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BSISD's 5th annual Gifted and Talented Roundup proves learning can be fun

By KATHY GILBERT
Staff Writer

Big Spring Independent School District's 5th annual Gifted and Talented Roundup proved that learning can be fun. Very fun.

The Bauer Magnet Elementary School halls were filled with smiles Saturday as parents, teachers and students attended sessions on radio building, T-shirt-printing, globe-making, communication skills, conducting a courtroom trial and more.

"It's a really good program," Drs. Sudha and Ramesh Mehta said. "I learned a lot. I never went to court before," Sudha Mehta added. Their son Shyam, a fourth-grader at Bauer, was one of 14 student jurors trying a CD theft case in the "Talent On Trial" session.

"It's been a ball," Talent On Trial "Judge" Attorney Tim Yeats said. "Their questions are great. They're picking up on everything."

About 55 children, 40 parents and 35 teachers from Big Spring attended the four-hour event, Beverly Jeffcoat, Bauer Magnet Elementary's Grade 4/5 SIGNAL Teacher and event coordinator said.

All sessions were led and developed by parents she said.

The sessions are designed to teach kids that "there is life beyond the classroom," Jeffcoat said. "We like for the students to see, no matter whether it's a court trial, making globes or T-shirt screening, how parents and community members use creative and critical thinking in real-life."

Parents also lead and help in the events, she said, because "we want our parents to watch kids think. We watch our children in the athletic arena all the time," she said. "This gives parents an opportunity to watch kids in the thinking arena."

Session leaders seemed to agree that the event was fun and worthwhile. "I enjoyed it immensely," Andy Chalker, presenter of the AM radio building session said. "We had a real good time. Things didn't work out the way we expected, but we had a good time."

Teams of student built two AM radios, Chalker explained. "But when we turned them on 'all we got out of 'em was static.'"

Nonetheless, parent Windol Lunsford declared it "the most satisfying and fulfilling event I had all year," in part because the students worked so well as teams, "they really worked together well, cooperated well together," he added.

Students and parents were hard-pressed to name a favorite session. "I've enjoyed all of them," parent Ricky Adams said, "all of them got good reviews."

"I had a very good time," Kentwood third-grader Brinnan Pierce said. "I learned geography and how shirt printing stuff works, and how it is being in a courtroom."

Jessica Landry, a Moss fifth-grader, was excited to find her Earth-day design being printed on T-shirts by T's & Toos owner David Risner. "Our teacher told us to draw pictures to save the environment," she said. "She talked about the world, so I drew the world, and how people can help the world, so I drew people all around the world."

Along with other students, Kentwood fourth-grader Jacob Nichols absorbed a lot about the United States criminal justice system. "I learned you have to get all the evidence before they can be innocent or guilty," he said, "and if there is any way they can be innocent they have to be innocent."

Ashton Evans breathed a sigh of relief when she was found innocent in the morning's mock trial. The afternoon session's defendant wasn't so lucky however.

Prosecutor Victoria Crowder, a fifth-grader at Marcy

Elementary, hammered home a guilty verdict. "She couldn't remember where she bought the CD and didn't have a receipt," Crowder said in her closing argument. The guilty verdict announcement elicited shouts of glee from the prosecutor's table.

"It's wonderful," parent and T-shirt screening co-presenter Marjorie Risner said, "a lot of people gave up their Saturdays to make this a success."

"I loved it," parent Cindy Appel said, "the kids really got into their parts, being the attorneys — they had the jury split, just like in real-life. This was one of Mrs. Jeffcoat's better ideas!"

Her fifth-grade daughter, Amanda, did not secure a guilty verdict. She didn't mind, she said, because "(the defendant) is my friend." She learned a lot about teamwork and how courts work, she said.

Isabel Villarreal, an Anderson kindergarten teacher, came in dual capacity as parent and instructor. "I really enjoyed it," she said. "I enjoy helping out and seeing what other teachers are doing." She was pleased her fifth-grade daughter, Veronica, screened her own T-shirt, but had difficulty picking a favorite session. "They all have their special qualities," she said.



Jacob Nichols screens his own T-shirt with the help of presenter David Risner, owner of T's & Toos during the "It's Tee Time" session of the BSISD Gifted and Talented Roundup Saturday at Bauer Magnet Elementary School.

Lady Hawks welcomed home after 3rd place national finish

By JOHN H. WALKER
Managing Editor

About 75 well-wishers surprised Howard College's Lady Hawks with a welcome home reception at the girl's dormitory Sunday afternoon as they arrived home from their trip to the NJCAA national tournament.

Donelle Jones, an Odessa sophomore who will attend the University of Texas at San Antonio, held the NJCAA National Tournament third-place trophy above her head as she excited the bus.

"You guys," she said to the fans, wiping away a tear, "you guys are really something."

College President Dr. Sheri Sparks, who rode the bus home with the team after flying into Kansas City on Friday, said an escort by the Big Spring Police Department surprised the team as well.

"When we turned onto Fourth Street and they heard the siren, they thought the bus was being stopped," Sparks said. "But then they realized what was happening ... when we turned the corner and they saw the streamers and everything, they were really touched."

The crowd applauded as each of the team members, managers, trainers and coaches as they exited the bus.

Once inside, Lady Hawks Head Coach Matt Corkery told the crowd how much their attendance meant to the team.

"The fact you're here tells the team how much you care about them," he said.

"We know a lot of you wanted to be at the tournament and couldn't go, but the fact you were here cheering for us and

listening to us on the radio meant a lot. "We knew you were with us at the tournament in spirit." Corkery told the gathering that with the team's 34-3 record and third place national finish, he felt the Lady Hawk program had returned to the level of prominence it deserved.

"We feel like we're back where we want it to be," he said. "And the fact you're out here today, that you go to the games to cheer the team on, are all a vital part of the success of the program."

Corkery said a group of recruits will arrive on campus for a visit this week, followed by another group of recruits next week. He said the trip to nationals caused a break in the recruiting effort.

"That's the down-side to going to national tournament," he said. "While you're up there, the kids you're interested in are being talked to by the coaches who stayed at home."

"We just told them before we went that we were interested in them, but that we were going to be busy for a couple of weeks. We told them we knew they would be contacted while we were gone, but we couldn't help it because we were at the national tournament."



Lady Hawk Donelle Jones hold the third place national trophy high for everyone to see as the team emerged from its bus Sunday. About 75 persons attended a reception for the team.

Tax rebates

Big Spring, Howard County numbers up; Rebates decline in Coahoma, Forsan

By CARLTON JOHNSON
Staff Writer

A total of 1,090 Texas cities and 118 counties, including the city of Big Spring and Howard County, recently received their March sales tax rebates, which totaled \$163.3 million. March's rebates is an 8 percent increase compared to March 1997's \$151.2 million and a 10.6 percent increase in the total amount of rebates issued through March of last year.

Locally, the city of Big Spring received a March rebate of \$283,860.08, representing a 6.52 percent increase compared to March 1997. February rebate was \$451,645.58, January's rebate was \$247,943.16 and December's rebate was \$294,791.14.

Overall, Howard County, which includes the cities of Big Spring, Coahoma and Forsan, received a March rebate of \$243,175.61, a 5.13 percent increase compared to March 1997.

In February, the county received an overall rebate of \$460,541.00. January's overall rebate of was \$252,807.01, December's county rebate was \$301,667.76.

The city of Coahoma's share of March's rebate was \$2,992.37 which is a decrease of 16.30 percent compared to last year.

Forsan's \$1,323.16 rebate was a 62.10 percent decrease compared to last March's rebate of \$3,491.92.

Other local areas receiving

rebates included the cities of Andrews, \$55,485.29; Colorado City, \$28,263.78; Lamesa, \$57,557.95; Lorraine, \$191.50; Midland, \$914,096.76; Odessa, \$702,022.90; Stanton, \$9,221.03; and Westbrook, \$647.47.

March sales tax rebates to Texas cities totaled \$147.8 million, a 7.1 percent increase compared to last year. Rebates to counties totaled \$15.5 million, a 16.5 percent increase compared to last March.

The increase in March rebates is attributed to continued growth and confidence in the Texas economy, which is slightly ahead of economic growth rates for the country as a whole.

March payments to Texas cities and counties include local sales taxes collected by monthly filers in January — the end of the holiday shopping season — and reported to the State Comptroller in February.

February's rebates in Texas totaled \$290.5 million; January's rebates in Texas totaled \$155.7 million; and December's sales tax rebate totaled \$164.7 million.

In November rebates to Texas cities totaled \$212.4 million, an increase of 11.4 percent compared to last rebates from November 1996. November rebates to Texas counties totaled \$18.2 million, a 15.7 percent increase compared to November 1996.

The top Texas cities with the largest March sales tax rebates include Houston, \$20.2 million, Dallas, \$12.7 million and San Antonio, \$7.9 million.

