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Stormy weather brings hail, but no relief for farmers or fire conditions

By JOHN H. WALKER
Managing Editor

Two things are certain about the storm that blew through portions of Howard County at about 1 a.m. today — there wasn't enough moisture to help area farmers and there wasn't enough moisture to effect the lifting of the county's open burning ban.

The storm, with winds up to 52 miles per hour, delivered marble-sized hail to a number of areas in the community, including Edwards Heights College Heights and northeast Big Spring, but the prospect of any appreciable rainfall disappeared as the storm moved through.

According to the National Weather Service (NWS) office in Midland, the storm formed to the southwest of Big Spring and was part of a band of thunderstorms that moved through West Texas and Southeast New Mexico last night.

As the storm moved through at speeds of 40 miles per hour, the NWS issued a tornado watch that ran from 12:45 until 1:45 a.m.

While no severe weather was reported in the Big Spring area, three Andrews area received golf ball-sized hail and extensive wind damage.

But with another missed opportunity at rainfall, area farmers find themselves at a crossroads in regards to making a planting decision.

Traditionally, mid-May has been the end point of what is considered to be a safe planting period if a cotton producer wants to avoid the normal first-freeze date that would end the plant's growth.

But this spring, with only .04-inches of moisture since mid-March, the opportunities to plant have been limited.

To-date, rainfall at the USDA's Big Spring Research Station lags more than two inches behind the normal 4.9 inches for the first 125 days of the year.

And with no surface moisture to help seeds germinate, producers have been relegated to getting their equipment ready — then checking and re-checking to make certain all is set when the

rain finally does come.

"There's nothing we can do," explained Coahoma-area farmer Donnie Reed. "There's no work to do in the field (to get ready to plant) because there's no moisture there."

On Monday, Howard County Commissioners Court affirmed an emergency burn ban ordered by County Judge Ben Lockhart after a pair of grass fires scorched nearly 20,000 acres in the Coahoma and Silver Heels/Tubbs Addition areas.

A blade operator helping fight the Silver Heels/Tubbs fire was burned and his Caterpillar destroyed when it ran out of fuel and he was trapped by the fast-moving fire. During that fire, a mobile home was also destroyed.

There have also been two fires in the Midway Road area since the Silver Heels/Tubbs fire, one destroying a \$60,000 truck owned by the Howard County Volunteer Fire Department. The truck was burned up when the clutch went out on it and it could not be moved out of the way of the blaze.

Commissioners voted unanimously to place the burn ban into effect until a rainfall of general concentration falls on the county.

Range fires have now scorched more than 100,000 acres in West Texas, including fires in the Rocksprings area and on the southern Marfa Plateau in Presidio County, where more than 50,000 acres had been burned as of Thursday.

Relay for Life tops activities this weekend

HERALD Staff Report

Looking for something to do this weekend? Here's your ticket to weekend activities in and around Big Spring.

This feature is published each Friday and will include a variety of activities. It is limited to activities of a general nature, community fundraisers, community functions, free performances, etc. It is not available to commercial ventures.

To submit your activity, send it to "Weekend Ticket," Big Spring Herald, P.O. Box 1431, Big Spring, 79721.

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

- Country and western dance, tonight from 7:30-10:30 at the Spring City Senior Citizens Center. Music will be provided by CW & Company.

- The Heritage Museum, today from 9-5 and Saturday from 10-5 at 510 Scurry.

No special displays are currently at the museum, although visitors can learn about the railroad's role in the development of the region as well as the history of Big Spring and Howard County through standing displays.

The museum is also the site of the world's largest collection of longhorns as well as an extensive doll collection.

- Relay for Life, today and Saturday, Blankenship Field.

Starting at 4 p.m. today, the fourth annual Relay for Life helps raise monies to fight cancer. The event, which will end at 2:30 Saturday afternoon, is one of the top five revenue producers in the state for the American Cancer Society.

A total of 57 teams have entered the competition and \$28,000 in pre-Relay donations have already been raised.

- Mounting of F-4E Phantom jet at Vietnam Memorial, Saturday, time to be determined.

- Coahoma Community-wide garage sale, Saturday in Coahoma.

- American Legion fish fry, Saturday, noon until 3 p.m.

- The Pottou House, a restored historic home, Saturday from 1-5 p.m. at 200 Gregg.



Jennifer Payne (left) and Rachel Loftis admire one of the dolls to be auctioned during Thursday's annual Salvation Army Doll Auction.

Doll auction tops \$1,000 goal

By DEBBIE L. JENSEN
Features Editor

A lively auction of 39 smartly dressed dolls and bears on Thursday raised slightly more than \$1,000 for the Salvation Army.

Money raised by the annual event will go toward purchase of more dolls and bears later this summer. After they are costumed by local volunteers, most of those toys will be given to needy children as Christmas gifts.

"That's about what we do every year," said Maj. Roy Tolcher, Salvation Army commanding officer. "We're pleased. That was what we needed."

Tolcher said the auction proceeds will allow the Army to continue the Christmas toy program again this year.

Robert Pruitt of Spring City Auction kept the bidding lively, encouraging (and humorously berating) bidders to take the price higher. The auctioneer, who has conducted the auction for the last four years, even purchased several dolls.

Some of the more interesting toys included a Mexican bandita in native costume, an Eliza Doolittle doll in an elaborately crocheted dress, a hula girl and Little Red Riding Hood. The doll dressers included local students, retirees and Salvation Army volunteers who join in the effort year after year.

About 60 people came to bid on the dolls at the luncheon event. The top price paid was \$200 for one doll, from an anonymous bidder.

The Army also used the occasion to wrap up several of its programs for the year, and

show appreciation to the community for its help serving the need.

"This was also our annual thank-you dinner for our donors and volunteers," said Tolcher. He awarded a trophy to Anderson Kindergarten Center, where children and staff collected the most cans last winter to benefit the need.

Also recognized were local Rotary clubs, which won the annual Rotary-Kiwanis club battle as volunteer bell ringers for the Christmas season.

"It was a very good year," Tolcher said. "We couldn't ask for a better group of volunteers and donors, and without them, we couldn't accomplish what we are able to do in the community."

In 1997, the Army conducted

BSISD

Trustees approve softball complex at \$130,000 more than original estimate

By KATHY GILBERT
Staff Writer

The Big Spring Independent School District (BSISD) approved a softball complex estimated to cost about \$308,000, awarding the contract to Mid-Tex of Midland, during a regular business meeting Thursday.

"We weren't too close," Ron Logback, assistant business manager told the board as they reviewed the bids.

BSISD originally estimated the complex, located at the southwest corner of the new junior high near the intersection of Eighth and Goliad, would cost about \$175,000.

"We've been improving the fund balance for years to do the things we want to do," said President Al Valdes. "It's a first-rate facility," said Superintendent Bill McQueary.

The board also said farewell to seven-year veteran Glynna Mouton. "She's been a great board member, we hate to lose her," McQueary said.

Mouton received a standing ovation after her farewell speech. "It's been a pleasure," she said. "This is the most dedicated group of professionals as I'm aware of and I wish Mike Dawson all the best."

Since her children have graduated, Mouton said her sense of personal involvement with the district had lessened.

The initiation of academic letter jackets was the highlight of her eight years on the board, Mouton said. Other highlights included building the first new school buildings in 30 years. "The greatest reward is the sat-

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isfaction of knowing the kids are getting a good education," she said.

Dawson, Valdes and incumbent Steve Fraser, all of whom were uncontested in recent elections, were sworn in.

In other business the board:

- Recognized outstanding achievers in the district, including Kirsten Williams, National Merit Finalist, and Allison Thomas and Stefanie Waggoner. Commended National Merit scholars.

- Accepted three resignations, including Ron Taylor, girls basketball coach

- Hired eight employees, including Kathy Loter, head girls basketball coach and history. Loter, recently of Wimberly, has 17 years of experience and an outstanding record, said assistant superintendent Murray Murphy.

- Approved changes and notifications to the policy handbook provided by the state in a report called: Update 58. Discussion centered on whether blanket search and seizure rules would be adopted. At this time, the high school does not conduct blanket locker searches, said Principal Ken Bowermon.

- "We don't need it," Bowermon advised.

- Accepted an unexpected Title I windfall of \$55,991 and additional funding for Title VI of \$1,117. Most will be spent on materials rolled over into next year's funds, Esthela Aguirre, administrative assistant, told the board.

Howard College programs line up with most easily entered careers

By KATHY GILBERT
Staff Writer

Caring for computers, machines and the physically ill are the highest paid and most easily entered careers for community college graduates, according to a recent survey released by the American Association of Community Colleges (AACC).

Students who completed nursing, computers or electronics degrees will garner top salaries as they enter the job market, the AACC study shows.

Nursing is this year's "hottest" degree program, the AACC survey found. Registered nurses will make more their

first year out than computer or electronics graduates, the study shows.

Howard College, long aware of a growing nursing shortage, has bolstered their nursing programs recently in response to demand, said Ladona Cook, director of Howard's Associate Degree in nursing program.

"For about the last five years, the managed care industry has been preaching 'less need for medicine, therefore less need for nurses,'" said Cook. "Those of us in the field never really believed that."

An aging population and growing interest in preventive medicine leads to greater demand for nurses, she explained. "The system is now saying 'we'll pay you more if you can keep well

than if you're chronically sick."

"Think of the number of elderly people who can stay well if a nurse checks in once a week," she said. "It used to be that people thought of nursing as 'blood and guts.' It's not that way anymore."

Big Spring has always been a medical center, said Linda Conway, vice president for institutional advancement at Howard College. "So there has always been a demand for nurses in this area."

This spring, 27 students received their Associates Degrees in Nursing, 17 received their Licensed Vocational Nurse certificates, and 16 were awarded their Associates Degrees in Dental Hygiene, Howard College graduation records show.

Other "hot" programs, according to the AACC study, are slower to develop at Howard than the nursing program, said Conway. "Nursing is pretty well set. With computers we are offering a lot of short courses to meet the demands of people needing quick training for employees and employers."

New programs in San Angelo will be opening up to address the high demand for network coordinator, networking and PC (personal computer) maintenance courses, she said.

Although Howard College offers many courses in "hot" fields (for instance, computer programming and dental hygiene)

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WEATHER

Tonight:



Sat:



Sun:



Mon:



Tonight, fair. Low upper 50s to lower 60s. Saturday, partly cloudy. High around 90. Extended forecast, Saturday night, a slight chance of thunderstorms, mainly northwest. Low in the 60s. Sunday through Tuesday, a slight chance of night time thunderstorms, mainly northwest. Lows in the 60s. Highs lower to mid 90s.

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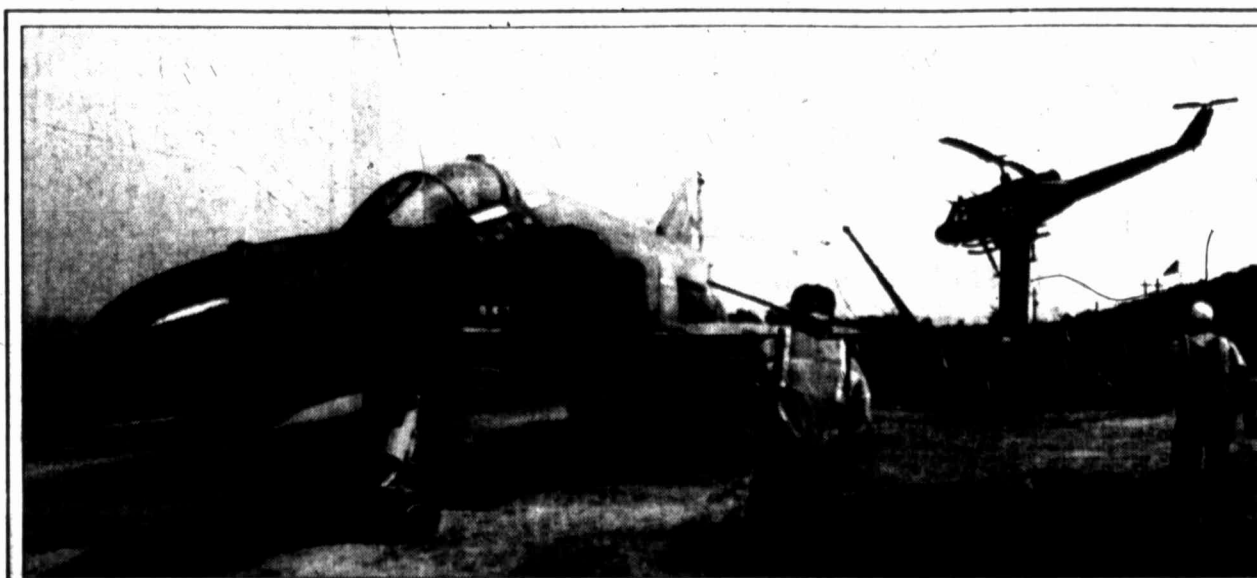
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Workers move the F-4E Phantom to the Vietnam Memorial earlier in the week. Plans are for the jet to be mounted on the pedestal Saturday. It will be officially dedicated on Monday, May 25 at 11 a.m.

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OBITUARIES

James M. Henderson

Service for James M. Henderson, 86, Big Spring, will be 2 p.m. Sunday, May 17, 1998, at Davis-Morris Funeral Home Chapel, Brownwood. Burial will follow at Eastlawn Memorial Park, Brownwood.

Mr. Henderson died Thursday, May 14, 1998, in a local hospital.

He was born on Dec. 6, 1911, in Mitchell County. He married Oleta Bagley on July 1, 1933, in Brownwood. She preceded him in death in 1966. He later married Genita Redwine on June 28, 1969. He grew up in Brownwood and lived there for many years. Mr. Henderson had worked in civil service at Webb Air Force Base in the Petroleum Department from 1959 to 1977. He had worked in civil service for 31 years before retiring. He was a member of Hillcrest Baptist Church.

Survivors include: his wife, Genita Henderson of Big Spring; one daughter, Barbara Degelia of Austin; two sons, James L. Henderson and Joe D. Henderson, both of Big Spring; three sisters, Eva Doris Brown of Brownwood, Helen Gull of Fort Worth, and Lois Nell of Kansas City, Kan.; three brothers, T.L. Henderson, Floyd Henderson, both of Brownwood, and Dalton Henderson of Austin; eight grandchildren; and numerous great-grandchildren.

He will lie in state at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home in Big Spring from Friday until noon Saturday.

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

John T. Clements III

Graveside service for John T. Clements III, 56, Big Spring, will be 10 a.m. Saturday, May 16, 1998, at Trinity Memorial Park with Rev. Flynn Long, retired Presbyterian minister, officiating.

Mr. Clements died Thursday, May 14, in a local nursing center.

He was born on Aug. 16, 1941, in Beeville. He came to Big

Spring in 1946 as a child with his family. He attended school here and graduated from Big Spring High School. He was a member of the First Presbyterian Church.

Survivors include: his mother, Dorothy Clements of Big Spring; one brother, William Clements of Jonesboro, Ark.; and one niece.

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

Jack Arney

Graveside service for Jack Arney, 76, Big Spring, was 3 p.m. Thursday, May 7, 1998, in the Oak Hill Cemetery in Whitewright, with Rev. Brian Self officiating.

Mr. Arney died Monday, May 4, in the Veterans Administration Hospital in Big Spring.

