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Permian Building's owner provides city with renovation schedule

By CARLTON JOHNSON
Staff Writer

The future of the Permian Building was made clearer for city officials recently, but getting the building totally repaired and renovated is a process that may take the better part of the next three years.

City of Big Spring Chief Building Official Todd Darden sent owner Al Moore a letter earlier this month requesting that the building be secured and any hazards be removed, following the recent collapse of its east wall.

"We also requested by phone that

Moore give us a detailed schedule as to how he proposed to repair the building," 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 sent him a second letter asking him to present the city with a more detailed schedule of the planned work with realistic dates for completion.

Darden told the city council Tuesday that he has received a response from Moore as to how he plans to repair the building.

"Mr. Moore did recently obtain a permit for repairing the building and the expected completion date of repairs to the firewall is around Nov. 27," Darden said. "It will probably take an additional year to complete repairs to the exterior of the building."

Moore is currently making payments to the city for back taxes owed on the building.

Darden told the council that he believes Moore has good intentions

where the building's repair and renovation is concerned.

Should Moore not fulfill his obligations, the city has several options.

"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.

Basically, the city maintains the building is a health and safety hazard, as well as a hazard to what's left of the structure, according to Darden.

The brick wall of the building's east side collapsed April 29, causing a one-block area of downtown to be roped off as officials investigated the situation.

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

City officials said it didn't appear the building's foundation was affected.

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

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

Moore wouldn't go into what plans he has for the building, but did speculate the east wall facing would be metal or a similar fire-retardant material.

Farmers' concerns center on weevil

By JOHN A. MOSELEY
News Editor

Whether current legislative efforts to resurrect the Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Program are successful or not, area farmers say they're already getting an idea that they'll have to spend large amounts of money this summer if they hope to rebound from a disastrous 1996 growing season.

With the exception of one factor — the boll weevil — farmers, some still in the process of planting this year's crop, say current conditions couldn't be better.

"I've been farming since 1941, and so far, it's as good a year as I can remember," said Horace Tubb, who farms south of Big Spring. "We've got a good crop coming up and the soil moisture is just perfect."

However, Tubb admits being concerned by the number of boll weevils that are being trapped throughout the county.

"They're catching a lot of weevils in the traps they're putting out, and that's not good this time of year," Tubb continued. "Boll weevils and hail are the last thing we need right now. A hailstorm can put you out of business in five or 10 minutes. The weevils might take a little longer but can be just as devastating."

Gerald Hanson of Stanton, a retired farmer and farm supply store owner who currently keeps track of boll weevil trap data for Plains Cotton Growers Inc., reinforced Tubb's observation.

"If you've got one weevil per acre at this time it doesn't seem like much of a problem," Hanson said. "But that single insect is capable of laying 200 eggs. With a life cycle of 21 days, if you're not spraying them, you're going to have eight million weevils in 60 days."

"The only chance you've got is to spray them," he added. "You're not going to kill all of them, but if you spray every five days for five times, you've

got a chance of controlling them because you're able to break their 21-day cycle."

Hanson his line of traps in eastern Martin County revealed just seven weevils on May 4. By May 14 that number had risen to 106, and seven days later, the number of 736.

However, on May 26, Hanson said there were only 325 weevils in his traps. "That really makes us anxious to see where we'll be next week," he said. "Hopefully this is a sign that the crop isn't up enough for them to start reproducing and a lot of the over-wintered weevils are dying off."

Lanny Fryar, who farms land in both Howard and Martin counties, said he's had plenty of experience with fighting the weevils.

"One year I had to spray seven times ... my chemical bill alone was \$70,000, not to mention the cost of application," Fryar said Thursday while refilling seeds into the planting hoppers on his tractor. "It was worth it, because I made a good crop that year."

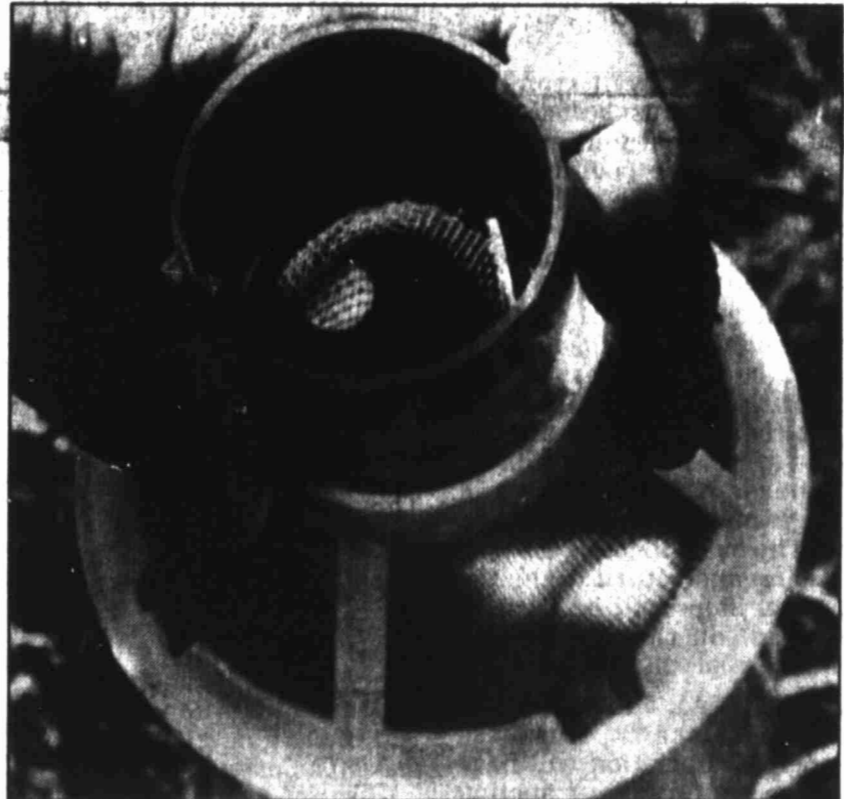
Fryar noted that most area farmers will be doing virtually everything they can in hopes of cashing in on a good crop this fall, because last year's harvest was so poor.

"We're going to have to spray for the weevils, and then we'll have to spray something else for the aphids and worms, because killing the weevils kills all your beneficials," Fryar added. "We're going to do everything possible. There are a lot of farmers that really need a good crop this year ... everyone's running old, worn out equipment."

In Austin, the Texas House sent the bill sponsored by Sen. Robert Duncan, R-Lubbock, that would revive the eradication program back to the Senate Wednesday for approval of changes it made in the initial wording of the bill.

The Texas Supreme Court threw out the boll weevil eradication program last month, ruling that it was unconstitutional.

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Lanny Fryar (top photo) fills his tractor's hopper with cotton seed as he plants his fields Thursday afternoon. Nearby, however, boll weevil traps are catching enough of the insects to worry farmers throughout the area.

Campbell submits ethics code proposal for council members

By CARLTON JOHNSON
Staff Writer

Several incidents last year during meetings of the Big Spring City Council that gave the impression that some members were exceeding their authority has prompted District 5 Councilman Jimmy Campbell to draft a code of conduct and ethics for the city's governing body.

Campbell first raised the issue of a code of conduct and ethics for the council several weeks ago during a meeting before presenting a proposed draft of guidelines during Tuesday's meeting.

"Basically, when you're elected to the city council, you don't receive any formal guidance as to how to conduct yourself as a member of the council, with city staff or with other council members," Campbell said.

"In my opinion, and in the opinion of some of my constituents, last year, there was the appearance at several council meetings that some members of the council acted in a manner that was outside the scope of their position," Campbell added.

The draft Campbell submitted was taken from a similar plan used in the Bryan-College Station area.

"As far as the city of Big Spring is concerned, this will have to be something that will be a matter of the city staff and council self-policing themselves," Campbell said. "The key thing with this proposal is for the council not to abuse the time of the city staff. This is just a promise to the citizens of Big Spring that we're going to

behave in the manner that we were elected to do."

According to the proposal, the council is the city's governing body and must bear the initial responsibility for the integrity of governance.

A specific section of the proposal addresses the code of conduct for the mayor and council members and states:

"During council meetings, council members shall preserve order and decorum, shall not interrupt or delay proceedings and shall not refuse to obey the orders of the mayor or the rules of the council; council members shall demonstrate respect and courtesy to each other, to city staff members and to members of the public appearing before the council; council members shall refrain from rude and derogatory remarks and shall not belittle staff members, other council members or members of the public; and council members should not use their position to secure special privileges and should avoid situations that could cause any person to believe that they may have brought bias or partiality to a question before the council."

The proposal, which Campbell hopes to have listed on the next council agenda also lists council responsibilities; responsibilities of the mayor, a section on council and city staff relations and a council code of ethics.

"A member is only one vote out of seven," Campbell said. "Anyone trying to influence city policy in a manner other than as a council member in a called meeting where majority rule is in effect, is acting outside of the scope of their responsibility."

