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## Stenholm to assist with ribbon ceremony at VA Medical Center

U.S. Rep. Charlie Stenholm (D-Stanford) will assist with a ribbon-cutting ceremony Thursday at the Veterans Administration Medical Center heralding the opening of the new Outpatient Clinic.



**STENHOLM**

Cary D. Brown, medical center director, has set the grand opening for 2 p.m. in the first floor renovation that completes a two-year construction project.

The public is invited, and tours of the new facility will be conducted through the new area that increased floor space about 9,000 square feet.

The \$2.5 million project began in May 1997, and specialty clinics will also be located in the newly constructed area.

After construction began on the first floor, Brown decided to renovate the second floor to house the surgical suite with state-of-the-art equipment. This reconstruction expanded the second floor area by 6,000 square feet. This area will be activated in the next few months.

## WHAT'S UP...

### TODAY

□ 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.

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## 'Roads' cast members ready to pitch in with community service

By **MARSHA STURDIVANT**  
Staff Writer

When Up With People comes to town, the 120 performers who hail from parts all around the globe do more than just sing and dance. "This is an exciting week, and I am thrilled about the Up With People cast visiting Big



**McFARLAND**

Spring," said Jeannie McFarland, a coordinator with the program.

On Community Service Day Thursday, Up With People cast members will be seen all over Big Spring, cleaning, hauling trash, painting and working with children and senior citizens.

Filo Lopodoto, another coordinator with Up With People, said community service is an integral part of the education the performers receive in their year of travel as a tour group. Thursday, the cast members



will travel in different directions around town, as the performers prepare to meet and work with Big Spring residents. One group will spend the day at West Side Day Care Center,

interacting with toddler and preschool children and observing the workings of a day care center, she said.

Another group will visit the SouthWest Collegiate Institute for the Deaf, a rare treat for the tour members, as SWCID is one of only three deaf colleges in the world.

The cast members will receive sign language instruction in the morning and learn about deaf culture from SWCID students in the afternoon.

Still another group will visit the Veterans Administration

Medical Center, and perform for a group of veterans. They will also attend the ribbon cutting ceremony for the outpatient clinic at 1 p.m.

"This is a Boom Box Group. They will do a 15-minute presentation of songs, accompanied by music from a backup tape on a portable stereo," Lopodoto said.

Another Boom Box Group will visit Mountain View Lodge, to perform for residents there as well, she said.

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## YMCA day care facility remodeling complete

### Third phase of renovations is under way

By **MARSHA STURDIVANT**  
Staff Writer

Change may be the middle name of the Big Spring YMCA, because as quickly as one project is complete, another is begun.

Currently, the third phase of an \$835,000 renovation project is under way, with the remodeling of the lobby area that will include new offices and computer and telephone systems.

And this remodel comes on the heels of the new child care facilities, which were dedicated and opened recently.

"We had a luncheon to announce the official opening of the child care center and to recognize the major contributors who have enabled the YMCA to reach 53 percent of its capital improvement goal of \$960,000," said Pete Thiry, executive director.

Honored were Marie Hall, a local philanthropist and benefactor, the M.S. Doss Foundation from Seminole and the Dora Roberts Foundation.

"In recognizing these major contributors, the YMCA announced the development of the Wall of Recognition, and the kickoff of the local campaign," Thiry said.

"Our goal is to raise \$50,000 from past contributors and new



**Lauren Hill, left, and Laremi King enjoy snack time in the recently remodeled YMCA Day Care facilities. Double glass doors were installed to enhance security, and the area doubled in size.**

contributors locally to further the renovation of this facility. Those who contribute \$200 or more will be recognized on the Wall of Recognition," he said.

The campaign should be completed by May's end, he said.

The \$195,000 fitness center was completed in February, and a new fitness instructor as well as additional aerobic class-

es were added when the Aerobic Connection moved to the YMCA.

The former pool area was revamped to include drop ceilings, carpet and rubberized flooring, and block glass windows that replaced the single frame windows.

New fitness equipment was installed, with television sta-

tions, stair climbers, PreCor cross trainers, recumbent bicycles, cardio equipment and tread mills.

An air handling system was also installed, he said.

The new child care center, at a cost of \$110,000, increased the space of the area nearly twice,

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## Law to battle HOGs in Special Olympics benefit

By **DEBBIE L. JENSEN**  
Features Editor

Several hundred people are expected to hit the court for Saturday's volleyball tournament to benefit Special Olympics.

"Law vs. HOGs," is so-named because the title game will be between Big Spring Police officers and members of the Harley Owners Group. They will face off at noon, while more than 20



**BECERRA**

other teams will compete throughout the day.

"It's going great," said Javier Becerra, Big Spring Police Department corporal and Special Olympics coach. For its first year, Becerra said the tournament looks ready to run itself.

"People are going to come out there ready to play," he said, citing more than 20 teams that have confirmed. There is still room for more, however, and teams of at least six members can sign up by calling Becerra at 267-4560.

For the event, the east parking lot at Wal-Mart will be divided into four courts and

filled with sand in preparation for the double-elimination competition.

The game is "jungle volleyball," meaning there are almost no rules as long as the ball doesn't touch the ground before going over the net. First, second and third place winners will earn trophies donated by All-Star Sports, and the winning group in the title match will take home a trophy as well.

Refreshments, including hot dogs and soft drinks, will be available all day. Spectators are welcome to watch the games, and local band, "Wild Texans" will perform at 6 p.m. In addition, T-shirts similar to the

poster advertising the tournament will be sold for \$12 each.

About 30 Special Olympics will be on hand to open the event at 9 a.m., before heading to a track and field event. The volleyball tournament joins the Law Enforcement Torch Run in May, also a benefit for Special Olympics, a program of sports for mentally retarded citizens.

Becerra said coaching in the program has been a rewarding experience.

"They are the best," he said. "I have really enjoyed getting to know my athletes as people. Their excitement and joy at

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## Spring City Arts & Crafts show is Saturday, Sunday

HERALD Staff Report

Big Spring's 10th annual Spring City Arts and Crafts Show will be Saturday and Sunday at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. More than 160 exhibitors from all over the Southwest are expected to fill both coliseum floors with original art and handcrafted items.

Hours are Saturday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. and Sunday from noon-5 p.m. Admission is free.

Mel Prather, organizer for the event, said it will feature several new exhibitors.

"First-time exhibitors will offer items such as handpainted clothing, wreaths, jackets, handmade bags and accessories and denim shirts," Prather said, "also ribbon candles, functional stoneware pottery, animal caricatures, angel and western jewelry, magnets, and original

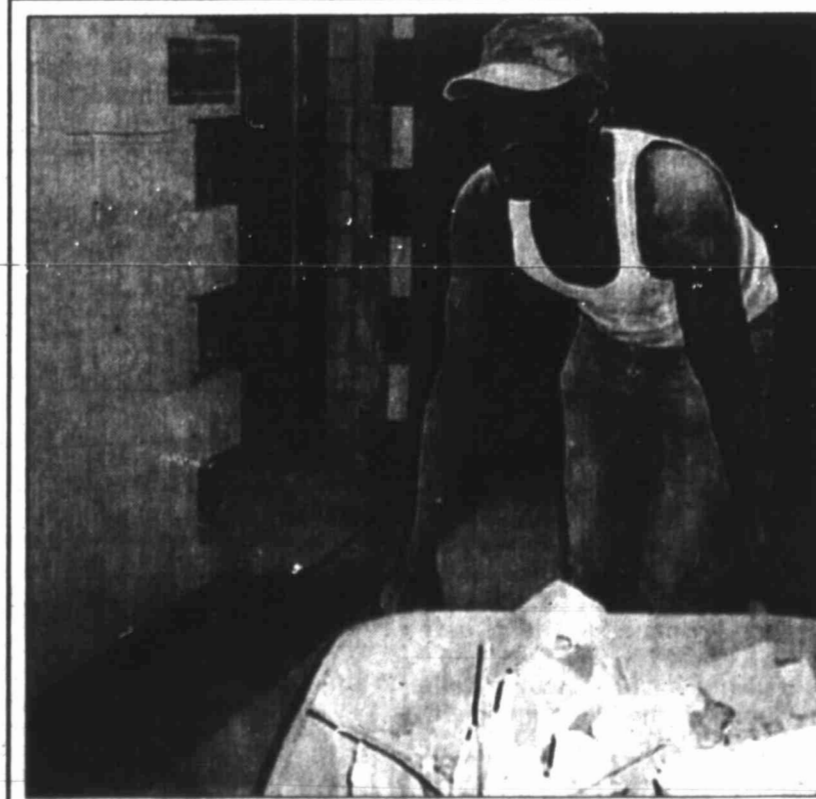
clothing."

Some of the other items expected to be part of the show for the first time are mesquite wood bowls, pine needle baskets, handpainted clocks, clothes hampers, bird feeders, etched glass, nail art and some unique food items.

Other newcomers will include those who make decorative trash cans, metal art, original paintings, handpainted jewelry, gift cans and wind chimes.

Returning exhibitors will offer jewelry, candy, soup and dip mixes, seasonal decorations, rustic birdhouses, country wood crafts and floral wreaths, along with scroll saw art, scented oils, emu oil products, hair accessories and mail box covers.

Others include scented oils, religious carvings, quilts, clothing, fountains and floral swags.



**Thomas Lewis of Faulkner Masonry remodels the lobby area at the Big Spring YMCA by demolishing cinder block walls and carrying the mortar and debris out in a wheel barrel.**

## Vote

### Eradication ballots due on Thursday

By **JOHN H. WALKER**  
Managing Editor

Cotton producers and property owners in the six-county Permian Basin Boll Weevil Eradication Zone have one more day to return ballots to the Texas Department of Agriculture.

At issue is whether or not to approve a boll weevil eradication



**DUNCAN**

plan and accompanying assessment in the area, which includes all of Howard, Martin, Dawson and Ector counties and portions of Midland and Borden counties.

The assessment was set at \$6 per acre for dryland cotton and \$12 for irrigated. Landowners and producers working on shares would pay a proportional amount of the assessment.

A total of 3,385 ballots were mailed to landowners and cotton growers who certified production in the zone in 1997. Ballots postmarked by Thursday will be counted in the election.

In addition, whether or not an additional \$50 million in state funding is available to help fund the fight against the cotton pest could hinge on the outcome of the Permian Basin Zone vote.

"We are pursuing the inclusion of \$50 million for the next budget cycle to fund a cost share program in new eradication zones," State Sen. Robert Duncan (R-Lubbock) wrote to producers and landowners. "The outcome of the Permian Basin Zone vote could have a major impact on the success of our pursuit. If the new acres are not ready for a program, it will be tough to make the case for this significant appropriation."

The reason the Permian Basin Zone is so important to the funding proposal is that the approximately 750,000 acres would push the state total of approved acreage past a 2 million acre threshold set out in the proposal.

Duncan was largely responsible for \$25 million in emergency legislation previously approved and signed into law by Gov. George W. Bush. Those monies will go to help defray the cost of the program, which has been successful in working toward the elimination of the boll weevil.

Both Woody Anderson, a member of the Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation board and Eddy Herm, chairman of the Permian Basin Zone's grower's advisory committee, cautioned that the opportunity to obtain state funding may be limited.

"I don't think we'll ever be as well-positioned to receive state funds for the program as we are today," Anderson said. "I feel the \$75 million (\$25 million approved and \$50 million being sought) will help us leverage some federal funds that I know

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OBITUARIES

R. Pershing Morton

Graveside service for R. Pershing Morton, 80, Big Spring, will be 2 p.m. Thursday, April 8, 1999, at Trinity Memorial Park with Jody Boudreaux, a non-denominational minister, officiating.

Mr. Morton died Tuesday, April 6, in a local nursing home. He was born on June 6, 1918, in Howard County. He married Ella Ruth Thomas on Dec. 16, 1939, in Stanton. She preceded him in death on Jan. 18, 1996. He was a lifelong resident of Howard County and attended Centerpoint School. Mr. Morton worked as the manager of Kimble Food Store for 23 years before retiring in 1980. He was a member of East Fourth Street Baptist Church.

Survivors include: a daughter, Kathleen "Kaki" Morton of Big Spring; two sons, Jeff Morton of Big Spring, and David Morton of Denton; two brothers, Harold Morton of Tucumcari, N.M., and Arlye Morton of Searchlight, Nev.; six grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials to Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center; 306 W. Third; Big Spring.

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

Oleta Reynolds

Service for Oleta Reynolds, 84, Stanton, will be 2 p.m. today at the First Baptist Church in Stanton with Rev. David Harp officiating. Burial will follow at Evergreen Cemetery.

Mrs. Reynolds died Monday, April 5, 1999, in a Midland hospital.

She was born on Sept. 24, 1914, in Salem. She married Ernest Lee Reynolds on Dec. 22, 1934, in Stanton. He preceded her in death on April 13, 1991. She had been a resident of Stanton for over 60 years. Mrs. Reynolds was a member of the First Baptist Church, Home Demonstration Club and was a homemaker.

Survivors include: a son, Royce D. Reynolds of Stanton; two sisters, Anna Lee Ledbetter of Buchanan Dam, and Loreta Posey of Graham; nine grand-

children; and 12 great-grandchildren.

Arrangements under the direction of Gilbreath Funeral Home, Stanton.

R.C. Stewart

Graveside service for R.C. Stewart, 88, Stanton, will be 10 a.m. Friday, April 9, 1999, in Trinity Memorial Park with Rev. David Harp, of Stanton, and Rev. Ralph Caffey, of Big Spring, officiating.

Mr. Stewart died Monday, April 5, in Stanton. He was born on May 15, 1910, in Texas. He married Hazel Smith Buchanan on March 2, 1946, in Georgia. She preceded him in death on March 15, 1978. He was a farmer and moved to Martin County in 1940. Mr. Stewart was a member of Tarzan Baptist Church.

Survivors include: a stepdaughter, Mary Holloway of Stanton; three grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

Arrangements under the direction of Gilbreath Funeral Home, Stanton.

Mary Bell

Service for Mary (Mrs. W.C. "Buster") Bell, 81, Elysian Fields, formerly of Big Spring, will be 2 p.m. Friday, April 9, 1999, at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with Rev. Jim Hilton, pastor of Bethel United Methodist Church of Elysian Fields, officiating.

Burial will follow at Mt. Olive Memorial Park. Mrs. Bell died Tuesday, April 6, in Longview following a lengthy illness.

She was born on June 24, 1917, in Electra. She married W.C. (Buster) Bell on July 20, 1938, in Munday. He preceded her in death on Aug. 16, 1971. She attended nursing school at St. Joseph's Nursing School in Houston, graduating in 1937.

Mrs. Bell moved to Big Spring to work for doctors Cowper and Bivings. Survivors include: one son, Wilson C. Bell of Richardson; one daughter, Marianne Mullins of Elysian Fields; two sisters, Olga Rixford and Willie Mae Wade; three grandsons; one granddaughter; and several nieces, nephews and other relatives.

