Sunday. For more information, contact Linda

at the golf shop, 264-2366.

Hawks plan hoops camp

Registration is being accepted for the annual Howard College Boys Basketball Camp, which begins June 2 at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

The camp, hosted by Howard College basketball coach and athletic director Tommy Collins, will be held in two sessions — a day camp open to all ages June 2-5; and an overnight camp for players in grades 10-12 only June 16-19.

Cost for the day camp is \$95, which covers tuition, equipment, noon meals and a T-shirt. The overnight camp, which will be limited to the first 32 applicants, costs \$190.

For more information, contact the Howard College athletic department at 264-5040.

Tennis banquet today

The Annual Big Spring High School

Tennis Banquet will be 7 p.m. today at La Posada Restaurant. Tickets may be purchased at the door for \$5 per person.

WTC names new coach

SNYDER — Former Western Texas College star Valery Jackson was named Monday as the new women's basketball coach at WTC.

Jackson, who played for the Lady Westerners' national tournament team in 1989, was head girls' coach at Wilmer-Hutchins High School in Dallas the past two years. In that time, she compiled a 33-28 win-loss record.

She was a two-time all-state basketball player for the Morton High School Indians in 1987 and 1988.

She replaces Anthony Portley, whose one-year contract was not renewed by WTC regents.

WTC competes in the Western Junior College Athletic Conference, which includes Howard College.

Rested Woods one back at Byron Nelson Classic

IRVING (AP) — It seems like Tiger Woods missed golf as much as golf missed Tiger Woods. And that's a big reason why he is as good as he is.

"I needed a break mentally," Woods said Thursday after shooting a 6-under-par 64, one stroke off Jim Furyk's lead in the GTE Byron Nelson Classic.

"But teeing it up is what I like to do," he said when he finished his first competitive round since winning the Masters in record-setting fashion a month ago.

"I was pretty nervous out there," he said about the raucous reception he received on the first tee. "I had the jitters. It was nice to feel that again. I just wanted to shoot something under par."

That he did — and more — thrilling the record gallery by rolling in a 15-foot putt on No. 1 to birdie his first hole back on tour and then adding consecutive birdies on Nos. 5, 6, 7 and 8 to turn the front nine at 5-under-par 30.

"I just wanted to get off to a good start," he said. "And obviously I did."

Woods got to 6-under with a birdie on No. 10, made consecutive bogeys on Nos. 11 and 12 because of bunker trouble, but birdied No. 16 and ended with a birdie on No. 18 to share second place with Dudley Hart and

Paul Stankowski.

Tom Watson, Lee Rinker, Eric Johnson, Kevin Sutherland and Chris Perry were knotted at 65. Defending champion Phil Mickelson, Nick Faldo and Justin Leonard were in a bunch at 66.

Furyk, who played the Cottonwood course and was returning from a break of his own, went out in 30 and birdied the final hole for his 63.

"I just had a couple of weeks off," Furyk said. "I jumped right in there and hit my irons well, chipped well and putted well — all things I had been working on."

Unlike Woods, who played before a massive gallery, Furyk said he had "about 10 people" following him.

Five of Woods' birdies came on putts of 6 feet or less as he showed wonderful distance control for a player who was away from competition for so long.

"I had a lot more feel than I thought I would today," Woods said. "I think that shows that my swing is in a better spot than it has been."

Not teeing off until 3:30 p.m. CDT because of a three hour and 40 minute rain and lightning delay, Woods raced the sun and managed to finish before darkness fell. In fact, because both the TPC course and the Cottonwood layout

were in use for the first two rounds, only three players were stranded by darkness despite the lengthy delay.

Woods' return ended a stretch of rest and relaxation since he won the Masters by a record 12 strokes in April. He skipped four consecutive tour events, but now will likely play three weeks in a row and then skip a week as he gets ready for his next major challenge, the U.S. Open outside Washington D.C. in June.

"Each round I'll get better and better with my mental state," Woods said before a shaky 74 in Wednesday's pro-am. "It took me about a round to get my focus and my intensity," he said about the last time he returned from a break this lengthy.

This return, though delayed by the elements on Thursday, seemed to be progressing just as Woods planned.

LPGA

ROCKLAND, Del. — The lengthy DuPont Country Club course was too dry for Laura Davies, thereby negating the advantage she enjoys as one of the longest hitters on the LPGA Tour.

Although she shot a 4-under-par 67 Thursday to take a 1-shot lead after the opening round of the LPGA

Championship, Davies was disappointed to see the course playing so fast. Eager to sway things in her favor, the defending champion came up with a plan.

"I'm going to get on the roof tonight and do a rain dance," she quipped.

That probably won't be necessary because Davies has enjoyed success on the 6,386-yard course regardless of the conditions. In addition to winning the rain-shortened tournament last year, she also won in 1994 and came in second in 1995.

"There are so many good memories here. It seems that every hole, something good happens to me on this golf course," Davies said.

That was particularly true on the 528-yard, par-5 11th hole. After hitting her ball into the bunker on No. 16, she worked her way down the 16th fairway before returning to 11. There, she blasted out of a bunker to save par.

Sherri Steinhauer, Chris Johnson, Kim Saiki and Barb Mucha were one shot back. Steinhauer eagled No. 9, holing a 9-iron from 126 yards, but missed a chance to tie for the lead by three-putting from 30 feet on 18.

"What's interesting is that Laura usually has such an

advantage because the course has played so long," Steinhauer said. "And now it's playing totally different and she's still doing well. She's just comfortable here."

Nancy Lopez was among six golfers at 69 entering today's second round.