Blackshear settles election judge dispute between Horton, DeAnda

By CARLTON JOHNSON
Staff Writer

A dispute between city council members Stephanie Horton and Pat DeAnda as to the selection of an election judge for Saturday's runoff for the District 2 council seat between DeAnda and Oscar Garcia has been settled by Mayor Tim Blackshear.

Blackshear, in accordance with authority given to him as established in the election code, has appointed Donna Reyna as election judge for the runoff.

Reyna is the nominee DeAnda tried to get approved at both the May 13 and May 27 council meetings, but the issue was tabled after the May 13 meeting because of the dispute.

The issue died at the most recent council meeting because it was an emergency action item which required a unanimous council vote and Horton voted against the nomination.

Blackshear said he decided to appoint Reyna because the majority of the council had already approved of her serving as election judge and she has served in that capacity before without any problems.

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Stanton, Borden County seniors graduating tonight

HERALD Staff Report

Stanton and Borden schools will award diplomas to graduating seniors tonight.

Stanton's ceremony begins at 8 p.m. in the high school gymnasium. Top graduates in the Stanton High School Class of 1997 are: Laurie DeAnn Adams, valedictorian, and Michael Matthew Moore, salutatorian.

Also graduating tonight are: Michelle Lee Adams, Leslie Anne Adkisson, Jose De Jesus Alvarez Jr., Tiffany Lee Austin,

Christopher Lee Bohanan, Brandie Denise Boswell, Keri Jo Brantley, Aaron Scott Brooks, John David Bryan, Arabella Carrillo, Mark Anthony Carrillo, Christopher Daniel Carroll, Ida Mae Cazares and Sandra Moreno Chapa.

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Borden High School's ceremony will be at 8 p.m. at the high school auditorium. The school's top graduates are: Reagan Smith, valedictorian, and Margaret "Maggie" Flanigan, salutatorian.

Others in the Borden High School Class of 1997 are: Peter Benavidez, Sandy Brummett, Carrie Hart, Shelby Isaacs, Grant Key, Amy Mason, Deborah Parks, Fernanda Pecanha, Michele Rowe, Monica Schooler, Jason Scott, Dora "Dodi" Smith and Kerri Zachary.

Baseball playoff, Kids' Zone work session in spotlight

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

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Spring Herald, P.O. Box 1431, Big Spring, 79721.

If you wish, you may fax your listing to 284-7205 or bring it by the Herald offices at 710 Scurry. No information will be taken over the phone.

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

area are invited.

• Heritage Museum, today from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., 510 Scurry. For additional information, contact the museum at 287-8255.

• Kids' Zone work and repair session, 8 a.m. Saturday, at Comanche Trail Park. The event is being sponsored by Friends of the Park.

• Sidewalk arts and baskets sale, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, in the 100 block of Main Street. The sale is being sponsored by the Big Spring Art Association and Basket Peddlers.

• Region I-2A baseball championship, 5 p.m. Saturday, O'Bannon Field in Lubbock. Coahoma's Bulldogs will face Memphis with the winner advancing to the state tournament in Austin.

• Animal shelter open house, 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday, the I-20 service road west of the KC Steakhouse.

WEATHER

Today:



Sat:



Sun:



Mon:



Tonight, partly cloudy with a slight chance of thunderstorms. Lows 60-65. Saturday, partly cloudy. Highs 85-90. Saturday night, fair. Lows 55-65. Extended forecast, Sunday through Tuesday, Dry. Lows 55-65. Highs 85-95.

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New thoughts dominate welfare-to-work efforts

WASHINGTON (AP) — Churches across Texas are adopting a new approach to helping families on welfare, helping them with resumes, baby-sitting, transportation — just about anything it takes to help parents get and keep jobs.

"They do everything they can to help that family," said Comptroller John Sharp.

The Texas program exemplifies a new approach states are adopting to move people from welfare to work, focusing on challenges families face that have nothing to do with learning a type of work or a new machine.

Helping parents keep jobs is "just as critical" as helping them find jobs, Vice President Al Gore said Thursday as he announced creation of a coalition of civic groups committed to helping people make their way into the working world.

"Welfare recipients ... do not have the support systems that many of us take for granted," Gore said. "Simple problems become major obstacles."

For instance, he said, people on welfare may have trouble

handling anger and frustration, dealing with difficult co-workers, showing up for work on time, getting a car fixed or developing a personal budget.

"We're serious as a nation about changing the lives of these families ... then we've got to address these basic elements," Gore said.

It is a new focus for government and civic groups. In the past, the emphasis was on skills development, said Andrew Cain, program director for welfare reform at the National Governors' Association.

But many people lost faith in traditional training programs, she said. Often welfare recipients could not find jobs to match their skills, and the training went to waste.

Meanwhile, education and training fell out of favor politically, as a "work first" approach gained clout. Work requirements in last year's welfare reform law discourage classes and training in favor of community service and on-the-job experience.

McVeigh's attorney: Forget sympathy

DENVER (AP) — After prosecutors tried to press emotional buttons one last time, Timothy McVeigh's attorneys hammered away at the government's scientific evidence and urged jurors to rely on reason — not compassion for the 168 who lost their lives.

"If we let sympathy overcome reason, then sympathy becomes to this case what race was to another case," defense attorney Stephen Jones said, referring to the O.J. Simpson case.

Attorneys in the Oklahoma City bombing trial gave closing arguments Thursday. After court recessed, the 12 jurors and six alternates were sequestered at a hotel to prepare for deliberations, which begin today after the reading of jury instructions.

Prosecutor Scott Mendeloff followed Jones' summation with the government's rebuttal, the final argument jurors heard.

That fresh-faced young man over there is a mass murderer," Mendeloff said, pointing across the courtroom at McVeigh, who is charged with murder and conspiracy in the deadliest act of terrorism on U.S. soil.

Earlier, assistant U.S. Attorney Larry Mackey described how McVeigh set the

fuse on the truck bomb within sight of the federal building's day-care center, with only a "wall of windows" to protect the children from the blast.

Speaking just above a whisper, Mackey looked at the jury of seven men and five women and said, "It is now time to render justice. ... On behalf of the United States, I ask that you render a verdict of guilty."

By the end of his statement, one juror and more than dozen bombing survivors and relatives were crying.

The defense's sharpest challenge was aimed at the FBI crime laboratory. FBI chemist Stephen Burmeister testified that he found ammonium nitrate crystals on a scrap of Ryder truck panel and traces of explosives on McVeigh's clothing.

Prosecutors say McVeigh packed the Ryder truck with ammonium nitrate fertilizer, fuel and high explosives and detonated it outside the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building on April 19, 1995.

"This is a lab without a ruler, without a scale and without a captain," defense attorney Christopher Tritico said. "But this ship is making judgment

calls that affect people's lives."

Tritico asked how ammonium nitrate crystals could have remained on the truck panel after heavy rain fell on Oklahoma City that night.

"Magic, magic, more like smoke and mirrors," Tritico said.

During Tritico's attack, McVeigh appeared emotional, rubbing his eyes at one point. When Tritico finished, McVeigh patted him on the back and thanked him.

The 29-year-old Gulf War veteran could get the death penalty if convicted.

Regardless of the outcome, however, Oklahoma City District Attorney Bob Macy said he plans to file state murder charges against McVeigh.

During his summation, Jones contended that the prosecution's star witnesses, Michael and Lori Fortier, implicated McVeigh to save themselves from prosecution and hoped to get rich by selling their story.

"They're not believable," Jones said. "Put everything they said aside. Forget them."

He stressed that no witnesses saw McVeigh building a bomb or saw him in Oklahoma City the day of the bombing. He also

attacked the testimony of the witness who identified McVeigh as the man who rented the truck.

Raising the issue of a severed left leg found in the rubble, Jones suggested the seal bomber died in the blast.

But Mendeloff said the defense failed to damage an interlocking prosecution case built out of evidence from diverse sources.

"Is it a coincidence that the man with the bomb residue on his clothes had hate literature in his car?" Mendeloff asked.

Earlier in the day, Mackey said McVeigh was either the bomber or "the unluckiest man in the world," who happened to be arrested 75 miles from the bomb scene carrying literature announcing his intent, with explosives residue on his clothing.

McVeigh's own writings and anti-government literature showed he was motivated by rage over the deadly 1993 government siege near Waco, Texas, Mackey said. And he said McVeigh was fixated on "The Turner Diaries," a racist novel that describes the terrorist bombing of a federal building.

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Sympathy, support pour in for victims

JARRELL — From nearby towns and faraway places, from old friends and total strangers, messages of sympathy and support are pouring in for victims of Tuesday's killer tornado.

Offers of food, clothes, blood, money, prayers and even "strong backs" arrived via the Internet on Cox Interactive Media's World Wide Web site.

Many were deeply personal and religiously inspired. One reflected a teaching regard for people in need.

In a surprising burst of generosity, a vacationing Texas family pulled off Interstate 35 Thursday, drove to the Jarrell Crisis Center and donated \$200.