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

Jose Ontiveros

Rosary for Jose Ontiveros, 68, Big Spring, will be 7 p.m. tonight at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Funeral service will be 9:30 a.m. Thursday, April 8, 1999, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church with Rev. Christopher Coleman, pastor of Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church, officiating. Burial will follow at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

Mr. Ontiveros died Monday, April 5, in a local nursing home. He was born on Sept. 21, 1930, in Big Spring, and was a lifelong resident. He was a farm laborer and a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church.

Survivors include: a daughter, Albrora Ontiveros Collins of Austin; two brothers, Guadalupe Ontiveros and Jose P. Ontiveros, both of Big Spring; and four grandchildren.

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

Horace Lee Luce

Service for Horace Lee Luce, 87, Ackerly, is pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home. He died Wednesday, April 7, 1999, in a Lamesa nursing home.

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Congressmen (Charles) Stenholm (D-Stamford), (Larry) Combest (R-Lubbock) and (Henry) Bonilla (R-San Antonio) are working on."

Active boll weevil eradication programs are under way in the Southern Rolling Plains (Concho Valley, Rolling Plains Central (Scurry, Mitchell and part of Borden counties) and South Texas Winter Garden. Programs have been approved this year in the Western High

Plains (Andrews and Gaines counties), Northwest Plains (Bailey, Castro, Deaf Smith, Lamb and Parmer counties) and El Paso/Trans Pecos zones. In addition, farmers in the St. Lawrence Zone have had an active weevil suppression program for about 15 years.

Herm said persons with questions about the program could call members of the grower's advisory committee. Herm's number is 353-4575.

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by removing walls and including the former conference room. Brightly colored carpeting, along with tables for meals and toy play centers were created, to add to the program.

Cindy Kincaid, program director and child care director, said the new facilities have proven useful for the children.

"We just love it," she said. Now construction is ongoing to remodel the lobby area, Thiry said.

A public address system will be one new addition to the facility, and the concession area is moving, as are the business offices and reception desk.

Following the lobby remodel, the next project is set to be the locker room areas, at a cost of \$295,000. Then the court and aquatic areas will be remodeled, at a cost of \$35,000.

Outdoors, the YMCA will be painted and a sprinkler system will be installed. New parking areas are expected to be developed along Owens Street, he said.

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Other groups will be assigned to Becky Crane, parks director for the city of Big Spring. These performers will visit Comanche Trail Park, to work on cleanup and painting of a sign designed by the group, she said.

And still another group will be in downtown Big Spring, cleaning areas of debris and trash, she said.

A special thank you reception for all Up With People organizers and contributors has been scheduled for 4:30-6 p.m. at the Dora Roberts Community Center, sponsored by the chamber of commerce.

Up With People is an international group of young performers who audition for an opportunity to spend a year with as a member of group, touring the world.

Each cast member is between 18 and 26, and this year 700 students from 45 states and 30 international countries are performing in five casts.

The youth pay tuition for their training and experience, and travel all around the globe once they have completed six weeks of training in Colorado.

The musical "Roads" will be performed by a cast Friday at 7:30 p.m. in the Municipal Auditorium. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$8 for senior citizens, children older than 2 and students. Children under 2 are admitted free.

Tickets may be purchased at Blum's Jewelers in the Big Spring Mall, at the chamber of commerce, the Howard College Student Union Building Dean of Student's office, and at both Premiere Video locations.

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competing is contagious."

He said he hopes the tournament become an annual event that will raise awareness of

A BIG SPRING AROUND THE TOWN

Special Olympics

"It's a great program; we just need more awareness and this is a way to do that," Becerra said.

Whatever money is raised from team fees and T-shirt sales will be matched by Wal-Mart, Becerra added.

Teams confirmed to compete include three from South West Collegiate Institute for the Deaf, ALSA Car Club, Marcy Elementary School teachers, Whataburger, H-E-B, two teams from Wal-Mart, Coahoma High School, Big Spring High School seniors and student council.

Forsan High School, Howard College cheerleaders, Cornell Corrections, Rocky's, Dr. Hayes' office, four Army Reserve teams, Family Medical Center, Slick Electric, and various groups of local citizens. Many have team names such as "Looney Tunes" and "His and Hers."

"Grief Support related to the death of a loved one. Call Nurses Unlimited, Inc., at 264-6523.

Alzheimer's Association Support Group, last Thursday of the month, Comanche Trail Nursing Center, 3200 Parkway, 7 p.m. Call 267-9459.

Narcotic Anonymous, 8 p.m. St. Mary's Episcopal Church. Call 268-4189 (pager no.)

Al-Anon support group, 8 p.m., 615 Settles.

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

BRIEFS

THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF Health, 501 Birdwell, Suite 28-B, will have a shot clinic Saturday 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.

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED FOR the "Don't Mess With Texas" Trash Off, scheduled for Saturday in the community.

Groups, individuals and organizations are asked to give a few hours of their time to help with this city-wide cleanup effort. Call 263-4607 to volunteer.

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.

CYCLIST RICHARD CYPERT will participate in the Texas Trips 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.

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 to make a donation.

For more information call Bob Noyes at 267-6095.

SUPPORT GROUPS

WEDNESDAY

Gamblers Anonymous, 7 p.m., St. Stephen's Catholic Church, room 1, 4601 Neeley, Midland. Call 263-8920.

Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon open meeting and 8 p.m. 12 and 12 study.

Narcotic Anonymous, 8 p.m. St. Mary's Episcopal Church. Call 268-4189 (pager no.) Step study.

Diabetes Support Group, 7 p.m., Scenic Mountain Medical Center first floor classroom, last Wednesday of every month. For more information call 268-4581.

TEXAS LOTTERY

PICK 3: 0,4,8  
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Lottery numbers are unofficial until confirmed by the state lottery commission.

THURSDAY

Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon open meeting.

A.D.D.A.P.T. non-profit support and learning organization about attention deficit disorder, learning disorders and dyslexia. Meets second Thursday of September, October, November, January, February, March, April and May, Cerebral Palsy building, 802 Ventura, Midland.

Alzheimer's support group, noon, Scenic Mountain Medical Center, third Thursday of the month. Call Janice Wagner at 263-1211.

Grief Support related to the death of a loved one. Call Nurses Unlimited, Inc., at 264-6523.

Alzheimer's Association Support Group, last Thursday of the month, Comanche Trail Nursing Center, 3200 Parkway, 7 p.m. Call 267-9459.

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MARKETS

May cotton 60.60 cents, down 21 points; May crude 16.41, down 40 points; cash hogs steady at \$1 higher at 30 even; cash steers steady at 66 even; April lean hog futures 42.75, down 85 points; April live cattle futures 67.47, down 40 points.

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## Wolens introduces substitute deregulation bill

AUSTIN (AP) — Texas consumers would be able to choose a new electric provider by 2002 under legislation unveiled Tuesday that gives utilities more flexibility in collecting old debts.

The bill by Rep. Steve Wolens, D-Dallas, is a revision of a Senate bill that passed overwhelmingly last month. The House State Affairs Committee, which Wolens chairs, will tackle the bill next week.

"Unless a restructuring bill passes this year, many investors won't put their money at risk in the Texas electric

market, and those jobs and projects will go somewhere else," Wolens said.

Electric deregulation would mean that most Texans would be able to shop around for a new utility company like they do for long-distance service. Supporters of competition say it would bring consumers lower prices and better service.

"Restructuring the electric industry to allow greater competition and customer choice will push our electric rates and bills lower and increase the quality of the services and features available to electric cus-

tomers," Wolens said.

Wolens' bill gives utilities several options for collecting stranded costs — or old debts typically associated with power plants.

This issue has been key to the deregulation debate.

The bill eliminates the option of using a bond process — securitization — to recover the debts. Consumer advocates had protested this process, saying it could allow the utilities to collect more money than they deserved.

"No state has allowed a utility to securitize a majority of their

stranded costs," said Janeé Briesemeister, senior policy analyst for Consumers Union.

Chris Schein, spokesman for Dallas-based TU Electric, said he objected to provisions in the bill that would force utilities to freeze their rates.

"We are for fair competition and this bill isn't fair to consumers," Schein said.

Wolens said his bill would also provide additional incentives for utilities to reduce pollution from power plants and require most to use an increasing amount of renewable energy.

## Authorities say racist prison gang plans to gather in Jasper

DALLAS (AP) — Authorities say a racist prison gang is threatening to gather in Jasper on the anniversary of the Oklahoma City bombing and Branch Davidian fire.

Jasper County District Attorney Guy James Gray said Texas prison officials told his office that they intercepted letters from members of Aryan Circle, one of 11 prison gangs considered security threats.

The letters were sent by an inmate who served time with two ex-convicts accused of dragging a black man to death in Jasper last June.

Coded messages in the letters referred to "a family reunion and annual Jasper tractor pull and drag racing event" on April 19, Gray said.

"It's serious enough that we're devoting a lot of energy looking into it," he said. "The language itself doesn't say something violent. These guys know their mail is monitored. But knowing their history and thought processes, you'd almost have to assume it was going to be violence."

The FBI is investigating, said Texas Department of Criminal Justice spokesman Larry

Fitzgerald, who called the letters "a serious threat."

"We know that these gangs work outside the prisons and they reach outside the prisons," Fitzgerald said.

Jasper attracted national attention last June when James Byrd Jr., was dragged to death behind a pickup.

The first of three alleged white supremacists to stand trial, John William King, 24, of Jasper, was sentenced to death in February.

Co-defendant Lawrence Russell Brewer, 31, of Sulphur Springs, is scheduled to go on trial May 17. No trial date has been set for the third defendant, Shawn Allen Berry, 24, of Jasper.

The dates of the Waco fire in 1993 and the Oklahoma City bombing two years later have taken on significance among racists and extremist groups.

A pretrial hearing for Brewer was shifted from April 19 to April 20 to avoid the anniversary.

Brewer and King were members of a racist prison gang at the Beto I unit called the Confederate Knights of America.

## Three Pantex techs reassigned after nuclear incident

AMARILLO (AP) — Three technicians at the Pantex nuclear weapons plant have been reassigned for failing to detach a weapons component from a missile warhead before running an electrical test on the part.

The nuclear explosive safety incident occurred March 29, according to government and contractor reports. The electrical test was on a weapons component connected to a W-87 warhead, which is used in the MX or Peacekeeper intercontinental

ballistic missile system.

The technicians quickly realized the mistake after taking a test reading and disconnected a battery-powered tester from the weapon, which was not damaged.

The operation then was stopped, and plant officials began reviewing the program.

"The test should have been performed on the component, after its removal from the weapon and placement on a bench assembly, rather than while still attached to the

weapon itself," said an Energy Department report.

"This incident posed a nuclear explosive safety concern. Consequently, the certification of the involved technicians has been revoked, pending further review," according to the report.

Officials from Pantex contractor Mason & Hanger Corp. said the workers' certification is on hold pending further review. Pantex production technicians, who dismantle and assemble nuclear weapons, must be certi-

fied and properly trained before they may work on a warhead.

The certification of the three workers can be reinstated when Mason & Hanger management is satisfied with the outcome of the incident review and they meet all training requirements, Mason & Hanger officials said.

A.J. Eggenberger, a member of the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board, a government agency that oversees U.S. defense nuclear facilities, said board and staff members are reviewing the matter.

## Children found unharmed after theft of family vehicle

EL PASO (AP) — Four children left in a car by their mother were found unharmed about an hour after the vehicle was stolen from a market parking lot Tuesday.

The children — ages 6 months, 4, 5 and 8 — and the 1989 Buick were found about three miles away from the market. The kidnapping triggered a massive search involving some 60 officers.

Police detective John Haddad was grateful for the children's safe return but upset that their mother, Rebecca Montoya, had left them in harm's way.

"People who leave their children in the car, especially with the keys, are asking for trouble," Haddad said. "They're doing something they shouldn't."

Police didn't plan any action against Ms. Montoya Tuesday but didn't rule out charging her with leaving a child unattended in a vehicle, a Class C misdemeanor that carries a fine up to \$175.

Police officers had a suspect in the car theft, but they had not made an arrest by Tuesday evening. Police did not release the suspect's name.

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## Upperclassman, freshman face expulsion for affair

FORT WORTH (AP) — An affair between a senior at the U.S. Naval Academy and his freshman girlfriend has resulted in their expulsion and the possibility he will be ordered to repay the costs of his education.

Birk Billingsley, 22, of Dublin, Texas contends that's too tough a penalty for simply falling in love. His expulsion and that of Kristina Shiroma, an underclassman from Richardson, Texas, are pending approval by the Office of the Secretary of the Navy.

"I made a mistake. There's really no excuse for my actions — I fell in love," Billingsley told the Fort Worth Star-Telegram in today's editions.

Midshipmen at the Naval

Academy are forbidden from engaging in sexual relations on campus or having romantic involvement with a freshman.

But in a telephone interview from his mother's residence in Paris, Texas, Billingsley added, "I really don't think what I did warrants my expulsion from the academy."

A 1995 graduate of Dublin High School and a straight-A student, Billingsley said he and Ms. Shiroma were intimate but did not have sexual intercourse. He pleaded guilty to sexual misconduct, fraternization and failure to maintain a proper relationship with a plebe. Ms. Shiroma pleaded guilty to similar charges.

Formerly Miss Shiroma's

squad leader, Billingsley could have to repay \$93,000 for his education or enlist for three years. Neither of the options are appealing, he said.

The move to expel Billingsley from the academy came 25 days before he was to graduate.

Four midshipmen who have had sex or romantic relationships were expelled this year, and five were expelled in 1998, said Cmdr. Mike Brady, a Naval Academy spokesman in Annapolis, Md.

After Vice Adm. John R. Ryan assumed command as the academy's superintendent in June of last year, he met with all midshipmen last fall and told them he was placing a "bubble" around all freshmen and insist-

ed on "only professional relationships between plebe and upperclassmen," according to a transcript of Ryan's speech that Brady provided.

Billingsley and his attorney are hoping that the Office of the Secretary of the Navy will review the decision and reinstate the astronautical engineering student. Meantime, he said he plans to apply to Stanford, Purdue and Georgia Tech to finish college.

But with dreams of becoming an astronaut, Billingsley said he has wanted to graduate from the academy since he was a child.

"I want to go back," Billingsley said. "I love that school and what it stands for."

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OUR VIEWS

VA Medical Center, Stenholm deserve some pats on back

The Big Spring Veterans Association Medical Center gets an opportunity to show off a bit Thursday and U.S. Rep. Charlie Stenholm will be on hand for a ribbon-cutting ceremony at the Center, beginning at 2 p.m.

Stenholm (D-Stamford) has been instrumental in getting increased funding for the Medical Center, and it is fitting he should here for this special occasion.

Thursday's ceremony is the culmination of only part of a multi-million dollar renovation and addition project that began in May of 1997 with an expansion of the first floor. That phase of the project increased floor space by about 12,000 square feet, allowing all primary care physicians and specialty clinics to be located in one general area.

It's that particular part of the project that will be recognized at this ceremony. We'd be remiss, however, if we didn't mention that the overall project is continuing on the second floor. To be included is a major upgrade of the surgical suite, to include five operating rooms. That project isn't due to be completed until early summer.

The impact the VA Medical Center has had on this area since 1950 cannot be measured. More important than the many jobs it has created is of course the care the hospital, doctors, nurses, staff and volunteers have provided for our veterans. This project only enhances that effort, and ensures that the VA Medical Center will be here to serve our veterans for many years to come.

