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Big Spring Evening Lions Club will have free eyeglasses for all adults Saturday from 9 a.m. to noon at the Big Spring Evening Lions Club bingo building, 1607 East Third.

All adults needing eyeglasses who don't have the income to purchase the exam or glasses are welcome. The recycled eyeglasses are taken from donations from the community as a service project of the Lions.

The Lions group offers the eyeglasses the second Saturday of each month. For more information call Janis Dean at 267-3068.

WHAT'S UP...

TODAY
□ Genealogical Society of Big Spring, 7:15 p.m., Howard County Library.
□ Masonic Lodge No. 1340, 7:30 p.m., 2101 Lancaster.

FRIDAY
□ Big Spring Art Association show, Dora Roberts Community Center, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.
□ AMBUCS, noon, Brandin' Iron Restaurant.
□ Spring City Senior Citizens country/western dance, 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. All seniors invited.

SATURDAY
□ Howard County Scottish Rite Club, 7:30 a.m., Masonic Lodge, 21st and Lancaster. Breakfast served.
□ Coahoma city-wide garage sale, beginning at 8 a.m. at 35 locations all over town, including city park and private homes. Coahoma Junior High cheerleaders bake sale begins at 8 a.m. on Main Street.
□ Dance 8:30 p.m., Eagles Lodge, 704 W. Third. Everyone welcome.
□ The Heritage Museum, 510 Scurry, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
□ The Pottin House, 200 Gregg, a restored historic home, 1 to 5 p.m.

MONDAY
□ Big Spring Evening Lions Club, 6:30 p.m., 1607 E. Third.

WEATHER

Tonight:



TONIGHT 45°-50°
FRIDAY 75°-85°

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Decorated pilot who trained at Webb to speak at Hangar dedication

By **BILL McCLELLAN**
News Editor

Retired Air Force Major General Burton R. Moore will be the featured speaker at the dedication ceremony for Hangar 25 on Memorial Day, the Hangar 25 Air Museum has announced.

A decorated fighter pilot, Moore received his pilot training at Webb Air Force Base and married a woman from Big Spring.

"We've had so many happenings that have fallen into place to make Hangar 25 a reality,"

said Jerry Worthy, president of the Hangar 25 Air Museum committee. "It seems apropos that one of the pilots who trained here and had such a successful role with the Air Force can come back and help us dedicate the hangar."

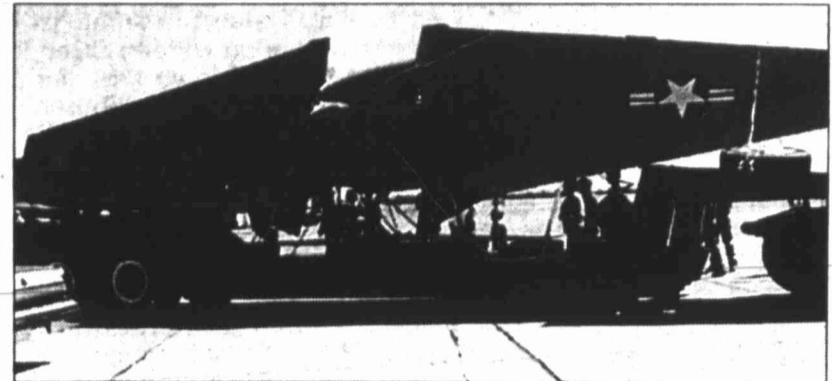
"He and his wife still have friends and relatives here and it just seems like a natural."

Hangar 25, located on the grounds of the former air force base, has been restored as an air museum focusing on the training of Air Force pilots and bombardiers and of the planes used in that training. The Big

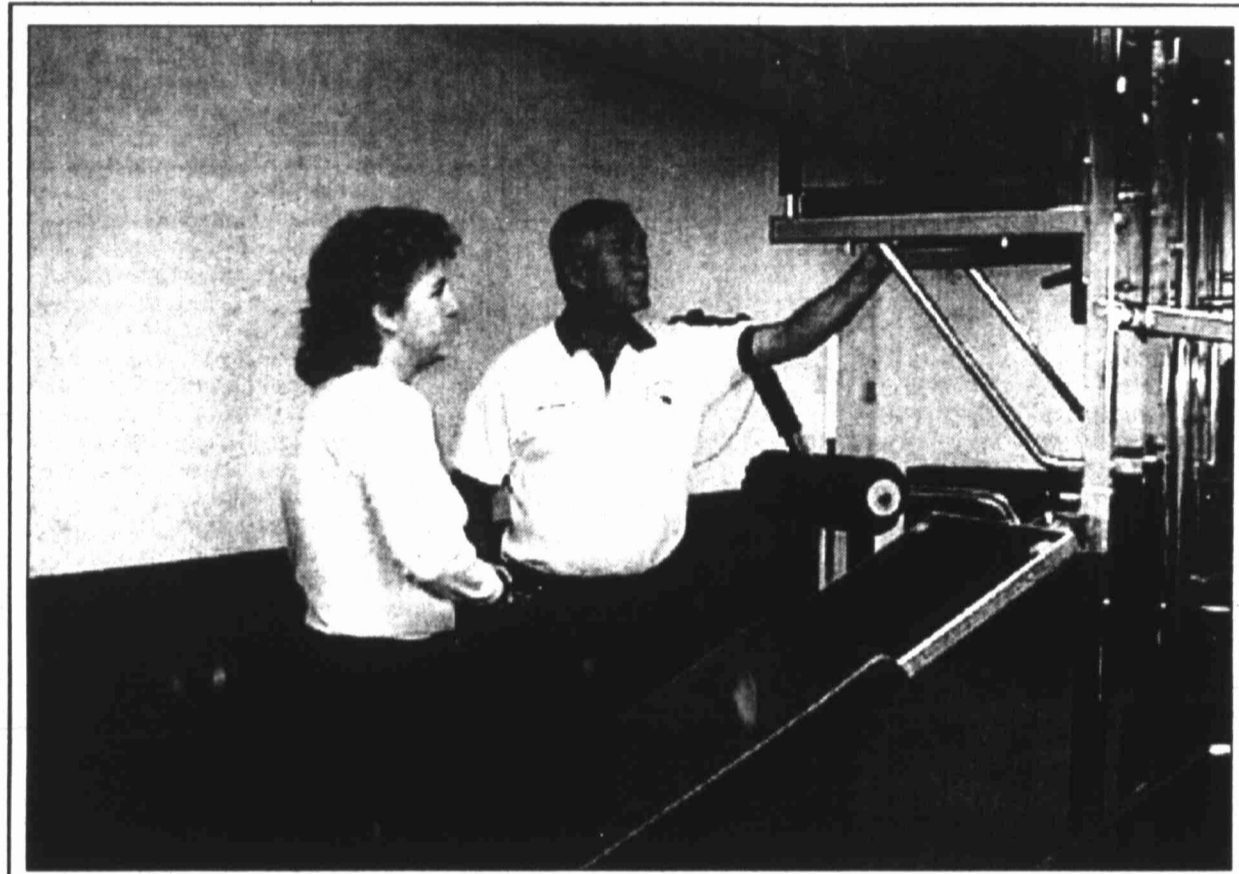
Spring Bombardier School opened in 1941 and closed in 1945. Webb Air Force Base was open from 1952 until 1977.

The restored Hangar 25, which is also being used for reunions and other activities, boasts two aircraft on display which represent the types used in training pilots at Webb: a T-33 and a T-37.

During his 28-year career in the Air Force, Moore logged more than 2,500 hours in the F-4, F-5 and F-16 aircraft. He served two combat tours in



HERALD photo/Bill McClellan
The Hangar 25 Air Museum began taking shape earlier this year with the completion of the hangar restoration and arrival of two planes for display. Dedication ceremonies will be held May 31.



HERALD photo/Marsha Sturdivant
Captain Pam Jordan of the Big Spring Police Department, and Fire Chief Frank Anderson discuss the weight lifting equipment in the new Municipal Training Center. The equipment will be available for all city employees.

Maj. Tolcher prepares to help old friends in wake of deadly Oklahoma City storms

By **MARSHA STURDIVANT**
Staff Writer

Local Salvation Army commanding officer Maj. Roy Tolcher takes a hands-on position in assisting the tornado victims in Oklahoma, when he travels Monday to the site of the disaster.



TOLCHER

Tolcher is a member of the Texas Disaster Team, a service of the Salvation Army that provides food kitchens for victims and those helping with the disaster.

"We were attending a disaster conference when the tornadoes hit, and we had all 35 canteens in one location, which helped us mobilize quickly. The conference was canceled and we sent 18 canteens immediately to

Oklahoma," Tolcher said. The Salvation Army has 80 workers in Oklahoma City now, as part of the first phase of response. He said more volunteers and officers will be dispatched in the second phase.

Tolcher said later Monday night, four more canteens, or mobile kitchens, were dispatched to east Texas following the tornado rampage there.

Tolcher has been told to be on stand by to depart Monday or Tuesday, and to pack for a 10-day stay. He said his duties will vary once he reaches the disaster site, and may include working in the canteen or a warehouse distribution center, or counseling with victims.

"We work between 13 and 16 hours each day while there. We never know what will be required until we get there," he said.

For Tolcher, returning the Oklahoma is a poignant, emotional trip. He served the

Oklahoma Division for 15 years, and was director of social services and disaster coordinator for Oklahoma City from 1985-87.

"A person never gets used to seeing these type of disasters. I was dispatched to Oklahoma during the bombing, and when all of this hit, it just brought everything back. I don't believe we ever really get over something like this," Tolcher said.

Tolcher said he has responded to countless disasters in his 35 years as a corps officer. He provided disaster relief when Hurricane Hugo struck South Carolina, and he has also provided relief in Conroe and Lancaster, Texas.

In Oklahoma City, at least 44 people died and hundreds were wounded when 78 tornadoes whirled through five different states.

Reports from Oklahoma indicate thousands of people have

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Letter carriers want to 'Stamp Out Hunger'

By **BILL McCLELLAN**
News Editor

Big Spring residents have an opportunity to help the needy this weekend as the National Association of Letter Carriers holds its annual Stamp Out Hunger food drive.

"We'd love for everyone to participate," said Pat Blevins, supervisor of customer service for the Big Spring Post Office. "It's all for a great cause, the food bank."

Assisting will be members of the American Postal Workers Union, the fire department, Cosden Refinery engineers and Southwestern Bell Telephone.

Also helping out will be rural route and highway contract

carriers, Blevins said. Residents with a county address are invited to place food at their mailbox Saturday morning. Carriers will pick up the food items and distribute them to the nearest fire station. From there, they will be centralized and taken to the food bank.

What is needed are non-perishable food items in non-breakable containers. This may include canned goods, bags of beans, flour or rice, cereal or other items. Canned goods can include items such as meats, soup, vegetables, juice and pasta.

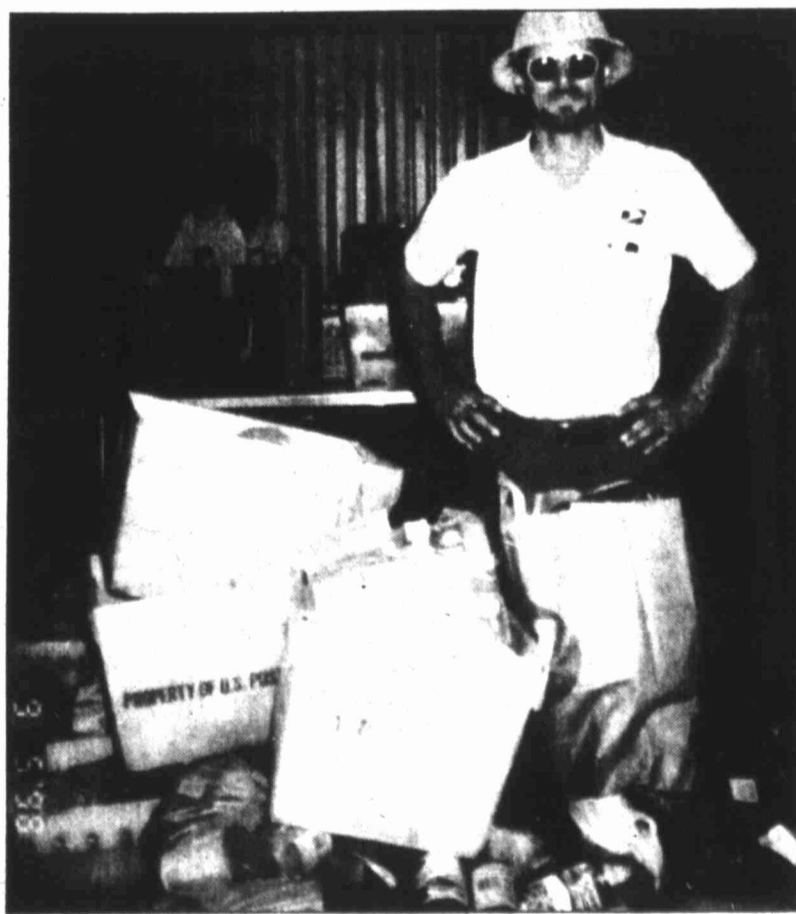
The food bank cannot accept home canned items or out-of-date items. However, Blevins said, those items can be given to hog producers, who in turn reimburse the food bank with pork.