WEATHER

Tonight: Lows 45-50. Tuesday, mostly sunny with near record highs from 85-90. Tuesday night, fair. Lows in the mid 50s. Extended forecast, Wednesday, mostly sunny. Highs around 90. Thursday, partly cloudy and breezy. Lows to the mid 50s. Highs 85-90. Friday, a slight chance of thunderstorms. Lows from the upper 40s to mid 50s. Highs mid 70s to lower 80s.

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Big Spring police probe 'questionable' death, stabbing

HERALD Staff Report

The Big Spring Police Department is investigating a "questionable" gunshot wound death from last Thursday as well as an early Sunday morning stabbing, according to Chief Lonnie Smith.

Police and Emergency Medical Service personnel responded to a 911 call in reference to a gunshot victim in the 4100 block of Dixon last Thursday at about 9:20 p.m., police reports show. Justice of the Peace Marilyn

Carson was called to the scene and pronounced Big Spring resident and Seagraves native Nona Miller Sellar, 42, dead. An autopsy was ordered to be performed Friday morning in Lubbock.

Police department detectives are investigating the case, which the police call "a questionable death," according to Smith. Evidence on the scene and verbal reports suggest the death may have been self-inflicted, he said. Police cannot make a determination until Carson has ruled on the cause

of death, Smith said.

Carson and police officials are awaiting the autopsy results.

In the second incident, police are investigating a stabbing that occurred at approximately 12:03 a.m. Sunday.

Police and EMS units responded to a 911 call in the 900 block of E. 16th Street in response to a possible stabbing victim.

Upon arrival, police found an adult male identified as David Covarrubias, 24, of Big Spring with multiple wounds to his torso, which were inflicted with

an unknown instrument.

Information indicated Covarrubias was assaulted at another location. Reports indicate he may have been assaulted on the front porch of his residence — 1803 State St.

Covarrubias was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center and was listed in stable condition this morning.

Police have identified a suspect and are continuing to investigate the incident. The suspect's name will be released pending arrest and the filing of formal charges.

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OBITUARIES

Eloise Roberts

Service for Eloise Roberts, 84, Big Spring, is pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

She died Monday, March 23, 1998, at her residence.

Edna Leona Wood

Funeral service for Edna Leona Wood, 94, Lubbock, formerly of Big Spring, was 2 p.m. Tuesday, March 17, 1998, at Bell-Cypert-Seale Chapel.

Mrs. Wood died Saturday, March 14, at Methodist Hospital in Lubbock after a brief illness.

She was born on Feb. 23, 1904, in Camp Springs. She married John Wesley Wood on July 13, 1921, in Snyder.

Survivors include: one daughter, Florine Davis, Lubbock; two sons, L.E. Wood and Dan Wood, both of Lubbock; two brothers, Elvin Howell, Tulsa, and Edward Howell, Hamilton; four grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Arrangements under the direction of Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home, Snyder.

BRIEFS

APRIL IS SEXUAL ASSAULT awareness month, using the theme, "Standing Together Against Sexual Violence." During this month, Rape Crisis-Victim Services is asking local citizens to show support by putting a green ribbon on their car antennae.

Speakers from RCVS can be arranged for groups, clubs and organizations as well. Call 263-3312.

AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY IS planning for its 1998 Relay for Life event May 15-16. Teams are forming now for this 24-hour community camp-out for teams of runners and walkers to benefit ACS.

Contact Jay or Kim Phinney at the Karat Patch for team packets. Call 267-1480.

START YOUR OWN BUSINESS seminar will be held at Howard College Wednesday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Tumbleweed Room at the Dora Roberts Student Union Building.

The seminar is conducted by the Small Business Development Center and is free to the public. Call 267-2379 for more information or to reserve your place.

CONCERNED WOMEN FOR AMERICA of West Texas will welcome David Barton, nationally recognized speaker on American history, April 16 at 7 p.m. in Big Spring High School Auditorium.

He will speak on "America's

MYERS & SMITH FUNERAL HOME & CHAPEL

24th & Johnson 267-8288 Nona Miller Soller, 43, died Thursday. Services will be 2:30 PM, Monday at Myers & Smith Chapel, with burial at Mount Olive.

NALLEY-PICKLE & WELCH Funeral Home

Trinity Memorial Park and Crematory 906 Gregg St. (915) 267-6331 Eloise Roberts, 84, died Monday, March 23, 1998. Services are pending at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

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Godly Heritage: an uncensored view of American political and religious history." For information, call 263-0140.

COAHOMA SCHOOL BOARD MEETING will be held at 7 p.m. today in the Board Room of the Administration Building at 600 Main Street, Coahoma.

Agenda items include: Approve textbooks for 1998-99, approve transfer policy for 1998-99, appoint new election judges, approve GT position, election of Region 18 ESC board of director trustee, discuss Science Lab Building, discuss technology plan, consider contracts for certified non-administrative/professional personnel/Personnel.

THE BIG SPRING EVENING Lions Club will hold its Annual Eyeglass Recycling during the month of March.

Eyeglass collection boxes will be set up at all Big Spring pharmacies, the Lions Club Bingo building, local banks and several other Big Spring businesses.

The used eyeglasses are cleaned, prescription of lens are read and the glasses are placed into the inventory at the Midland Eyeglass Recycling Center, a project of Lions International.

For additional information about the clinic or donating eyeglasses call The Lions Club at 267-3068 or Bob Noyes at 267-6095.

VOLUNTEERS WILL HELP WITH income tax returns at First Presbyterian Church, 8th and Runnels, Monday, March 23 and March 30 from 9 a.m.-noon. These are the final two days of free tax assistance.

This program is open to all senior citizens, and those who have income from wages, tips, interest or dividends and may be able to receive earned income credit. Call 263-4211 or 398-5522 for more information.

THE 36TH ANNUAL RATTLESNAKE Roundup Arts & Crafts Show & Flea Market will be at the Howard County Fairbarns March 27-29. Admission is \$4 for adults and \$2 for children ages 4-11. There is free admission to the Arts & Crafts Show.

SPRINGBOARD

IF YOU HAVE ANY CHANGES IN A SPRINGBOARD ITEM OR FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT GINA GARZA, 263-7381 ext. 238, BETWEEN 8:30 A.M. AND 2 P.M. All Springboard items must be submitted in writing. Mail to: Springboard, Big Spring Herald, P.O. Box 1431, Big Spring, Texas 79720; bring it by the office at 710 Scurry; or fax it to 264-7205.

TODAY - Big Spring Evening Lion's Club, 6:30 p.m., 1607 E. Third. Call Al Valdes, 263-6810.

-Project Freedom, Christian support group, 7 p.m. Call 263-5140 or 263-2241.

-TOPS Clubs (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) 5:15 p.m. weigh in and 6:15 p.m. meeting, Family Hospice, 3210 E. 11th Place.

-Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. open meeting and 8 to 9 p.m. at the VA Medical Center on fourth floor.

TUESDAY - Most Excellent Way, a chemical dependency support group, 7 p.m., Living Water Church, 1008 Birdwell Lane. Call 267-1424 after 5 p.m. or 263-3168 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m.

-Al-Anon, 8 to 9 p.m., 615 Settles.

-Narcotics Anonymous, 6 to 7:30 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church.

-Beginning line dance class will be taught at 9 a.m. at the Senior Citizens Center. Call 267-1628 for more information.

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All ages welcome. -Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. open meeting and 8 to 9 p.m. closed meeting at the VA Medical Center on fourth floor.

-Big Spring Alliance for the Mentally Ill, 6:30 p.m., 409 Runnels (formerly the TU building). Call Sondra at 267-7220

WEDNESDAY -Downtown Lions Club, noon, Howard College Cactus Room. Call Archie Kountz, 267-3821. -Line dance classes, 1 p.m., Senior Citizens Center, following lunch. For more information call 398-5522 or 267-1628. All ages welcome.

-Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. open meeting and 8 to 9 p.m. 12&12 Study.

THURSDAY -Good Shepherd Fellowship Church, 610 Abrams, has services 7 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend.

-Spring Tabernacle Church, 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.

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

-NA meeting, 8 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church.

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

-Masonic Lodge No. 598, 7:30 p.m., 219 Main.

-Alzheimer's Association support group, 7 p.m., Comanche Trail Nursing Center.

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

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

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

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

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SATURDAY -Candlelight NA meeting, 10 to 11:30 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 1001 Goliad.

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

-Open birthday night, covered dish 7 p.m. and birthday meeting 8 p.m., 615 Settles. This is to celebrate AA Sobriety yearly birthdays.

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BIG SPRING AROUND THE TOWN

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-TOPS Clubs (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) 5:15 p.m. weigh in and 6:15 p.m. meeting, Family Hospice, 3210 E. 11th Place.

-Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. open meeting and 8 to 9 p.m. at the VA Medical Center on fourth floor.

Serial killer executed in Florida's electric chair STARKE, Fla. (AP) - A former short order cook who confessed to 41 murders was executed this morning as Florida resumed using its electric chair, where flames flared from an inmate's mask while he was being put to death last year.