We applaud the VA Medical Center, Rep. Stenholm for his assistance in helping ensure its stability and growth, and the many employees and volunteers who have made the facility such a great asset to us all.

OTHER VIEWS

It should be a bipartisan no-brainer, a unanimous vote in the House of Representatives condemning bigotry in its many guises.

Yet House Democrats defeated a resolution offered by Rep. J.C. Watts, R-Okla., reaffirming the House's opposition to "any individuals or organizations which seek to divide Americans on the grounds of race, religion or ethnic prejudice."

As noble as Watt's resolution sounds, Democrats saw it for what it was: a disingenuous attempt to deflect criticism from Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott, R-Miss., and Rep. Bob Barr, R-Ga.

Watt's bill was in response to a measure introduced by Reps. Robert Wexler, D-Fla., and Michael P. Forbes, R-N.Y., that condemned "the racism and bigotry espoused by the Council of Conservative Citizens," a white supremacist group whom Barr and Lott have addressed. Both condemned the group's racism when their appearances became publicly known.

Watts contends it is wrong to single out a group for bigotry when racism is more widespread. He's right, except when members of Congress have given the organization credibil-

ity it does not deserve. ...  
SAN ANTONIO EXPRESS-NEWS

It never works. Getting into somebody else's civil war is a bottomless pit, and that's just what this nation faces now that we've joined the bombing of Serbia forces in Yugoslavia. We should know better. It's not like we don't know what to expect.

It is indeed a civil war we've jumped into, one that has been going on for centuries. It's unlikely that any amount of outside pressure, military or otherwise, will change how people there feel. ...

Long-term stability of Europe and our national interest, we are told, require military action.

President Clinton called the confrontation with Serbia President Slobodan Milosevic a stand against "destructive racial, ethnic, religious and cultural" aggression.

If that be the case, you have to wonder why we haven't mounted similar campaigns in other troubled areas of the world, such as Rwanda, for instance, where mass murder between the Hutus and Tutsis has been of genocidal proportions. ...

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Number of small farmers continues to shrink

Last week, Dwight Pederson watched as a farm auctioneer sold the equipment he's been using to grow durum and barley for 25 years.

The auction wasn't Pederson's choice. The bank has already told him he won't make enough money this year to save his last 720 acres. And it's not for lack of effort. Pederson spends four or five days a week farming, and drives a tractor trailer to make ends meet. Before he became a trucker, Pederson worked as a mechanic during the day and farmed until two or three in the morning.

The short North Dakota growing season — 100 days in a good year — leaves scant room for errors. During last year's harvest, Pederson lost both his mother and oldest daughter. Then his combine motor blew, costing him \$16,000.

But what tragedy and back-breaking work could not do, low grain prices have done: put Pederson under. "I'm a 50-year-old man that's basically been destroyed by the economy," Pederson says.

Pederson's situation is not

unique. Nationwide, hundreds of small farmers are being forced out, leaving experts to compare the rash of liquidations to the farm crisis of the mid-1980s. Low prices, the result of decreased demand, are driving many of the farm forefathers. Market crashes in Asia, typically a strong importer of U.S. agricultural goods, are partly to blame.

But not every farmer is feeling the pinch. Last quarter, Iowa Beef Processors, one of the nation's largest meatpackers, recorded record profits: \$205 million on \$12.8 billion in revenues. While IBP's stockholder information credits "strategic growth," some on Capitol Hill are concerned that companies like IBP are banding together and using their near-monopoly status to squeeze small farmers out of the market.

USDA figures reveal that four meatpacking companies, IBP among them, control nearly 70 percent of the overall beef market. Further breakdown of the data reveals that the four packers control as much as 80 percent of certain markets within the industry.

The packers buy their meat in one of two ways: Either from sale barns, where independent farmers sell their cows, or through contract farmers. Some lawmakers are concerned that the packers are attempting to squeeze independent farmers out of the market by paying them less than their contract farmers.

In 1918, after the Federal Trade Commission determined that five packers were slaughtering 70 percent of the nation's beef, Congress passed the Packers and Stockyards Act. The act made it illegal for meatpackers to "engage in discriminatory pricing practices or give unreasonable preference or advantage to any person."

But because the pricing information is considered proprietary, only the USDA knows what the packers were paying for their meat. An amendment attached to last year's Agriculture appropriations bill would have required mandatory price reporting and country-of-origin labeling. But at the behest of a high-powered group of lobbyists led by the American Meat Institute, the amendment was watered down to a three-month study by Rep. Jack Kingston, R-Ga., and Rep. James Walsh, R-N.Y.

The threats had one positive effect: According to farmers we spoke with, hog prices rose 3 cents a day for almost a week.

Meatpacking is just one of many farm sectors that is becoming more concentrated. Returns on equity for the top four cereal manufacturers, which control nearly 90 percent of the market, have averaged 25 percent, while the percent of purchase price received by wheat farmers has dropped to less than 1 percent of the total price.

A coalition of 23 farm-state senators led by Byron Dorgan,

D-N.D., and Chuck Hagel, R-Neb., have called for a formal White House investigation into the "growing concentration" in the agriculture industry.

Agriculture economists say that, simply put, big farms are growing because they can handle low prices better than small ones. Take pig farming for example: The costs of production on farms with more than 3,000 pigs are estimated to be roughly one-third less than on farms with less than 500 head.

"Agriculture is undergoing a major paradigm shift," said Dan Maternach, president of the Professional Farmers of America.

For centuries, Maternach notes, farmers themselves have driven the markets. "If they produced too much, prices went down. If they produced too little, the prices went up. The paradigm we're moving to is the markets driving production," Maternach said.

In a report titled "A Time to Choose," then-agriculture secretary Bob Bergland told President Carter that unless the federal government changed its policies, a few large corporations would control the U.S. food supply.

But the Carter administration — and every successive White House occupant — chose to do nothing. All of which helps explain why America now has 300,000 fewer farmers — and counting — than during the Carter administration. It's a list that now includes Dwight Pederson.



JACK ANDERSON



Rainbow Courts: oldest motel in Texas

First there were wagon yards. People went to town in wagons or buggies. The first stop was the wagon yard, where the horses were unhitched and fed. At night, people slept in the wagon yard, either in the wagons or in the stables. They cooked and had their meals there. Then came tourist camps, which offered places for travelers to pitch tents next to their vehicles.

Then came tourist courts, usually a row of small rooms with small garages next to them. These were the forerunners of our modern motels.

In 1918, Monroe Bullock opened the Rainbow Courts in Rockdale. It has remained in the same family ownership since then and has never closed. Rainbow Courts became a

bed and breakfast long before the term came into popular usage. Overnight guests would pay 25 cents for a breakfast of eggs, ham, sausage, bacon, grits, biscuits, hot cereal, chicken fried steak, gravy and potatoes, fresh cream and butter and homemade jams and jellies.

Rooms cost a dollar. An old register shows playwright Tennessee Williams stayed there in 1935.

Rainbow courts is modern, with all the amenities you'd find in any upscale hotel. The rooms, suites and cottages have Ralph Lauren bedding and Ethan Allen and Thomasville furniture, cable television, refrigerators and Starbucks coffee.

The motel has large areas of green grass, several swings and petrified wood picnic tables and benches. The grounds are landscaped with graceful oak and redbud trees. With all this, you'd expect to pay a premium price, but the rates are comparable to those in Rockdale area motels.

The owners are Joan and Dan Ratliff. Joan had a 20 year career in the medical field and

came home to Rockdale in 1992 to take over the family business from her mother. Joan's husband Dan was a successful banker before becoming a motel proprietor.

Both Dan and Joan are active in Rockdale. Joan was named the outstanding citizen of the year at the recent Rockdale chamber of commerce banquet.

Dan and Joan have renovated most of the cottages. "It's an ongoing challenge," says Dan. "But we see people from all over the world and it's fun." Most of the foreign visitors come to do business with Alcoa, which has a lignite coal operation in Rockdale and employs 1,400 people.

The motel property covers an entire city block. Dan and Joan have recently purchased a historic and picturesque old church which they plan to move onto the complex. They've already added an old school building, which has been converted into small apartments.

The Texas Historical Commission is so impressed with the facility it wants to make Rainbow Courts a State Historical Site.



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### Report: System needed to assess cancer care

WASHINGTON (AP) — Eight million Americans require some form of cancer care each year, but too many are not getting the best treatment, says a report issued Tuesday that suggests creation of a national system to assess the quality of cancer care.

"We were all shocked at how little information is available on that topic," said Dr. Joseph Simone of the University of Utah, co-author of the National Cancer Policy Board report.

Until there is a system to help patients assess whether they're getting optimal care, the report offered some general advice:

—There are no data on whether most cancer patients should go to a high-volume cancer center instead of a smaller hospital near home. But for

complicated and high-risk surgeries, such as for pancreatic cancer or the removal of the esophagus or pelvic organs, and for complicated chemotherapy regimens, patients should seek out hospitals that perform the highest numbers of such procedures.

Post-surgical mortality for those complex cases can be two to three times higher at hospitals that treat only a few such patients a year. Yet the National Cancer Policy Board report found that between one-quarter and one-half of surgeries for pancreatic cancer, one of the disease's deadliest forms, are performed at inexperienced hospitals.

—All patients should find oncologists experienced in their particular form and stage

of cancer. A woman with Stage III breast cancer, for instance, should specifically ask how many Stage III breast cancer patients the doctor has treated.

—Patients should be given all treatment options before planning a clear approach to therapy. A single doctor should then coordinate and interpret the care patients will need from multiple physicians. It's typical to get radiation at one site, tests at another, for example.

The National Cancer Policy Board was created by the Institute of Medicine and the National Research Council, independent organizations that advise the government. Tuesday's report lays out the problem, and the board will meet later this year to plan solutions with agencies like the

National Cancer Institute. "This is a complex and probably formidable task, but we intend to pursue this with vigor," said Simone.

Why the difficulty? Cancer consists of 100 different diseases requiring different treatments depending on their stage of progression. But programs that count cancer incidence and deaths often don't record the patient's disease stage or type of treatment.

"So if a patient has a bad outcome, is it just bad luck or is it because they got inappropriate care?" Simone asked.

There is no way to ensure that doctors implement the latest cancer guidelines. Physicians sometimes even order too few cancer screening tests, the report said.

### Social Security earnings test could be wiped off the books

WASHINGTON (AP) — It's a perennial political rite: Lawmakers demand elimination of the Social Security earnings test, a penalty that forces the youngest among older Americans to choose between a government check and work.

But this year, as President Clinton and Republican congressional leaders try to work out how to spend government surpluses, it might finally be wiped off the books.

"The line between retirement and working is blurring" because Americans are living longer, said Social Security Commissioner Kenneth S. Apfel. "People should be able to continue to work and continue to receive a Social Security benefit to keep contributing to the work force and to themselves."

Clinton has said relief from the earnings test should be part of a package that would use expected government surpluses to help avert a Social Security cash shortfall expected in 2034.

Even if they reach no overall deal on Social Security, however, relief from the earnings test is a tempting political plum that affects the nation's most avid voters — senior citizens. Republicans used a proposal to ease its impact in the "Contract With America" that helped them win control of Congress in 1994.

Now, House Speaker Dennis Hastert, R-Ill., is making eliminating the penalty a priority, and some say a repeal could find its way into a tax relief package Democrats would also be eager to support before the 2000 election.

"I think we will get something passed this year on this issue, whether it is a stand-alone or as part of overall reform," said Rep. Sam Johnson, R-Texas.

Available surpluses could help grease the skids: the cost to Social Security of eliminating the earnings test is expected to be negligible in the long run, but because it would mean some people would collect benefits earlier, it could cost as much as \$15 billion over the first five years, before diminishing.

The earnings test currently affects 870,000 working Americans between the ages of 65 and 69 who earn more than Social Security allows and get a smaller benefit or none at all.

Without a job, many of these older people face the prospect of trying to live on a fixed income near the poverty level. Yet they lose \$1 of benefits for every \$3 they earn above \$15,500 a year. That limit is scheduled to rise to \$30,000 a year by 2002 because of congressional action four years ago.

### Legal Services programs overstated many cases

WASHINGTON (AP) — A government program that pays for legal aid for the poor, a target of Republican budget cuts, overstated to Congress the number of cases it handled in 1997 by tens of thousands, audits and documents show.

One office reported eight times as many new cases as it should have.

The Legal Services Corp. says it has made significant changes in the way it counts the people it helps and as a result expects its 1998 total to drop by more than 200,000 cases.

The tally of people who received free help is one of the criteria Congress considers when appropriating money for Legal Services, and Republicans, some of whom have tried to abolish the program, question whether they were misled.

House Majority Leader Dick Armey, R-Texas, a longtime critic, called the overcounting

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"the grossest example of Washington bureaucrats abusing hard-earned taxpayer money."

Legal Services reported serving 1.93 million clients in 1997. But a review of just five of the agency's 269 regional programs found officials had overstated their caseloads by 90,000.

President John McKay acknowledges the 1997 count was "slightly off" and will be

adjusted. He says the agency wasn't intentionally misleading and better counting methods have been implemented. As a result, the agency expects to report about 1.73 million cases for 1998.

Officials said they didn't have enough information about the problem to alert Congress until just two months ago.

Reports by Legal Services' inspector general, the agency's internal watchdog, and other documents obtained by The Associated Press provide a more detailed picture of the overcounting.

Documents showed problems in at least five regional programs, including telephone calls from people who did not get legal help or were ineligible for assistance that were reported as new cases, cases that were double-counted and outdated cases that were counted.

About 70 percent of nearly 73,000 closed cases recorded by

regional programs in San Francisco, San Diego, Miami and northern Virginia were not valid, officials found.

For example, the Legal Aid Society of San Diego incorrectly reported more than 14,000 telephone calls as cases, an audit found. San Diego executive director Gregory Knoll said, however, that even if every caller doesn't receive legal advice, "every caller has their problem assessed."

### More indicted on charges of selling licenses

CHICAGO (AP) — Six people, including two former supervisors at a suburban Chicago driver's licensing facility, have been charged with selling commercial driver's licenses to hundreds of unqualified applicants.

Federal prosecutors said from 1991 to 1998, the six defendants conspired to make sure certain applicants passed licensing tests at an Illinois Secretary of State facility. They took bribes of up to \$1,200 per license, prosecutors said.

Two former managers of the McCook office — Marion Seibel,

61, of Lemont, and George Velasco, 50, of Westchester — were charged, along with three state Transportation Department workers and a trucking company employee.

The indictments bring to a dozen the number of people charged in the U.S. attorney's Operation Safe Road investigation. As with past defendants, some of those charged Tuesday were accused of using the bribes to purchase campaign fund-raising tickets for Gov. George Ryan. Ryan was secretary of state prior to entering

the governor's office in January.

"I don't think we've charged another case like this where there's been this extent of bribery (money) that went into a political campaign," said U.S. Attorney Scott Lassar.

Lassar has said previously that Ryan is not a target of the federal probe.

Ryan spokesman Dave Urbanek said his boss knew nothing of the alleged scheme to sell licenses or to convert the money into campaign contributions.

