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Tonight:



TONIGHT 40°-45°
TUESDAY 78°-82°

WHAT'S UP...

TODAY

□ Texas Tech Ex Students Association Big Spring Chapter, 6 p.m., Sparenberg Building, 309 S. Main.
□ Big Spring Evening Lions Club, 6:30 p.m., 1607 E. Third.
□ Gospel singing, 7 p.m., Kentwood Center, 2805 Lynn. Call 267-6764. Guest singers from Stanton, Midland and Colorado City.

TUESDAY

□ Intermediate line dance classes, 9 a.m., Senior Citizens Center. Call 267-1628. Beginners class will begin at 8:30 a.m. throughout the month of April.
□ Coahoma Senior Citizens luncheon, 11 a.m., Coahoma Community Center.
□ VFW Post No. 2013, VFW Hall, 7 p.m.
□ Big Spring Chapter No. 67, Order of the Eastern Star, 7:30 p.m., Masonic Lodge, 219 Main.

WEDNESDAY

□ Optimist Club, 7 a.m., Howard College Cactus Room
□ Big Spring Downtown Lions Club, noon, Howard College Cactus Room. Call Terry Hansen at 264-5175.
□ Line dancing, 1 p.m., Senior Citizens Center, Industrial Park.
□ Fraternal Order of Eagles Aerie, 7 p.m., Eagles Lodge, 704 W. Third.

THURSDAY

□ Gideons International Big Spring Camp No. 4206, 7 a.m., Hermans.
□ Big Spring Senior Citizens Center art classes, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. for 55 and older.
□ Kiwanis Club, noon, Howard College Cactus Room.
□ Christmas in April, noon, Lions Club Den, 1607 E. Third. Call Bob Noyes at 267-6095.
□ Friends of the Library, noon, Howard County Library. Call Loraine Redman at 264-2260.
□ American Legion Auxiliary, 7 p.m. Call 263-2084.
□ Masonic Lodge No. 598, 7:30 p.m., 219 Main.
□ Big Spring Newcomer's Club contact Pat Mireles for time and location at 267-8741.

FRIDAY

□ Signal Mountain Quilting Guild, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church. Call 267-1037 or 267-7281. Bring a lunch.
□ AMBUCS, noon, Brandin' Iron Restaurant.
□ Spring City Senior Citizens country/western dance, 7:30 to 10:30 p.m.

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Momentum growing for Saturday's citywide trash-off effort

By JOHN H. WALKER
Managing Editor

The list of persons participating in Saturday's "Don't Mess With Texas Trash-Off" is growing, according to project coordinator Pat Simmons.

More than a dozen groups — and numerous individuals — have signed up to participate in the project.

"We still need a lot of volunteers," Simmons said. "We have made great strides and progress in cleaning up our community

and need to continue."

Simmons said as of Thursday, more than 200 volunteers had signed up to take part in the clean-up effort. A year ago, a total of 409 volunteers collected 32,500 pounds of litter.

While the sign-up deadline has passed, Simmons said anyone wishing to participate may do so by calling her at 263-4607.

"We have a list of places that need cleaning," she said. "All we need to do is get some more volunteers. We'll provide the trash bags and Scenic Mountain Medical Center will feed them.

TRASH-OFF INFO

WHEN — Saturday
WHERE — Citywide
WHY — Clean up city
TO JOIN — Call Pat Simmons at 263-4607 for more information

Simmons said Scenic Mountain's commitment to feeding the volunteers was a pleasant surprise.

"Amber Rich (SMC's director of human resources and

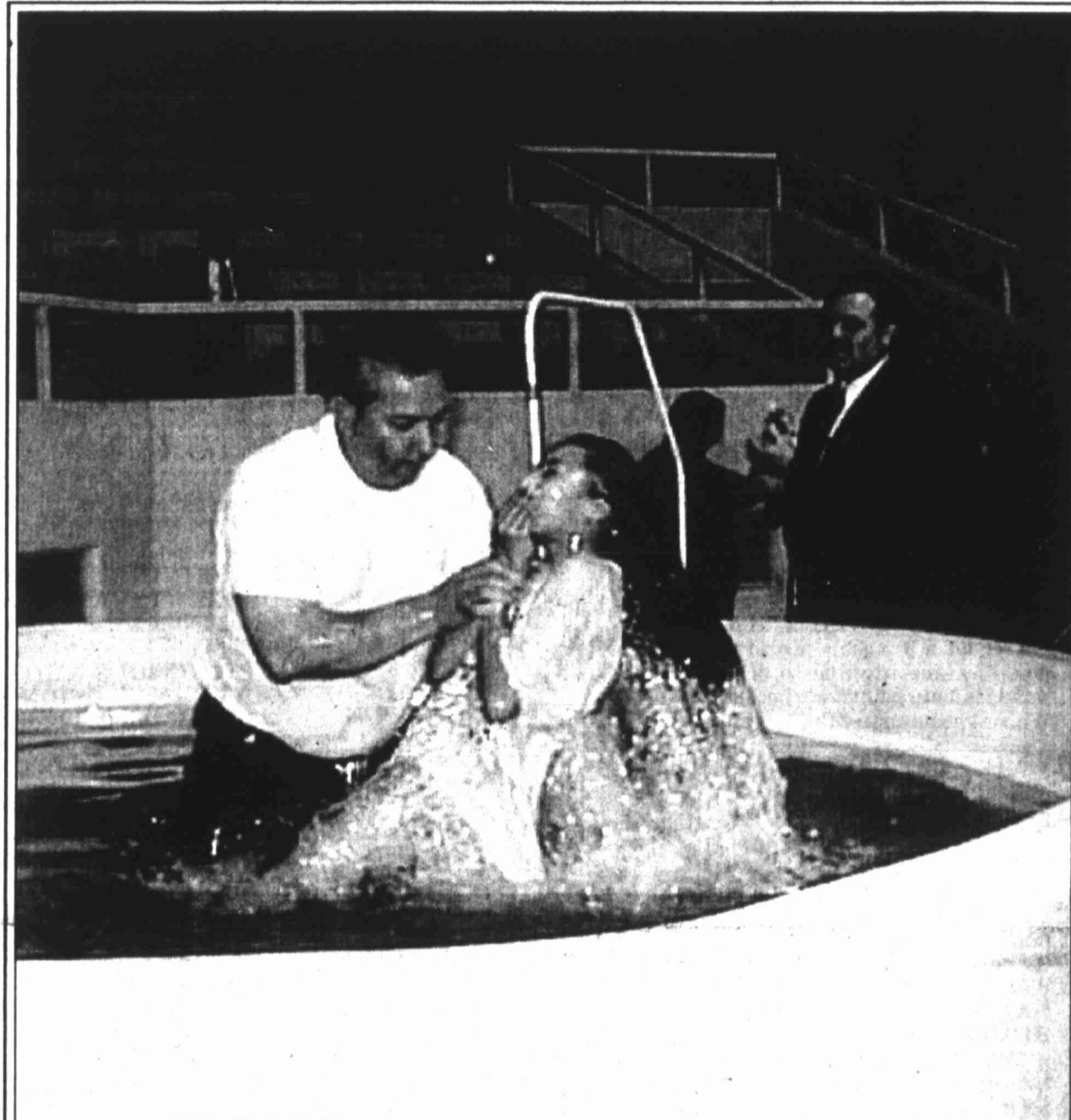
business development) called me and asked if we had a plan for feeding the volunteers. I told her no, that we weren't planning on doing that this year, but would next year. She said Loren Chandler (SMC's interim CEO) wanted to feed the volunteers," Simmons said.

"That's so encouraging," she added. "Can you imagine feeding several hundred volunteers at this late date?"

Groups volunteering to participate include:

□ Scenic Mountain Medical Center

- Fina Oil and Chemical
- Big Spring Firefighters
- City of Big Spring Utilities Dept.
- Comanche Flats
- HEB
- Phi Theta Kappa
- BSHS Key Club
- Rannels Junior High
- First Church of the Nazarene
- Boy Scouts (Sand Springs)
- Boy Scouts (Big Spring)
- Western Container
- American Legion Post No. 506
- Teen Court



More than 2,300 people Saturday attended the day convention of the Jehovah's Witnesses Spanish at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. Jose Martinez, an elder with the Big Spring Spanish East Congregation baptizes 11-year-old Bibiana Billalobos of Midland into the faith after she completed more than six months of Bible study.

HERALD photo/Marsha Sturdivant

Low-level flights

Hearings begin Tuesday on Air Force proposal for low-level, high speed training missions in area

By JOHN H. WALKER
Managing Editor

Things promise to heat up in West Texas this week when a series of public hearings on an Air Force proposal to conduct low-level, high-speed bomber training missions over much of West Texas are held.

The bombers — B-1s from Abilene's Dyess Air Force Base and B-52s from Barksdale AFB in Shreveport, La. — would be part of what the Air Force is calling the Realistic Bomber Training Initiative (RBTI).

Four areas are being studied, including the Lancer MOA, a 40-by-80 nautical mile space which is over an eight-county area that includes Borden, Dawson, Scurry, Kent, Fisher, Stonewall, Garza and Lynn counties. There is another site in the Big Bend area, and another in New Mexico. The fourth alternative is to take no action.