Penny Thomas, a crisis center director, identified the family as the David Hants of the Dallas-Fort Worth area and quoted young William Hunt as saying: "Dad told us that we need to give this money for our vacation to the families who will never be able to take vacations with their families again."

Major immigrant smuggling ring snipped

SAN ANTONIO — U.S. and Mexican agents have announced that they have broken up an international ring that smuggled more than 400 illegal immigrants a month into the United States.

The U.S. Border Patrol said in Laredo that the group had as many as 40 employees in a pipeline that stretched from deep in South America to the U.S. East Coast and used South Texas cities as major staging areas for its clients.

"This was a major, major organization," said Alfonso Moreno, head of intelligence for Laredo sector for the U.S. Border Patrol.

The San Antonio Express-News reported today that the group, which agents called "the Pena Organization," was blamed for the deaths of two undocumented immigrants whose bodies were found last July behind a service station at Buda, about 10 miles south of Austin.

"These guys were the top for distributing aliens in North America," an unidentified Border Patrol agent told the newspaper.

House, Senate members agree on water bill

AUSTIN — Legislation that would give Texas its first water conservation plan has been thrown a life preserver.

The bill, the top priority of Lt. Gov. Bob Bullock in the wake of last year's drought, appeared in jeopardy early Thursday after a conference committee of House and Senate members

battled heads over a provision regulating inter-basin transfers — the transfer of water from one area of the state to another.

House members of the panel had threatened to kill the bill, known as Senate Bill 1, if a proposal wasn't adopted that would greatly reduce the incentives for such transfers.

Several attempts by Senate members were made to modify the House's stance, but the House contingent, led by Rep. Ron Lewis, D-Mauriceville, repeatedly rejected those proposals after Lewis voiced an approach of "All or nothing."

Lawmakers downplayed the stalemate after voting to approve the bill and send it to the full House and Senate for consideration.

Home equity question sent to voters

AUSTIN — Texas voters will have the chance to decide whether they want the right to borrow against the equity in their homes after the Texas House voted 116-25 in favor of such a proposal.

Texas is the only state that doesn't allow general home equity lending. The state Constitution allows home equity loans only to pay for taxes or home improvements.

Opponents of expanding equity lending have argued that the limits have protected Texans from losing their homes. Despite assurances from colleagues that the measure going before voters would be one of the safest in the country, many lawmakers concurred.

Rep. Barry Telford, D-DeKalb, silenced the House Thursday with a heartfelt speech before the final vote.

"I want to congratulate (legislators) for trying to protect us in this bill," he said. "I just couldn't let the day pass without saying I kind of like some of the things about the old Texas. Even during the Depression, we had our homesteads protected."

Bush gets \$86.2 billion budget plan

AUSTIN — Texans' tax dollars would pay for more than half of \$86.2 billion in state spending over the next two years under a bill sent to Gov. George W. Bush.

The 1998-99 biennial budget, which got final approval from lawmakers Thursday, includes small pay raises for state employees and higher spending on education and prisons.

It's awaiting a final test: Bush's consideration.

"Governor Bush congratulates members of the Legislature for preserving \$1 billion for property tax cuts for homeowners and for putting the majority of new money into our schools," said Karen Hughes, Bush's spokeswoman.

Exposed wire prompts recall of 2,700 cords

WASHINGTON (AP) — More than 2,700 outdoor extension cords are being recalled because of a potential shock hazard from an exposed wire, the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission said Thursday.

The extension cords were sold under two brand names, Carol and Ace. The Carol brand models have orange, yellow, green, blue or beige chords and plugs that are either black or match the color of the cord. There are three receptacles in the plug, which is imprinted with the markings "CAROL"

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Quote of the Day

"Ideas won't keep, something must be done about them."

—Alfred North Whitehead

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OUR VIEWS

We salute:

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

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

This week we salute:

• BIG SPRING HIGH SCHOOL students who received a National Safety Belt Silver Award and FOR-SAN HIGH SCHOOL students who received a National Safety Belt Bronze Award from Texas Department of Transportation officials.

• COAHOMA'S BULLDOGS on reaching the Region I, Class 2A baseball finals with a 7-1 win over Abernathy at Midland's Christensen Stadium Tuesday night.

• GRADY HIGH SCHOOL'S TARAH SCHUELKE on signing a letter of intent to play basketball at Howard Payne University next season. A 5-foot-4 guard, she scored 15 points per game and averaged 5.2 assists in leading the Lady Wildcats to the Region II-1A tournament this year.

• JOYCE DAVIS of Big Spring who teamed with Mary Betke of Waco to post a new state record in doubles at the Texas Women's Bowling Association Championship Tournament in Corpus Christi.

• BIG SPRING'S HARLEY OWNERS GROUP and VIETNAM VETERANS ASSOCIATION on successfully completing the project to mount Huey UH-1 No. 0-61078 at the Vietnam Memorial.

• BIG SPRING HIGH SCHOOL'S BLAKE HULL and WES MOUTON, on being named first-team selections on the District 4-4A All-District Baseball Team. Teammates CLAYTON PATE and BROCK GEE earned honorable mention in the balloting of the district's coaches.

• GOLIAD MIDDLE SCHOOL PRINCIPAL JEAN BROUGHTON on announcing her decision to retire after 35 years as an educator.

• LEXENE WEAVER, on winning the Jack Y. Smith Award for her 20 years of service as an MHRM volunteer during the Big Spring State Hospital's Volunteer Services Council Luncheon.

• The BIG SPRING-HOWARD COUNTY RETIRED TEACHERS ASSOCIATION, on honoring DR. LAURENCE SNIVLEY with a reception and "roast" at his home.

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We must protect our right to keep bear arms

The gun control nuts are howling like hounds again. As a group, they are illogical, unscientific, lacking in integrity, anti-democratic in intent and wrong.

First, you have a constitutionally protected right to keep and bear arms. The language of the Second Amendment is quite clear. It says, "The right of the people to keep and bear arms shall not be infringed." It doesn't say "the right of the states" or "the right of militias." It says, "the right of the people."



Charley Reese
Syndicated
Columnist

That is the only reading which is consistent with American history. James Madison wrote to a European that our country, unlike those in Europe, was not afraid for its people to be armed.

This is extremely important. You cannot have a government of the people, by the people and for the people that is afraid of the people and wants to disarm them.

As an organization which calls itself Jews for the Preservation of Firearms has shown, there is a strong association between a disarmed population and genocide. In every totalitarian country in this century, the first step of government murderers was to disarm the people. They have pointed out and proven that the 1968 Gun Control Act was patterned after a

Nazi gun control act.

So, even if you personally have no desire to own a gun, you should fight to preserve your right to own one. The Second Amendment is the canary of liberty. When it dies, it will be time to get real nervous about your future prospects as a free American.

What about crime? Crime is a people problem, not a hardware problem. The belief that an inanimate object can cause animate objects to change drastically their behavior is a silly superstition. Furthermore, it is flat stupid to propose laws that only the law-abiding will obey as a crime-fighting measure.

When guns were most available and virtually unregulated, when you could buy them without question the way you buy a lawn mower, when you could buy them through the mail or from catalogs, there was less violent crime, not more.

Sociologists say you can't prove a variable with a constant. The constants in American history are guns and teenagers. The variable is the crime rate. As guns have become increasingly difficult to acquire, and in some places actually banned, the crime rate has gone up. Obviously, the causative factor is not guns.

In fact, it's the drug war, for one. For another, it's the deterioration of the black family. The overall murder rate in the United States is about 10 per 100,000; for blacks, 15 to 19, it's 105.7; for black men, 20 to 24, it's 140.7. The homicide rate for the majority of Americans is comparable

to the rate in inner city ghettos. The people who have guns in their homes are 60 times more likely to kill a member of the household than a criminal intruder, is a piece of garbage research.

The gun, who conducted that research included statistics which were 95 percent of gunshot victims used in their study. Intruders frightened off or disarmed were not counted. No attempt was made to make sure the studied groups were homogeneous. The study, in effect, compares weak and strong.

Don't forget, criminals, drug dealers, gang members and thugs also have "household" guns. In fact, Chicago facts show that many murder victims and most of their murderers have prior criminal records. Similar results have been found in other cities.

For a detailed study of the sociological flaws in this and other gun control studies, you can read the booklet "Firearms and Crime" by Daniel D. Feiby, from the Independent Institute by phone, (818) 424-2262, or by email, at pdi@indinstitute.com.

Finally, don't let gun organizations like the National Rifle Association, feed you articles every day all-time low. The Chicago studies to illustrate trigger lock, which would be a firearm unusable for self-defense. He is, to put it mildly, insane.

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The case of the wayward deputized nephew

Over the years the Supreme Court has managed to murkify a dozen fields of law. On April 28 it murkified again. The court looked at a county's liability for the wrongful actions of an employee, and wound up by making bad matters worse.

The verb "to murkify" (I just invented it) is a back-formation from "murky," meaning obscure, foggy, misty and dim. In the case at hand, Bryan County v. Jill Brown, the court's opinion by Justice Sandra Day O'Connor was all of the above.



