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A local resident takes a break from the routine Wednesday to get in a little fishing at Comanche Trail Lake.

Police say Safe and Sober program successful

By CARLTON JOHNSON
Staff Writer

The Big Spring Police Department (BSPD) says its recent Memorial Day participation in the state's Safe and Sober Traffic Safety Program was a success.

The BSPD had an extra three officers working between May 21 and May 27 specifically on traffic law enforcement.

These officers logged an extra 77 hours on duty and were paid through a \$7,500 grant from the Texas Department of

Transportation (TxDOT). The specific traffic laws targeted by the program were speeding and occupant protection (seat belts).

TxDOT funds the program for Memorial Day, July 4th and Labor Day.

The goal 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.

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.

According to the BSPD, one goal of the Safe and Sober campaign is to reduce alcohol-related fatalities and increase seat belt use to 75 percent by 1998.

During the Memorial Day period, the BSPD issued 119 citations as part of the program.

Pre and post program surveys

were conducted in conjunction with the program and yielded the following results: speeding violations were decreased by 9 percent; seat belt violation by drivers were decreased by 14 percent; and passengers not wearing seat belts decreased by 33 percent.

BSPD also plans to participate in waves three and four of the Safe and Sober Program during the Independence Day holiday period between July 2 and July 8 and the Labor Day holiday period between Aug. 27 and Sept. 3.

Flooding nothing new along creek

By CARLTON JOHNSON
Staff Writer

Big Spring voters passed a bond issue in 1992 that set the stage for the current progress being made on the Beals Creek Flood Control Project, but flooding in Big Spring is nothing new.

Beals Creek is a major water course traversing the city from west to east and as early as 1980 local citizens have experienced flood events along Beals Creek within the city limits.

"A 110-year return period flood occurred in 1890 and 1902 and a 30-year return period flood occurred in 1957, but on August 30, 1986, a 10-year flood occurred causing an estimated \$3 million to \$4 million in damages," Mayor Tim Blackshear said.

Also, floods of various return frequencies occurred in 1904, 1915, 1945, 1962 and most recently on May 24, 1987.

In 1972, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers directed a Beals Creek feasibility study to plan flood control measures to protect citizen's homes and businesses from a 50-year return period flood.

Amid this study, the Corps proposed a 100-foot bottom width channel, but because of an unfavorable benefit-to-cost ratio, the Corps abandoned the project in 1978.

"After the 1986 flood, the city requested the Corps reevaluate the project," Blackshear said. "The Corps completed this

reevaluation in 1990 and proposed a much smaller project."

This time the cost to benefit ratio was favorable and the Corps continued the project by completing plans and specifications in 1995.

In October 1992 Big Spring voters approved a bond election by a 3 to 1 margin, raising about three cents per \$100 property valuation for the project. The project has a price tag of about \$11.48 million, \$1.4 million of which the city is paying through credit given by the Corps for use of the city's landfill to store contaminated soil.

Even with the project's cost doubled because of the additional contamination, it still has a favorable cost to benefit ratio.

In February, the Big Spring City Council was presented an update on the status of the project because of the additional soil contamination.

Corps Engineer Col. Peter Madsen and city officials agreed that to terminate the project would cost approximately \$2.8 million and would yield no recognized benefits.

"To date, the city's contribution of lands, utility relocations and cash (about \$1.1 million) is money spent with no return to the citizens of Big Spring," Blackshear said. "The city is committed to complete the project as the best interest to the citizens of Big Spring."

The newly revised figures on the project are pretty well set and the almost \$1.9 million



The newly expanded channel on Beals Creek is shown in this photo shot looking west from the Benton Street Bridge.

credit given to the city by the Corps relieves the city of a huge financial burden, according to Blackshear.

County schools exceed statewide TAAS averages

By JOHN A. MOSELEY
News Editor

Big Spring, Coahoma and Forsan school officials say they're pleased with their students' showing on the 1997 Texas Assessment of Academic Skills (TAAS), but aren't at all surprised that local scores surpass state averages.

"We fully expect to be above the state average," said Murray Murphy, Big Spring Independent School District's assistant superintendent for personnel and instruction. "Our goal is not to be above the overall state figures, but to maintain a high level of achievement."

Murphy's comments were echoed by Coahoma ISD Assistant Superintendent L.D. Monroe and Forsan High School counselor Bob Evans following release of statewide figures for students in the third through eighth grades.

Monroe admitted being particularly pleased, with only a couple of exceptions, of how well Coahoma students' mathematics scores were competitive with those in reading.

"The mathematics scores always seem to be a little lower, but we've worked extremely hard at targeting those deficiencies," Monroe said, adding that the district has also been pleased with the showing its students in the fourth, eighth and 10th grades showed in the writing portion of the TAAS.

Evans said Forsan officials also expect their students to fare better than state averages. "Generally, our kids do awfully well on the TAAS," he said. "We've been pretty surprised if we were not above the state's numbers. But we're a small school district... one, two or three kids can make a big difference in the percentages we post."

While the state's figures show the percentage of students in each grade passing all portions of the TAAS — those in the third, fifth, sixth and seventh grades were tested on reading and math; while those in the fourth grade were tested in reading, math and writing; and eighth graders' tests included reading, math, writing, science and social studies sections — each of the local district's results from the Texas Education Agency show the percentage of their students passing each section of the test.

Statewide, eighth-grade social studies was the only area in which student performance was

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Hillcrest students learn about McGruff through TU Electric program

By CARLTON JOHNSON
Staff Writer

If the children attending the Hillcrest Christian School and Child Development Center are any indication, McGruff the Crime Dog is the greatest thing since the Mighty Morphin Power Rangers.

A group of about 75 children attend Wednesday afternoon's TU Electric McGruff Truck road show.

The program is designed to teach children how to be safe, especially during the summer and who to trust or ask for help in emergency situations.

TU Electric employees Bryan York and Devry Kidd, Dallas magician Bo Gerrard, Big Spring Police Department (BSPD) Officers Javier Bacerra and Terri Hudson, and Howard County Sheriff's Deputy Cliff McCartney put on the program, which was one of three programs held Wednesday.

The McGruff program was also held at the YMCA and the Boy's Club.

During Gerrard's magic act, in which he is also known as Professor R. U. Safe, levitation was one of several tricks used to teach the children safety tips, practices and procedures they can use to help keep themselves out of danger.

During Wednesday's program, children were reminded to never get into a car with a stranger; never run out into the street; never open the door to a stranger; and always, when walking, go with a neighbor or someone they know they can trust.

Children were able to leave Wednesday's program with a McGruff Truck fun book, a TU Electric pencil and a McGruff crime badge.

One of the focal points of the program was to teach children how to use the McGruff safety wave (waving with both hands above their head and yelling help) to signal a TU Electric McGruff Truck if they are in danger, scared, hurt lost or threatened by a stranger.

Employees driving a McGruff

Truck (TU Electric vehicles with a McGruff sticker on the front, back and sides) will then call the appropriate authorities for help.

The road show began the week in Monahans, Sweetwater and Colorado City before coming to Big Spring, and will finish the week in Midland and Odessa.

TU Electric and the Big Spring Police Department felt that the beginning of summer was a good time to teach children about safety. TU Electric District Manager John Toone said. "Children tend to be more exposed to danger during the summer months because they're more active and spend more time outdoors."

TU Electric began its McGruff Truck program in 1994 in cooperation with local law enforcement agencies throughout its service area. Currently, more than 1,800 TU Electric McGruff Trucks serve as safe havens for children when they need help.

TU Electric serves about one-third of the Texas population, in an area that stretches about 600 miles to near Louisiana and 250



Children at the Hillcrest Child Development Center learn how to flag down a TU Electric/McGruff truck with the help of Bo Gerrard of Dallas (left), McGruff and Big Spring Police Department Officer Terri Hudson.

miles from the Oklahoma border into Central Texas.

The McGruff Truck program is a licensed program of the national Crime Prevention Council under the umbrella of

the nationwide McGruff crime-prevention campaign.

It was begun in 1991 to complement McGruff House, which provides approved residences as sources of help for children in

emergency or frightening situations.

McGruff is recognized by more than 95 percent of children nationwide as the dog that helps "take a bite out of crime."

Property owners flood tax office after reappraisal

By CARLTON JOHNSON
Staff Writer

Judging by the number of people sitting and standing in the Howard County Tax Office this morning, something is on a lot of people's minds — property tax appraisals.

Tax office telephone lines are jammed as well with calls residents having questions about their appraisals.

The Howard County Appraisal District recently sent out more than 12,000 letters to area resi-

dents informing them that the appraised value of their property had either increased or decreased.

Approximately 58 percent or 7,300 of the 12,617 notices informed residents that their property had been reappraised at a higher value.

The other 42 percent or 5,300 of the notices show residents a decrease in the appraised value of their property from the previous year.

When property is appraised, what the district does is go out to look at a home and it is then put

in a class and percent category ranging from a low of two to a high of 14. Some residences don't fit into this range and go into what is called a "special house category."

By law each home is required to be reappraised every three years and the district is also required to send a notice to every one having any kind of change, up or down, in the appraised value of their home.

These letters are what many area residents are going to the tax office to discuss with Chief Appraiser Keith Toomire.

Once homes are appraised they are put into the district's computer and calculated and usually in mid May or early June appraisals are turned over to the district's Appraisal Review Board (ARB).

Residents who have a dispute with their appraisal can have what's called an informal hearing with Toomire.

According to Toomire, the informal hearing process is for the district and the taxpayer to try to reach an equitable agreement. If this is not possible, the taxpayer has the option of going before the ARB.

WEATHER

Today:	Fri:	Sat:	Sun:

Tonight, mostly cloudy. A slight chance of thunderstorms. Lows in the mid 60s. Friday, partly cloudy. A slight chance of thunderstorms. Highs in the mid 80s. Friday night, fair. Lows in the 60s. Weekend, a chance of thunderstorms. Lows in the 60s. Highs in the 80s.

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OBITUARIES

Kay Boren
Service for Kay Boren, 80, Big Spring, is pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home. She died Wednesday, June 4, 1997, in El Paso.

Vola Liptrap
Service for Vola Liptrap, 93, Coahoma, is pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home. She died Wednesday, June 4, 1997.

Dorothy Hayward Hall
Dorothy Hayward Hall, 71, Big Spring, died on Tuesday, June 3, 1997, in a local hospital. Service will be 10 a.m. Friday, June 6, 1997, at First Baptist Church with Dr. Kenneth Patrick, pastor, officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.



HALL

She was born on June 4, 1925, in Abilene, Texas and married Harold M. Hall on Oct. 23, 1942, in Clinton, Okla.

Dorothy grew up in Big Spring and graduated from Big Spring High School in 1942. She was owner and accountant for Hayward Oil Company.

Dorothy was a member of First Baptist Church and had taught Sunday School in the Children's Department for 30 years. She was a member of Beta Sigma Phi and the Ladies Golf Association of the Big Spring Country Club. She was an active volunteer for the Big Spring State Hospital for many years.