"Nothing goes to waste," said

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BLEVINS



Courtesy photo
Postman Keith McGuire poses with some of the food items collected along his route during the Letter Carriers' annual drive.

Grand jury Intoxicated manslaughter indictment handed down against Big Spring man

By **MARSHA STURDIVANT**
Staff Writer

A Howard County grand jury indicted 22 people Wednesday, including a 20-year-old Big Spring man for intoxicated manslaughter.

The 24 indictments also included ones for indecency with a child, sexual assault, and aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.

Antonio Rodriguez, 20, of 1511 Sunset, was indicted in the death of Jessie Lee Walters Jr., a SouthWest Collegiate Institute for the Deaf student, who was struck by a vehicle on Feb. 27 about 8:30 p.m.

According to police, Rodriguez was the driver of a vehicle which struck Walters, who was riding a bicycle west bound on East Fourth Street.

Rodriguez was also indicted for failure to stop and render aid. He was arrested in his vehicle at Big Spring Mall minutes after the accident by an off-duty Big Spring police officer.

The grand jury also indicted Billy Ray Stewart, 44, of 615 Steakley, for indecency with a child, a first degree felony, for a Dec. 4, 1998 incident investigated by the Big Spring Police Department (BSPD). Stewart has a previous conviction of indecency with a child for a Denton County offense.

Indicted on a first degree felony of delivery of a controlled substance was Andres Lopez Juarez, 40, of 411 Trade. Evidence compiled by the West Texas Narcotics Enforcement Task Force (WTNETF) involved an incident that allegedly occurred Feb. 25.

A second degree felony indictment of delivery of a controlled substance was returned for 36-year-old Jose Mendez Cuellar of 1309 Elm. WTNETF also compiled the evidence for an inci-

dent dated Feb. 24.

Also indicted were:
• Antonio Joe Flores, 18, of 506 S. Bell, for a second degree felony of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon. The BSPD investigated the incident, which allegedly occurred March 10.

• Jose Hernandez Gomez, 37, of 1310 1/2 S. Nolan, for a second degree felony of delivery of a controlled substance, another WTNETF investigation. The incident is dated March 9.

• Mary Jane Castillo, 31, of 1023 Stadium, on a second degree felony of delivery of a controlled substance. The incident, dated March 9, was investigated by the WTNETF.

• Daniel Rodriguez Mendoza, 29, of 3912 Hamilton, for burglary of a habitation, a second degree felony. BSPD investigated an incident dated March 5.

• Rodney Lee Feaster, 49, of 3006 Sherman, on two counts of indecency with a child, a second degree felony. Howard County Sheriff's Office (HCSO) investigated the incident, dated Nov. 28, 1998.

• James Thomas Wilson, 17, of 1601 Robin, for sexual assault. The BSPD investigated the second degree felony, with an incident dated Dec. 12, 1998.

• Byron Craig Gressett, 45, of 2194 Wasson Rd., for driving while intoxicated, third or more offense, a third degree felony. The Department of Public Safety presented evidence for an incident dated Dec. 31, 1998.

• Juan Vincente Rangel, 38, of 902 San Antonio, on a third degree felony of unlawful possession of a firearm by a felon. HCSO investigated the incident, dated Feb. 27.

• Rollie Wayne Joy, 37, of 1005 Stadium, for possession of a controlled substance, a state jail

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Superintendent interviews set for trio at CISD

By **MARSHA STURDIVANT**
Staff Writer

Coahoma Independent School board of trustees have scheduled meetings May 10 and 11 to interview three men for the position of superintendent.

This finalist list has been paired from the eight semi-finalists selected, who have all been interviewed by trustees.

The men who have been selected as finalists are Albert Van Hoose from Floydada, Monte Barnes from Roscoe and Billy Kingston from Petersburg. All three men are currently working for their prospective school districts.

Interim superintendent Wayne Mitchell said trustees have indicated they will interview all three finalists on Monday in separate meetings.

Trustees may select their choice that night, or may wait

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OBITUARIES

Janetta Whetsel

Janetta Byers Whetsel, 71, of Snyder, formerly of Big Spring, passed away May 3, 1999, at her home...

Garden City; three grandchildren, Bill and Jerry; Jon Currie, both of Big Spring, and Laura Maud Huit of Garden City...

She was also preceded in death by a granddaughter, Diana Lu-Nichols, in 1996, her parents, Mr. Marshall Johnson and Mrs. Ellen (Waldie) Johnson...

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

Marie Currie

Marie Johnson Currie, 90, of Big Spring, died on Tuesday, May 4, 1999, at her home.



CURRIE

Marie grew up in Nixon and received her degree from Southwest Texas State Teachers College in San Marcos. She married W.J. "Bill" Currie on Aug. 26, 1961 in Corpus Christi and they lived on the ranch in Garden City until his death April 26, 1973.

Survivors include one sister, Mrs. Jo (Marjorie) Lea of El Paso; two stepchildren, Jerry Currie of Big Spring and Mrs. Arlis (Barbara Lu) Ratliff of...

MYERS & SMITH FUNERAL HOME & CHAPEL. 21th & Johnson 267-8288. Emily Pike, 84, died Sunday. Services will be 11:30 AM, Friday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home Chapel...

NALLEY-PICKLE & WELCH Funeral Home. Trinity Memorial Park and Crematory. 906 Gregg St. (915) 267-6331. Marie Johnson Currie, 90, died Wednesday. Services will be 10:00 AM Friday at St. Mary's Episcopal Church...

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cle. The state jail felony case was investigated by the BSPD for an incident dated Dec. 31, 1998.

Elvis Eugene Johnson, 42, of 1102 N. Main, for theft of a firearm, a state jail felony. The BSPD investigated the case dated July 15, 1998.

Steven Magana, 21, of 1503 Scurry, for unauthorized use of a vehicle for a case investigated by the BSPD dated Feb. 18.

Billy Gene Shubert, 29, of 3304 W. Highway 80, for delivery of a dangerous drug, a state jail felony. The task force investigate the case dated March 10.

Frankie Lopez Juarez, 30, of 1008 NW Second, for injury to a child, a state jail felony. BSPD investigated the case dated March 14.

CISD

Continued from Page 1A until the next regular board meeting May 17, he said.

"And since we will have a Tuesday meeting posted, they may decide to come back Tuesday and make a decision, or they could decide everything that same night," Mitchell said.

In other business Wednesday night, ballots were canvassed and newly elected board members John Wayne Metcalf and Cindy Neff were installed.

Trustees approved a new heating and air conditioning unit for about \$10,000, Mitchell said. "This is done every year, as we replace old, old, old units for our various buildings," he said.

The seventh and eighth grade band members will be visiting Six Flags on May 21, as per board approval. And the transfer list of students was approved, he said.

DRIVE

Continued from Page 1A Blevins. "We use everything."

Postal workers in Big Spring collect several thousand pounds during the drive. Some 30 local carriers are expected to participate in this year's drive.

Anyone who wants to donate but would rather drop off food can do so at the food bank or the back dock at the post office, Blevins said.

RESPONSE

Continued from Page 1A lost their homes, and entire communities were leveled by the tornadoes.

The conference Tolcher was attending is set at the Salvation Army camp headquarters in Midlothian. Tolcher said the Texas disaster team gathers every year for three days of training and equipment upgrades.

Tolcher said he will be part of the second phase May 10-11 of canteens and volunteers sent into the area.

At present, only monetary donations are being requested from Oklahoma. Donations marked "Disaster Relief" may be sent to the Salvation Army, P.O. Box 1248 Big Spring. For more information, call Tolcher at 267-8239.

BRIEFS

BIG SPRING EVENING LIONS Club will have free eyeglasses for all adults Saturday from 9 a.m. to noon at the Big Spring Evening Lions Club bingo building, 1607 East Third.

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THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF Health, 501 Birdwell Lane, Suite 28-B, will have a Saturday shot clinic on May 15, 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.

SUPPORT GROUPS

THURSDAY •Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon open meeting.

A.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.

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

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

FRIDAY •Turning Point A.A., 8-9:30 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 10th and Goliad. Open to all substance abusers.

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

Al-Anon support group, noon, 615 Settles.

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

Citadel ready to graduate first woman

CHARLESTON, S.C. (AP) — The bitter fight over admitting women to The Citadel now long past, Nancy Mace is about to become the 156-year-old South Carolina state military school's first female cadet to graduate.

Mace, who entered in the fall of 1996 after the college dropped its all-male admissions policy, is to receive her degree with about 400 male cadets at commencement ceremonies on Saturday. The business major transferred credits from a community college to graduate a year early.

MARKETS. July cotton 59.30 cents, down 9 points; June crude 18.69, down...

TEXAS LOTTERY

PICK 3: 1,5,2 LOTTO:6,14,19,32,37,39

Lottery numbers are unofficial until confirmed by the state lottery commission.

Table listing various items and prices: Asarco Inc 19%+, Atmos Energy 24%, BP Amoco 110%+, Chevron 98%+, Cifra 20%+, Coca Cola 69%+, Compaq Computer 24%+, Cornell Correc. 20%+, Dell 40%+, DuPont 70%+, Exxon 83%+, Halliburton 43%+, IBM 211%+, Intel Corp 62%+, Mid Amer Energy 33%+, Mobil 105%+, NUV 9%+, Palex Inc 6%+, Pepsi Cola 36%+, Petrofina 60%+, Phillips Petroleum 50%+, SBC Com. 105%+, Sears 48%+, Texaco 63%+, Texas Instruments 106%+, Texas Utils. Co 41%+, Unocal Corp 42%+, Wal-Mart 43%+, Amcap 18.49-19.62, Europacific 31.64-33.57, Prime Rate 7.75%, Gold 288.50-289.50, Silver 5.34-5.39

RECORDS

Wednesday's high 78 Wednesday's low 42 Average high 85 Average low 55 Record high 104 in 1947 Record low 39 in 1935 Precip. Wednesday 0.00 Month to date 0.58 Month's normal 0.34 Year to date 3.15 Normal for the year 3.72 Sunrise Friday 6:54 a.m. Sunset Friday 8:31 p.m.

POLICE

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

- MAJOR ACCIDENT was reported on I-20 near mile marker 175. • JOE MIRAMONTES, 21, was arrested for local warrants. • MINOR ACCIDENT was reported at the intersection of Third and Gregg, 11th and Birdwell and in the 1100 block of South Gregg. • THEFT LESS THAN \$50 was reported in the 1500 block of East Fourth

BIG SPRING MOVIE HOTLINE For showtimes call 263-2479

SHERIFF

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

- GARY DURST, 46, was arrested for motion to revoke probation of forgery and theft by check more than \$20 and less than \$500. • DIMUS MORALEZ, 26, was arrested for issuance of a bad check. • JAMES LEE WOODARD, 34, was arrested for judgment sentence of driving while license suspended.

FIRE/EMS

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

- WEDNESDAY 12:51 a.m. - 1200 block Johnson, medical call, patient transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center. 5:51 a.m. - 600 block Lancaster, traffic accident, service refused. 10:37 a.m. - 1000 block Birdwell, medical call, patient transported to SMCC. 2:57 p.m. - 1500 block Tucson, medical call, patient transported to SMCC. 10:41 p.m. - 3200 block Parkway, medical call, patient transported to SMCC.

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

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How

WASHINGTON Legislation harder for parents to pass their debts to their children passed the House... The House is considering the rising tide of bankruptcies, generated by a bill a 313-172 vote Wednesday...

Pick in to

OKLAHOMA her debris-littered 7-year-old Mercedes across chunks of wood like a game of catch. "My outfit is proudly tugged and white striped," she said. "My mom said getting about day..."