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The facts: At some point in 1990, B.J. Moore, sheriff of Bryan County, Okla., hired his great-nephew Stacy Burns as a reserve deputy. On the night of May 11, 1991, the 21-year-old deputy participated in the high-speed pursuit of a pickup truck that had evaded a police checkpoint.

Jill Brown was a passenger in the truck. After a three-mile chase, the vehicles halted. The U.S. Court of Appeals for the 5th Circuit described the incident:

"After twice ordering Mrs. Brown from the vehicle, Burns employed an 'arm bar' technique whereby he grabbed Mrs. Brown's arm at the wrist and elbow, extracted her from the vehicle and spun her to the ground. Mrs. Brown's impact with the ground caused severe injury to her knees, requiring corrective surgery. Medical testimony was elicited at trial which showed that Mrs. Brown would ultimately require total knee replacements."

Mrs. Brown subsequently sued both the county and deputy Burns under Section 1983 of the Civil Rights Act of 1971. She charged that Burns had violated her constitutional right to be free from unreasonable seizure and false arrest. A jury awarded her more than \$800,000 in damages. The county appealed. A divided 5th Circuit affirmed, and the Supreme Court accepted the case.

The 1871 statute says that every "person" who under color of law deprives a citizen of his constitutional rights may be subject to suit. Was Bryan County a "person"? In 1961 the high court held that a local government (it happened to be the city of Chicago) was NOT a person.

Seventeen years later the court changed its mind. This was when the murk got murkier. The court held in a suit against New York City that the city WAS a person, more or less, but not wholly a person. This was in 1978.

The case law grew like crabgrass. Was an alleged violation the result of a "pattern or practice" or an official "policy"? Had a city or county shown "deliberate indifference" to the rights of a citizen? Applied to the case at hand, should Sheriff Moore have known when he hired Stacy Burns that his nephew was likely to cause him serious trouble?

Plainly, the sheriff of Bryan County had no "policy" of hurling women to their knees. There was no evidence that other deputies had engaged in excessive force as a pattern or practice within the department. These findings left the question of Uncle B.J.'s wisdom in hiring a member of the family.

At the time all this happened, young Burns had a record of nine moving traffic

violations, driving while intoxicated, driving with a suspended license, arrest for assault and battery, conviction for possession of a false identification, and an arrest for resisting arrest.

Given the "intentional" or "deliberate" said the 5th Circuit, a jury reasonably could have inferred that Sheriff Moore closed his eyes to Burns' background and gave him a badge anyhow. "We also find the evidence sufficient for a jury to conclude that Sheriff Moore's decision to hire Burns amounted to deliberate indifference to the public's welfare."

Circuit Judge Reynaldo G. Garza added a footnote: "It is certainly true that the sheriff had conducted adequate background checks on other deputies and assured himself that they were certified before putting them on the street, but the fact that he diverged from that practice as to this one individual does not save the county from liability."

In her opinion concurring with the 5th Circuit, Justice Souter held that "deliberate indifference" is a stronger standard of fault, requiring proof in this case that the sheriff disregarded the "obviously obvious consequences" of hiring his nephew. No such proof had been presented.

In dissent, Justice Souter complained that the majority had made it "virtually impossible" to prove fault. Justice Souter said the case law had reached a point of complexity "that is neither readily understandable nor easy to apply." In sum, the law has been murkified once more. And it doubtless will be murkified again.

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Pure country

Milliken sets concert date, plans for music career

By DEBBIE L. JENSEN
Features Editor

If good, family entertainment is what you're after, Jason Layne Milliken wants you to be in on the start of his music career.

The 1994 Cosham High School graduate plans, quite simply, to be a country star.

But the current crop of hits don't fit with the young singer's tastes. Milliken, a graduate of South Plains College's commercial music department, prefers the traditional country sound.

"I like the old-style, swing, do songs like 'San Antonio Rose,'" Milliken said. "I've just always liked that style."

The guitar player and singer will be featured in a concert at the Municipal Auditorium June 28. Several of Milliken's professors from college have come together to help him start his career at home.

A similar concert in Cosham recently was a great success, Milliken said.

"Our crowds like the sound a lot, too," he said. "It worked really well. I think this one's going to be even bigger."

Tickets for the 7:30 p.m. event can be purchased in advance at

the chamber of commerce, or at the door. They are \$7 for adults, \$5 for youth age 12 and under or senior citizens.

Milliken's goal, since his graduation from South Plains earlier this month, is to have an album produced. But going to Nashville is not in the plans.

"I don't want to take that route," he said. "If you go there, they're going to make you sound the way they want you to, and I just don't want to do that."

Music was on Milliken's mind for much of his childhood, although he never sang publicly until the high school talent show his senior year. At graduation later that same year, he was asked to sing "The River," a Garth Brooks song.

When he decided to audition for South Plains, he could only play a little on the guitar, so it must have been his voice they liked. He was offered a scholarship.

Milliken said he "loved" the music program. He was able to perform with four ensembles on a regular basis, including one that performed on a college-produced television show. Since his graduation, he has been teaching guitar lessons

and trying to get his career on track.

Now the members of Rusty Hudelson and the Knights of the West are showing their support to the former student, allowing Milliken to headline their act for an evening.

"I feel really fortunate getting to play with them," Milliken said. "They're a professional band with a lot of experience."

Included in the show will be the traditional country music, with piano, guitar, steel guitar, banjo and accordion among the instruments. Expect also some comedy and performances by a world champion yodeler.

"This is family entertainment for all ages," Milliken said. "I hope a lot of people will come out and have a good time."

The young performer said he chose the Municipal Auditorium for more than just its seating capacity.

"I've always liked this building," he said, touring the facility recently. "I haven't seen it in a long time. It's a great place for concerts and things. We should have more of them."

For information about the show, contact Milliken at 394-4349.



HERALD photo/Debbie L. Jensen
Country performer Jason Layne Milliken stands in the footlights at the Municipal Auditorium recently. The young singer and guitar player will headline "Jason Layne Milliken and the Knights of the West" in concert June 28. He describes the band's sound as traditional country.

Churches respond to summer slowdown

By DEBBIE L. JENSEN
Features Editor

When summer begins, some people think their church has gone on vacation.

In fact, many churches do suspend some regular events that, during the school year, are well-attended, in favor of a few months off.

Sunday School attendance often slows when many families take weekend trips or longer vacations. Or mid-week prayer services, music practices and other activities fall victim to the erratic schedules of the summer.

Instead of hanging a "gone fishing" sign on the door for the next three months, however, some local churches are trying innovation and experimentation to offer something different to their congregations.

Check the "church news" column for some examples: New service times, vacation Bible schools and special events designed to generate interest and attendance.

Hillcrest Baptist Church is beating the summer slow-down with special worship services for youth in 7th grade through college age each Sunday night.

"We wanted to give the kids something to do on Sunday nights," said Gary Phillips, youth director. "A lot of churches don't have Sunday night services, so we wanted to offer that."

Phillips said his services are not designed to take attendance away from other churches.

"It's not whether you're Baptist or Methodist, or what," he said. "Their relationship to the Lord is what matters."

At these services, Phillips plans music, prayer, Bible lessons and possibly some testimonies from other youth.

"We don't know exactly what we're going to have because that's going to depend a lot on the young people," he said.

Adults will coordinate and supervise the services, he said.

For more information about these special services, call Gary Phillips at 263-1565 after 7 p.m.



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CLUB NEWS

Family and Community Education Club

A chicken spaghetti luncheon in the home of Mildred Callihan was the setting Friday, May 23 for the City Family Community Education Club. Eight members and guest Dana Tarter attended the luncheon. Officers for the coming year will remain the same.

Mildred Callihan reviewed new provisions of the Medicare/Medical Necessity Guide which applied after Oct. 1, 1996.

Medicare patients need to be aware of the guidelines of two provisions. First, the service must be covered by Medicare. Second, the service must be medically necessary. Many procedures previously paid by Medicare are now denied for payment because they are classified as "screening" procedures.

Also, the procedure number for the procedure must be on the bill. Many of the panels of

lab procedures previously paid may be refused as not necessary. Each test must apply to the diagnosed problem.

Now, doctors and hospitals can be held more accountable to avoid being held responsible for overdoing non-necessary diagnostic procedures.

When a patient goes to a doctor for a yearly check up he may be refused payment because it may be classed as screening. In this case Medicare will refuse payment.

Senior Adult Club

The Mighty Oaks Senior Adult Club met May 20 in the Fellowship Hall of East Fourth St. Baptist Church. Nine members were present with one guest, Gail Earls.

Club president Gertrude McCann introduced Earls, who presented a brief history of her family and her years in Big Spring. She discussed her new business, Adventures by Gail Travel, and spoke of her interest in keeping and restoring the Settles Hotel.

McCann discussed plans for a club trip to Midland for dinner and a play at the Midland Community Theatre May 23. A

trip to the Levi factory in Littlefield was canceled.

Howard County Youth Horseman Club

The Howard County Youth Horseman Club and its members have completed their first Belt Buckle Playday Series with an average of 49 participants for each of the three Playdays.