Survivors include: her husband, Harold M. Hall, Sr., Big Spring; three sons, Harold M. "Don" Hall, Jr. and wife, Marla and children, Nicole and Kevin, all of Pasadena; George Howard Hall and wife, Becky and children, Amanda, Tyler and Matthew, all of Grapevine; and Michael Hayward Hall and wife, Barbara and sons, Zachary and Michael, all of Big Spring.

She was preceded in death by her parents, George and Bobbie Hayward, a brother, George Hayward, Jr. and a sister, Dora Ann Scott.

The family suggests memorials to The First Baptist Church; 705 Marcy; Big Spring, Texas; 79720, The Salvation Army; 811 W. Fifth; Big Spring, Texas; 79720 or the donor's favorite charity.

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

Paid obituary

Mary Elizabeth Hayden Hayes

Mary Elizabeth Hayden Hayes was born Sept. 22, 1911, in Ratcliffe, Texas and passed away May 31, 1997. She was a graduate of Louisiana College, whose career spanned 30 years in various offices of the Texas and Pacific Railway and Missouri Pacific Railway. She had lived in Big Spring working for the railroad. She was preceded in death by her husband, Robert Lee Hayes. A life-long Baptist, she enjoyed association with Business & Professional Women's Sunday School classes in Fort Worth and Dallas churches. Last year she was honored as a 50-year member of the Eastern Star organization, having served in the past as Worthy Matron of the J.T. Charnley Chapter, Alexandria, La.

She is survived by: three children, son and daughter-in-law, Robert and Ila Hayes of Kansas City; son and daughter-in-law, Jerry and Yvonne Hayes of Irving; daughter and son-in-law, Mary Ellen and William (Buddy) Blankenship of Plano; seven grandchildren, Ronald Hayes, Rhonda Hayes Brown, Lisa Hayes Head, Keith Hayes, Clay Blankenship, D'Ann Blankenship Sparks and Ruth Ellen Blankenship Heaton; and six great-grandchildren. Survivors also include a brother-in-law, two sisters-in-law, and numerous nieces and nephews.

In her final years she received loving care in the special Alzheimer's Unit of Heritage Manor Plano. A memorial service was Tuesday, June 3, 1997, at 7 p.m. in Ellis Chapel at the Park Cities Baptist Church in Dallas. Interment was 1 p.m. today in Greenwood Cemetery in Pineville, La. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the Alzheimer's Association.

Arrangements under the direction of Brown's Memorial Funeral Home, Irving.

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Couple charged with offering child for sale

CORPUS CHRISTI (AP) — A "desperately poor" couple have been jailed for trying to sell their 4-year-old daughter to an undercover police officer for \$1,500, officials say.

Bobby Ray Tyler, 29, and Denise Marie Tyler, 21, of Aransas Pass were charged Wednesday with sale of a child, a third-degree felony punishable by two to 10 years in prison and a fine up to \$10,000, said Ingleside police Lt. Charlie Jenkins.

They were being held in the San Patricio County Jail late Wednesday in lieu of \$30,000 bond each, a jail official said. "These people just seemed to be so desperately poor that they were looking for a way out," Jenkins said.

The Tylers were arrested at about 11 p.m. Tuesday. An informant told law enforcement officials that the parents intended to sell any of their three children for \$1,200.

But as the informant began to make arrangements with them, they decided to sell the oldest child for \$1,500, police said.

The couple also have a 3-year-old boy and a 2-year-old girl, both of whom were placed in the care of Child Protective Services officials.

The informant told police that at one point during the negotiations, one of the parents turned to the other and said something like "maybe we can get out of this little house," Jenkins said.

"I can only speculate (on their motivations), but they seem to be in pretty bad shape financially," Jenkins said.

TAAS

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lower than last year. Fifth graders had the largest number of students passing statewide, with 79 percent passing both the reading and mathematics sections of the TAAS. Fewer eighth graders, just 66 percent, showed mastery of all five test sections.

Other grades and the percentage of students passing statewide were: Third grade, 74 percent; fourth grade, 72 percent; sixth grade, 76 percent; and seventh grade, 75 percent.

With only a few exceptions, Forsan ISD had the largest percentage of students locally passing the various sections of the TAAS.

In the reading section, 98 percent of Forsan's third graders, 95 percent of fifth and sixth graders, 92 percent of eighth graders, 90 percent of seventh graders and 88 percent of fourth graders met the minimum standard.

Fifth graders led the way in the Big Spring ISD with 88 percent meeting the standard in reading, while 87 percent of seventh graders, 85 percent of third graders, 84 percent of sixth graders and 79 percent of eighth graders passed.

Conversely, Coahoma's eighth graders had the highest reading scores with 89 percent passing, while 87 percent of seventh graders, 85 percent of fifth and sixth graders, 80 percent of third graders and 74 percent of fourth graders met the standard.

In mathematics, 96 percent of Forsan's third and fourth graders, 95 percent of fifth graders, 90 percent of sixth graders, 76 percent of eighth graders and 74 percent of seventh graders achieved passing scores.

Again, it was Big Spring's fifth graders that led the way in math with 87 percent meeting the minimum standard. The third grade had 83 percent passing, while 82 percent of seventh graders, 78 percent of sixth graders, 77 percent of eighth graders and 75 percent of fourth graders passed.

Coahoma's math scores had 88 percent of sixth and seventh graders passing, while 84 percent of fourth graders, 83 percent of eighth graders, 81 percent of fifth graders and 74 percent of fourth graders achieving minimum standards.

In the writing portions of the test, 96 percent of Forsan's, 92 percent of Coahoma's and 81 percent of Big Spring's students posted passing scores at the fourth grade level.

And at the eighth grade level, Coahoma had 88 percent pass the writing test, while 85 percent of Forsan's students and 82 percent of Big Spring's students achieved the minimum requirement.

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

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1209 Wright, has free food for area needy, 10 a.m. to noon.

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

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

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

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

•Genealogical Society of Big Spring, 7:15, Howard County Library. Call Bernice Cason at 267-8542 or 267-7236.

•Masonic Lodge No. 1340, 7:30 p.m., 2101 Lancaster. Call Preston Harris, 263-7136.

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

BRIEFS

THE CITY OF BIG Spring will help local residents clean up their property during June.

Large item pickup and towing of "junk" cars will be available each weekend. Call code enforcement at 264-2505 to arrange the free service.

HOWARD COLLEGE HAS PROGRAMS planned during the summer, including "Kids College" as well as children's dance and art classes for all ages.

Children's dance classes will be in two sessions, beginning June 9. Ballet, jazz, and pre-ballet for beginners are among the offerings.

Art classes include cartooning, watercolor, drawing and commercial art/design.

Kid's College starts June 9 with a variety of courses for those age 6-12.

For more information, call continuing education at 264-5131.

THE STATE PARK WILL have Nature Walk and Sunset Tales with nature walks starting at 8 p.m. and storytelling at 9 p.m. every Saturday in June. Meet at the upper picnic pavilion/playground area.

The cost is \$2 (park admission for adults 13 years and older).

BIG SPRING HIGH SCHOOL cafeteria will serve lunch free to local youth (ages 18 and under) from now through Aug. 1.

Serving hours are 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Enter through the north exterior cafeteria door.

The free lunch is part of the Summer Food Service Program, an extension of the National School Lunch Program. No proof of residence or income required. No meal will be served on July 4.

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.

POST HIGH SCHOOL WILL conduct an all-school reunion July 4-5. For information, former students are encouraged to call (806) 495-3461 or write: Chamber of Commerce, P.O. Box 610, Post, TX 79356.

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THE CAUBLE SCHOOL REUNION

will be June 14, at 10 a.m. in the Elbow School Cafeteria. All ex-students are invited to attend, and bring a covered dish for the luncheon to begin at noon.

The day will be dedicated to Bonnie Tredaway, former president who is now deceased. Gifts and door prizes will be awarded. Call 267-8023 for more information.

THE LOCAL CHAPTER OF the American Business Women's Association will have their yearly fundraiser auction on at 7 p.m. Monday at the First United Methodist Church Garrett Hall. There will be many items donated by local merchants.

THERE WILL BE A Kid's Rodeo Saturday, June 21, on the courthouse square at 12:30 p.m., after the parade. Registration for all events will be taken between 11 a.m. and noon on the day of the event.

Scheduled events are Bull Riding, Flag Racing, Milking Contest, Goat Hair Pulling, Barrel Racing and Clowns Contest (clowns need to arrive dressed and ready to perform). The winners of the clown contest will be the clowns for the bull riding event. All events will be divided into three age groups and each contestant may enter two events.

The Big Spring High School Key Club is aiding to the production of the rodeo.

THE BIG SPRING YMCA offers its facilities for a party. You may use the indoor swimming pool, gym and a room for refreshments. Prices vary depending on the length of the party, the number in your group and the facilities to be used. Call 267-8234 for more information.

MARKETS

July cotton 73.30 cents a pound, up 18 points; June crude oil 19.79, down 33 points; Cash hogs steady at \$2.50 higher at 59.50; slaughter steers steady at 64; June lean hog futures 81.35, up 12 points; June live cattle futures 64.10, down 2 points.

courtesy: Delta Corporation. Other markets unavailable today.

RECORDS

Wednesday's high 92
Wednesday's low 64
Average high 89
Average low 63
Record high 106 in 1933
Record low 46 in 1928
Precip. Wednesday 0.00
Month to date 0.00
Month's normal 0.31
Year to date 8.34
Normal for the year 6.99
**Statistics not available

POLICE

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

•LONNIE DEE SCAGGS, 29, of Lakewood, Colo., was arrested for public intoxication.

•JOHN MANUEL GONZALES, 19, of Snyder, was arrested for public intoxication.

•LEO PENA, 18, of 204 N.W. 7th, was arrested for failure to identify and on local warrants.

•ANTHONY PAUL MUNOZ, 38, no known address, was arrested for public intoxication.

•FELIX MATTHEW MARTINEZ, 17, of 602 N.W. 7th, was arrested for theft under \$50.

•EDDIE LOPEZ FLORES, 22, of 705 Lancaster, was arrested on local warrants.

•THEFT in the 2300 block of Wason; 400 block of Gregg; 1700 block of Wason; 2500 block of Wason; and the 4200 block of Dixon.

•DISTURBANCE/FIGHT in the 1400 block of Mount Vernon; and the 400 block of W. 6th.

•DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE in the 1400 block of Princeton; and the 1000 block of N.W. 2nd.

•CRIMINAL MISCHIEF in the 1800 block of Mittle.

•ASSAULT BY THREAT in the 600 block of E. 18th.

SHERIFF

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

•FEDENCIO DE LEÓN, 28, address unknown, was arrested for non-payment of child support and failure to identify.

•ROBERT RIVERA, 26, of Motel 6 #113, was arrested for driving while intoxicated and revocation of probation for burglary of a building. A \$5,000 bond was set on the DWI charge and no bond set on the felony.

•DAVID GLENN HARVELL, 45, of Blackwell, was arrested for class B theft, and released on a \$200 bond.

•HENRY FRANCO, 32, of Cedar Park, was arrested for contempt of court, and given 30 days in jail.