In the first of four electrocutions scheduled for the next eight days, Gerald Stano, 46, was executed for killing a 17-year-old hitchhiker in December 1973.

Stano confessed that he choked the girl repeatedly and dumped her body in a drainage ditch before cleaning up and going roller skating. Stano later confessed to 41 murders in Florida and other states. Most of his victims were prostitutes, runaways and teen-agers.

Stano was the first inmate electrocuted since last March 25, when flames shot from behind inmate Pedro Medina's face mask, prompting a series of unsuccessful appeals on whether the Florida's 75-year-old electric chair was cruel and unusual punishment.

An autopsy report said Medina died instantly when the electricity was turned on.

In Stano's unsuccessful appeals, he claimed that prosecutors had solicited false testimony from a jailhouse informant.

Jacksonville cop killer Leo Jones was scheduled to die Tuesday.

MARKETS

May cotton 69.50 cents, up 13 points; May crude 16.48, up 187 points; Cash hogs steady at 36.50; cash steers steady at 63; April lean hog futures 51.35, down 25 points; April live cattle futures 65.02, up 25 points.

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DUNLAPS 111 E. Marcy 267-8283 Mon.-Sat. 10 a.m.-6 p.m.

Table with 2 columns: Company Name and Percentage Change. Includes Calenergy Inc. (30% +), Chevron (66% +), Cifra (16% to 18%), Coca Cola (75% - 1%), Compaq Computer (24% +), Cornell Correc. (23% +), De Beers (21% -), Diagnostic Health (13% -), DuPont (69% -), Excel Comm. (23% -), Exxon (69% + 2%), Fina (62% +), Halliburton (52 + 3%), IBM (102% +), Intel Corp (74% -), Medical Alliance (4 nc), Mobil (81% + 3%), Norwest (42% -), NUV (9% nc), Phillips Petroleum (52% + 1%), Palex Inc. (13 nc), Pepsi Cola (42% -), Parallel Petroleum (51% +), Rural/Metro (34% +), Sears (57% -), Southwestern Bell (44% +), Sun (43% +), Texaco (63% + 2%), Texas Instruments (54% +), Texas Utils. Co (40% +), Unocal Corp (41% + 1%), Wal-Mart (49% -), Amcap (17.63-18.71), Euro Pacific (29.49-31.29), I.C.A. (31.05-32.94), New Perspective (22.14-23.49), Prime Rate (8.50%), Gold (293.10-293.60), Silver (6.11-6.15)

FIRE/EMS

Following is a summary of Big Spring Fire Department/EMS reports: Friday 7:19 a.m. - 1700 block Johnson, medical call, patient transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center. 9:32 a.m. - 1000 block Bluebonnet, trauma call, patient transported to SMMC. 10:27 a.m. - 300 block W. Third, trauma call, service refused. 10:32 a.m. - 600 block N. Goliad, medical call, patient transported to SMMC. 1:02 p.m. - 100 block NE 9th, medical call, patient transported to SMMC. 2:35 p.m. - 1400 block Lincoln, trauma call, patient transported to SMMC. 2:47 p.m. - 300 block NW Third, medical call, service refused. 3:49 p.m. - 1000 block N. Main, medical call, patient transported to SMMC. 5:04 p.m. - 1000 block Stadium, trauma call, patient transported to SMMC. Saturday 7:16 a.m. - 100 block NW 8th, medical call, patient transported to SMMC. 11:48 a.m. - Wilderness Camp, trauma call, patient transported to SMMC. 2:04 p.m. - 3200 block Parkway, trauma call, patient transported to SMMC. 6:21 p.m. - 200 block Grant, medical call, patient transported to SMMC. 9:06 p.m. - 3200 block Parkway, trauma call, patient transported to SMMC. 9:09 p.m. - 100 block N. Goliad, medical call, patient transported to SMMC.

POLICE

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity between 2 p.m. Saturday and 8 a.m. Monday: -BUDDY FORD, 38, was arrested for driving with an invalid license. -GERALD FOLEY, 36, was arrested for public intoxication. -EDGAR PAYNE, 46, was arrested for possession of drug paraphernalia. -CONRAD MEZICK, 33, was arrested for public intoxication. -PAT HOGAN, 40, was arrested for public intoxication. -ALBERT ORTEGA, 30, was arrested for driving with an invalid license. -BOBBY RUTH, 43, was arrested for public intoxication. -DELORES HERNANDEZ, 24, was arrested on local warrants. -WILLIAM McMURRY, 36, was arrested for public intoxication. -THEFT in the 400 block of Johnson; 2500 block of Wasson; 1500 block of E. Marcy; and the 1300 block of Stanford. -DISTURBANCE/FIGHT at S. Goliad and Highland South; and S. Goliad and Highland Heather. -ATTEMPTED MURDER reported from the 900 block of E. 16th. -DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE in the 700 block of Creighton; 1300 block of Harding; 1200 block of Mulberry; and the 600 block of E. 13th. -CRIMINAL MISCHIEF in the 1700 block of Owens; 3200 block of Drexel; 4000 block of Vicky; 3700 block of E. Marcy; and the 100 block of Circle.

RECORDS

Sunday's high 80 Sunday's low 49 Average high 72 Average low 42 Record high 91 in 1934 Record low 18 in 1952 Precip. Sunday 0.00 Month to date 0.83 Month's normal 0.57 Year to date 2.71 Normal for the year 1.87

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Russian president Boris Yeltsin fires entire government

MOSCOW (AP) — Russian president Boris Yeltsin fired his entire government today, declaring a new team vital to ensure that economic reform works in Russia and democrats win the next presidential election.

Yeltsin told outgoing Prime Minister Viktor Chernomyrdin to begin preparing for presidential elections in 2000, but stopped short of naming him as his favorite candidate.

Yeltsin, looking calm and speaking strongly and clearly, said on national TV that Russia needs a new government to support market reforms started by his administration. He criticized the old Cabinet for wasting time on political infighting.

"Resignation of the government does not mean the change in the course of our politics. This is an effort to bring more energy and efficiency to economic reforms," he said.

Yeltsin named as acting prime minister Sergei Kirienko, 35, the outgoing minister of fuel and energy. Yeltsin, who has the constitutional power to appoint and dismiss ministers, indicated he had selected a new prime minister, but did not name him.

Most ministers were ordered to continue on a temporary basis. Yeltsin's explanation left many questions unanswered, such as why he dismissed the entire Cabinet, including ministers who don't deal with economic issues.

While the Cabinet had done well in some areas, Yeltsin said it had failed to solve key issues and persuade ordinary Russians that market reforms would improve their lives.

"Unfortunately, people don't feel changes for the better. I believe that recently the government has been lacking dynamism and initiative, new outlooks, fresh approaches and ideas. And without this, a powerful breakthrough in the economy is impossible," Yeltsin said.

Many Russians, deeply unhappy about falling living standards and unpaid wages and pensions, blame reforms for the nation's economic woes, saying their lives were better in the Soviet era. Communists and other opposition groups want to turn back market reforms.

The unexpected firings came after Yeltsin strongly criticized the govern-

ment in weekend meetings for its chronic failure to pay back wages and pensions to millions of Russians. Chernomyrdin had been a loyal premier who served more than five years as scores of other Cabinet officials came and went. He has been mentioned widely as a potential presidential candidate, but declined to say today whether he would run.

"There is no governmental crisis in the country," Chernomyrdin said. "This is a natural and routine process of renewing power. One thing is clear: the course of reforms in Russia is irreversible."

The dismissals of Chernomyrdin and his top aides were expected to shake the confidence of foreign investors and aid donors, who have played a major role in supporting the struggling Russian economy.

The Moscow Stock Exchange plunged on news of the dismissals but steadied after Yeltsin's television address.

Yeltsin's terse announcement singled out two aides for dismissal: First Deputy Prime Minister Anatoly Chubais, the chief economic reformer,

and Interior Minister Anatoly Kulikov, who heads Russia's internal security forces.

Chubais is blamed by many Russians for the country's economic woes and was one of the most unpopular government figures.

The timing of dismissals was particularly surprising, coming only three days before a summit in Moscow that will include Yeltsin, German Chancellor Helmut Kohl and French President Jacques Chirac.

The resignations were hailed by the communist-led opposition, which called them long-overdue.

"Communists have never trusted this course or this government or believed that it could manage the tasks it faced," said Communist Party leader Gennady Zyuganov.

Yeltsin has long been known for unexpected, impulsive actions. But the dismissal of his entire government is unprecedented, even by a president famous for doing the unexpected during almost seven years in power.

Among those dismissed were the key architects of the government's reform program, Chubais and fellow First

Deputy Prime Minister Boris Nemtsov. Chubais and Nemtsov have been locked in a power struggle with billionaire Boris Berezovsky, who controls one of Russia's largest business empires.