He is survived by: his wife, Lucille Arney of Big Spring; three sons, James Perdue, Gary Perdue, both of Austin, and Doyle Perdue of Fort Worth; a sister, Norene Mangum of Collinsville, Ill.; seven grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

Arrangements under the direction of Earnhart Funeral Home, Whitewright.

Kathy Montgomery

Funeral service for Kathy Montgomery, Midland, will be 4 p.m. Saturday, May 16, 1998, in the Ellis Chapel with Rev. James E. Liggett, of St. Mary's Episcopal Church in Big Spring, officiating. Burial will follow in Sunset Memorial Gardens in Odessa.

Mrs. Montgomery died Wednesday, May 13, in a Midland hospital.

She was born on Sept. 19, 1944, in Brownfield. She grew up in Odessa and attended Odessa High School. After graduation, she attended Sul Ross University. She had been employed in the banking industry for over 30 years. She was a member of St. Mary's Episcopal Church in Big Spring.

Survivors include: her husband, Everett Montgomery of Midland; a son, Robbie Collins of Katy; two daughters, Amy Collins of Corpus Christi, and Julie Collins Clark of London, England; her mother, Jetta Shewmake of Midland; two brothers, Jack Shewmake of Clyde, and James Shewmake of Austin; four grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Arrangements under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home, Midland.

Robert W. Cochran

Graveside service for Robert W. Cochran, 57, Santa Maria, Calif., formerly of Big Spring, will be 1 p.m. Wednesday, May 20, 1998, in Fort Bliss National Cemetery in El Paso.

Mr. Cochran died Tuesday, May 12, in his home.

He was born on Dec. 10, 1940, in Big Spring. He served in the US Marine Corp, completing three tours in Vietnam. He had been a lifetime member of the VFW Post 2521 in Big Spring.

Survivors include: two daughters, Kim Solmi of Santa Maria, Calif., and Nicole Ziegler of Utah; one brother, Rosser Cochran of Fallbrook, Calif.; and six grandchildren.

Arrangements under the direction of Dudley-Hoffman Mortuary, Santa Maria, Calif.

Roland Atkins

Service for Roland Atkins, 64, Big Spring, is pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

He died Thursday, May 14, 1998, in a local hospital.

Roy "Gene" Wilson

Service for Roy "Gene" Wilson, 75, Big Spring, is pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

He died Friday, May 15, 1998, at his residence.

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electronics programs, the third "hottest" program this year, are

not available on the campus. Plans are in the works to open electronics courses next year, Conway said.

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782 religious meetings, visited 1,716 people in local nursing homes and hospitals, and served 20,657 meals to the needy, among many other programs.

At the Salvation Army's local facilities, there were 434 meetings with 3,011 people in attendance. Nearly 8,000 people were given 6,029 days of care and support from Army services.

In all, the Army conducted 973 different services for the people of the local community, according to its annual report.

BRIEFS

EX STUDENTS AND FRIENDS OF the Couble School (1904-1963) are meeting in the Elbow School cafeteria on Saturday, June 13, at 10 a.m. for fellowship and a covered dish meal at noon. Members of your families are welcome also.

We feel you might be more comfortable with folding chairs so if you have these, please bring them. Please share this information with others who may not receive information because of incorrect addresses. Call Betty Findley at 263-0318 or Mildred Callihan at 267-6023 for more information.

THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF Health will have a shot clinic on Saturday from 8 to 11:30 a.m. and 1 to 4 p.m. Please bring your child's record or a letter from school.

FAMILY OF THE YEAR nominations for Big Spring are being sought by the Samaritan Counseling Center. Nominated families should represent positive role models in the community. For more information and an application, call the center at 563-4144.

THE AREA AGENCY ON Aging needs volunteer ombudsman in Big Spring nursing homes to visit and monitor nursing home residents. A new training session is being scheduled. Call the Permian Basin Area Agency on Aging at 1-800-491-4636.

THE BIG SPRING EVENING Lions Club has free eyeglasses for all adults the second Saturday of each month from 9 a.m. to noon at the Big Spring Evening Lions Club bingo building, 1607 East Third. All adults needing eyeglasses who don't have the income to purchase the exam or glasses are welcome.

For more information call Al Valdes or Bob Noyes at 267-6095.

THE HOWARD COUNTY HISTORICAL Commission and the Heritage Museum welcome author Bill Modisett to a book signing at the museum in Big Spring on Saturday, May 16, from 2 to 4 p.m. Modisett's book, *J. Everts Haley: A True Texas Legend*, details the life of one of West Texas' most colorful and interesting citizens.

Modisett will be signing his book and answering question on his research of Haley's life. The afternoon event is open free to the public. Refreshments will be served. For more information contact the Heritage Museum at 267-8255.

LOOKING FOR BSHS CLASS OF 1978? Mark your calendar for July 24-25. Parents or friends of any classmate, please send updated addresses of any classmate to: 1978 Reunion; P.O. Box 3361; Big Spring; or call 264-2220 Monday-Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

THE BSHS CLASS OF '68 is having a 30 year class reunion on Oct. 9-10. We need your help in locating

A BIG SPRING AROUND THE TOWN

the following classmates: Henrietta Carson, Claudene Cooker, Billie Mike Eggleston, Jill Lewis Croom, Sue Fannin, Wayne Murphy, Richard Nelson, David Mize, Linda Patterson, Wayne Sturm, Don Malone, Beth Hayworth Perry, Dana Baker Pennington, Evelyn Wheeler, Charles Keene, Carolyn Sisson Salmon, Charlotte Helman, Diane Harkins, Johnny Perez, Jerry Dalton, Jimmy Belew, Burt Nix, Isabel Bustamante, Margaret Cooper, Christi Price, David Vasquez, Sally Townes, Tony Martinez and Joe Haro.

Please call Jeanie Johnson Knocke at 263-1757 or Vivian Dickson Glickman at 267-6806 if you have any information about any of the names listed.

SPRINGBOARD

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

TODAY
•Spring City Senior Citizens country/western dance, 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. Music by CW & Co. Area seniors invited.
•Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. open meeting and 8 to 9 p.m. Big Book Study.

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.
•Coahoma Lions Club community-wide garage sale. Register at Little Sooper Market or call Irene at 394-4424. We will have spaces to rent.
•Big Spring Squares. Call 267-7043 or 263-6305 for more information.

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.

MARKETS
July cotton 66.55 cents, up 78 points; June crude 14.87, down 21 points; Cash hogs steady at 42; cash steers steady at 66; June lean hog futures 62.42 up 17 points; June live cattle futures 67.25, up 5 points. courtesy: Delta Corporation. Other markets were unavailable to us at press time.

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109 N. Main 801 Henry
18 Meadowbrook Rd 808 Saunders
5 Chapman Road 307 Ramsey
406 N. 1st 502 Ramsey

Texas Lottery Pick 3: 3,4,5
Cash 5: 15,21,26,38,39

•Big Spring-Howard County Retired Teachers Association, 10:30 a.m. coffee and social hour, 11:30 a.m. lunch, Howard College Cactus Room.

•Encourager's support group, First Presbyterian Church, Seventh and Ruffnels (enter through north door). Bring a covered dish and your favorite "Thought for the Day" to be shared with the group. Call 398-5522 or 399-4369 for more information.

•Survivors of suicide, 7:30 p.m., Pastoral Care Office of Memorial Hospital and Medical Center in Midland.
•New Voice Club, a support group for laryngectomies and their families, 6:30 p.m., 2410 Wasson Drive, the house behind the 7-11 store. For more information call 267-2800.

•Most Excellent Way, an addiction recovery support group, 7 p.m., 3610 Dixon, call 264-9900.

•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. 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 Art Association, 7 p.m., West Texas Center for the Arts, Howard College Campus.

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.

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RECORDS
Thursday's high 100
Thursday's low 53
Average high 84
Average low 57
Record high 104 in 1960
Record low 39 in 1942
Precip. Thursday 0.01
Month to date 0.01
Month's normal 1.27
Year to date 2.78
Normal for the year 5.07

Scenic Mountain Medical Center
1601 w. 11th Place
263-1211

MYERS & SMITH FUNERAL HOME & CHAPEL
24th & Johnson 267-8283
Andemio Jara Mendez, 88, died Saturday. Funeral Mass will be 2:00 PM, today at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, with burial at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

NALLEY-PICKLE & WELCH Funeral Home
Trinity Memorial Park and Crematory
906 Gregg St. (915) 267-6331

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Richard Cauley D.D.S. has relocated his general dentistry practice to 701 Johnson effective May 1, 1998 (former location of the Eye Associates) 267-4544

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Smoke filling skies across Texas as Mexican and Texas blazes burn

By MARK BABINECK
Associated Press Writer

GALVESTON — Much of Texas and other states to the north and east appear destined to spend the weekend shaded under a smoky canopy, a byproduct of fierce Latin American wildfires that remain out of control.

Unlike last weekend, when a blast of northerly wind cleared Texas skies, there's no end to the massive plume this time. The gloomy forecast prompted Texas officials to extend into Monday a "health alert" originally scheduled to expire today.

"We're really not expecting anything to happen to wash it out," said National Weather Service meteorologist Krista Villarreal in Fort Worth, adding that a high-pressure system is expected to keep the smoke stagnant into next week.

Approximately the eastern four-fifths of Texas was placed on a health "watch," meaning the elderly and those with respiratory or heart problems are

advised to take precautions when engaging in outdoor activities.

At-risk Texans living in more than 50 counties within 100 miles of the Gulf of Mexico are under the more serious "alert," which cautions them to limit all physical activity and remain indoors if possible.

Radar showed the whitish smoke fouling air in parts of Texas usually free of visible pollution. Only the very far western and northern reaches of Texas were immune from the billowing smoke, Villarreal said.

Visibility was so bad that medical helicopters in Fort Worth were grounded, forcing paramedics to rely on airplanes and ambulances. The skylines in most of the state's major cities were obscured from about three miles away.

Because forecasts call for continued south winds and little rain in the parched, fire-stricken areas of southern Mexico, Honduras and Guatemala, Sen. Phil Gramm and other lawmakers

are urging the United States to assist firefighting efforts.

Late Thursday, a spokesman from Mexican Embassy in Washington confirmed that the United States has offered to help.

"At this point, we are trying to identify what resources offered us by the U.S. we can take advantage of to fight fires in Mexico," spokesman Jose Antonio Zabalgaitia said.

Gov. George W. Bush said he was willing to send state forestry experts to Mexico to help fight the fires, but that his offer was caught up in red tape.

"I'm slightly frustrated," Bush said during a re-election campaign appearance in Houston. "I would have loved to have done it yesterday, but there are constraints as a result of this U.S. State Department diplomacy and all that stuff."

Latin American farmers using fire to clear their drought-stricken lands in January are blamed for igniting the thousands of fires that are belching the sooty stream into the United

States. Arsonists are also suspected.

U.S. Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison was among lawmakers urging EPA Administrator Carol Browner not to count the imported smoke problems against the state's ability to meet federal clean air standards.

"I saw the heavy smoke first hand in Houston over Mother's Day weekend. It was the worst I've seen in the area where I grew up and spent the first 30 years of my life," said Hutchison, who was raised amid the chemical plants and refineries south of Houston.

Besides Texas, smoke has reached into much of the southeast and was clouding skies up into Kansas and Missouri.

University Interscholastic League spokeswoman Rachel Seewald said that high school

baseball and softball playoff games in the Houston area were being postponed and possibly canceled because of the alert.

Dozens of coastal school districts are canceling field trips and sporting events while keeping students indoors. Some who spent their days outdoors had few complaints about the air above; others couldn't help but notice.

"It feels real ashy out there," said golfer Tiger Woods, playing in the GTE Byron Nelson Classic in Dallas. "It was like sand paper in the air. The gallery was hacking it up."

But the sooty cloud is worst in Galveston and other coastal cities, where the ominous haze shaded normally packed beaches underneath.

"We've had guests that were checking out because of the smoke," said Karen J. Allen,

executive assistant at the city's 87-year-old Hotel Galvez, which recently underwent a multimillion-dollar restoration. "We're finally about finished with that, and now this."

C.N. and Betty Carpenter braved the unusual conditions to spend a day on the beach. The Hammond, Ind., couple were visiting relatives in the area and didn't want to waste the opportunity.

"I was hoping to see some ships and get a look at the horizon," said C.N. Carpenter, peering out at the Gulf, where oil tankers and offshore rigs are normally visible.

The Carpenters had hundreds of feet of beach to either side of them on what otherwise should have been a fairly busy day.

Joked Mrs. Carpenter: "Nobody else was dumb enough to come."

Angelo State University class helps lawmakers with constitutional proposal

SAN ANGELO (AP) — It's finals week at Angelo State University. But the real-life exam for the 16 students could come in 1999.

That's when two state legislators plan to propose a new Texas constitution. And the work of Angelo State's "Government 6391: State Constitution Revision" class will provide a framework for that effort.

Rep. Rob Junell, D-San Angelo, said he plans to team with Sen. Bill Ratliff, R-Mount Pleasant, on the proposal.

For 16 weeks, Junell met weekly with the students and their teachers with the goal of rewriting Texas' 76,000-word constitution.

This week, the students and their teachers released the 44-page result, entitled "A New Constitution For Texas."

"The main purpose of our efforts was to simplify," said Ed Olson, head of the university's government department. "We did make some substantive changes that will hopefully make our government more efficient."

The proposed constitution would eliminate partisan elections of most judges and would give greater appointive powers to the governor, allowing him to name the attorney general, land

commissioner and comptroller. Those positions are filled by election now.

"We wanted to strengthen the governor position," student Allyson Kitchel said. "We could give the governor the strength to appoint these people in positions that shouldn't be partisan."

The proposed constitution also would make the Texas Senate larger — 50 members, instead of 31.

But much of the work focused on proposals for eliminating unnecessary language and avoiding the need to continually amend the document. The current constitution has been amended 365 times since being enacted in 1876, Junell said.

Student Felicia Teeter said the class used a strict procedure for determining what changes to make to the current constitution. Any change required at least nine votes from the class' eight undergraduate and five graduate students.

The three students not taking the class for credit didn't get to vote. Neither did the teachers nor Junell.

"We learned a lot about the political process," student Sherry Woods said, explaining that it wasn't always easy to accept having a good idea shot down because it couldn't get

enough votes.

Junell called that the reality of politics, saying, "Not every best policy solution was politically acceptable."

Junell said he and Ratliff will review the students' work and make changes they feel are needed to make the constitution proposal more politically acceptable.

For instance, he will likely recommend keeping the attorney general, comptroller and land commissioner elected rather than appointed positions. But he does hope to see a new constitution introduced and debated in 1999.

"I think it's important to take something to the Legislature," he said.

Much will depend on the mood, Junell plans to meet with the speaker of the House and the new lieutenant governor to see if they will allow a meaningful debate.

Even then, replacing the constitution is daunting task, requiring two-thirds majority of both houses of the Legislature as well as a vote from citizens.

"If we are going to reform the constitution, it's going to require not just 30-second sound bites but a grassroots effort to educate the electorate," Junell said.

TEXAS BRIEFS

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

HOUSTON — Houston attorney Joe Jamail has been subpoenaed by a group of Texas legislators who want to know the "terms and conditions" that Attorney General Dan Morales may have offered lawyers to represent Texas against the tobacco industry.