None of the Lancer MOA lies within Howard County, although the training route to get to it does touch the eastern edge, said Lt. Don Kerr, public affairs officer with the 7th Bomb Wing at Dyess Air Force Base in Abilene.

"In none of our proposals is Big Spring flown over. That's not a part of any of our proposals," he said. "Our reason to keep people informed in that area is there may be people who own land in, or live in the eastern edge of the county who might be in the route that leads into the military operating area."

Those training routes — called MTRs — are routes where low and medium altitude would be taking place.

"Crews have a low-latitude requirement. They have a requirement to fly as low as 500 feet," said Kerr. "Between 10 and 15 percent of the crews have a requirement to fly as low as 300 feet."

What is included in the Air Force proposal is an increase in the number of flights now flown over Howard County from 30 annually to more than 1200 a year.

Bombers currently conduct low-altitude training in South

PUBLIC HEARINGS

The schedule of public hearings on the Air Force proposal for low-level, high-speed training missions over much of West Texas:

- TUESDAY — Abilene High School, 5-9 p.m.
- WEDNESDAY — Snyder High School cafeteria, 5-9 p.m.
- THURSDAY — Reagan County High School auditorium, 5-9 p.m.
- FRIDAY — Pecos High School cafeteria, 5-9 p.m.
- SATURDAY — Alpine Recreation Center, 10 a.m.-noon and 1-5 p.m.

Dakota, Utah and Nevada — locations that are too far away from the B-1 and B-52 bases to be cost or time-efficient.

But HEPA, Inc. — Heritage Environmental Preservation Association — and a Big Bend-based group both oppose the Air Force proposal and plan to be at this week's public hearings despite the fact the Air Force said it would back off of the Lancer proposal.

"Just because the Air Force says they aren't going to fly over us doesn't mean a thing," said Borden County rancher Rich Anderson and HEPA vice president. "We've still got to be there fighting this and speaking out at those public hearings or they'll say there's no opposition and the next thing we know, the planes will be in the air."

After reviewing the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS), which is available at the Dora Roberts Howard County Library, HEPA consultant William Weida was critical of the Air Force.

Weida, a professor at The Colorado College and a former professor at the U.S. Air Force Academy, said. "The Air Force noise calculations are all based on a person being in an urban environment."

"The Air Force knows full well that they are intentionally underestimating the noise levels that people hear in country or rural areas."

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Ballapalooza raises more than \$1,500

By MARSHA STURDIVANT
Staff Writer

More than \$1,500 was raised Saturday at Ballapalooza at Roy Anderson Complex, and plans are in the making for another baseball tournament in May.

"The thing I liked about this was that there were different people who attended and participated in this event, people who are not involved in other things. That shows to me a need for this type of event in Big Spring," said Mel Prather, vice president for tourism for the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce.

Between 500 and 700 people attended the day long event, including the baseball teams, he said.

"Folks came and went all day. We had a lot of people at the

Easter Egg hunt. We raised money from the teams, as well as the games and the concession stand," Prather said.

A total amount of funds, which will all be used to improve Roy Anderson Complex, has not been tallied, he said.

Thus far, new paint, as well as refurbishing the restrooms and installing picnic tables donated by Western Container has been completed.

"The teams were pleased with the improvements. We did small maintenance things, like bringing dirt in and filling in the holes on the fields. We reset the bases, and installed doors in the ladies' facility.

"Little things, like light bulbs, have been done. We hope to have the canopies up and the seats painted before the next

tournament," he said.

"Teams with members from around the West Texas area participated in the event, and Prather said more teams will participate in May.

"At the next tournament we should have three times the number of teams, which will be three dozen teams. We expect this to grow," he said.

More improvements will be done at the complex, he said, in a combined effort between the chamber of commerce and the city of Big Spring.

"This is all an effort to get our parks improved. We are all trying to bring more people to Big Spring," Prather said.

Raffle drawings at the event made six people very happy, according to Jeanne McFarland.

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Imaging camera 'Cruise Night' deemed successful by sponsors

By MARSHA STURDIVANT
Staff Writer

"Cruise Night" for the Big Spring Rod and Custom car club Saturday at Sonic, a local effort to raise money for a thermal imaging camera for the Big Spring Fire Department, proved to be a huge success, according to organizers.

"We did great. We had more cars than you could shake a stick at," said David Clinkscales, president of the car club.

"We had 110 T-shirts, and we were sold out by 8:30. We had a big, big turn out," Clinkscales said.

The total amount of money raised to go toward the purchase of the camera, which uses heat-sensitive technology and

costs \$18,000, is still being tallied, he said.

"I don't have a final tally yet. Every bit of this money will be for the camera. I'll get with Sonic today, and we are still counting money from jugs we passed around for donations," Clinkscales said.

Sonic Drive-In donated 10 percent of its proceeds from Saturday toward the fundraising efforts. The t-shirts were sold for \$10 each, and orders were taken for more shirts once the 110 sold out, he said.

"We'll be having more printed up, and anyone who wants one may contact me or the Herald," Clinkscales said.

The t-shirts have a picture of Sonic and six or seven hot rod

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Head Start King and Queen Chelsea Torres, right and Justin Cervantes were crowned last Thursday for raising the most money for the preschool program.

The crowing ceremony took place at Lakeview Head Start Center.

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an advance team member with Up With People, a musical scheduled for Big Spring Friday.

Jamie Greer won the Easter basket, which had movie tickets and video passes, among other prizes.

Jarvis Ridge won a \$50 gift certificate, as did Marlon Hale.

Becky Hale won an Up With People VIP Package, which came with t-shirts, a compact disc of the music and two tickets to the show.

Cynthia Becerra won the bicycle. Her father, Corp. Javier Becerra with the Big Spring Police Department, said she was very excited about her prize.

"She said daddy, I hope we win, and I told her I hope we win, and then we won," Becerra said.

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cruisers on the front. The back is decorated with the names of the sponsors for the event, All Star Sports, the Big Spring Herald, KBST and KBTB, he said.

The Harley Owners Group is spearheading an effort to raise funds to purchase the camera for local firefighters.

The camera is a state-of-the-art device that allows victims to be located in dark and smoky buildings, as well as targets hot spots, or places where a smoldering fire lurks.

Clinkscales said custom rod owners from as far away as Odessa attended the cruise, which is a monthly event for the car club.

"We have these the first Saturday of every month," he said.

A band performed at the event, he said.

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The high-speed, low-altitude aspect of the training missions is what has several groups, including HEPA, opposing the Air Force. They contend the low B-1 and B-52 bomber flights would disrupt cattle and wildlife, and endanger the environment.

Police charge woman with posing as teen boy to lure girls

HOUSTON (AP) — Police charge a 34-year-old woman posed as a teen-age boy to lure young girls into sex.

A detective calls her the first major female pedophile in Texas. But she managed to elude police last month and is

now a fugitive, and might have fled to Mexico.

Martha Gomez's masquerade was so good that it even fooled the girls' parents, police said.

Houston police Detective Ron Horowitz said he showed one mother a picture of Ms. Gomez. "Yeah, that's Emilio." Then I broke the news to them, "That's not Emilio, that's Aunt Martha," Horowitz told the Houston Chronicle. "The girl's mother went berserk."

Ms. Gomez has been charged with three counts of sexual assault of a child involving a 13-year-old and two 16-year-old girls. One of the 16-year-olds was raped at gunpoint, police charged.

"She is the first major female pedophile in the state of Texas," Horowitz charged.

Police said Ms. Gomez, 4-foot-9 and 124 pounds, lured girls with phone dates, met them at their homes while their parents were at work and had sex with them.

child, 7:30 p.m. first Tuesday in February, April, June, August, October and December in the Family Life Center Building, First Baptist Church, 705 West Marcy. Enter by southeast door. Call 267-2769.

"Cancer support group, first Tuesday of each month, 7-8 p.m., VA Medical Center room 213. Call Sue Jones, 263-7361 ext. 7179 or 264-7518.

"Most Excellent Way," an addiction support group, 3610 Dixon, call 264-9900.

"Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon open meeting and 8 p.m. closed meeting.

"Family Education and Support, sponsored by Howard County Mental Health Center, meets the second Tuesday of each month at 5:30 p.m. at 319 Rannels. For more information call Shannon Nabors at 263-0027.

"The Big Spring Alliance for the Mentally Ill meets the fourth Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at 409 Rannels (formerly the TU building) For further information call Sondra at 267-7220

"Samaritan Counseling Center of West Texas will have Dr. Ronald Meyer, D.Min., LCDC, LMFT, specializing in individual and marriage counseling, Attention Deficit Disorder and chemical dependency, available for clients in Midland. Appointments for counseling services are made by calling 1-800-329-4144.

"Narcotics Anonymous, 6 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church. Call 268-4189 (pager no.)

IF YOU HAVE A SUPPORT GROUP LISTING, PLEASE SUBMIT IT IN WRITING.

BRIEFS

WOMENS AGLOW HAS CANCELED their Monday, April 5, meeting due to other services being held in the city. We will resume in May.

THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF Health, 501 Birdwell, Suite 28-B, will have a Saturday shot clinic on April 10 from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. and from 1 to 4 p.m. Please bring your child's shot record or a note from school. Call 263-9775 for more information.

ANNUAL AMERICAN HEART ASSOCIATION charity golf tournament, Big Spring Municipal Golf Course April 17. Sign up at the Municipal Golf course for four-person scramble, must have A,B,C,D player (open to all). \$200 per team (includes cart and green fee).

All proceeds of this event go to the Howard County Chapter of the American Heart Association to help in the fight against heart disease.

THE BIG SPRING EVENING Lions Club will have free-eyeglasses for all adults Saturday 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. The recycled eyeglasses are taken from donations from the community as a service project of the Lions.

The Lions group will offer the eyeglasses the third Saturday of March and April. For more information call Janis Dean at 267-3068.

ICYCLIST RICHARD CYPERT will participate in the Texas Lions Camp 50th Anniversary Wild Texas Bike Ride which starts in College Station May 23. The ride ends at the Lions International Convention in San Diego, Calif., June 28.

A BIG SPRING AROUND THE TOWN

Cypert will join other riders on Interstate 10 in Junction and ride to Sonora and Ozona over Memorial Day Holiday weekend, May 30-31. He is sponsored by the Big Spring Evening Lions Club with a donation to the Lions Camp for every mile he rides. Cypert and the Lions are challenging other Lions and families of children who have attended the camp for disabled children to make a donation to the program.

The camp, located in Kerrville, was chartered March 12, 1949 and serves handicapped and diabetic children. It will host 2,000 kids this summer at no cost to their families.

For more information about the camp, Cypert's ride or an application for the summer program, call Bob Noyes at 267-6095.

IT'S TIME TO RELAY For Life! Anyone interested in having a team, call Wanda at 263-7180 or 267-1314, Kathy at 267-6919 or 267-1314, or Gloria at 263-4835 or 263-7616.

THE SENIOR MOBILITY PROGRAM of Big Spring, makes available power wheelchairs, three wheel electric scooters to Senior Citizens (65 years and up) that need mobility assistance at usually no out of pocket cost for those who qualify.

The aids are provided to those who require them for use in their home and meet the additional guidelines of the program, including an evaluation by their physician. No deposit is required. This service may also be available to the permanently disabled of any age. The requested item is delivered to the senior's home and instruction in operation is given by the program case manager.

To schedule a "mobility needs" visit in your home or for more information to see if you qualify, call 1-888-441-1148.

MARKETS

May cotton 59.95 cents, up 10 points; May crude 16.88, up 24 points; cash hogs steady at 28. even; cash steers steady at 26. cents higher at 65.50 even; April lean hog futures 42.70, up 22 points; April live cattle futures 67.80, up 70 points.

courtesy: Delta Corporation.

Other markets were unavailable by press time.

POLICE

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following incidents between noon Saturday and 8 a.m. today:

"THEFT more than \$500 was reported in the 500 block of Northeast Ninth. Currency valued at \$500 was reported stolen.

"CLASS C ASSAULT was reported at Comanche Trail Park.

"CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported in the 1500 block of Scurry, 500 block of West 16th and 1200 block of Ridgeroad.

"MINOR ACCIDENT was reported in the 2400 block of Gregg, at FM 700 and Baylor, at First and Gregg, 110 East 16th and at Hwy 87 and I-20.

"ASSAULT was reported in the 800 block of Creighton, 2600 block of Dow, 1800 block of Laurie and 1100 block of Wood.

"CRIMINAL TRESPASS was reported in the 1600 block of Kentucky Way.

"DISTURBANCE/FIGHT was reported in the 500 block of Northwest Seventh and 1600 block of Martin Luther King Blvd.

"SUSAN OVERTON, 39, was arrested for local warrants.

"JOHN CHAPPELL, no age given, was arrested for public intoxication.

"HENRY CHAPPELL, no age given, was arrested for public intoxication.

"JIMMY WILLIS, no age given, was arrested for public intoxication.

"DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE was reported at 15th and Gregg.

"DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE was reported in the 2000 block of North Monticello, 500 block of Westover, 2000 block of Rannels and at 18th and Owens.

"PAULA BAKER, 39, was arrested for public intoxication.

"ATTEMPTED SUICIDE was reported in the 100 block of West Eighth.

"JUVENILE PROBLEM was reported in the 1500 block of Wood, 1800 block of Benton, at 11th and Settles and at the police station.

"ROBERT SANCHEZ, 34, was arrested for criminal trespass.

"JOHNNY ORTEGA, 44, was arrested for public intoxication.

"TONY GARCIA, 18, was arrested for local warrants.

"ANCIETO AGUINAGA, 19, was arrested for local warrants.

"SHOTS FIRED in the 1500 block of Wood.

"DRIVING WHILE LICENSE INVALID was reported in the 800 block of east Third.

"FICTITIOUS MOTOR VEHICLE INSPECTION was reported in the 800 block of West Third.

"DRIVING WHILE INTOXICATED was reported in the 1700 block of East Third.

"CHRISTOPHER VANOVER, 21, was arrested for federal warrants.

"EUGENIO ARELLANO, 66, was arrested for driving while license suspended.

"JASON EDWARD, 20, was arrested for assault.

"THEFT was reported at Hwy 350 and I-20.

"CRIMINAL TRESPASS WARNING was reported in the 3300 block of West Hwy 80.

"CHRISTINE LEIB, 29, was arrested for local warrants.

"TONY DELAGARZA, 34, was arrested for public intoxication.

"VAN JARVIS, 33, was arrested for driving while intoxicated.

"OSCAR CANALES, 41, was arrested for driving while license suspended.

"JUVENILE PROBLEM was reported at the police station.

"DRIVING WHILE INTOXICATED" was reported in the 1700 block of East Third.

SHERIFF

The Howard County Sheriff's Department reported the following incidents between 8 a.m. Friday and 8 a.m. today:

"JOAQUIN AGUIRRE DUENEZ, 27, was arrested for public intoxication.

"WILLIE J. BOWERS III, 31, was arrested for cruelty to animals.

"VIRGINIA LOUISA CANSINO, 29, was arrested for driving while intoxicated.

"BUCK B. CHAPPELL, 25, was arrested for theft more than \$50 less than \$500.

"JUSTIN MARSHALL, 25,

was arrested for motion to revoke probation of unauthorized use of a vehicle.

FIRE/EMS

Following is a summary of Big Spring Fire Department/EMS reports:

THURSDAY
9:01 a.m. — 900 block Goliad, medical call, patient transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

1:03 p.m. — SMMC, medical call, patient transported to Odessa Medical.

3:38 p.m. — SMMC, medical call, patient transported to Lubbock Methodist.

6:08 p.m. — 1700 block Lancaster, trauma call, service refused.

7:43 p.m. — 1000 block N. Main, trauma call, patient transported to SMMC.

FRIDAY
8:29 a.m. — 1300 block Tucson, medical call, patient transported to SMMC.

8:48 a.m. — 1600 block Main, medical call, service refused.

11:45 a.m. — 1800 block E. FM 700, public service, smoke scare.

4:39 p.m. — SMMC, medical call, patient transported to residence.

6:01 p.m. — 600 block McEwen, medical call, patient transported to SMMC.

SATURDAY
1:52 a.m. — SMMC, medical call, patient transported to the VA Medical Center.

9:35 a.m. — 900 block Goliad, medical call, patient transported to SMMC.

1:29 p.m. — 2000 block Rannels, trauma call, patient transported to SMMC.

5:50 p.m. — 1200 block Gregg, dumpster fire, extinguished.

5:56 p.m. — SMMC, medical call, patient transported to residence.

6:10 p.m. — 2300 block Wasson, trauma call, patient transported to SMMC.

6:56 p.m. — SMMC, medical call, patient transported to residence.

SUNDAY
8:51 a.m. — 1000 block Hearn, medical call, service refused.

9:43 a.m. — 500 block E. 12th, medical call, patient transported to SMMC.

10:20 a.m. — 500 block Parkway, medical call, patient transported to SMMC.

11:40 a.m. — 900 block N.W. Second, medical call, patient transported to SMMC.

2:06 p.m. — 600 block Bell, medical call, patient transported to SMMC.

2:14 p.m. — 100 block W. Eighth, trauma call, patient transported to SMMC.

2:28 p.m. — SMMC, medical call, patient transported to Lubbock Methodist.

6:04 p.m. — 11th Place Ext., medical call, patient transported to SMMC.

10:18 p.m. — 1000 block Birdwell, medical call, patient transported to SMMC.

RECORDS

Sunday's high 81
Sunday's low 48
Average high 75
Average low 44
Record high 94 in 1954
Record low 25 in 1970
Precip. Sunday 0.00
Month to date 0.15
Month's normal 0.11
Year to date 2.01
Normal for the year 2.20
**Statistics not available

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

MYERS & SMITH FUNERAL HOME & CHAPEL
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Barbara Grant, 58, died Friday. Graveside services were 11:00 AM today at Coahoma Cemetery.

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Official registration for new students at Bauer Magnet School, Grades 1-5, will be held on Wednesday, April 7, 1999 from 8:00 A.M. to 12:00 Noon in the principal's office.