Davies, despite enjoying her best start on this course, wasn't taking anything for granted.

"Leading after the first day is irrelevant. It's irrelevant who's winning after Day Three," she said. "The first three days, you're just jockeying for position. But if I can shoot three more rounds of 68, I reckon that will be a good finish."

Davies, 33, has failed to finish in the top 10 in four straight tournaments. Her fast start left her hoping for a different feeling on Sunday.

"You just want to wake up Sunday morning and think, 'I can win the tournament.' The last few weeks I've woken up with no chance to win and it's not the same feeling," she said. "You just want to be within three or four shots."

Saiki, who missed the cut in 1994 and failed to qualify last year, had five birdies and a pair of bogeys. She was 4-under until three-putting on the 17th, overshooting the hole from 20

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Ex-Rangers' hurler Rogers comes back to haunt former teammates

ARLINGTON (AP) — Kenny Rogers isn't picky where he gets his wins. If it just so happens he gets one at home, then it's double-sweet.

"I wanted to beat them (the Texas Rangers) as bad as anybody in the league," Rogers said. "For me right now, I'll take wins against anyone I can."

The former Ranger, who once pitched a perfect game for Texas, got the win in an 8-2 victory that extended the New York Yankees' winning streak to five.

Rogers, who lives in Arlington in the off-season, said he felt at home on the mound at the Rangers ballpark.

"I feel comfortable in the climate here," Rogers said. "I think I'm starting to throw the

way I'm capable of."

Rogers survived a shaky first inning after Cecil Fielder gave him a boost with a three-run homer.

Fielder homered in his first at-bat since a two-game absence. He did not travel with the Yankees to Minnesota this week, instead going to Viera, Fla., to attend the trial of his wife, Stacey. She was found guilty of obstruction for refusing to heed police warnings to move away from a car accident in February that involved a child the Fielders are raising as a son.

"To come back from personal business and play well is nice," Fielder said. "I didn't like to have two days off to do what I had to do."

Fielder has 261 homers and

821 RBI in the 1990s for tops in the major leagues.

Rogers (3-1), who had been involved in three straight no-decisions, survived a two-run first inning. He lasted 6 1-3 innings and gave up nine hits.

"It looked like Kenny was just feeling his way around in the first inning," said New York manager Joe Torre. "But in the third, he got into a good rhythm and went on from there. Pitching here, I can understand how he had early jitters and a little anxiety. The last two outings have been very important for him. He's expecting to do well instead of hoping. He pitched a helluva game."

Rogers said "I had pretty good stuff in the first inning. I kept waiting for the ball to find

a fielder but it didn't."

Torre said he likes what he has been seeing out of the defending world champions.

"I hope we're on our way," Torre said. "We're playing well right now. We're playing with a lot of confidence."

Texas manager Johnny Oates said the Rangers should have beaten Rogers.

"We had Kenny on the ropes early," Oates said. "We had the bases loaded and got only one run. We know that the longer Kenny goes, the stronger he can get."

Rookie Jose Alberro (0-1), starting because Ken Hill is on the disabled list, lasted only two-thirds of an inning.

After retiring the first two batters, he walked Bernie Williams and Tino Martinez and served up a first pitch homer to Fielder. Complaining of back spasms, Alberro was replaced by Matt Whiteside.

"We have no idea how bad Alberro's situation is going to be," Oates said. "I've never had so many guys not to be able to pitch because of physical problems."

Roger Pavlik also is on the disabled list for Texas. The Yankees got to Whiteside for four runs in the sixth inning. He gave up singles to Derek Jeter, Mariano Duncan and Joe Girardi and a two-run

double by Tim Lincecum. Texas scored twice in a four-hit first inning. Juan Gonzalez had an RBI single and Dean Palmer had a sacrifice fly.

The Yankees have won 19 of their last 25 games and have won nine consecutive series.

Notes: The Yankees have hit homers in 11 consecutive games for the first time since July 1994. In the last 15 games, New York has outscored the opposition 26-3. ... Ramiro Mendoza, who hasn't been feeling well, will be replaced by David Wells as New York's starting Friday night. ... Jeter has an 11-game hitting streak. ... Texas is 15-5 against the Yankees at The Ballpark in Arlington. Will Clark has reached base safely in 23 of his 24 starts.

Washington NBA team now the Wizards

BETHESDA, Md. (AP) — The Bullets have been eliminated twice since the end of the season.

First, the Bulls dispatched them in the playoffs. Now, their owner's done them in.

The NBA team formerly known as the Bullets is now officially the Washington Wizards.

The team announced the switch at a sporting goods store Thursday, unveiling a new logo and colors — not to mention hats and a full line of T-shirts for \$14.99, and just in time for Father's Day.

"We expect to sell out either today or tomorrow," Modell's Sporting Goods salesman Taylor Hill told a customer amid incredible bustle near a checkout counter.

"But we'll be getting more in."

The slick, modern logo features a white-bearded sorcerer in blue, his chest emblazoned

with a black "W" as he leaps over a gold crescent basketball-seamed moon.

The Wizard also spins a gold basketball with one hand while pointing to a gold star with the other.

"You have to make the logo appealing to the kids," said Bullets, make that Wizards forward Juwan Howard, who was on the design committee.

"They're the ones who get their moms and dads out to buy all those tickets. They're the ones who get their moms and dads to buy the apparel."

And buy they did. In fact, the financial bonanza was doubled because the store was also doing brisk business selling Bullets apparel, which is no longer being made.

"As of five o'clock, it's a collector's item," Hill said.