The two reformers have clashed with Berezovsky and other moguls over the privatization of large state-owned companies and other valuable assets, such as oil drilling rights.

The reformers claim some tycoons are trying to dictate government economic policy and have created "oligarchic capitalism." Berezovsky has accused the reformers of assisting their business allies by manipulating the privatization of some state assets.

Chubais was tarnished last year for accepting a \$90,000 advance on a yet-to-be-published book on Russian privatization. Critics called it a de facto bribe, because the money came from a large corporation that had benefited from recent privatization deals.

Other officials who also accepted advances were fired, but Chubais survived after a dressing-down from Yeltsin.

Supreme Court to decide: What's the standard for school liability?

LAGO VISTA (AP) — Five years ago, a call from the cops stunned school superintendent Virginia Collier. One of the district's teachers, a 52-year-old retired Marine, had been found naked in a secluded, wooded area with a 15-year-old student.

The teacher, Frank Waldrop, was eventually stripped of his teaching certificate and pleaded no contest to attempted sexual assault. The girl, now 20, went on to college. Collier supervises a district 90 miles to the east.

But the fallout continues with a lawsuit filed by the young woman and her mother against Lago Vista Independent School District. The U.S. Supreme Court hears arguments Wednesday in a case that may determine whether a school district can be held liable for teachers' sexual misconduct — even when it knows nothing about the misbehavior and it occurs off school property.

The lawsuit, rejected by lower courts, contends Waldrop singled the girl out in 1992 when the 14-year-old freshman took his social studies class. Just before spring break, Waldrop brought a book to her home. Finding her alone, he kissed and fondled her, according to legal briefs.

That was "the first absolutely blatant, no questions, no mistaking, sexual advance that he had made towards me," the girl said in a deposition.

But it was not the last: Waldrop enticed the gifted, young student into further contact with advanced course work. She said she didn't go to school officials about the developing sexual relationship because "then I wouldn't be able to have this person as a teacher anymore and that was my main interest in any relationship with him."

The same year, the parents or guardians of at least two other girls complained to Collier about what they called inappro-

priate remarks Waldrop made to their daughters. Waldrop met with the parents and said he had meant no offense. The principal admonished the teacher and felt the matter was resolved, according to legal briefs in this case.

But the young woman's lawyers contend deeper investigation by the district might have revealed his conduct with the freshman student.

A federal judge in Austin dismissed her suit, saying no school official knew of the teacher's misconduct. The 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals agreed last year, saying a district can't be liable unless a supervisory administrator knows about misconduct and fails to act.

The young woman's appeal says that standard falls short.

"We characterize that as the 'ignorance is salvation' approach," said Samuel Issacharoff, a UT law professor helping her.

The Supreme Court ruled in 1992 that students sexually harassed by teachers may collect monetary damages from their schools and school officials under Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, which forbids sexual discrimination in education programs receiving federal money. But it didn't say whether a district should pay whenever misconduct is proved or whether the student has to show a supervisor knew or should have known about the behavior.

Citing Title IX, her lawyers propose two standards.

They say a school district should be held liable if it knew or should have known about sexual harassment, or if it had inadequate procedures to prevent, discover and redress sexual harassment.

In this case, attorneys say, the district had no guidelines in place to prevent or discourage harassment by teachers and had

given students neither advice on what to do nor procedures to follow if they were victimized.

"If I had known at the beginning what I was supposed to do when a teacher starts making sexual advances towards me," the girl testified, "I probably would have reported it. I was bewildered and terrified, and I had no idea where to go from where I was."

Further, lawyers say, districts should be liable when teachers are aided in their wrongdoing by authority over the victim.

"If a teacher seduces a student at a church picnic, that presumably is not the responsibility of the school district. But when a teacher uses the power of the classroom to carry out this kind of activity, then it is the responsibility of the school district," Issacharoff said.

Wallace Jefferson, the school district's lawyer, declined to be interviewed. In a brief, he urges the court to adopt the "actual knowledge" standard, saying the district had no way to know about the harassment because the girl actively concealed it and no physical contact occurred on school grounds.

"There wasn't anything that gave anybody any clues," Collier said.

Man remains in prison despite son's recantation in molestation case

ABILENE (AP) — A West Texan remains imprisoned despite having been exonerated by his alleged victim and by a judge.

Billy Lynn Stevens, 39, of Abilene is held on a 1990 conviction for molesting his son. He has been serving a 75-year prison term after his son, then age 4, alleged he molested him.

His son, now 14, is working strenuously to get his father freed, insisting that he lied on the witness stand at the demand of his stepfather.

The boy convinced state District Judge Billy John Edwards last summer of his father's innocence. Edwards ruled Stevens had been falsely imprisoned and recommended a new trial.

But in a 6-3 vote last October, the appeals court rejected Edwards' call for a new trial. The court majority won't explain its decision, despite a blistering dissent from three of the nine judges.

Judges Lawrence Meyers, Morris Overstreet and Charlie Baird criticized the majority for not following precedent.

So Stevens continues to languish in the state's Middleton Unit near Abilene.

"I'm living a nightmare," Stevens said. The boy, whose identity was withheld at the family's request, is an Abilene middle-schooler who visits his father at prison every weekend.

The family says the boy lives in fear of the former stepfather he now says actually molested

him and forced him to falsely accuse his father. "My son is a hero," Stevens said. "He's trying to tell the truth. ... But these judges, these superior judges, don't want to hear it just because they're angry at each other."

The ordeal began 10 years ago, when Stevens and his wife were divorced, leading to several stormy battles over custody of their son.

One night, his ex-wife asked him over to her home, where he found her boyfriend holding a knife at his 4-year-old son's throat.

He said he smashed through a window to save his child. When it was over, he was charged with burglary of a habitation to commit murder.

"I don't have a regret of anything I did that night," Stevens said. "I protected my son and my family when I went through that window."

His ex-wife testified last summer there was no burglary and said she called him to her home. Nevertheless, Stevens pleaded guilty and was sentenced to five years' deferred adjudication. But not long thereafter, Stevens' son leveled the molestation charge.

Rejecting a plea bargain that would have brought a 20-year prison sentence, Stevens went to trial, lost and got a 37-year prison sentence. For good measure, state District Judge Quay Parker revoked Stevens' burglary probation and sentenced him to 75 years in prison.

GOLFING NEWS

by Mike Hensen



Small Company's New Golf Ball Flies Too Far; Could Obsolete Many Golf Courses

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YALESVILLE, CT — A small golf company in Connecticut has created a powerful, new ball that flies like a U-2, putts with the steady roll of a cue ball and bites the green on approach shots like a dropped cat. But don't look for it on weekend TV. Long-hitting pros could make a joke out of some of golf's finest courses with it. One pro who tested the ball drove it 400 yards, reaching the green on all but the longest par-four's.

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OUR VIEW

Apathy strikes both voters and candidates

Perhaps because voter apathy is such a fact of life, we shouldn't be surprised if it starts spreading to the other side of the polls. We have long railed against the disturbing trend of voter non-involvement, but an even more disquieting chain of events played out last week when it was announced that a pair of school board elections in this area may be cancelled because of a lack of candidates. State law allows school districts to cancel board elections if the races are not contested. We have no problem with that, but what does upset us is the fact that the law is used more often than you'd think. If no write-in challengers appear before April 2, the Big Spring and Sands school districts will be forced to cancel their elections, meaning that those candidates who simply filed will win by default. This is not meant as a disparagement of those who did file. In most of these cases, the men are incumbents who have served their districts well. But why didn't anybody else file? Sure, the positions don't offer anything in the way of pay, and time must be made to fulfill obligations, but whatever happened to public service? Have we become so inured to the political process that we've just decided to turn our backs on the whole mess? We all love to complain about the way government is run, but in the final analysis, we are the ones who do the actual running. Or not running, as the case may be. Voting is the most important franchise open to United States citizens, but close behind is our responsibility to be as good a citizen as possible. And one of the ways we do that is by occasionally tossing our hats into the political ring. To all those who filed for political races this year, we thank you. If nothing else, you are giving voters a choice come election time. Too bad the Big Spring and Sands school district residents can't say the same thing.

OTHER VIEWS

Perhaps his precise formulation won't thrill the hearts of all those who want to privatize some portion of Social Security, but Sen. Daniel Patrick Moynihan's acceptance of some elements of the idea is hugely important and may be seen later as a major step in the system's conversion and salvation. The senator's nod, made in a speech at Harvard, is important because he is Mr. Social Security, as expert about the New Deal program as anyone in politics, and heretofore opposed to that sort of change. The fact that he is a liberal Democrat is crucial, too, for privatizing Social Security is politically possible only with bipartisan endorsement. Under Moynihan's plan, the payroll tax that funds Social Security would be cut from 12.4 percent to 10.4 percent in a couple of years. Workers would be encouraged to invest the difference in savings accounts, although they would also be allowed to spend the money any way they liked. He would also cut cost-of-living increases, hike the retirement age a couple of decades out, and also start increasing the payroll tax

again about the same time. Most of those wanting personal Social Security accounts would require that a portion of the payroll tax go for the purpose, not simply permit that use. The mandatory investment in stocks and bonds would bring about a return that would then help keep benefits more nearly intact without unaffordable tax increases. When baby boomers start retiring about 2010, the current pay-as-you-go system will be unworkable unless Congress votes for either drastic alterations. The alternative is a degree of private investment. The proposal sounds radical to some, but isn't. It has been tried in Great Britain, for instance, and has worked well — and many people in the United States already believe they have private accounts that have somehow been invested, which just isn't true. Even though Moynihan is only halfway on board, the fact that he has at least mounted the gangplank almost certainly means the proposal will now receive a serious hearing.