•WILLIAM JOSEPH TKACIK, 49, of Borger, was arrested on two counts of aggravated sexual assault of a child and one count of indecency with a child. Two bonds of \$50,000 each and one bond of \$25,000 was set by Hutchinson County.

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NALLEY-PICKLE & WELCH Funeral Home
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Dorothy Hayward Hall, 71, died Tuesday. Services will be 10:00 AM Friday at First Baptist Church. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

Viola Liptrap, 93, died Wednesday. Services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

Kay Boren, 80, died Wednesday. Services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

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New duties for U.S. military include guarding rain forests

MIAMI (AP) — Some U.S. soldiers are gearing up to take on new duties in Central and South America, as warriors for the environment.

In at least 32 Latin American and Caribbean nations, members of the U.S. Southern Command — SouthCom — will be asked to guard rain forests and endangered species.

The new green duties are a dividend of the post-Cold War era that has spread democracy, not an easy transition for countries.

"This is a legitimate military issue," Timothy E. Wirth, undersecretary of state for global affairs, told the Western Hemisphere Defense Environmental Conference on Tuesday. "This is not a bunch of trendy greenies."

The Southern Command, which is relocating from Panama to Miami in late September, is one of nine unified military commands and is responsible for coordinating military operations in Central and South America.

Its varied missions include human rights, military cooperation, and border conflicts in the Western Hemisphere, most with an eye toward environmental impacts.

"SouthCom is unique in comparison to other unified commands because there is a real need — when you look at countries that have shifted to democracy over the last few years — to show them guys wearing uniforms can be good people," said Navy Lt. Jane Campbell, a spokeswoman for SouthCom. "It's vastly different from what many of the citizens have known."

The green warriors fit with the thinking that a nation that has its environmental affairs in order is positioned to reap the rewards of its natural resources and in better shape for the future.

And the military already has people in the region who know each country's dynamics and the expertise to solve problems.

In the Panama Canal, for instance, SouthCom could help officials preserve the fragile water table that fills the canal and keeps it free of silt. Troops could help turn the Colombia-Venezuela border region — the scene of a decades-long dispute stemming from Colombian guerrilla incursions into Venezuela — into an international park. And they could help preserve Brazil's rain forests.

Liakat All Errol Allibux, Minister of Natural Resources for Suriname, said SouthCom's possible involvement in his nation was welcome.

"We need international cooperation on our environmental issues to help sustain our development," he said.

The United States benefits, too. More than 50,000 National Guard and military reservists train every year in Central and South America, learning to build schoolhouses and highways. The training is useful for those serving in a troop-support capacity, like bridge-building engineers.

"It's preparing people for stuff they may have to do in that environment," Campbell said.

SouthCom, with 6,200 members from all branches of the military, is required by the Panama Canal Treaty to move its 800-member headquarters off Panamanian soil by the end of 1999.

SouthCom officials hoped the conference helped change people's attitudes about the range of jobs the U.S. armed forces undertakes.

"People say humanitarian missions and the military are diametrically opposed and we say no," Campbell said.

Execution of klansterman in Alabama rekindles debate over racial fairness of death penalty

MOBILE, Ala. (AP) — Some states are carrying out death sentences at record rates, but the execution of a white for killing a black is still rare.

Former Ku Klux Klansterman Henry Francis Hays was scheduled to die early Friday for randomly picking a 19-year-old black man off the street, beating him, slashing him and hanging his body from a tree.

Police said the 1981 killing of Michael Donald was ordered by Klan leaders, including Hays' father.

Hays' execution would be the first for a white convicted of killing a black in Alabama.

since 1913, when two whites were hanged for killing a black cockfighting trainer, according to Watt Espy of the Capital Punishment Research Project in Headland.

"The death penalty in the state of Alabama is overwhelmingly used in cases involving white victims, and disproportionately in white victim cases with minority defendants," said attorney Bryan Stevenson of the Equal Justice Initiative in Montgomery.

But Joe Marston III, assistant attorney general for Alabama, said there is no bias involved, just simple math.

"Most murders are black-on-black," he said. "You'd have to do some very deep and difficult research on how many white-on-black crimes you have, and how many fall into capital murder categories."

Executions for white-on-black crimes are rare throughout the nation.

Since the Supreme Court reinstated capital punishment in 1976, five whites have been executed for killing blacks, said Tonya D. McClary, an attorney for the NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund Inc. in New York. Overall, about 380 people have been executed.

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Air Force says black mechanic forced to work in racially hostile environment

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — A black aircraft mechanic at Kelly Air Force Base is entitled to monetary damage and a letter of apology for being forced to work in a racially hostile environment, the Air Force says.

The Air Force Civilian Appellate Review Office said in a report issued this week in Washington that management forced Phil Head to work in the hostile environment after management took inappropriate and ineffective action to investigate his complaints.

The 27-page report says Head should get the monetary damages and a letter of apology from Kelly management.

Head, a civilian aircraft mechanic and an Air Force reserve technician in the 433rd Airlift Wing, was the victim of three instances of discriminatory harassment in 1995 and 1996, the report said. The conduct portrayed Ku Klux Klan activities, Head alleged.

Budget bill includes controversial lyrics ban

AUSTIN — A controversial music lyrics ban that was thought dead, quietly was resurrected when it was tagged onto the state's 1998-99 budget.

The 800-page budget is expected to be signed into law by Governor George W. Bush.

The ban possibly would make Texas the first state in the nation to prohibit agencies from investing in companies that produce or distribute music that promotes violence and criminal behavior or degrades women.

Recording Industry Association of America director of state relations Paul Russinoff said the ban on "gangsta rap" would apply to thousands of pieces of music including Johnny Cash singing "Folsom Prison Blues" to Bob Marley singing "I Shot the Sheriff" to numerous others.

Russinoff's group called the ban an infringement on free speech and in a Tuesday letter to Gov. Bush, asked that he veto the budget bill.

Nashville suspect released from Texas prison

HOUSTON — Paul Dennis Reid was released from a Texas prison in 1990 after serving only eight years of a 20-year aggravated robbery sentence despite a history of psychiatric problems, officials say.

He did so without having to go through a Texas parole board hearing and despite a case file that charts a history of criminal activity.

On Tuesday, while free on mandatory supervision from a Texas prison, Reid was charged with the slayings of five people in two Nashville restaurant robberies.

Police are now investigating whether he might have been involved in at least 10 other killings, including seven people at an Illinois restaurant.

Reid's release in 1990 — 12 years before his sentence was to end — came courtesy of a complex prison release system established in 1977 to ease severe overcrowding.

INS alleges voter fraud probe killed by politics

WASHINGTON — Immigration investigators in Dallas were ordered to halt a probe into possible voting by foreigners because of their boss' concerns about the "political ramifications" of the investigation, internal memos by frustrated employees suggest.

The investigation was stopped last month after a preliminary check of 400 registered Dallas voters turned up 10 noncitizens. Last year's immigration law made it a crime for noncitizens to vote or register to vote. Penalties include deportation or up to five years imprisonment.

INS officials in Washington said the probe was temporarily halted because Dallas District Director Arthur Strapp wanted a detailed written proposal of how it would be conducted before a full-scale launch involving several agencies. The investigation resumed Monday, they noted.

The Dallas district's assistant director for investigations, in memos obtained by The Associated Press and first reported Wednesday by The Washington Times, blamed Strapp's action on political concerns.

Tobacco would pay for kid's health care under plan

DALLAS — Anti-tobacco forces are within days of giving cigarette makers a final settlement offer that asks the industry to pay the health costs for millions of uninsured children, The Dallas Morning News reported today.

The newspaper said attorneys representing individual smokers and the attorney generals of 32 states will meet separately during the next week to wrap up the proposal.

"This may end up being a take-it-or-leave-it proposition," said one negotiator who was not identified. "This is the time to see how eager the industry is for a deal."

"The bet on our side is they want a deal badly, and are pretty much prepared to do what it takes. But this really pushes the industry to the edge to see what they will take before walking away."

Industry lawyers declined to comment on the proposal.

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Quote of the Day

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OUR VIEWS

Council unity, city commitment needed

The completion of the May 31 runoff election for the District 2 seat on the Big Spring City Council brought to a close the 1997 election season and, hopefully, signaled a new beginning in city government.

Three seats were up and all three were taken by newcomers — Oscar Garcia in District 2, Tommy Tune in District 4 and Greg Biddison in District 6.

Those three join District 1's Stephanie Horton, District 3's Chuck Cawthon, District 5's Jimmy Campbell and Mayor Tim Blackshear in overseeing the operations of our city.

We're hopeful that the new council will be able to work in harmony with one another — which makes it easier not only for the council members themselves, but for city employees and the community itself.

We think it's time for the bickering to stop at council meetings, such as the most recent flap between Horton and former council member Pat DeAnda over the naming of an election judge.

We also think it's time to put an end to the childish actions of some council members, such as during last year's selection of nominees for the board of Moore Development when one council member kept asking the others how to spell the name of a candidate he supported.

Whether Mr. Garcia, who said during his campaign that the city can't be run as a business, agrees or not, the City of Big Spring is a business. It is a business funded by fees, such as from the sale of water and other services and from tax monies harvested from property owners.

It is the responsibility of the council to ensure that those monies are spent prudently and wisely — like a business. And while only three members of the current council do have to worry about making a bottom line, keeping workers employed and a maintaining a viable business we would hope that all seven would see the need for and be able to manage the city as a business.

We also hope our new council will be open to joining in the effort to advance the revitalization of downtown Big Spring.

The effort around the Howard County Courthouse, which includes Master Plan Coordinator Tara Kersh and attorney Ben Bancroft, is a definite starting point.