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# NATO air attacks rage on, despite Yugoslav cease-fire

BELGRADE, Yugoslavia (AP) — Dismissing President Slobodan Milosevic's unilateral cease-fire with ethnic Albanian rebels, NATO stepped up its airstrikes overnight, hitting military targets in Kosovo and inflicting heavy damage elsewhere in Yugoslavia.

Macedonia, meanwhile, emptied a border enclave where tens of thousands of Kosovo refugees had been trapped for days in squalid conditions. The country has sharply criticized the United States and its NATO allies for failing to anticipate the flood of refugees driven from Kosovo by Serb forces enraged over NATO's air campaign.

In Cyprus, the acting parliament speaker said today he was close to arranging the release of three American soldiers cap-

tured by the Yugoslav government.

Spyros Kyprianou said he will fly to Belgrade today to work for the release of the U.S. soldiers. He said his announcement followed "informal consultations" over the past few days.

Staff Sgt. Andrew A. Ramirez, 24, of Los Angeles; Spc. Steven M. Gonzales, 21, of Huntsville, Texas; and Staff Sgt. Christopher J. Stone, 25, of Smiths Creek, Mich., were captured last week near the Yugoslav-Macedonian border.

Sandy Berger, President Clinton's national security adviser, said he was aware of Kyprianou's efforts.

"We certainly would welcome the release of the three American soldiers but I can't confirm that is going to take place," Berger said on NBC's

"Today" show.

In London, Air Marshal Sir John Day told reporters that the increasing intensity of the NATO air campaign against Serbian forces was continuing.

He said 10 Harrier jets attacked four sets of Serb military targets in Kosovo, including tanks and convoys of vehicles that were targeted with cluster bombs.

British Foreign Secretary Robin Cook said: "Over the 15 days of the air campaign, some 190 attacks have been conducted. Over 80 of them have been in the last four days."

The NATO airstrikes late Tuesday and today followed a declaration by Milosevic's government of a unilateral cease-fire in its battle to crush rebels in Kosovo, a province of Yugoslavia's dominant republic, Serbia.

The government said the cease-fire, which began Tuesday evening, was to honor Orthodox Easter. It included an offer to forge a peace agreement with moderate ethnic Albanian leader Ibrahim Rugova, under which an estimated 500,000 Kosovars could return home.

Serbian television said today that Western rejection of the unilateral cease-fire proved NATO's "criminal intentions" to impose foreign "occupation" troops on the country.

A statement from the Yugoslav army said the armed forces were abiding by the cease-fire and there was no military activity in the province except NATO attacks.

Neither the cease-fire declaration nor statements from Yugoslav officials said anything

about holding fire against NATO forces.

Shortly after the cease-fire went into effect, air raid sirens sounded in Belgrade, the Yugoslav capital, and explosions were heard near a military airfield on the northern rim of the city. State-controlled media reported attacks on fuel depots and other targets throughout the country.

Government media said targets included attacks today on a fuel storage facility at the airport near Pristina. Serbian TV said NATO wiped out a residential area near the old post office in central Pristina.

"Undoubtedly there are dead and injured" the television report said, but gave no further details.

A fuel depot in the village of Devet Jugovica and unspecified

targets in Ajvalija and Gracanica on the outskirts of Pristina were also reported hit.

State television also said the garage and warehouse at an oil refinery in Novi Sad, Serbia's second largest city, were destroyed. The official Tanjug news agency said the industrial zone in the central Serbian city of Nis was attacked.

Western leaders denounced the Yugoslav cease-fire as a sham and pledged to press ahead with airstrikes until Milosevic accepts Western terms. They include withdrawal of Serb special police and military units from the province and a three-year interim autonomy agreement to be policed by 28,000 NATO-led troops, including 4,000 Americans.

The Yugoslav government has rejected that formula.

# WTO says U.S. may levy penalty duties on some European goods

WASHINGTON (AP) — The United States has been given the go-ahead to impose penalty tariffs on \$191.4 million worth of European imports annually, getting to choose from a list that includes Scottish cashmere sweaters, fancy French handbags and German coffee makers.

The 100 percent tariffs, which are designed to eliminate the targeted products from U.S. stores, were awarded by the World Trade Organization on Tuesday as a fallout from a

nasty trade war between the United States and Europe over bananas.

The WTO ruled that U.S. banana companies were suffering \$191.4 million in lost sales annually because of unfair European restrictions that favor bananas grown in former European colonies in the Caribbean and Africa.

While this represented a reduction of nearly two-thirds from the original U.S. damage claim of \$520 million, the Clinton administration said the

smaller figure was still the largest damage award ever approved by the WTO, the Geneva-based organization that sets the rules for world trade.

"This decision is an important victory for the WTO dispute settlement process and sends a clear message that the WTO cannot be used to engage in endless litigation," U.S. Trade Representative Charlene Barshefsky said.

She said the final list of targeted products would be selected from the original target list and would be published within the next few days in the Federal Register.

EU officials have charged political motivations were behind the U.S. determination to start a trade war over a product that accounts for a minuscule amount of trade between the world's two biggest trading

partners.

Two American companies, Chiquita Brands International and Dole Food Co., grow their bananas on plantations in South America. Carl Lindner, the head of Chiquita, has been a major campaign contributor to both Democrats and Republicans.

But the Clinton administration insisted that it has been fighting to uphold the principal

that countries that lose cases before the WTO must either eliminate their unfair barriers or face economic penalties.

Peter Scher, America's top negotiator on agriculture matters, said the United States had prevailed on every major point in contention. EU officials said late Tuesday they were still studying the 450-plus-page WTO ruling and would have no immediate comment.

# Airstrikes, human rights complicate Chinese visit

WASHINGTON (AP) — With Chinese Premier Zhu Rongji already in the United States for the start of a nine-day visit, President Clinton was laying out his administration's China policy in a speech today.

Zhu's six-city tour, which began Tuesday in Los Angeles, comes at a time of particularly tense relations between Beijing and Washington.

"China has called for an immediate halt to the NATO airstrikes and Chinese leaders considered postponing Zhu's visit."

Still, Zhu hopes to close a deal with the Clinton administration to allow Beijing to join the World Trade Organization, which regulates international trade, after 13 years of trying.

U.S. and Chinese trade negotiators worked furiously to try to strike a deal that could be announced during Zhu's visit to Washington on Thursday and Friday.

Zhu also will visit Denver, Chicago, New York and Boston, courting the political and business elite at each stop. He may observe financial markets, possibly the New York Stock Exchange and the Chicago Board of Trade.

China hopes to attract the foreign investment needed to help its slowing economy.

While in Washington, Zhu

was to dine with Clinton on Thursday evening, hold meetings with officials of the World Bank and International Monetary Fund and meet on Friday with a handful of lawmakers back early from the two-week congressional recess.

"We hope that they will understand better the importance of China-U.S. relations," said Yu Shuning, a spokesman for the Chinese Embassy.

Criticism in Congress of China's human rights record is bipartisan and widespread.

Adding to the tensions are concerns — particularly among Republicans who see it as a good 2000 campaign issue — over alleged Chinese nuclear espionage. Pentagon reports of a missile buildup against Taiwan and alleged Chinese campaign contributions to Clinton's 1996 re-election campaign.

The Chinese, in turn, resent a U.S. initiative to provide a missile-defense shield for Japan and Taiwan.

China also strongly opposes U.S. sponsorship at the annual U.N. Human Rights Commission meeting in Geneva of a resolution condemning Beijing's human rights record — a step taken by the administration only after extensive prodding from Congress.

# Former Mexican governor charged with drug trafficking, organized crime

MEXICO CITY (AP) — A fugitive former state governor in Mexico has been charged with drug trafficking and organized crime, prosecutors said.

Tuesday's announcement came a day after Mario Villanueva left office and nine days after he dropped out of sight. Prosecutors denied they delayed the criminal case in order to avoid charging and impeaching a sitting governor, something that has never been done in Mexico.

But Villanueva said in a letter published Tuesday by Mexican newspapers that the case was politically motivated.

"Harassed by an investigation aimed at incriminating me at any cost with the trafficking and use of drugs... I have abandoned my turf to avoid being jailed," Villanueva wrote.

His lawyer, Juan Collado, confirmed Villanueva had written the letter, the daily Reforma said. The former governor did not reveal his whereabouts.

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## Preventing pain

### Therapist enjoys helping patients learn to adapt

By DEBBIE L. JENSEN  
Features Editor

Gwen Morton is on a mission: To rid other people's lives of pain.

An occupational therapist in private practice, Morton is a specialist in the upper extremities. She treats people with arthritis, bursitis, tendonitis, carpal tunnel syndrome and stroke victims, among others.

And she does it despite her own battle with cerebral palsy.

"I am functionally independent," said Morton, who recently opened her practice in the old Medical Arts Building at 8th and Gregg streets.

"I want to help other people become that way."

She said occupational therapy is often misunderstood. Its main goal is actually to give people tools for living their everyday lives, despite the difficulties of certain conditions or injuries. Its aim is to teach people to adapt to their environment.

It often requires some creativity, which Morton said fits her just fine.

"That's the part I enjoy most," she said, "coming up with some assistive or adaptive device."

After working for years at hospitals and clinics throughout the community, Morton said she finally decided to live her dream — owning her own business. So she set up a clinic of her own, and works with local physicians for referrals.

Morton has a bachelor's degree in occupational therapy from Texas Woman's University, and a master's degree in exercise physiology from the University of Texas of the Permian Basin.

Some of her treatment methods include heat and cold, electrical stimulation, hot wax and splinting. She works with those who have been burned, hurt on the job or at home, children to senior citizens.

Some of the most common injuries Morton sees are caused by repetitive motion. Carpal tunnel syndrome is a well-known example of repetitive motion injury. It can eventually cause loss of grip strength. Typists can suffer this injury, but it can also be caused by knitting or even playing the piano.

Prevention is relatively simple, Morton said.

"You must rest," she said, citing the need for at least a 10-minute break every hour of

constant motion.

Some other tips to avoid repetitive motion injuries at the office include:

- Keep shoulders erect but relaxed. Place work close to you where it is easily accessible.

- Elbows should be bent to a 90-degree angle.

- Wrists should be only slightly bent.

- Do not cradle the telephone between your shoulder and head.

- Your chair should provide adequate back support and adjustable height. You may need a foot rest.

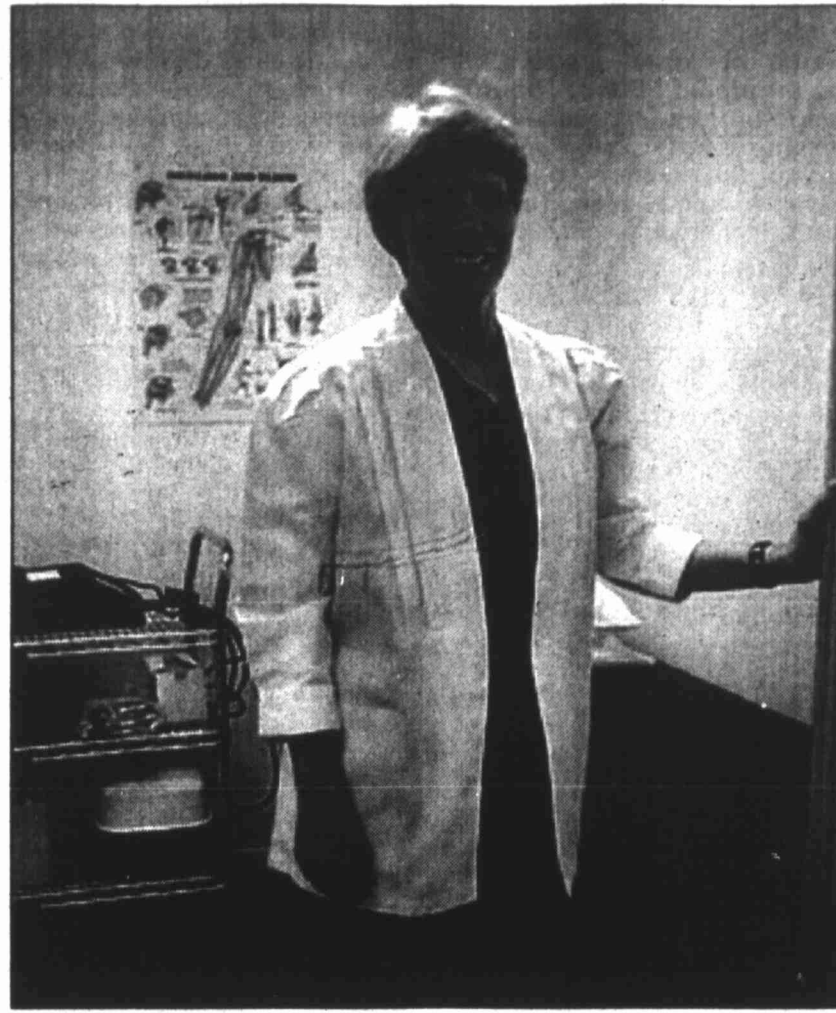
Every hour, take a quick break and:

- Shrug your shoulders for 10 seconds, three times.

- With fingers interlaced behind your head, gently stretch your elbows back and hold for 10 seconds.

- With fingers interlaced and arms straight back, hold for 10 seconds.

Morton is beginning a new program to help those with low vision problems. By teaching them certain ways of adapting, Morton said she can assist those with macular degeneration, blind spots, glaucoma and



Gwen Morton is an occupational therapist in private practice.

cataracts.

For that program, she will take referrals from optometrists and ophthalmologists.

Morton will be testing grip

strength at the Health Fair April 17, and she also conducts programs for clubs and organizations about occupational therapy. Call her at 263-4450.

## Are you at your healthiest body weight?

If you are looking for a more effective weight maintenance method, you will need to concentrate on a lifetime approach. Focus on making a long-term commitment, not struggling daily with good foods vs. bad foods.

Maintaining healthy weight throughout life is important for long-term health.

However, people tend to become more sedentary in adulthood which may lead to weight gain. Creeping weight gain can take its toll. Excessive weight is harmful to your health and can shorten your life. It increases the risk of high blood pressure, diabetes, heart disease and certain cancers.

In the United States, almost 30 percent of the adult population is overweight or too fat. More women than men are overweight. And, although people may be in the healthy weight range for their height, they may not be fit. Exercise will improve fitness.

If you feel that you are overweight, a weight maintenance program may be in order. It is always best to consult your physician prior to making any changes in eating or exercising. Your physician may also be able to assist you in finding a reasonable body weight, one that fits your family weight patterns, body type, range and lifestyle. Once you have chosen a body weight for yourself, realize that you should allow a five-pound comfort zone, because small weight fluctuations are normal.

You may be used to jumping on the scales every day to see just how much weight you have lost. It is recommended that you choose one day a week to weigh and you should weigh the same day, same time each week, wearing the same type of clothing and using the same scale. A written record will help you keep tabs on your weight loss.

Whether you have five or 20 pounds to lose, there is only one way to do it. Eat fewer calories than you normally eat, or increase your physical activity, preferably both. To lose one pound of body weight, one must decrease calorie intake by 500 calories or burn those calories with activity.