Morales considered Jamail as one of the attorneys assisting Texas in the state's lawsuit against the tobacco industry. The lawsuit was settled earlier this year for \$15.3 billion.

Jamail didn't get the job, and seven legislators want to talk to him. The lawmakers are fighting a federal judge's award of \$2.3 billion in fees to the team of lawyers that Morales ended up with. The legislators contend the fees are excessive.

Lawyer Pete Schenckan of Austin, who represents the lawmakers, declined to comment on the subpoena.

In a recent news story in The Wall Street Journal, Jamail was quoted as saying he turned down the job because the "attorney general insisted on certain conditions that (Jamail) found unacceptable."

FORT WORTH — Khristol Watson says she's not in it for the money but for a chance to get some healing, some growth and to get her message out.

Watson is seeking \$38 million because doctors mistakenly told her in 1991 that she had tested positive for HIV.

It was almost three years before she learned that she is actually HIV-negative, the 29-year-old woman said.

In the meantime, she struggled with depression and eating disorders, lapsed in an out of substance abuse problems and had a hysterectomy, she said.

Defendants in the lawsuit are the laboratory that drew the blood for the HIV test and three physicians involved with her care between 1991 and 1994.

FORT WORTH — Renowned pianist Van Cliburn was discharged from a hospital early

today and apparently will be OK after collapsing on stage before a packed house in his hometown.

Cliburn, 63, was taken by ambulance to All Saints Episcopal Hospital, where doctors determined he suffered nothing more serious than a fainting spell.

A hospital administrator said Cliburn was sitting up in bed, joking with friends and asking for food shortly after he arrived, and he was sent home just after midnight.

"A little bit of rest and he'll be entertaining many of us throughout the world," said hospital administrator Larry Robertson. "He appears to be in very good spirits."

The news was a relief to horrified concertgoers at the Bass Performance Hall who watched the beloved Texas pianist collapse about 9 p.m. after starting the third movement of the Rachmaninoff Piano Concerto No. 2.

GALVESTON — Much of Texas and other states to the north and east appear destined to spend the weekend shaded under a smoky canopy, a byproduct of fierce Latin American wildfires that remain out of control.

Unlike last weekend, when a blast of northerly wind cleared Texas skies, there's no end to the massive plume this time. The gloomy forecast prompted Texas officials to extend into Monday a "health alert" originally scheduled to expire today.

"We're really not expecting anything to happen to wash it out," said National Weather Service meteorologist Krista Villarreal in Fort Worth, adding that a high-pressure system is expected to keep the smoke stagnant into next week.

Approximately the eastern four-fifths of Texas was placed on a health "watch," meaning the elderly and those with respiratory or heart problems are advised to take precautions when engaging in outdoor activities.

At-risk Texans living in more than 50 counties within 100 miles of the Gulf of Mexico are under the more serious "alert," which cautions them to limit all physical activity and remain indoors if possible.

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-FIRST AMENDMENT

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OUR VIEWS

We salute:

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

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

This week we salute:

• **SALVATION ARMY**, on a successful auction of its dressed dolls and bears, to help fund its Christmas programs for needy families.

• **BIG SPRING ROTARIANS**, who hosted visitors from Brazil recently in one of the club's many successful exchanges.

• **VOLUNTEERS AT SCENIC MOUNTAIN MEDICAL CENTER**, who were recently honored by the hospital for their many hours of service in the last year.

• **BIG SPRING INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT RETIREES AND LONGTIME EMPLOYEES**, who were honored recently for their work in the district.

• **CHERYL COOK**, local race walker, who will be walking in a marathon next month to support leukemia research and treatment.

• **THE LOCAL POST OFFICE**, for its record-breaking food drive last weekend.

• **TORY MITCHELL, KESHA LOTT, NADIA COLE AND MARIO TORRES**, who are competing in the state UIL track and field championships.

Is there an individual or organization in our community that you feel should be saluted? If so, please send us their name and why you think they should be recognized. We must have your name and telephone number and you must provide it in writing.

YOUR VIEWS

To the Editor:

Lately there has been a lot of misinformation being spread by different banking associations and a local banker. I can no longer sit still and allow lies to be spread about a movement that has helped Americans since the 30's.

The first untruth is that credit unions pay no taxes. It is true that federal credit unions do not pay income taxes or sales taxes, but that is because credit unions are not-for-profit cooperative financial institutions. Credit unions are owned and operated by the members and are in business for service, not profit. The directors and volunteers who work for a credit union are not paid. Banks, on the other hand, are in business to make a profit, their directors are paid and only the stockholders have any say in what the banks do. As far as other taxes are concerned, credit unions pay all of the other taxes that other businesses pay, such as property taxes and social security taxes.

Secondly, bankers are saying that credit unions are receiving an unfair subsidy from the Federal Government. The National Credit Union Administration, receives no tax dollars, the agency is supported by the member credit unions. In addition the insurance fund for federal credit unions was completely funded by the credit unions. No tax dollars have ever been used to bail out a credit union. Can the banks say that?

Thirdly, it has been implied that we are not regulated. We are regulated by the National Credit Union Administration. We have to meet most of the

same regulations as banks do such as, Regulation Z for lending, Regulation CC on funds availability, The Bank Secrecy Act, just to name a few. Credit unions are also limited by regulation in what they can invest in, unlike banks who can invest in almost anything. In addition, as far as Reserves are concerned, credit unions are required to pay into their reserves until they have at least 6 percent of risk assets. Our credit union has 18 percent reserves. How many banks can claim that?

Lastly, it has been said that we do not invest in the community. Our members live and work in the community. Our members buy their cars in the community, their home improvements are done by local contractors, mortgages are to buy homes in the community and when they use their credit union credit card, it is in local businesses. If that isn't investing in the community, I don't know what is. A recent article stated that 65 percent of deposits in Texas banks are controlled from other states, the funds in credit unions are controlled by members, who live and work in the community.

Let me finish by stating that I have no problems with banks, they are definitely needed. They just need to understand that they do not have a right to claim that all financial services belong to banks. Credit unions have the right to serve their member/owners just as banks have the right to make a profit for their stockholders.

Cary J. Anderson
President/CEO of Cosden
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We should cut Jane Fonda a little slack

Life gets really good when you quit caring what people think. That is, when you quit caring what total strangers think about things that basically are none of their business.

As Rhett told Scarlett, "With enough courage, my dear, you don't need a reputation." Or words to that effect.

I wonder if Jane Fonda has become inured to the criticism of strangers. I think not. She runs around apologizing too much. Men don't apologize, at least not publicly. They'd as soon eat quiche. But women in the public eye seem to apologize a lot.

Surely Jane knows that whatever she says, from now on, to the end of her life, she'll be lambasted. That the woman even attempts a public role indicates a wide masochistic streak.

In a recent New York speech, sometimes-Atlanta resident Jane compared North Georgia to a Third World country. All of her enemies and some of her friends jumped on the inter-larders hyperbole with unrestrained glee. Not since Mencken mouthed off about

the South have so many noses been knocked out of joint. Hungry children in a state populated by civilized, religious, charitable souls where you can't swing a cat without hitting a Baptist? What a downright distasteful suggestion.

I guess those of us who have lived in Mississippi are more used to such exaggerations from do-gooder outlanders, many of whom have never set foot in the state. Most Mississippians I know have a finely honed sense of humor about hailing from the state outsiders use as a synonym for ignorance and poverty. Only Mississippi politicians get exercised about such.

But here in Atlanta, there are actual Yankees, and lots of them, living amongst us native Georgians, which must mean that ignorance and poverty are things of the past. Else, why would a Northern sophisticate choose to live here? Someone always finds it necessary, at such junctures, to mention the museums and theaters and high-toned restaurants that, of course, define the "New South." Translate: If things weren't OK now, wouldn't reasonable people pack up and head North?

And then there's the broad contingent of mossback conservatives who still have "Hanoi Jane" bumper stickers on their pickups. They want the woman tried for treason. Always have. Always will.

This unlikely coalition of snowbirds and hawks has let out such a howl that Jane must be cowering in the penthouse.

Her lifelong search for a comfortable role will have to continue, I guess. She's been a movie star, an activist actress, a hedonist, a bombshell, a Braves fan. She seemed most at home as an aerobics instructor, but I guess Ted put his foot down about that. What self-

respecting rich man wants his wife making her living in tight's?

I have never been a big Jane Fonda fan, mostly because she always takes her cue from some man. Branded as a feminist, she's anything but. With her divergent tastes in husbands and boyfriends, it's a little hard to figure out just what her convictions are.

Still, I think it's to Jane's credit that she saw something new in North Georgia, even if she did grossly embellish her findings. Most Atlantans who go to the mountains see dollar signs in land suitable for potential development. At least Jane saw people.

In this well-meaning, blue-stocking phase of Jane's life, I think we Georgians should cut her a little slack. In her zeal to help, she made us look bad. But so what. As Rhett said, with enough courage you don't need a reputation.

And, as God is my witness, with Jane's help, we'll never be hungry again!

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Rheta Johnson
Columnist

THE NEW "TAKE ME OUT TO THE BALLGAME"



Taking on 'the good stuff' is never easy task

In the world of prose composition, nothing is more difficult to write than the light piece -- the kind of piece that produces a silent smile of pure enjoyment.

A perfect example of the genre turned up last November in *The New York Times*, when an editorial writer tried his hand at a piece on Thanksgiving. It was a small work of art, as delicately woven as old lace, perfect for the occasion.

The writer began by ruminating gently on the unreality of our usual depiction of the Pilgrims. "The image has been hard to dislodge -- a world where Pilgrim men looked like Van Heflin and Pilgrim women like June Allyson."

It was nothing like that, of course. The Pilgrims more likely observed the occasion by fasting, not gorging. The real observance "has slipped its moorings and is drifting down the stream of time, reinvented again and again in a country that prefers its reinventions of history to the difficulties of the actual historical record."

The writer wondered about a menu for Thanksgiving. Suppose the Pilgrims had thought of roast possum instead of roast turkey. Would today's farmers raise super-possums? Fortunately, tradition has given us the turkey, and for that benison we may give thanks, "not for the big-busted commercial bird, but its leaner, wiser wild ancestor."

"It has rebounded from near extinction to a population of more than 4 million, a mottled, oaken ghost now found in woods and fields all across America. During a snowstorm last October, a flock of turkeys stepped out of the shadows and

across a barnyard. They walked in deliberation, as if they had folded hands behind their backs. Their dress was dour, but not unromantic. There, thought one observer, watching them disappear into the late afternoon, go the last Pilgrims."

Notice, if you will, the echo effect in that lovely bit of whimsy. The writer began with an image of Pilgrim men and Pilgrim women, and concluded 500 words later with an image of Pilgrim turkeys. The muted tone of easy conversation never flagged. It cannot have been easy to write the piece, but it was mighty easy to read.

The best mignonettes in our prose garden stem from everyday happenings. Paul Neville of the Eugene (Ore.) Register-Guard turned out a beautiful piece a couple of years ago about his football team, the Mighty Bulldogs. The team was composed of 11 "of the goofiest, loudest, and absolutely finest fourth- and fifth-grade boys I've ever had the pleasure to know."

The Mighty Bulldogs lost every game they played, except for one, and often they lost by such scores as 48-0 and 62-0. As coach, Neville found that his principal task lay in persuading his charges not to block each other. In a typical series of four plays, the team could lose 40 yards. Toward the end of the

season came a game the coach will always remember. "It was then that I saw him -- a Bulldog defensive end holding his hands out in the nighttime drizzle, gazing up rapturously at the rain illuminated by the bright lights of the field. He was turning small circles out there on the field as the other team huddled.

"He looked over at his coach with a huge, goofy grin. 'It's really raining,' he yelled, his mouthpiece falling out of his mouth as he spoke. "That was it -- the defining moment. A 9-year-old boy being exactly what he's supposed to be, a 9-year-old boy ... As you grow older, may part of you always savor such moments, such victories of the heart. May part of you always have amazed, wondrous grins as you do slow circles in the rain. As you enjoy the heck out of life."

Two years ago Mary Loftus of the Lakeland (Fla.) Ledger gave a birthday party for her 5-year-old son. She and her husband rented a pony for the occasion and set up some swings. They had hot dogs and two flavors of ice cream. The guests had a wonderful time.

"That night, after Baby was back in her barn, families had been loaded into minivans, and doting grandmas had departed, we gave Adam his one remaining present, a Snoopy fishing rod and reel, with the promise of trips to the nearby lake. "Adam draped his arms across both of our shoulders and squeezed, a little embarrassed by his own display of affection, and we all sat on his bed, practicing casting into the hall ..."



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BRUCE TINSLEY



Praise heaped upon 'Chairman of the Board,' dead at age 82

LOS ANGELES (AP) — A natural. The original. The ultimate.

Heaping nothing but praise on Frank Sinatra, fellow entertainers and the public today fondly recalled the man who came from a working class New Jersey family to lead the evolution from Big Band to vocal American music.



SINATRA

The 82-year-old "Chairman of the Board" died of a heart attack in Los Angeles late Thursday, his wife at his side. News of the loss spread quickly, from outside his Beverly Hills home to his hometown of Hoboken to England, where President Clinton offered his condolences as he prepared for an economic summit.

"The world has now lost one of the most precious commodities," said actor Ernest Borgnine, whose cruel Sgt. Fatso Judson kills Sinatra's character in the 1953 film "From Here to Eternity."

"In all memories, from childhood to romance to the mature years, Frank has been with us in all times," said Borgnine, who is filming in Texas. "He gave so much of himself and much more than people real-

ized. It is a sad day today because Frank touched everyone in the world."

In Hoboken, home to Sinatra Drive and a plaque commemorating his birthplace, residents awoke to the news that their favorite son had died.

"If it wasn't for Frank, Hoboken would be a nowhere town," said Ed Shirak, who wrote the Sinatra biography "Our Way" in 1994. "Frank put Hoboken on the map."

Actress Betty Garrett, who appeared with Sinatra in "Take Me Out to the Ball Game" and "On the Town," was impressed with the man who hadn't taken a singing lesson.

"He just had a natural grace," she said. "He was kind of able to do anything."

An Oscar-winning film star, Sinatra's signature songs included "Night and Day," "Ol' Man River," "New York, New York," "Come Fly With Me," "Strangers in the Night" — and, of course, "My Way."

"Frank Sinatra was the alpha and omega of it all, the most influential singer and performer of all time," said singer Tony Orlando. "He will be sorely missed."

Entertainer Mel Torme called Sinatra the "ultimate balladeer."

"Frank Sinatra was a true original," he said. "He held the patent, the original blueprint on singing the popular song, a man

who would have thousands of imitators but who, himself, would never be influenced by a single, solitary person."

Most special, Torme said, was Sinatra's role as "everyman," a singer whose style touched a

chord in the broadest part of the Clinton psyche."

Clinton said he was an "enormous admirer" of Sinatra: "I think every American would have to smile and say he really did do it his way."

Said singer Edie Gorme: "It's the saddest day of my life."

Brian McCray, 22, was one of the fans who gathered outside Sinatra's home in Beverly Hills. "He's my favorite. I've listened to him since I was 6 years

old," said McCray.

"I have every Frank Sinatra CD. I used to hide them so my friends wouldn't know, but now everyone in my generation seems to like Frank. I just had to come here."