BIG SPRING HERALD Monday, April 5, 1999
NATO BELGRADE, Y — NATO missile blasted Serbian Yugoslavia for a day while the airlift for about Albanian refu Kosovo. Serb targets rep today as the w over Yugoslavia; bridges, fuel d force structure and a TV relay. TV showed build Amid a new v airstrikes late early today Pristina and o cities, the Unit nated an escalati to halt Serb attac Albanian majori Washington ag attack helicopte and a missile lau to Albania to g ability to direct troops and tank southern provin that has been ur Yugoslav forces
FBI wr for mis CAMP WOOD, FBI agents c search of a ranch gation of the di a/hairst leader M O'Hair. Robert Grant, cial agent in cha San Antonio of comment Sunda the search was said: "It was r time." FBI agents de south Texas pas using dogs, a l helicopter with equipment. The office said the 100 miles west o are not targets o tion. The FBI has firm the subject gation, but Texa Public Safety of it was helping fe a search for e 1995 disappear
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NATO missiles and aircraft blast targets for 13th straight day

BELGRADE, Yugoslavia (AP) — NATO missiles and aircraft blasted Serbian targets inside Yugoslavia for a 13th straight day while the allies readied an airlift for about 100,000 ethnic Albanian refugees inside Kosovo.

Serb targets reportedly struck today as the weather cleared over Yugoslavia included roads, bridges, fuel depots, an air force structure, army barracks and a TV relay tower. Serbian TV showed buildings in flames.

Amid a new wave of NATO airstrikes late Sunday and early today in Belgrade, Pristina and other Yugoslav cities, the United States signaled an escalation of firepower to halt Serb attacks on Kosovo's Albanian majority.

Washington agreed to send 24 attack helicopters, 2,000 troops and a missile launching system to Albania to give NATO the ability to directly attack Serb troops and tanks in Kosovo, a southern province of Serbia that has been under siege from Yugoslav forces for 13 months.

NATO leaders meeting today must approve use of the weapons.

Deploying Apache helicopters and support troops in Albania would mark a substantial escalation of the NATO campaign to try to force Yugoslav President Slobodan Milosevic to agree to a U.S.-backed peace deal and an autonomy pact with the Kosovo Albanians.

The low-flying helicopters would operate in hostile territory, with accompanying troops deployed close to the conflict.

The refugee crisis, meanwhile, was swelling to epic proportions.

The U.N. refugee agency estimated that more than 350,000 ethnic Albanians have poured into neighboring states from Kosovo so far, bringing stories of terror and forced expulsions at the hands of Serbian troops and allied paramilitary forces.

The human tide has overwhelmed Albania, Macedonia and Montenegro. As of today, 226,000 refugees had arrived in

Albania, 120,000 in Macedonia and 35,000 in Montenegro, the U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees said.

NATO on Sunday announced plans by most of its member states to temporarily take in tens of thousands of refugees to ease the pressure on Yugoslavia's neighbors. Germany was to take the largest share — 40,000, and the United States agreed to take 20,000.

Airlifts were to begin today, but chaos was causing delays. In one small illustration of the massive challenge, the United Nations reported one crossing point into Macedonia, Jazince, having a single registration table to process an influx of thousands.

NATO agreed to use its nearly 12,000 troops now deployed in Macedonia to assist in the humanitarian effort. Those troops originally were to implement an elusive Kosovo peace agreement between ethnic Albanians and the Yugoslav government.

Prime Minister Tony Blair renewed his pledge that Britain would not send troops in to fight a ground war.

"There is no question of NATO ground forces being sent in unless it is to police an agreed political settlement," Blair wrote in today's edition of The Sun, Britain's largest selling daily tabloid.

In Belgrade, air raid sirens sounded Sunday night to signal the onset of airstrikes.

The independent Beta news agency reported a powerful explosion in the Belgrade area around midnight. More than 20 explosions during a half-hour span were heard around Pristina, where NATO planes later targeted an oil depot, it said.

Six missiles targeted the Slatina airport just west of Pristina, the official Tanjug news agency reported.

NATO planes hit two suburbs of the capital — Rakovica to the south and Surcin to the northwest — the Belgrade crisis center said.

A stone quarry was targeted in a populated area of Rakovica, while a missile struck near Belgrade's airport near Surcin, causing minor damage to the main terminal, Tanjug reported.

Three powerful explosions early today also rocked Zemun, a northwestern district of the capital. Studio B radio said one of the targets was an air force command building.

Near the town of Kragujevac, 40 miles south of Belgrade, a huge fire was blazing after a fuel depot was hit, Tanjug said.

One missile hit a bridge on the Ibar River, and a TV relay tower was also targeted, state media said. Both ends of a railway tunnel in the Ibar River valley were also targeted, effectively cutting the line.

Four explosions were heard today in the greater Nis area, 125 miles south of Belgrade, Beta reported, three of which hit the command building of the Yugoslav Third Army. Another of the targets was later identified as a military bar-

racks in the center of the city, Politika TV reported.

Earlier, state-run media said NATO planes targeted an army barracks in the town of Raska, about 100 miles south of Belgrade. Beta reported 11 men were injured, two seriously, when the barracks were hit.

Tanjug also reported that anti-aircraft fire was heard Sunday in Novi Sad, the nation's second-largest city, followed by an explosion.

In Podgorica, Montenegro, sources in the pro-Western government said a large column of Serbian military vehicles including tanks, trucks and other armored vehicles was seen Sunday moving south of Belgrade on a highway that would take it to either Montenegro or Kosovo.

The report on the armored column moving southward comes amid fears Milosevic may be planning a military coup in Montenegro to oust his pro-Western foe, President Milo Djukanovic.

FBI wraps up search for missing atheist at ranch

CAMP WOOD, Texas (AP) — FBI agents completed their search of a ranch in the investigation of the disappearance of atheist leader Madalyn Murray O'Hair.

Robert Grant, assistant special agent in charge of the FBI's San Antonio office, wouldn't comment Sunday on whether the search was successful but said, "It was not a waste of time."

FBI agents descended on the south Texas pasture on Friday, using dogs, a backhoe and a helicopter with night vision equipment. The U.S. attorney's office said the ranchers about 100 miles west of San Antonio are not targets of the investigation.

The FBI has refused to confirm the subject of the investigation, but Texas Department of Public Safety officials have said it was helping federal agents in a search for evidence in the 1995 disappearance of Mrs.

O'Hair, her son, Jon Garth Murray, her granddaughter, Robin Murray O'Hair, and \$500,000 in gold coins.

Mrs. O'Hair founded American Atheists Inc. Last month, David R. Waters, the former office manager for Mrs. O'Hair, and Gary P. Karr were arrested on weapons charges. Waters has denied involvement in the O'Hairs' disappearance and neither man has been charged in the disappearance case.

FBI agent Bill O'Leary reportedly testified during Karr's March 26 detention hearing that Karr admitted being an accessory to four homicides in Texas and helping get rid of the victims and their property.

Karr's lawyer, Richard Helfrick, said his client cooperated with FBI questioning about homicides in Texas. Helfrick wouldn't say if Karr admitted a role in any slayings.

Survivor: 'I don't want to ever see a storm again'

BENTON, La. (AP) — Carrying an armful of hats from the wreckage of her house trailer, Hattie Turner glanced nervously over her shoulder at dark clouds forming on the horizon.

"I don't want to ever see a storm again," she said Sunday, a day after her home was destroyed by a deadly tornado that ripped through northwest Louisiana. "I don't want to hear the wind or see it rain. It's too scary now."

Turner was one of hundreds of people who lost their homes Saturday as the tornado passed through, ripping up trees and tossing trailers in this northwestern Louisiana community.

Six people died, and at least nine others remained hospitalized Sunday in critical or guarded condition, hospital officials said.

In addition, "we have at least another 100 of what I call walking wounded. People that were hurt but didn't need to be hospitalized," said Bossier Parish Sheriff Larry Deen.

The tornado, believed to be about a half-mile wide, curved through farm and rural land, hitting two mobile home parks as well as the upscale subdivision of Palmetto Park.

Marilyn Duckwater said the tornado — packing winds of 207 to 260 mph — roared in with an unbelievable force, reducing her three-bedroom brick house to a pile of soggy rubble.

Residents scrambled to pick up what they could before darkness fell because utility companies still hadn't hooked up the water, gas and electricity that was cut off a day earlier.

"You pick up what you can, see what's left and go on," Ken

Anderson said after surveying the damage to his subdivision.

Lisa Moore's family members stacked a few pieces of furniture that once adorned her trailer house. Her mother had already salvaged more precious goods, clutching two mud-spattered snapshots and a rosary that had belonged to her 25-year-old daughter.

Moore, who was five months pregnant, died when the trailer flipped upside down. The twister ripped away the walls, scattering the contents across roads and into shrubs and tree branches.

"They were going to find out if she was going to have a girl or boy on Monday," said Linda Turner, Moore's step-grandmother. "Now we're just looking for little pieces here and there so we can have something left to hold onto."