Owner Abe Pollin reiterated that the name change stems from the negative connotations associated with the word "bul-

lets," especially in a high-crime city.

He timed the change to coincide with the team's move next season from USAir Arena in Landover, Md., to the new MCI Center in downtown Washington.

"We wanted to make a statement," Pollin said. "Bullets kill people, that young people kill other young people with bullets."

Pollin, who allowed fans to choose the new name from a list of five finalists, plans to unveil new uniforms in July.

There will also be a new mascot to replace Hoops, a sort of walking basketball goal, who made his swan song appearance Thursday giving high fives to motorists outside the store.

The new name, logo, mascot, uniforms and arena are expected to provide at least a psychological boost to the team, which is on the rise after making the

playoffs this season for the first time in nine years.

"We can't say that the logo will definitely change our play or help us win a championship," Howard said. "We're going to have to do that ourselves."

Many fans said they liked the design because it uses basically the same colors as Pollin's other team, the NHL's Washington Capitals.

Some noted the lack of any reference to the nation's capital, although the team did unveil a secondary "dc" logo that will appear on the uniforms and team stationery.

The name change is the fifth in the team's 36-year history. The Chicago Packers debuted in the 1961-62 season.

They became the Chicago Zephyrs the following year. The team then moved to Maryland and became the Baltimore, Capital and eventually the Washington Bullets.

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High School is one of the best in the state of California," he said. "We are very fortunate to have these three young ladies come to our program. (The Crenshaw coaches) do an excellent job in developing young players."

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feet and then missing a comebacker from four feet.

Regardless, the 31-year-old Californian — winless in 102 career events — was delighted with her round.

"Overall, I hit the ball pretty solid. I placed my drives well; my approach shots hit the green," Saiki said. "You have to be extremely patient here. You want to play for the fat of the greens and you want to place your drives, and I was able to accomplish that."

Mucha capped her round with her sand wedge in hand, holing a 10-footer on 18 — her third birdie of the day. She did not have a bogey.

Mitzi Edge and Pat Hurst both settled for 69s after opening with a flourish. Edge was 6-

The Lady Hawks ended last season in a three-way tie for the title in the Western Junior College Athletic Conference, and advanced to the finals of the Region V tournament before being eliminated by Weatherford College.

under after 10 holes, but bogeyed four of the last eight. Hurst, 5-under at the turn, got a double-bogey on No. 1 and a triple-bogey on No. 3.

Hall of Fame member Pat Bradley, with 17 pars and a birdie, was tied with leading money winner Annika Sorenstam and nine others at 70.

"Whenever you finish a round under par, you've got to be pleased with it. Now I've got to add to it. That's the key," Bradley said. "At this point, it's really kind of early to be looking at the leader board."

Karrie Webb, ranked No. 2 on the money list, closed with a 15-foot birdie putt for a 71.

The tournament is sponsored by McDonald's.

USOC passes on bidding for 2008 games

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

The leadership of the U.S. Olympic Committee voted unanimously Thursday against bidding for the Olympics in 2008, feeling it lacked the time to compete against an entrenched and growing international field.

Instead, the USOC's ruling executive committee endorsed a bid for the Pan American Games in 2007, and asked its rank-and-file to think seriously about an Olympic bid for 2012.

"The chances of winning in 2008 were very slim," USOC executive director Dick Schultz said.

The final say on future games won't come until the full 107-member USOC board completes a month-long mail ballot June 15, and any 2012 move would be debated at a board meeting in November.

But the executive committee's recommendations usually are followed and that means eight Olympic hopefuls — Baltimore, Cincinnati, Houston, New Orleans, New York, San Francisco, Seattle and Washington — must wait a little longer for their chance to

carry the flame. USOC officials said all those cities had indicated at least a preliminary interest in bidding for 2012 and probably would be joined by at least two other cities, Chicago and Los Angeles.

Cities in the race for 2008 had the option of getting back the \$100,000 payments they sent to the USOC to secure their potential bids or keep them in place for 2012, officials said.

Having just hosted the Centennial Games in Atlanta last year and preparing to stage the Winter Games in Salt Lake City in 2002, the USOC panel said it was better to avoid a senseless \$40 million bid commitment for 2008 and look to future success.

"I'm really enthusiastic about the quality of these cities, and I think we'd have a real opportunity for 2012," USOC president Bill Hybl said.

A 2007 Pan Am bidder would be picked in 1999-2000, while a bidder for 2012 probably would be selected in 2003, Schultz said. Houston, Miami, San Antonio and Raleigh, N.C., are bidding for the Pan Am Games. Hopefuls for 2008 said they

were disappointed but understood the committee's stand.

"We knew coming into this that it was not only a strong possibility, but a strong probability," said John Moag, Maryland Stadium Authority chairman.

"This sets us up very well for the 2012 games, if the corporate sponsors decide to go ahead with it," said Jackie Landsman, spokeswoman for San Francisco's Bay Area Sports Organizing Committee.

The International Olympic Committee picks the host of the 2004 Summer Games in September, with Athens, Buenos Aires, Capetown, Rome and Stockholm the finalists. The United States did not enter a city for 2004.

The losers in that race are expected to run again for 2008, along with likely bids from London, Oslo, Pusan, Dublin, Madrid, Copenhagen, Paris, Toronto, Vancouver and one of two Japanese cities, either Yokohama or Osaka. There's also a possibility that Beijing or another city in China will enter, and that bid probably would become the automatic front-runner.

Cubs crawl out of Central division cellar

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

Things are looking up for the Chicago Cubs because they are finally looking down at the Cincinnati Reds.