Residents in Sinatra's home town remember him

HOBOKEN, N.J. (AP) — Residents who woke up this morning to the news of Frank Sinatra's death remembered how much their favorite son's magical voice and magnetic personality meant to the city.

"If it wasn't for Frank, Hoboken would be a nowhere town," said Ed Shirak, who wrote the Sinatra biography "Our Way" in 1994. "Frank put Hoboken on the map."

He hadn't returned home since 1985, but his presence is everywhere in this mile-square town across the Hudson River from New York City.

Signs welcoming travelers read "Welcome to Hoboken, the Birthplace of Baseball and Frank Sinatra." A street running along the Hudson River is named Sinatra Drive, and a mini-museum at City Hall includes Sinatra sneakers, bobby socks and photographs with the locals.

In 1996, the city erected a plaque at the remains of Sinatra's birthplace dedicated to "The Voice." The home where Sinatra was born burned

down years ago, leaving only a brick wall, a wooden door and a brick-and-stucco arch.

The 3-foot-square bronze plaque reads, "Francis Albert Sinatra — The Voice. Born Here at 415 Monroe Street, December 12, 1915."

Flowers were placed there this morning, along with a white envelope addressed to the Sinatra family.

Linda Proccaccino, 71, who lives nearby, said she learned of Sinatra's death when she looked out her window and saw reporters gathering.

"People are going to be mourning all day. You see this stream of cars," she said, pointing to passing motorists. "It's not going to stop all day."

Shirak, who owns a chocolate shop where he proudly displays letters from Sinatra, paid for the plaque with proceeds from "Our Way."

He wrote the book, essentially a tribute from Hoboken residents, in 1994, to rival a tell-all biography by Kitty Kelley and

win back Sinatra, who had vowed never to return because of residents who talked to Kelley.

In 1985, when Sinatra boycotted New Jersey after he was called an "obnoxious bully" by a state casino commissioner, it was Hoboken that brought him back. He received an honorary degree from Stevens Institute of Technology, the college he said he always wanted to attend.

He told the graduates that day that "I hope that you all live to be 400 years old and the last voice you hear is mine."

Sinatra had a rough childhood, fought often with his father, Martin, a boxer and fire captain, dropped out of high school and split Hoboken for the Big Apple at 17. Unable to find work, he slipped back into his hometown, but left for good several years later.

"He was last of the great legends that came out of our small but historic town," Shirak said. "We were just blessed that he was born here."

Report: Fund-raiser funneled Chinese money to Democrats

NEW YORK (AP) — A fund-raiser told Justice Department investigators that he passed along illegal campaign contributions from a Chinese military officer to the Democrats during the 1996 campaign, The New York Times reported today.

Johnny Chung told investigators that much of the \$100,000 he channeled to Democrats in 1996 came from the People's Liberation Army via a Chinese lieutenant colonel, the Times said, citing lawyers and official familiar with the Justice Department's campaign finance inquiry.

U.S. law forbids foreign governments from contributing to political campaigns. A White House adviser told the Times that Democrats had not known where the money came from.

Chung had arranged for the Chinese officer, Liu Chao-ying, to be photographed with President Clinton.

Liu also was an aerospace company executive and daughter of General Liu Huaqing, then China's top military commander and a leader of the Communist Party. The Times said she did not return a message left with her office in Hong Kong.

Two years ago, President Clinton was enabling American civilian communication satellites to be launched by Chinese rockets, which benefited Liu's company, China Aerospace International Holdings. The company sells missiles for the military.

Chung told investigators that Liu told him the source of her money, the Times said.

It was not known whether anyone in the Democratic Party or the Clinton administration knew the source of Chung's contributions, which were a fraction of the total \$194 million the Democrats raised in 1996, the Times said.

White House adviser Jim Kennedy told the Times that, when the donations were made, "we had no knowledge about the source of Chung's money or the background of his guest. In

hindsight it was clearly not appropriate for Chung to bring her to see the president."

Chung's account, along with supporting documents including bank records, are the first direct evidence of Chinese contributions to the Democratic Party, the Times said.

Chung, a Southern California businessman, has been cooperating with investigators since pleading guilty in March to campaign-related bank and tax fraud.

Chung's attorney, Brian A. Sun, said he was shocked that the Justice Department would attribute such comments to his client, and Chung has repeatedly denied being an agent for the Chinese government.

Sun said his client never tried to lobby the U.S. government.

Yu Shu-ning, a spokesman for the Chinese embassy, denied that Beijing was behind the alleged contributions.

In March, Chung pleaded guilty in federal court in Los Angeles to charges of funneling \$20,000 in illegal contributions to Clinton's re-election campaign; charges involving an \$8,000 donation to the campaign of Sen. John Kerry, D-Mass.; tax evasion; and fraudulently obtaining a \$157,500 home loan.

Chung is to be sentenced in July.

A Taiwan-born U.S. citizen, Chung was the fourth person charged in the campaign finance scandal but the first to agree to cooperate with investigators in an effort to avoid a lengthy prison sentence.

He was accused of setting up "straw donors" who wrote campaign donation checks, then were reimbursed by Chung in order to skirt donor limits.

Chung has alleged that in 1995 he was solicited for money by a White House staffer, delivered a \$50,000 check to first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton's office and then was allowed to bring a group of Chinese businessmen to the White House to watch the president deliver his weekly radio address.

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Looters trapped by arson fires in mall die as riots sweep Jakarta

JAKARTA, Indonesia (AP) — Hundreds of looters trapped by arson fires in Jakarta shopping malls died today as riots swept through the Indonesian capital for the fourth straight day. The U.S. Embassy urged Americans to leave immediately and organized evacuation flights.

Most foreign-owned businesses closed down temporarily and waves of expatriates poured into Jakarta's two airports to seek the next flight out.

Amid the chaos, a major faction of President Suharto's political party turned against him and further jeopardized his 32-year grip on power.

More than 230 looters died when they were trapped inside four Jakarta shopping malls set ablaze by other rioters, witnesses said today.

Many feared the death toll from the fires could double as

families frantically sifted the ruins for the missing. Many bodies were taken away by relatives who did not notify officials.

Indonesia is struggling to cope with its worst economic and political crisis in decades, and sharp government-ordered increases in the prices of basic goods and services last week pushed the poor to their breaking point. Anger spilled over into the streets Tuesday after police shot and killed six anti-government protesters at a student rally.

The austerity measures were a condition of the International Monetary Fund's \$43 billion aid package to bail out the south-east Asian nation.

Distraught relatives and friends wailed today as the looters' charred bodies were pulled from the burned-out rubble.

Some victims were found still clinging to the items they had stolen.

"My brother! My brother!" one man cried out as others carried a blackened corpse at the Yoga Plaza in east Jakarta.

At least 175 people died at the Yoga Plaza in east Jakarta, according to local media reports. Witnesses reported another 25 dead at the other three sites.

"I'm looking for my son. I told him not to loot but he went with his friends," one man said as he watched volunteers bringing out human remains on makeshift stretchers.

Another mall in south Jakarta was still burning today. Police said 30 people were believed to have died inside it but flames were too hot for a search to begin.

The toll from the fires adds to

the deaths of at least another 24 people, including four soldiers, killed in clashes between rioters and security forces this week.

Suharto, who cut short a trip to Egypt to deal with the spiraling unrest, held a series of emergency meetings today before rolling back the price increases on gasoline and other essential fuels.

Tanks and armored personnel carriers stood guard outside the city's biggest luxury hotels, protecting foreigners from mobs marauding across this gritty metropolis of 11 million people. Police said at least 800 looters had been arrested.

Many office buildings in Jakarta were nearly empty. Trading in the country's plunging currency, the rupiah, was halted. Banks, many of which were ransacked the day before,

were closed.

In the east Jakarta suburb of Matraman, hundreds of poor families looted yet another mall. Police and soldiers stood by at first, but then fired warning shots when mobs began fighting over the goods they had stolen.

The U.S. Embassy told its citizens to leave Indonesia's two largest cities of Jakarta and Surabaya "as soon as possible."

With commercial airlines besieged by those trying to flee, the embassy said it will begin evacuating trapped Americans on Saturday aboard chartered flights to Singapore or Bangkok.

"We're just looking to get to a safer spot," said Nancy Carmack of Grand Junction, Colo., whose husband works for an oil tolls company. She gave her age as 42, "but 82 today."

Kosgoro, one of the major factions within Suharto's ruling

Golkar party, issued a statement demanding Suharto return the mandate to govern bestowed on him by Parliament.

"If he won't step down peacefully, then we must force him to leave," said a Kosgoro leader who spoke on condition of anonymity.

It was the first sign of open rebellion within the 76-year-old president's once-mighty political machine.

Suharto returned to riot-torn Jakarta today, driving to his official residence under heavily armed escort.

"If the people have no confidence in me, it is not a problem for me to step down," Information Minister Alwi Dahlan quoted Suharto as saying.

Alwi denied earlier reports the president had said that he was ready to resign.

President Clinton to seek denunciation of India's nuclear ambitions

BIRMINGHAM, England (AP) — President Clinton said today he would seek a "strong and unambiguous" denunciation of India's nuclear ambitions from world leaders at a three-day summit. But other countries signaled there would be no united front on economic embargoes.

As the eight leaders opened their annual meeting, India's prime minister announced his nation had a "big bomb." The disclosure followed five surprise nuclear tests this week that have rocked this gathering of the world's seven richest countries and Russia.

The United States and Japan had taken the toughest actions in response to India's bomb tests, cutting off all economic assistance except for humanitarian purposes.

Britain threw cold water on the idea of sanctions, which are strongly opposed by Russia and France.

"We don't envisage G-8 economic sanctions along the lines of what the Americans have been discussing," said Alistair Campbell, spokesman for British Prime Minister Tony Blair.

Britain, usually America's most reliable ally in international confrontations, has said it wants the summit instead to express only dismay with India, which once was the crown jewel of the British empire.

With concern growing that India's explosions will prompt neighboring Pakistan to start a dangerous nuclear arms race, the United States, Canada and Japan gave notice they would push for concerted action on the part of the Group of Eight.

"I hope they will be as strong and unambiguous as possible," Clinton told reporters today as he met with Japanese Prime Minister Ryutaro Hashimoto. Clinton praised Japan for swiftly imposing sanctions as the

United States has done.

"We will press as hard as we can," Canadian Foreign Minister Lloyd Axworthy said Thursday. "It has got to be a totally integrated approach. Otherwise, the Indian government will think they have got away with it."

Clinton hinted today that his administration might be prepared to offer resolution of a long-running dispute that has blocked U.S. delivery of a fleet of F-16 fighter aircraft in exchange for Pakistan holding off on its own nuclear tests.

Blair had hoped to streamline this year's summit discussions, giving the leaders of the seven wealthiest nations and Russia more time to brainstorm about the pesky problems of unemployment, international crime and an overhaul of the global financial system.

That plan went awry with India's unexpected detonation of underground nuclear tests,

severe rioting that has shaken the 32-year rule of Indonesian President Suharto, and escalating bloodshed in Serbian-dominated Kosovo.

Clinton urged genuine political reform in Indonesia, saying the "loss of life and other destructive developments have been heart breaking."

He declined to address a question on whether Suharto should step down. "The question you ask is one the Indonesian people have to decide. What we do believe is important is that the president find a way to open a dialogue with all those in society, and that it lead to genuine social and political reform," Clinton said.

With Hashimoto at his side, Clinton adopted a less critical stance on Japan, a country his administration had repeatedly accused of not doing enough as the world's second largest economy to combat the Asian financial crisis.

"The economic package the prime minister has announced is significant and will have a positive impact, and I know he looks forward to implementing it," Clinton said, adding, "We believe that some steps still have to be taken on the banking reform front."

Hashimoto said that for the Asian economies to recover,

both the United States and Japan need to be "as open as possible" on trade matters. He said he expected the United States to make some concessions on deregulation. "This is a two-way dialogue," Hashimoto as he arrived, saying that "economics, energy, questions of security" were at the top of his agenda for the summit.

U.S. seeks to stop Pakistani response to Indian tests

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan (AP) — American officials sought today to persuade Pakistan not to respond to India's nuclear tests with a test of its own and

Cargo ship on its way to Mir

MOSCOW (AP) — A cargo ship carrying 1.5 tons of supplies to the Mir space station, including specially requested fresh lemons, lifted off successfully today from the former Soviet republic of Kazakhstan.

The unmanned Progress M-39 cargo ship blasted off at 2:13 a.m. Moscow time today from the Baikonur Cosmodrome. It's scheduled to dock with the Mir on Sunday, said Vera Medvedkova, a spokeswoman for the Mission Control.

The spacecraft will deliver the usual cargo of fuel, water and other supplies along with mail from relatives of the Mir's Russian cosmonauts, Talgat Musabayev and Nikolai Budarin, and NASA astronaut Andrew Thomas.

The Russian crew had a special request this time — fresh lemons, the ITAR-Tass news agency reported.

As usual, space officials expect the Progress to dock with Mir in an automatic mode, but the crew is prepared to go manual if necessary. Autopilot failures have occurred on several occasions, most recently in March.

The previous Progress cargo ship, which is still attached to the Mir, will be discarded and allowed to burn in the atmosphere to free a place for the new ferry.

Next month, Russian space officials expect to fire the engines on the cargo ship, and that will begin to lower Mir's orbit — the first stage of preparations for discarding the space outpost around the end of 1999.

Officials have said that Mir may stay longer in orbit if there are delays with a new international space station.

risk launching the Asian sub-continent on a nuclear arms race.

Talks between the U.S. delegation, which arrived today, and Foreign Minister Go Har Ayub came as India released an interview in which its prime minister acknowledged for the first time that India has a "big bomb."

Indian officials had been careful to say they had tested only nuclear "devices" at a desert range Monday and Wednesday. In the interview, Indian Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee said the bomb would not be used as a "weapon of aggression."

The United States and other industrialized nations have urged Pakistan not to test a nuclear device, but domestic pressure has mounted for Pakistan to respond in kind since India's first round of test explosions on Monday.

President Clinton, speaking to reporters at the economic summit in Birmingham, England, said today he hopes Pakistan can find a way to avoid nuclear test and "show a

great act of statesmanship and restraint."

Pakistan's position was unchanged at the end of the first meeting between foreign ministry officials and Deputy Secretary of State Strobe Talbott.

"Our position is quite clear ... our response will be in keeping with the threats we are facing and with our national security interests," said Foreign Ministry spokesman Tariq Altf.

Senators on Thursday demanded that Pakistan conduct a test of its own. One military expert said that a nuclear test by Pakistan could actually propel the subcontinent into arms control talks and put the brakes on a budding arms race.

"Until you admit you have the weapons, you can't start talking about reducing them," said Shireen Mazari, a South Asian military expert.

Pakistan has been under U.S. sanctions since 1990, when the United States cut off \$650 million in military and humanitarian aid, saying Pakistan had a nuclear bomb.

At the time, Pakistan was awaiting an order of 61 American F-16 aircraft. Although the United States froze the order, the manufacturer continued making the planes, and Pakistan continued to make payments as the two countries tried to negotiate an end to sanctions.

Pakistan stopped making payments two years ago, and it demanded the return of about \$620 million that it had paid for the aircraft it never received.


There is speculation here that in exchange for Pakistan's not conducting a nuclear test, Washington may offer to return the money or give Pakistan the 20-odd F-16s already built and in storage in the United States.