The participants competed in five events: barrels, straight barrels, poles, flag race and potato race.

The Belt Buckle winners in each class were: six and under girls - Samantha Balthrop; six and under boys - Chance Pool; seven to nine girls - Brittany Hill; seven to nine boys - Ky Hockett; 10 to 12 girls - Ashley Hill; 10 to 12 boys - Zach Sherman; 13 to 15 girls - Health Harris; 13 to 15 boys - Ty Savall; 16 to 18 girls - Arcie Calvert; and 16 to 18 boys - J.P. Sherman.

The club still has two more series with three playdays in each series. There are still 20 more belt buckles to be won. Also, all points earned go towards the saddles for each girls and boys combined age groups at the end of the season.

The events scheduled for the next series are: barrels, straight barrels, poles, flag race, and goat tying (goat tying is a no-point event).

The second series of playdays are scheduled May 31, June 18 and July 12.

The club also completed its first benefit roping April 19 with great success.

The club held a horse clinic on May 9 in which 26 kids and adults participated.

Shawn Colley and Traci Merrick did a great job at setting the clinic up. Barbra and Burl Colley cooked up and donated a free barbecue lunch that was great. Thanks again! Mr. and Mrs. Smith from Ackerly gave the one day clinic and did a great job. We appreciate the attention given to the club youth.

The Howard County Youth Horseman Club encourages anyone interested in a youth oriented organization to come to our playdays. Memberships are just \$10 per family per year. For more information call Gary Gray at 264-0953, Traci Merrick at 263-5231 or Debbie Pool at 399-4787.

Family and Community Education Club

Jowill Etchison, president of the City Family Community Education Club, conducted the meeting May 9 in the home of Lois Johnston.

Frances Zant, a delegate to the state meeting in Tyler in September of 1996, reviewed a program given by Carole A. Rice, Ph.D., RN Associate Professor and Health Specialist from A&M.

The program speaker emphasized "Prescription for Good Family and Health," and reminded women of their role as responsible persons who select the foods for good nutrition, proper medical choices, exercise programs, lifestyle choices, and proper use of instructions given by the family medical team chosen.

The speaker emphasized the point that just because you see it in print, doesn't necessarily make it so. We must be vigilant in updating and revising our thinking about nutrition and medical care. Women need also to be careful in the use of "fad" products.

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CHURCH NEWS

Presbyterian, Episcopal Bible school

First Presbyterian and St. Mary's Episcopal Churches invite you to take part in their vacation Bible school, Balloon Adventure in Faith, June 23-27, 9 a.m. to noon at the First Presbyterian Church.

Enrollment is open to children ages four years through fifth grade. Space is limited to the first 55 children who register. You may pick up registration forms at the First Presbyterian Church, Eighth and Rannels, or at St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 1001 Goliad.

First Presbyterian Church of Lamesa

Although she hails from Big Spring, to find Marj Carpenter at home is a rare experience.

Even more rare is the opportunity to hear her speak in a West Texas setting. That is exactly what will be happening on Sunday at Lamesa First Presbyterian Church.

Kathy Broyles, coordinator of the event, said she contacted Carpenter in February 1996 about a speaking engagement



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but found she was booked solid until 1999.

"She has literally hundreds of speaking invitations every year from all over the world so when she called back this past January and said she had an opening, I was stunned," exclaimed Broyles.

Broyles and Carpenter attended church together in Pecos many years ago where Carpenter taught children classes. Broyles said that when they spoke, Carpenter asked about each of her children by name. "She hadn't seen my kids in at least 45 years. Her memory is extraordinary," Broyles said.

Marj Carpenter was elected the 207th Moderator of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

in 1995. That is the highest ranking official of the 2.8 million-member mainstream denomination.

Carpenter has been described as "a tough, brash, wily, witty retired small-town journalist with an affection for raw language and mystery novels," yet she feels just as at home with American presidents as she does with the folks in Big Spring. Members of her denomination report that she can easily keep an audience transfixed on her "storytrip" around the world, laughing and crying and gasping on the journey with her.

Lamesa First Presbyterian Church would like to invite everyone to come and meet Marj Carpenter on Sunday. The morning will begin with a

friendship gathering complete with coffee and donuts in the garden at 10:30 a.m.

Carpenter will be speaking at worship service at 11 a.m. Lunch will be served in the fellowship hall at conclusion but reservation for the meal are requested. Those interested may call the church office at 872-3262 or Kathryn Broyles at 872-5026.

Midway Baptist Church

Midway Baptist Church invites children age 3 years to last year's sixth graders to join "The Wild and Wonderful Good News Stampede," June 2-6 from 9 a.m. to noon.

Each day will be packed full of Bible-learning activities, snacks, music, games and crafts. Visitors are welcome!

Monday, rodeo clown Quail Dobbs will be there as a special treat for the children.

During the week we will be dressing up in something different everyday.

Monday, bandanna day (church will provide bandanna).

Tuesday, crazy hair day

Wednesday, favorite fan (dress in favorite team colors).

Thursday, hat day

Friday, sunglasses day

Bible school will start with a pre-enrollment parade. We will meet at the church at 9:30 a.m. on Saturday to ride in the Midway VBS Express Wagon. We will have a short ride in the wagon and then return to the church for refreshments and

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Battling the rising costs of health care

(NAPS) — Consumers expect increased out-of-pocket health care costs last year, but have established no savings plan for future planned or unplanned health and dental care.

A recent Visa U.S.A. Consumer Health Care Study, which focused on methods of payment for health care expenses, revealed the following:

- Eighty-nine percent of those surveyed have health insurance, but 71 percent of the respondents do not spend anything for out-of-pocket expenses.
- More than one-third of consumer respondents paid over \$500 in out-of-pocket medical expenses in the last year.
- One in 10 respondents have delayed health care services due to lack of insurance coverage.
- More than half of the respondents expect health care out-of-pocket expenses to increase over the next two to three years.



FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Cauble School reunion

The Cauble School reunion is planned for June 14 at 10 a.m. in the Elbow School Cafeteria.

A covered dish luncheon will take place at noon. Attendees are encouraged to bring a dish.

The day will be dedicated to president Bonnie Tridaway, now deceased. All ex-students are invited to attend as a memorial to her.

Open house Sunday

Big Spring Hurricane Society will welcome visitors Sunday for an open house from 3-6 p.m. at the shelter on West I-20 Service Road.

The shelter recently added some new tile as well as other improvements. Dogs and cats will be available for adoption at reduced prices during the event.

THE LAST WORD

It is absurd to pretend that one cannot love the same woman always, as to pretend that a good artist needs several violins to execute a piece of music.

Honore de Balzac

If you really want to know what a man is like, take notice how he acts when he loses money.

New England Proverb

A little levity will save many a good heavy thing from sinking.

Samuel Butler

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Friday, May 30, 1997

Baseball — Houston 1-2, Chicago wins, Coahoma vs. Memphis, 5 p.m. Sunday, O'Brien Field, Lubbock.

NCAA World Series, 7:30 p.m., ch. 36, San Diego at Houston, 7 p.m., ch. 26.

Got a story idea or a sports news tip?

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or leave voice mail

Stockton's late heroics place Jazz in NBA finals for first time

HOUSTON (AP) — Never underestimate the heart of a Hall of Famer. John Stockton made the Utah Jazz forget their miserable playoff history Thursday night by almost singlehandedly leading the Jazz back from a seven-point deficit in the final two minutes of Game 6 in the Western Conference finals. And when his 3-point shot ripped through the net at the final buzzer, Utah had a 103-100 victory over the Houston Rockets that put the Jazz where they've never been — in the NBA Finals. The championship series against the four-time

champion Chicago Bulls starts Sunday at Chicago. "It's been a long time for these guys," coach Jerry Sloan said. "These guys worked very hard. They never gave up. The most important thing in sports, I think, is to never give up." Indeed, the Jazz never quit — even when trailing by 18 midway through the fourth quarter and by seven with the clock ticking under two minutes. Stockton scored 13 points in the final 5:13, including Utah's final eight. He also assisted on two late 3-pointers by Bryon Russell, giving him a hand in the Jazz's final 13 points.

