

Coahoma establishes simplified discipline plan for junior high students

By STEVE REAGAN
Staff Writer

COAHOMA — In baseball, if you get three strikes, you're out. At Coahoma Junior High, if you get three strikes, you're in trouble.

Coahoma Junior High (CJH) officials recently completed a discipline management plan that they hope presents a simplified method of dealing with problem students.

CJH Principal Dale Weaver said the new plan doesn't change the school's discipline procedures so much as it puts it

all down in black and white.

"Now, everyone will know what the rules are," Weaver said. "The students will know that, for certain offenses, there will be certain consequences. Then it will be up to the students whether they accept those consequences."

The plan's major aim is to improve in-class behavior by listing certain behavior as unacceptable. Among other things, students are expected to: Be in their seats and ready to work when the bell rings; come to class with all necessary supplies; be respectful; have homework ready; follow all directions; and not be dishonest.

If students violate any of these rules, they will be given a "strike," said eighth-grade teacher Patricia Bennett, who helped Weaver devise the plan.

If a student receives three strikes during a six-week period, school officials will send a discipline notice to parents notifying them of a problem.

From there, the school's response to unruly behavior intensifies. Three more strikes results in a second notice to parents warning of further discipline if problems continue, and three strikes after that lands the student in in-school suspension for three days.

Continued misbehavior could earn the

student more ISS time, suspension from school or placement in the district's alternative education program.

Strikes do not carry over to the next six weeks, but the punishment does accumulate, Bennett said. So, if a student has already been placed in ISS, he or she would not start over with the first phase of punishment upon earning their next three strikes.

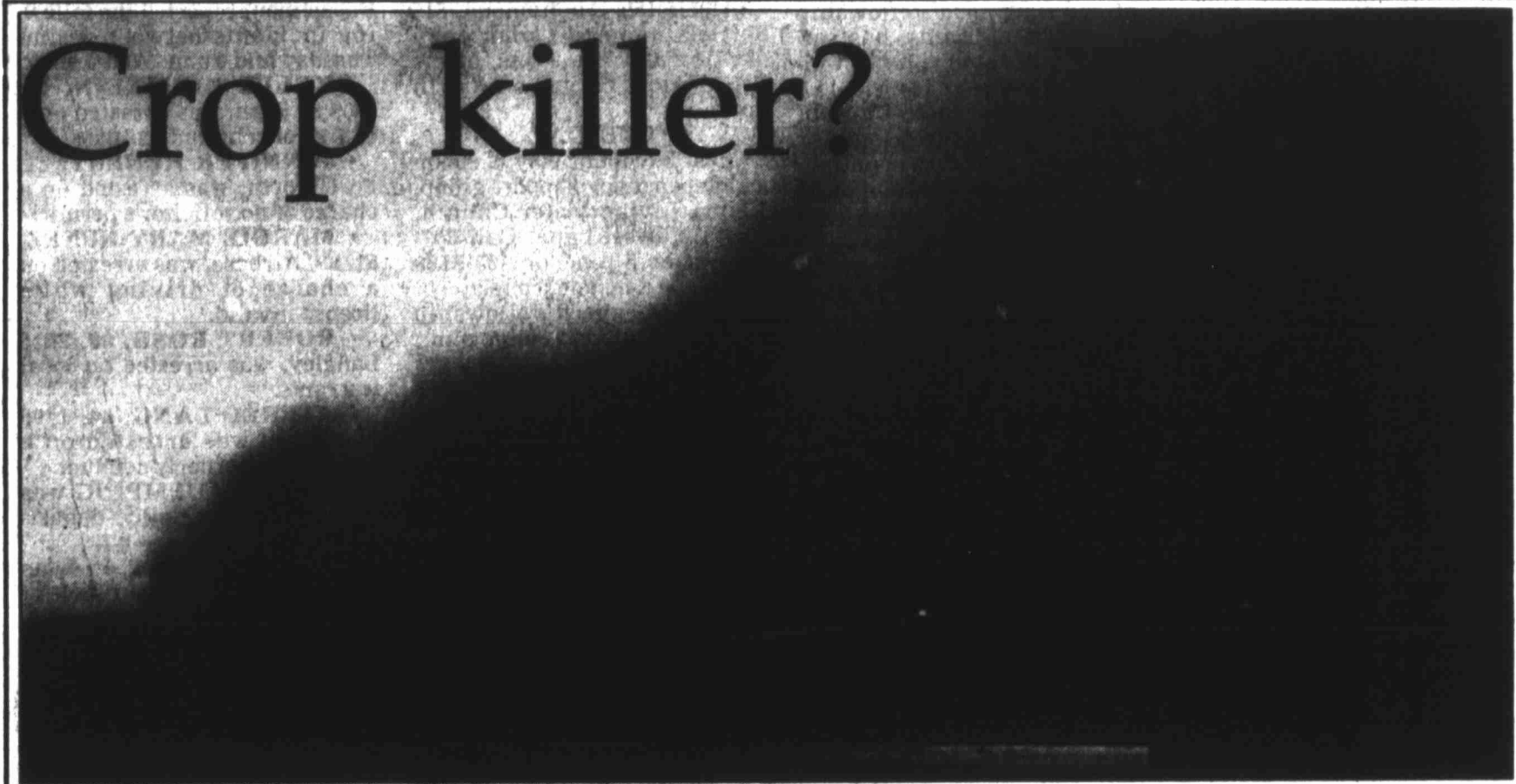
Also, Bennett noted, Weaver has authority to bypass this procedure in case of serious offenses, such as fighting, gross disrespect or insubordination.