Many Pakistanis perceive that the F-16 aircraft are antiquated and are therefore a poor trade-off for their conceding a nuclear advantage to India.

Before it fell from U.S. grace, Pakistan was a close American ally during the Cold War, when Pakistan was the staging arena for Muslim insurgents fighting Soviet invaders in neighboring Afghanistan.

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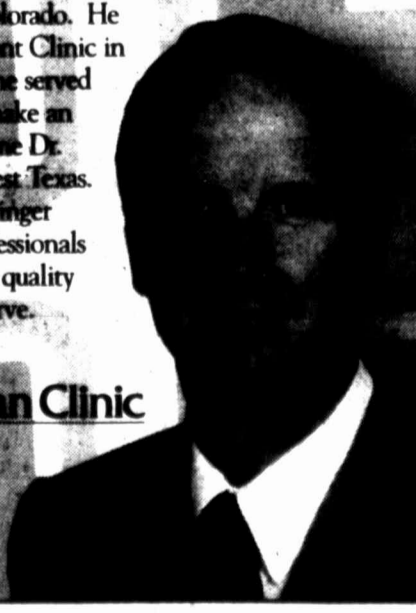
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Howard County Library ready to take local residents online

By DEBBIE L. JENSEN
Features Editor

The Dora Roberts Howard County Library is ready for local residents to start cruising the information highway.

Internet terminals are available and ready for use by the public at no charge, Librarian Loraine Redman said. Those who want to surf the 'net are encouraged to sign up for one of the training sessions that will begin Tuesday evening.

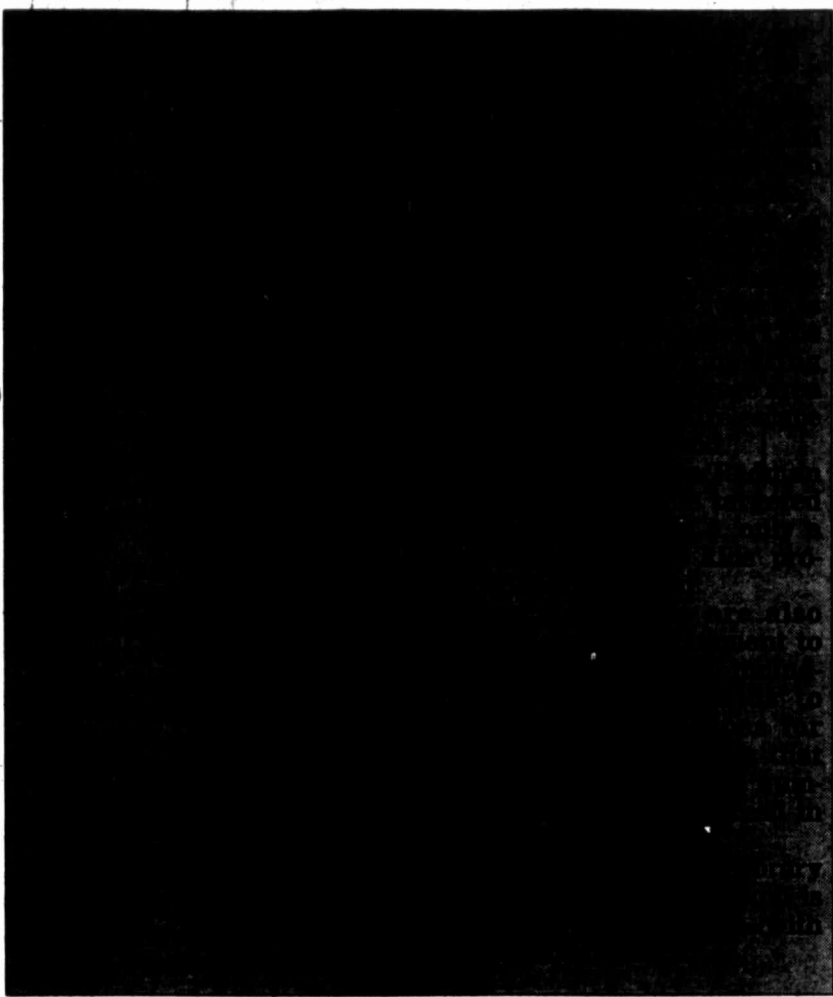
"Anything in the world you want to do, you can do it on the Internet," Redman said. "I have not been asked a question that I could not answer by using it."

Users of the library's service must sign an "acceptable use" agreement, pledging not to access inappropriate material. Parents must accompany children under 13, while those 13-17 must have their parents' permission.

Four terminals for public Internet access were purchased with a \$42,000 grant. The library uses Internet Explorer as its browser.

Public use is limited to one-hour sessions, and users can reserve spots in advance.

"You can look for a job on the Internet," Redman said. "You can do research, find historical documents, locate an author and find out all of his books. You can access recipes, news-

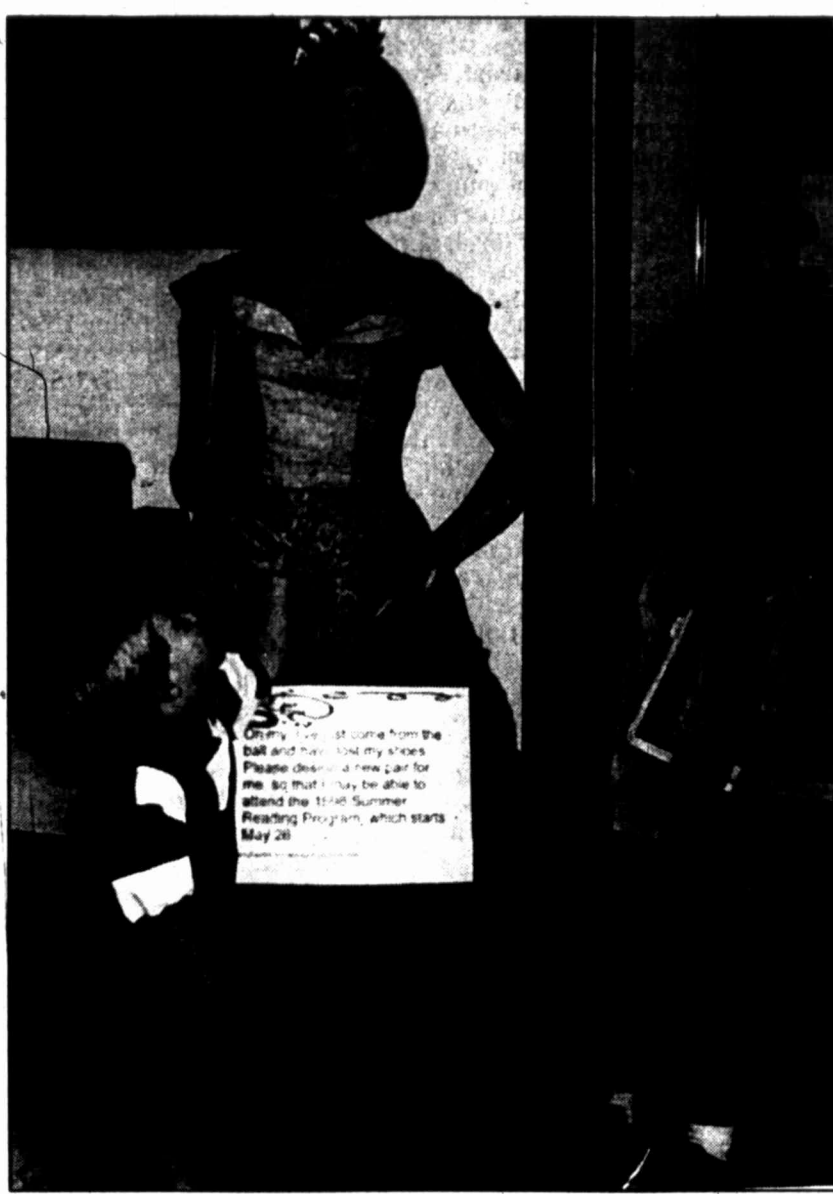


Nicholas and Alex Emerson look at the Cinderella mannequin in the lobby of the Howard County Library, announcing the summer reading program which begins May 26.

papers. The list goes on and on. Copies of material found on the Internet can be printed for 10 cents a page on one of the library's laser printers. The first training session

begins Tuesday at 7 p.m., and attendance is limited to 16 people. After that, sessions will be available on a regular basis.

The library currently has its own web site, and eventually, users should be able to access



HERALD photo/Debbie L. Jensen

Nicholas and Alex Emerson look at the Cinderella mannequin in the lobby of the Howard County Library, announcing the summer reading program which begins May 26.

the card catalog from their homes. The site already has programs and other services. Call 264-2260 for information about Internet use at the library, its upcoming library.

CLUB NEWS

1970 Hyperion Club

The 1970 Hyperion Club met at the home of Carla Wester on May 8. During the spring salad luncheon the officers for next year were installed. They included Lynda Elrod, president; Elaine Talbot, vice president; Suzanne Haney, secretary; Shirley Johnson, treasurer; Thelma Carlisle, reporter; Maureen Haddad, historian; and Kim Cooksey, parliamentarian.

The next meeting with be Sept. 17 at the Big Spring Country Club.

Elbow FCE Club

The Elbow Family and Community Education Club met on May 7, at the Spring City Senior Citizen Center. Four members answered roll call. The group enjoyed the fellowship and noon meal.

After the meal the members traveled to town to visit the historic Pottou House. All were intrigued and excited by the pioneer feeling of the Pottou House, from the foyer with its magnificent hat rack, and transomed windows. When viewing the piano in the parlor, the members could imagine the wonderful family gatherings with singing and fun times. The bedroom, with its iron bedstead and hand-pieced, crazy patch quilt brought back memories of childhood days. The dining room displayed the gentle refinement of the Pottou family, with the beautiful China dishes in the China hutch. This was truly an entertaining experience, allowing us to go back into our own past for a few happy moments. Our thanks go to the people of the Heritage Museum for their care of this great asset to our community and to our tour

guide for the information she passed on to us.

The public is invited to attend the meetings and activities of the Elbow Family and Community Education Club. For more information about the meetings please call 263-6819 or 263-2233.

Retired Teachers Association

Members of the Big Spring-Howard County Retired Teachers Association will meet in the Cactus Room at Howard College on Monday, May 18. Fellowship hour is at 10:30 and lunch is at 11:30 a.m.

Gloria McDonald from Scenic Mountain Medical Center Home Health will present a program on "Education on Home Health."

Reports on the TRTA State Convention in Lubbock will be given. The District XVIII Spring Leadership Training Conference will be held in Odessa on May 19.

Elfa Cantrell will conduct initiation of officers for the coming year. These include Doris Huibregtse, president; Nila Allen, first vice-president; Loma Jean Wynn, second vice-president; Myrtle Lee, recording secretary; Jean Warren, corresponding secretary; Billye Grisham and Eunice Thixton, co-treasurers.

Concerned Women for America

Concerned Women for America invites area Christians to have coffee Saturday morning from 10 to 11 a.m. in the Garden Room of Hillcrest Baptist Church, 2000 W. FM 700, and learn how they can be effective Christian citizens.

Concerned Women for America has sponsored local events such as candidates forum and nationally known speakers David Barton and

Little Bear Wheeler.

Memberships are invited and dress is casual.

For more information call Reta Faught at 263-2912.

Big Spring Woman's Club

The Big Spring Woman's Club celebrated their 15th annual installation banquet Saturday, May 2, at the Big Spring Country Club with a dinner and a dance. New officers were inducted with a special candle lighting ceremony. Previously we had the traditional kidnapping of new officers April 23, at Donna Palmer's home.

Members had a chance to provide refreshments for this mid-night madness. New officers were given sun-visors and cut out hands to wear, this went along with new president Amy Overton's theme "Giving hands or they that do - deeds that are noble good and true."

Recipients this year for allocations were Big Spring Humane Society, Big Spring Fourth of July Fireworks, Eheren Tule Scholarship Fund, Young Life, and American Cancer Society's Relay for Life. Members also gave a special long range donation of \$3,000 to the Kids' Zone.

Special guest Sue Robertson, BSWC first president, and Gay Herren, charter member, reminisced about our first year and its humble beginnings to the significant club it has become. They concluded by honoring four of the charter members with lifetime memberships. They are Sherree Moates, Lynne Chalker, Karen Fraser and Debbie Wegman.

We honored Sandra Price as outstanding club woman of the year and Laurie Phillips rookie of the year. President Donna Palmer passed the reins to incoming president Amy Overton with a pinning ceremony.

Please see CLUB, page 8A.

'Road pastors' help bands travel straight and narrow

ATLANTA (AP) — After the concert ends and the fans leave, one person heads to the hotel with the rock band Third Day: their minister.

He prays with the five musicians, advising the men, all in their 20's, how to handle the adoration of teen-age fans. They confide in him about relationships with their wives, with each other, and with God, who they believe wants them to spread his message through music.

A few Christian rock bands, including Third Day and 1998 Grammy winners DC Talk, have pastors who travel with them to help them practice the message they preach.

The pastors don't think of themselves as enforcers. "I try to stay away from that definition," says John Poitevent, Third Day's 27-year-old road pastor. "I am not a spiritual watchdog or a spiritual policeman."

Instead, Poitevent and Michael Guido, a pastor from Nashville, Tenn., for the group DC Talk, say they form friendships and build trust with the musicians. Guido also tours with Audio Adrenaline and Jars of Clay.

Such pastors also offer suggestions for better spiritual living on the road, says Frank Breeden, president of the Gospel Music Association based in Nashville. The GMA, which announces the annual Dove Awards, recently elected a chaplain for the industry.

"These bands are well-known celebrities to their fans and beyond their fan base," says Breeden.

"There come the temptations of fame where, in any given day, you are prone to feel like you are above normal morals and society. I know these

'He's helping us stay focused on what we know God has called us to do.'

Third Day guitarist Brad Avery

bands, record labels and managers are very concerned about this."

Four years ago, scandal hit the Christian music industry when Michael English, named best artist by GMA in 1994, returned his Dove Awards and left gospel music. His departure came after he admitted to an affair with gospel singer Marabeth Jordan while both were married to others. Ms. Jordan, pregnant with his child, later miscarried. English is now trying to launch a comeback.

Such cases, Breeden says, caused the gospel music industry to address the artist's spiritual side.

For Third Day, that means Poitevent. He leads Bible study every other day, prays with band members before and after concerts and offers individual counseling with musicians and crew. "He's helping us stay focused on what we know God has called us to do," says guitarist Brad Avery.

After touring for a year, the band hired Poitevent. Since then, the musicians have written a mission statement to shape business decisions with secular record companies in a competitive Christian music industry.

Avery compares the band's need for a full-time road pastor to the body's need for food. "You can only run so much on one meal. It's the same situation spiritually."

CHURCH NEWS

First Presbyterian

You are invited to join First Presbyterian and St. Mary's Episcopal Churches in a Vacation Bible School Son Island Adventure into the promises of God's love. Bible stories, crafts, games, snacks, songs, skits, and treasure hunts will help children explore the wonders of I Corinthians 13. Dates are June 1-5, 9 a.m. to noon.

Space is limited to the first 50 children who register. Enrollment forms may be picked up at either church.

East Side Baptist Church

The Joy Quartet from Pensacola Christian College will present a program of inspirational music on May 17, at 10:15 a.m. at East Side Baptist Church, 1108 East Sixth.