Despite an NL-record 14-game losing streak to open the season, the Cubs lifted themselves out of last place for the first time Thursday night with an 8-2 victory over the San Diego Padres.

The Reds, meanwhile, tumbled to the bottom of the NL Central with their fifth straight loss — 2-1 to the Los Angeles Dodgers.

"I don't even look at the papers and the standings anymore," Reds manager Ray Knight said.

"The only time I see 'em is when I look at the scoreboard. Tonight, it had one Chicago

NL

team (the Cubs) in last and another (the White Sox) next to last. I looked up and was glad to see it."

He probably didn't look after the game, as it showed the Cubs in fourth place at 12-26, a game ahead of the Reds (11-27).

Elsewhere in the NL, it was Pittsburgh 4, Colorado 3 and Montreal 8, San Francisco 7. **Cubs 8, Padres 2**

At Chicago, the Cubs hit four triples — three in a four-run seventh inning — and Frank Castillo (2-5) pitched seven strong innings for his first win in three weeks.

Since breaking the losing streak, the Cubs are 12-12, while the Reds are now off to their worst start since 1950.

Leading 3-2, the Cubs broke the game open in the seventh off Tim Scott as Brian McRae, Doug Glanville and Sammy Sosa all tripled. It was Chicago's first three-triple inning since 1981.

McRae and Glanville had back-to-back triples, Mark Grace singled in a run, Sosa hit another triple and then scored on Rey Sanchez's infield out.

Sterling Hitchcock (3-4) was the loser in a game played in 45-degree temperatures and winds up to 25 mph.

"The best way to stay warm on a cold day is to hit triples and keep running the bases," McRae said.

Dodgers 2, Reds 1
At Cincinnati, Ismael Valdes allowed three hits over seven innings for his first win since April 2. Todd Zeile and Billy Ashley singled home runs to

help Valdes (2-4) snap a streak of six starts without a win.

Todd Worrell pitched the ninth, allowing a two-out single and walk before getting the final out for his 12th save in 15 chances.

John Smiley (3-6) gave up five hits in seven-plus innings, but took the loss in a game between the lowest-scoring offenses in the league.

"We're missing bunts, we're missing signs because we're trying too hard," Knight said.

"We've just got to relax and stay focused. We're executing like a bunch of Little Leaguers."

Pirates 4, Rockies 3
At Pittsburgh, Kevin Elster and Al Martin hit sixth-inning homers as Pittsburgh (21-18) slipped into first place in the NL Central, a half-game ahead of Houston.

SONICS

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Tomjanovich said he saw Kemp hit Willis. Karl defended Kemp.

"All Kevin Willis is trying to do is create a fight and disrupt the game with his elbows," he said.

Willis and Kemp tangled Feb. 14 in Seattle. Both players were ejected, and Kemp received a one-game suspension from the league.

While Mario Elie added 18 points for Houston, Drexler suffered through a 3-for-14 shooting night and scored only nine points.

And Matt Maloney, the hero of Houston's Game 4 win with eight 3-pointers, struggled with

four points in 27 minutes. Maloney has six points on 2-for-12 shooting, including 1-for-10 from 3-point range, in his last two games.

After the first quarter, it was a long night for Hersey Hawkins. Hawkins got nine points in the opening period and then went 0-for-6 during the last three quarters.

History appears to favor the Sonics on Saturday. Although the Rockets are 10-2 in loser-out playoff games since Tomjanovich became their coach in 1991, both those defeats have been against Seattle. And the Sonics are 5-0 in playoff series against the Rockets.

Slaney investigated for drug use

NEW YORK (AP)

In more than two decades of top-level competition, Mary Slaney mixed world championships and wasted chances in becoming the most prominent female runner in U.S. history.

Drugs never were mentioned when it came to the star-crossed four-time Olympian. Until now.

Her lawyer confirmed Thursday that Slaney, 38, was under investigation for heightened levels of strength-building testosterone found in a urine sample collected at the Olympic track trials in Atlanta last June.

Dorlane Lambelet Coleman, a Duke law professor, denied that Slaney used drugs and said she had passed three random tests since then.

"She's clean until they have a positive drug test, and there hasn't been a positive drug test," Coleman said by telephone from Durham, N.C.

She also criticized track officials for letting the investigation drag on for almost a year and said information about the

case might have been leaked as part of a personal grudge against the runner.

"Somebody was afraid this was going to go away," Coleman said.

The runner's husband, Richard Slaney, said his wife pressed to have the matter resolved quickly.

"We asked, in writing, before the Olympics for a resolution to this," he said in today's editions of The Oregonian. "They ignored us. They know she didn't do it. This should have been dismissed nine months ago."

If Slaney, 38, was found to have used performance-enhancing drugs, she would be banned from running for four years and could be stripped of all her results since the initial test. That would include her place on her fourth Olympic team and her second-place finish at the World Indoor Track Championships last March.

It would be another setback in a career filled with titles, but best remembered for a spill in the 3,000-meter finals at the 1984 Olympics.

San Angelo, Coca-Cola close to deal

SAN ANGELO (AP) — The Dallas Cowboys have an official soft drink. So why not San Angelo High School?

The San Angelo Independent School District is working on a proposal that would make Coca-Cola the school's official soft drink.

San Angelo students may not get as wide a drink choice from school soda machines in the future.

But for sacrificing variety, they could get new athletic facilities, such as higher-ceilinged weight rooms and fields to accommodate the district's expanding sports activities.

Coca-Cola Bottling Company of San Angelo has made a preliminary proposal that would net \$300,000 for the school's athletic facilities.