"This is not different at all (from existing discipline policy)," Bennett said.

"We're just putting it down in black and white, so the student knows that if they do this, this will happen ... Our main goal was for (the policy) to be consistent."

Weaver added that students will have plenty of opportunities to correct unacceptable behavior.

"We're giving them a lot of chances," he said. "We want to give them the opportunity to turn their behavior around ... We're doing this to ease misunderstanding. Students and parents will understand what the steps are. Parents will receive a copy of this, so they'll know what the steps are."



A wall of dust moves across Doyle Rallsback's property at Luther at about 6:45 p.m. Monday. Damage estimates from the storm range as high as 7,500 acres of cotton being destroyed in Howard County. Other losses were reported in Martin and Scurry counties. In Scurry County, as much as one-half of the cotton crop was thought to have been lost.

Reviving memories of the 1930s, a wall of dust roared through the Crossroads Country late Monday afternoon and with it may have taken some farmers' hopes for a good crop.

Observers said it looked something out of the 'Dust Bowl,' a massive column of brown sweeping in from the north, covering everything and everybody in its path with a thick coat of dirt.

But the storm was more than just aesthetically terrifying — it may have been economically devastating to some farmers who had finally found reasons to hope for a prosperous season.

After years of drought, a wet spring had fueled expectations for a bumper cotton crop this year, but for many farmers residing in an rough line stretching from Knott to Snyder, those dreams may be headed down the drain.

For cotton farmers, the storm came at exactly the wrong time of the year. The young plants, rising just inches off the ground, were at their most vulnerable, and in many areas, the sand pulverized the crop.

"At this small, young age of the crop, basically, it just sandblasted (the crop)," said Gerald Holland of Holland Cottonseed. "Right now, a lot of that cotton is just dead."

Holland said that some of the

crops that survived Monday's storm will be set back a week or two as they recover from the damage.

This would not affect the crop's quality, but would push harvesting back a few weeks, running the risk of it getting caught by an early freeze.

"I don't think the damage will be extremely wide-spread. A lot of the crop did survive," he said. "But certainly there

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BSISD taps Gainey as Goliad principal, switches personnel

By STEVE REAGAN
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It is still a year before students move into the new

junior high, but officials are already planning for the move.

The Big Spring school district announced three major personnel transfers during their Tuesday meeting, and all three are connected to next year's closing of

Runnels Junior High and the opening of the new junior high at the start of the 1998-99 school year.

The start of the next school year will be an extremely busy time for the school year. In addition to Runnels closing and the new building opening, College Heights Elementary will close and those students will transfer to Goliad Middle School, which will become an elementary school and house all the district's sixth-graders.