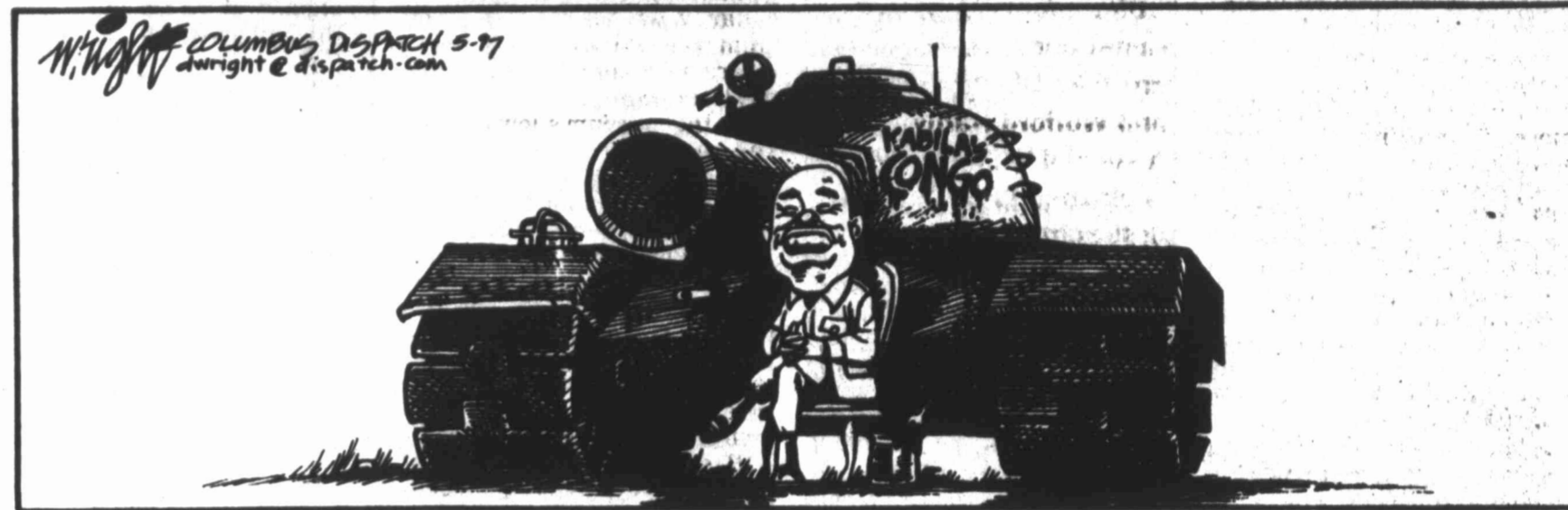
Add to that the efforts of Tommy Churchwell and Bill and Darlene Hipp to get windows in the Settles Hotel and you've taken another step forward.

And despite his setback, Al Moore's efforts to do something positive with the Permian Building should be applauded — not restrained.

The news that Tom Guess withdrew his bid on the Palmer House — for whatever reason — leaves us less than enthusiastic.

Rather than throw cold water on someone's efforts to help bring life back into downtown, there should be encouragement for their efforts — lest others get caught in the spray and decide against trying to make a difference.

Talk is cheap, whether it is about working together, restoring downtown or volunteering on a project, but we're encouraged over the talk we're hearing from council members about a new beginning and a commitment to unity for the betterment of our community.



Gebhardt-Gore battle affects Capitol activity

By TOM RAUM
Associated Press Writer

A call to arms of the last presidential season was Republican Pat Buchanan's "lock and load" admonition to supporters. This time Democrats have their own battlefield exclamation: Duck.

In early skirmishing for 2000, Vice President Al Gore and House Minority Leader Dick Gephardt, D-Mo., have been firing salvos at each other across the heads of other Democrats in Congress.

Gephardt's decision to oppose two major Clinton administration initiatives — the balanced-budget plan and renewing trade benefits for China — clearly lays the groundwork for his own presidential run.

But it complicates life for other congressional Democrats and for the administration.

It puts President Clinton in the awkward position of being unable to count on the top Democratic leader in the House to rally party support for him on the issues that will dominate debate this summer.

And Gephardt's go-it-alone strategy translates into confused leadership, his critics suggest.

The Gephardt-Gore rivalry is affecting a range of measures. And the complaints aren't all directed at Gephardt.

Some top Democrats have complained that the administration is delaying a bill to liberalize trade with Latin American primarily to accommodate Gore.

"If this is being held up because of the politics of the New Hampshire primary in the year 2000, that is a dishonorable act," Sen. Daniel Patrick Moynihan, D-N.Y., told U.S. Trade Representative Charlene Barshefsky on Tuesday.

Gephardt has said he will oppose any expansion of free trade to other countries without adequate safeguards for worker rights and the environment.

In internal debates in which Gore has participated, the administration has been split over whether to go against unions and environmentalists to get "fast track" negotiating authority through the GOP-controlled Congress.

That could alienate two key Democratic constituencies that Gephardt has openly courted — and which Gore doesn't want to ignore.

The battle intensified Tuesday when Al From, president of the centrist Democratic Leadership Council that Gephardt helped found in 1985, accused the Missouri lawmaker of trying to "turn the clock back."

In an editorial-page essay in

The Wall Street Journal, From said that under Gephardt the party would "fall victim again to the old approaches that left us in the political wilderness for much of the past quarter century."

From portrayed the party feud as no less than "the fight for the soul of the Democratic Party."

Gephardt pollster Mark Mellman called such an assertion "a gross exaggeration.... Voters are not out there trying to decide who's an old Democrat and who's a new Democrat. They don't much care. They want to know who's on their side."

Jeff Faux, president of the labor-funded Economic Policy Institute, also disparaged From's notion that battle lines were forming between New Democrats, such as Clinton and Gore, and Old Democrats, such as Gephardt.

"Clinton was elected twice on traditional Democratic themes," including preservation of Medicare, investments in the future and environmental protection, Faux said. From, in an interview, said he didn't mean to beat up on Gephardt. But, he said: "I think these are big, important issues. And Gephardt represents a part of the party that doesn't like the direction in which Clinton has led it. This

is a critical juncture." White House spokesman Mike McCurry was asked at what point Gephardt's opposition to Clinton's policies would make it impossible for the president to continue working with him.

"Well, probably never.... They're going to be working together in most instances and disagreeing in a few cases," McCurry said, then adding mischievously: "At least not to 2000, you know."

Gephardt denies ulterior political motives. "In politics today, two weeks is a long time. To think you can take a position now that will have some effect on an election 3 years from now, that's just silly," he said in a recent interview.

Meanwhile, Gore isn't missing a beat. He showed up at a meeting of House Democrats late Tuesday to thank them for supporting the balanced-budget deal the White House negotiated with GOP leaders — and which Gephardt has strongly denounced.

"I'm just meeting with a group of friends," he told reporters. He then went on to laud the agreement.

EDITOR'S NOTE — Tom Raum covers politics and national affairs for The Associated Press.

The truth about the USS Liberty and Israel

To know what is right and not do it is the worst cowardice, according to Confucius.

That says it all about the Congress and the USS Liberty, the intelligence ship attacked by Israeli jets and torpedo boats while in international waters in 1967.

Thirty-four Americans were killed, 171 wounded and the ship so badly damaged it had to be sold for scrap.

This month the survivors gathered in Washington for the 30th anniversary reunion. For 30 years, they have asked the government they served for only one simple thing: the truth. Hold a congressional hearing. Take testimony. Declassify all the records. Nothing more.

For 30 years, the Congress, which is Zionist-occupied territory, has refused to do for the men of the USS Liberty what Congress has always done throughout American history whenever an American ship was attacked or suffered an accident while at sea: conduct a congressional inquiry.

Why this cruel betrayal of American sailors? The answer is simple. Your congressmen and your senators are more loyal to the Israeli lobby than they are to your sons and daughters serving in the armed forces of the United States. You should never forget or forgive that.

It is nothing short of treason of the heart. Israel has claimed the attack was a mistake, though it took place in bright sunlight after hours of reconnaissance. The ship was flying a large American flag. It bore no resemblance to an Egyptian rust bucket that Israel, in one of its several versions of what happened, claimed it thought it was.

The U.S. government, by the way, rushed out with an acceptance of the Israeli account even before the survivors had stopped bleeding, much less

been interviewed. For 30 years, no one in the U.S. government has been willing to say why U.S. planes on a carrier, which had been launched to defend the Liberty, were instantly recalled, leaving the Liberty and her dying and wounded unprotected.

Now the survivors, who have doggedly pursued declassification of documents, have uncovered a new twist. Apparently a U.S. submarine was also present and photographed the attack.

Survivors located four members of the crew of the USS Amberjack SS522, who have confirmed that they were present and submerged during the attack. According to Jim Ennes, a USS Liberty officer and author, one of the senior enlisted men told the Liberty guys that the sound of gunfire, missiles and torpedo explosion was so loud that some of the crew thought the Amberjack was under depth-charge attack.

Two other clues: First, a declassified memo of a briefing of the "303 Committee" (high-ranking U.S. officials) about a sensitive Department of Defense project known as FRONTLET

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Second, the official ship's history shows the Amberjack was in the area during the 1967 war. The Amberjack's former skipper denies it, but remember, both the Amberjack and the Liberty were on highly classified missions.

Liberty survivors are hoping that other enlisted men or officers who served on that mission of the Amberjack will come forward. If indeed periscope photographs were taken, then those pictures would prove that the survivors' account of the attack is the truth.

To the everlasting shame of some Americans, these USS Liberty survivors have been vilified as anti-Semites and drunks because they refuse to stop their search for the truth. The low-down, yellow-dog cowards in Congress have allowed these men to be called liars while refusing to do their duty and produce the evidence — which certainly exists — that would verify their accounts.

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Art in the trenches

Intricate craft of soldiers during idle hours on display now at Heritage Museum

By DEBBIE L. JENSEN
Features Editor

For soldiers in World Wars I and II, there were many solitary hours, days and even weeks with very little to do but wait.

Some turned tension and loneliness into creativity, making artistic and functional pieces from things they found around them — especially shell casings of various sizes. They painstakingly tapped out designs or cut and soldered pieces together, making cigarette lighters, vases, knives and letter openers.

Now Big Spring residents can see some of the rarest of these pieces in the collections of two locals at the Heritage Museum. Jack Glickman and Wofford Hardy are guest curators for "Trench Art," in the museum's downstairs area through July.

A special walk-through with the owners of the pieces is planned for Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. Visitors are invited to view the pieces and ask questions of Hardy and Glickman.

Admission is free and refreshments will be served.

"In their idle time, the soldiers would sit and literally tap out designs on a piece of this 'trench art,'" said Glickman, a collector of various types of militaria for several decades.

"The best pieces were made on shipboard," said Hardy. "That's where they had access

TRENCH ART

Where: Heritage Museum
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Guest curators are Jake Glickman and Wofford Hardy.
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to the equipment."

Depending on where the artist was located, as well as their own skill, the quality and type of trench art varies. There are delicate flowers tapped into the sides of vases made of shell casings.

"There are rougher seams at the joints on a group of airplanes shaped from small bullet casings.

"Some show an artistic touch," Glickman said. "Some show more skill."

Some of the most artistic pieces, according to Glickman, may have been made by artists who were drafted. Forced to spend long periods away from the tools of their craft, they practiced with whatever they found.

In some cases, intricate designs may have been literally tapped into the metal with a nail or bayonet.

Most shells are marked with the country and date of manufacture. Glickman said some of the most unusual are from Japan and Russia. The most common are French and British-made.

Hardy has an ashtray made from a Japanese shell casing — a rare piece that can be seen in the local exhibit.

On the museum's lower floor, the pieces are displayed in ammunition boxes with glass fronts to allow a good view of the craftsmanship. Other military items displayed with the collection add to its theme.

One of Glickman's favorite pieces is a "short-timer's stick," a wand made of wood or metal that would be given to a serviceman in honor of his last month or so in the battlefield.

"His buddies would make something like this for him," Glickman explained, showing two examples that are on display at the museum. One is formed in metal, the other in unusual, twisted wood.

"This area of collecting is really neglected," said Glickman, and Hardy agreed.

"It's hard to find resource materials. There is almost nothing out there," he said.

But through the challenging hobby of these two men, local residents can share in a little-known part of military history.

The Heritage Museum, at 510 Scurry, is open 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday.