Megan's new luxury. Her much of her new twisted in Monday's deadly Oklahoma and "I don't want the first-grader to get a job that isn't nice."

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"I'm just picnic pieces," John Wednesday. All around Oklahoma some windows lined and National C points as families through the debris p.m. curfew.

American Legion troops to with

INDIANAPOLIS nation's largest vanguard has urged Clinton to immerse draw U.S. troops Balkans.

"We believe the can do to support protect our troops them home," said "Butch" Miller, n-mander of The Legion. "We believe into a bad Kosovo."

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COV HEALTH A Ministry of St. Mary Hospital

House passes bill to toughen bankruptcy laws; veto threatened

WASHINGTON (AP) — Legislation that would make it harder for people to sweep away their debts in bankruptcy easily passed the House despite a White House veto threat.

The House, seeking to stem the rising tide of personal bankruptcies, gave the bipartisan bill a 313-108 veto-proof vote Wednesday. The legislation, sought by credit card companies, got solid Republican support but split the Democrats. The Senate hasn't yet voted on a parallel measure.

The Clinton administration especially criticized the measure's creation of a "means test" based on debtors' income to determine whether they must gradually repay their debts or erase them entirely while under bankruptcy court protection from creditors.

In a statement, the White

House called the means test "inflexible and arbitrary," while reaffirming its support in principle for rewriting the bankruptcy laws.

In another setback for the administration Wednesday, the Senate defeated, 52-45, an amendment that would have removed provisions in a financial services overhaul bill that Democrats saw as an attack on the 1977 Community Reinvestment Act.

Senate Banking Committee Chairman Phil Gramm, R-Texas, wants to exempt small rural banks from the community-lending law and make it harder for the government to use satisfactory community-lending ratings as a requirement for banks being allowed to expand.

The Senate also rejected, on a party-line 54-43 vote, a

Democratic version of the financial services legislation, which would lift Depression-era barriers separating banks, securities firms and insurance companies.

Before the House vote on the bankruptcy bill, Judiciary Committee Chairman Henry Hyde, R-Ill., and Rep. John Conyers of Michigan, the panel's senior Democrat, tried to soften the means test provision, which uses the Internal Revenue Service's living expense standards to help determine how much debtors can repay.

But their effort was rebuffed in a 238-184 vote.

Big bank-owned credit card networks, notably Visa and MasterCard, and retail-business groups say their losses from debts forgiven in bankruptcy have forced them to raise interest rates for consumers who

handle credit responsibly.

But consumer groups, unions, civil rights groups and bankruptcy attorneys maintain the legislation favors corporate profits over the needs of families struggling with debt who need a fresh start. They insist that the credit card companies share the blame by flooding consumers with mailed solicitations to entice them into easy credit.

By voice vote, the lawmakers adopted an amendment requiring credit card companies to clearly disclose their late-payment fees and how long it would take customers to pay off balances if they make only minimum monthly payments.

The companies also would have to clearly reveal the expiration dates of introductory "teaser rates" and the higher interest rates replacing them.

BANKRUPTCY LEGISLATION HIGHLIGHTS

- Establishes a "means test," based on debtors' income, to determine whether they must gradually repay their debts or may erase them entirely while under Bankruptcy Court protection from creditors. The provision uses the Internal Revenue Service's standards to determine how much money debtors need to live. It requires debtors with incomes above regional median levels, minus money needed for living expenses, to follow court-ordered repayment plans.
- Gives highest priority among debts to child support and alimony payments, putting them ahead of credit card debt and other obligations.
- Requires credit card companies to clearly disclose their late-payment fees and how long it would take customers to pay off balances by making only minimum monthly payments. The companies also would have to clearly reveal the expiration dates of introductory "teaser rates" and the higher interest rates replacing them. The same disclosures would have to be made in offers for credit card accounts made over the Internet.
- Limits repeat bankruptcy filings.

'Picking up the pieces' in tornadoes' aftermath

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — In her debris-littered front yard, 7-year-old Megan Varva leaped across chunks of concrete and wood like a gazelle on an obstacle course.

"My outfit is new," she said proudly, tugging at her pink-and-white striped shorts set. "My mom said I'm going to be getting about a new outfit a day."

Megan's new wardrobe isn't a luxury. Her old clothes, like much of her neighborhood, lay twisted in the dirt after Monday's deadly tornadoes in Oklahoma and Kansas.

"I don't want to go in there," the first-grader said of what little was left of her house. "It isn't nice."

Many in the twister-scarred southern plains would agree. Their homes are now nothing more than a jagged nest of splintered wood, mangled furniture, shattered glass — and broken dreams.

The big orange "U" spray painted along a wall of 9-year-old Sara and 5-year-old Rebecca Johnson's home in Haysville, Kan., said it all: Uninhabitable.

The house must be inspected for structural damage before Dave Johnson and his daughters can even think of returning.

"I'm just picking up the pieces," Johnson said Wednesday.

All around Oklahoma City, cars some with smashed windows lined up at police and National Guard checkpoints as families came to dig through the debris before an 8 p.m. curfew.

Officials said 38 people died and more than 751 people were injured in the deadliest tornado to hit Oklahoma since 1947. The twisters killed five in Kansas and injured nearly 150 people.

More twisters swarmed across parts of Texas and Arkansas on Tuesday, killing one person. And late Wednesday, strong winds shut down the Nashville International Airport and were blamed for three deaths in Tennessee.

Officials had received about 100 missing persons reports in Oklahoma, but they were uncertain how many were duplicates. A master list of the missing was expected to be released today.

John Long, chief of the public education office for the Oklahoma City Fire Department, said he didn't expect the fatality count to grow by much. Rescuers have made at least three searches of each damaged home.

The damage estimate has been placed at more than \$225 million in Oklahoma and more than \$140 million in Kansas, where 1,129 buildings were destroyed in Monday's storms.

A disaster housing program through the Federal Emergency Management Agency will provide rental assistance for up to 18 months, said Ben Frizzell of the Oklahoma Office of Civil Emergency Management.

President Clinton has authorized emergency disaster declarations for both Oklahoma and Kansas, paving the way for federal emergency funds for home and business owners.

Wolens releases latest electric deregulation bill

AUSTIN (AP) — Grandfathered power plants would be forced to reduce emissions by 2003 or close down under legislation to deregulate the state's multi-billion-dollar electric utility business.

The power plants would be directed to reduce nitrogen oxide and sulfur dioxide emissions, according to Rep. Steve Wolens, D-Dallas.

The plants potentially affected by the provision have been exempt from state environmental regulations since 1971. Under the bill, they would be forced to get a state permit.

Wolens' bill, released Wednesday, marks the latest compromise among electric util-

ities, residential and business customers and environmentalists.

"In addition to lowering the cost of electricity, the bill significantly reduces air pollution in Texas from grandfathered, dirty power plants, and preserves electric service reliability," Wolens said.

A bill by Sen. David Sibley, R-Waco, to deregulate the market has already passed the Senate. Wolens chairs the House State Affairs Committee, which is now considering the bill. It wasn't clear when the panel would vote.

Environmentalists cheered the provision designed to reduce pollution from grandfa-

thered facilities.

"It is provisions such as this that allow all of the citizens of Texas to benefit from electric competition legislation," said Mark MacLeod, director of state energy programs for Environmental Defense Fund.

"This bill will help reduce unhealthy air pollution all over Texas."

Deregulation would allow most electric customers to shop around among utility companies.

The monopolies held by utilities for decades would be broken as competitors began to fight for the same customers.

Wolens' bill is also designed to make sure that business and

industrial customers aren't the only ones to benefit.

Retail electric providers providing a certain amount of electricity would have to serve a minimum number of residential customers under the bill. There has been a concern among some consumer groups that new utilities would ignore residential customers in lieu of business customers who could provide more profit.

"This bill assures that residential customers get guaranteed benefits from competition," Wolens said. "It will give customers the ability to choose an electricity provider and assures that retail providers will have to serve small customers."

Judge to hear about how state arbitration board selected

TEXARKANA, Texas (AP) — A federal judge is scheduled to hear arguments today on whether three retired judges appointed to a state arbitration board were illegally selected.

U.S. District Judge David Folsom was to consider the validity of the board since the three members were all selected by former attorney general Dan Morales and his longtime friend Marc Murr.

Folsom had originally ordered that he would select one of the panelists.

The state panel awarded Murr \$260 million for his role in the \$17.3 billion tobacco settlement with Texas. Other private attorneys on the case have said Murr did little or no work on the case, while Morales has played a crucial role in negotiating the deal.

If the judge declares the board invalid, then Murr's \$260 million award could be tossed out because cigarette makers are

bound under the Texas agreement to pay \$1 billion awarded by national arbitrators.

On Wednesday, Folsom quashed a subpoena for Morales, who did not run for reelection and left office last year.

The subpoena was requested by his successor, Attorney General John Cornyn, who said in his filing that Morales had "faked" contracts and had fraudulently procured the award for Murr.

Morales' attorney, Sam Millsap, said he was "going to turn today's hearing into a political circus."

"I'm frustrated, as is Dan, that these bizarre allegations will hang out there until the appropriate time and place for response. There was no fraud. That simply is untrue," Millsap said.

Cornyn said the Jan. 31, 1997, contract between Murr and the state is a fake.

"It did not exist on Jan. 31,

1997," Cornyn said in his filing.

Millsap said that Murr and Morales did not sign this "contract" on Jan. 31, 1997.

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Cornyn's office is investigating whether Morales tried to funnel a portion of the tobacco settlement to Murr.

American Legion urges Clinton to withdraw U.S. troops from Balkans

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — The nation's largest veterans organization has urged President Clinton to immediately withdraw U.S. troops from the Balkans.

"We believe the best thing we can do to support our troops, to protect our troops, is to bring them home," said Harold L. "Butch" Miller, national commander of The American Legion. "We believe we are getting into a bad situation in Kosovo."

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OUR VIEWS

We're all a part of tourism in Howard County

In the middle of National Tourism Week, we want to take the opportunity to salute those people in Big Spring who are working to grow the industry locally.

Statewide, tourism is the No. 2 industry and, as we've heard in the past, the potential is great for Big Spring and Howard County.

Working under the tourism arm of the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce, there are several groups — the Convention and Visitors Bureau, the Cultural Affairs Council and the Sports Committee — who actively work to attract visitors to our community.

But we're all really involved in tourism. Consider the impact of Hangar 25 or the Vietnam Memorial or the Heritage Museum.

While none were developed with tourism in mind, they all bring people to our community and are a big draw — whether it's a group of school kids visiting the museum, a Webb Air Force Base class holding a reunion at Hangar 25 or a lone veteran taking time to reminisce at the Vietnam Memorial.

We also have our share of sporting events that bring people to our community in addition to the expanded efforts of the Sports Committee.

How are you involved in tourism?
Easy ... you're a local.
You're the person that visitor might flag down to ask a question or seek directions.

You're a local ... you're supposed to know what we have in our community and when you're the person who is being questioned, you become the local authority ... you are Big Spring and Howard County to this visitor.

Twenty years ago, former Gov. Preston Smith coined the phrase "Texas Friendly." There were road signs that reminded us to drive Texas friendly and to speak Texas friendly and, well, to act Texas friendly.

We have a lot to offer a visitor to our community ... from the historic spring to where Cabeza de Vaca is thought to have visited 400 years ago to the tallest wind turbines in America and everything in-between.

Remember that the tourist dollar is a "clean" dollar. It's fresh money into our community that helps pay wages and purchase goods and services.

Locally, the CVB uses the conservative figure of \$50 per day to measure what a visitor to our community spends. Those dollars add up and benefit all of us.

Thanks to those of you who are working diligently to bring more visitors to our community. It's up to all of us to act Big Spring friendly when we come across a visitor.

OTHER VIEWS

The number of students making direct threats or implied threats of violence has increased tremendously since two students went on a rampage at Columbine High School in Littleton, Or. at least, people are more sensitized to the threats. ... The problem for school officials and law enforcement is, they have no magic formula that allows them to sort out which children are really dangerous and which ones are just mouthing off. ... We can't know for sure, and even if it is a prank, it can create quite a panic. ... Lots of people blame video games and movies for desensitizing our young people. Maybe they're right. ... Since firearms

seem to be the instrument of choice for the violence, the availability of guns takes much of the blame.

Several students have made bombs, and the easy access to plans for bombs, especially over the Internet, has been cited as a contributing factor.