The Quartet's program will feature delightful, heartwarming music with a message and a multimedia presentation about the college.

The Joy Quartet is one of eight traveling groups representing the College during the summer months. The ensembles will hold services in close to 700 churches and schools throughout the United States and Canada.

There is no admission charge for this program.

St. Mary's Episcopal Church

The Brotherhood of St. Andrew will have their monthly meeting and breakfast on Saturday, May 16, starting at 8 a.m. in the parish hall.

The Vestry will meet Monday, May 18, at 5:30 p.m.

The St. Mary's school board meets Tuesday, May 19, at 5:30 p.m.

A Lector Training Session for those interested in reading lessons during the Sunday Eucharist, will take place on Wednesday, May 20, at 5:30 p.m. at the church.

St. Mary's School will have their Graduation Program on Thursday, May 21, at 6:30 p.m. at St. Mary's Church, 1001 Goliad.

Promise Keepers

Due to the slow participation at the last two meetings, we will suspend any further Promise Keepers meetings until fall.

Thank you to those churches and members of the body who have supported us this far, and my God richly bless you and yours!

First United Methodist Church

"A Gift From God: Wrongs Forgiven" (John 8:1-11) is Dr. Ed Williamson's message this Sunday at the First United Methodist Church, 400 Scurry. The message is about God's forgiveness. Worship is at 8:30 and 10:50 a.m. Our home page is <http://www.xroadstx.com/users/fumc/index.htm>.

The First United Methodist Church has several Sunday School classes for adults, youth and children. There is a Wednesday noon Bible study class and meal each week in Garrett Hall and everyone is invited to attend.

There will be a covered side dish dinner-after church on Sunday for all the graduating seniors. Be sure to come! Get

Please see CHURCH, page 8A.

Slice of life!

COMMUNITY NEWS

Museum, Historical Commission set book signing Saturday

The Howard County Historical Commission and the Heritage Museum welcome author Bill Modisett to a book signing at the museum in Big Spring on Saturday, May 16, from 2 to 4 p.m. Modisett's book, *J. Evetts Haley: A True Texas Legend*, details the life of one of West Texas' most colorful and interesting citizens. Haley was a "collector of historical artifacts...an interviewer of wary ranchers and tight lipped lawmen...and (himself) a rancher and cowman — a true man of the soil who learned his 'lessons for life' from the dramatic nature of the Plains of Texas."

A former West Texas newspaperman, Modisett is also an important figure as a chronicler West Texas. In all, he has been a part of Texas journalism for almost 30 years.

Modisett will be signing his book and answering question on his research of Haley's life. The afternoon event is open free to the public to attend any time from 2 to 4 p.m. Representatives of the Howard County history organizations will also be available to answer local history question. Refreshments will be served. For more information contact the Heritage Museum at 267-8255.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Cauble school reunion

Ex-students and friends of the Cauble School (1904-1953) are meeting in the Elbow School cafeteria on Saturday, June 13, at 10 a.m. for fellowship and a covered dish meal at noon. Members of your families are welcome also.

We feel you might be more comfortable with folding chairs so if you have these, please bring them. Please share this information with others who may not receive information because of incorrect addresses.

Call Betty Findley at 263-0318 or Mildred Callihan at 267-6023 for more information.

THE LAST WORD

Diplomacy is the art of saying "nice doggie" until you can find a rock.

Will Rogers

I respect those who resist me, but I cannot tolerate them.

Charles de Gaulle

The world, like an accomplished hostess, pay most attention to those whom it will soonest forget.

John Churton Collins

Organist shows dedication at keyboard

By KEVIN TANKERSLEY
Waco Tribune-Herald

McGREGOR — First Baptist Church of McGregor has had an organ in its sanctuary since 1956.

And for most of those 2,180 or so Sundays since, Paul Spoons has been sitting at that organ, welcoming worshippers to the service or inviting them to the front of the sanctuary to speak with the pastor at the conclusion of a service.

Then there are the countless weddings and funerals that have taken place in the church. Spoons, 79, has always had a love for music. He played clarinet in the band at school in Megargel, just south of Wichita Falls. He went on to play in bands at Texas A&M University, the University of Texas and in the Coast Guard. He graduated from Texas with a pharmacy degree and owned City Rexall Drugs in McGregor for 28 years, retiring in 1979.

It was during his time at Rexall, in fact, that he learned to play the organ. Spoons had known for years how to play the piano. When he and his wife, Mary, were first married, a little more than 50 years ago, a piano was one of their first purchases together.

"We had been married a few months and bought an ironing board and a piano," Spoons said on a recent afternoon in the auditorium of First Baptist McGregor.

So while working at Rexall, Spoons, whose father was also a druggist, would head to the church on his lunch breaks and practice playing the organ. Pretty soon, he became the church's permanent volunteer organist. And 42 years later, he's still at it, rarely missing a Sunday service.

"He's very dedicated to the church in playing the organ," said Alan Smith, music minister at the church. "He provides a stability in the church and just has a deep love for that church and for the Lord."

Smith said on the rare Sundays when Spoons is not able to play, pianist Johnnie Wilson handles the musical accompaniment by herself. Spoons does likewise when Wilson is absent.

"Fortunately, they both haven't been out at the same time. If that happens, I guess we'll sing a cappella," said Smith, who is also a member of the Waco oldies band the Morticians.

During a couple of stints over the years, Spoons was also chief organist at College Avenue Baptist Church in McGregor and Harris Creek Baptist.

Besides being an accomplished organist, Spoons is also an artist. He has created Navajo rugs on a loom he built himself and has shaped pottery on a wheel he also fashioned. Some of Spoons' paintings have been purchased by the University of Texas Law School and by former U.S.

Representative Marvin Leath. Musical ability runs in at least part of Spoons' family, as son Paul "Skip" Spoons III is part of the orchestra at Bursleson Baptist Temple near Fort Worth. Smith recalled one Sunday morning when Skip Spoons attended church with his parents. Without having rehearsed, Skip, on guitar, accompanied Smith singing "Morning Has Broken," with Skip playing solo between verses.

Paul and Mary Spoons are also parents to Scott Spoons, who works for an engineering firm in Houston; and Suzanne Spoons, who is a dental assistant to Dr. W.A. Brinkman in McGregor. Skip Spoons teaches alternative school classes in Fort Worth.

After 42 years, Spoons doesn't show any signs of slowing down. His playing on a recent afternoon filled the church, with notes of "When the Roll Is Called Up Yonder" echoing around the empty sanctuary.

"This is a service to God. Everybody should have some kind of ministry in their lives," he said.

"I've retired from playing several times, but something happens and I come back. I made a promise to the Lord that as long as I was living and able to play, I would play the organ."

CLUB

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money. The banquet was concluded with new president Amy Overton giving her presidential address.

Howard County Youth Horseman Club

The Howard County Youth Horseman Club is well into the 1998 season. The club's fifth Playday starts May 16. Books open at 1 p.m. and playday starts at 2 p.m. Members and non-members welcome!

The first belt buckle series winners are:

6 and under girls: D-Amberly Averette; 6 and under boys: Keaton Merket; 7-9 girls: Brittany Hill; 7-9 boys: Chance Pool; 10-12 girls: Amanda Gray; 10-12 boys: Bradley Tatum; 13-15 girls: Kristy Kinard; 13-15 boys: Justin Denton; 16-18 girls: no qualifier; and 16-18 boys: Billy Dean.

The first evening playday will be on June 6. Books open at 5 p.m. and playday starts at 6 p.m.

Anyone who is interested in joining in some good family fun with the HCYHC just call Gary Gray at 264-0953 or Debbie Pool at 339-4787.

If you can't call, just show up at the arena on the Garden City

Highway on the above listed dates.

City F.C.E. Club

The City Family and Communication Education Club met in the Carriage Inn with Nadine Hodnett on Friday, May 8, at 2 p.m. Jowilli Etchison, president, presented a program on check alteration to seven members.

Mrs. Etchison gave pointers to ensure the safety of your checks when sending payments by mail. Avoid putting flag up on your mail box when sending letters with checks enclosed; avoid using drop boxes when sending checks in letters; avoid receiving mail order checks in your mail box. It is better to take letters containing checks into the Post Office for mailing.

Check scamming or alteration can be done with a chemical wash which removes ball point writing on checks, making checks forgery possible. It is better to protect your checking account by keeping books properly and by checking statements promptly. Report any incorrect figures to your bank.

The club will meet with Mildred Callihan for a luncheon on May 22 at 11:30 a.m.

BSSH honors two as RN, LVN of the year

A reception to honor BSSH's Nurses was hosted by the hospital's Nursing Administration on Wed. May 6. During the reception, the Psychiatric RN of the Year and the Psychiatric LVN of the Year were named.

Dawne Pearson, RN, C, Nurse Manager for the Medical Psychiatric Service, was honored as the Psychiatric RN of the Year. Dawne has worked as a Psychiatric Nurse for BSSH for the last 18 years. For the past year she has been the Nurse Manager of the Medical Psychiatric Service, which cares for the patients with acute medical illness and the Northwest Psychiatric Service, which cares for the hospital's geriatric patients.

Barbara Brackeen was named the Psychiatric LVN of the Year. Barbara has been a LVN since 1981 and has worked for BSSH since 1995. Barbara has worked on both the Rehabilitative Psychiatric Service and the Adolescent Service.

Leslie Yarbrough, Director of Nursing Services, presented Dawne and Barbara with plaques to acknowledge their accomplishments and their dedication to Big Spring State Hospital.



HERALD photo/Linda Choate
These smiling faces belong to, from left, Dakota Steelman, Alex Minter, Travis Wallace and Ashley Buzbee, who were snacking at Westside Day Care Center.

CHURCH

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ready for Vacation Bible School, June 8-12, for ages 2 years through the fifth grade. The theme this year will be Son Island Surprise. Call the church office at 267-6394 for more details.

First Christian Church

First Christian Church will be honoring their 1998 graduating seniors this Sunday. Graduates and their family will be recognized during a noon luncheon to be held in the fellowship hall immediately after the 10:50 a.m. worship service. Please bring your favorite dish

or either meat, vegetables or salad. The church will be providing the dessert. The Green Pastures Shepherding Group will be assisting with clean up.

Reminder: The youth groups will be meeting at 3:30 p.m. instead of their regular time and the official board will meet at 5 p.m.

Hillcrest Baptist Church

"Truth Slayers" a youth musical presented by the Hillcrest Baptist Youth Choir, will be presented Sunday at 6 p.m. Everyone is welcome.

All Sunday items: Weddings, engagements, anniversaries, Who's Who, Stork Club and military are due Wednesday at noon for Sunday publication. Photos used in Sunday life should be picked up within 30 days or they will be discarded.

Who joined the "Stork Club?" Find out Sunday in the Big Spring Herald life! section.

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By KATHY GILL
Staff Writer

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BSISD trustees approve construction on \$300,000 softball complex

By **KATHY GILBERT**
Staff Writer

Following the Big Spring Independent School District Board of Trustees' vote to approve the building of a softball complex Thursday, BSISD will now be in compliance with federal law.

"We've never been ruled out of compliance," said Superintendent Bill McQueary, "but we did have one less girls' participatory sport, and now we're equal. There's total equality there now."

If the district had not built the softball field, allowing girls to play in UIL

competition, "then we might have had a case filed (against the district)" said McQueary.

Despite bids that were well above what the district expected, the board approved approximately \$308,000 for construction of a softball field southwest of the new junior high, at about Eighth and Goliad.

On one hand, administrators argued, the funds exist to build the facility.

"You've got a 6.1 million fund balance this year and that just didn't happen by chance," McQueary told the board. "If we weren't in good shape, I wouldn't recommend you build this facility. But the district deserves it, the kids

deserve it, it's a first-class facility."

Other board members expressed reservations.

"I hate for us to do things if we can't do them first-class," said board member Steve Fraser during the board's half-hour-long discussion on the complex, "but we have to remember in the next legislative session there's going to be a billion dollars less."

In the board's half-hour-long discussion of the complex, members brainstormed on how to cut the cost of the field. Several board members asked if seating could be reduced from the planned 600 to 400. Suggestions were floated to cut out the high-dollar

restroom and concession facilities.

In the end, the board agreed girls' sports, compliance with civil rights' law, and the quality of the complex were worth the price. "The girls have proven themselves over the past two years," said board member Irene Bustamante, "and the complex is something that's going to be used. If we're going to do it, we need to go all the way."

BSISD joins other area schools in providing facilities for UIL girls' softball, McQueary said. Because softball fields have smaller dimensions, softball cannot be played on existing boys' baseball fields, he added.

"We have an agreement with the U.S. Department of Justice to put in facilities for girls comparable to the facilities we have for boys, and this field would satisfy that agreement," McQueary told the board. "It's higher (in cost) than we would have liked."

A complaint filed with the Department of Justice several years ago resulted in an investigation.

The Office of Civil Rights closed the case without ruling against the district. "When they found out what we were doing and the steps we were taking (to add a girls softball program), they have since closed the case," said McQueary.

Bulldogettes headed to Austin

Rally twice in 10-7 win over Eula

By **JOHN A. MOSELEY**
Sports Editor

ABILENE — Coahoma's Bulldogettes simply would not be denied.

After getting off to a shaky start, the Bulldogettes came from behind not once, but twice in taking a 10-7 win over Eula's Lady Pirates to grab the Region I, Class 2A/1A softball championship and a berth in next weekend's state tournament in Austin.

While a large Coahoma crowd rushed onto the turf at Abilene Christian University's Wells Field to celebrate the victory, Bulldogettes coach Rob Dickenson and his players stressed they never doubted they'd be able to overcome Eula's early 5-1 lead.

But Dickenson admitted he hadn't expected his team to have to rally twice.

"I felt like we'd be able to come back on them, but I thought we'd shut them down once we took the lead," Dickenson said after watching his team come up with four runs in the bottom of the sixth inning to take the victory. "You've got to give them a lot of credit, they just kept battling us ... forced us to make some uncharacteristic mistakes."

The key, however, was Coahoma's ability to call on freshman pitcher Amber Bingham, while the Lady Pirates were forced to stay with tiring ace Shawna White at crunch time.

The Lady Pirates, bent on avenging an area playoff loss to the Bulldogettes, jumped on top with a four-run first inning and chased Coahoma starter Tara Sterling when right fielder Anna Gardner led off the second inning with a double to the fence in left.

Gardner would score on a pair of passed balls charged to Coahoma's Allison West, making it 5-1, but Eula would find Bingham almost untouchable.

Bingham, a freshman whose older sister, Audra, pitched the Bulldogettes to the state finals in 1996, retired the Lady Pirates in order to quell the second inning rally before it could get started and didn't allow a baserunner until the fifth when Eula scored on an infield hit, a sacrifice fly and an error.

"I didn't expect to have to pitch, but I was ready if I had to," Bingham said, adding that the thrill of winning was enhanced by joining her sister as the only Bulldogettes pitchers to win a regional championship game.

"I felt really good out there."



Coahoma's Amber Bingham, shown sliding safely into third base during a practice game with Lubbock Coronado, came through Thursday evening, working six innings of almost flawless relief in the Bulldogettes' 10-7 regional championship victory over Eula's Lady Pirates. The freshman also drove in two runs in a 2-for-4 showing at the plate.

she continued, saying she never felt pressured by the Eula lineup. "The only time I felt any pressure was when I was batting. When I'm pitching, I'm in control."