And when the Jazz got the ball back with 2.5 seconds left after Clyde Drexler missed a wild runner from 12 feet, Stockton was the man to take the biggest shot in Utah history. Russell inbounded to Stockton, who found himself wide open as Karl Malone screened Stockton's defender away from the play. Stockton calmly took a step forward, cocked the ball above his right shoulder in his usual manner and let fly a 3-pointer that found only net. "When it left his hand it looked like it was good,"

Malone said. "I didn't know how to react. I thought it was good when it left. "I'm so proud of these guys," Malone said. "We said we wanted to win it here, and it makes it that much sweeter because they've knocked us out a couple of times." Stockton threw his arms in the air, danced in a circle to midcourt and jumped up and down as his teammates mobbed him in a joyous celebration that shocked the sellout crowd in The Summit. "It's like a fog to me," Stockton said. "The guys seemed to be doing what we

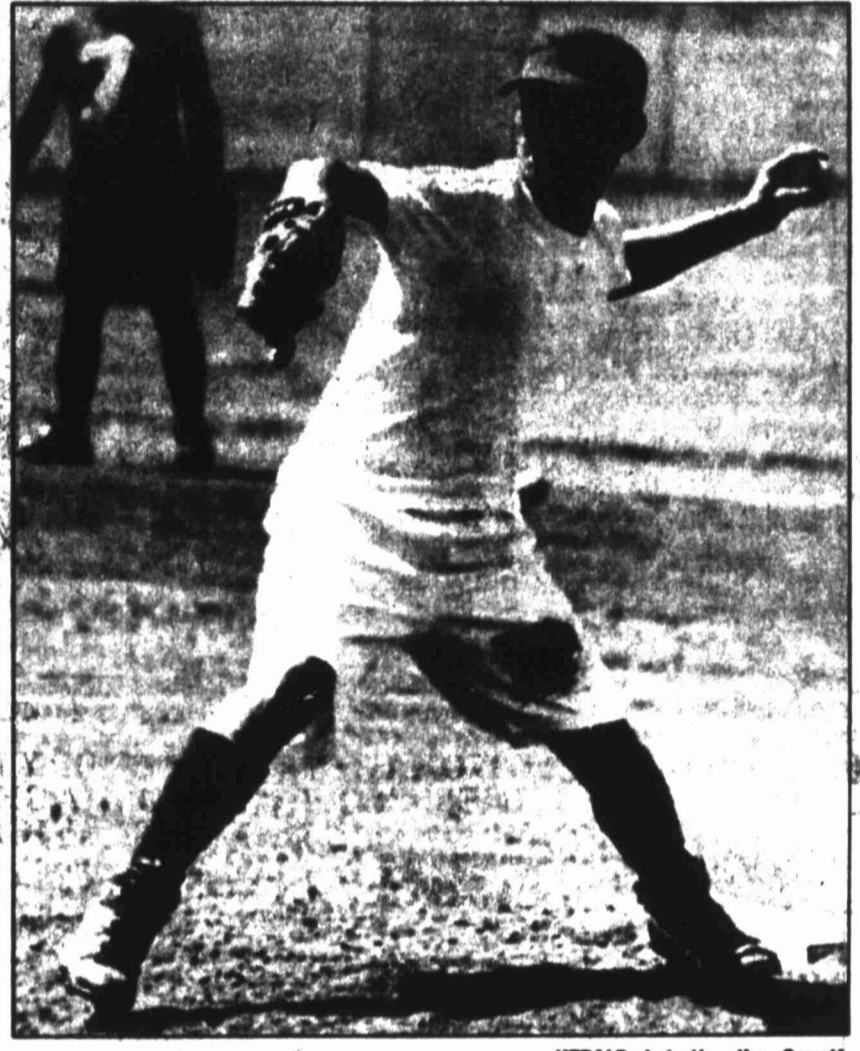
were supposed to be doing and I got free. I took the shot and it felt good. I don't know how to explain it, it just felt good." Even better is the feeling the Jazz now have, knowing they have broken their cycle of conference finals failures. This was Utah's fourth trip to the third round in six years, and the Jazz had earned a reputation as a team that couldn't win the big game. They lost in the conference finals to Portland in 1992, to Houston in 1994 and to Seattle last season. But Stockton reversed that history by taking over. He finished with 25 points and 13

assists in his best game of the series, with 15 of his points coming in the final 12 minutes. It will be the first trip to the championship round for every member of the Jazz, from future Hall of Famer Stockton and Karl Malone, with a combined 25 years of NBA experience, to veterans Jeff Hornacek (11 years), Antoine Carr (13 years) and the rest of Utah's role players. Even Jerry Sloan, the most tenured coach in the NBA after nine years with the Jazz, will be going to the final round for the first time. He never made it in 11 years as a player.

Bulldog, Memphis vie for region title

By STEVE REAGAN
Staff Writer
COAHOMA — Hundreds of Texas Class 2A baseball teams started the season back in February. The Coahoma Bulldogs are one of only eight still playing. For the second time in three years, the Bulldogs have advanced to the Region I-2A finals, where they'll face Memphis at 5 p.m. Saturday at O'Bannon Field in Lubbock. The winner advances to the UIL State Baseball Championships beginning Thursday in Austin. Coahoma (20-7) is no stranger to playoff pressure — having qualified for the UIL state baseball tournament in 1995 — and the Bulldogs are playing like a seasoned team, especially in pitching and defense. Through three playoff games — victories of 6-1 over Albany, 3-0 over Tahoka and 7-1 over Abernathy — Coahoma

posted some impressive statistics. Senior righthander Mike McMillan has watched his playoff ERA shrink to a minuscule 0.667 while holding opponents to a miserly .104 (7-for-67) batting average. In his three postseason starts, he has not allowed an extra-base hit, and has struck out 29 batters while walking only 10. The defense behind McMillan has been just as stellar. With playoff veterans like third baseman Marshall Wright, second baseman Freddy Olivias



Coahoma center fielder and backup pitcher Scott Goodblanket takes his turn on the mound during their practice Wednesday.

Scholarship bill nears completion

AUSTIN (AP) — Black lawmakers pushing for Texas colleges to apply the same admissions standards to all students — including scholarship athletes — are threatening to ask athletes to boycott state schools if all students aren't treated equally. A proposal by Rep. Ron Wilson, D-Houston, and Sen. Royce West, D-Dallas, would require Texas universities and colleges to use the same GPA in admitting all students as they do for scholarship athletes. For example, a school that set a 2.5 GPA for a student-athlete could not require a higher GPA for other students. The measure would apply to any school with an athletics program that uses GPAs as an admission criterion. "If you are currently allowing athletes in with low GPAs ... and those athletes are graduating at a significant rate, then you haven't lowered your standards," West said. West said the bill — with the provision that it only apply to GPAs — has enough support to pass the House and Senate and become law. He acknowledged, however, that universities could avoid the effect of the bill by using multiple criteria. Lt. Gov. Bob Bullock hopes there was a compromise. "I've never thought you ought to put athletics before the education part of our higher education system," Bullock said. West said he hoped the bill would be approved by a House-Senate conference committee in the next two days and then be sent to both chambers for final approval. West cited declining minority

enrollment at Texas schools since a federal appeals court upheld the arguments of four white students who sued the University of Texas, contending its law school's admissions policy favored minorities. Texas Attorney General Dan Morales interpreted the ruling in the case, known as Hopwood, to say schools in Texas could no longer use race as a consideration for admissions, scholarships and financial aid. West said if the declining enrollment of minority students continues, he and Wilson "will eventually call for a boycotting of student athletes at Texas schools." "If (minority) scholars aren't good enough to go to these schools, then our athletes aren't good enough to go to these schools," West said. "Don't come into the inner city, raiding our community of superior athletes but leave the scholars behind ... saying that the reason you can't get the scholars is because of Hopwood," West said. University officials have argued that if the bill became law, it would cost Texas schools millions of dollars in athletic revenues. "I'm more concerned about educating students than I am about seeing folks with pompons and eating popcorn and throwing up all over themselves," Wilson said. "(Schools) use those kids up. They use them like meat on the hook — like cattle. And when they have performed their function as a hired animal they say, 'Oh, you're not eligible any more and we're going to take your scholarship.' They kick them to the curb," Wilson said.

Graham recalls earlier trip to Omaha

OMAHA, Neb. (AP) — Rice coach Wayne Graham remembers the ballpark where the College World Series is played, and it's a far cry from the Rosenblatt Stadium where his Owls play tonight in the school's first CWS appearance. "This is not the first time I've been here," Graham said at Thursday's news conference. "I played here in 1962 for Dallas-Fort Worth in the American Association against Omaha. But the only thing that looks the same in the ballpark now is the light posts. I think those are the same. "We were playing before about 1,000 people every night in what was an ordinary Triple-A ball park. This thing is Shangri-La now. It's beauti-

ful what Omaha has done and what it's done for college baseball." Graham, after a successful junior college coaching career in Texas, brought the Owls to the College World Series in his sixth year at the school. Rice is the 99th school to qualify for the NCAA Division I playoffs, which have been held in Omaha since 1960. "The people who are putting this together don't realize what it means to coach down in Houston or southwest Texas or somewhere," he said. "This is the pot of gold at the end of the rainbow. We're all trying to get

to Omaha." Rice, seeded seventh with a 47-14 record, has a big opening assignment at tonight against second-seeded and defending champion Louisiana State (53-13). They follow No. 6 Auburn (49-15) against No. 3 Stanford (43-18) this afternoon. LSU has won three CWS titles in the 1990s, including a dramatic 9-3 victory on a two-out, two-run homer in the bottom of the ninth against Miami last year. "I think experience is important," Tigers coach Skip Bertman said. "I think being here does help." Graham agrees, to a point. "It might affect you for an inning or two, of course," he said. "Most of us have not

played in front of a big crowd like we will here." Saturday's matchups have No. 5 Miami (49-16) against No. 4 UCLA (45-19-1) and No. 8 Mississippi State (46-19) versus No. 1 Alabama (52-12). UCLA All-American Jim Parque has watched enough College World Series games to know what to expect. "I've never played here and have only seen a lot of homers hit on TV," he said with a big smile. "The key is going to be keeping the ball low, basically, and hoping the wind doesn't blow out." Stanford All-American Kyle Peterson grew up in the Omaha area and spent a lot of years watching baseballs fly out of CWS games.