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In the photo above, Wofford Hardy hangs a helmet next to the ammunition box that stores some of the trench art now on display at the Heritage Museum. At right, Jake Glickman peers into a cabinet holding some shell casings made into art. Glickman and Hardy are guest curators for the exhibit showcasing their collections.



Home-school students succeed on college exams

GALVESTON (AP) — Most high-school students planning to go to college work tirelessly to fill their transcripts with good grades and extracurricular activities. But Heather Kent is filling her transcript with college credit from Galveston College while she's home schooling herself.

Miss Kent, 17, will finish high school via correspondence courses from Texas Tech University at the end of the month. So when she receives her diploma she will enter college as a sophomore.

But she said she plans to spend one more year at Galveston College and enter the University of Texas at Arlington as a junior next year where she plans to study anthropology.

Miss Kent's parents are both teachers, her father a professor at Prairie View A&M and her mother a second-grade teacher at Parker Elementary School.

"After a year at Ball High I talked with my parents about doing something else, and they felt like I was old enough to handle the correspondence courses," Miss Kent said. "Home schooling gave me a chance to get to study more of what I was interested in."

Although Miss Kent is the exception, most home-schooled students do far well in college because they are self-starters, said Chuck Buddenhagen, director of Continuing Education at College of the Mainland.

Statistics from the Home School Legal Defense Association state that home-schooled students score about 30 points higher on standardized tests than public-school students.

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WORKING ENVIRONMENT: These people usually work in specialized shops that are normally away from the

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SALARY: In 1996, tool and die makers were receiving \$490 to \$860 a week.

JOB PROSPECTS: Average to good

Blind teen finds reading has rewards

GARLAND (AP) — Some 14-year-olds don't like to read, but Mary Sefzik does.

She subscribes to at least four magazines and has recently finished "The Wizard of Oz," "Little House on the Prairie," "Anne of Green Gables" and " Heidi."

"I like to read for fun, pretty much anything I can get hold of," she said. "I like biographies and I like the classics just because I think they're pretty good."

Mary's devotion to books is all that more remarkable because the written word is hidden from her — she has been blind from birth. Her Braille copy of "Little Women," which is not small in standard printed editions, fills five dictionary-size volumes neatly filed on a shelf in her Garland bedroom.

Mary, who will be in the

eighth grade next fall at Kimbrough Middle School in Mesquite, recently entered a national reading contest sponsored by the National Organization of Parents of Blind Children, an affiliate of the National Federation for the Blind.

"She didn't win, but she read 3,349 pages over three months ending in February. The reading was its own reward, she said.

"It got me to pace myself for something I like to do anyway," she said.

This is precisely the attitude that Barbara Cheadle, president of the parents organization, said she hopes to foster. Although the winner read almost 15,000 Braille pages, Mary's effort was impressive, Ms. Cheadle said.

"It's difficult for a kid to win," she said.

Underachievers lack self-discipline

Some students must have reinforcement to thrive

QUESTION: I have heard the term "classic underachiever" applied to children. Will you define that concept for me?

DR. DOBSON: The underachiever is a student who is unsuccessful in school despite his ability to do the work. He may have an IQ of 120 or better, yet earn D's and F's on his report card.

If possible, underachieving children are even more numerous and less understood than slow learners or late bloomers. The confusion is related to the fact that two specific ingredients are necessary to produce academic excellence, yet the second is often overlooked.

First, intellectual ability must be there. But mental capacity is insufficient by itself. Self-discipline is also required. An able child may or may not have the self-control necessary to bear down day after day on something he considers painful or difficult. Furthermore, intelligence and self-disciplining frequently are not correlated. We often see a child displaying one without the other.

QUESTION: What solution would you offer for the problem of underachievers?

DR. DOBSON: I have dealt with more than 500 underachievers, and have come to the conclusion that there are only two functional solutions to this syndrome.

The first is certainly no panacea: parents can become so involved in schoolwork that the child has no choice but to do the job. To make this possible, the school must expend additional effort to communicate assignments and progress to parents. Junior is certainly not going to carry the message! Adolescents, particularly, will

confound the communication between school and home as much as possible.

In one of the high schools where I served, for example, students had a 20-minute "home room" session each day. This time was used for the flag salute, council meetings, announcements and related matters.

Very little opportunity for studying occurred there, yet each day, hundreds of parents were told that all homework was finished during that session. The naive parents were led to believe that the home-room period was a two-hour block of concentrated effort.

Parents must know what goes on in school if they want to reinforce their child's academic responsibilities. They should provide support in areas where self-discipline is needed. The evening study period should be highly structured with routine hours and a minimum of interferences. To do this, parents must know what was assigned and how the finished product should look. Finally, negative attitudes should be withheld from the learning situation. Berating and criticizing an underachiever will not make him work harder.

I must hasten to say that this procedure is not an easy solution. It rarely works for more than a week or two, since many parents also lack the required self-discipline to continue the

program. And when they quit, so does Junior! There must be a better way, and I believe there is.

An underachiever often thrives under a system of immediate reinforcement. If he is not challenged by personal satisfaction and motivators usually generated in the classroom, he must be fed some artificial incentives in the form of rewards applied to small units of behavior.

Instead of gifts or other desirable objectives being offered to the child for earning an A in English at the end of the semester, he should be given 10 cents for each properly diagrammed sentence.

The use of immediate reinforcement serves the same function as a starter on a car! You can't drive very far without it, but it gets the engine going much easier than pushing.

For the idealist who objects to the use of the extrinsic motivation (which is often inaccurately called a bribe), I would ask this question: "What alternative do we have, other than to let a child grow out of his problem?"

These questions and answers are excerpted from the book, Dr. Dobson Answers Your Questions. Dr. James Dobson is a psychologist, author and president of Focus on the Family, a nonprofit organization dedicated to the preservation of the home.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Dr. James C. Dobson's "Focus on the Family" appears each Thursday as a cooperative effort of Scenic Mountain Medical Center and the Big Spring Herald. Letters to Dr. Dobson may be sent to P.O. Box 444, Colorado Springs, Colo.; 80903.



Dr. James Dobson
Columnist

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Use body language for a lasting impression

(NAPS) — Everyone uses body language every day. It's natural that what your body says reflects your emotional mood and physical feeling. You can learn how to make it work for you.

Here are some body language tips from Georgetown Publishing House's American Speaker, the ultimate guide to successful speaking:

- Walk confidently as you approach the podium and take long, steady strides at an even speed.
- Once you get there, don't dive right into your speech, instead, smile and make eye contact with the audience, scanning from right to left.
- Stand up straight with your shoulders square, but don't stand too stiffly. Lean slightly toward the audience, but don't stoop or hunch over.
- When you want to let an important point sink in, deliver it slowly, leaning forward and placing your hands on the podium.



FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Seminar Saturday

Natural treatments for attention deficit disorder (ADD) and attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD) will be the subject of a seminar Saturday in Big Spring.

Parents, teachers, counselors and health care professionals are invited to hear Dr. David Cunningham of Arizona's Wellness Center talk about natural treatments for these disorders from 9 a.m.-noon in the East Room of Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

Admission is \$15, which includes a workbook. Call 267-6444 for a reservation since seating is limited.

Cunningham is a nutritional specialist who uses herbs, minerals and dietary changes instead of medications.

THE LAST WORD

While I am busy with little things, I am not required to do greater things.
St. France de Sales

Good manners is the art of making those people easy with whom we converse. Whoever makes the fewest persons uneasy, is the best-bred in the company.
Jonathan Swift.

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Jordan upstages Malone as Bulls take 2-0 lead over Jazz

CHICAGO (AP) — Michael Jordan might have played his last game in Chicago. If so, he picked a great way to go.

He scored 38 points. He grabbed 13 rebounds. He dished out nine assists. He had two steals as part of a defense that stifled the Utah Jazz. He had another in a long line of "I can't believe he did that!" moves. He again upstaged an embarrassed Karl Malone.

Most importantly, Jordan led the Bulls to a 97-85 victory Wednesday night, giving them a 2-0 lead in the NBA Finals.

"Every time he got the ball, he was

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looking to score," Utah's Shandon Anderson said. "He seemed like he was on some sort of mission."

He is. Just two more victories and Jordan will have carried the Bulls to their fifth championship in seven years. Games 3 and 4 are Friday and Sunday in Salt Lake City, which also will be the site of Game 5 if the Jazz can win one of the next two.

Utah coach Jerry Sloan said his team has no chance of returning to Chicago for Game 6 if it keeps playing as it did Wednesday night.

Jordan's Game 1 buzzer-beater seemed to carry over to Game 2, and he's confident there will be another carryover to Friday night.

"We have great momentum," he said. "I hope we can maintain that in Utah, and take the crowd out of the game. We've been a great road team, and I anticipate that happening once again."

If Chicago wraps it up in Utah, the questions about the Bulls' future will really start being asked.

Was Wednesday the last Chicago flight of Air Jordan?

Whether fans never get to see him again at the United Center or whether they have to wait only nine days for his return, Jordan gave them something to remember him by.

He had nine points and three assists, figuring in every Chicago basket, during a 17-10 first-quarter burst that put the Bulls in command. He scored his 14th and 15th points on his eighth rebound midway through the second quarter, when Utah tied a finals record for futility with only 11 points as Chicago took a 47-31 halftime lead.

"When Michael has those outbursts early," teammate Steve Kerr said, "you know it is going to be a long night for the other team."

At that point, however, Jordan was only warming up.

He brought the crowd to its feet in the third quarter with a vintage Jordan move — driving past Anderson, gliding past Adam Keefe, taking off under the basket, dipping under Malone, switching the ball from his right hand to his left, and scoring softly off the backboard. All the while, his tongue was hanging out of his mouth — his signature pose.

Bulldogs bring experience to tourney

By STEVE REAGAN
Staff Writer

On Wednesday, the Coahoma Bulldogs rode a chartered bus to the UIL Class 2A State Baseball Tournament. But two years ago, they rode lightning to Austin.

This year's team has been a collection of leaders and role players, but two years ago, a tall, brawny right-hander put his teammates on his shoulders and took them to the state tournament.

Brandon McGuire was the unquestioned team leader back in 1995, and with good reason. The 6-foot-2, 215-pound McGuire was the team's batting leader — hitting .415 through the regular season — but he caught everyone's attention as a pitcher.

McGuire's major weapon on the mound was a 93-mph fastball that produced slack-jawed looks of awe from observers and abject fear from opposing batters.

During the 1995 regular season, he compiled a 10-1 record, while striking out 152 batters and walking only 33 in 71.2 innings. His ERA? A puny 0.57.

Lubbock Monterey to defend 5A crown in 13th Austin trip

AUSTIN (AP) — Lubbock Monterey hoped to defend its Class 5A baseball championship as the University Interscholastic League state tournament began today.

Monterey (32-7) is making its 13th trip to the state tournament and third in four years. The Plainsmen beat Klein Oak 5-4 in last year's title game, but didn't have great expectations this season because of a lack of



Coahoma's Shawn Rye (7) strides toward the plate after belting a home run against Memphis during the Bulldogs' Region I-2A championship win over Memphis Saturday. The Bulldogs will face Alto in a state semifinal at 4 p.m. today in Austin.