In anticipation of next year's shuffle, the board approved the following personnel moves Tuesday:

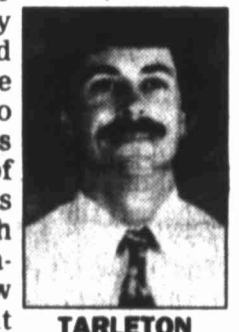
Brenda Gainey, counselor at Goliad, will become the school's principal. She succeeds Jan Broughton, who retired earlier this month.

For further information about either drive, contact UBS at (800)756-0024; Debra Wallace at SMMC, 263-1211; or Galynn Gamble at Mountain View Lodge, 263-1271.

June, July and August are especially challenging times for the blood supply, and area patients and hospitals rely on businesses and organizations like Big Spring Mall, Scenic Mountain Medical Center and Mountain View Lodge that sponsor drives and encourage employee donations," Tyson said.



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years, will move to Washington and take Tarleton's old spot. The 30-year educator will begin his new duties in July.

Tarleton, who was elementary principal with the Dawson school district before coming to Washington in 1992, knows he will have his hands full, preparing for the move while still taking care of business at the old building.

Tuesday, he sounded ready for the challenge.

"It will be tough leaving Washington," he said. "I've been there five years, and we've developed a family there, for good, bad or ugly. But I'm looking forward to the new situation."

Big Spring ISD Superintendent Bill McQueary said several more personnel moves must be made before the new junior high opens. The most important may be finding spots for Principal Janice Rosson and her staff at College Heights after those students transfer to Goliad. Also, an assistant principal at the new junior high school will have to be named.

Finding spots for everybody will not be a problem, McQueary said.

"I know we'll have enough positions for everybody," he said. "Now, whether we can make everybody happy, I don't know."

In other business, trustees:

- Named State National Bank as the depository for school funds for the next two years. Four trustees voted for SNB, while three abstained.

- Approved the resignations of Goliad Principal Broughton; Runnels earth science teacher Peggy Calhoun; Marcy Elementary teacher Diane Phillips-Vanderslice and College Heights teacher Stephanie Rotan.

- Approved the hiring of special education teachers Deborah Jones and Lacy Bedell; Goliad language arts teacher Patricia Vera-Barrera and Runnels earth science teacher Trudy Jo Krug.

- Approved 2:45 p.m. dismissal for the following 1997-98 school days: Oct. 10 and Oct. 24, 1997; and May 21-22, 1998.

- Approved application for federal Title I and VI funds, as well as federal special education funds.

United Blood Services sets three local blood drives

By CARLTON JOHNSON
Staff Writer

Continuing to build on past successes in Big Spring, San Angelo-based United Blood Services (UBS) has scheduled three blood drives within the next week in Big Spring.

Saturday UBS will be at Big Spring Mall from noon to 4 p.m., Monday at Scenic Mountain Medical Center (SMMC) and Tuesday at Mountain View Lodge from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The public is invited to participate by giving blood at either of these drives.

"We're asking that everyone take the time to donate this summer so we can avoid a critical shortage situation," UBS Community Relations Representative Angie Tyson said.

Recently, UBS had to declare a critical appeal for type O negative blood, and received a very positive response from Big Spring residents who responded to a blood drive at

Big Spring Care Center. Of the 33 residents who attempted to donate blood at that drive, 19 units were drawn, according to Tyson.

According to Tyson, type O negative blood is universal and can be received by anyone regardless of blood type. Holiday periods and the summer months are typically a time of increased blood usage, but unfortunately, a time of decreasing numbers of blood donors.

"We know people are very busy during the summer, but we ask everyone to remember that illness and accidents don't take a vacation," Tyson said. "Patients somewhere in West Texas are always needing blood."

For a variety of reasons, some individuals are not able to donate blood. Those reasons may include being on antibiotics at the time of donation, exposure to hepatitis, fever, low hemoglobin level, high blood pressure and others.

"When a person is unable to

donate blood for whatever reason, it is known as a deferral and people should not automatically assume that something is wrong," Tyson said. "At first-time blood drives, it's not unusual to have a high deferral rate."

According to Tyson, a new deferral reason is cancer.

"Except for a few specific types of cancer, people who have had cancer or have cancer are deferred permanently," Tyson said. "Most people want to help us and it breaks my heart to see people unable to donate."