Jay Ambrose
Scripps Howard

We have no reason to meddle here

Suppose six foreign nations told the United States, "Grant Puerto Rico full autonomy or we will slap you with trade sanctions and arms embargoes, and freeze any assets you have overseas."

What would you think about that? Would you think it was meddling in our internal affairs? Would you think it was an invasion of our sovereignty? I would think that, and I would tell the six foreign nations to butt out. So why is the United States demanding that Serbia grant autonomy to one of its provinces, Kosovo? And why is the United States threatening Serbia if it doesn't comply with our wishes? Serbia has a legitimate claim on Kosovo, which is more than we can say about Puerto Rico, a place we just snapped up at gunpoint without so much as a pretense of asking the Puerto Ricans about



Charley Reese
Columnist

their wishes. If you are a normal American, you probably have never heard of Kosovo, which is perfectly OK. Kosovo, a small province of just over 4,000 square miles, was first under Serbian rule long before North America was even discovered. The Serbs themselves arrived in the present areas they occupy in the 7th century A.D. There is a long, complex history full of great triumphs and great tragedies. You might say that the Serbs have about 1,200 years of experience in warfare. But what is key to Serbs in regard to Kosovo is that it was there that the great battle of Kosovo took place on June 20, 1389. The Ottoman Turks were pushing west, and the Serbs had scored some initial victories, but at Kosovo they lost catastrophically. Prince Lazar, their leader, was captured and beheaded. The Turkish sultan, Murad I, was also killed in the battle. Fifty-nine years later at Kosovo a joint Hungarian-Serbian army was defeated again by the Turks. Turkish rule left deep scars. All Serbs were made slaves of the land. One Turkish ruler told his underlings in Serbia

that they could kill any Serbian man they wished and sell the women and children as slaves. The remarkable thing about Serbian history, however, is that the Serbs never stay defeated very long. They have a remarkable capacity to resist their conquerors and were a pain in the Ottoman Empire's tender parts for four centuries. Russia's ties to the Serbs date back to 1774 when Turkey formally acknowledged Russia's claim to champion Orthodox and Slav interests in the Ottoman Empire. The point of all this is that Serbs have been around as a nation about three times longer than we have. They adopted Orthodox Christianity about 879 A.D. They were trying to institute a more democratic government long before we were even a nation. It therefore ill behooves the American diplomats to insult and patronize the Serbs. And it is stupid to underestimate them. Why the United States decided to make the Serbs the villains in the Western-sponsored breakup of Yugoslavia is a mystery to me, though it could be as simple as the Croats, Muslims and Albanians having

hired a public relations firm in Washington. The Kosovo problem is difficult because about 90 percent of the population are Albanian-speaking people. The Western powers, including the United States, have already committed a stupid blunder. By displaying their animosity toward Serbia and demanding that it grant Kosovo autonomy, they have encouraged the Albanian separatists to resort to violence. Why not? All they have to do is provoke Serbia and the Western powers will intervene on their behalf. No great power should ever put itself into a position to be manipulated by a minority of extremists, but that is exactly what the United States has done. Clinton's comic opera team of amateurs, however, will be making a big mistake if it thinks Serbia will give up Kosovo. I wouldn't mess with a people who have gone to war against overwhelming odds about a zillion times. If Ottoman Turks and Nazi Germany couldn't intimidate the Serbs, I seriously doubt Clinton and his baby boomers can do it.

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Island's last shot at salvation: Peace, quiet

CUMBERLAND ISLAND, Ga. — There were two near-disasters for paradise last year. No hurricane blew through, rearranging the dunes and mar-



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Syndicated Columnist

time forest. And no flinty-eyed developer arrived with a blueprint for condos stuck in his back pocket. It was far more insidious than that. First, John F. Kennedy Jr. got hitched to some social X-ray on Cumberland's northern-most tip, an innocent enough act. But it alerted celebrity hounds and paparazzi and style mavens to the island's existence. Rich people knew about Cumberland before, of course. Some of them own big chunks of it. The Carnegies, in fact, once owned 90 percent of this Southern Eden. The ruins of their Gilded Age mansion, Dungeness, remain as an eerie primer for high living. And there remain other private homes, other mansions. But heaven forbid that this dollop of green become a jet-set playground. Then another bad thing happened. Money magazine named St. Marys on the mainland its No. 1 small town in America.

Top choice as place to live. That kind of thing always does a town in. . . . One recent Saturday I waited for the National Park Service ferry that carries the hoi polloi to Cumberland. A ranger was warning us not to chase armadillos or trample dunes. Then someone had to ask: "Where's the church where John-John got married?" The ranger had heard that question before. She rolled her eyes and laughed. The little First African Baptist Church is 16 miles from where the ferry docks, she said. The tourist looked disappointed. It had to have been 20 years since she'd walked a single mile. Her disappointment couldn't have lasted. Nobody even partly sane could want more than what you get on a tourist-class day trip to Cumberland. The island is a thrill a minute, and not the cheap kind. We docked at the old Ice House Museum, and I ran for the woods. I wanted to be ahead of the pack, a chance to hear nothing but breaking waves. On the way to the beach side of the island, I saw several of Cumberland's feral horses, grazing on grass too green for the season. I saw buzzards on top of the Dungeness chimney pots, waiting. I saw resurrection ferns on majestic live oaks, their limbs looping all the way to the ground. And then I walked from the dark palmetto-floored forest into the

bright light of an unspoiled beach. It was as beautiful as I remembered. Cynthia Considine of Denver told me once about spending a year on the island. It was 1973, before the Park Service ferry and national seashore designation, before campers fanned out with their backpacks and sensible shoes. She was there as caretaker for one of the mansions, along with a friend and her black Labrador, Josh. "I would walk the beach all day, every day, and I don't recall ever seeing another human being, another footprint on that sand," she said. Cynthia fell into that dream job soon after college, when oddball things like that seem to happen. She knew a friend of a friend of one of the families that owns island property. That year spoiled her for regular life, she said. I can only imagine. She has a girl now, and at times has thought about showing the child Cumberland. But so great is her fear of it changing that she's not made the trip. She wants it left in her mind the way it was 25 years ago. Maybe it wasn't my place, but I tried to reassure her that Cumberland remains extraordinarily nice. More of us normal folk see it now, but somehow the island inspires a reverence few places do. Nobody leaves trash or carves initials in trees, there's not a Coke machine or a hot dog stand or a Tilt-A-Whirl.

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Shawnta Johnson named to NJCAA all-tournament team

By JOHN H. WALKER
Managing Editor

SALINA, Kan. — Central Arizona post Tatum Brown, who scored 87 points in four games at the NJCAA's women's national basketball tournament, was named tournament MVP.

Brown, who was carried off the court with a knee injury with 1:47 left in the game, scored 20 points in the Vaqueras 73-63 win over two-time defending national champion Trinity Valley in the championship game.

"It's the best honor in the world," Brown said. "Every game in this tournament I kept thinking would be my last, and then when we were in the title game, I knew it was going to be my last." Brown's coach, Lin Laursen, was named out-



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standing coach. Howard College's Shawnta Johnson, who had games of 15, 22, 14 and 20 points in the tournament, joined Brown on the all-tournament squad.

"Shawnta had an excellent tournament and deserved the recognition," Lady Hawks Head Coach Matt Corkery said following the all-tournament team's announcement after Central Arizona's win over Trinity Valley in the championship game Saturday.

Johnson, who has yet to decide where she will attend college, caught the eye of a number of col-

lege recruiters at the tournament. Slightly more than 100 recruiters signed a tournament register, but Tournament Director Tiffany Greene said more than 200 recruiters were in attendance.

In addition to Brown and Johnson, other players named to the all-tournament team included freshman Amanda Lassiter and sophomore Monique Whitfield, both of Central Arizona, Trinity Valley freshman Yalika "Boo" Barnes and sophomore Rhonda Smith, freshman Carrissa Johnson of Western Nebraska, sophomore Tart Blair of Wallace State, Ala., sophomore Cady Williams of Ricks College, Idaho, freshman Shanika Parks of Westark, Ark. and sophomore Kandra Williams of Gulf Coast, Fla.