In return, only Coca-Cola's products would be sold in concession stands, snack bars and other places.

The deal also could get the

district more than \$52,000 in additional funding for non-athletic projects. Which projects get funded would be determined by the school board.

"There's not anything sketched in concrete as yet," athletic director Jim Hundley told school board members Tuesday night.

Hundley said Thursday he did not want to talk about a plan until school administrators put together a specific bid proposal package.

The school board voted 5-1

Tuesday night to develop bid proposals for exclusive beverage vending rights.

Trustee Joe Munoz voted against the measure, and board president Jim Carter abstained from voting. Munoz said he has nothing against Coca-Cola, but is concerned about giving any business exclusive selling rights within the district.

"We get a lot from other businesses in the community," he said. "It bothers me that we may be cutting out some businesses."

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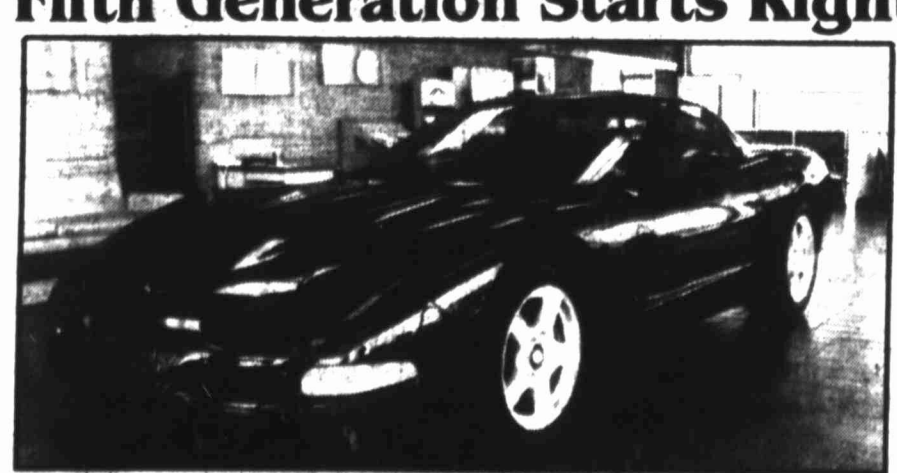
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Adopted son of gay dad is tired of comments that hurt

DEAR ABBY: I am 11 years old. I'm in the sixth grade and I'm adopted. I don't have a mother, but I have two dads. My dad adopted me just after I turned 1 year old because my



Abigail Van Buren
Columnist

mother took drugs and didn't take care of me. My dad met his lover when I was 4, and we have lived together since I was 6. The reason I am writing is for all the people who say bad things about my dad and me. It's usually not the kids at school, it's their parents and some of my teachers. They ask me if it bothers me that I was adopted by a gay man and don't have a mom. Well, it doesn't bother me — only their questions bother me. I love my dad and he loves me. I have a godmother I see every couple of months and she's kind of like a mom to me.

Some people say that living with my dad is going to make me gay, but his parents raised him to be straight and he isn't. My dad was born gay and he can't change who he is. He says you either are or you aren't. He has never told me to like boys (or girls). He says when I am older, I will feel love for somebody, just like he loves John, just like my godmother loves her husband and just like my uncle loves his wife.

Abby, I know a lot of people read your column. Please print my letter so maybe people will think twice before they say hurtful things to people like me. Just because my family is a little different doesn't mean I'm not happy. The Bible even says you should not judge other people. — **HAPPILY ADOPTED IN ORLANDO, FLA.**

DEAR HAPPILY ADOPTED: Thank you for a wonderful letter. There is an incredible amount of wisdom in that 11-year-old head of yours. May God continue to bless you.

DEAR ABBY: Per your recent request for examples of acts of kindness:

A Washington, D.C., man recently cleaned up and repainted a rusting and neglected police call box in front of his house. He was arrested for defacing government property!

A woman in the Midwest put a quarter in the parking meter of a total stranger. She was arrested for violating her town's parking laws.

A store owner on eastern Long Island put a sign in his window advertising the sale of pumpkins grown in his garden. He was arrested for violating some obscure zoning ordinance, and since his case has generated publicity, police and local officials have engaged in a campaign of harassment against him.

A public-spirited Chicago man who purchased an electric car to fight pollution is now engaged in a legal battle against the state motor vehicle officials, who claim that electric cars can't pass the required emissions test because they don't produce any emissions.

Who was it who said, "No good deed goes unpunished"? — **P.M. IN HICKSVILLE, N.Y.**

DEAR P.M.: According to Brewer's Quotations, "No good deed goes unpunished" is attributed to Oscar Wilde.

I agree that on the face of it, the reactions of the authorities appear unjust. However, before I render a judgment, I would have to know more of the details.

DEAR ABBY: My best friend (I'll call her Jennifer) is getting married soon, and she is busy making her plans.

Jennifer's stepmother told her that the maid of honor and the bridesmaids must be unmarried virgins. Is this true?

This news has disturbed Jennifer because all the friends she has chosen to be in the wedding party are married. — **BRIDE'S BEST FRIEND, NEW JERSEY**

DEAR BEST FRIEND: Jennifer's stepmother was either joking or she is misinformed. The bride chooses her best friends or closest relatives to be in her wedding party without regard to whether they are virgins or not. Marital and sexual status have nothing whatsoever to do with the honor of attending the bride.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR SATURDAY, MAY 17:

You make important decisions this year about money and partnerships. You will gain if you can go with the flow. Don't hold on to what is becoming obsolete. The unexpected occurs with bosses and career. If you are willing to walk a new path and take a chance, you will prosper. Take risks; you will ultimately profit. If you are single, you aspire to begin or progress a key association. You will want the friendship and support. A loved one becomes an even higher priority. If attached, this year adds a new dimension to your relationship. Don't argue about funds and other basics. Work on relating better. **LIBRA** is a friend.