We strive to find simplistic answers so we can adopt them and move on. The fact is, these murderous youth are not the norm, not by a wide margin, and we must not forget that. But the youths who want to use threats against others, even as a prank, need to recognize that we can't tell the difference.

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Ask the electric industry to focus on your needs

By RAY PALMER
NEV Texas

"How big will my electric bill be this July? And can anything be done to lower it?" Those are the questions Texas consumers and lawmakers should ask as they consider deregulating the state's electricity industry. But the legislative process has slowed down because due to a combination of utility greed and consumer distrust.

Utilities want the appearance of competition and the absence of real competitors. Fortunately, legislative leaders like Senator David Sibley and Representative Steve Wolens understood this was the utilities' real objective and are insisting on an approach that balances the needs of the consumers with the interests of the utilities.

In public, the utilities appear to support this balanced approach. But they talk a different game in private, and their arguments are very seductive. They tell you Texas already enjoys low rates for electricity, so we don't need a lot of competition, just a little of it. The ensuing confusion has allowed misleading myths to become accepted fact, such

as only large industrial and commercial users will see prices lowered through competition and that residential users will be left out.

As we approach the final votes in the Texas House on this issue, we need to forget all the utility doubletalk and remind ourselves of the effects about competition:

• **Competition will alleviate shortages of electricity in the summer.** During the hot summer of 1998, we almost had statewide brownouts because of the electricity shortages. Texas does have a law on the books to encourage private companies to build the new power plants we need. But these companies are reluctant to risk their money if we don't also have a competitive retail market that creates a supply and demand environment for power.

• **Competition delivers savings for all customer classes.** Last year, utilities charged their ratepayers in Texas over \$3 billion above the free market cost for electricity, according to estimates from the Public Utility Commission. Electric rates in Texas are lower than the national average. But Texas consumes more electricity than any other state, making

our electric bills the fourth highest in the United States, \$200 per year over the national average. There definitely is room for savings by the average Texas consumer, since even a small rate discount has the potential for a large impact on the total bill.

• **Competition results in new products and services and companies compete for business.** Innovation has always been difficult to foster in regulated markets because the system neither encourages nor rewards creativity. Just look at what happened in the telephone business. Through decades of AT&T monopoly, the only significant service innovations were rotary dial phones replacing plug-board operators and then touch tone phones replacing rotary dials. Only after deregulation did we see the rapid growth of voice mail, paging, call forwarding, digital communications, pagers, fiber optics, satellite communications and the like.

• **Competition will increase consumer options.** The use of "green" power — nonpolluting, renewable forms of energy like wind and solar power — has become very popular in states where consumers can choose

their electric provider. Consumers also are choosing among new payment options, such as choosing the date to pay the bill or even paying bills via electronic or credit card payment plans.

In the regulated utility world, Texans are considered ratepayers; we can't take our business elsewhere if we become dissatisfied with the price or service. But if lawmakers create a competitive market, Texans will finally become customers in the electric industry. Our needs will begin driving the market, the prices and the services that are available because we will be able to take our business anywhere we want.

So as the temperatures start to inch upward, remember how much you have to run your air conditioner in the summer. Then call your representative to remind them how much it costs you to run that air conditioner and that you want it to cost less. Let them know you want the electric industry to focus on your needs, not the utilities'.

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Former surgeon general stresses health care for kids

Seven years after Bill Clinton rode to office on a promise of universal health care, more Americans than ever are without insurance. One big reason, of course, is politics: Elected officials love handing out favors, but they can't stand taking anything away from the voters who put them in office.



JACK ANDERSON

And in the case of health-care reform, the poison pill that holds up everything is "rationing." Giving basic health benefits to the underserved inevitably means taking choices away from someone else.

So says Dr. C. Everett Koop, the former surgeon general of the United States, who, at 82, has lost none of his fervor, wit, plain-speaking or crusading spirit.

That was evident in an interview with our associate Dale Van Atta, after a speech the good doctor gave in California. Even though he was surgeon

general during the conservative Reagan administration from 1981 to 1989, Dr. Koop is a staunch advocate of increased government assistance for the 40 million-plus Americans who lack health insurance.

Included in that figure are millions of children, who remain of particular interest to a man whose specialty was once pediatric surgery. He has lauded Clinton-administration efforts to shore up children's medical care, but remains concerned that too many kids are still falling through cracks in the system.

One of his campaigns has been "to marry health-care education and pre-school children."

This became a focus, he explained, after seeing a statistic years ago that startled him. "Thirty-three percent of kids who go to kindergarten do not know what the teacher means when she says, 'Let's form a circle.' Nor do they know their left from their right hand, or red from green. Most of those children were too sick to learn."

"And so it goes back to one of the ethical questions about health care. People say, 'How much health care is all right?' If we demand the kids have compulsory education, then I think you've got to demand

that they have enough health care to be able to learn what they're taught. And we don't have that across the board."

He knows it's controversial to suggest that the elderly are hogging health-care dollars at the expense of the young. But it's a subject that must be discussed if the system's finite resources are ever to benefit the largest possible cross-section.

"You have to make the comparison," he says, of taxpayer money spent on older Americans versus children. "I think it has to be talked about, but it tends to get shoved under the rug."

Speaking before groups of older Americans, Dr. Koop said he has found many who are quite concerned about the disproportionate share of the government-assisted medical pie that is going to them instead of children.

"They all feel that children are getting a bad shake, and that some of the money that's going to the care of older people should go to them," Koop said. "We're a country that gives marvelous lip service to children, and we do very little about it."

Koop won't say how — or if at all — those resources should be allocated. That's the kind of

decision that communities must reach on their own. Nor is it likely to happen anytime soon; with a healthy economy, government has no incentive to limit health care to the elderly. It's when the economy nosedives that talks of rationing will reappear in the political dialogue.

Yet Koop has strong personal reservations about adopting a system in which patients are left with few choices when they reach a certain age.

"In 1986, I woke up quadriplegic in a hotel bed in San Antonio," he told us. "I was flown by the Air Force back to Bethesda. I was operated upon. Had I been in the United Kingdom when I had that quadriplegia, I was too old for that kind of expensive and risky spine and spinal chord surgery, and I would either be still quadriplegic or dead."

"Yet my best years, as your surgeon general, were after that surgery. The things that I did that people approved of most, I did after I was treated and recovered. So I am not one who's inclined to say, 'He's too old, and the surgery's too expensive. Therefore, just don't do it.' The question comes down, 'Who makes the decision?'"



Mallard Fillmore
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◆Someone considered beetle-browed comes from the Anglo Saxon word *beat-ian*, meaning "to menace."

◆The Irish water spaniel is sometimes called the clown of the dog family.

Got an item?

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Northside center gets boost from Presbyterian women

By DEBBIE L. JENSEN
Features Editor

When it came time for Sherry Hodnett to recommend a service project for Presbyterian Women, she had no problem finding something in Big Spring.

She suggested the group, made up of churches throughout West Texas, support the Northside Community Center. It will be the "Justice and Peace" project for Presbyterian Women in the West Texas area this year.

"I know the center," Hodnett said. "I know what Max (Webb, executive director) has done. I know he goes above and beyond in his work here."

Hodnett presented Webb with a \$500 check last week, and another offering will be taken in October at the group's

'I know what Max has done. I know he goes above and beyond in his work here.'

Sherry Hodnett
Presbyterian Women

retreat in San Angelo.

Hodnett is past moderator of the Tres Rios Presbyterian Women, which represents 36 churches from Coahoma west to El Paso, and from Ballinger north to Seminole. Big Spring's First Presbyterian Church is part of the group.

The donation for the community center was an offering taken up at the Presbyterian Women Spring Gathering recently in Sonora.

Hodnett said this donation was larger than most have been in past years. The group chooses a new service project each year.

"This is great," said Webb, as

he accepted Hodnett's check. "It just came out of the blue. When she mentioned she was going to do this, I thought we might get \$100-200 at the most."

Hodnett said the women's group did not designate to what program the offering would go, but Webb said he would use it to send students into the nurses' aid program at Howard College.

"I want to use it for something that will really help people get jobs," he said. "And this is also because Sherry (Hodnett) is in nursing."

"We're happy to support the center," said Hodnett, who goes with a delegation of five to 10



Max Webb, director of the Northside Community Center, looks over Howard College course catalog with Sherry Hodnett of Presbyterian Women. The group has chosen the center as its "Justice and Peace" service project this year.

Big Spring residents to each year. "This is something good we can do."

Being housewife and mother has ups and downs

QUESTION: What answer do you have for those who say that being a mother and a housewife is boring and monotonous?

DR. DOBSON: Some women see the responsibility that way -- but we should recognize that most other occupations are boring, too. How exciting is the work of a waiter who serves food to customers every day, or a medical pathologist who examines microscopic slides and bacterial cultures from morning to night, or a dentist who spends his lifetime drilling and filling, drilling and filling, or an attorney who reads dusty books in a secluded library, or an author who writes page after page after page?

Few of us enjoy heart-thumping excitement each moment of our professional lives. Even the high-profile jobs have their boring dimensions.

On a trip to Washington, D.C., a few years ago, my hotel room was located next to the room of a famous cellist who was in the city to give a concert that evening. I could hear him through the walls as he practiced hour after hour. He did not play beautiful symphonic renditions; he repeated scales and runs and exercises, over and over.

This practice began early in the morning (believe me!) and continued until the time of his concert. As he strolled onto the stage that evening, I'm sure many individuals in the audience must have thought to themselves, "What a glamorous life!" Some glamour! I happen to know that he had spent the entire day in his lonely hotel room in the company of his cello. Musical instruments, as you know, are terrible conversationalists.

No, I doubt if the job of a homemaker and mother is much more boring than most other jobs, particularly if the woman refuses to be isolated from adult contact. But as far as the importance of the assignment is concerned, no job can compete with the responsibility of shaping and molding a new human being. That statement is not particularly politically correct in this cultural environment, but I believe it to be true.

May I remind full-time mothers of one more important consideration: You will not always carry the responsibility you now hold. Your children will be with you for a few brief years, and the obligations you now shoulder will be nothing more than dim memories. Enjoy every moment of these days -- even the difficult times -- and indulge yourself in the satisfaction of a job well done.

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DR. JAMES DOBSON

Riding high to the prom

Coahoma student made memorable appearance at the last school dance

By DEBBIE L. JENSEN
Features Editor

Weylin Wolf wanted his last year at Coahoma High School to be memorable.

And his appearance at the high school's prom Saturday made sure he'd never be forgotten. Wolf escorted two girls to the dance -- in formal wear -- on a tractor.

"I thought it'd be different," said Wolf, who plans to seek a college degree in farm and ranch management. He said he has been riding, and driving, tractors for most of his youth. His parents farm and ranch north of Coahoma.

For his dates, Jessica Pope and Lindy Parsons, however, that wasn't exactly the case. Although the two girls had been on tractors before, this was the first time in long



Weylin Wolf and his dates, Lindy Parsons and Jessica Pope, boarded a tractor for their ride to the Coahoma High School prom Saturday night.

dresses and heels. "It was comfortable for me."

said Wolf, who sat in the driver's seat and also made room

for his dates in the cab. "I had it set up so they'd have somewhere to sit, but I don't know how comfortable it was."

And how did he end up with two dates in the first place?

"We're just all friends," Wolf explained.

Wolf's mother, Jean Ann, was surprised her son's friends agreed to his plan.

"I just didn't see how those girls were going to get up on the tractor," she said, "but they just kind of shimmied right up and down."

"Ever since Weylin was really little, he has always driven tractors. This is what he wants to do."

Driving the rig at top speed, 21 miles per hour, made for a rough ride from Wolf's home 18 miles outside of Coahoma. So he brought the tractor in the night before and left it at his

grandmother's house near the school.

Then the group could make its grand entrance without such a long, bumpy ride.

And Wolf made sure his tractor was as clean and shiny as a limousine before the big night. He added some paint and made some repairs.

When they arrived at the school, Wolf parked his tractor right alongside the sports cars, parents' cars and pickups in the lot. Photographs documented the event.

During the prom, several groups of Wolf's male friends came out despite wet weather to have their pictures taken with the tractor.

Mrs. Wolf said she may have questioned her son's idea at first, but she is glad he did it.

"That's just good, wholesome fun," she said.

What say? Researchers find brain can understand speech, even when it's done backwards

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

The ability to understand speech is so deeply ingrained that people can decipher recorded sentences that have been chopped into brief segments and played backwards, researchers reported today.