Cincinnati State was awarded the Alberta Lea Cox Sportsmanship Award.

The Herald will publish a special tabloid section, "A Salute to Excellence," in Wednesday's edition, honoring the Lady Hawks on achieving Howard College's best ever finish at the women's national tournament. The section will recap highlights of the Lady Hawks' road to and through the tournament.

Steers set for 4-4A opener Tuesday

By JOHN A. MOSELEY
Sports Editor

Although Big Spring's Steers will carry an 8-8 record into their District 4-4A baseball opener at 4 p.m. Tuesday at San Angelo Lake View, coach Bobby Doe doesn't expect his team to be a .500 team during the next few weeks.

Instead, he expects the Steers to resume the status of being one of the district's title contenders.

The Steers, at the .500 mark following Saturday's doubleheader split with Levelland, have already won more games in pre-district play than they did in all of 1997.

Big Spring, forced to change its schedule by inclement weather that led to cancellation of the Amarillo Invitational Baseball Tournament, opened Saturday's twinbill with a 4-3 win before coach Bobby Doe loaded his lineup with reserves for the second game and ran into the teeth of Levelland's starters in an 11-2 loss.

Doe admitted he was clearly looking ahead to Tuesday's 4 p.m. district opener in San Angelo when he allowed senior ace Jeff Denton to work only 4 innings on the mound.

"We really wanted to limit the number of pitches Jeff threw ... basically set the cutoff point at 70 pitches ... because we want to be sure everyone's fresh at Lake View."

Despite throwing just 71 pitches before being relieved by James Darling, Denton scattered six Levelland hits and struck out four.

Darling, who has filled in admirably as the first man out of the Steers' bullpen, worked the last two innings, striking out three and allowing just one hit.

The manner in which the Steers made the most of limited scoring opportunities in the first game, drew praise from Doe.

"We did a good job of running the bases and coming up with the clutch hits when we needed them," the Steers boss explained.

"We had a runner thrown out at the plate, but it was a



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Big Spring catcher Clayton Pate comes up throwing after fielding a bunt during the Steers' game with Levelland at Steer Park. Following a doubleheader split with the Lobos in Levelland Saturday, the Steers are 8-8 going into Tuesday's District 4-4A opener at San Angelo Lake View.

tremendously close play ... that was a matter where they did a great job of getting the ball to the plate," Doe added. "The other thing we did was answer every time Levelland scored there early in the game."

After Levelland jumped out to a 1-0 lead in the first, Big Spring tied the score with a run in the second. The Lobos did, however, manage to escape a bases loaded situation by giving up one loss and retook the lead at 2-1 in the bottom of the third.

But again the Steers answered with a run in the top of the fourth. Wes Mouton drew a sacrifice bunt by J.J. Aguirre. James Clements then slapped a single, but Mouton was thrown out at the plate and ejected from the game for fail-

ing to slide on the play. "That could have really been a point where our kids lost focus and let the game get away from us," Doe recalled. "But we didn't let that happen. Joe Owens went up there, got a single and drove in a run to tie the game."

The Steers then iced the game away in the top of the fifth when Brock Gee led off with a double and Marcus Hyatt laid down a bunt single. A Levelland error allowed Gee to score and Hyatt to reach third. Aguirre later singled to drive in Hyatt.

While the Steers suffered the lopsided loss in the second game, Doe acknowledged the 11-2 score might have been expected considering his decision to let reserves fill the lineup, while Levelland stayed

with its starters.

Freshman pitcher Clint Bamert suffered control problems early — walking three batters, hitting three others and giving up five hits in the first two innings.

Consequently, the Lobos scored all their runs in those first two rocky innings.

The Steers were never able to mount a rally, but Bamert did settle down, allowing Levelland just two hits the rest of the way.

"We wanted to let Clint pitch his way out of it," Doe explained. "He did a great job of getting it all put together and shutting them down."

"Even though we got beat, he comes out of it with some confidence, because he pitched extremely well the last five innings."

For experience at Final Four, look to players

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The experience at this year's Final Four will be limited to the players.

While both North Carolina and Kentucky make return trips to the national semifinals this weekend, all four coaches will be first-timers.

Bill Guthridge of North Carolina, Rick Majerus of Utah, Mike Montgomery of Stanford and Tubby Smith of Kentucky will be making their first Final Four appearances as head coaches.

And each of the schools will also be arriving in San Antonio to cap a season in which they had to fill big voids: Utah and Stanford having to replace star players Keith Van Horn and Brevin Knight, while North Carolina and Kentucky will be going the season after saying goodbye to coaches Dean Smith and Rick Pitino.

Saturday's matchups have Stanford against Kentucky and Utah meeting North Carolina. The winners meet next Monday night for the national championship.

Kentucky is in the Final Four for the third straight year, the first time a school has managed to do that since Duke, the team the Wildcats beat Sunday in the South Regional final, went for five straight years, 1988-92.

North Carolina, which beat Connecticut on Saturday to win the East Regional and the only top seed still alive, is in for the fifth time in the '90s and the 14th time overall, tied for the most with UCLA and one more than Kentucky.

Having two teams from the West is a rarity as this is just the fourth time it has happened, and the first since UCLA and New Mexico State were in the 1970 Final Four.

Utah will be making its fourth trip to the national semifinals, but its first since 1966, and Stanford has been there just once before, when it won it all in 1942.

The last time there were four first-time coaches in the Final Four was 1959 when Fred Schaus of West Virginia, Peck Hickman of Louisville, George Smith of Cincinnati and Pete Newell of California all made their debuts.

Guthridge is the seventh first-year coach to lead a team to the Final Four, and he is also one of six Final Four coaches who also participated in it as a player, just like his former boss. Guthridge played for Kansas State in 1958 and Dean Smith for Kansas in 1952 and 1953.

Guthridge has been there plenty of times — he was next to Smith as an assistant for 30 years before Smith retired in October, and that included all but one of his 11 Final Four trips.

"He's done a great job," Tar Heels sophomore point guard Ed Cota said of the 60-year-old Guthridge. "He's had some big shoes to fill. I'm happy for him. We all want to win it all for him."

The Tar Heels (34-3) were beaten in last year's semifinals by eventual champion Arizona, and that rematch was squelched when Utah (29-3) beat the Wildcats in the West Regional final on Saturday.

Majerus, an assistant on Al McGuire's staff at Marquette that won the national title in 1977, was upset that he wasn't able to get Utah to the Final Four while Van Horn, a three-time Western Athletic Conference player of the year and All-America last season as a senior, was still in school.

"It's a real tribute to our kids' work ethic," Majerus said. "They knew it would be a difficult deal with Keith gone and they worked hard."

Smith replaced his former boss at Kentucky and reached the Final Four with a lot less talent than Pitino, now the coach of the Boston Celtics, had the last two seasons. The Wildcats (33-4) advanced by wiping out a 17-point deficit over the final 10 minutes to beat Duke.

"We're going to treasure this moment for a long time," Smith said. "To win against a program like Duke and a great coach like Mike Krzyzewski means even more. They've been the benchmark for college basketball for a while now, so it is quite an honor to win."

Stanford (30-4) ended Rhode Island's surprising run in Sunday's Midwest Regional final, literally stealing the win by overcoming a six-point deficit in the final minute. That wouldn't have seemed very outrageous last season when Knight was in the backcourt as a senior, but the hero was his replacement, Arthur Lee.

"I felt no pressure whatsoever because I knew I just had to be Arthur Lee," Lee said of the comparisons to Knight. "I love Brevin. He was a great player who helped me a lot. But I've been doing a lot of things pretty good."

NFL's owners hope to ensure labor peace into 21st century

ORLANDO, Fla. (AP) — First comes the easy part.

The NFL owners formally began their meetings today by approving the new labor contract that will ensure peace with the players' association until 2004.

But the annual debate over instant replay awaits — probably late Tuesday or Wednesday.

The contract extension agreed upon last month was approved twice this weekend, first by the executive board of the NFL Players Association, meeting in Maui, and on Sunday by the

Management Council executive committee. All 30 owners voted on it today, with 23 votes needed for approval.

Among other things, it gradually increases the amount of money allocated to the players, from the current 62 percent of total gross revenues to 64 percent. The approval also means the new television contract, which can be renegotiated after five years, is likely to be extended to eight years, bringing in close to \$18 billion.

Union ratification seems certain — no one remembers when

the players voted against a recommendation by their executive board.

"No more negotiations," said Gene Upshaw, the union's executive director. "Either the owners ratify or the current CBA will end after the year 2000."

Sunday's decision by the committee makes it likely the union will ratify.

The most prominent opponents are two who rarely agree on anything — Al Davis of Oakland and Wellington Mara of the New York Giants.

But Mara, who opposes a new

provision that extends contract guarantees to a full season from a half-season, is a "league man" who is likely to go along with the majority.

Also likely to come up is discussion of Cleveland, where the league must put a team by 1999. That's likely to be an expansion team rather than an existing franchise.