"I don't think there's any question this was Brandon's team (in 1995)," said Mike McMillan, a sophomore shortstop that year and now the team's star pitcher.

Although McGuire was the main man on Coahoma's '95 trek, the Bulldogs were by no means a one-man gang.

Other major contributors included McMillan, who batted .500 during district play, senior center fielder Kelby Bailey and first baseman Brandon Shifflett.

Several other players now senior starters on this year's

squad — including Marshall Wright, Freddy Olivias, Rodney Gressett and Scott Goodblanket — were valuable contributors to the 1995 squad.

The Bulldogs, under first-year head coach Terry Baxter, won the District 6-2A title by a half-game over Wall.

They then began their road to the state tournament by spotting Ozona a 2-run lead before roaring back to take a 10-6 win in their bidistrict playoff in San Angelo.

Coahoma's next game proved to be one of the most memorable in school history. In a

game that lasted 12 innings and four hours — and saw what would have been the winning run by the Bulldogs disallowed by the umpire in the seventh inning — McGuire threw 236 pitches and Gressett singled home the winning run in Coahoma's 5-4 victory over Stamford.

The Bulldogs' regional semifinal game against New Deal turned into a McGuire exhibition.

He fired a two-hitter and struck out 15 batters en route to a 4-0 victory.

The team then made history

by becoming the first Coahoma athletic squad to ever qualify for the state semifinals by defeating Idalou 6-2 in the regional finals at Christensen Stadium in Midland. In that game, Gressett had a three-RBI performance to key a late-inning rally for the Bulldogs.

Coahoma's dream of a state title died at the hands of defending 2A champion East Bernard in the first round of the state tournament.

The Brahmas, who went on to take their second straight state crown, defeated the Bulldogs 10-3.

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Astros back in first place, Reds still last

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

The Houston Astros are back in first place. This time, they'd like to stay awhile.

The Astros moved a half-game ahead of Pittsburgh for the NL Central lead Wednesday night by beating the Cincinnati Reds 5-2 behind Chris Holt's pitching.

After trailing the Pirates for five days, the Astros are back on top with a three-game winning streak and a .500 record (29-29). Two months into the season, no one in the division has emerged as a strong team.

"I thought one team would get better and play well, but nobody can seem to do it," said Jeff Bagwell, who doubled home a pair of runs.

The Astros would like to think they're on the verge of putting something together. They've been getting some timely hits lately to go with their pitching and defense.

"We've got a good team, once we put together our hitting, pitching and defense," said Holt (6-4), who gave up seven hits and one run in seven innings. "This team can do a lot of things."

The Reds can't do anything right for very long, the main reason they're at the bottom of the division. They've won more than two games in a row only once all season and keep getting dragged down by one of the worst offenses in the National League.

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On Wednesday, all the Reds could manage was a pair of solo homers by Willie Greene, who hit one in the seventh off Holt and another in the ninth off Jose Lima. Billy Wagner got the last out for his 10th save.

It could have been a lot worse for the Reds, who fell behind early. Dave Burba (4-5) couldn't get his split-finger fastball over for strikes, leaving him in constant trouble.

In other NL games, San Diego beat Colorado 7-5, Florida beat New York 5-2, Atlanta beat Montreal 6-3, Los Angeles beat San Francisco 5-1, Chicago beat Philadelphia 5-1, St. Louis routed Pittsburgh 10-0 and Houston beat Cincinnati 5-2.

Eight of the first 12 Astros reached safely. Thomas Howard hit a solo homer in the first inning, and Bagwell doubled with runners on second and third and two outs in the second inning for a 3-0 lead.

Craig Biggio had an RBI single in the fourth and Brad Ausmus added a sacrifice fly that put the Astros up 5-0 in the fifth. Luis Gonzalez had a pair of singles, extending his hitting streak to nine games.

Padres 7, Rockies 5

Steve Finley doubled, tripled and homered against Colorado, driving in four runs. His defense was even better.

Finley made a diving catch in right-center to snuff a seventh-inning rally and also had a sprawling catch to end another threat in the ninth.

Finley's ninth-inning catch ended the game, giving Doug Bochtler his second save. But it paled in comparison to his diving grab that robbed Dante Bichette in the seventh, ending that inning and saving a run.

Wally Joyner drove in three runs as San Diego won its sixth straight.

Rookie Will Cunnane (4-1) overcame a three-run homer by Bichette in the first to pitch six solid innings.

San Diego scored three runs on four hits in each of the first two innings off Roger Bailey (5-5), taking a 6-3 lead.

Marlins 5, Mets 2

Bobby Bonilla scored the go-ahead run in his return to Shea Stadium, and Pat Rapp (4-2) allowed five hits in eight innings.

Bonilla, traded to Baltimore on July 28, 1995, singled with one out in the sixth, took third on Jim Eisenreich's double and

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Judge dismisses lawsuit by former Tech player

LUBBOCK (AP) — A former Texas Tech defensive lineman's claim that Texas Tech broke the U.S. law by exploiting his talents while depriving him of an education is unfounded, a federal judge has ruled.

U.S. District Judge Sydney A. Fitzwater, in a ruling signed Monday, rejected Stephen Gaines' claims that the school coaches Spike Dykes and Rhudy Maskew and former counselor Ronn Reeger violated Gaines' rights by hindering his academic growth.

However, Fitzwater allowed Gaines another chance to refile against the three men outside their official capacity at Tech.

"We have said all along that we did not believe that Mr. Gaines' claims against Texas Tech belonged in court," Texas Tech chancellor John T. Montford said. The school still faces an NCAA investigation that largely appears based on Gaines' state

ments. Marcus Leinart, an associate of Gaines' attorney, Chris Kalis, said the firm declined to comment Wednesday about the dismissal.

Gaines, who played for the Red Raiders in the 1990, 1991 and 1993 seasons, sued the school in February, claiming recruitment, fraud, forgery and negligence related to his recruitment and time at Texas Tech.

The basis of the lawsuit was that the school lured Gaines while he was a minor, then ignored him as a student while utilizing his football abilities. He sought in excess of \$1.25 million.

The judgment also called for Gaines, who never received a degree, to refund the defendants' legal costs, as well as pay the court

White Sox, Indians get a little nasty

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

Things got nasty between the Indians and White Sox, and guess who was right in the middle of it?

Albert Belle's second game back at Jacobs Field was like his first: he had three RBIs, the White Sox won 9-4, and the Cleveland fans booed.

Belle wasn't a target this time as fans refrained from tossing debris at him as they did Tuesday. That didn't stop the teams from throwing at each other, though.

Belle, who had a two-run double and was walked with the bases loaded, was hit by Jose Mesa, setting off a series of beanings and brushbacks that resulted in a bench-clearing situation in the ninth and two ejections.

"We weren't throwing at them, but there was no doubt in my mind they were throwing at us," Cleveland manager Mike Hargrove said.

The testiness started in the eighth after Mesa gave up a solo homer to Ray Durham, giving Chicago a 7-0 lead.

Mesa then plunked Belle, who walked slowly to first and glared at the reliever. Belle slid hard into second base on a grounder, and Cleveland shortstop Omar Vizquel's leg collided with Belle's head as he threw to first. Belle trotted off the field without incident.

Mesa then hit Mike Cameron, but catcher Sandy Alomar insisted it was intentional.

"We were not trying to hit anybody," Alomar said. "Mesa was wild during warmups. Nobody told me to hit anybody."

Chicago, which has won three straight, retaliated in the ninth. White Sox reliever Bill Simas threw inside to Marquis Grissom, prompting the center fielder to walk toward the mound, pointing his bat. Both benches and bullpens cleared.

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scored on Charles Johnson's groundout for a 3-2 lead.

Dave Mlicki (1-5) gave up three runs and seven hits in eight innings.

Braves 6, Expos 3

Tom Glavine (6-3) allowed seven hits in 8 1-3 innings and singled to start a three-run rally in the fifth at Montreal.

Glavine struck out six, walked one and left after giving up a one-out double to Vladimir Guerrero in the ninth. Glavine also went 2-for-3 at the plate and won his ninth straight decision against Montreal.

Dodgers 5, Giants 1

Ramon Martinez (5-3) won his seventh consecutive decision against San Francisco, allowing five hits in seven innings and striking out nine. Mike Piazza backed him with a 454-foot homer at Dodger Stadium.

Jeff Kent, who leads the Giants with 11 homers and 48 RBIs, left in the fourth with a bruised left wrist after being hit by a fastball from Martinez.

Cubs 5, Phillies 1

Frank Castillo allowed five hits in 7 1-3 scoreless innings and Ryne Sandberg had three hits and two RBIs for Chicago at Philadelphia.

Castillo (3-7), who struck out five and walked two, helped the Cubs improve to 8-2 in their last 10 games.

Philadelphia has lost six straight and eight of nine, dropping to 19-37, the worst record in baseball. Garrett Stephenson (2-2) gave up four runs and seven hits in six innings.

Cardinals 10, Pirates 0

Ray Lankford hit a two-run homer in the first, an inning before Pittsburgh starter Jason Schmidt was ejected, and Dmitri Young had went 4-for-5 with four RBIs for visiting St. Louis.

The Pirates, who had surprisingly led the NL Central for five consecutive days, fell into second place as Houston beat Cincinnati.

The Mini Page

Especially for kids and their families

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By BETTY DEBNAM

Whose summer shoes?

We know where you are going — just look at your feet! Using this list, can you match the shoe with what you might be doing?

- beachcombing
- swimming
- horseback riding
- hiking
- playing soccer
- in-line skating
- playing basketball



Foot Notes

In our lifetime, we probably walk about 115,000 miles. This is about halfway to the moon!

An average person takes about 8,000 steps in a day.

A pro basketball player might take as many as 10,000 steps in a game.

Doctors suggest that we shop for shoes in the afternoon when our feet are naturally slightly swollen.

By the time you were 1 year old, your foot had grown to be half its adult size.

Neat feet

Each foot has 26 bones, for a total of 52 in both feet.

One-fourth of all the bones in our body are in our feet. Your big toe has only two bones. Other toes have three bones each.

The foot's skin on the sole is the thickest skin on the body. It is 15 times thicker than the skin on your face.

Our feet can produce a half-pint of sweat a day from 250,000 sweat glands.

The Mini Page thanks the American Podiatric Medical Association

Whose book shoes?



8. Hint: These shoes were one of eight pairs worn in a movie. One pair sold for \$165,000!



Whose shoes puzzle-le-do

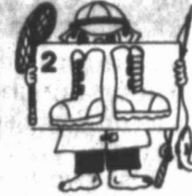
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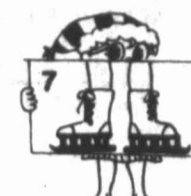
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Answer block: 1. cheerleader, 2. ballerina, 3. ballerina, 4. fireman, 5. baby, 6. skater, 7. ice skater, 8. golfer.