One pound of fat is equal to 3,500 calories. A steady loss of 1/2 to 1 pound a week is about right for the average person and will result in lasting weight loss, rather than the yo-yoing back and forth between weight loss and weight gain.

Don't forget about the "Walk Across Texas" program to kick off at 1 p.m. at the Big Spring Area Health Fair on April 17. For more information about forming your team and getting involved contact the Howard County Extension office at 264-2236. "Walk Across Texas" is an event to promote fitness and a healthy lifestyle.

Dana Tarter is Howard County Extension Agent — family and consumer science.



DANA TARTER

## 'Easy beef' entrees might be what's for dinner tonight

DALLAS (AP) — Taking a cue from pre-packaged salads, pre-shredded cheeses and pre-sliced luncheon meats, the beef industry has introduced a new line of meals made easy.

The industry is pushing pot roast and prime rib, meatloaf and meatballs — all fully cooked and ready to microwave and serve in 10 minutes.

Cattlemen also have spent \$25 million on marketing.

The media blitz, which began this week, revives the slogan "Beef. It's What's For Dinner," and features voice-overs from actor Sam Elliott. Among the companies offering these microwave products are Burnett & Son, Jimmy Dean and Lloyd's Barbecue.

Consumers say they simply do not have time anymore to cook beef din-

*"If you go home and make a pot roast it could take a couple of hours, and that isn't their choice or their desire."*

George Swan

National Cattleman's Beef Association

ners, said George Swan, an Idaho rancher who is president of the National Cattleman's Beef Association.

"They say, 'We're looking for convenient ways to provide a good meal for our families and for ourselves,'" Swan said. "If you go home and make a pot roast it could take a couple of hours, and that isn't their choice or their desire."

But some Dallas grocery shoppers, like Emily Seibel, say they have no

interest in buying precooked beef.

"I love to cook. I find it very relaxing," Ms. Seibel, 41, said while going through the beef section of a Dallas grocery store. "I like to cook like my mother prepared."

Barbara Saccal of Addison said she also prefers to cook her own beef. "I like to get my meat fresh. It costs a little more but it's worth it," she said.

That sentiment does not worry Burt Rutherford, spokesman for the Texas

Cattle Feeders Association in Amarillo. "There will always be those kinds of people, and thank goodness there are," he said.

Swan said the demand for beef has declined in the past 20 years, but it has leveled in the past year because of the popularity of high-protein diets.

"They find out beef is nutritious, it's a source of iron and it's a dense product with nutrients we need in a healthy body today," he said.

The beef industry needs all the help it can get.

High feed grain prices in 1996, cyclically large cattle numbers, record heavy slaughter weights and record supplies of pork and poultry have taken a toll, the National Cattlemen's Beef Association has said.

## Oops!

### Magazine redefines 'blue moon'

BOSTON (AP) — Once in a blue moon, a widely accepted definition has to be rewritten.

Take the term "blue moon" itself. For half a century, it's been known as the second full moon in a month, like the one that appeared Wednesday. But that's wrong, and the editors of Sky & Telescope say it's their fault: The magazine incorrectly defined the term 53 years ago.

"I hate to admit it," said Roger Sinnott, associate editor of Sky & Telescope.

Sinnott blamed the goof on an amateur astronomer.

James Hugh Pruett wrote a 1946 piece for the magazine after apparently misinterpreting a complex 1937 article in the Maine Farmer's Almanac that essentially, but not clearly, said a blue moon occurs when a season has four full moons, rather than the usual three. Pruett mistakenly thought that meant a blue moon is the second full moon within the same month.

Pruett's mistake went unnoticed for decades. A 1980

National Public Radio story about blue moons used the wrong definition. In 1986, the board game Trivial Pursuit repeated the error. When two full moons appeared in May 1988, "radio stations and newspapers everywhere carried an item on this bit of 'old folklore,'" Philip Hiscock wrote.

Sky & Telescope, based in Cambridge, discovered the error when it was working on an article about how January and March of this year featured what would have been two blue moons by Pruett's definition.

Although Sky & Telescope's editors think Pruett's mistake led to the popular modern misdefinition of "blue moon," it's unclear where the Maine Farmer's Almanac came up with the rule. Purists may subscribe to the almanac's point of view, but Pruett's error is likely to last.

"Nothing we can do is going to put the genie back in the bottle," Sinnott said. "Our big mistake in 1946 has really caught on and there's no turning back."

## Vegetables are sign of spring

HOUSTON (AP) — Create a spring bouquet of fresh vegetables for your table's centerpiece. Anchor the veggies in florist clay in a container, or make a bridesmaid-style bouquet of baby artichokes, asparagus, yellow wax beans, radishes, sprouts, parsley and anything else that strikes your fancy from the produce counters. Fill in with Queen Anne's Lace. For backing, use a frill of lace or a doily.

Think about vegetables for cooking, too. The favorite hallmarks of spring — artichokes and asparagus — are joined this year by several new arrivals, including broccolini, broccoli sprouts and green gourmet garlic. These new vegetables will inspire culinary adventures.

Many of the newcomers have a high nutrition profile and make it easy to get the five servings a day that nutrition experts would have us eat to reduce the risk of cancer and heart disease and promote optimum health.

**Broccolini**  
Broccolini is a cross between broccoli and Chinese kale. Despite its Italian-sounding name, it was developed in Japan. It is green with long,

slender stalks like kale; the small head of buds at the top is smaller than broccoli. It was created by Sakata Seed Co. in Yokohama, Japan, which christened it Asparation for its asparagus-like stalks.

Sakata was trying to expand its market for broccoli seed because broccoli requires a cool growing atmosphere. That limits it to certain times of year and certain locations. It took seven years to develop the hybrid, which is smaller and more tender than broccoli, especially the stalk. Tasters found broccolini more elegant than broccoli. They liked its size and appearance and the fact that the whole plant is edible.

A California company, Sanbon, also calls broccolini Asparation. It is much more expensive than broccoli. It is sold at Kroger Signature stores for \$1.69 a bunch (about 8 ounces).

**Broccoli sprouts**  
Broccoli sprouts have 30 to 50 times the concentration of protective chemicals compared to mature broccoli. A diet rich in broccoli (and other cruciferous vegetables such as cabbage and cauliflower) is associated with a lower risk of cancer. To halve

the odds of colon cancer, you would have to eat about 2 pounds of cooked broccoli a week. With broccoli sprouts, 1 ounce a week provides the same protection as 1 1/4 pounds of broccoli.

This may be good news to those who don't like broccoli, because the sprouts, which are tender shoots about 2 inches tall, don't taste like the stronger-flavored mature vegetable.

They also contain phytochemicals, a new buzz word in nutrition circles. Scientists believe that phytochemicals may be one reason a diet rich in fruits and vegetables can reduce the risk of disease.

Broccoli sprouts are grown from special seeds, adding only water and light. They contain antioxidants, which help destroy harmful free radicals in the body. The sprouts were developed by scientists at Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine and are marketed as Fresh Alternatives BroccoSprouts.

They were introduced at Kroger Signature stores in February.

Broccoli sprouts can be used

See SPRING, Page 8A

### COMMUNITY NEWS

**CYCLIST 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.

Cybert 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. Cybert 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, Cybert's ride or an application for the summer program, call Bob Noyes at 267-6095.

### FOR YOUR INFORMATION

**VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED** for the "Don't Mess With Texas" Trash Off, scheduled for Saturday in the community.

Scenic Mountain Medical Center has agreed to serve lunch to the participants.

Groups, individuals and organizations are asked to give a few hours of their time to help with this city-wide cleanup effort. Call 263-4607 to volunteer.

**THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF Health**, 501 Birdwell, Suite 28-B, will have a shot clinic Saturday 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.

### THE LAST WORD

The very spring and root of honesty and virtue lie in good education.  
**Plutarch**

Nothing is stronger than habit.  
**Ovid**

It is a rough road that leads to the heights of greatness.  
**Lucius Annaeus Seneca**





IN BRIEF

Lady Hawks suffer sweep at hands of Lady Chaps

Howard College's Lady Hawks suffered 5-1 and 10-2 losses to Midland College's Lady Chaparrals in women's fastpitch softball action Tuesday.

Hawks' Larry Allaway to play in all-star game

Howard College sophomore point guard Larry Allaway will be among 10 players from across the nation that will play a team of Florida stars Saturday at the National Junior College All-Star Basketball Game in Cocoa, Fla.



ALLAWAY

Allaway, who led the Hawks to the Western Junior College Athletic Conference championship, will team with Marcus Griffin, a 6-foot-9 power forward from Lincoln (Ill.) College...

Allaway is the only WJCAC player picked for the game, but will join Panola Junior College guard Lawrence Williams and Kilgore College forward Richard Evans in the showcase.

The game will be played at 8 p.m. Saturday in the Brevard Community College gymnasium.

Cardinals power to 19-9 win in Little League play

The National Little League Cardinals benefited from a number of errors in taking a 19-9 win over the Yankees on Monday.

Mitchell Hooper led the way offensively for the Cards with an inside-the-park grand slam home run in the fourth inning and a triple that drove in two more runs.

The Cardinals also got a 3-for-5 showing from John Richard Sparks, while Jeremy Furniss, and Cody Wingo also played key roles.

Matt Hillario answered with an inside-the-park homer for the Yankees.

BSHS golf boosters set to meet tonight

The Big Spring High School Golf Boosters Club will meet at 7 tonight at the BSHS athletic training complex.

Parents of all high school golfers are urged to attend.

Snappers to play host for softball tournament

A softball tournament hosted by the Snappers softball team of Big Spring has been scheduled for Friday and Saturday at Cotton Mize Field.

Entry fees will be \$110 per team, and Wednesday will be the deadline for entries.

For more information, call Jim Rangel at 264-6475 or Jacob Rios at 263-5955.

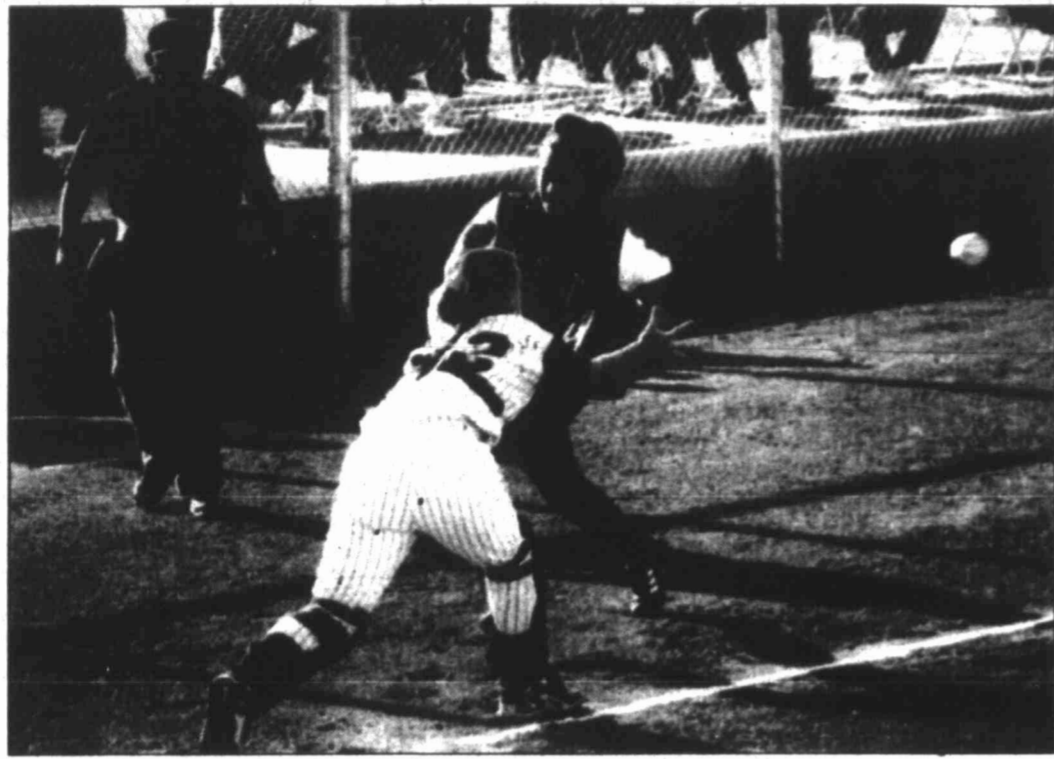
LOCAL GAMES

JUCO SOFTBALL 3 p.m. • Howard College Lady Hawks at Midland College Lady Chaparrals (DH).

ON THE AIR

Television MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL 6:30 p.m. — Philadelphia Phillies at Atlanta Braves, ESPN, Ch. 30.

Prowlers deal Lady Steers disappointing 5-2 setback



Fort Stockton's Kaci Galvan comes in to score in the third inning Tuesday, as Big Spring catcher Trista Casey is forced to move too far up the line in a bid to catch the throw from the outfield. The Prowlers dealt the Lady Steers a disappointing 5-2 loss.

By VALERIE AVERY Herald Correspondent

Fort Stockton pitcher Jessica Carrillo allowed four hits and fanned six Lady Steers batters en route to a 5-2 win over Big Spring Tuesday in District 5-4A action at the Big Spring ISD Softball Complex.

The Big Spring loss drops the Lady Steers to 3-4 in league action (20-10), and gives the Lady Prowlers (4-3) sole possession of third place in the district standings.

Big Spring was in a must-win situation against Fort Stockton in its bid for a playoff berth. The Lady Steers face league-leader Andrews, and runner-up Snyder in their final two games. The Lady Steers also travel to San Angelo Lake View Friday.

"We have to keep our heads up and keep going," a clearly dejected Lady Steers boss Dan Arista said following the game. "We've got to win the rest of our games."

Fort Stockton went up 2-0 after one inning following lead-off batter Kimberly Lockhart's blast to right field on Jessica Canales' first pitch. Kaci Galvan followed with a hit to left field, setting up

Carrillo's stand-up double, allowing Lockhart and Galvan to score.

The Lady Steers' first three batters — Lindsey Marino, Amy Jackson and Canales — had trouble getting it out of the infield and ended the inning after three at-bats.

Big Spring stepped up its defensive muscle in the second inning, recording two quick outs before Mindy Duran scored on a Lockhart double.

The Lady Steers failed to capitalize on two Fort Stockton errors in the bottom of the second, and left Juanita Valdez and Lisa Hernandez on base.

Fort Stockton added a run in the third inning and the fifth for a comfortable 5-0 lead before the Big Spring bats started cracking.

Hernandez struck out, and designated hitter Renee Sheen reached second base on an error and a stolen base before Marino's single to right field drove her in for the Lady Steers' first score.

But Jackson took a called third strike to end the inning, leaving Marino on base.

Reliever Kaci Aciri gave the Big Spring defense some punch in the final two

See LADY STEERS, page 2B

Steers upend Snyder, 7-1

By JOHN A. MOSELEY Sports Editor

For a second straight outing, Big Spring's Steers looked anything like what many had expected Tuesday as they took a 7-1 win over Snyder's Tigers in District 5-4A baseball action.

The Steers, who entered the game 2-11 on the season and 1-1 in district play, were clearly an underdog going into the game, since the Tigers entered the fray with a 15-6 mark overall and a 2-0 record that had them tied atop the 5-4A standings with state-ranked Andrews.