But no vote is likely at these meetings.

The other main item on the agenda is another vote on instant replay, which was to be presented to the owners today.

Rangers' Stevens hitting more, enjoying it more after stint in Japan

PORT CHARLOTTE, Fla. (AP) — Lee Stevens isn't sure if he's having fun because he's hitting well or he's hitting well because he's having fun.

The Texas Rangers don't really care to solve the riddle if Stevens can put up another outstanding season in 1998.

Stevens used to be miserable with his job until he took a tour of baseball duty in Japan and learned to relax and enjoy his chosen occupation and it paid off last season with a career year.

"I didn't have any fun with the game early in my career," Stevens said. "I took it as life and death. It was my job and it's still my job but I took it way too serious. I used to be happy only

when everything was going just right. My slumps lasted longer."

Then, Stevens got a taste of Japanese culture while playing for the Kintetsu Buffaloes in the Japanese Pacific league in 1994 and 1995.

"They have a different perspective, it's a whole different world," he said. "I wanted to honor and respect their culture because they have a lot of different ways of doing things. That's helped tone me down a lot."

A milder Stevens returned to the United States and played the 1996 season with the Rangers' Triple-A Oklahoma City team.

"When I came back from Japan, I

tried to respect them and I carried it back here and I've been more professional and had more respect for people. I respect a lot more of what I have here after going to Japan."

Stevens hit .300 in a career high 137 games for the Rangers last season. He drove in 74 runs and hit 21 homers. He was a valuable replacement for designated hitter Mickey Tettleton, first baseman Will Clark and right fielder Juan Gonzalez.

"I'm trying to pick up where I left off last year," Stevens said. "I've learned from my mistakes. I'm still an intense person but I've learned to harness it and use it to my advantage, instead of

a disadvantage by being angry or whatever."

Stevens was selected by the California Angels in the first round of the 1986 June draft but he played only parts of three seasons with the Angels and hadn't been in the big leagues since 1992 until the Rangers called him up at the end of the 1996 season.

He took advantage of his opportunities last season.

"As the season went along last year, I think I got some respect around the league," Stevens said. "The pitchers pitched me tougher as the season went along. Early on, I had to prove I could beat them, so later, they came at me a

lot more."

Stevens also should be relaxed, knowing he's already earned a job this season.

"There's a difference for him this year," manager Johnny Gates said. "Last year, he was fighting for a roster spot. Now he's passed that baton to someone else. Baring injury, he's in the opening day starting lineup against the Marlins."

Relaxed or not, Stevens is taking nothing for granted.

Stevens is hitting .500 with 18 hits, ranking third in the AL this spring, with three home runs, five doubles and 13 RBIs.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

The Local MHMR authority, West Texas Centers for MHMR, is requesting responses from prospective bidders for the services described below.

The goal of this transaction will be to provide local, cost effective and clinically responsive after-hours emergency consultation and face to face physician assessments for those persons experiencing a mental health crisis indicating a need for inpatient treatment. WTC will create meaningful partnerships between itself and the private health care providers in the local Qualified Mental Health Professionals (QMHP) as well as Masters level licensed clinicians. Board certified psychiatrists and/or physicians with psychiatric experience are preferred.

West Texas Centers for MHMR local service area contains the following twenty-three (23) counties: Loving, Reeves, Winkler, Upton, Crane, Ward, Terrell, Howard, Glasscock, Borden, Martin, Scurry, Dawson, Andrews, Gaines, Yoakum, Terry, Garza, Kent, Fisher, Mitchell, Nolan, Runnels. Prospective bidders should declare their interest in becoming part of this project by informing the Local Authority:

West Texas Centers for MHMR Cindy Nell, Managed Care Director 319 Runnels Big Spring, TX 79720 (915) 264-0916 FAX Submit your statement of interest on one page, including contact person's name, address, type of services provided and location (office) where requested services could be provided. The closing date for receipt of statement of interest is March 27, 1998 5:00 pm Central Time. Bids cannot be late. For further information, please call Cindy Nell, Managed Care Director at (915) 263-0007. 1783 March 23, 24, 25, 1998

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF UNSAFE BUILDINGS STATE OF TEXAS COUNTY OF HOWARD

VIOLA WILLAREAL, 703 DOUGLAS, BIG SPRING, TEXAS 79720, LOT 11, BLOCK 6, EARLES ADDITION LOCATED AT 703 DOUGLAS. LOYCE JANE THORP, 1908 THORP, BIG SPRING, TEXAS 79720, PART OF LOT 4, THORP ADDITION LOCATED AT 1908 THORP. ELDA C. RODRIGUEZ, 3010 CHEROKEE, BIG SPRING, TEXAS 79720, LOT 11, BLOCK 16, BOYDSTUN ADDITION LOCATED AT 3010 DONLEY. MITCHELL CHUCKOKE TRUSTEE, BOX 782 GALVESTON, TEXAS 77550-0022, N2 LOT 11, ALL OF LOT 12, BLOCK 47, ORIGINAL TOWN ADDITION LOCATED AT 601 JOHNSON. E.G. GALAVIZ, 301 NE 7TH, BIG SPRING, TEXAS 79720. SECTION 42, BLOCK 307 & BLOCK 150 TR 33, WILLIAM B. CURRIE SUBDIVISION LOCATED AT 301 NE 7TH.

Dear Property Owner(s): Current Tax Records of the City of Big Spring indicate that you are the owner of the property at the above street address.

You are hereby notified that the Board of Adjustments and Appeals, of the City of Big Spring, held a meeting on Tuesday, March 17, 1998 at 5:15 p.m. to determine whether the subject structure(s) complies with the standards set out in the code. The Board's decision was that these structures were to be abated by demolition (30) days after this notice is published.

If an appeal is not made within fifteen (15) days of the board's decision by Friday, March 27, 1998 the city shall take such action as to the board's orders. Failure to appeal in the time specified shall constitute a waiver of all rights causing the City to abate by demolition and filing a lien against said property. Kenny H. Davis Building Official 1794 March 22, 23 & 24, 1998

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR TUESDAY, MARCH 24:

Aim for the pot of gold at the end of the rainbow. Do not settle for anything less. You have unusual concentration, magnetism and direction. Make what you want happen. Friends play a big role in your choices; you also gain through networking. If you are single, love is yours for the taking. Be aware that one suitor, even if emotionally unavailable, is still a tremendous resource and delight to you. If attached, plan on a special trip together. Your relationship flourishes with an extra helping of quality time. AQUARIUS wants you to join in.

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

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
You are going to undergo change. Your sense of direction, when everyone else is slightly off, helps establish your leadership. Express your thoughts in a deliberate manner. Others listen. A friend shows his appreciation in a way you love. Tonight: Take a break with a buddy.*****

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
Work has an unexpected element that makes you shake your head. Heed instincts, and be direct with others. A discussion is difficult but necessary. Convey your needs to a loved one. Your insight touches him. Tonight: A force to deal with.*****

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
Detach and pull back when you hear startling news. A friend gives you a piece of his mind, though he might not have the whole picture. Express curiosity. Make a call to a loved one who is at a distance. Tonight: Browse through your favorite music store.*****

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
You learn quickly that you cannot depend on an associate's consistency. Enjoy what he does offer, while pioneering your own path. Work is demanding; a discussion is difficult. Someone thanks you in his own style. Tonight: Get someone else's opinion.***

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
You reel at what goes down. Take a good look at a partner. Though you see his caring, his impulsiveness is also apparent. A stern communication to

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someone at work could be in order. You need to amplify your opinions a few times. Tonight: Make patience your motto.****

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
Revamp and reorganize. An associate is on your case, and wants change. You get important feedback from a trusted friend. You feel that he is taking a severe or overly realistic stance. Appreciate his point of view, and work with it. Tonight: Burn the midnight oil.****

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
Someone adds a dynamic dimension to your life. Relish the moment and what he has to offer. A partner can be very stern when dealing with you. A conversation is terse at best, but the longer you are at it, the more you can understand each other. Tonight: Wild thing!*****

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
Take another look at your limits. You are making a work situation a lot harder than it needs to be. Consider what is important before making a decision. Flow with a caring yet unpredictable family member. Options appear everywhere. Tonight: Time for a family talk.***

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
Discussions are active and reflect diverse views. The one thing you can count on is the unexpected. A serious talk with a loved one is timely. Act on a creative idea. Express your love of the good life and of others. Tonight: Where the fun is.*****

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
Don't tumble into the status quo; make sure that is something you want. A gamble or bet pays off, as long as you don't go too far out on a limb. Be realistic about a family member. A talk is long overdue; take this opportunity to express yourself. Tonight: Catalog shop.***

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
You are generally spontaneous, but there is extra sparkle now. Be discreet during an important conversation. It serves you to not reveal all that is happening. Someone might not be able to hear all of your thoughts. Caring is genuine. Tonight: Flirting.****

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
An unexpected revelation

horoscope, recorded by Jacqueline Bigar, call (900) 740-7444, 99 cents per minute. Also featured are The Spoken Tarot and The Runes, which answer your yes-or-no questions. Callers must be 18 or older. A service of InterMedia Inc., Jenkintown, Pa.