Digitally recorded sentences were sliced into very short segments in the study, then reversed. The distorted speech was played to seven test subjects.

The participants had no problem understanding the sentences. Their brains were apparently able to perceive the syllables as sounding nearly the same whether heard backward or forward.

"When you distort speech, it distorts certain aspects, but other parameters are still able to convey the message," said Kouroush Saberi, a researcher at the California Institute of Technology's division of biology.

Saberi and David R. Perrott

of California State University in Los Angeles' department of psychology reported their findings in today's issue of the journal *Nature*.

Ray Kent, a professor of communicative disorders at the University of Wisconsin in Madison, said the research demonstrates that many areas of the brain are used to handle complicated auditory signals.

Not only are both hemispheres of the brain involved in speech processing, but eyesight plays a significant role by allowing people to unconsciously lip read to fill in missing data, Kent said.

Anyone who has gone to a party held in a crowded room filled with music and chattering people has tapped those skills to understand what others are saying, he said.

"What this tells us is that speech is quite robust. We can perceive it even when a number of things have been

done to distort or muddy the signal," Kent said. "Somehow the information is preserved or at least recoverable to us even when it's played backwards."

Steven Greenberg, a researcher at the International Computer Science Institute in Berkeley, Calif., said the findings could someday lead to improved speech-recognition programs that allow computers to respond to spoken commands.

It also adds to a growing body of evidence disputing the notion that individual vowels and consonants are crucial to understanding the spoken word, he said.

EDITOR'S NOTE — Samples of speech-reversed sentences are available on the Internet by visiting <http://cyboscine.etho.caltech.edu/pub/saberi> and selecting "Saberi-speech.wav"

A PEZ party in Connecticut attracts hundreds from all over

ORANGE, Conn. (AP) — The sugar in the air. The flip-top dispensers. The tart rectangular candies. This, undoubtedly, is PEZ country.

You don't have to tell the PEZ-heads. Hundreds of people who love the candy and the colorful, collectible dispensers it comes in are flocking here from as far away as Austria and Japan.

The mother ship, in this case, is PEZ Candy Inc. And the occasion is this weekend's first-ever gathering of PEZ aficionados in the town where the treats are manufactured.

"They'll be all over the lawn with telephoto lenses. They'll be with their noses up against the back window," said Scott McWhinnie, the "Pezident" of PEZ Candy. "They'll be picking through the garbage looking for old dispensers."

Convention organizer Richard Belyski said PEZ-heads are mostly baby boomers trying to relive their childhood. "Everybody remembers them as a kid. We're people from all walks of life, doctors, lawyers," said Belyski, 41, a police officer in Glen Cove, N.Y.

PEZ lovers will tell you their favorite treat is not just a hard,

fruit-flavored candy. It's an American icon that spans generations.

Most of the mystique focuses on the different character dispensers, from Mickey Mouse to Fred Flintstone and Spiderman to Kermit the Frog.

Like many of his brethren, Johann Patek, 42, who flew in from Vienna, Austria, for the convention, has so many dispensers he has lost count.

"I don't know. I cannot explain," he said.

John Laspina, 45, of Middletown, N.J., admits he has spent \$850 or more for a single dispenser — the "psychedelic eye" created in the '60s. He has five of them.

"When I was a kid, between Sunday school and church, I used to run to fill up my PEZ," said Laspina, a faraway look in his eyes.

David Welch, 37, of Murphysboro, Ill., also had his first experience with PEZ as a child and has since become an authority, having written two books, "Pictorial Guide to Plastic Candy Dispensers" and the seminal "Collecting PEZ."

He specializes in historical dispensers. The originals look See PEZ, Page 6A

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TOP STUDENTS

Seventh graders Sarah Vela, a student at Goliad Middle School, and Ezekiel Bryand, from Stanton Middle School, have been honored nationally for achieving test scores that would be the envy of many graduating seniors.

The two were chosen for the Duke University Talent Identification Program, TIP, which honors students in a series of recognition ceremonies throughout 16 states in the Southeast, Midwest and Southwest.

TIP honored students have scored in the top three percent on a national achievement test, either the SAT or ACT. To qualify for the honor, students must score at least 510 on both the verbal and math portions of the SAT, or 21 on the math and English and 22 on reading or reasoning portions of the ACT.



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COMMUNITY NEWS

The National MS Society will sponsor its 12th annual teleconference Saturday on the topic "It's Your Call: Making Treatment Decisions." Locally, interested people can participate at Marcy House, 2301 Wasson Road, at 2 p.m.

The event is designed to help people making personal decisions by providing the latest information on symptom management from world-renowned experts in MS. There are new techniques available; people with MS have more treatment options than ever before. For more information about the teleconference or its topic, call the MS society in Midland, (915) 570-8248.

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faction of having done an essential job right!

QUESTION: My older child is a great student and earns straight A's year after year. Her younger sister, now in the sixth grade, is completely bored in school and won't even try. The frustrating thing is that the younger girl is probably brighter than her older sister. Why would she refuse to apply her ability like this?

DR. DOBSON: There could be many reasons for her academic uninterest, but let me suggest the most probable explanation. Children will often refuse to compete when they think they are likely to place second instead of first. Therefore, a younger child may avoid challenging an older sibling in his area of greatest strength. If Son No. 1 is a great athlete, then Son No. 2 may be more interested in collecting butterflies. If Daughter No. 1 is an accomplished pianist, then Daughter No. 2 may be a boy-crazy goof-off.

This rule does not always hold true, of course, depending on the child's fear of failure and the way he estimates his chances of successful competition. If his confidence is high, he may blatantly wade into the territory owned by big brother, determined to do even better. However, the more typical response is to seek new areas of compensation that are not yet dominated by a family superstar.

If this explanation fits the behavior of your younger daughter, then it would be wise to accept something less than perfection from her school performance. Every child need not fit the same mold, nor can we force them to do so.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Dr. James C. Dobson's "Focus on the Family" appears each Thursday as a cooperative effort of Scenic Mountain Medical Center and the Big Spring Herald. Letters to Dr. Dobson may be sent to P.O. Box 444, Colorado Springs, Colo., 80903.

ODDS-N-ENDS

LINCOLNVILLE, Maine (AP) — Innkeeper Clifford Shattuck isn't winning any hospitality awards.

The owner of the Lighthouse Motel has been barred from having dealings with any hotel guests after prosecutors said he verbally abused people. The 66-year-old was also fined \$15,000.

"It is unusual to have anybody in business who repeatedly threatens his customers in such a scary and unusual way," prosecutor Stephen Wessler said Monday.

Justice Donald Marden found that Shattuck was abusive toward people who asked to see the rooms before they registered and toward those who used the motel driveway to turn around.

Shattuck has been fined more than \$21,500 over the years for his behavior, but has never been ordered to stay away from guests.

In 1994, he was cited for civil rights violations involving two Israeli tourists. They said he told them that "Hitler should have killed another 6 million Jews." The tourists said he threw rocks at their car as they tried to leave.

Wessler said Shattuck will not have to sell his business.

"If he wants to work on the grounds, that's fine," he said. "He just can't have anything to do with any person lodging or seeking lodging at the Lighthouse Motel."

NORTH BROOKFIELD, Mass. (AP) — A limo driver who was chauffeured off to jail on a charge of drunken driving stranded seven kids by the side of the road on prom night.

Paul Fortin, 65, pleaded innocent at his arraignment Monday on charges of driving under the influence of alcohol and failing to stay within marked lines.

After Fortin was taken away, the students waited at curbside for about an hour until the limousine company, Daley Towing of North Brookfield, dispatched another driver. The company did not return a telephone message Tuesday.

The students had hired the limousine after parents worried they might drink and drive.

"After we read the riot act to our kids, this moron drinks while our kids are behaving," said Sue Dennis.

PEZ

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like cigarette lighters, which is fitting, since Austrian Eduard Haas invented PEZ in 1927 as a mint for smokers. The name was derived from the German word for peppermint, pfefferminz.

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IN BRIEF

Cardinals edge Yankees in National LL action

Jeremy Furniss went the distance in hurling the National Little League Cardinals to a 3-2 win over the Yankees on Tuesday, aiding his own cause with an inside-park home run.

But the Cardinals' winning run came when Mitchel Haynes scored on a wild pitch charged to the Yankees' Mark Lozano.

That miscue spoiled an otherwise sterling pitching performance by the Yankees hurler, while teammate Matt Hillario added strong defensive play at second base.

Cancer Society touney nets \$8,000 for research

A field of 136 golfers took part in a fundraiser golf tournament staged by the Big Spring chapter of the American Cancer Society in April.

The two-day tournament played at the Big Spring Country Club raised \$8,000 for cancer research.

Roller hockey squads skate to shootout tie

Even a shootout couldn't keep the Asteroids and Comets from finishing Saturday's action in the YMCA Roller Hockey League in a deadlock.

The two teams battled to a 5-5 tie after three periods of regulation play.

Vance Stephens quickly put the pressure on the Comets, scoring to put the Asteroids up 1-0. That pressure mounted when Asteroids goaltender Chris Franklin stopped the first three Comets shots.

Adrian Brown tied the shootout when his shot rolled off Franklin's pads and into the goal.

David Lee put the Comets up 2-1 with a quick wrist, but Brett Huff got a shot past the Comets' Ryan King to finish the shootout at 2-2.

Seventh-grade tennis tryouts set for Tuesday

Tryouts for the Big Spring Junior High School seventh-grade tennis team have been scheduled for 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday at the Big Spring High School tennis courts.

Students may participate in tennis and take part in other sports, too, coaches explained.

Interested students should bring a racquet for the tryout if possible, but they are not required for the tryout.

For more information, call coach Sarah Corse at 263-2275.

Lady Steers Boosters slate Tuesday meeting

The Lady Steers Booster Club will meet at 6 p.m. Tuesday in the Big Spring High School Library to elect officers for the 1999 school year.

Parents of Lady Steers athletes, BSHS cheerleaders and managers and trainers are also urged to attend.

Former Dallas Cowboy Mark Tuinei dead at 39

PLANO (AP) — Mark Tuinei, a star offensive lineman for the Dallas Cowboys in the mid-1990s, died today at a hospital, an official said.

Tuinei, 39, a two-time Pro Bowler at left tackle, arrived at Medical Center of Plano at 6:20 a.m. and later died.

Tuinei played 15 years for the Cowboys before he was released in April 1998 in a cost-cutting move.

LOCAL GAMES

TODAY HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL

5 p.m.
• Coahoma Bulldogs vs. Denver City Mustangs, practice game at Hogan Park's Simon Field in Midland.

ON THE AIR

Television

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

6 p.m. — Pittsburgh Pirates at St. Louis Cardinals, FXS, Ch. 29.
6:30 p.m. — Houston Astros at New York Mets, ESPN, Ch. 30.

Rangers jump on Red Sox early en route to 8-3 win

BOSTON (AP) — Poor control against a good hitting team spelled a short night for Boston right-hander Pat Rapp.

Rapp was tagged for five runs in just one-third of an inning as the Texas Rangers rolled to a 8-3 victory over the Red Sox on Wednesday night.

Was it a fast start by Texas? Or was Rapp really that bad?

"I kept trying to find it, kept trying to find it and by then it was too late," Rapp said. "It was just a matter of throwing strikes, and I wasn't doing it."

Rapp (1-2) walked three and gave up our hits and five runs in the opening inning.

He walked leadoff hitter Tom Goodwin on four pitches, and Rusty Greer walked

with one out. Juan Gonzalez and Rafael Palmeiro delivered RBI singles before Ivan Rodriguez hit a 2-1 pitch into the left-field screen. Todd Zeile singled and Lee Stevens walked before Rapp was pulled in favor of John Wasdin.

"I thought our ballclub got off to a good start offensively," Texas manager Johnny Oates said.

And Rapp, who threw just 15 of his 35 pitches for strikes, could only try to figure out what happened.

"I just never got comfortable out there," he said. "I didn't get control of my fastball. I got behind and they just hit them on a line after that."

Boston manager Jimmy Williams agreed that the lack of control coupled with a

powerful lineup made for a bad mix for the Red Sox.

"They've got some good hitters over there," Williams said. "Throw in a few walks and a three-run homer and we're down five."

Rangers right-hander Rick Helling was the beneficiary of the quick start, allowing two runs in 6 1/3 innings and posting his third straight win.

"When you're up 7-0, you want to get your players off the field as soon as possible," Helling said. "I think any pitcher will tell you they pitch differently when you're up 7-0."