Rangers figure out Kingdome

SEATTLE (AP) — The days of bitter defeat for the Texas Rangers at the Kingdome could be over. The Rangers were the ones battering the Seattle Mariners on Thursday night. Ken Hill (4-2) didn't give up an earned run in seven innings, making manager Johnny Oates beam appreciatively. Ivan Rodriguez and Juan Gonzalez backed Hill with home runs in an 8-2 victory. The Rangers broke the game open by sending 10 men to the plate in the seventh inning for five runs against Jamie Moyer (4-2) and Scott Sanders. "I felt that I got too predictable during the course of the game," Moyer said. The Rangers have been predictable in the Kingdome. By winning for only the third time in three years in Seattle, the defending AL West champs ended a six-game losing streak there. "This just shows us that we can come in here and win," Hill said. "This was a confidence booster." Seattle had to settle for Joey Cora's streak-salvaging infield

single with two outs in the ninth. He barely beat out a slow roller to shortstop Benji Gil, extending his hitting streak to 24 games. Along with Albert Belle's 24-game hitting streak for the Chicago White Sox, Cora has the longest hitting streak in the majors this season. He extended his league-record hitting streak for switch-hitters and his club record. "Maybe we can rally around Joey and get a good streak going for ourselves," Alex Rodriguez said. Hill had a determined look on his face when he went to the mound in his second start since suffering a strained right shoulder in Chicago on April 30. He gave up six hits and walked four, throwing 113 pitches. "It's just nice to get a win," Oates said. "It was a rough road trip (3-4) for us." Oates said he knew he had the right pitcher in Hill, 31, going against the Mariners after the Rangers were shut out 5-0 by Randy Johnson and the Mariners on Wednesday night. "I guess you can see why

we've called Kenny our ace the last two years," Oates said. "It's just a look that a manager likes. There's no doubt in his mind that he's going to do the job." Said Hill: "I'm just trying to get back in the swing of things and trying to get my game back together. And there's no question I felt a lot better tonight." Ivan Rodriguez hit his fourth homer of the season, in the first inning. Gonzalez led off the fourth with his ninth homer, tying it 2-2. The Rangers took the lead in the sixth on Mike Devereaux's RBI single off shortstop Alex Rodriguez's glove. **Astros** HOUSTON (AP) — San Diego isn't panicking despite having baseball's longest current losing streak. The Padres, who have lost five in a row and are a season-low 10 games under .500, faced Houston's Darryl Kile with their starting eight in the lineup for only the ninth time this season. Please see ASTROS, page 25

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The Mariners improved to 6-1 for the season with a 6-5 victory over the Pirates in local 13-year-old league action. Mic Fleming, Nathan Campbell, Jon McKinnon and Ragan Phillips combined for the win on the mound, while Clayton Kelso had a double and single while driving in three runs. The Mariners won the game in the bottom of the seventh when Campbell scored on a single by Zack Phinney. Justin Belcher had a double and two RBI for the Pirates (2-3). Coaches are asked to pick up result forms at the Herald's front desk between 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday.
Girls' hoops league starting
The Crossroads Girl's Basketball Summer League will hold its 1997 season from June 2-July 31. There will be two leagues — varsity and sub-varsity — and all games will be played at Garrett Coliseum. Cost of the league is \$45. For more information, contact Terry Robertson at 267-1817 or 264-5185 or Matt Corkery at 264-5045.
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 camp June 2-6
The annual Big Spring Tennis Camp will be held from 9-11 a.m. June 2-6 at Figure 7 Tennis Center. Cost of the camp, open to players age 5-18, is \$100, which includes a T-shirt and pizza party. Registration will be held at 8:30 a.m. June 2, but persons may preregister by calling 263-3848, 264-9229 or 263-2275.
Camp of Champs begins soon
Big Spring High School's Camp of Champs Weightlifting Camp will be held June 2-July 3 at Blankenship Field next to the high school. The camp is open to students in grades 5-8, and registration will be held at 9 a.m. the first day of camp. For more information, contact Ricky Long at 263-0519 or Dwight Butler at 264-3641.
Forsan tennis league June 3
FORSAN — The annual Forsan Summer Tennis League will hold play from June 3-July 25. Cost of the league is \$15 per entry. For more information, contact Keith Stone at 398-6344.

HOROSCOPE

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Saturday, May 31: Make the most of this special year. Many opportunities pop up from out of the blue. At times, you'll need to completely readjust to the unexpected. Actually, you like this level of excitement. Your sense of humor helps you through more serious moments. Your determination is clearly apparent. You get what you want because of your endurance and concentration. Strong desires mark this year. If you are single, you are likely to meet someone who is expansive and different, but perhaps a bit controlling. It can still work. If attached, you will enjoy your relationship, and the two of you will embark on interesting adventures. **ARIES** drives a hard bargain.

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) You are in control, and make the most of the weekend. Be careful not to be overly serious. Think about your limits as you explore creative options. An offer is too enticing to turn down. Your personality melts barriers. Tonight: Relish the moment.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Take a back seat. Gather information, and allow someone to give you feedback. You don't have the whole story, and might be surprised by what someone shares with you. A partner understands you, and gives you the support you need. Tonight: Take a night off.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Determination pays off. Your see a partnership in a different light. This person might be serious, but he's still delightful. The unexpected occurs with another, and you need to discuss this new information. You are personality-plus. Tonight: Be with your friends.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) You are in the limelight. Make the most of a partner's silliness. Your good cheer pays off as responsibilities pile up. You are compelled to reorganize or do something differently. Instincts are correct. Tonight: You are a force to deal with.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Gain perspective, and firmly handle a personal matter. Not everyone sees things the way you do. Surprises occur with an associate. Think through what is happening. Later, your lively side emerges. Tonight: Try a new restaurant out of town.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) One-to-one relating is important. Handle a grave matter that could affect joint assets. You discover the importance of a partnership decision. Revamp

work or your day-to-day life. Air out ideas with a friend who really cares. Tonight: Talk over dinner.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) The unexpected occurs with flirtations and love. You will like what others present to you. It might appeal to you and be quite irresistible. A little temptation could be fun. A partner is serious. Prepare to take off. Tonight: Accept an invitation.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) Pace yourself, and be more on an even keel. You are tired, and may not be up for all that is happening. Take an extra nap or cancel one set of plans. You will feel better if you do. Be direct with someone who is important in your daily life. Tonight: Make it easy.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) You are spirited and naughty. A loved one is serious, but you can make him laugh. Be spontaneous with plans; let laughter lead you to the next adventure. You are happiest with groups of people, especially friends. Tonight: Your seductive smile does a lot.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) You are off-kilter because of recent pressure. It is time for a break, even if a money matter is upsetting you. Revel in changes, and be ready for the unexpected. The less rigid you are, the more relaxed you will be. Trust your judgment. Tonight: Home is where the heart is.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) Reach out for another. Maintain a high profile while working with others. Adjust your schedule to accommodate someone else. Don't take things too seriously; everything will work itself out. Your humor and loving ways help another. Tonight: Attend a party.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) You might feel limited, but you aren't. Stop pushing so hard to create what you want; just relax. Unexpected insights allow you to visualize more of what you want. Scratch the word "no" from your vocabulary. Be more confident. Tonight: Make it cheap.

BORN TODAY Actor Clint Eastwood (1930), Prince Rainier III of Monaco (1923), actress Brooke Shields (1965)

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Did Flyers, Wings learn from losses?

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Terry Murray doesn't believe that you have to lose to learn how to win.

The idea sounds stupid to the Philadelphia Flyers coach, but when Murray looks at recent Stanley Cup history, teams that have lost have come back to win.

New Jersey learned something after losing the Eastern Conference finals to the New York Rangers in 1994, and the Devils won the Cup the following year. After a stunning first-round loss to the Rangers in 1995, Quebec-Colorado found a way to win hockey's biggest prize last season.

Learning from recent playoffs failures might be the biggest reason the Flyers and Detroit Red Wings are playing for the Stanley Cup this year.

The Flyers got to the finals for the first time in 10 years because they learned the past two years that it wasn't enough to rely solely on center Eric Lindros and his linemates to get the job done in the playoffs.

For all his talent, Lindros can only do so much against teams that are getting contributions from everyone. New Jersey

STANLEY CUP

proved it to Philadelphia in the Eastern Conference finals in 1995 and Florida did the same thing in the conference semifinals last year.