Rookie Cookie's Recipe

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2. Microwave on HIGH 6 to 8 minutes or until eggs are cooked. Stir halfway through cooking.
3. Cook spinach following directions on box.
4. Put equal amount of egg on each muffin half.
5. Top each muffin half with equal amount of spinach. Serves 2.

Mini Spy ...

Mini Spy and Alpha Mouse are trying on shoes. See if you can find:



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- alligator
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- question mark
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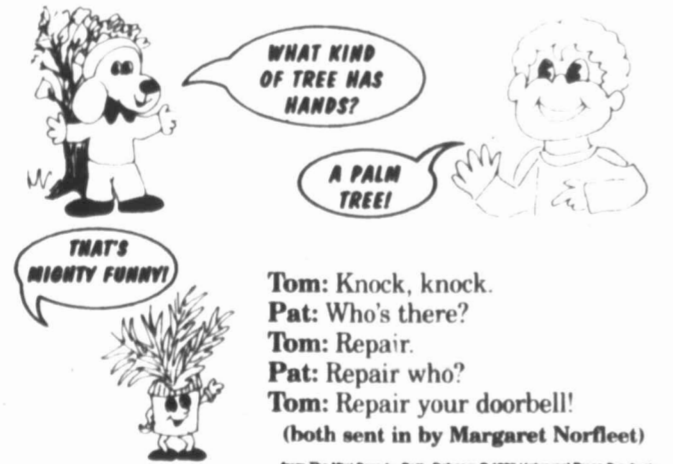
SHOES TRY 'N FIND

Words about shoes are hidden in the block below. Some words are hidden backward or diagonally. See if you can find: SHOES, SOLE, HEEL, STYLE, PAIR, TOE, WALK, LEATHER, PUMPS, SANDALS, SLIPPERS, STRAP, BOOTS, SNEAKERS, FLATS, BOWS, LACES, DESIGN, UNIFORM, WEAR, SOCKS, FEET.

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Stepping Back in Shoe History

Sandals

The earliest examples of sandals were made of woven grass or bark.

Straights

Early shoes had no right or left. They were called "straights." Wealthy people would pay others to break them in.

High and dry

Chopines became the fashion rage for many women. They were made of cork or leather and might be 7 inches high.

Shoe laws

In the 1300s in Europe, there were shoe laws. Only royalty could wear the longest 24-inch size. Chains sometimes held the toe up to help keep the wearer from tripping.

Itty-bitty shoes

The Chinese used to admire women with tiny feet. Girls as young as 5 years old would have their feet bound. The four smaller toes would be bent back under the sole. Some women's shoes were only 3 inches long! This practice was outlawed in the early 1900s.

High-button shoes

Some women in the early 1900s wore high-button boots with as many as 24 buttons. Often the soles were very thin. Like many shoes, they were only for show.

Shoes for stomping

These chestnut-crushing shoes with spikes were worn by the French. Workers wore them to stomp out the chestnut juices that were used to tan, or treat, leather.

Wooden shoes

Sabots worn by the French. The French are among the many people who wore wooden shoes. They were called "sabots." During the Industrial Revolution, unhappy workers threw them into the machinery in the mills. This is where we get the word "sabotage."

Shoes for show

These shoes with 8-inch heels were worn by Elton John, a famous singer and performer.

Wedding shoes

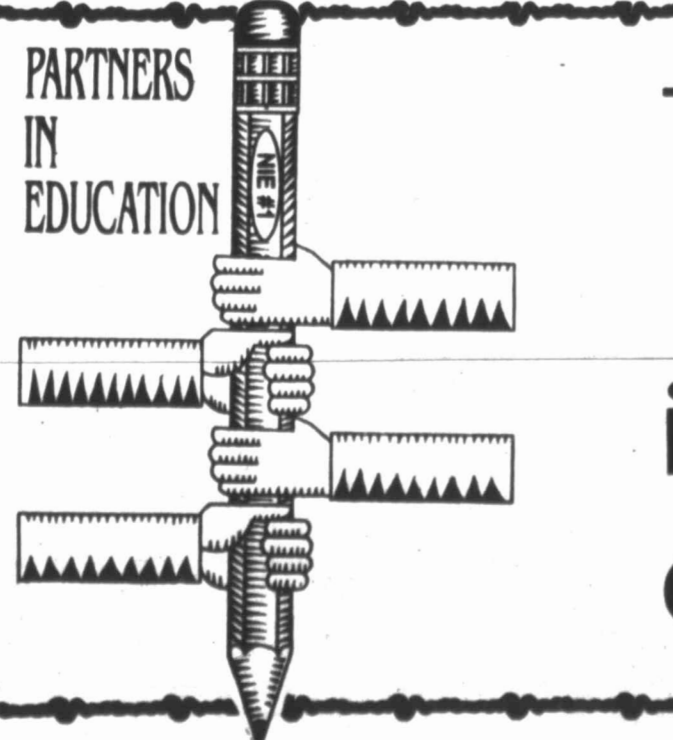
A clown bride wore these white shoes when she got married in her clown outfit.

Platform shoes

Shoes that raised wearers off the ground are a style typical of Japan. These women's shoes are 6 inches high.

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

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Maintain a low profile. Finally, life seems more enjoyable. Realize that you don't need to be a crusader at every opportunity. A purchase to improve the quality of your life is right on. Make time for the quiet side of your existence. Tonight: Be happy at home.***

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Make the first move, and reach out for others. You can make someone comfortable. Information flows. Make a special gesture to a family member. Good feelings breed more goodwill. Take a long lunch, and leave work early if you can. Tonight: Go to a favorite spot.***

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Weigh the pros and cons of a financial decision. You don't feel that you are in control. You cannot hide your love of the good life. Why not indulge? Touch base with friends, and make plans for a luxurious weekend. Tonight: Start the weekend now!***

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Venus, now in your sign, adds to your allure. This is the right time to get a project moving. Be willing to ask for more support. Others respond because of the gentle way you present an idea. Make an appointment to spruce up your looks. Tonight: Have a ball!***

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Realize what is going on within you. You have intense feelings. Don't ignore them; they could cause you to overreact. A person you meet today might have a big influence on your life. Think before you leap. Tonight: Take a night off.***

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Emphasize desires. You are

in luck because you can make what you want happen (within reason). Today is unusually good for social affairs. Plan a leisurely lunch. Get together with an associate. You can mix business and pleasure. Tonight: Go for a dream.***

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) A boss smiles on you, which opens new doors. Ask for more of what you want. Choose to take action now; don't hesitate. Clear your desk, schmooze with associates and follow through on the details. You might decide to work late. Tonight: Go out with co-workers.***

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) You feel good about a special person in your life. Make a choice that demonstrates how much you care for one another. Make calls, spread news and gather information. Avoid office gossip at all costs, even if a story sounds juicy. Tonight: Take off as soon as possible.***

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) You are determined to win over another. You resolve financial matters involving others positively. Another feels quite generous when it comes to you. Make time for an important meeting, especially if it's with someone dear to you. Tonight: Enjoy life to its fullest.***

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) You don't need to be controlling or even worried. Everything works itself out if you stay open. Associates are in unusually good spirits and want to share. Go with what is happening. You receive many benefits. A partner needs you. Tonight: Have a good time!***

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) You feel good because of how much you accomplish, and so easily. Your effectiveness is increased with a soft style, rather than a commanding way. Consider a diet or exercise plan; you might be in the mood to overindulge. Tonight: Take your time coming home.***

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) Your mind is focused elsewhere now. Your fantasies add to your work. Creativity could help you move through a problem. Take time at lunch to buy a card or gift for a special friend. Tonight: Be where romance can find you!***

BORN TODAY Comedian Sandra Bernhard (1955), tennis player Bjorn Borg (1956), actress Billie Whitelaw (1932)

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Phone researcher's ears are ringing because of hang-ups

DEAR ABBY: I work for a telephone research firm. I haven't been working for this company for very long, but I have already found that most people have terrible phone etiquette.

We are taught to be polite to everyone we talk to, yet we no sooner utter the phrase, "Hello, my name is ... I work for a research firm," when the phone is hung up in our ears, without a word being said. All they have to do is tell us they aren't interested, and we would tell them to have a nice evening. We don't force anyone to talk to us.

Also, because the computer picks the phone numbers, we don't know who we're calling. We call a lot of businesses, but the majority of them don't answer the phones correctly. They say "Hello," with no indication that it is a business. Then they get upset when we say we work for a research firm — as though we've imposed upon them. If they would answer their phone with the name of their business, we would apologize and tell them we've reached the wrong number.

Some people treat us like we're lowlifes to be doing this, but companies pay our firm to do these surveys. For us, it's a job! We have senior citizens, students and wives working for extra money to help with the bills and to buy a few groceries. What's so wrong with that? We were taught by our elders to be polite to everyone, but it seems as though they live by a double standard. — M.B. IN BELLE PLAINE, IOWA

DEAR M.B.: There is no excuse for rudeness, but many people find it highly inconvenient to get a telephone call when they are feeding the baby, putting groceries away, hurrying to pick up the children at school, etc., and they resent being interrupted by someone who is taking a survey or selling something. People have telephones in

their homes for their own convenience, not for the convenience of the research and marketing firms.

DEAR ABBY: I have been married for 44 years and thought I knew my husband well.

Twice recently I returned home earlier than he expected, and I found him watching pornographic movies! He is 73 years old with a problem due to prostate surgery. Abby, this has bothered me so much I am almost in a daze since this happened.

I consider myself a fun-loving, broad-minded person, but this is so contrary to my nature, I cannot accept it.

Who has the problem? Him or me? I have not been able to discuss this with him yet. I await your advice. — A PERPLEXED READER

DEAR PERPLEXED: As I see it, the problem lies in your inability to accept the fact that your husband enjoys watching pornographic movies. (Many people do.) You should make an attempt to discuss it with him. However, do not make an issue of it.

Because of your husband's prostate surgery, he may require visual stimulation to become aroused. He should talk to his doctor for further reassurance and medical help if it's indicated. He may be unaware that most cases of impotence can be treated.

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Abigail Van Buren Columnist

SPORTS BRIEFS

From staff and wire reports

White Sox take Minor League championship

The American League White Sox fended off a furious late rally by the AL Orioles in taking the Minor League City Tournament Wednesday night.

In the only other Little League action Wednesday, the Coahoma Ponies took a 13-4 win over the International Rebels to advance in the elimination bracket of this year's Major League City Tournament.

Tonight's schedule is a full one with four winner's bracket games and four from the elimination bracket.

Country club hosts tournament

The Big Spring Country Club will be the site for a two-man 6-6-6 golf tournament Saturday and Sunday.

Format for the tournament will be six holes of scramble play, six holes of low-ball and six holes of modified alternate shot. The event will begin with a shotgun start at 1 p.m. each day.

Fee for the event is \$60 per person and cart, and a meal will be served at the end of play Saturday.

For more information, contact the country club pro shop at 267-5354.

Girls' camp June 9

The annual Howard College Girls' Basketball Camp will be held June 9-13 at the college.

Cost of the camp is \$95, with a \$25 deposit due upon registration.