Helling (3-3) allowed seven hits, walked two and struck out two.

Gonzalez added a solo homer and

Palmeiro went 3-for-3 with three singles and two walks.

Texas increased its lead to 7-0 in the second on RBI singles by Greer and Rodriguez.

Rodriguez had just three RBIs in his last 16 games after setting the club record with nine against Seattle on April 13.

Nomar Garciaparra, who hit 35 home runs last year, hit his first homer this season for Boston. The star shortstop missed six games because of a bad hamstring.

Garciaparra's two-run homer off reliever Mike Venafra made it 7-3 in the seventh. Gonzalez hit his fifth home run in the ninth.



HERALD photo/Jim Fiero

Coahoma shortstop Misty Baker tries to make the throw to first for a double play, as Archer City's Anna Campbell (33) tries to break up the play during the third inning of Tuesday's Class 2A regional quarterfinal girls' softball game in Abilene. Bulldogettes second baseman Amber Bingham backs up the play.

Bulldogettes find Hawley familiar playoff nemesis

By JOHN A. MOSELEY
Sports Editor

It has been said that familiarity breeds contempt.

And if that's the case, there should certainly be no love lost between Coahoma's Bulldogettes and Hawley's Lady Bearcats.

As the two teams prepare to collide in Friday's Class 2A girls' softball regional semifinals in Snyder, the Bulldogettes say they know exactly what to expect.

"They're going to battle us ... they're going to be extremely aggressive at the plate and on the base paths," Bulldogettes senior center fielder Cassie Tindol noted following Coahoma's 8-3 regional quarterfinal win over Archer City on Tuesday.

As the defending state champion bulldogettes haven't played Hawley this season, the Lady Bearcats will be anything but a mystery.

For the past five years, either Hawley or Coahoma has been Region I's Class 2A representative at the UIL state softball tournament.

What's more, save for the 1998 season in which the Lady Bearcats endured a rebuilding season mired in a district dominated by Coahoma, the road to Austin put these two teams on a collision course.

Moments following the Bulldogettes' win over

Archer City, when it wasn't known whether Coahoma would face Hawley or Krum in the next round, senior shortstop Misty Baker made it clear which team she'd prefer.

"I'd like to play Hawley," Baker said during a radio interview. "We haven't played them, but we saw them play at the Snyder tournament earlier this year, and we know what to expect. It seems like we've always played them."

Even Bulldogettes head coach Robert Royer, who has made his disdain for scouting prospective opponents no secret, says what he already knows about the Lady Bearcats is plenty enough to be concerned.

"They're a good ball club ... there's no question about it," Royer explained. "They're tremendously aggressive. They want to put the ball in play and force you to execute. Apparently they did a pretty good job of that against Krum."

The Lady Bearcats, who enter Friday's game with an 18-12 record, eliminated Krum with an 11-3 win Tuesday.

Hawley's aggressive nature and strong hitting lineup makes it imperative that the Bulldogettes avoid committing errors like the three they allowed during the win over Archer City.

"We can't afford to make mistakes like that against a team like Hawley," Royer explained. "In fact, when you start getting to this level of

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Spurs No. 1 seed for NBA playoffs; Iverson top scorer

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

The road to the NBA championship will go through San Antonio as long as the Spurs can continue winning. As for Allen Iverson, the next time he walks on the court, he'll be known as the league's leading scorer.

The Spurs clinched the No. 1 seed in the West and homecourt advantage throughout the playoffs with an 88-81 victory at Golden State. They'll begin their postseason Sunday against Minnesota.

It'll be a different postseason this year, with five playoff teams from last season, Seattle, Charlotte, Cleveland, New Jersey and — of course — the defending champion Chicago Bulls, sitting this one out.

The last night of the regular season was a wild one Wednesday night, with each of the 16 playoff teams having to wait until the games ended to learn their futures.

When the last game ended at 1:09 a.m. EST, the postseason picture for this lockout-abbreviated, hectic season finally became clear.

In the first round, it will be Miami-New York, Indiana-Milwaukee, Orlando-

Philadelphia and Atlanta-Detroit in the Eastern Conference.

In the West, it will be San Antonio-Minnesota, Portland-Phoenix, Utah-Sacramento and L.A. Lakers-Houston.

In the statistical races, Iverson won the scoring title over Shaquille O'Neal, Chris Webber won the rebounding title, Jason Kidd led in assists, Kendall Gill led in steals and Alonzo Mourning led in blocked shots.

Elsewhere in the NBA, it was Philadelphia 105, Detroit 100 in overtime; the Los Angeles Lakers 119, Portland 91; New York 101, Miami 88; Orlando 103, Chicago 83; Houston 95, Denver 88; Atlanta 100, Washington 92; Sacramento 99, Vancouver 95; Phoenix 100, Minnesota 96; New Jersey 115, Milwaukee 107; Toronto 96, Cleveland 87; Charlotte 133, Boston 129; and Seattle 107, the Los Angeles Clippers 105.

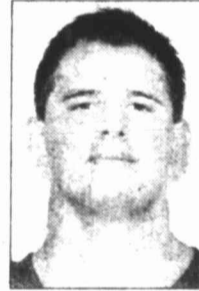
Golden State pulled within two points on a 3-pointer by John Starks with 4:36 left. They got no closer, however, as San Antonio went 8-of-10 from the foul line in the closing minutes.

Tim Duncan had 12 of his 28 points in the fourth quarter and David Robinson had 23 points.

Stanton's Herm named to TABC All-Stars roster

HERALD Staff Report

Stanton senior Kyle Herm will be one of five West Texas high school stars that will take part in the Texas Association of Basketball Coaches' All-Star Games slated for Friday at the Blossom Athletic Complex in San Antonio.



HERM

Herm, who has been named to all-state teams selected by the TABC, The Associated Press and the Texas Sports Writers Association, will play in the Class A-2A-3A boys' game.

He will be teamed with

Goodrich's Jeremy Bennett, Ponder's Marcus Bobb, Rusk's Marcus Carter, Hamshire-Fannett's Brian DeLord, Paducah's Brad Flemons, Brookshire Royal's Sedrick Keyes, Kountze's Clint Lightsey, Ganado's Sterling Watson and Clyde's Clint Watts.

Midland's Jay Christian and Charles Tatum will play in the Class 4A-5A boys' game, while Colorado City's Kendra Anderson will play in the Class A-2A-3A girls' game, and Midland's Heide Lange will play in the Class 4A-5A girls' game.

The four all-star games are slated to begin with Class A-2A-3A girls' action at 4 p.m., with the other three games to follow immediately thereafter.

Tickets for the four-game session are priced at \$10 per person.



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Howard College sophomores Ricka McKee (left) and Latasha Moore (right) sign letters of intent to play basketball at four-year schools as Lady Hawks head coach Matt Corkery looks on. McKee will play at Emporia State University, while Moore will play at the University of Mississippi.



HERALD photo/John A. Moseley

Howard College sophomore Lamont Roberts signs his letter of intent to play basketball at Incarnate Word University in San Antonio next season as Hawks head coach Tommy Collins looks on. Roberts helped lead the Hawks to the Western Junior College Athletic Conference men's championship with an unbeaten record.

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BASEBALL AMERICA

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NBA PLAYOFFS

FIRST ROUND (Best-of-5) Saturday, May 8 New York at Miami, 11:30 a.m.

Sunday, May 9 Philadelphia at Orlando, 11:30 a.m.

Tuesday, May 11 Philadelphia at Orlando, 6 p.m.

Thursday, May 13 Orlando at Philadelphia, 5:30 p.m.

Friday, May 14 Miami at New York, TBA, if necessary.

Saturday, May 15 Orlando at Philadelphia, TBA, if necessary.

Sunday, May 16 Philadelphia at Orlando, TBA, if necessary.

Monday, May 17 Milwaukee at Indiana, TBA, if necessary.

NHL PLAYOFFS

SECOND ROUND Thursday, May 6 Buffalo at Boston, 6:30 p.m.

Friday, May 7 Pittsburgh at Toronto, 6 p.m.

Saturday, May 8 Pittsburgh at Toronto, 6:30 p.m.

Sunday, May 9 Buffalo at Boston, 1 p.m.

Monday, May 10 Dallas at St. Louis, 6:30 p.m.

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the playoffs, you can't give any one anything."

Royer did note, however, that it was somewhat of a blessing that the Bulldogettes found themselves behind early in Tuesday's game...

"Our kids showed a lot of poise," Royer noted. "This bunch of kids is extremely confident," he added.

"They kept our best hitters off balance most of the game," Royer said of Archer City's pitcher.

The Bulldogettes will carry a 26-3 record into the playoff game with sophomore Amber Bingham expected to get the pitching start.

Bingham will be trying to improve on her 0.09 ERA, as she and her teammates try to make their fourth straight regional finals appearance.

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FISHING REPORT

Here is the weekly fishing report as compiled by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department for May 5. (Report also available on Web at www.tpwd.state.tx.us)

CENTRAL BROWNWOOD: Water clear, 75 degrees; Black bass are good on Chug Bugs and Pop-R's fished around the points at Flat Rock Park and the Baptist Encampment (fish are biting all day long but are better in the morning). Crappie are good on minnows and white jigs fished around the docks in the mornings and evenings under lights in 10 to 15 feet of water. White bass and hybrid stripers are excellent on topwaters fished early.

BUCHANAN: Water clear, 71 degrees; 7' low; Black bass to 7 pounds are very good on 1/4oz. Rat-L Traps, white/chartreuse Terminator spinner-baits and silver Terminator buzzbaits. Crappie are good on minnows fished over brush piles in 6 to 12 feet of water. White bass are good early and late on Pop R's. During the day try 1/8 to 1/4oz. Horizon spoons fished around the islands. Striped bass are good on topwaters fished early around the dam and the north bank. Crappie are good on minnows fished around the center island and the dam in 15 to 20 feet of water and in 5 to 10 feet of water around the bridge. Hybrid stripers are good on live shad fished around the east end of the dam (just bait and hook, no weight).

SOUTH AMSTAD: Water fairly clear, 72 degrees; 41' low; Black bass are good on watermelon and pumpkinseed worms fished in 12 to 20 feet of water. Crappie are slow on minnows fished around the trees in 20 feet of water. White bass are fair on slabs and minnows. Striped bass are good on Red Fins and Pencil Poppers fished early and late by the dam. Channel and blue catfish are good on cheese-bait, chicken livers and shrimp fished in 5 to 30 feet of water. Yellow catfish are slow.

WEST ALAN HENRY: Water muddy, 66 degrees; 4.5' low; Black bass to 7 pounds are good on spinner-baits, worms and lizards fished in 5 to 15 feet of water in the mouths of creeks. No reports on small-mouth or Alabama Spotted Bass. Crappie are good on live minnows and jigs fished off the crappie dock. Channel and blue catfish to 17 pounds are excellent on minnows and shrimp.

ARROWHEAD: Water slightly stained; 63 degrees; 5' low; Black bass are good to 5 pounds on white crankbaits and spinnerbaits fished in 5 to 10 feet of water. Crappie are excellent on minnows and chartreuse jigs fished in 2 to 5 feet of water around Hennesita bridge and at the state park. White bass are good on minnows and jigs fished in 5 to 15 feet of water. Channel and blue catfish are good on nightcrawlers fished in 10 to 20 feet of water in the river. Yellow catfish are fair to 40 pounds on trotlines baited with gold fish and perch.

BRADY: Water slightly stained; 69 degrees; 14' low; Black bass to 5 pounds are good on shad patterned crankbaits fished in 5 to 8 feet of water. Crappie are good on minnows fished in 2 to 4 feet of water. White bass are good on minnows and jigs fished in 7 to 8 feet of water. Blue and channel catfish to 5 pounds are excellent on cut bait and large minnows fished in 4 to 8 feet of water. Yellow catfish to 26 pounds are excellent on trotlines baited with perch fished in 10 to 18 feet of water.

COLORADO CITY: Water slightly stained; 70 degrees; 13' low; Black bass are fair on spinner-baits. White bass are good on minnows and small spinners fished early and late. Crappie are poor on minnows. Red fish to 30 pounds are good. Channel catfish are fair. No reports of blue or yellow catfish.

FT. PHANTOM HILL: Water stained; 67 degrees; 16' low; Black bass are good on buzzbaits and spinnerbaits fished in 3 to 4 feet of water. Crappie are good on minnows fished in 2 to 3 feet of water. Sand bass are excellent on jigs and minnows fished in 2 to 3 feet of water. Hybrid stripers are fair on shad fished in 7 to 10 feet of water. Blue catfish are good on shad, minnows and chicken livers fished in 7 to 10 feet of water. Yellow catfish to 38 pounds are good on perch and goldfish fished in 7 to 10 feet of water.