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Surprise houseguest wears out her welcome at the door

DEAR ABBY: A relative my husband and I had not seen or heard from for more than 17 years unexpectedly showed up at our door and stayed, uninvited, for five days!

Although she was neat, considerate, appreciative and generous, I was angry, frustrated and resentful of the intrusion. What is your opinion regarding this situation, and what would you have done under the same circumstances? — SUSAN IN CALIFORNIA

DEAR SUSAN: If a relative — or friend — showed up at my door unexpectedly with luggage in hand, I would have taken him or her to dinner (or lunch, depending on the time of arrival) — and then offered to make a reservation at a nearby motel or hotel.

DEAR ABBY: I saw the letter in your column concerning kissing with eyes open. Well, I kissed with my eyes open — deliberately. Why? Because I was going with a woman so stunningly beautiful that I didn't want to waste any of her enchanting loveliness.

My standards in female beauty had always been so absurdly high that I knew I had a champagne appetite (what I desired in feminine looks) on a beer budget (what I had to offer). When she appeared on the scene, exceeding my wildest

dreams, and went for me in a big way, the thrill of kissing the mouth in the middle of that divinely beautiful face would have been partially squandered had I not kept my eyes open.

I had to train myself to do it, but the practicing was plenty pleasant. Just sign me ... OLD JOHN IN GLENDALE

DEAR OLD JOHN: You are a true romantic. Thank you for including your full name and address, which I dare not disclose. Were I to do so, it would threaten your privacy and create a scene that would rival the Gold Rush of 1849.

DEAR ABBY: Please print my letter, as we will be going on vacation soon.

Every time my husband and I travel to another country such as Mexico, Jamaica or other Caribbean islands, we're asked to bring back duty-free alcohol. The people who make these requests are not good friends — they are usually my husband's co-workers.

The U.S. government allows each person to return home with two bottles of liquor duty-free. We would like to be able to buy the quota for ourselves and our family, but my husband does not know how to refuse his colleagues.

Please help with a polite answer for these people when they ask. — NO NAME OR CITY, PLEASE

DEAR NO NAME: Foreign travel by Americans has become so common that reality is an imposition for the traveler to be asked to lug liquor and other gifts home from abroad.

Your husband should smile and say, "Sorry, there is a limit of two bottles — and those have been promised." Other items are also limited, so the same response should work for almost any request.

DEAR ABBY: I have an autoimmune disease that is being treated by two very competent doctors. Autoimmune diseases are difficult to treat, and most of them have no known cure.

My husband and I recently joined a new church. We met a wonderful lady there whose friendship we would like to retain. Unfortunately, she sells health products and is convinced she can cure my disease if I will buy the products that she sells. How can I maintain the friendship while tactfully refusing to buy her products?

If you choose to print this, sign me ... PLEASE, NO SALE

DEAR NO SALE: Stiffen your spine and tell the saleswoman, "I appreciate your concern, but I don't want to interfere with what my doctors are trying to accomplish." You owe her no further explanation.

Good advice for everyone — teens to seniors — is in "The Anger in All of Us and How to Deal With It." To order, send a business-sized, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money order for \$3.95 (\$4.50 in Canada) to: Dear Abby, Anger Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, Ill. 61054-0447. (Postage is included.)

For Abby's favorite family recipes, send a long, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money order for \$3.95 (\$4.50 in Canada) to: Dear Abby, Cookbooklet No. 1, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, Ill. 61054-0447. (Postage is included.)

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Readers Corner

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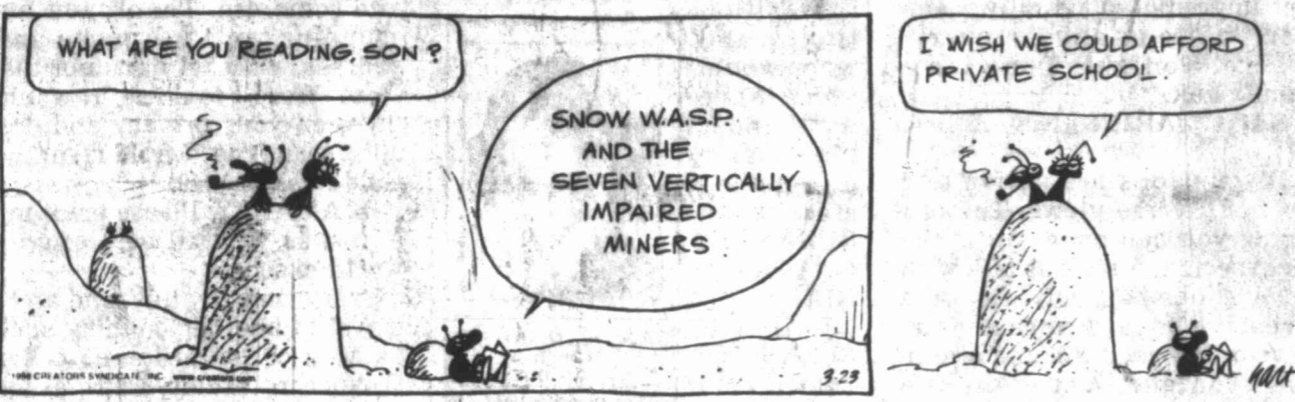
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THIS DATE IN HISTORY

283 days left in the year.
Today's Highlight in History:
On March 23, 1775, in a speech to the Virginia Provincial Convention, Patrick Henry made his famous plea for American independence from Britain, saying, "Give me liberty, or give me death!"

THE Daily Crossword

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ACROSS

- Cornhusker city
- Part of a pansy
- Bird's bill
- Aspect
- Love in Italy
- Bullring cheer
- Will Smith's TV role
- By way of
- Cave, often
- Plucks plant pests
- Causes to move onward
- Hollywood hopeful
- Laf the breeze in
- Rip into
- Maliciously derogatory
- Pulverize
- Shrill bark
- Labels
- Entity
- Exchange charge
- Mr. Baba
- Bring joy
- Ecstasy
- World of living things
- Be irresolute
- Ushers, at times
- Buccaneers
- Runner
- Top-rated Freudian concepts
- 60s political catch phrase
- Luau souvenir
- Prevent
- Last in Paris
- Sea eagle
- Jay's family
- Marsh grass
- Zesty bite
- Hackneyed
- First, reverse, etc.
- Bridal path
- Sits for photo
- Make indistinct
- Romeo (automobile)
- Timeless
- Sea north of Norway
- Noshed
- Drunkard
- Show teeth
- Duck down
- Sailors' stopovers
- 60s do
- First wife?
- Sebaceous cyst
- Inventor's initials
- Political non-affiliation letters
- Easter item
- Lobster eggs

By George E. Paul
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Saturday's Puzzle Solved

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Britain, saying, "Give me liberty, or give me death!"
On this date:
In 1743, George Frideric Handel's oratorio "Messiah" had its London premiere.
In 1792, Joseph Haydn's Symphony No. 94 in G Major, also known as the "Surprise Symphony," was performed publicly for the first time, in London.
In 1806, explorers Lewis and Clark, having reached the Pacific coast, began their journey back east.
In 1919, Benito Mussolini founded his Fascist political movement in Milan, Italy.
In 1933, the German Reichstag adopted the Enabling Act, which effectively granted Adolf Hitler dictatorial legislative powers.
In 1942, during World War II, the U.S. government began moving Japanese-Americans from their West Coast homes to detention centers.
In 1956, Pakistan became an independent republic within the British Commonwealth.
In 1965, America's first two-person space flight began as Gemini 3 blasted off from Cape Kennedy with astronauts Virgil I. Grissom and John W. Young aboard.
In 1983, President Reagan first proposed development of technology to intercept enemy missiles — a proposal known as the Strategic Defense Initiative, as well as "Star Wars."
In 1983, Dr. Barney Clark, recipient of a permanent artificial heart, died at the University of Utah Medical Center after 112 days with the device.
Ten years ago, President Reagan announced he would visit the Soviet Union for the first time, from May 29 until June 2, for his fourth summit meeting with Soviet leader Mikhail S. Gorbachev.
Five years ago: In his first formal news conference since taking office, President Clinton suggested restricting the duty assignment of homosexuals in the military as a way of allowing openly gay personnel; however, the idea was quickly abandoned. Scientists announced they'd found the renegade gene that causes Huntington's disease.
One year ago: Amid renewed violence, Israel's Cabinet called on the Palestinian Authority to crack down on Islamic militant groups, but stopped short of suspending peace talks. The American Cancer Society recommended that women begin annual mammograms at age 40.
Today's Birthdays: Movie director Akira Kurosawa is 88. Comedian Marty Allen is 76.

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