While the Red Wings have had more talent the past two years than Philadelphia, the playoffs showed they lacked the size needed to win. New Jersey overpowered them in the '95 finals, and Colorado had the grinders to win the Western Conference finals last year.

Both have made adjustments and now will try to end long Stanley Cup droughts when the best-of-7 series starts Saturday night.

Philadelphia, which has made the playoffs the last three years after missing the previous five, last won the Cup in 1975. Detroit, which last missed the playoffs in 1990, won its seventh and last NHL title in 1955.

"You can almost say it was three years in the making," third-line wing Shjon Podelin said Thursday after the Flyers practiced at their New Jersey training site. "I think we

learned from what we did wrong the last couple of playoffs.

"We all didn't pitch in to help the team out offensively, fourth line and things like that," he added. "When we have success, everyone is pitching in. I just think it's a team effort that's lifted us up to this level."

Lindros comes into the final tied for second in playoff scoring with 11 goals and 12 assists, and linemate John LeClair has seven goals and 11 assists. But they are also getting help.

Rod Brind'Amour is having a spectacular playoffs centering the No. 2 line. He has 10 goals and seven assists, while Mikael Renberg has five goals skating mostly with the second line.

Philadelphia also has 14 other players who have scored goals.

"Toward the end of the season, I just think we all made the commitment to play solid defensive hockey and to get offensive output by everyone on the team, not one person," Flyers wing Trent Klatt said.

"If you add those two together with the talent we have, that makes the difference."

Bobby Clarke, the Flyers president and general manager, also noted that Lindros is a more mature player now. The past two playoffs have taught him to be more patient and not to try to do everything by himself.

"You have to let players go through it," Clarke said.

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U.S. Army Captain opens up the world for sixth-graders

DEAR ABBY: My sixth-grade students and I would like to salute Capt. Michael Casper of the U.S. Army, currently stationed in Tuzla, Bosnia, with whom we became acquainted through your Operation Dear Abby holiday letter-writing campaign.



Abigail Van Buren
Columnist

Since November of last year, when he received a and replied to a letter written by one of my students, Casper has become a friend, teacher and very special person in our lives.

Through him we have come to learn more in a personal way about our world. In fact, after hearing that the children near him had no school to attend because it was bombed, we recently completed a school-wide drive for pencils and other school supplies. As I write, a package is in the mail to Bosnia, where Capt. Casper will film the distribution of the supplies at a local refugee center and send us the videotape.

Fortunately, we have been able to correspond through e-mail. In his messages he challenges my students to learn

about world geography and informs them about the various places where he's been stationed. He has demonstrated in many ways that he cares about my students.

Abby, in addition to recognizing this fine serviceman, I would like to thank you for setting up the program that brought us together. Keep up the good work. — **GEORGANN COON, SIXTH-GRADE TEACHER, E.E. KNIGHT SCHOOL, ELSIE, MICH.**

DEAR MS. COON: Thank you for an upper of a letter. I have often said that my readers are the most thoughtful and generous people in the world. One of the most powerful forces for good is generated when people reach out to help each other.

DEAR ABBY: I thought you might get a kick out of this: My crossword puzzle clue read, "a famous twin." Four spaces were allotted, so I wrote in "ABBY."

Wrong! The correct answer was "ESAU." — **MARY WOOD SEALY, NEW IBERIA, LA.**

DEAR MARY: Nice try, though!

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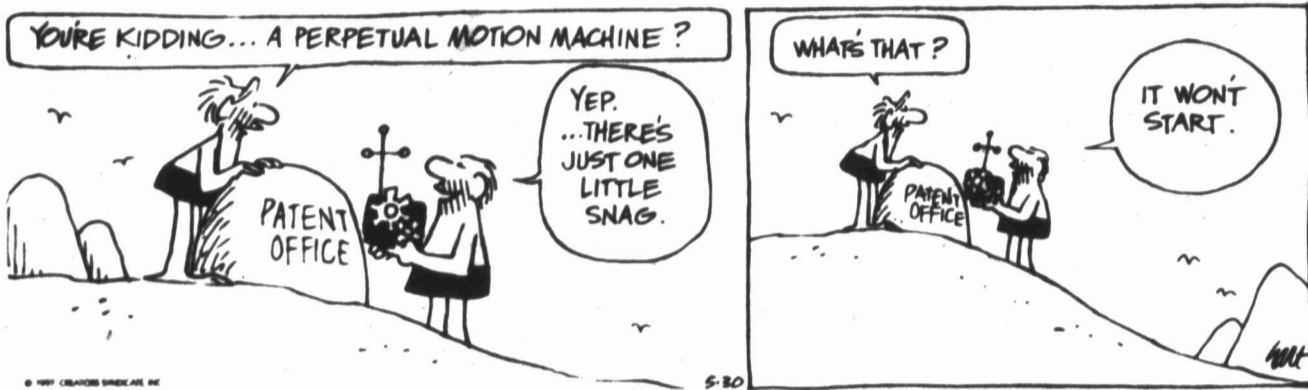
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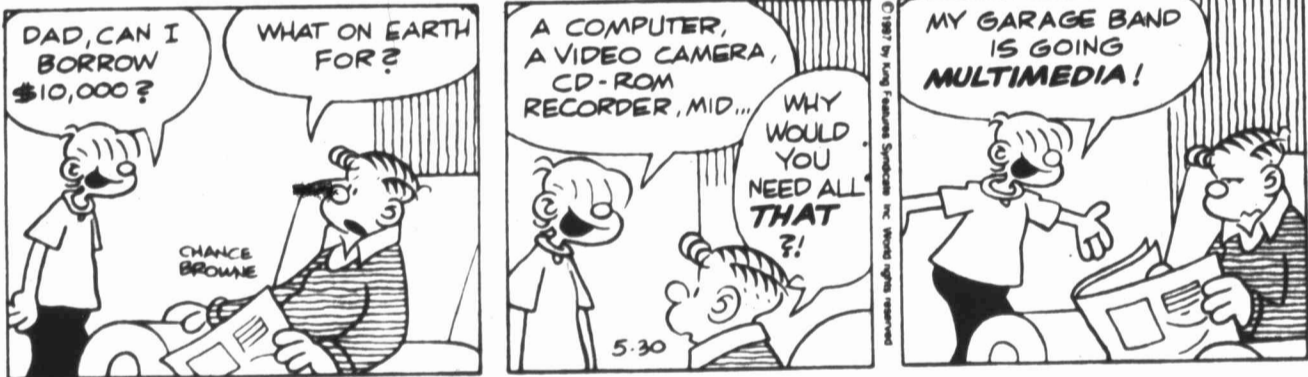
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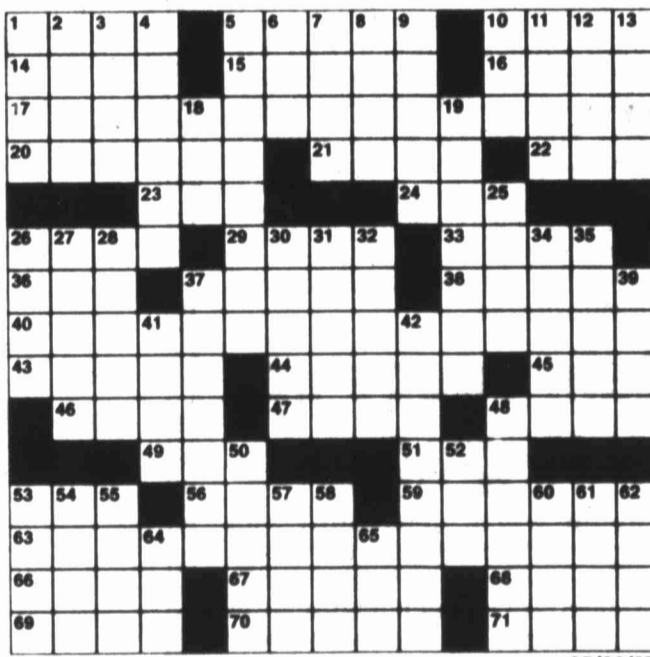
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by Alan Olschwang 05/30/97

Thursday's Puzzle solved:



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150th day of 1997. There are 215 days left in the year. Today's Highlight in History: On May 30, 1431, Joan of Arc, condemned as a heretic, was burned at the stake in Rouen, France.

On this date: In 1539, Spanish explorer

Hernando De Soto landed in Florida.

In 1854, the territories of Nebraska and Kansas were established.

In 1883, 12 people were trampled to death in New York City when a rumor that the recently opened Brooklyn Bridge was in danger of collapsing triggered a stampede.

In 1911, the first long-distance auto race in Indianapolis was won by Ray Harroun.

In 1922, the Lincoln Memorial was dedicated in Washington, D.C., by Chief Justice William Howard Taft.

In 1937, 10 people were killed when police fired on steelworkers demonstrating near the Republic Steel plant in South Chicago.

In 1943, American forces secured the Aleutian island of Attu from the Japanese during World War II.

In 1958, unidentified soldiers killed in World War II and the Korean conflict were buried at Arlington National Cemetery.

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