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

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

The unexpected occurs with a loved one. You feel happy-go-lucky. Your goodwill helps open doors. Good news is everywhere you turn! Defer to another, and make the most of the moment. This could be great fun! Tonight: Say yes.****

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

Something gets thrown at you from out of the blue. Adapt to the changes. Use extra care with finances, and refuse to take any risks. Excitement is high. Be nurturing with others, especially a close friend. You make a big difference to someone dear. Tonight: Relax.****

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

You are playful. Be careful with a loved one. What seems like a hoot for you has unexpected results. Popularity is high. Respond to another's wacky overture. It can only be exciting. Go with the flow. Tonight: It's a wild time.****

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

You are pleasantly surprised by what a partner has up his sleeve. Not everything has to be your way; you might discover you are a lot happier if you relinquish control. You are happiest at home, with a favorite friend. Tonight: It could be quite the romp!****

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

Don't stand on ceremony. Reach out for what you want. Others delight you with their responses. Make this an easy play day. Consider options with a loved one. There is much to do. Keep in mind that fun is your highest priority. Tonight: You don't have to go far.****

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

Dealing with financial matters is key. Do not take money coming in for granted. Be sure of what is going on. A boss requires extra work from you. Whatever it is, responsibility

calls. Do it at home, if you can. Tonight: Order in.***

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

You are charisma-plus; you can have what you want. The world is your oyster, but you need to roll with another's quirkiness. A conversation is intense. Love is in the air. Be willing to take off at the last minute. Tonight: Let the romantic in you come out.****

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

Much is going on behind the scenes. Take a deep breath, and handle one item at a time. Acknowledge a sudden insight about a personal matter. Be careful with money; you are working more on impulse than usual. Take a walk to relax. Tonight: Do for yourself.***

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

Make time for friends. A call surprises you and infuses interest into an already good day. The more, the merrier. Celebration and happiness abound. Think through an impending change that affects how you project your feelings. Tonight: Where's the party?****

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

You command the limelight. Others come to you for sage advice. Another may ask for financial assistance, which takes you aback! Fortunately, you have the right words to handle settle the matter. Make time to visit an older relative. Tonight: You are a star.****

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

Make this a day to explore. Get some fresh air. Distance helps you gain a perspective you didn't have before. Your mischievous affability allows for different possibilities. A long-term goal changes. Tonight: Go for something different.****

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

One-to-one relating adds warmth and the unexpected to your life. New beginnings are possible, if you let go of the past. Instincts are right on with someone in charge. Responsibilities are high, but you can meet the demand. Tonight: Make time for a special relationship.****

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Jockey likes one horse, rides another

BALTIMORE (AP) — Gary Stevens thinks Touch Gold is one of the two best 3-year-olds he's ridden this year, but he won't ride him Saturday in the Preakness.

Instead, Stevens will ride the other colt, Silver Charm, with whom he won the Kentucky Derby.

Stevens got the mount on Touch Gold when Chris McCarron was injured in a spill and rode him to a second-place finish in the Santa Anita Derby four weeks before the Kentucky Derby.

McCarron, who missed the Kentucky Derby, will be in the Preakness — on Touch Gold on Saturday at Pimlico. He won the Preakness on Alysbea in 1987 and on Pine Bluff in 1992. Stevens has yet to win a Preakness.

While Touch Gold will be starting for only the third time this year, he was the 5-1 fourth early favorite behind 9-5 Silver Charm, 2-1 Captain Bodgit and 9-2 Free House, the first three finishers in the Kentucky Derby.

"He's coming off a huge race (an 8-length victory in the Lexington on April 20 at Keeneland)," Bob Baffert, Silver Charm's trainer, said Thursday of Touch Gold. "He lacks a little bit of seasoning, but he's very good horse, a very fast horse."

"I guess Gary Stevens likes the colt a lot," said trainer David Hofmans, who got Touch Gold in January after the colt had won one of four starts as a 2-year-old, all of them at Woodbine in Canada.

Stevens rode the colt to a six-length victory in a six-furlong allowance race March 17 before riding him in the Lexington, after which the Hall of Fame jockey proclaimed, "He's definitely one of the top two 3-year-olds I've been on this year."

Hofmans said it was after the allowance race that the Preakness was made a goal for

Touch Gold, owned by Canadian Frank Stronach and Janice and Robert McNair, who bought a quarter interest from Stropach.

"We never really considered running him in the Derby, but after the Lexington there was some pressure to do it," Hofmans said. "But it was too soon (a period of 13 days). He's a May 26 foal. He's not even 3 years old yet."

A layoff of 27 days after a relatively easy race, Hofmans thinks, could give Touch Gold an edge over Silver Charm, Captain Bodgit and Free House, who will be running in the 13-16-mile Preakness only two weeks after a tough race in the 10-mile Derby.

"Those top three horses really ran hard," Hofmans said. "I'm not underestimating those horses. They'll be tough to beat, but I think we'll have a slight advantage."

Touch Gold will be the first starter in a Triple Crown race for Hofmans, who upset Cigar with Alphabet Soup in the \$4 million Breeders' Cup Classic Oct. 26 at Woodbine.