Christina Harrison, 14, died not far from Moore's house. Neighbors said she was sitting on a couch when the storm demolished her.

The others killed were identified as Betty Dyal, 60, of Benton; Kenneth Hewitt, 53, of Bossier City; John L. Taylor, 65, of Waldo, Ark.; and Michael Andrews, 41, of Shreveport.


About 6 p.m. another tornado uprooted trees in rural Taylortown, about 20 miles southeast of Benton, emergency officials said. There were no reports of injuries or damage.

To make matters worse, torrential rain storms hit the area Sunday night, flooding streets and submerging cars in Shreveport and Bossier City.

Officials closed I-20 at Dixie Inn, about 20 miles west of Shreveport, because the highway was under water.

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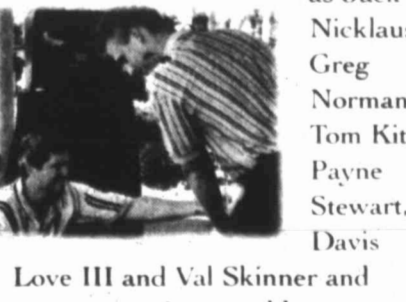
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EDITORIAL

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OUR VIEWS

Ballapalooza was a real lollapalooza

While the several hundred persons who braved Saturday's winds to attend the Ballapalooza 1999 fundraiser for the Roy Anderson Complex were fewer than organizers had hoped for, the event has to be considered an unqualified success.

In this age when volunteerism seems to be preached in every corner, Big Spring residents have once again shown their willingness to step up and be counted — making an effort at actively bettering our community, rather than sniping at governmental entities for perceived inaction.

As was the case with those who stepped up and refused to be intimidated by naysayers when it was suggested that private citizens could get the ball rolling on renovation of the Settles Hotel, a collection of local businesses, community leaders and members of the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce's sports committee saw a need for improvements to the complex and responded.

Ballapalooza gave those who attended Saturday's celebration a chance to see changes that group's efforts have made at the complex, as well as a glimpse of what is in store for the future.

In addition, their participation in the event — whether as players in the softball and ragball tournaments, or as those who attended to take part in the festivities — helped raise funds for that continuing effort.

All those involved in the event, it's organizers, participants and attendees, deserve accolades — not only from this corner, but from the entire community.

They have all made a difference, and from what was observed on one windy Saturday, will continue to do so.

YOUR VIEWS

TO THE EDITOR:

What a wonderful job the people did when they put their prayers together and prayed for rain, and evidently, God heard.

I do not know the population of Howard County, but it seems, as dry as the farms and pastures have been, there should have been a mob of people everywhere that day, even me.

Chronicles 7:14 quotes, "If the people that are called of my name will pray and turn from their ways, and pray, then will I hear their prayers and will send them Rain."

I am wondering how many folks came to church last Sunday and gave God a love offering and thank Him for the rain? How many gave an offering

when we had an abundance of cotton just recently?

I am sure that the churches were filled to capacity Sunday (Easter) and at Christmas.

When will we ever learn that there is a God and He will not be mocked...it may be too late for we have transgressed his name, but maybe if we look to God and turn from our wicked ways, maybe he will remember us as He did the children and forgive their sins. When they were in their promised land and were evil, He shut the rain and dealt with them. They cried to Do and He gave them his blessings.

We need you in church. The doors are open.

JAMES W. ABERNATHY
BIG SPRING

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Viaticals have become one big, unsavory business

Only in America could a speculative market be borne from tragedy. Only in America could the "investment of the millennium" be a new market in which high-flyers are cashing in on premature death.



JACK ANDERSON

This new, hot commodity is called viaticals, derived from a Latin word meaning "provisions for a long journey." It is the secondary market for life-insurance policies, and it works like this: A person who is dying sells his or her life-insurance policy for a fraction of its value to an investor, sometimes through a broker.

Investors select which policies to invest on based on the projected life span of the policy holder, literally gambling on a doctor's diagnosis. Through a viatical broker, the investor pays off the insured and makes all subsequent premium payments to the insurance company in return for collecting the entire death benefit upon the seller's demise.

If a gamble pays off and the viator dies quickly, returns can

be great -- in the 40 to 60 percent range. If the viator defies the mortality prognosis and lives, the investor loses the big return on their investment, and perhaps even additional funds, if they must continue to pay premiums on the policy much longer than expected. The industry's trade organization says that the average return on investment is about 12 percent.

Viaticals were created in the late 80's, during the height of the AIDS epidemic. Cash-strapped AIDS patients, who make up 95 percent of viators, began selling their life-insurance policies for the means to treat themselves and live comfortably in their last days. Before the advent of new, promising therapies, death usually came speedily enough for buyers to make a bundle once their investment "matured."

In about a decade, viaticals have grown into a billion-dollar industry, but with little regulation, and no guarantees. Everyone -- investors, viators and insurance companies -- is vulnerable to fraud and financial losses in this burgeoning marketplace.

Also unanswered are some unsavory ethical questions, such as what happens when a viator defies medical prognosis and lives long past his or her expected life-span. Investors stand to lose plenty in such situations -- a fact not exactly mentioned in the seductive

advertisements distributed by viatical brokers.

Joseph Belth, editor of "the Insurance Forum" newsletter that tracks the industry, has a problem with the very premise of viaticals. Though the Supreme Court deemed it legal to sell life-insurance policies, which amount to a form of personal property, Belth believes viaticals provide financial incentive for homicide.

"From an investment standpoint, obviously the investor wants the death benefits and also wants to stop making premiums," Belth told us. "There is no rule against subsequent transfers of a policy -- they can be resold over and over and could eventually land in the hands of someone with the wherewithal to bump off the insured."

While we could find no cases of viatical homicide, one frustrated Florida man recently sued a viator for not dying on time. In other cases, viators have been harassed by investors who kept calling to find out if the individual in question had passed on.

Investors are not supposed to know the name of the viators, but oftentimes the broker will slip the name to investors, just one of many sleazy tactics brokers use in securing viatical deals.

Brokers serve as the middle man between the dying person and the investor, and are the only party involved whose pay-

ment -- derived from processing fees -- is assured. While some brokers get into the viatical business out of altruistic concerns for the penniless and dying, most brokers are market-driven, little more than vultures that employ sleazy tactics to cut a deal.

They troll AIDS clinics and hospitals, looking for insured terminal patients; many brokers provide commissions to clergy, nurses, AIDS advocacy groups and those who have been through the viatical process for referring potential viators.

And with the advent of protease inhibitors and other medical advances that lengthen the life span of AIDS patients, brokers are expanding their reach.

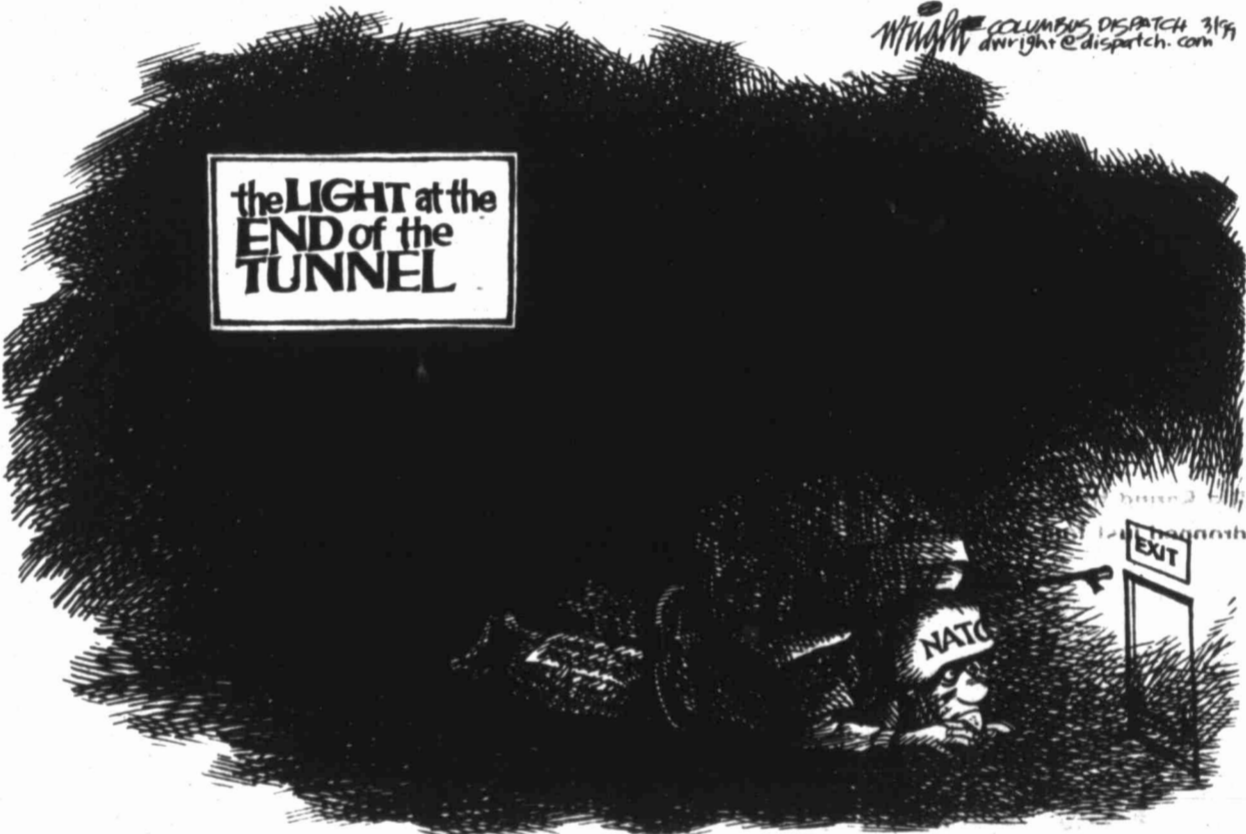
Belth told our associate, Kathryn Wallace about a letter written to a 79-year-old woman from Pennsylvania by a viatical broker she did not know. The broker explained that she could make a quick \$40,000 for taking out a \$1 million life insurance policy and then quickly reselling it to him. He would only take a modest \$10,000 in the transaction.