The O negative situation UBS was worried about last month is stable right now, according to Tyson.

"Except for isolated blood drives, we're still not seeing the participation level we expect," Tyson said. "We're asking people who have given blood before to donate again if at all possible. People with questions about donating should ask them because sometimes they assume they

can't give when they actually can."

Donors giving blood at one of the three drives must be between the ages of 17 and 79 and are asked to bring a form of identification, such as a driver's license or UBS blood donor card. Donors are also asked to know the name of any medication they are taking.

Appointments are not necessary during the drives, but are helpful in maintaining the flow of donors.

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WEATHER

Today:	Wed:	Thurs:	Fri:

Today, mostly sunny with highs 95-100. Tonight, clear. Lows 60-65. Thursday, mostly sunny. Highs 95-100. Thursday night, fair. Lows 65-70. Extended forecast, Friday through Sunday, partly cloudy. Lows 65-70. Highs in the upper 90s.

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HANGING BANNERS

Johnny Middleton (left), Traci Myrick, Ace Berry, Richard Atkins and Cash Berry were out early today hanging sponsor banners on the arena walls of the Rodeo Bowl in final preparation for tonight's start of the 64th Big Spring Cowboy Reunion and Rodeo. See related story, Page 1B.



HERALD photo/Jonathan Garrett

Police union official indicted in alleged kickback, bribery plot

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — A prominent police union official and two attorneys have been charged with taking part in an alleged \$500,000 scheme to skim money from the Combined Law Enforcement Associations of Texas.

A federal indictment handed down Tuesday accuses San Antonio police sergeant Harold Flammia Jr. and lawyers Lawrence Souza and James Champion each with 32 counts of mail fraud, 43 counts of money laundering and one count of conspiracy to defraud the Internal Revenue Service.

Each is also charged with other tax-related offenses, and the indictment includes previous federal charges against Champion stemming from allegations that he tried to have his ex-wife killed.

"This is a travesty of justice," said defense attorney Alan Brown, who represents Flammia. "They've taken honest activity, they've taken honest money, they've taken honest things that he has done and tried to give them dishonest characteristics."

Flammia, the former head of the San Antonio Police Officers' Association, also held leadership posts within CLEAT, a statewide association of law enforcement organizations.

He was a member of CLEAT's executive board from September 1989 until last year, having served as a regional director and secretary-treasurer.

A handcuffed Flammia and the two attorneys made an initial appearance Tuesday before U.S. Magistrate John Primomo, who advised them of their

rights and the charges against them.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Chris Gober said the three are accused of engaging in a "kickback and bribery scheme" that defrauded a CLEAT prepaid legal fund financed by local governments on behalf of law officers.

The city of San Antonio paid into the fund under collective bargaining agreements with the San Antonio Police Officers Association and San Antonio Professional Firefighters Association. El Paso County paid into the fund for members of the El Paso County Sheriffs' Officers Association.

The indictment alleges Souza, who was contracted to provide legal services under the plan, would divert money from the fund, sometimes aided by Champion. Payments went to Flammia,

who would in turn make sure Souza kept the legal services contract, according to Gober.

"They would be disguised as payments for legitimate things, such as investigative fees," Gober said in court.

Sometimes the money was laundered through Champion's office, Gober said. The alleged scheme took place from 1988 through 1996 and involved \$500,000 in all, prosecutors claim.

If convicted, the three could face prison sentences ranging from five to 20 years on the various charges and fines ranging from \$250,000 to \$500,000.

Flammia remains a veteran officer with the San Antonio Police Department.

Ruben Garcia, special agent in charge of the FBI in San Antonio, said in a pre-

pared statement the federal investigation was "conducted with the full cooperation of (San Antonio Police) Chief Al Phillipus and the San Antonio Police Department."

Carl King, current president of the San Antonio Police Officers' Association, said the union will continue to cooperate with investigators.

"We have nothing to hide," King said. "We'll continue to help them in any way they see fit."

Primomo, the federal magistrate, permitted Flammia and Souza to be released on \$100,000 surety bonds. He rejected a request to release Champion, who has been jailed for more than a year on the federal charges stemming from the alleged attempted murder-for-hire plot.