The only other of the 13 Kentucky Derby starters in the Preakness will be Concerto, who finished ninth.

Two other contenders from among the six 3-year-olds making their debuts in Triple Crown competition are Frisk Me Now and Wild Tempest.

Frisk Me Now, who runs in the name of Carol Dender and is trained by her husband, Bob Durso, finished third behind Captain Bodgit and Pulpit in the Florida Derby and won the Flamingo, but was held out of the Kentucky Derby after he finished second in the Lone Star Derby on April 20 at Lone Star Park.

Wild Tempest, trained by Nick Zito and owned William Condren, the trainer and co-owner of Louis Quatorze, 1996 Preakness winner, has won two allowance races in five starts.

Avalanche edge Detroit

DENVER (AP) — Game 1 of the NHL's Western Conference finals had no fighting and no blood. No power, either.

But Colorado fans did get to celebrate a 2-1 victory over the Detroit Red Wings in the opening game Thursday night.

Referee Terry Gregson kept a tight rein on the action, whistling even minor transgressions.

Even so, there were only 34 minutes in penalties — a far cry from the 148 minutes the teams compiled in their most recent meeting, a bloodletting in Detroit on March 26.

"In a close hockey game," Detroit captain Steve Yzerman said, "you're always stressing 'be smart' and 'don't get caught up and get a retaliation penalty.'"

Everyone listened. Joe Sakic, last year's playoff MVP, had a goal and an assist in the third period, helping the Avalanche rally from a 1-0 deficit.

Patrick Roy stopped 34 shots as the Avalanche posted their 11th straight playoff victory at home.

Roy now has allowed only seven goals in Colorado's seven

home playoff games this year.

"Patty stood on his head and gave us a chance to win," said Mike Ricci, who scored the deciding goal at 6:13 of the third period.

"I don't think we played our best game of the playoffs tonight," Roy said. "But we found a way to win."

Colorado was outshot 35-19, and the NHL's most effective power play went 0-for-5.

The game was threatened — but went off on schedule — after one of three electric substations that serve McNichols Arena blew about 30 minutes before game time, apparently because of a thunderstorm.

The resulting power outage affected concession stands, restrooms and the press area throughout the game.

The seating area was unaffected, except for temperatures that rose 13-15 degrees.

Several sections of the ice surface became soft during the second period, but thanks to restoration of one of two ice chillers that cool the surface, the ice was normal for the third period.

Asked if the condition of the ice was a factor, Sakic said, "Not really. It's something both teams had to deal with. The puck was bouncing all over the place."

NHL officials were anxious. "There was some concern" about the game being played, commissioner Gary Bettman said. "We have our fingers crossed for (Game 2 on) Saturday."

In a rematch of last year's conference finalists, neither team disappointed.

Detroit's Brendan Shanahan broke a scoreless tie at 1:13 of the third period, taking a pass from behind the net by Martin Lapointe and scoring from the left circle. It was Shanahan's fifth goal of the playoffs.

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Aggies rout Oklahoma, 12-3

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — Texas A&M continued its strong play Thursday night, getting a complete game from Matt Blank and four RBIs from Matt Garrick to beat Oklahoma 12-3 in the first round of the Big 12 Tournament.

The third-seeded Aggies (39-18) won for the 23rd time in the past 29 games, and advanced to play No. 2 seed Oklahoma State on Friday night. OSU beat Baylor 11-8 earlier Thursday.

Oklahoma (35-18) will play top-seeded Texas Tech on Friday afternoon and must win to stay alive in the double-elimination tournament. Tech opened play with a 12-2 victory over Missouri.

Texas A&M had 19 hits, marking the seventh time in the past eight games the Aggies have had a double-digit hit total.

"I hope we didn't use it all tonight," coach Mark Johnson said. "Tonight was a good night for us. We found some holes and hit some long balls. We just had a lot of base hits."