But Big Spring sophomore Clint Bamert allowed the Tigers just an earned run in the first inning before settling down and scattering four Snyder hits.

In going the distance for the victory, Bamert got solid defense from his teammates.

What's more, the Steers made the most of virtually every opportunity the Tigers afforded them, erasing Snyder's 1-0 lead in the bottom of the first and never looking back.

"This was just another sign that we're playing better baseball every time we walk on the field," Steers coach Bobby Doe said following the win, even downplaying his team's three errors. "Clint did a good job and we played well defensively. We had a couple of errors, but I think they were more a result of the wind than they were a lack of execution."

But Doe was even more pleased with the way his team put the ball in play against Snyder's pitching combination of Clint Hook and Wes Wilson.

"With the wind whipping around like it was out there, the key is just to put the ball in play ... to make them play catch," the Steers boss explained. "We hit the ball pretty well, but more than that, we kept the pressure on them by just putting it in play."

After allowing Snyder to open the game with a one-run first inning — centerfielder Matt Grimmett reached base on a fielder's choice play, swiped second and scored on a single by shortstop Matt Rodgers — the Steers went right to work and scored all the runs Bamert would need in the bottom half of the inning.

Jason Choate led off the inning with a single to left moved to second when Tigers first baseman Cory Mandrell mishandled a grounder, allowing James Clements to reach first.

Steers shortstop Joe Owens advanced the runners by grounding out to first and when catcher Ryan Guinn grounded out to second, Choate scored to tie the game.

Hook seemed to have gotten out of the inning without further damage when he got J.J. Aguirre to rap a grounder to third.



Big Spring's Clint Bamert delivers a strike during the first inning of Tuesday's District 5-4A baseball game with Snyder at Steer Park. Bamert went the distance, scattering five Tigers hits in the Steers' 7-1 win.

But Snyder's Josh Ward threw wildly to first on the play, allowing Clements to score and the Steers to take a 2-1 lead.

Although the Tigers would manage to put runners in scoring position in the next four innings — only two of their hits getting out of the infield — Bamert continued to pitch his way out of trouble.

And when it appeared as if Snyder would again challenge in the top of the sixth, Steers third baseman Jay Kuykendall atoned for a pair of throwing errors earlier in the game by initiating a 5-4-3 double play, Big Spring's first twin killing of the year.

The Tigers would mount one more rally in the top of the seventh, loading the bases with one out, but Bamert struck out Rodgers and Hook in succession to end the game.

While Bamert was keeping the Tigers at bay, the Steers scored runs in all but the third inning.

They increased their lead to 3-1 in the bottom of the second inning when left fielder Chris Olson singled up the middle with two out and Choate followed by delivering an RBI double to left.

See STEERS, page 2B

Coahoma takes 32-3 win in walk

HERALD Staff Report

MORTON — It was nothing short of merciful when Coahoma's Bulldogs managed to retire Morton's Indians in the bottom of the fifth inning Tuesday night, bring to a close an embarrassing 32-2 run ruing for the Indians.

"This was just one of those you can't wait to get over with," Bulldog head coach Scott Lewis said after watching his team chalk up more hits than he could count. "It was over in the top of the first, but we still had to play five innings."

After pitching two innings of shutout baseball, Bulldogs starter Aaron Ovalle moved behind the plate, while Cody Teeler and Delvin White shared

See BULLDOGS, page 2B

Bulldogettes post 15-0 win over Miles

HERALD Staff Report

MILES — Coahoma's Bulldogettes continued their winning ways Tuesday, dominating still another District 2-2A softball opponent with a 15-0 whitewashing of Miles' Lady Bulldogs.

Sophomore Kenni Kay Buchanan improved her pitching record to 9-2 in going the five inning distance, striking out nine batters while throwing a two-hitter.

Meanwhile, the Bulldogettes were pounding out 10 hits and drawing nine walks from Miles pitching.

Leading the way offensively for the Bulldogettes were sophomore outfielder Brandie Hart and sophomore catcher Kortney Kemper. Both finished 2-for-3 at the plate, driving in a pair of runs apiece.

The Bulldogettes will return to action at 5 p.m. Friday when they play host to Hermleigh's Lady Cardinals in another district game.

With two straight wins, Steers surprisingly in thick of 5-4A race

Anyone who's spent much time at all around Big Spring Steers baseball coach Bobby Doe knows he simply won't use the term "rebuilding season," regardless of how inexperienced a team he puts on the field.



JOHN A. MOSELEY

That was the case a year ago when the Steers entered the season having lost heavily to graduation, and it was still true this spring when only one starter returned to the Big Spring lineup.

And when the Steers opened the season with a 1-10 record and opened District 5-4A play against prohibitive loop favorite Andrews, the Big Spring boss was still preaching the doctrine that his

team was still trying to improve every time out.

While some might have considered such common lunacy, Doe is now looking somewhat clairvoyant after the leading the Steers to successive wins over San Angelo Lake View and Snyder's Tigers — a pair of 5-4A opponents that progressed deep into the state playoffs a year ago and were expected to be among the district's contenders.

Suddenly, the Steers are again in the position they found themselves a year ago — picked to finish in or near the loop's cellar, but settling in with the contenders at the top of the 5-4A standings.

"We're so inexperienced that these kids don't know they're not supposed to be where they are," Doe said following the Steers 7-1 win over Snyder. "But they're doing the things we've been

telling them they have to do... not making mistakes and putting the ball in play and forcing people to make plays against us."

But it's early in the District 5-4A schedule, and Doe isn't about to start making wild plans for the playoffs just yet.

Instead, he's concerned about the way his team will play Saturday afternoon when they make the trek to Fort Stockton.

"We've played well against these guys (Lake View and Snyder), but we've got to go to Fort Stockton," Doe noted, stressing that the Steers need to enter Saturday's game believing the Panthers are "world beaters."

Doe admitted that the Steers do not traditionally fare well at Fort Stockton, saying he believes that is due in large part to the lengthy bus ride involved.

"We don't normally play all that well

down there and I think that trip is a big part of that," he explained. "It's a long way down there. Sometimes it seems like Fort Stockton is in another state. When you ride down there on a school bus, it feels like you're about to fall off the face of the earth."

Even more disconcerting for Doe, however, is Fort Stockton being somewhat of an unknown quantity in the 5-4A chase.

"Nobody really knows that much about them," Doe explained. "They're supposed to be down this year... like we're supposed to be. That ought to tell us something, shouldn't it?"

Of course, the Steers could well have something else going for them this weekend. And again it could be that inexperience.

Simply put, this Steers lineup hasn't

See MOSELEY, page 2B

SPORTS EXTRA

TRANSACTIONS

**BASEBALL**  
**American League**  
CLEVELAND INDIANS—Signed LHP Chris Haverly to a minor-league contract.  
TEXAS RANGERS—Announced INF Tom Evers has cleared waivers and signed him to a contract with Oklahoma City of the Pacific Coast League.  
TORONTO BLUE JAYS—Purchased the contract of C Mark Datersandro from Syracuse of the International League.  
**National League**  
CHICAGO CUBS—Agreed to terms with RHP Kevin Tapan on a two-year contract extension.  
CINCINNATI REDS—Agreed to terms with RHP A.J. Sager on a minor league contract.  
COLORADO ROCKIES—Placed OF Larry Walker on the 15-day disabled list retroactive to March 29. Purchased the contract of OF Mike Kelly from Colorado Springs of the PCL.  
ATLANTA BRAVES—Placed LHP Mike Remlinger on the 15-day disabled list retroactive to April 3. Recalled LHP Dexter Eckett from Richmond of the International League.  
FLORIDA MARLINS—Named Jonathan Jensen communications assistant.  
SAN DIEGO PADRES—Placed LHP Rance Myers on the 15-day disabled list, retroactive to April 3. Purchased the contract of LHP Roberto Rivera from Las Vegas of the PCL. Designated Ed Giovannola for assignment.  
**BASKETBALL**  
**National Basketball Association**  
CHARLOTTE HORNETS—Signed G Corey Beck.  
MILWAUKEE BUCKS—Signed G Haywood Workman for the rest of the season.  
NEW JERSEY NETS—Activated F Scott Brunel from the injured list. Placed C Jayson Williams on the injured list.  
SEATTLE SUPERSONICS—Activated F Don MacLean from the injured list. Placed GF Billy Owens on the injured list.  
**FOOTBALL**  
**National Football League**  
BUFFALO BILLS—Re-signed DT Sean Moran and DT Pat Williams.  
DETROIT LIONS—Re-signed WR Brian Stastum and QB Kevin Franklin.  
GREEN BAY PACKERS—Re-signed FB William Henderson to a three-year contract.  
**HOCKEY**  
**National Hockey League**  
ST. LOUIS BLUES—Assigned F Tyson Nash to Worcester icecats of the AHL.  
**MLB SCHEDULE**  
**AMERICAN LEAGUE**  
**Tuesday's Games**  
New York (Mendoza 10-2) at Oakland (Haynes 11-9), 3:05 p.m.  
Tampa Bay (Saunders 6-15) at Baltimore (Guzman 10-16), 6:05 p.m.  
Boston (Saberhagen 15-8) at Kansas City (Rosado 8-11), 7:05 p.m.  
Toronto (Wells 18-4) at Minnesota (Lincoff 0-0), 7:05 p.m.  
Detroit (Blair 5-16) at Texas (Clark 9-14), 7:35 p.m.  
Chicago (Snyder 7-2) at Seattle (Garcia 0-0), 9:25 p.m.  
**Wednesday's Games**  
Tampa Bay (Witt 7-9) at Baltimore (Ericsson 16-13), 6:05 p.m.

MAJOR LEAGUE STANDINGS

Table with columns for American League East Division, National League East Division, and West Division. Columns include W, L, Pct., and GB.

SOCCER

**Saturday's Games**  
DC United 3, New York-New Jersey 0  
Columbus 3, Tampa Bay 2  
Chicago 4, Miami 1  
New England 1, Kansas City 0  
San Jose 2, Los Angeles 1, 50  
Portland 1, Seattle 106, OT  
**Sunday, April 8**  
Columbus at Los Angeles, 9:30 p.m.  
**Saturday, April 10**  
San Jose at Kansas City, 2:30 p.m.  
DC United at New England, 6:30 p.m.  
Dallas at Chicago, 7 p.m.  
Miami at Colorado, 8 p.m.  
New York-New Jersey at Tampa Bay, 4 p.m.

NBA

**Tuesday's Games**  
Philadelphia 95, Milwaukee 87  
Miami 92, Toronto 70  
Cleveland 96, Chicago 89  
Orlando 81, New York 72  
New Jersey 97, Washington 93  
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Cleveland at Milwaukee, 7:30 p.m.  
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Boston at Tampa Bay, 6:05 p.m.  
N.Y. Rangers at Chicago, 7:30 p.m.  
San Jose at Los Angeles, 9:30 p.m.

Hawks heading west on a roll

The Howard College baseball team continued its winning ways last weekend, sweeping the New Mexico Military Institute Broncos in a four-game series by scores of 15-0, 11-8, 19-4, and 6-5.

The Hawks will take their 35-8 season record on the road this weekend, traveling to El Paso Community College for a single game to be played on Friday followed by a doubleheader on Saturday.

The Hawks are currently leading the Western Junior College Athletic Conference (WJCAC) race with a 12-3 record.

Looking ahead, mark your calendar for Friday, April 23. The Hawks will play host to the Odessa College Wranglers at Jack Barber Field. A lunch will be served at noon and door prizes given away during the game.

Gene Wells, the father of Hawk outfielder/designated hitter Rhett Wells, will provide the play by play with his infamous collection of music for the enjoyment of the fans.

There will be an admission charge of \$4 for adults and \$2 for students.

Coach Brian Roper has noted that on Saturday half of the gate income will be donated to the Big Spring Harley Owners Group for the purchase of the thermal imaging camera. As always, local senior citizens as

HAWK HIGHLIGHTS By STAN FEASTER

well as all college employees will be admitted free. This will also be an opportunity for everyone to meet and mingle with the Hawks.

The Lady Hawks softball team brought home a second-place trophy from the Midland College tournament last weekend.

El Paso's Tejanas edged Howard the championship game, 3-2.

Howard advanced to the title game with victories over UTPB, 10-0; Briarcliffe (N.Y.), 5-0; and Hill College, 3-1 during pool play action on Friday.

On Saturday the Lady Hawks defeated Temple, 8-7, and Hill College, 2-1, in reaching the title game.

Interim coach Cotton Mize was pleased with the team's performance, saying the Howard squad came ever so close to winning it all for Coach Andy Mace who is recovering from open heart surgery in Lubbock. The Lady Hawks made a dismal showing on Tuesday facing a fiery Midland College

Lady Chaps squad — a team that was seeking revenge for a four-game sweep at Howard's hands just three weeks ago. The Lady Hawks suffered 5-1 and 10-2 losses and hope to regroup for a crucial conference doubleheader today. The Lady Hawks' season record stands at 37-13 and 4-3 in conference.

On Wednesday, April 28, officials are planning a banana split party for the softball players in the administration building's courtyard at 2:30 p.m.

The Howard College Sports Banquet is right around the corner, scheduled for 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 27, in the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum East Room. For reservations call Betty Reed at 264-5040.

Be sure to call the sports hotline at 264-5269 for scores and updates.

Stan Feaster is sports information director at Howard College. His column appears on Wednesdays.

MOSELEY

made that trip to Fort Stockton for a varsity game before... they don't know they're supposed to have a tough time with the Panthers. Regardless of how well the Steers play at Fort Stockton, their coach admits they'll have to continue improving with each day if they plan to stay atop of the 5-4A standings and contend for a playoff berth this season. The reason being, of course, is that both Lake View and Snyder will most certainly be spoiling to deal a little revenge the next time the lay eyes on the Steers.

"It's early in the district schedule... we've got to keep that in mind," Doe said. "We've also got to realize that Lake View and Snyder probably took a little lightly this time around. "They're not going to do that the second time around," he added. "They're going to play better when we go over to Snyder and when Lake View comes up here. We've got to make sure that we're playing better, too." So far, they are. John A. Moseley is sports editor of the Herald. His column appears on Wednesdays and Sundays.

LADY STEERS

innings, striking out four. But Big Spring could manage only one run in the sixth when Denton hit a stand-up double off the left field fence, sending Canales home. Denton was left stranded on third, however, as the next three batters were retired in order. "We left too many runners on base," Arista said following the loss. "(Fort Stockton) hit the ball when they needed to. They just made the plays when they needed to. They got good consistent pitching from Carrillo. She just outsmarted us by the way the threw."

BULLDOGS

relief duties. Before Ovalle ever stepped on the mound, however, the Bulldogs had spotted him a 9-0 lead. And by the time the Indians got their second chance to bat, the Coahoma lead was 12-0. Coahoma added seven more runs in the third inning and 10 more in the fourth before capping their explosive performance with three more in the fifth. Travis McMillan and White led the way offensively for the Bulldogs as they improved to 10-7 overall and 5-1 in District 3-2A play.