HUBBARD CREEK: Water clear on main lake, slightly stained up in creeks; 72 degrees; 4.5' low; Black bass to 8 pounds are excellent on Rat-L Traps, spinnerbaits and lizards fished in 1 to 10 feet of water. Crappie are good on minnows and small jigs fished in 1 to 5 feet of water. White bass are excellent on small jigs and slabs fished all over the lake. No reports of hybrid stripers. Channel catfish are good on nightcrawlers and dip bait fished in 2 to 5 feet of water in the mouth of creeks on the flats. No reports of blue or yellow catfish.

KEMP: Water stained; 63 degrees; 12' low; Black bass to 5 pounds are good on Rat-L Traps fished in 2 to 5 feet of water. White bass are good on minnows fished in 4 to 6 feet of water. Crappie are good on minnows fished in 4 to 6 feet of water around boat docks. Blue and channel catfish are fair to 3 pounds on punch bait, worms and shrimp. Yellow catfish are poor on trotlines baited with goldfish.

NASWORTHY: Water stained; 73 degrees; Black bass to 8 pounds are good on spinnerbaits and lizards fished in 1 to 5 feet of water. Crappie are good on minnows and jigs fished in the shallows. White bass are fair on crankbaits and jigs. Hybrid stripers and striped bass are poor on minnows and chicken livers. No reports on redfish. Channel and blue catfish to 30 pounds are good on punch bait. Yellow catfish are fair on trotlines baited with goldfish, shrimp and perch.

NOCONA: Water stained; 67 degrees; 4.5' low; Black bass are good on black and blue lizards fished in 2 to 10 feet of water and slow rolling. White spinnerbaits on the edge of the grass. Crappie are good on chartreuse jigs and minnows fished in 2 to 10 feet of water. White bass and hybrid stripers are fair on lipless crankbaits and sassy shads fished in 2 to 15 feet of water with some schooling action. Channel and blue catfish are good on prepared baits fished in 2 to 12 feet of water. Yellow catfish are good on trotlines baited with live shad and goldfish.

OAK CREEK: Water clear; 71 degrees; 11' low; Black bass to 8 pounds are excellent on worms, jerk baits, spinnerbaits and minnows fished in 4 to 8 feet of water. Crappie are excellent on small jigs and minnows fished in 5 to 15 feet of water. White bass are excellent on minnows fished in 4 to 10 feet of water. Channels and blue catfish are excellent on minnows, goldfish and stink baits fished in 5 to 15 feet of water. Yellow catfish are good on goldfish, shad, stink baits and minnows fished in 5 to 15 feet of water.

O.H. IVE: Water clear; 70 degrees; 8' low; Black bass to 11 pounds are good on Carolina-rigged plastic lizards fished in 15 to 20 feet of water. Crappie are poor during the day and slow rolling. Minnows and jigs fished under lights in 35 to 40 feet of water. White bass are poor on Rat-L Traps on wind blown flats. Catfish are fair on trotlines baited with live bait fished in 20 to 30 feet of water up the rivers.

POSSUM KINGDOM: Water clear; 70 degrees; 8' low; Black bass are good using Slugs and small jigs fished in 3 to 10 feet of water. White bass are good on minnows, roadrunners, and Rat-L Traps fished in 2 to 10 feet of water. Striped bass to 12 pounds are good on live shad fished in 20 to 30 feet of water. Crappie are excellent on minnows and jigs fished in 2 to 5 feet of water. Blue catfish are excellent to 32 pounds on cut shad fished in 10 to 24 feet of water. Yellow catfish are good on perch and live shad fished in 10 to 15 feet of water.

SPENCE: Water stained; 74 degrees; Black bass to 7 pounds are excellent on spinnerbaits and crankbaits fished in 1 to 5 feet of water. White bass are excellent on minnows, slabs and crankbaits fished in 6 to 10 feet of water on sand bars. Crappie are good on minnows fished in 6 to 12 feet of water on under water bluffs. Striped bass are good on white Rat-L Traps and crankbaits fished in 15 to 20 feet of water. Channel and blue catfish to 8 pounds are good on minnows and cut shad fished in 5 to 10 feet of water. Yellow catfish to 42 pounds are fair on trotlines baited with perch and goldfish.

STAMFORD: Water stained; 69 degrees; 12.5' low; Black bass are poor on plastic worms and minnows. Crappie are good on minnows fished in shallow water. White bass are poor on minnows fished near the power plant. Yellow catfish to 44 pounds are good on trotlines baited with shiners, shad and perch. Channel catfish are fair on cut shad and punch bait. Blue catfish are excellent on punch bait and cut shad fished in 1 to 2 feet of water with sandy bottoms.

SWEETWATER: Water stained; 67 degrees; Black bass to 10 pounds are good on white spinnerbaits and worms fished in shallow water. Crappie are fair in minnows fished in 10 feet of water. White bass are good on minnows and crankbaits fished around boat docks. Blue and channel catfish are fair on minnows and stinkbaits fished on bottom. No reports of yellow catfish.

TWIN BUTTES: Water stained; 68 degrees; Black bass to 9 pounds are good on spinnerbaits, worms and crankbaits fished in 2 to 5 feet of water along the dam and up the rivers. White bass are fair on minnows and small spinners fished in 1 to 10 feet of water along the dam. Crappie are good on jigs and minnows fished in 1 to 5 feet of water in Spring Creek and Middle Concho. Channel, blue and yellow catfish are good on trotlines baited with live perch.

WHITE RIVER: Water stained; 66 degrees; 15' low; Black bass are good on spinnerbaits and worms fished off the banks.

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By BETTY DEBNAM

The Inside Story

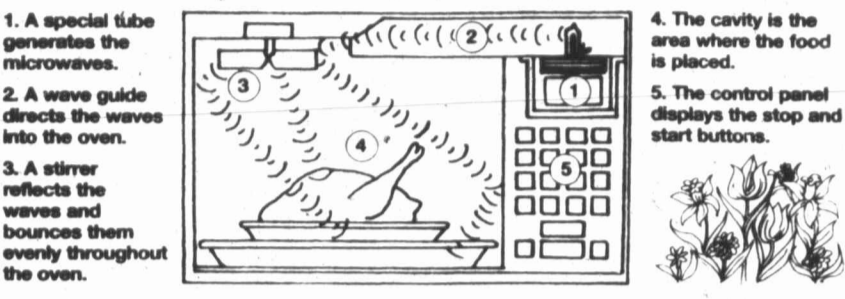
The Microwave Oven

A hot idea About 50 years ago, a candy bar melted in a scientist's pocket and gave him an idea. The idea he cooked up plays a part in many of our lives every day. It's your mighty microwave.



The parts of a microwave oven

Electricity puts your microwaves to work.



The beginnings



Dr. Percy Spencer stands by one of the first microwave ovens for the home. When they first came out more than 45 years ago, microwave ovens were very expensive, very big and mostly for restaurants.

The scientist, Dr. Percy Spencer, was working for a radar company during World War II. Radar is an electronic instrument that uses radio waves to find and track still and moving objects.

One day, Dr. Spencer walked in front of a radar antenna. The candy bar in his pocket melted. That's where he got the idea: Why not use short radio waves, or microwaves, to heat food?

Microwave safety

- 1. Always have an adult nearby. 2. Be certain to punch the right button. Don't punch in 30 when you mean to punch in 3. 3. Don't start an oven with nothing in it. 4. Use microwave-safe dishes. Do not use plastic containers that weren't made for the microwave, such as margarine tubs. Don't use anything metal. It could damage the oven. 5. Keep a roll of paper towels handy for covering some foods and for cleaning the oven. 6. Keep two potholders handy. 7. Use caution when removing a lid. Always hold it away from your body so the steam goes the other way.

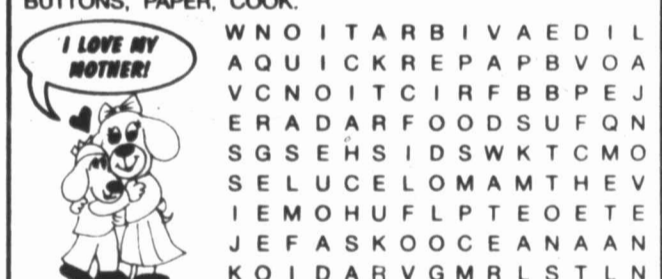
PETER PENGUIN'S PUZZLE & LE-DO

Fit the names of these things you can give your mother for Mother's Day into the puzzle.



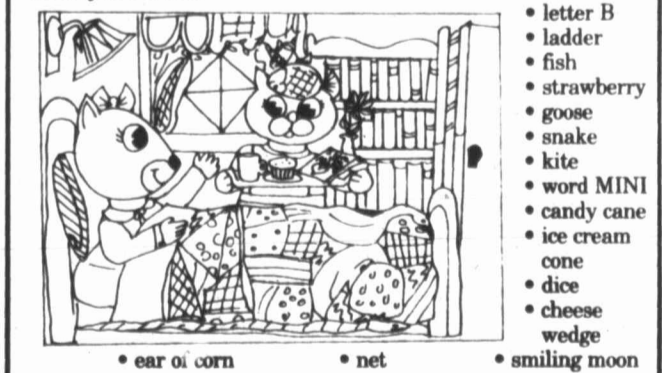
BASSET BROWN THE NEWS HOUND'S MICROWAVE OVENS TRY 'N FIND

Words that remind us of microwave ovens are hidden in the block below. Some words are hidden backward or diagonally. See if you can find: OVEN, QUICK, SAFE, MEAL, RADIO, WAVES, VIBRATION, FOODS, WATER, MOLECULES, HEAT, FRICTION, EVEN, HOME, RADAR, DISHES, METAL, LID, BUTTONS, PAPER, COOK.

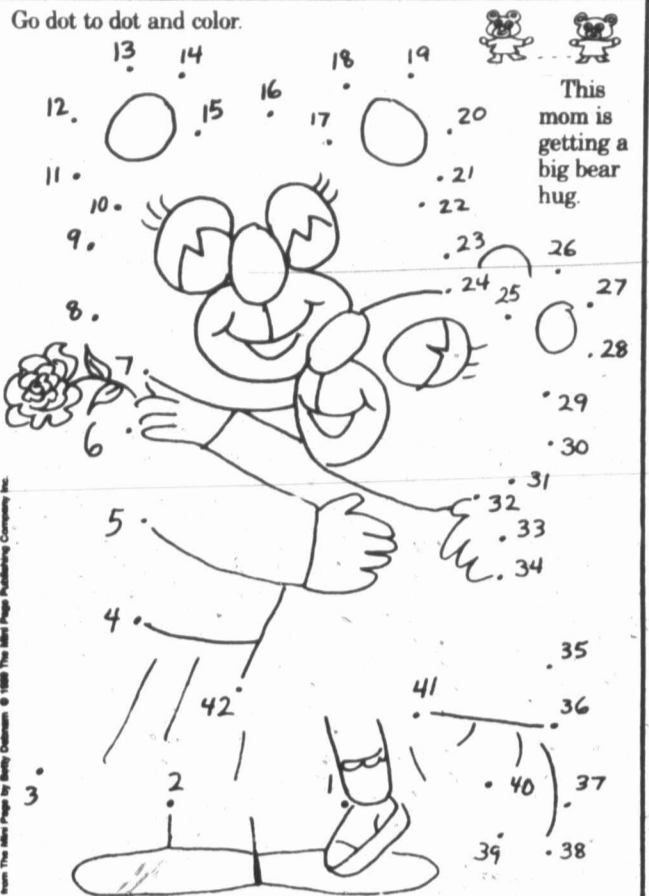


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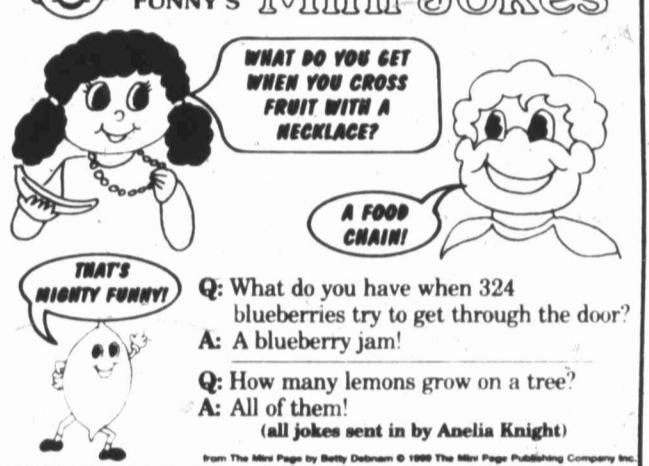
Mini Spy is bringing her mother a surprise for Mother's Day. See if you can find:



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MIGHTY FUNNY'S Mini Jokes



Making Mom a Meal

Mother's Day, May 9, is a special day for showing your mother how much you love her. One great way to please your mother would be to cook her a meal. Many recipes can be cooked quickly and safely in the microwave. Remember to always have an adult handy.