Indeed, the Coahoma freshman faced just 20 batters in six innings of work, allowing two hits while striking out 10 and walking none.

Nobody could have been happier for her teammate than Sterling, who led off the Bulldogettes' sixth-inning and scored the rally's game-tying run.

"I didn't have it today," Sterling said of the shaky start that saw Eula score its first five runs on four hits and a pair of Coahoma errors. "I just didn't have my timing down. Today was any day to let Amber have the ball. She stepped up and did the job."

"I was never worried ... even though it was 4-0," Sterling added. "This team always comes through."

Many in the Bulldogettes large following were concerned, however, when White struck out the side in the second inning, seeming to put a stamp on the Lady Pirates 5-1 lead.

But a series of five errors, four of them charged to shortstop Kortni Flatt, allowed the Bulldogettes to take a 6-5 lead in the bottom of the third

inning. Freshman Kenni Kay Buchanan led off Coahoma's third with a single to right and moved to second on a passed ball.

Flatt's first error, a bobble on a grounder off Brandi Hart's bat, put runners at the corners, and when Lady Pirates second baseman Jana Prew mishandled a chopper by Misty Baker, the bases were loaded.

Sterling followed with a grounder to short that Flatt threw wildly to first, allowing Buchanan and Hart to score.

Flatt managed to field a pop up by Cassie Tindol, but mishandled the ball again when Shana Earnest grounded to short, setting the stage for a two-run single up the middle by Bingham.

White managed to strike out Kelli Buchanan, but Stephanie Sparks added an infield single that drove in Earnest to cap the rally.

Eula finally got to Bingham in the fifth when Flatt fought off a 1-2 pitch for an infield single with one out. She swiped second and moved to third on a single to left by Prew.

Lady Pirates catcher Kelley Pearson lofted a pop foul behind first that allowed Flatt to tag up and score and a throwing error by reserve catcher Kortney Kemper following Earnest's throw to the plate allowed Prew to score,

giving Eula a 7-6 edge.

But in the Coahoma sixth, Sterling led off with her single and moved to second when Eula's Gardner bobbed the ball in right. Tindol followed with a single up the middle to plate Sterling.

Earnest kept things going with an infield single and Kelli Buchanan added a one-out single to center that loaded the bases, setting the stage for Sparks who singled to right, plating Tindol and Earnest.

Sparks moved to second on Eula's throw to the plate and swiped third, allowing her to score when Kenni Kay Buchanan reached on a fielders choice play that resulted in Flatt's fifth error of the game.

COAHOMA 10, EULA 7

EULA	AB	R	E	BP	SO	COAHOMA	AB	R	E	BP	SO
Flatt, ss	4	2	0	0	0	Hart, 2b	3	2	0	0	0
Prew, 2b	3	2	0	0	0	Baker, ss	4	1	1	0	0
Mason, c	2	1	0	0	0	Sterling, p	3	2	1	0	0
Mason, 3b	3	1	1	0	0	Tindol, cf	3	1	1	0	0
McKinney, cf	3	0	1	0	0	Earnest, 1b	4	0	1	0	0
White, p	3	0	0	1	0	Buchanan, 3b	4	0	1	0	0
Farrcloth, if	3	0	0	0	0	Buchanan, dh	4	1	1	0	0
Gardner, rf	3	1	1	0	0	Sparks, lf	4	0	3	0	0
Bohmer, 1b	3	0	0	0	0	Buchanan, 2b	4	1	1	0	0
						West, c	0	0	0	0	0
						Kemper, c	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	27	7	6	2	0	Totals	33	10	7	1	0

Scores by Innings:
Eula: 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0
Coahoma: 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0

E—Flatt 5, Prew 2, Gardner, Hart, Buchanan, Kemper. DP—None. LOB—Eula 0, Coahoma 9. 2B—Gardner 5B—Flatt. Prew, Pearson, Sparks. SF—Pearson, Tindol.

Eula: White, LP. Coahoma: Sterling, BP. Bingham, WP.

WP—White, Sterling. PB—Pearson, West.

Greer comes through in Rangers rally to 7-5 win over Yankees in 13 innings

NEW YORK (AP) — Rusty Greer's three huge hits included two homers, but the biggest of the bunch might have been a simple single.

Greer drove in six runs, hitting a three-run homer in the eighth, a game-tying single in the ninth and a two-run shot in the 13th as the Texas Rangers overcame a five-run deficit and beat the New York Yankees 7-5 Thursday night.

His two-out base hit came off closer Mariano Rivera, who had gotten Greer out in the ninth the night before.

"Last night I got jammed. I wanted to clear my mind of the at-bat before and

get a good swing," said Greer, who hit Rivera's first pitch to left.

The Yankees had been 22-0 this year when leading after eight innings.

"Rusty got the big hits, especially the one big hit in the ninth inning," Rangers manager Johnny Oates said. "Rusty had a very nice ballgame to say the least."

The Yankees lost for just the fourth time in 29 games, and Rivera blew a save chance for only the second time in 10 chances.

"He (Rivera) hadn't given up a run all year, so I thought we should play for one rather than two," said Oates,

who chose to sacrifice Luis Alicea to second after a leadoff single, essentially playing for the tie despite being on the road.

Thanks to Greer, who connected off Willie Banks (1-1) in the 13th, Texas eventually did win for only the fourth time in its last 20 games at Yankee Stadium since 1994. Greer has driven in the winning run in the Rangers' last at-bat 13 times in the last three seasons.

New York, 11-2 at home this season, led 5-0 in the eighth inning before the bullpen faltered, with Mike Stanton allowing a three-run homer to Greer,

who matched his career high for RBIs.

"It was a situation where I made a bad pitch and he made me pay for it," said Stanton, who played with Texas for part of 1996. "I look at it as my loss. They're a very dangerous team. I know those guys."

Hideki Irabu, making his first home start this season, allowed three hits in seven scoreless innings, lowering his ERA to 1.11.

New York had been 22-0 when scoring in at least four runs. "You can't do it every night," said Yankees manager Joe Torre.

After Greer's homer off Stanton, Jeff

Nelson gave up a double to Juan Gonzalez and consecutive bloop singles to Will Clark and Ivan Rodriguez that pulled Texas to 5-4.

Pinch-hitter Alicea singled off Rivera leading off the ninth, was sacrificed to second and scored on Greer's single.

Dan Patterson (1-1), the sixth of seven Texas pitchers, allowed one hit in two innings, and former Yankee John Wetteland, the MVP of the 1996 World Series, pitched the 13th for his 11th save in 11 chances.

Rangers starter Darren Oliver allowed five runs and eight hits in 5 1/3 innings.

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LEAGUE LEADERS

Table listing league leaders for American League and National League in categories like batting average, home runs, and RBIs.

SPORTS BRIEFS

CGA scholarship forms available at college

Applications for scholarships which will be awarded by the Chicano Golf Association this year are available at the Financial Aid Office at Howard College.

BSHS golf boosters slate tournament for weekend

A two-man low ball golf tournament sponsored by the Big Spring High School Golf Boosters Club, has been scheduled for Saturday and Sunday at the Big Spring Country Club.

Football camp scheduled for May 26-28 at BSHS

The Big Spring High School Football Camp has been set for May 26-28 at the BSHS Athletic Training Facility. The camp, for youngsters between the ages of 10 and 13, is also open to younger children if approved by coach Dan Arista.

Crossroads summer hoops leagues forming

The Howard College Athletic Department will again conduct its Crossroads Girls' Summer Basketball League and has added a boys' league this season.

high school grades and the previous season's graduates.

Registration fees are \$35 per participant. The camp is open to any student entering the sixth grade or above.

Texas Tech exes schedule golf tourney for June 18

The Big Spring chapter of the Texas Tech Ex-Students Association will have a scholarship golf tournament June 18 at the Big Spring Country Club.

Tennis social scheduled at Figure 7 Tennis Center

A tennis social with matches to be assigned by tennis pro Jim Blacketer has been scheduled for 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday at the Figure 7 Tennis Center.

BSHS Camp of Champs scheduled for June 1 start

The 1998 Big Spring Summer Camp of Champs, a weight conditioning program sponsored by Big Spring High School, has been scheduled for June 1

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Tech, other top seeds win first-round games in Big 12 tourney

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — If Oklahoma is to successfully defend its Big 12 baseball title, the Sooners will have to repeat last year's formula when they lost their opener and then won four straight games.

game came in the fifth when Kevin Olsen (10-1) wasn't able to come up with Miles Durham's dribbler to the right of the mound. The infield hit put runners at first and second, and both later scored on a single by Brennan Burns.

the inning and, after a strike-out, gave up a double to Billy Gasparino. One out later, Josh Holliday doubled to get the Cowboys within a run.

Holliday, whose team stranded runners in scoring position in six innings. Rupe (10-4), who beat the Cowboys on a one-hitter early in the season, wasn't as overpowering this time. He gave up 10 hits, but struck out eight and pitched out of a couple jams during his eight innings of work.

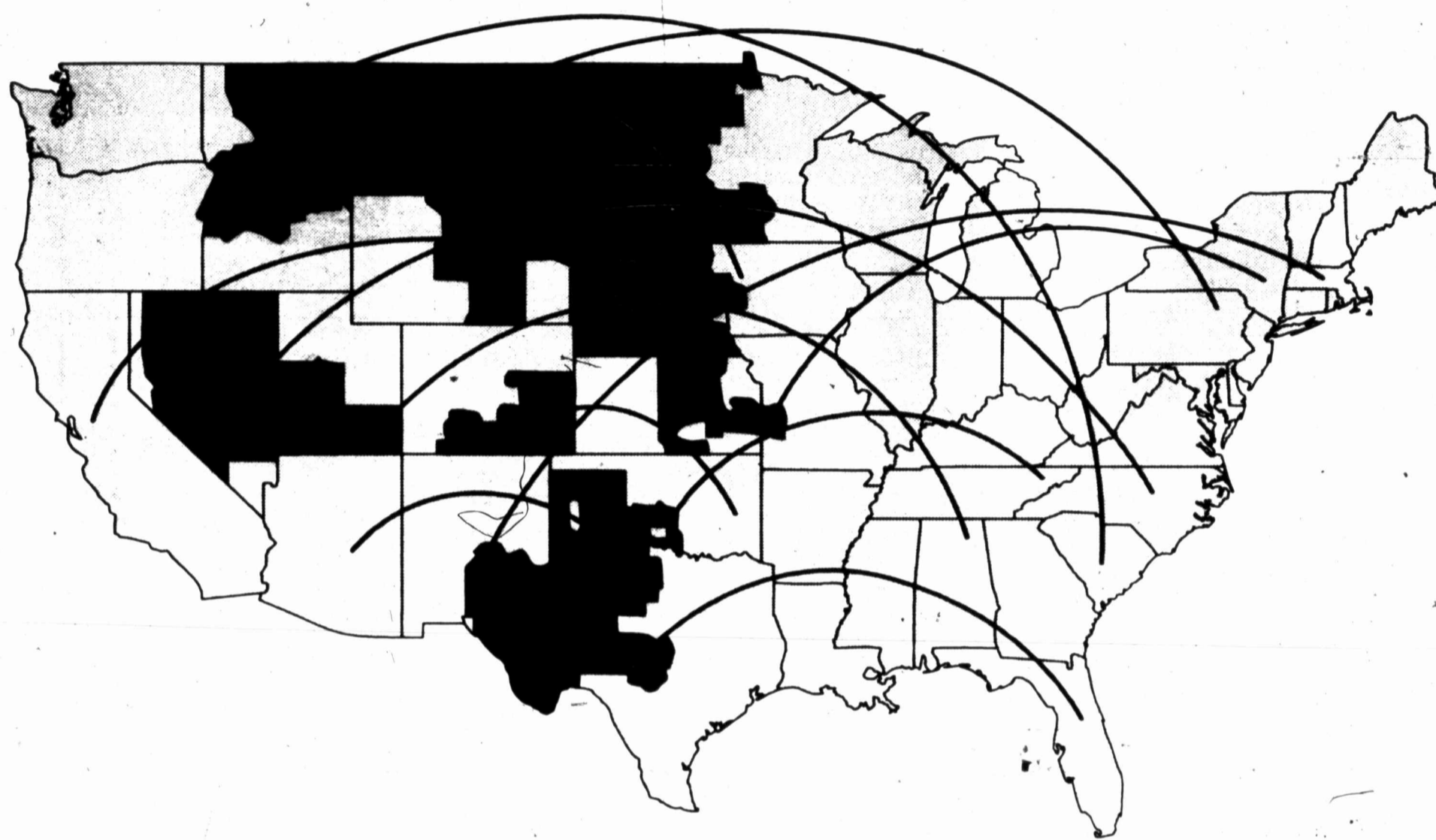
Coach Mark Johnson said he didn't want to use Fossum in relief, "but it was also the difference (in the game). He had better stuff to face the left-hander."

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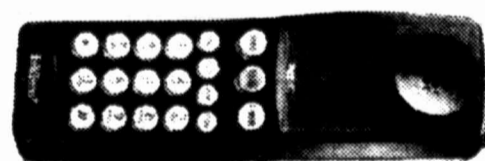
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Unknown takes lead at Nelson

IRVING (AP) — Two years ago, Tiger Woods was finishing his sophomore season in college and getting ready to take the PGA Tour by storm. At the same time, Bob Friend had quit trying and become a teacher.

On Thursday, the 22-year-old Woods — who has the world in front of him — and the 34-year-old Friend — still looking for a chunk of turf to call his own — crossed paths in the first round of the Byron Nelson Classic.

Friend, who needed a 63 in the final round of qualifying school to earn his PGA Tour card for this year by a single stroke, shot another 63 to take the first-round lead by one stroke over Tom Watson and Harrison Frazier.

Woods, who never even had to go to qualifying school because he won in just his fifth tournament as a pro in 1996 and is trying to win for the second consecutive week, was two strokes back at 65, along with Blaine McCallister, Frank Licklitter, Scott Gump and Ben Bates.

Friend, the 34-year-old son of former major league pitcher Bob Friend, quit trying to make it as a competitive player in 1996 and taught golf for a season. But a seventh at the Honda Classic in March and his round on Thursday make it look like he just might be a late bloomer.

"I needed a 63 to get my card by a shot," he said about qualifying school in December. "And I got it with a bogey on the last hole."

Friend was just as hot on Thursday as he turned the front nine in 30 and was 7 under par after 13 holes.

"The putter was somewhat warm today," Friend said. "I never came close to making a bogey."

Five of his seven birdies came on putts of 8 feet or less.

"And on 16, 17 and 18, I was inside 15 feet on all three birdie putts, but they were all big-time swingers," he said.

Playing before a smaller gallery, fewer media and much lighter security than last year, when the Byron Nelson was his first tournament after winning the Masters, Woods could have been a lot lower except for a balky putter.

"I left a lot of shots out there today," the defending champion said after missing four birdie putts inside 10 feet. "It could have been a low one today."

Woods' round included an eagle on No. 11 when he hit a 4-iron from 227 yards to 15 feet and rolled in the putt. His only bogey came on No. 6, when he buried a wedge from 123 yards in the back bunker and couldn't get up-and-down to save par, missing from 20 feet.

Phil Mickelson, Fred Couples and Jim Furyk were in a large knot of players at 4-under-par 66.