McMillan went a perfect 4-for-4 at the plate and hit a home run, but White upstaged him with a 4-for-5 showing that included two home runs, the second one a grand slam shot. The Bulldogs literally took batting practice against Morton

pitching, as Brandon Hancock, Jeremy Green, Blake Nichols, Vincent Garcia and Luke Bowlin all managed extra-base hits in the contest. The Bulldogs will play host to Plains' Cowboys at 5 p.m. Friday.

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# Sele impressive in first start as Rangers take 6-0 win over Tigers

ARLINGTON (AP) — Aaron Sele's first start of the season came with familiar results.

The Texas right-hander pitched seven shutout innings Tuesday night in the Rangers' 6-0 victory over Detroit to continue a trend of success in April. While Sele's career record is 58-44, he is 14-3 in April. Last April he was 5-0, including a 20-4 win over the Chicago White Sox in his first start as a Ranger.

"It really was kind of similar," Sele said. "Last year I came out and shook everyone's hands with a one- or two-run lead and the offense exploded. This year the same thing happened. Hopefully I can do it again next year." Sele (1-0) won three of five games in the spring and had a 6.46 ERA. But

against Detroit, he gave up six hits, struck out six and walked one.

Sele got into trouble just once, and escaped a bases-loaded jam in the fourth by getting former teammate and good friend Bill Haselman to ground into an inning-ending double play.

"I was just trying to get to top one somewhere so we could get a double play," Sele said. "I got lucky and it worked out. That was probably the turning point of the game. But being in those situations against a friend was making it fun."

He also retired his last nine batters. "It's a little different in the spring than in the regular season," Sele said. "In the spring, you work on certain things that might not be the right thing to do at that time. But when you're in

the regular season with a runner on second base and a two-run lead, you're going to go after the hitter with what you think will work."

Texas led 2-0 when Sele came out after pitching a perfect seventh inning. The Rangers then scored four runs with two outs off Tigers relievers C.J. Nitkowski and Masao Kida.

Juan Gonzalez singled, stole second and reached third on a passed ball. Rafael Palmeiro walked off Nitkowski, then Gonzalez scored when Kida's first pitch bounced eight feet in front of the plate and went to the backstop.

Roberto Kelly followed with his first homer of the season, a two-run shot to left field. Luis Alicea added an RBI single for the final run.

"We were in it until the wheels came

off in bottom of the seventh," said Tigers manager Larry Parrish. "We weren't doing anything on offense and needed to keep it close to win. We didn't."

Royce Clayton and Ivan Rodriguez led off the Texas first with singles against Justin Thompson (0-1). They both scored when Rusty Greer doubled to the wall in left-center field.

Thompson gave up seven hits and left after the fifth with the score 2-0.

Rangers pitchers combined on a shutout a day after Detroit beat them 11-5. Juan Encarnacion hit a home run on the first pitch of Monday's game.

Texas relievers Tim Crabbtree and Danny Patterson each finished with one scoreless inning.

Notes: The Rangers announced a scor-

ing change from Monday's 11-5 loss to the Tigers. Rangers reliever Esteban Loaiza was originally charged with an earned run in the fourth inning, but it was changed to unearned on Tuesday. Loaiza gave up a two-out, three-run homer to Damion Easley in relief of starter Rick Helling, but it came after the Rangers botched a rundown at third base. ... Texas infielder Tom Evans cleared waivers and was assigned outright to Triple-A Oklahoma City. Evans was claimed on outright waivers from Toronto on April 2. ... The hat of Rangers pitcher Mike Morgan will be sent to the Hall of Fame in Cooperstown. He became the first athlete in a major pro sport to play for 11 different teams when he pitched three scoreless innings.

# Angels win opener, but lose \$80 million man Mo Vaughn to injury

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

Maybe there is something to this freak-injury jinx that keeps hitting the Anaheim Angels. How else to explain \$80 million man Mo Vaughn hobbling around on crutches?

Vaughn's debut with the Angels took an odd twist Tuesday night when he sprained his left ankle chasing a popup into the dugout.

He hurt himself two batters into the opener, limped around for five innings and then left in the Angels' 6-5 win over the Cleveland Indians.

X-rays showed no break. It's not certain how long Vaughn, who signed a six-year contract as a free agent during the winter, will be sidelined.

"I won't commit until I know for sure, but I guarantee you it won't be too long," Vaughn said. "Things happen. There are 161 more games and the most important thing is it's not broken and we've got a win."

The Angels, with a long history of bizarre injuries, lost shortstop Gary DiSarcina in a spring-training accident. He broke his forearm when hit by a fungo bat swung by coach George Hendrick, and is now on the disabled list with center fielder Jim Edmonds.

"You can only take so many body blows," manager Terry Collins said.

The New York Yankees, meanwhile, moved ahead of last year's pace — hard to imagine, considering they won 125 games overall and the World Series.

Orlando "El Duque" Hernandez pitched three-hit ball for 7 1-3 innings and New York won 7-4 at Oakland. After starting out 0-3 last season, the Yankees are 1-1 this year. "To me, we had to win this ballgame and he was outstanding," interim Yankees manager Don Zimmer said.

In other American League games, Chicago beat Seattle 11-3, Texas defeated Detroit 6-0 and Minnesota downed Toronto 6-1.

In National League games, Los Angeles beat Arizona 3-2 in 10 innings, Houston beat Chicago 4-2, San Diego beat Colorado 4-3, New York routed Florida 12-3, San Francisco beat Cincinnati 7-6, Pittsburgh beat Montreal 8-2 and Los Angeles-Arizona.

Vaughn was injured when he landed awkwardly in the Indians dugout trying to catch a foul pop by Omar Vizquel. The All-Star first baseman went 0-for-2 before leaving the game.

"He's real sore. It's a possibility he will miss a few days," Collins said. "Sprains can be no fun. Sometimes a sprain can be almost as bad as a break."

Troy Glaus doubled home the go-ahead run in the eighth inning for the Angels.

Tim Salmon and Garret Anderson hit consecutive home runs off Jaret Wright in the Anaheim fourth. Omar Vizquel had a two-run homer and RBI single for the Indians.

Cleveland left fielder David Justice left the game after two innings because of a strained left calf.

Yankees 7, Athletics 4

New York got off to a quick start at Oakland when Chuck Knoblauch led off the game with a single, Derek Jeter followed with a triple and Paul O'Neill hit a sacrifice fly.

Chad Curtis homered in his first at-bat of the season, and Hernandez protected the lead. The Athletics scored three times in the eighth to make it 5-4, but O'Neill hit a two-run double in the ninth.

White Sox 11, Mariners 3

Ray Durham led off the game with a home run and Darrin Jackson and Jeff Abbott also connected for Chicago at the Kingdome. The White Sox are 2-0 for the first time since 1992.

Jackson homered for the second straight day and tied a career high with four hits. Frank Thomas went 3-for-4 with two RBIs, just like he did on opening day.

Seattle shortstop Alex Rodriguez, off to an 0-for-6 start this season, left the game in the seventh inning after re aggravating his left knee. He will have an MRI today.

Twins 6, Blue Jays 1

Brad Radke made good on the Twins' "guarantee" of a victory — had they lost their opener, all 45,601 fans would have been able to get a free ticket to another game.

Manager Jim Fregosi lost in his Toronto debut. The Blue Jays managed only Carlos Delgado's homer in seven innings against Radke.

Pinch-hitter Brent Gates' two-run triple capped a six-run seventh. The Twins started four of their 10 rookies; after the game, manager Tom Kelly put his young team through a brief fielding workout at the Metrodome.

Braves 7, Phillies 4

Atlanta rebounded after a 7-4 loss to the Phillies.

Greg Maddux (1-0) allowed one run and eight hits in six

innings, struck out five and walked none. He also hit his first home run in seven years, offensively. Derrin Ebert made his major league debut and pitched three innings for a save. The 22-year-old lefty allowed two runs.

Ryan Klesko and Brian Jordan also homered, and Chipper Jones had three hits in the Braves' 16-hit attack. Maddux started the big fourth with his leadoff homer.

Jordan, who also homered in Monday's season-opening loss, had a three-run homer in Atlanta's big inning. The Braves got eight hits off Ogea and reliever Mike Grace.

Dodgers 3, Diamondbacks 2

Gary Sheffield hit a one-out homer in the 10th inning off Brian Anderson (0-1) at Dodger Stadium. A day earlier in the opener, Raul Mondesi hit a three-run homer with two outs in the ninth to tie it, then hit a two-run shot with two outs in the 11th for an 8-6 win.

Alan Mills (1-0) blanked Arizona on one hit in the final two innings.

Astros 4, Cubs 2

Sammy Sosa went 0-for-4 and struck out three times in his 1999 debut, and Houston got consecutive fourth-inning homers from Carl Everett and Richard Hidalgo as it began its final season in the Astrodome.

Shane Reynolds (1-0) struck out seven in six innings, allowing both runs and seven hits. Billy Wagner struck out two in the ninth for a save.

Steve Trachsel (0-1) gave up four runs and seven hits in six innings.

Padres 4, Rockies 3

Tony Gwynn had two hits and

scored twice, and Wally Joyner went 3-for-4 with two RBIs in the NL champions' home opener. In the season opener Sunday night at Monterrey, Mexico, the Rockies won 8-2.

Sterling Hitchcock, MVP of San Diego's NL championship series win over Atlanta, allowed one run and three hits in 5 1-3 innings for the win, and Trevor Hoffman pitched a perfect inning for his first save.

Pedro Astacio took just his second loss in eight career decisions against San Diego, allowing four runs and six hits.

Mets 12, Marlins 3

Mike Piazza hit a two-run homer and Rick Reed (1-0) allowed one run and four hits in six innings at Miami. Allen Watson pitched three innings for his first major league save.

New York, which stranded 14 runners in Monday's opening loss to Florida, raced to a 7-0 lead against Livan Hernandez (0-1). Edgardo Alfonzo doubled twice and scored twice for New York, and Rey Ordonez drove in two runs with a single and a sacrifice fly.

Giants 7, Reds 6

Barry Bonds homered, singled and doubled home the go-ahead run in the eighth as visiting San Francisco rallied from a 6-0 deficit. Giants starter Kirk Rueter was pounded for six runs and eight hits in 1 2-3 innings.

Julian Tavarez got the win with two scoreless innings, and Robb Nen pitched the ninth for his second save, striking out Dmitri Young with runners on first and third to end the game. Danny Graves was the loser.