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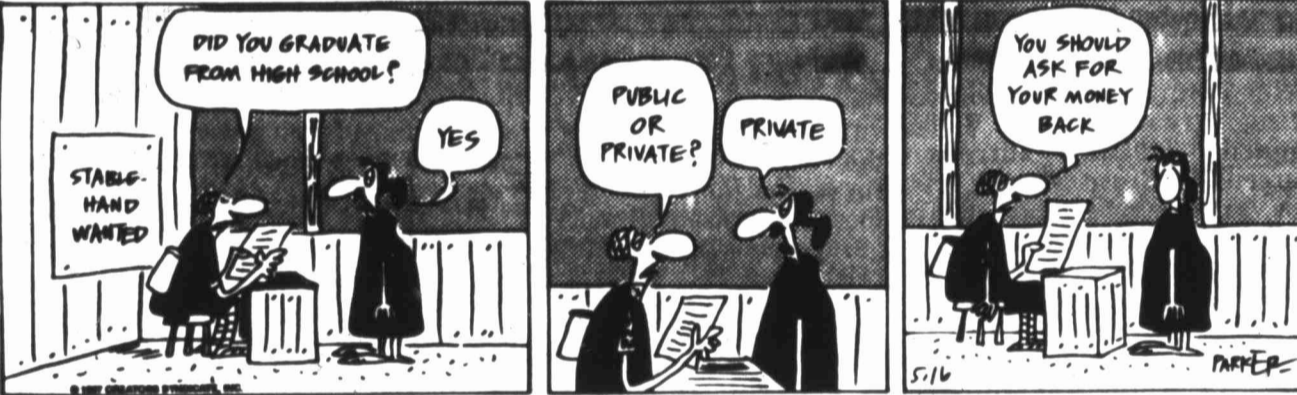
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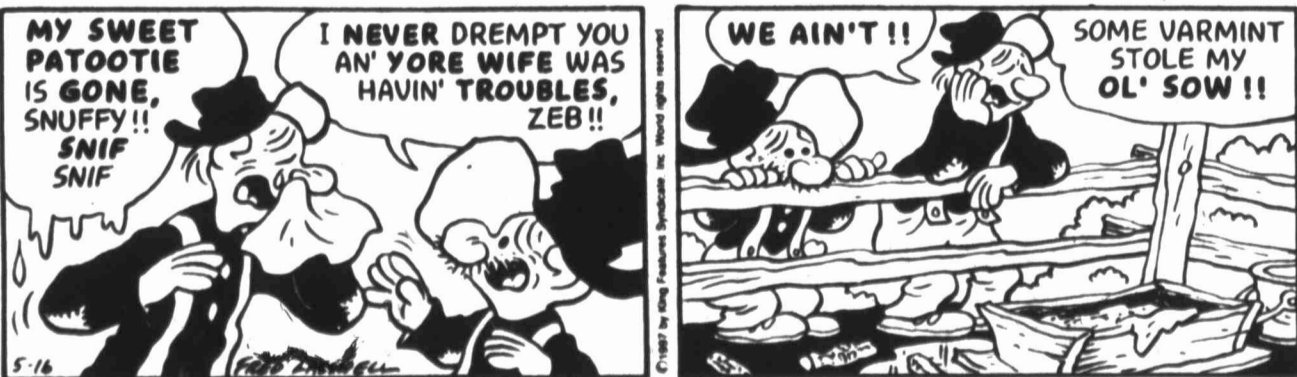
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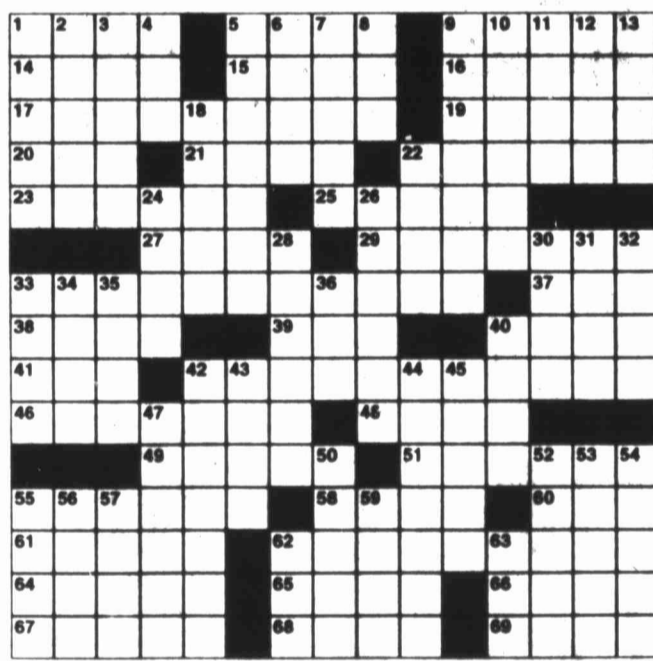
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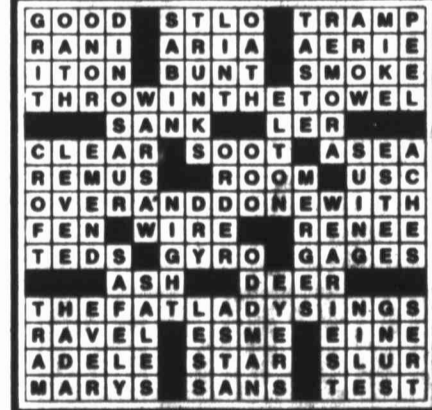
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- ACROSS
1 Earnest request
5 Cinema cetacean
9 Macho guys
14 Feel poorly
15 Funny guy
16 Rust, for example
17 Two, at times
19 Percussion instruments
20 Knockout count
21 To boot
22 Sponges
23 Motorcycle marathon
25 Gandhi associate
27 Allows
29 Easy mark
33 Checked pattern
37 Ivy Leaguer
38 "Lohengrin" lass
39 Leather-working tool
40 Court order
41 Oppenheimer's org.
42 Voice of authority
46 Infantryman
48 Box a bit
49 Earth tone
51 Puzzler
55 Usurers
58 Augsburg article
61 English philosopher
62 Sign of aging
64 Less apparent
65 Phone part
66 Solicit
67 Feats
68 Matched collections
69 -do-well



by Jay Sullivan

Thursday's Puzzle solved:



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- DOWN
1 Strike hard
2 Hope chest item
3 African antelope
4 Invite
5 Forest felines
6 Alpha, beta, and gamma

- 7 King of Thebes
8 Madison Ave. output
9 "The Rake's Progress" lithographer
10 Pentateuch part
11 Chinese porcelain
12 Sidle
13 It's a loch
14 Like an otary
15 Conversation
16 Forearm feature
17 Schools: Fr.
18 Rubberneck
19 Pizarro's conquest
20 Got off
21 Accompanying
22 Fore close?
23 Dairy case item
24 Maritime org.
25 Cries of pain
26 Utterance
27 Programming junkies
28 Noted publisher
29 Spreads out

- 45 Household help
47 Bifurcated
50 Macabre
52 Farm equipment name
53 Feudal sovereign
54 Go in
55 Hit the dirt
56 Fine-tune
57 Skin woe
59 Lacher
62 DJ's disks
63 Enjoyment

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