It was at the PGA Championship on his home course at Oakmont in 1978 that Friend got to caddy in a group in which Watson played.

"I was 14, right down there being inside the ropes with Watson," Friend said. "I decided then and there that's what I wanted to do."

Watson, who at 48 seems to have rediscovered the putting stroke that deserted him nearly a decade ago, had seven birdies, a bogey and two good up-and-down par saves.

"My round was characterized by great putting," Watson said. "I missed one makeable putt."

That miss came from 6 feet on No. 15, his only bogey of the day. None of his birdie putts were longer than 20 feet.

"I made a lot of 3-4-5-footers," Watson said.

That's what Watson was doing 20 years ago when he won this tournament four times in six years, including three straight in 1978-80.

Those are victory totals with which Friend is not familiar. But for now, he's happy to be right where he is.

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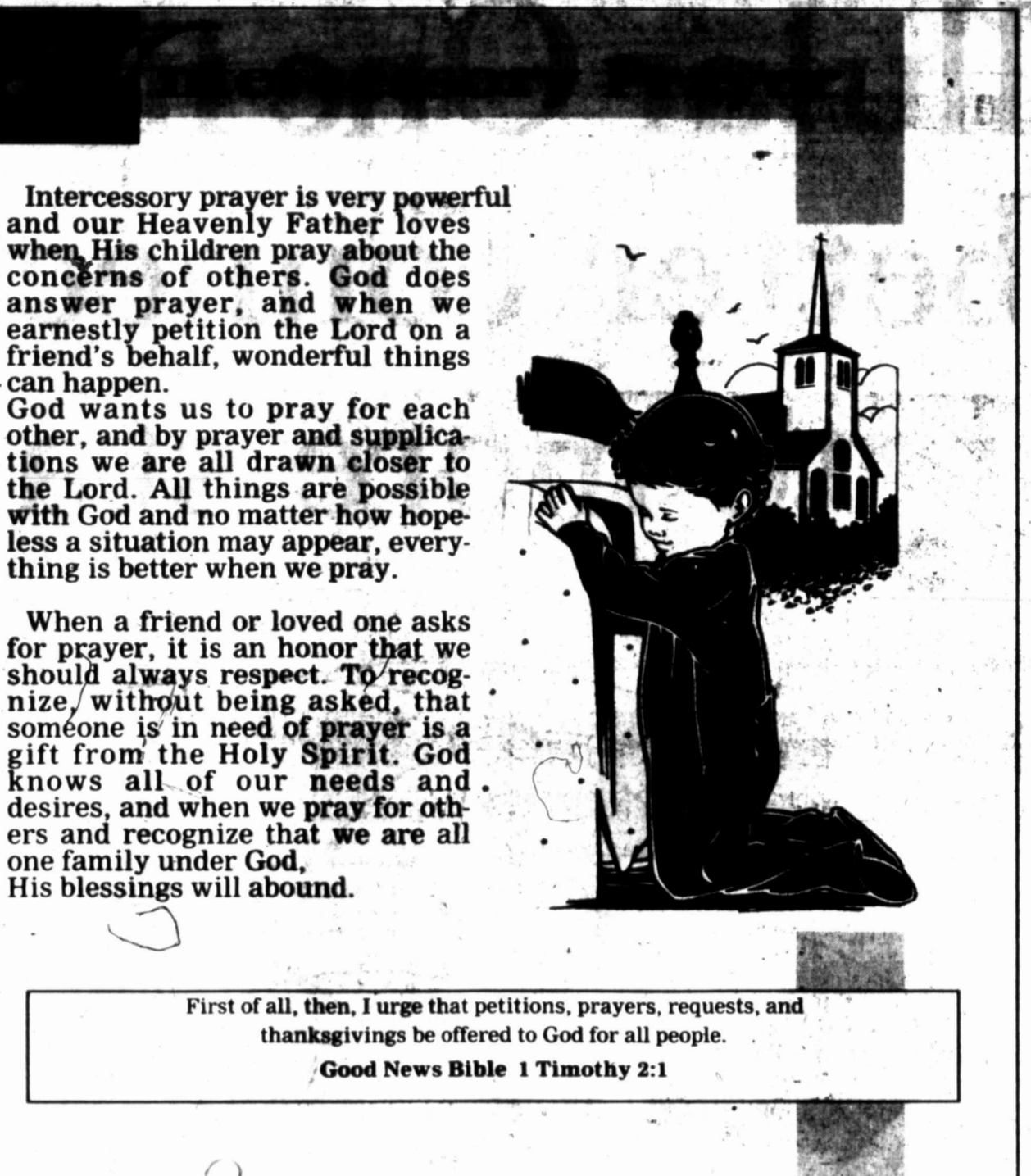
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the Lord. All things are possible
with God and no matter how hope-
less a situation may appear, every-
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When a friend or loved one asks
for prayer, it is an honor that we
should always respect. To recog-
nize, without being asked, that
someone is in need of prayer is a
gift from the Holy Spirit. God
knows all of our needs and
desires, and when we pray for oth-
ers and recognize that we are all
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HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR SATURDAY, MAY 16: Reach out for others, and don't stand on ceremony this year. Your ability to touch others and understand them makes you very popular. Confusion could occur when dealing with bosses and higher-ups, however. Somehow, those messages can get cloudy. Work on straightening out details at work. If you are single, you often feel insecure and touchy; still, you are a natural success. Your unusual insights combining with lots of animal magnetism. If attached, express your vulnerabilities to your mate. CAPRICORN helps you grow spiritually.

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): Confusion punctuates talks and decisions. It could take the rest of the day to unravel misunderstandings and figure out what others meant. Take action, and initiate negotiations. Others trust you because of your integrity. Grab a quick snooze. Tonight: Down for the count!!!!

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Don't be demoralized by someone's statements. You clearly are not speaking the same language. Lighten up, take a stand and calm the waters. A day trip to a favorite spot is just what the doctor ordered. You need distance to recharge. Tonight: Don't take things personally!!!!

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Don't get discouraged by plans that make you feel unhappy. Work with changes, and see the silver lining in this cloud. Express your feelings to a close friend. Together, you can find solutions. Don't worry so much about others. Tonight: Vanish with a favorite person!!!!

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Let confusion, fatigue and others' grumpiness run like water over you. Friends surround you, and being with them allows greater happiness. Commit yourself to a pet cause. Work and celebration happily mix. Others appreciate your efforts and tell you so. Tonight: Worry less, play more!!!!

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Be sensitive to a boss. Confusion lurks with partners. High energy marks your decisions. You carry them out with authority, and others stand out of your way. Finish up a project early; you'll want to get some extra R & R. Tonight: Take a nap before heading out!!!!

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Determine what is happening with day-to-day matters. A misunderstanding stubbornly prevails; you need to quickly clear it up. Make plans for a day trip, then take off. Invite a preferred partner with you for the fun of it. Express your libido

when appropriate. Tonight: Play the night away!!!!

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): You come from a solid point of view, though there is confusion with a child or loved one. A partner takes strong action, affecting you financially. Talk security, home and foundations. Someone will hear you. A difficult partner continues to be testy. Tonight: Do your own thing!!!!

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Communications are where it's at. Do not question someone; you will get odd answers. Keep smiling with a partner who is extraordinarily assertive. He has been taking lessons from you! Make time for a meal with a close friend. Tonight: Swap jokes, gossip and news!!!!

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Expenses are overwhelming at first. Heed your intuition when it speaks to you about a professional problem. Your pace is off. A loved one pulls at your heartstrings with unreasonable demands. Talks open you up. Tonight: Balance your checkbook, then go out!!!!

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): You are in perpetual motion, not willing to stop right now. Family members might put up their hands and halt progress. Use caution with money. A friend has different objectives from you. Your long-term plans will vary as a result. Tonight: Whatever knocks your socks off!!!!

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Right now, thinking is fogged. Consider a friend's choices, even if they are different from yours. Your ability to understand by walking in someone else's shoes makes you a special friend. Work through stress by getting into a physical project at home. Tonight: Work late!!!!

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): A friend takes a stand, and you listen. To be sure, you'll hear other people's opinions whether you want to or not. Your intuition is off. Run errands, then get together with friends. You get what you want. Network, both socially and professionally. Tonight: You are the party!!!!

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Baby left at hospital door finds love in nurses arms

DEAR ABBY: Recently you printed a letter from "Dorothy," who was pleased that people who wanted babies bring them to a hospital or police station, rather than leaving them to die.

That letter appeared in the Sunday paper on April 5. On the same Sunday, at 4:30 p.m., a newborn baby girl was found abandoned at the coffee lounge in front of the main doors of Legacy Emanuel Hospital's Family Birth Center in Portland, Ore.

I don't know if this was a coincidence, but I had never heard of a baby being left at a hospital before. The infant immediately received the medical care she needed and is doing fine. We nurses loved taking care of her, and we named her Star.

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Star presently is in a loving foster home, and if her mother doesn't come forward, she'll eventually be placed in an adoptive home - making some family joyvedy. I'm sure.

DEAR ABBY: In response to "Anonymous. Naturally," who was frustrated with late customers, I must share this story about our visit to Ireland.

Unaware of the closing time, my husband and I began shopping in a haberdashery shop in Dublin. The lone clerk began covering the tabled merchandise with large sheets. (That should have been a clue.) We told the clerk we wanted to buy an Irish cap for my husband, and we had come all the way from California in the United States to purchase it.

The clerk's comment was, "Ye should ha'e left 15 minutes earlier!" - MARIE M. PEDERSON, SANTA MARIA, CALIF.

DEAR MARIE: Faith and begorra, the clerk ha'e a quick wit - not uncommon for the Irish. Thanks for sharing your story; it tickled my funny bone.


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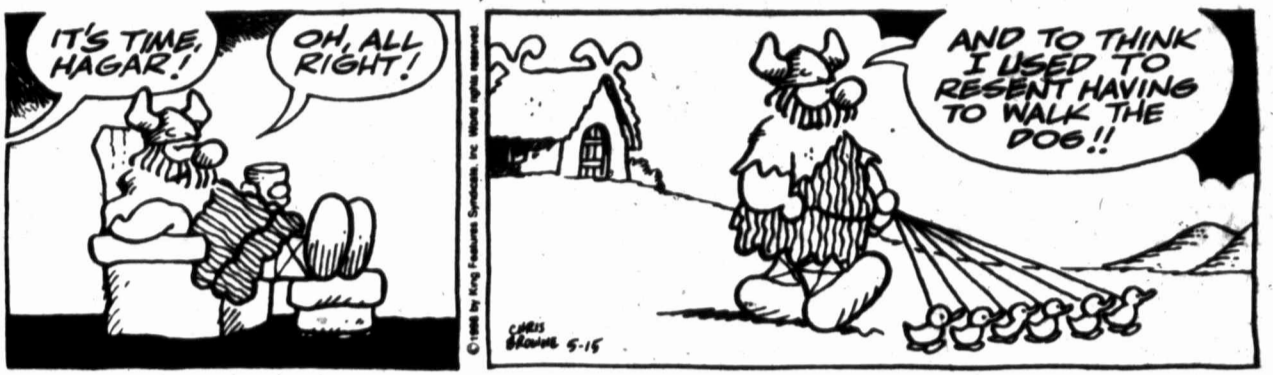
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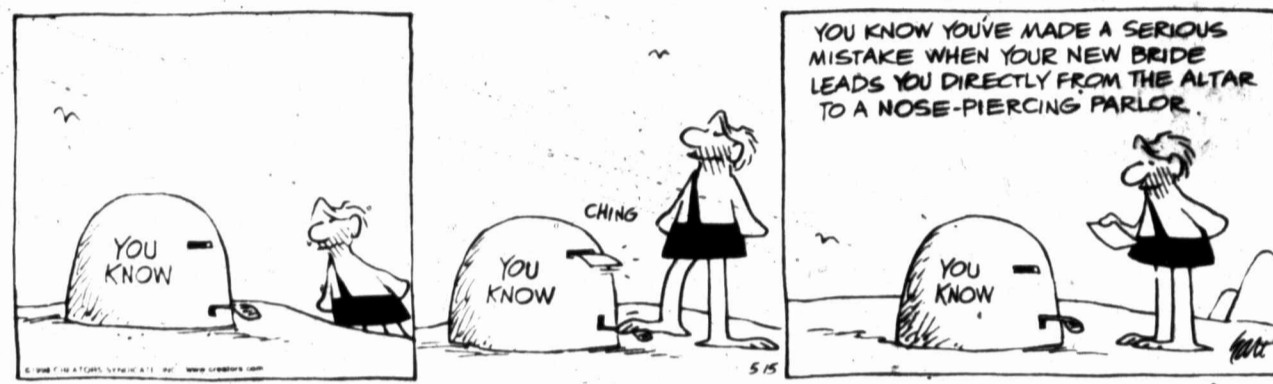
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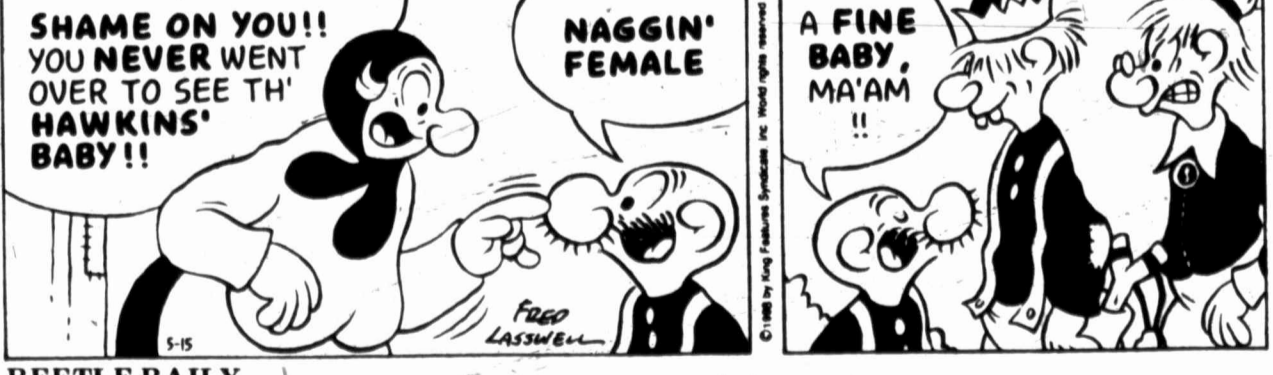
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and Lebanon. On this date: In 1602, Cape Cod was discovered by English navigator Bartholomew Gosnold. In 1886, poet Emily Dickinson died in Amherst, Mass. In 1911, the Supreme Court ordered the dissolution of Standard Oil Company, ruling it was in violation of the Sherman Antitrust Act. In 1918, U.S. airmail began service between Washington, Philadelphia and New York. In 1930, Ellen Church, the first airline stewardess, went on duty aboard a United Airlines flight between San Francisco and Cheyenne, Wyo.

THE Daily Crossword

Edited by Wayne Robert Williams

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- Nat.'s property
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- Follow after
- Really stink
- Tennis units
- Make another attempt
- States further

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- Shoot again
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- Type of table
- Follow orders
- Senate Majority Leader Trent
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- Wagon or Rerrick
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- Ger. warship
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- Recipe abbr.
- Of the ear
- Occupant
- Loaf about
- Finished
- Buckingham of Fleetwood Mac
- vera
- Concurred
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