TEXAS BRIEFS

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Researchers try computerized system for police patrol cars

HOUSTON — Texas is looking for a police car for the 21st century.

The Texas Transportation Institute is asking high-technology manufacturers to design a computer system for law enforcement vehicles. Details were reported today in the Texas Journal of The Wall Street Journal.

The institute, affiliated with Texas A&M University, recently unveiled prototype cars with a computer system called Advanced Law Enforcement Response Technology, or Alert.

The system currently is being tested on two cars in College Station, one assigned to the Texas Department of Public Safety and the other to the local police force.

Alert consolidates all of a squad car's functions — radio, lights, sirens and radar — into one computer-driven system.

Prison board rejects request to commute sentence of Mexican national for murder

BROWNSVILLE — State prison officials have refused to commute the death sentence or delay today's scheduled execution of a Mexican citizen for the 1985 robbery and slaying of a motorist.

That leaves the fate of Irineo Tristan Montoya in the hands of an appeals court or Gov. George W. Bush, who could delay the execution for 30 days.

Montoya, 30, is scheduled to be put to death after 6 p.m. today for the Nov. 17,

1985, robbery and stabbing death of John Kilheffer, who had given him a ride.

Montoya's supporters contend he is innocent. They contend he signed a confession in English that he didn't understand, had no attorney at the time of his arrest and was denied the right to contact Mexico's consul.

They have been joined by Mexican officials in calling for clemency for Montoya. Mexico has no death penalty outside of military courts.

Depot furor could derail consideration of defense authorization for next year

WASHINGTON — Congressional disagreement over the future of the Air Force's five depots has sparked a standoff that appears likely to delay Senate consideration of next year's defense spending blueprint.

In one corner are Texas GOP Sens. Phil Gramm and Kay Bailey Hutchison, who are adamant that the defense bill won't go to the Senate floor until they get satisfaction on the future of Kelly Air Force Base in San Antonio.

In the other are senators from Georgia, Oklahoma and Utah — whose depots stand to benefit greatly from the closure of Kelly and a sister depot in California.

Man convicted of triple slaying put to death; second of three this week

HUNTSVILLE — Convicted killer Eddie James Johnson became the second Texas prisoner in as many days to be put to death when he was executed for a bloody ram-

page that left three people dead almost 10 years ago.

Johnson, 44, a former oil field yard worker, received lethal injection Tuesday evening for his murder spree that included a 10-year-old girl and an ex-boss he blamed for getting him fired from his job.

Strapped to the death chamber gurney and with needles inserted into each arm, he looked through a window at relatives of the murder victims and told them he was innocent.

"I was friends with (victims) David and Virginia and I did not commit this offense," Johnson said, adding that he had written a book and that all proceeds would go to the families of the victims.

Clifford Antone, founder of famed Austin nightclub and record label, indicted

AUSTIN — The founder of Antone's nightclub and record label has been indicted on charges of conspiring to distribute more than a ton of marijuana and launder nearly \$1 million in drug proceeds.

Clifford Jamal Antone, 47, one of five men indicted as the result of a three-year investigation, founded Antone's nightclub in Austin in 1975 and it became known as a foremost club for blues musicians, including the late Stevie Ray Vaughan.

In 1987, he also started Antone's Records and Tapes, a recording label that featured many of the nightclub's top acts.

Dick DeGuerin, a Houston attorney who is representing Antone, said his client was the victim of a former friend who is cutting deals with federal authorities.

Southern Baptists poised to wage war on Disney

DALLAS (AP) — The Southern Baptist Convention was poised to wage economic war against the Walt Disney Co. today over what its leadership perceives as Disney's "gay-friendly" environment.

About 12,000 convention delegates were expected to vote on a resolution calling for a boycott against Disney theme parks and stores.

Resolutions are not binding on churches affiliated with the country's largest Protestant denomination with about 15 million members.

At the 1996 convention in New Orleans, the Rev. Richard Land was asked to monitor Disney's progress for a year. Late Tuesday, he predicted in a speech that Southern Baptists will decide to draw a sword against the media and entertainment company.