The practice this broker suggests is called "wet ink" viaticals, or insurance policies taken out solely to be resold before the ink is dry.

Wet ink policies are oftentimes fraudulent and very risky ventures for investors, who are mostly unaware of the policy's history.

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The future of music in a 13-year-old youngster

Bryan Elliott, 13, finished a T-bone the size of an oil slick. He fiddled with the foil from his potato for a minute, then looked up and asked me in a shy voice: "Do you think it would be OK if I had another steak and potato?"



RETHA GRIMSLEY JOHNSON

You're the guest of honor, I said with false authority. Eat all you want. Back through the banquet line went the slim pianist with his growing boy's appetite. He had just enough time to eat a second large steak before it was time for the entertainment at the hospital service awards dinner. And Bryan was the entertainment.

Small for his age, freckles sprinkled on a perfect nose, Bryan sat down behind the keyboard and played a couple of stilted bars of "Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star and

Chopsticks. The plan was to trick the room full of workers into thinking they were about to suffer through a beginner's music recital.

Then, with a slight toss of his handsome head, Bryan began playing the way he usually does, the way few can. He played a gospel song called "Wait Till You See Me in My Brand New Home," then "Last Date." His hands waltzed up and down that keyboard with merry improvisational music until a woman in the audience jumped to her feet and began applauding. The song wasn't done, but she couldn't help herself.

Bryan has been playing piano for years, but he never had a lesson until four months ago. He is mostly self-taught, same as Johann Sebastian Bach -- and Jerry Lee. Bryan's mother, Jackie Elliott, told me she's been afraid formal lessons might spoil his unique style.

Bryan's father, Ronnie Elliott, and Jackie are divorced now, but the two of them once were members of a gospel group called The Ward Family. Bryan grew up with music. His grandfather would give 4-year-

old Bryan a dollar if he'd tiddle up to the stage and perform a one-fingered tune.

By the time he was 9, Bryan was playing for church groups with his father, rendering flawless imitations of any song he happened to hear on the radio.

Bryan recently moved from an Atlanta suburb to the rural community of Salem, Ala.

"I'm a city boy," he says, "but I'm learning to like the country."

Last year he won first place in a community talent show, and last month he performed on stage at the historic Langdale (Ala.) Theater, the warm-up act for an orchestra. He got a standing ovation.

"I'm saving my money for a good keyboard," Bryan said as hospital officials pressed some crisp bills into his hands. "But I play for free, too."

I have seldom been so impressed with a person, young or old. It wasn't just Bryan's talent, which is extraordinary, that won me, but the graceful way he accepts and shares it.

One of my favorite books is "The Lives of the Great Composers," which I found one

winter's day in the attic of a Memphis, Tenn., friend's rental home. In it, author Harold C. Schonberg chronicled the miserable lives of the world's major musical geniuses.

Mozart was weak, hysterical and debt-ridden.

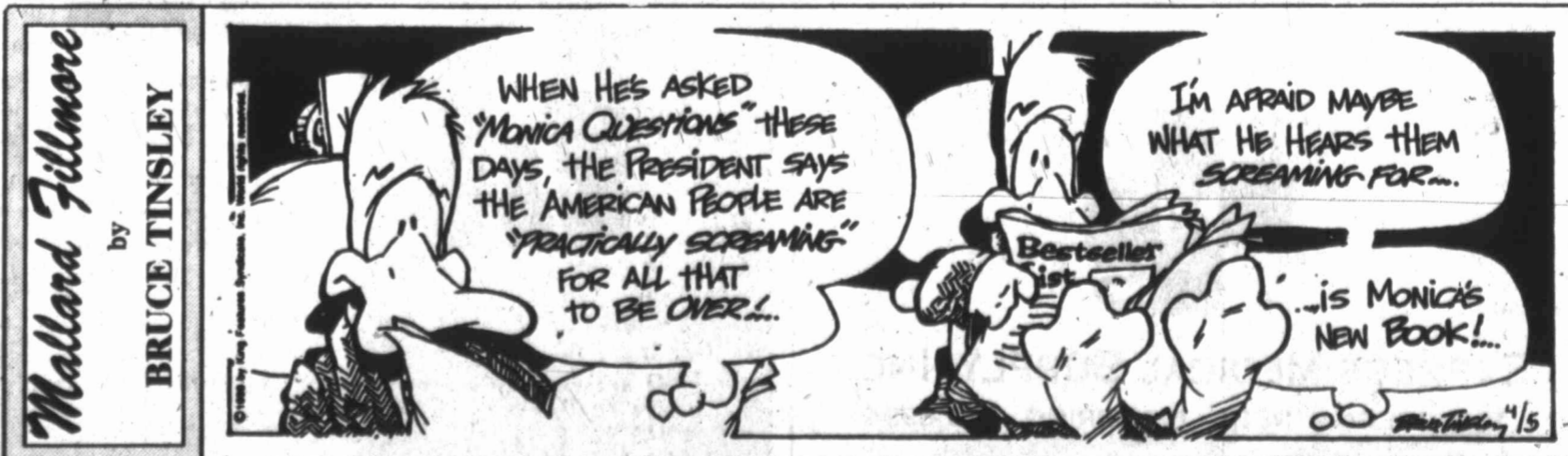
Beethoven, Schonberg wrote, "was sullen and suspicious, touchy as a misanthropic cobra, believed that everybody was out to cheat him, had none of the social graces, was forgetful, was prone to insensate rages, engaged in some unethical dealings with his publishers."

Tchaikovsky tried to kill himself by jumping in a river to catch pneumonia.

And so on, down the familiar genius list. There were exceptions, musicians with happy lives, but the usual signature of pure genius was a body drained of other desirable qualities.

So far, young Bryan is a happy, modest, funny boy with a dog named Otis, two sisters and unlimited prospects.

Here's hoping that music lessons, attention and time don't change him.



Mallard Fillmore by BRUCE TINSLEY

IN B

Tarleton, Tech take HC Rodeo

Tarleton State's men's team and Texas Tech Raiders were champions Saturday's final Howard College.

Howard's host placed two cowboys in the short roping and in the team roping and categories of wrestling competition. Matt Burrow finished fifth in the short roping and in the team roping competition.

Howard's Hawks will travel to the Western Rodeo this week.

Asteroid blast in inline hockey

In the very Youth Inline Hockey game for fifth graders, the Asteroids led 6-3 win over the platoon of the Tony Emerson and Andrew Brown.

Emerson started for the Asteroid blank shot off Chris Frank Stephens added that gave the Asteroids a 4-0 lead going into the second period.

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Yankees take in Little League

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IN BRIEF

Tarleton, Tech teams take HC Rodeo titles

Tarleton State's Texans took the men's team championship and Texas Tech's Lady Raiders were the women's champions following Saturday's final round of the Howard College Rodeo.

Howard's host Hawks squad placed two cowboys among the leaders as Walker Wallace finished fifth in the short round and in the average of team roping and fifth in both categories of the steer-wrestling competition.

Matt Burrow finished eighth in the short round and average in the bareback bronc riding competition.

Howard's Hawks and Lady Hawks will travel to Snyder for the Western Texas College Rodeo this weekend.

Asteroids blast Comets in inline hockey action

In the very first YMCA Youth Inline Hockey League game for fifth through eighth-graders, the Asteroids took a 6-3 win over the Comets behind the play of forward Tony Emerson and goaltender Andrew Brown.

Emerson started the scoring for the Asteroids with a point blank shot off an assist by Chris Franklin. Vance Stephens added a second goal that gave the Asteroids a 2-0 lead going into the second period.

Brown shut out the Comets for the first two periods and took a 4-0 lead into the final frame.

The Comets refused to buckle and got on the scoreboard early in the third period with a rebound goal by Ryan Ashlock. Tyler Thiry added a quick wrister to make it a 4-2 Asteroids lead.

Brandon Gross added a goal that ended the Comets hopes and both teams swapped goals in the final minutes.

Yankees take victory in Little League action

Mark Lozano pounded two triples and a double, scoring four runs in leading the Yankees to a 10-6 win in National Little League majors action Friday.

The Yankees also got offensive production from Steven Chavez, Kale Van Ness and Angelo Garcia.