The camp will be conducted by head coach Matt Corkery and a staff consisting of Howard assistants and players and high school coaches.

For more information, contact Corkery at 264-5043.

FISHING REPORT

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

The weekly fishing report as compiled by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department for June 4, 1997.

CENTRAL BROWNWOOD: Water stained to clear; normal level; 63 degrees; black bass up to 5 pounds are fair to good on Carolina-rigged lures; hybrid strippers are fair on live bait and jigging spoons; catfish are fair on night-crawlers and shrimp.

SOUTH AMISTAD: Water clear; lake level 330 meters; 75 degrees; black bass up to 9 pounds are good on diving crank baits, topwaters fished early and late and on Carolina and Texas-rigged worms fished in the grass and brush; striped bass are good on topwaters and on live bait; catfish are good on trotlines baited with cut bait, cheesebait and worms fished up the river.

WEST O.H.IVIE: Water clear on main lake, murky

in upper end and tributaries; black bass up to 5 pounds are fair on Texas and Carolina-rigged worms and Sluggos; white bass are fair to good on slabs, shiners and jigging spoons; crappie are fair on shiners and small spinners.

MEREDITH: Water clear; 70 degrees; black bass are fair on Texas-rigged fire tiger worms fished in deep water and on Rat-L-Traps; smallmouth are fair on spinners and Carolina-rigged worms fished in the deeper water in the creek mouths; crappie are fair to good on small white tube jigs and live shiners; catfish are fair to good on live shiners and night-crawlers.

POSSUM KINGDOM: Water clear; 8 inches low; 72 degrees; black bass up to 7 1/2 pounds are good on spinners, Carolina and Texas-rigged worms and on deep diving crank baits fished in 15 to 20 feet of water; striped bass are good on live bait fished on the main lake and up the river; crappie are good on minnows fished at night; channel catfish are good on trotlines baited with cut and live bait.

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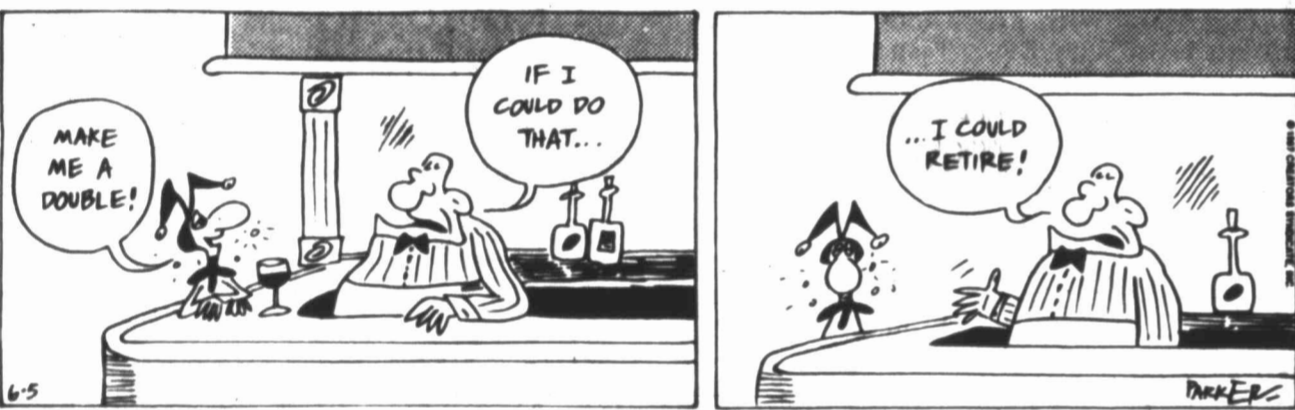
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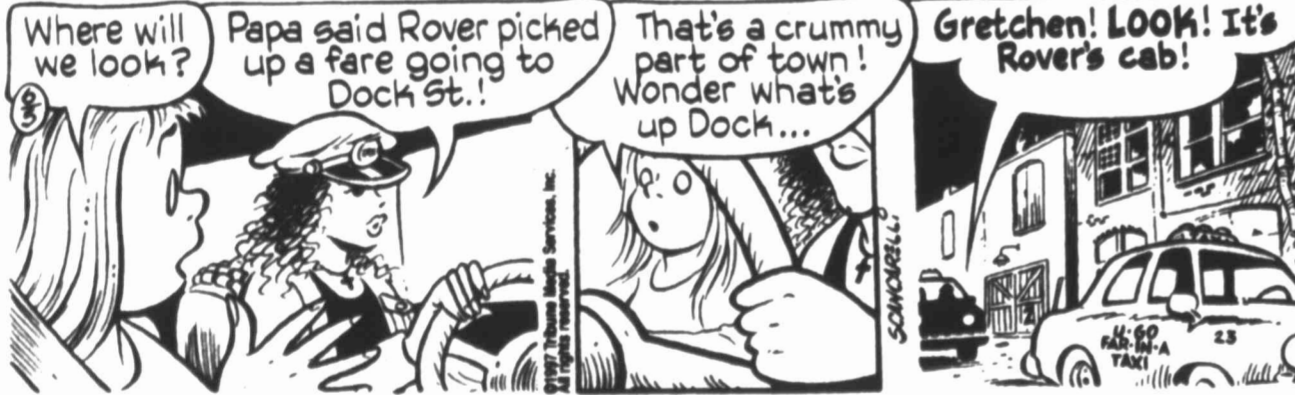
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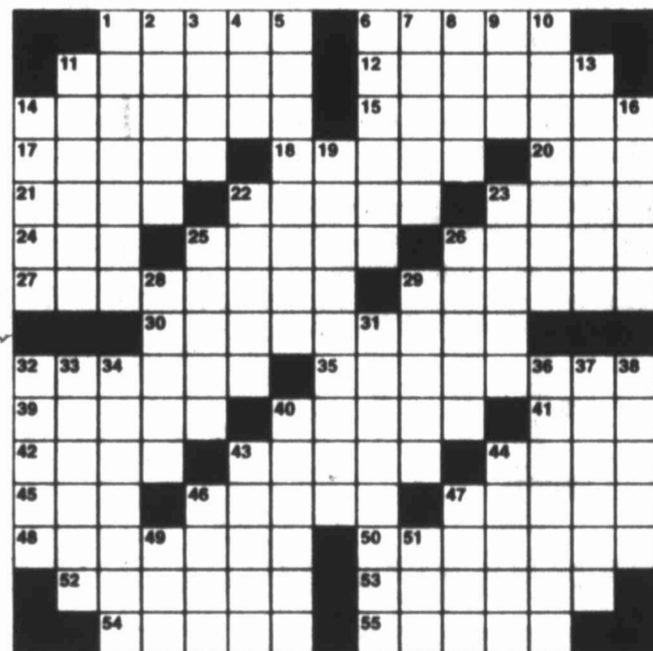
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THE Daily Crossword

- ACROSS
1 Door parts
6 Sly looks
11 Most certain
12 Landed property
14 Alike
15 Making amends
17 Gather
18 Utah city
20 Name in China
21 Baseball team
22 Building story
23 Japanese wrestling
24 Mahal
25 Claw
26 Men
27 Gave life to
29 Useless
30 Forever
32 Vacillated
35 Neapolitan, e.g.
39 "Iliad" author
40 Heron's kin
41 41
42 Middle East chieftain
43 Moral character
44 Corridor
45 Decline
46 Data
47 Misrepresent
48 English colonizer
50 Kitchen appliance
52 Chelonian
53 Eye parts
54 Comforted
55 Talked amorously

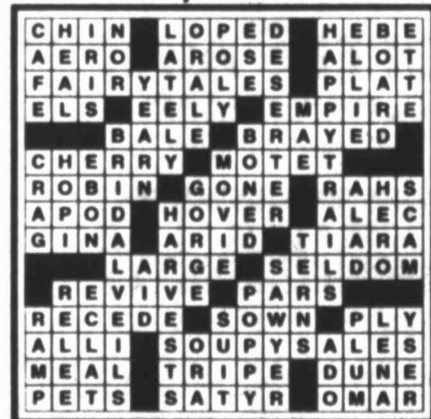
- DOWN
1 Robin Williams film
2 Get up
3 Torne and Ott
4 Youth group: abbr.
5 Baby carriage
6 Misguide, in a way
7 Chemical compound
8 English college
9 Operated
10 Incentives
11 Monkey or ape
13 Glossy paint
14 Christmas visitor
16 Silly person
19 Parting term
22 Destined
23 Certain butterfly
25 Spud
26 Swindle
28 Psychiatrist
29 Runs away
31 Type of puzzle
32 Diaphanous
33 Marsupial
34 Ethel Waters song
36 Praised highly
37 Friendly nations
38 Certain runner
40 Engraved
43 Bald bird
44 Author
46 Adjusts
47 Scott of 'Happy Days'
49 Notable time
51 Spanish gold



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Wednesday's Puzzle solved:



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On this date: In 1723, economist Adam Smith was born in Kirkcaldy, Scotland.

In 1783, Joseph and Jacques Montgolfier publicly demonstrated their hot-air balloon in a 10-minute flight over Annonay, France.

In 1883, economist John Maynard Keynes was born in Cambridge, England.

In 1884, Civil War hero General William T. Sherman refused the Republican presidential nomination, saying, "I will not accept if nominated and will not serve if elected."

In 1917, about 10 million American men began registering for the draft in World War I.

In 1933, the United States went off the gold standard.

In 1940, the Battle of France began during World War II.

In 1967, war erupted in the Middle East as Israel, convinced an Arab attack was imminent, raided Egyptian military targets. Syria, Jordan and Iraq entered the conflict.

In 1968, Sen. Robert F. Kennedy was shot and mortally wounded just after claiming victory in California's Democratic presidential primary. Gunman Sirhan Bishara Sirhan was immediately arrested.

In 1975, Egypt reopened the Suez Canal to international shipping, eight years after it was closed because of the 1967 war with Israel.

In 1986, a federal jury in Baltimore convicted Ronald W. Pelton of selling secrets to the Soviet Union. (Pelton was sentenced to three life prison terms plus 10 years.)

Ten years ago: President Reagan, in Venice for an upcoming economic summit, called for an end to government agriculture subsidies by the year 2000 in a televised address carried in Europe by the United States Information Agency.

Five years ago: The government announced the nation's unemployment rate had jumped to 7.5 percent the month before, the highest level in nearly eight years.

One year ago: Joseph Waldholtz, the ex-husband of U.S. Rep. Enid Greene, R-Utah, pleaded guilty to providing his wife false information for her taxes and to falsifying spending reports from her congressional campaign.

Today's Birthdays: Broadcast journalist Bill Moyers is 63. Actor Spalding Gray is 58. Country singer Don Reid (The Statler Brothers) is 52. Rock singer Laurie Anderson is 50. Rock musician Nicko McBrain (Iron Maiden) is 43. Jazz musician Kenny G is 41. Rock singer Richard Butler (Psychedelic Furs) is 41. Singer Brian McKnight is 28. Actor-rapper Mark Wahlberg is 26.