"I suspect that tomorrow, when you vote to refrain from giving of your resources to any of Disney's enterprises, Disney's going to find out just how many regiments and just how many divisions of godly people the Southern Baptists have," said Land, president of the convention's Christian Life Commission.

Tom Elliff, who was re-elected convention president Tuesday without opposition, said hurting Disney isn't the point.

"The issue is not Disney coming down," he said. "The issue is Baptists going up to the level of God."

Elliff predicted the convention would approve a broader form of the resolution than originally proposed. At least two versions were proposed.

Many Southern Baptists object to Disney's policy of giving health benefits to same-sex partners of employees. "Gay Days" at theme parks and the release by Disney and its subsidiaries of controversial books and films like "Pulp Fiction" and "Kids."

A recent complaint involved the revelation that Ellen Degeneres' character on the ABC sitcom "Ellen" was a lesbian. Disney owns ABC, the production company for "Ellen" is Walt Disney Television.

Ken Green, a spokesman for Disney in Burbank, Calif., declined to comment directly on the Baptist boycott measure. "We're proud of the Disney brand," Green said. "We create more family entertainment of every kind than anyone else."

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NHL is paving new roads, re-opening some old ones

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NEW YORK (AP) — First, the NHL hit the highway to travel as a truly continental league. Then, it drove deep into the Sunbelt.
Now, with the most ambitious expansion since it doubled in size three decades ago, the league is paving some new roads and re-opening some old ones.

BOTKIN

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...traveled together since their marriage two years ago, averaging about 40 weeks a year away from their Gladewater home.
...that's kind of why we got married on Thanksgiving," he said. "We figured that way we wouldn't ever have to work on our anniversary."
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THIS DATE IN HISTORY

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Today is Wednesday, June 18,

the 169th day of 1997. There are 196 days left in the year. Today's Highlight in History: On June 18, 1983, astronaut Sally K. Ride became America's first woman in space as she and four colleagues blasted off aboard the space shuttle Challenger.

On this date: In 1778, American forces entered Philadelphia as the British withdrew during the Revolutionary War. In 1812, the United States declared war against Britain. In 1815, Napoleon Bonaparte met his Waterloo as British and Prussian troops defeated the French in Belgium. In 1873, suffragist Susan B. Anthony was fined \$100 for attempting to vote in the 1872 presidential election (however, the fine was never paid). In 1928, aviator Amelia Earhart became the first woman to fly across the Atlantic Ocean as she completed a flight from Newfoundland to Wales in about 21 hours. In 1945, Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower received a tumultuous welcome in Washington, where he addressed a joint session of Congress. In 1948, the United Nations Commission on Human Rights adopted its International Declaration of Human Rights. In 1979, President Carter and Soviet President Leonid I. Brezhnev signed the SALT II strategic arms limitation treaty in Vienna. In 1981, Supreme Court Justice Potter Stewart announced his retirement; his departure paved the way for Sandra Day O'Connor to become the first female associate justice. In 1984, Alan Berg, a Denver radio talk show host, was shot to death outside his home. (Two white supremacists were later convicted of civil rights violations in the slaying.) Ten years ago: Charles Glass, a journalist on leave from ABC News, was kidnapped in Lebanon. (Glass escaped his captors the following August.) Five years ago: Russian President Boris Yeltsin met with Democrat Bill Clinton in Washington before flying on to Kansas and then Canada. The Supreme Court ruled criminal defendants may not use race as a basis for excluding potential jurors from their trials. Entertainer Peter Allen died in San Diego County, Calif., at age 48. One year ago: Federal prosecutors in California charged Theodore Kaczynski in four of the Unabomber attacks. Richard Allen Davis was convicted in San Jose, Calif., of the 1993 kidnap-murder of 12-year-old Polly Klaas of Petaluma. Two Army transport helicopters collided and crashed during training exercises near Fort Campbell, Ky., killing six and injuring 33. Today's Birthdays: Actor E.G. Marshall is 87. Columnist Tom Wicker is 71. Rock singer-composer-musician Paul McCartney is 55.

THE Daily Crossword

Crossword puzzle grid with clues for Across and Down words.

by Vivian O. Collins

06/18/97

Tuesday's Puzzle solved:

Completed crossword puzzle grid with words filled in.

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