Lozano was also the Yankees winning pitcher.

The Rangers got strong offensive play from Matt McKowsky, Adam Johnson and Josh Nobel.

Yearlings thinclads fourth at Sweetwater's meet

Runnels Junior High's Yearlings managed 78 points to finish fourth in the team standings at the Rattlesnake Relays in Sweetwater.

Brandon Johnson led the way for the Yearlings, winning the triple jump and finishing fifth in the 100 meters.

He also teamed with Curtis Woodruff, Jerod Boyd and Ronnie Johnson to finish second in the 400-meter relay.

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9:30 p.m. — New York Yankees at Oakland Athletics, ESPN, Ch. 30.
NBA BASKETBALL
7 p.m. — Indiana Pacers at Detroit Pistons, TBS, Ch. 11.
7 p.m. — Dallas Mavericks at Minnesota Timberwolves, FXS, Ch. 29.

Rockies open major league season with 8-2 win over Padres

MONTERREY, Mexico (AP) — There were good times galore for the fans, Mexican hero Vinny Castilla, Dante Bichette and the rest of the Colorado Rockies as America's pastime opened in Mexico for the first time.

It wasn't quite as festive for the defending NL champion Padres. They were the "home" team, even though they were 1,000 miles from San Diego, but weren't even the crowd favorite.

Five brothers with their hair colored purple saluted Castilla. Peppy music blasted from the speakers. Two women wearing giant straw sombreros danced in the aisles. And the Rockies won 8-2 Sunday night in baseball's first season opener away from the United States and Canada.

"I feel really excited I played in front of fans in my own country," said Castilla, who went 4-for-5 and scored a

run.

The fans felt the same way, with several running onto the field at game's end. A handful went up to Castilla for autographs. He obliged.

"I tried my last two at bats to hit a home run," said Castilla, whose 170 homers make him the prodigious Mexican power hitter. "It didn't happen, but I'm happy for the win. It was a good night for me."

Bichette also went 4-for-5 with a homer and four RBIs, helping Jim Leyland win his debut as Rockies manager.

Bichette said his great night "was all because Vinny's hitting behind me. It's Vinny's day."

"Whatever hesitations there were about playing down here, were all wiped away," Bichette added.

If and when baseball expands again, "The best place for that is here in

Monterrey," Castilla said.

Darryl Kile, who led the majors with 17 losses in his first season with Colorado, limited San Diego to two runs and five hits in 6 1-3 innings. He also had two of Colorado's 18 hits.

"With all the people out there to see Vinny, it was hard to get focus," Kile said.

San Diego's highlight was Tony Gwynn's RBI single in the first inning, leaving him 71 hits short of 3,000.

While excited to be involved in the season's first game, Gwynn said the team's opener should have been in San Diego. Playing this game as the International Opener was baseball's idea, inspired in part by the Padres moving a series to Monterrey in 1996 and one to Honolulu in '97.

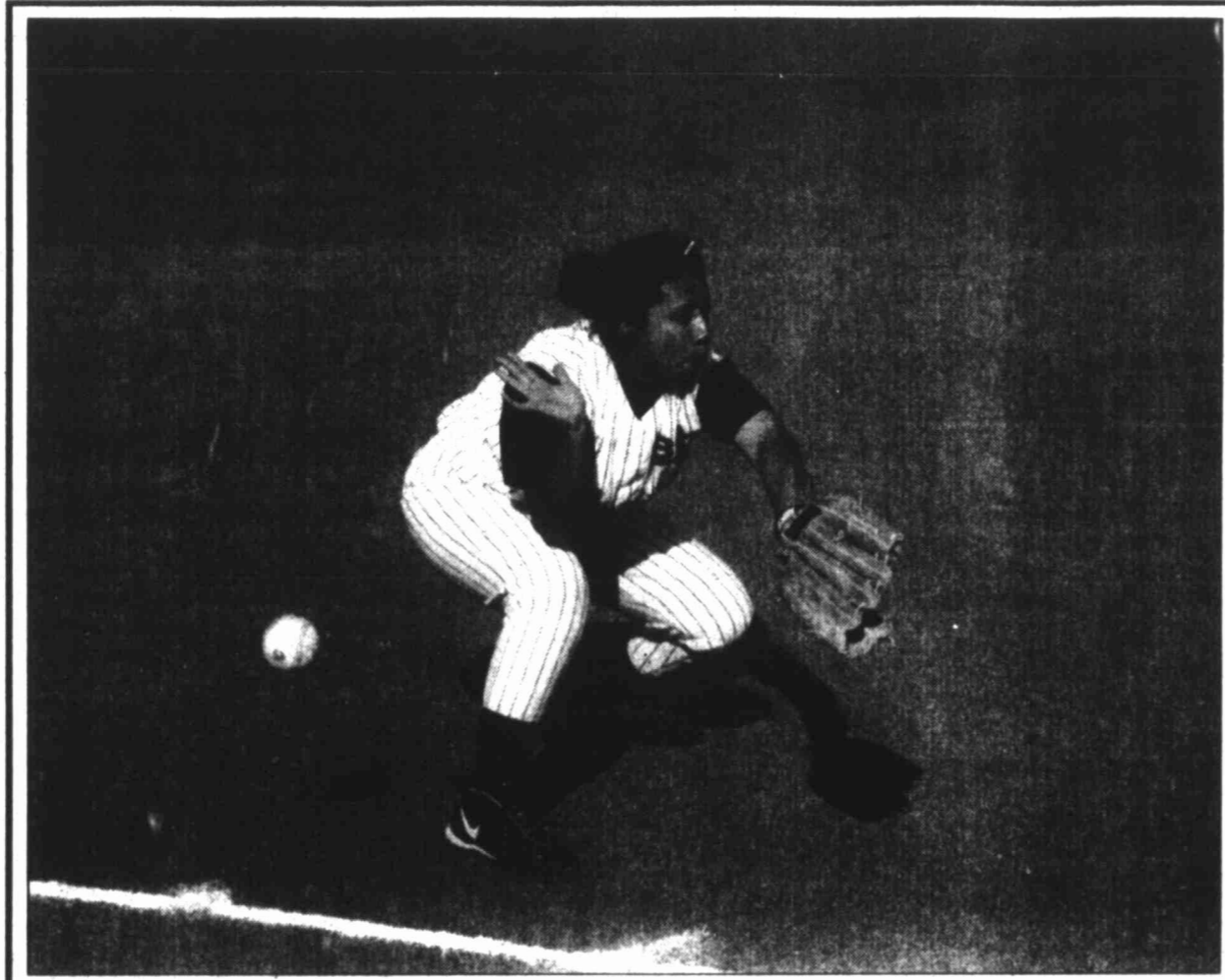
"With the year we had last year and then having to come down here, travel-

ing 2,000 miles (round trip) to have the opener, I don't get it," Gwynn said. "I understand baseball going global. I understand planting the flag in new places, but our flag's already planted here."

So the Padres will raise the pennant and receive their NL championship rings Tuesday afternoon in San Diego before the second game of this series.

They do so with one loss, because ace Andy Ashby was chased after allowing six runs on eight hits in one-plus innings, matching his shortest start ever. It was reminiscent of the pounding he took in Game 2 of the World Series at Yankee Stadium, when he allowed seven runs on 10 hits in 2 2-3 innings.

"You want to go out and start on the right foot," said Ashby. "It's depressing, and kind of embarrassing. You wait six weeks for this, then stink it up."



Big Spring third baseman Leticia Hernandez can't react quickly enough to snare a line drive that dropped just foul during the Lady Steers' 14-13 loss to San Angelo Lake View's Maidens on March 23. The Lady Steers will play host to Fort Stockton's Prowlers at 4 p.m. Tuesday in a crucial District 5-4A game at the Big Spring ISD Softball Complex.

Backs to wall, Lady Steers now to host Fort Stockton

By JOHN A. MOSELEY
Sports Editor

As far as Dan Arista is concerned, his Lady Steers have their backs to the wall as they prepare to play host to Fort Stockton's Prowlers at 4 p.m. Tuesday in a crucial District 5-4A softball game.

"It's kind of an all or nothing situation," Arista said after watching the Lady Steers romp to an 8-1 win over Sweetwater's Lady Mustangs last week, evening their district slate to 3-3.

"We're in a position where we have to play like there's no tomorrow," he added. "We can't afford any more games like we had down there (in Fort Stockton) or with Lake View here. That's a couple of games we had no business letting get away. We had both of them won, but made too many errors... literally gave them away."

The Lady Steers improved to 20-9 overall dur-

ing Thursday's 8-1 win over Sweetwater as senior Jessica Canales went the distance, striking out four batters, walking two and allowing just three Lady Mustangs hits.

"Jessica really did a great job... kept them off balance... and we played pretty good defense behind her," Arista noted. "We've got to play like that on Tuesday and again Friday when we go down there to San Angelo and play Lake View at its place."

Although the Lady Steers managed just six hits in their win over Sweetwater, they made the most of them.

Canales helped her own cause a great deal when she went 2-for-4 at the plate and drove in a pair of runs. Teri Denton added a 2-for-4 showing as well, driving in a run and senior first baseman Juanita Valdez accounted for the rest of Big Spring's production with a 3-run homer.