Pirates 8, Expos 2

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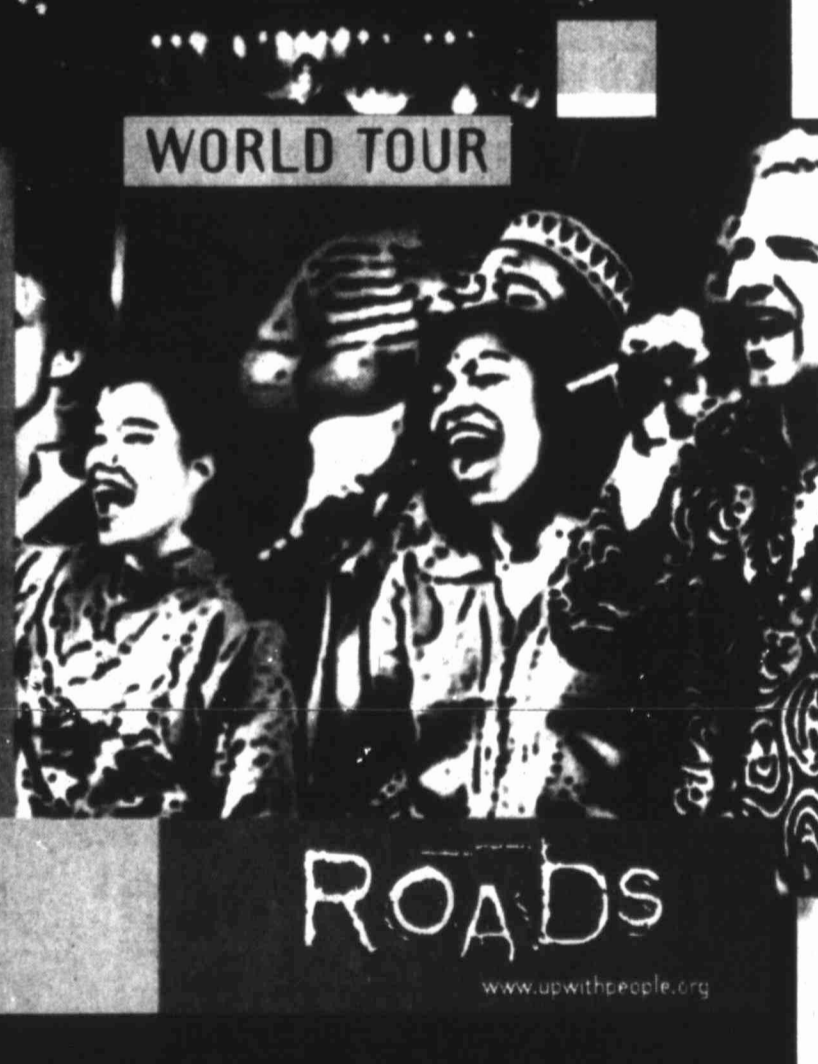
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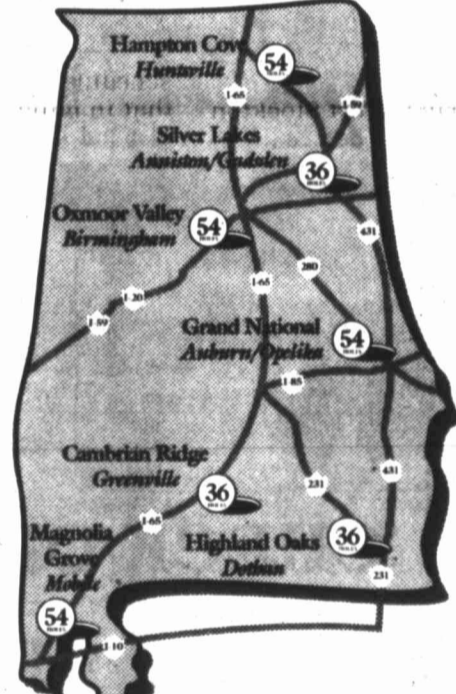
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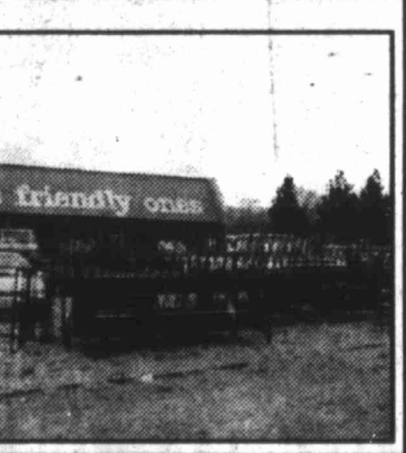
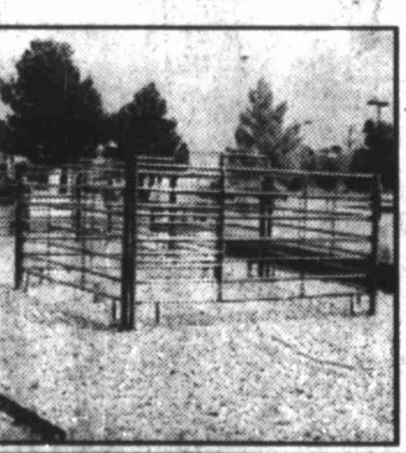
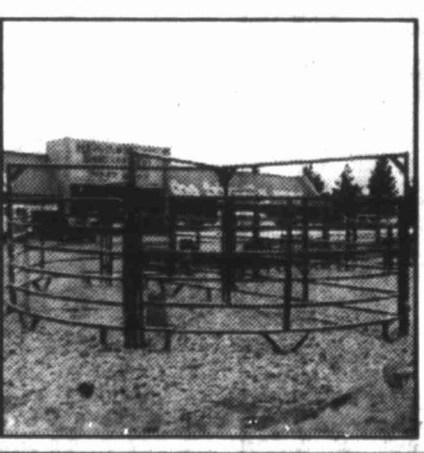
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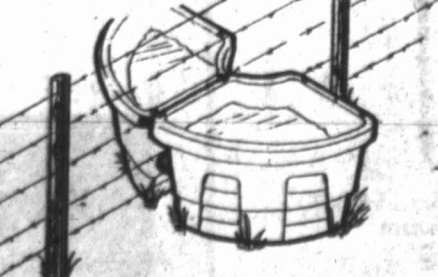
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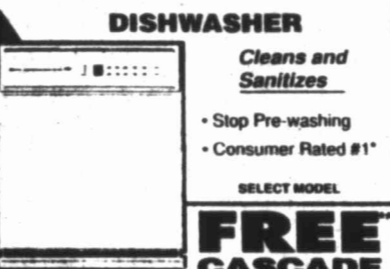
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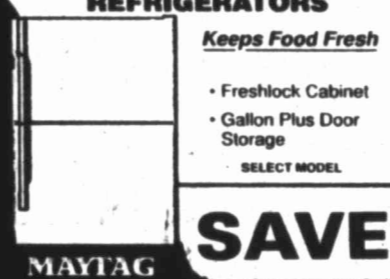
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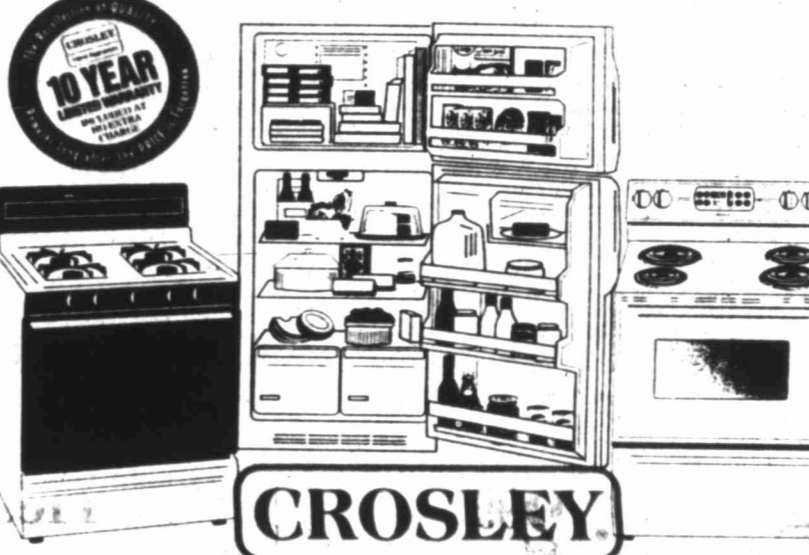
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6:30	News (CC)	Simpsons Home Imp.	Science Guy Zoboomatoo	Show-Funny Show-Funny	News (CC) Tonight	News (CC) Tonight	News (CC) Tonight	Roseanne	Gottar Preciosa	Movie: Under Wraps (CC)	Waltons (CC)	(5:50) Movie: Under Fire	(CC)	Possessions (CC)	Bless-Heart John Hagee	Law & Order (CC)	Wild Discovery	ER (CC)	Sports News Last Word	Major League	Rutledge	Planet Groove
7:30	Drama-Greg It's Like You	Beverly Hills, 90210 (CC)	Live From Lincoln	Life, Camera Life, Camera	Payne (CC) Nanny (CC)	Dharma-Greg It's Like You	Dateline (CC)	(05) WCW Thunder (CC)	La Usuradora	(40) Movie: Century of Country (CC)	Century of Country (CC)	Century of Country (CC)	Movie: The Devil's Arith	Movie: True Believer	Round Up	Biography	Shipwreck!	Movie: The Siege of	FOX Sports Major League	Baseball: Teams to Be	Movie: Flying Tigers	Hi List
8:30	Drew Carey Norm (CC)	Commercials	Center	Desperate Choices: To	60 Minutes II (CC)	Drew Carey Norm (CC)	Most Amazing Videos	(05) WCW Thunder (CC)	Mentira	Mr. Magoo (CC)	Tammy Wynette	Movie: Air Force One	metic (CC) (35) Movie:	Oz (CC)	Seven Years in Tibet (CC)	American Justice	Discover Magazine	Finbase Gloria	Baseball: Detroit Tigers	Announced (CC)	Movie: The Moby	Sparks (CC) Good News
9:30	20/20 (CC)	Mad Abt. You Nanny (CC)	Lena Home Child	Save My Child	Body Human 2000	20/20 (CC)	Law & Order (CC)	(05) Movie: Downtown	El Super Blablazo	(15) Growing Pains (CC)	Remembered (CC)	(05) Movie: Blow Out	Tenacious D If These Walls	Round Up	The Secret of Bay 58	Secret D-Day	Movie: The Big Brawl	at Texas Rangers	Major League	Movie: The Moby	Comicview	
10:30	News (CC) Nightline	Jerry Springer: Nanny (CC)	NewsHour: Lehrer	700 Club	News (35) Late	News (CC) Nightline	News Tonight Show	(CC) Late	P. Impacto Noticias Uni.	Walt Disney Presents	Dallas (CC)	(05) Movie: Blow Out	Compromising Roger	Could Talk (CC)	Biography	Discover Magazine	Movie: Heart of Dragon	Sports News	Baseball: Teams to Be	Maguire's	BET Tonight	
11:30	Politically Inc. Hollywood	Cops (CC) Newsradio	Monty Python Monty Python	Show-Funny Show	Show (CC) Married... With	Ent. Tonight Politically Inc.	(CC) Late	(05) WCW Thunder (CC)	Mejor-Ritmo	Zorro (CC) Mickey Mouse	Dukes of Hazzard (CC)	(11:55) Movie: The	Coman Presents	Dennis Miller (40) Movie:	News Round Up	American Justice	Secret D-Day	FOX Sports News	Announced (CC)	(05) Movie: Sergeant	Sparks (CC) 227 (CC)	
12:30	(12:06) Ricki Lake	Martin (CC) Judge-Brown	Monty Python Monty Python	Paid Program Paid Program	Late Late Show	(12:06) Oprah Winfrey (CC)	Night (CC) (31) News	(12:05) WCW Thunder (CC)	Gordo y Flaca El Blablazo	Movie: Polyanna	Tammy Wynette	(11:55) Movie: The	Coman Presents	Dennis Miller (40) Movie:	News Round Up	American Justice	Secret D-Day	Last Word Ultimate	Sportscenter	Rutledge	Midnight Love	

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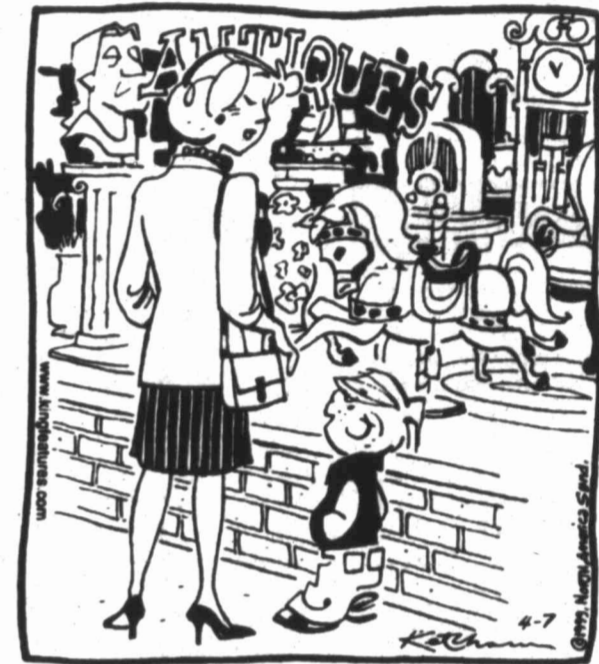
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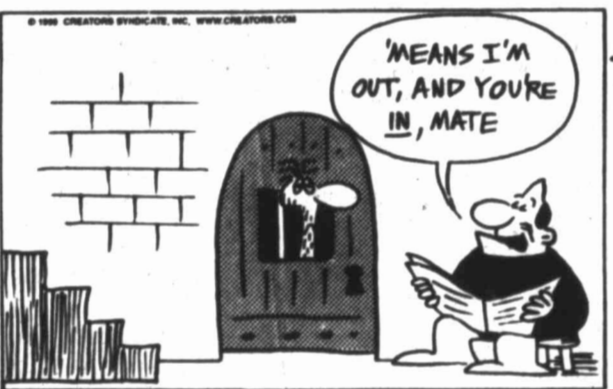
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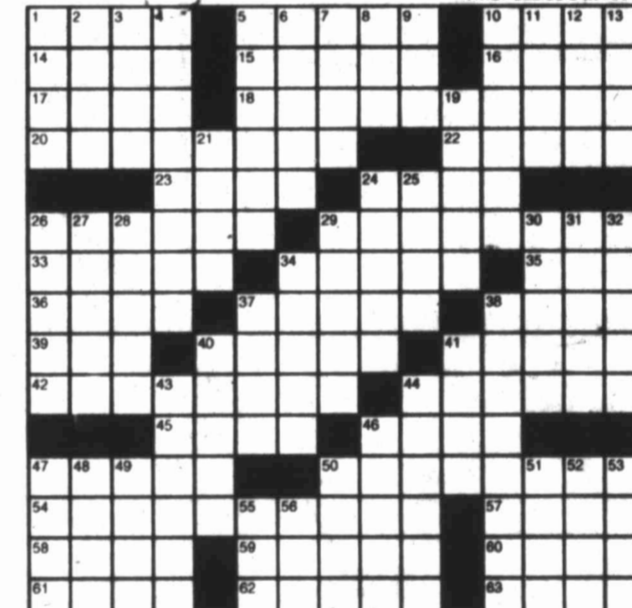
Today is Wednesday, April 7, the 97th day of 1999. There are

268 days left in the year.  
 Today's Highlight in History:  
 On April 7, 1949, the Rodgers and Hammerstein musical "South Pacific" opened on Broadway.  
 On this date:  
 In 1862, Union forces led by Gen. Ulysses S. Grant defeated

the Confederates at the Battle of Shiloh in Tennessee.  
 In 1927, an audience in New York saw an image of Commerce Secretary Herbert Hoover in the first successful long-distance demonstration of television.  
 In 1939, Italy invaded Albania, which offered only token resistance. Less than a week later, Italy annexed Albania.  
 In 1945, during World War II, American planes intercepted a Japanese fleet that was headed for Okinawa on a suicide mission.  
 In 1947, auto pioneer Henry Ford died in Dearborn, Mich., at age 83.  
 In 1948, the World Health Organization was founded.  
 In 1953, the U.N. General Assembly elected Dag Hammarskjold of Sweden to be secretary-general.  
 In 1957, the last of New York's electric trolleys completed its final run from Queens to Manhattan.  
 In 1969, the Supreme Court unanimously struck down laws prohibiting private possession of obscene material.  
 Ten years ago: A week after the Exxon Valdez oil spill disaster, President Bush pledged federal assistance to help in the clean-up. A Soviet nuclear-powered submarine, the Komsomolets, caught fire and sank in the Norwegian Sea, claiming 42 lives.  
 Five years ago: Civil war erupted in Rwanda, a day after a mysterious plane crash claimed the lives of the presidents of Rwanda and Burundi. In the months that followed, hundreds of thousands of minority Tutsi and Hutu intellectuals were slaughtered.  
 One year ago: President Clinton held a town meeting in Kansas City, Mo., on the future of Social Security. Mary Bono, the widow of entertainer-turned-politician Sonny Bono, won a special election to serve out the remainder of her husband's congressional term.

THE Daily Crossword Edited by Wayne Robert Williams

- ACROSS
- All-out run
  - First ship on the moon
  - Caspian feeder
  - Woodwind
  - Ricochet
  - Catholic leader
  - Plummeted
  - Travel back and forth
  - Reversal
  - Residences
  - Property claim
  - On the briny
  - Famous folk, for short
  - Rabble
  - Bottomless pit
  - Inflammatory disease
  - Pair
  - British actress
  - Diana
  - Raised to the third power
  - Metal boxes
  - Actor Wallach
  - Unbroken
  - Nourishes
  - Koontz novel
  - Sentence part
  - Swearword
  - Sheep calls
  - Stern or Newton
  - Table tennis
  - Waste time vacillating
  - Dust-bowl migrant
  - District
  - Mature insect
  - Algerian port
  - Brief times
  - Swallowed
  - U.S. rocket launchers



By Robert Zimmerman  
San Diego, CA

Tuesday's Puzzle Solved

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NANA	WIDTH	
ALMOST	RAGE	EGG
TOETHELINE	FROM	
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PETS	STERN	OPEN

- DOWN
- Remove (a hat)
  - Seth's brother
  - Singular
  - Vulnerable
  - Book after Prov.
  - Producer
  - Spelling
  - Handhold
  - Spanish article
  - Printer's measures
  - Brouhaha
  - Chamber
  - Church
  - projection
  - Not so much
  - Cooks
  - White lies
  - Set sights
  - Nob Hill cops: abbr.
  - Military trainee
  - 'Christ Stopped at
  - Like sonnets and odes
  - Toy-cube inventor
  - Au revoir
  - Finances
  - 'All That Jazz' director
  - Plant protection
  - Old codger
  - Recipe
  - measure
  - Actor Keach
  - Ensign
  - Eucalyptus eaters
  - Bryce or Kings, e.g.
  - Nonsense
  - Lupino and Tarbell
  - Beget
  - Baldwin brother
  - Map of lots
  - Gumbo ingredient
  - Long and Peoples
  - Actress
  - Rowlands
  - Bite the dust
  - Physicians' org.

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Today's Birthdays: Sitar player Ravi Shankar is 79. Actor James Garner is 71. Country singer Cal Smith is 67. Actor Wayne Rogers is 66. Actor Ian Richardson is 65. Media commentator Hodding Carter is 64. Country singer Bobby Bare is 64. Rhythm-and-blues singer Charlie Thomas (The Drifters) is 62. Jazz musician Freddie Hubbard is 61. The mayor of Oakland, Calif., Jerry Brown, is 61. Movie director Francis Ford Coppola is 60. Television personality David Frost is 60. Rock musician Bill Kreutzmann is 53. Actor Jackie Chan is 45. Football Hall-of-Famer Tony Dorsett is 45.



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