Mom's Chicken Casserole

- This recipe calls for some cooking in the microwave and some in the oven. You'll need: 4 boneless chicken breasts, 2 (10-ounce) packages frozen chopped broccoli, 2 cans cream of mushroom soup, 1/2 cup milk, 3/4 cup mayonnaise, 2 teaspoons lemon juice, 1 (8-ounce) package stuffing mix, 1/2 cup melted margarine. What to do: 1. Place chicken in a microwave-safe baking dish. 2. Cover with waxed paper. Microwave on medium-high for 9 to 10 minutes per pound. Move a half-turn at 5 minutes. 3. When chicken is cool, ask an adult to help you cut it up into small pieces. Place in bottom of casserole. 4. Cook broccoli following directions on package. Place on top of chicken. 5. In a medium bowl, combine soup, milk, mayonnaise and lemon juice. Mix well. Pour over chicken and broccoli. 6. Sprinkle stuffing mix evenly on top. 7. Pour margarine evenly on top of stuffing. 8. Bake in a preheated 350-degree oven for 40 minutes. Serves 6.

Microwave Sugar Carrots

- You'll need: 1 pound carrots, peeled and sliced in thirds, 1/4 cup water, 2 tablespoons butter or margarine, 1/4 cup brown sugar, 2 teaspoons mustard. What to do: 1. Place carrots and water in a large, microwave-safe casserole. Cover and microwave on HIGH for 5 to 7 minutes or until tender. 2. Let stand 3 minutes. Drain. 3. Place remaining ingredients in a medium, microwave-safe bowl. Microwave on HIGH 1 minute or until margarine and sugar are melted. Stir after cooking. 4. Pour liquid mixture over carrots. Mix well. Serves 4.

Mom's Lemon Pie

- You'll need: 1 (12-ounce) container whipped topping, 1 (6-ounce) can lemonade concentrate, thawed, 1 (14-ounce) can sweetened condensed milk, juice of 1 lemon, 2 Graham cracker crusts. What to do: 1. Mix whipped topping, lemonade, milk and lemon juice. 2. Pour into pie crusts. Freeze for 3 hours. 3. Take out of freezer 15 minutes before serving.

Eggs Mini Page

- Serve your mom breakfast in bed. For each person you'll need: 1 vegetable spray, 1 egg, beaten, 1 English muffin, toasted and buttered, 1 tomato slice, 1 cheese slice. What to do: 1. Spray a small (about 3 inches across) microwave-safe bowl with vegetable spray. 2. Place egg in bowl. 3. Microwave for one minute on HIGH. 4. Place egg on muffin. Top with tomato and cheese.

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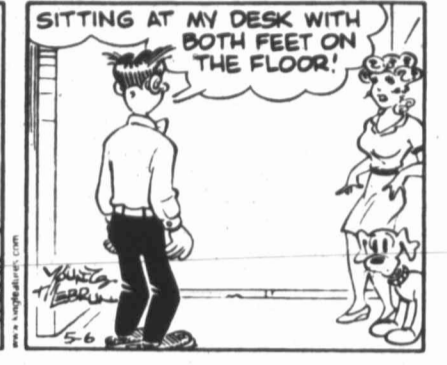
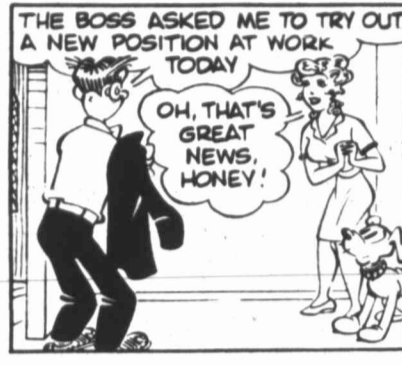
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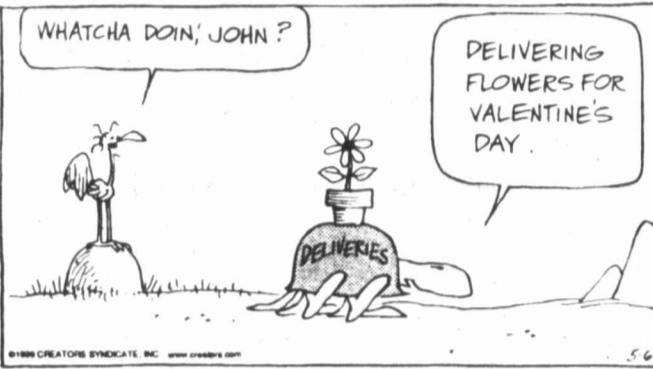
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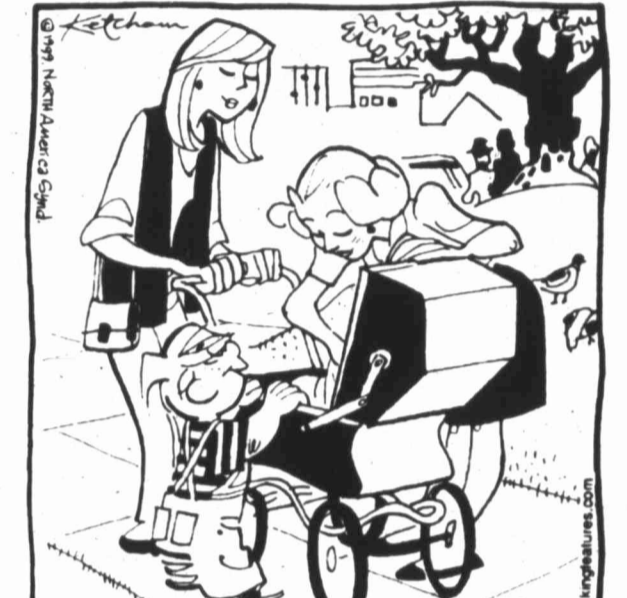
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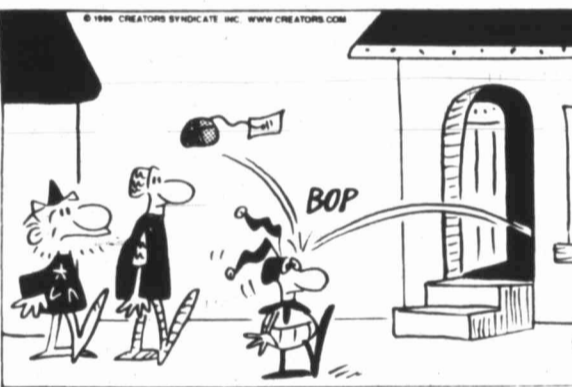
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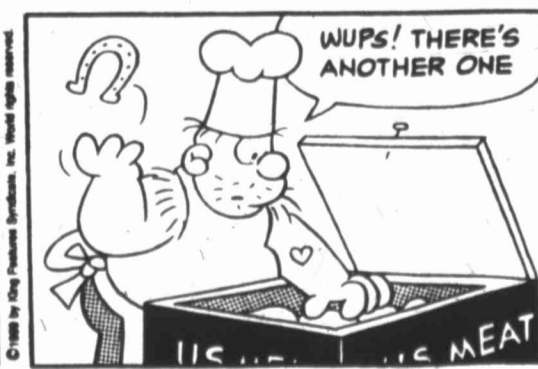
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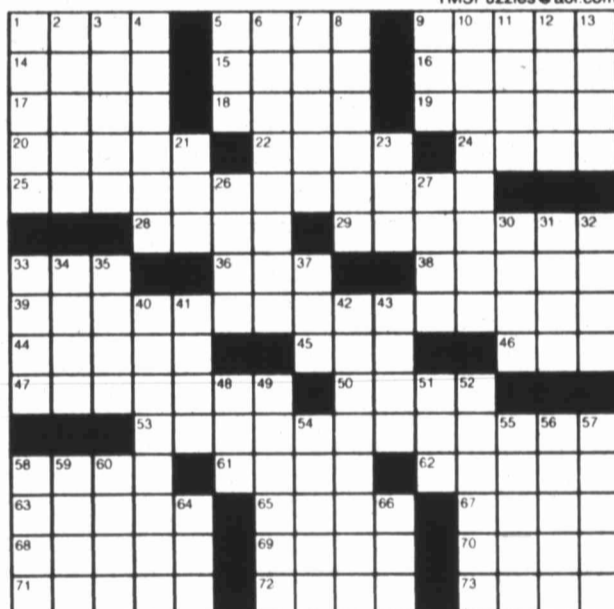
The ASSOCIATED PRESS Today is Thursday, May 6, the 126th day of 1999. There are 239 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: On May 6, 1937, the hydrogen-filled German dirigible Hindenburg burned and crashed in Lakehurst, N.J., killing 35 of the 97 people on board and a Navy crewman on the ground.

On this date: In 1861, Arkansas seceded from the Union. In 1889, the Paris Exposition formally opened, featuring the just-completed Eiffel Tower.

THE Daily Crossword

- ACROSS 1 Metric unit of mass. 5 Tenement units; abbr. 9 Frequently 14 Name of two Muslim months 15 Winnie the 16 Strong suit 17 End of a switch? 18 Hoarfrost 19 Stage scenery 20 Concise 22 At hand 24 Makes pink blue, e.g. 25 Chicago landmark 28 Devalitizes 29 Listeners 33 Schuss 36 Addams Family relative 38 Film 39 Chicago landmark 44 Vacuous 45 Indefinite pronoun 46 Siesta 47 Thaw flow 50 Thick piece 53 Chicago landmark 58 Islands discovered by Tasman 61 Observed 62 Attempter 63 Guam capital 65 Thoroughfare 67 Icelandic saga 68 Innovative 69 500-mi. race 70 Cat call 71 Students with dogs. 72 Gray and candler 73 Sea eagles



By James P. McWaters Tinley Park, IL

Wednesday's Puzzle Solved



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In 1910, Britain's King Edward VII. In 1935, the Works Progress Administration began operating. In 1941, dictator Josef Stalin assumed the Soviet premiership, replacing Vyacheslav M. Molotov.

In 1942, during World War II, some 15,000 Americans and Filipinos on Corregidor surrendered to the Japanese. In 1954, medical student Roger Bannister broke the four-minute mile during a track meet in Oxford, England.

In 1960, Britain's Princess Margaret married Anthony Armstrong-Jones, a commoner, at Westminster Abbey. They divorced in 1978. In 1987, CIA Director William J. Casey died at age 74. In 1992, actress Marlene Dietrich died at her Paris home at age 90.

In 1996, the body of former CIA Director William E. Colby was found washed up on a riverbank in southern Maryland, eight days after he'd disappeared. Ten years ago: Sunday Silence scored an upset victory over Easy Goer in the 115th Kentucky Derby at Churchill Downs.

Five years ago: Former Arkansas state worker Paula Jones filed suit against President Clinton, alleging he'd sexually harassed her in 1991. One year ago: Rep. Dan Burton, chairman of the House fund-raising inquiry, apologized to GOP colleagues for the furor over his release of selected portions of tapes of Webster Hubbell's prison conversations; Burton's top investigator departed, ordered fired by House Speaker Newt Gingrich. Astronomers announced the detection of a gamma ray burst in a galaxy 12 billion light years away that was equal to the energy expended by the sun in a trillion years.

Today's Birthdays: Baseball Hall-of-Famer Willie Mays is 68. U.S. Sen. Richard Shelby (R-Ala.) is 65. Rock singer Bob Seger is 54. Singer Jimmie Dale Gilmore is 54. Actor Ben Masters is 52. Actor Gregg Henry is 47. British Prime Minister Tony Blair is 46. Actor George Clooney is 38. Actress Roma Downey is 36. Rock singer-musician Tony Scalzo (rastball) is 35. Rock musician Mark Bryan (Hootie and the Blowfish) is 35.