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Wetteland's surgically repaired right arm was doing fine when he severely strained his right ankle. He took off more time than he wanted to, but it seems to have worked as he's been dominant in his last few appearances.

McLemore had been saying he feels his best since 1996, the last season he didn't go on the disabled list. But that was until slightly straining his left hamstring Friday.

The Rangers' tough schedule to start the season makes it imperative that everyone is ready to go.

After opening with three games against the Tigers, Texas hosts its top division rival Anaheim for four games. A week later, the Rangers start a 15-game stretch that includes 11 games against the New York Yankees, Cleveland and Boston — the other three AL playoff teams last year.

Rick Helling, who went from a career-high of five wins to 20 last season, will show right away whether 1998 was a fluke. His first six starts are likely to include Detroit, Anaheim, Cleveland and either Oakland

or Seattle — plus the Yankees twice.

Helling won his first six starts last year and closed the season by going 5-0 in his last seven starts. His 4.41 ERA was the fifth-highest ever for a 20-game winner, but it showed he knew how to take advantage of the whopping 6.61 runs per game Texas scored for him.

"I don't think that I've done the best that I can — that's what motivates me," Helling said. "In no way did last year make me lazy. I've worked just as hard as if I'd been 7-20."

Courier stars in U.S. Davis Cup win over British

BIRMINGHAM, England (AP) — The Davis Cup comes back to its roots in July when the Americans play in Boston against the Australians.

Jim Courier chose a noisy arena in England on Sunday to show why it's worth going to watch.

The former world No. 1 outlasted big-serving Greg Rusedski in five action-packed sets to clinch a 3-2 victory for the United States over Britain. He earned that July 16-18 quarterfinal tie against another old

adversary at the Longwood Cricket Club, where it all began against the British in 1900.

This best-of-5 series was tied 2-2, with a sellout crowd of 9,300 in Birmingham willing Britain on, hopeful of a first victory over the Americans since the days of Fred Perry in 1935.

Tim Henman had beaten Todd Martin 4-6, 7-5, 6-3, 7-6 (7-4) and the fans were thirsting for another American defeat.

Courier made sure it was not to be.

He called on his renowned

reserves of concentration and will to ensure that Rusedski, having taken the fourth set 6-1, didn't break through again. And after triumphing 6-4, 6-7 (7-3), 6-3, 1-6, 8-6, he called the rest of the team onto the court.

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Same song, fourth verse: Duval wins again, taking Bell South

DULUTH, Ga. (AP) — One of these days, David Duval is going to get tired of giving victory speeches on the 18th green, holding trophies over his head and trying to find words to explain a streak not seen since Johnny Miller was in his prime.

Just as long as it isn't next week at Augusta National.

If he wasn't already a big favorite going into the Masters, Duval only shortened his odds for next week in the BellSouth Classic by winning for the fourth time this year.

Playing the final four holes in 2 under while the rest of the contenders crumbled around him, Duval closed with a

bogey-free 67 to finish at 18-under 270 for a two-stroke victory over Stewart Cink.

How hot is Duval? On just the fourth day of April, the \$450,000 he earned Sunday was enough to break the PGA Tour single-season money record he set last year in 23 events. Duval has earned \$2,598,300 in just eight starts.

And there's no reason to think his best golf is not ahead of him.

"I think it's helpful to win the week before you go somewhere," Duval said. "It makes you realize that what you're doing, you're doing right. And I know I can do it."

No doubt about that.

Duval won back-to-back starts for the

second time this year — no one else has won more than once — and already has proven he can win three in a row. He closed the 1997 season by winning the Michelob Championship, Disney Classic and the Tour Championship.

Cink, whose chances to win in his hometown ended with bogeys on two of the last three holes, ran out of patience when asked for the third time about how well Duval is playing.

"Well, let's see," he said. "Four times this year before the Masters is my answer. I don't think we need to talk about that anymore."

The last player to win four times before the Masters was Miller in 1974.

"I would never envision winning four golf tournaments before the Masters starts," Duval said. "I don't think any player would out here anymore."

A week after winning The Players Championship in his back yard, Sunday's victory in the BellSouth was also special because the Atlanta area is like a second home to Duval, who was a four-time All-American at Georgia Tech.

This was also the tournament where Duval made his PGA Tour debut as a 20-year-old junior at Tech.

The 1992 BellSouth was the year Duval showed off his tremendous talent by taking a two-stroke lead into the final round.

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MONDAY

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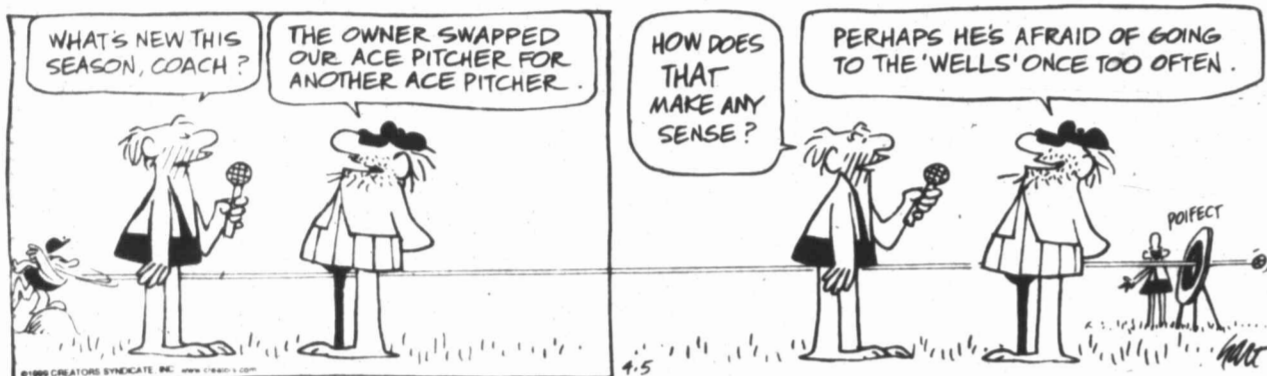
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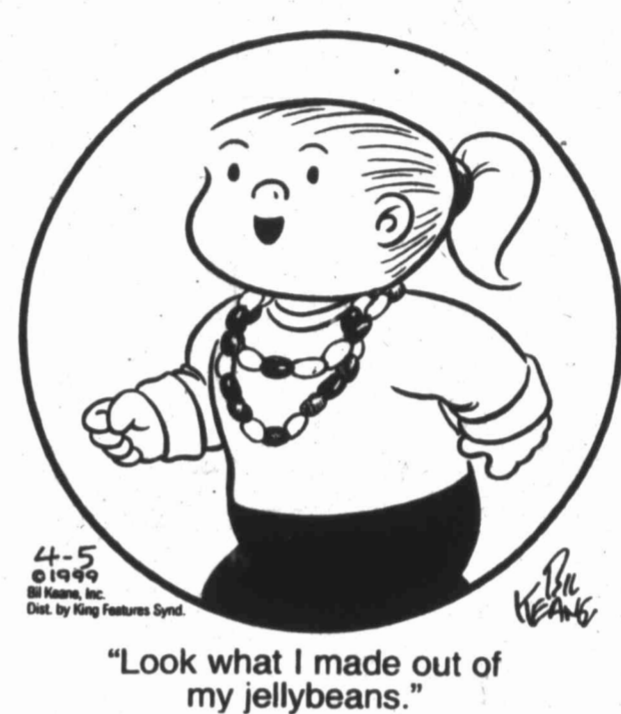
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On this date: In 1614, American Indian princess Pocahontas married English colonist John Rolfe in Virginia. In 1621, the Mayflower sailed from Plymouth, Mass., on a return trip to England. In 1649, Elihu Yale, the English philanthropist for whom Yale University is named, was born.

THE Daily Crossword Edited by Wayne Robert Williams

Crossword puzzle grid with clues: ACROSS 1 Sled team, 5 Air out, 9 Queried, 14 More than enough, 15 Copycat, 16 Element, 17 Inactive, 18 Pleasant, 19 Movie house, 20 Buddies, 22 Comic Bruce, 23 Eats one's heart out, 24 Weapons talks, briefly, 26 State on Lake Erie, 29 Rules of conduct, 33 Chilly coating, 37 Stoic philosopher, 39 Opera song, 40 Petty of 'A League of Their Own', 41 Word with oil or pool, 42 Con's quarters, 43 Ogled, 44 Lulu, 45 Ray, 46 Put forward, 48 Mob meleé, 50 Signal sound, 52 Learned person, 57 Italian port, 60 Muttonchops, e.g., 63 Perfect, 64 Islands off Galway, 65 Costa, 66 Entanglement, 67 Bowling alley, 68 Char slightly, 69 Late, 70 Anthropologist, Margaret, 71 Sea eagles, 47 In truth, 49 Made the first bid, 51 Holy hymn, 53 OR or ER, 54 Less humid, 55 Of early Peruvians, 56 Former Russian rulers, 57 Essence, 58 'So Big' author, 59 Approach, 61 Wrath of the Romans, 62 Carvey or Ivey.

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