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**Positively ...
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Blood drive slated Saturday, May 22

Appointments are being taken now for a blood drive scheduled Saturday, May 22, at Big Spring Mall. Donors can be scheduled between 1-4 p.m.

Donors must be at least 17 years old and weigh 110 pounds or more. Some form of identification is needed, and donors should know the names of any medications they are taking.

Business seminar planned for tonight

A Small Business Administration seminar, "Economic Injury Disaster Loans for Small Businesses" is set for 7 tonight at the Dora Roberts Community Center.

Several presenters are scheduled to address such topics as "Get to Know Your Local SBA" and "The Small Business Development Program."

Sponsored by the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce, the cost is \$20 for non-chamber members.

Chamber members are admitted free.

Anyone planning to attend is asked to register at the chamber by calling 263-7641, or stop by 215 W. Third.

WHAT'S UP...

TODAY

□ Eagles Lodge Ladies Auxiliary, 7 p.m., Eagles Lodge, 704 W. Third.

THURSDAY

□ Gideons International Big Spring Camp No. 4206, 7 a.m., Hermans.

□ Big Spring Senior Citizens Center art classes, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. for 55 and older.

□ Kiwanis Club, noon, Howard College Cactus Room.

□ Christmas in April, noon, Lions Club Den, 1607 E. Third.

□ Friends of the Library, noon, Howard County Library.

□ American Legion Auxiliary, 7 p.m.

□ Big Spring High School choir concert, 7:30 p.m. Municipal Auditorium.

WEATHER

Tonight:



TONIGHT 55°-58°
THURSDAY 84°-88°

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Kingston named Coahoma superintendent

By **MARSHA STURDIVANT**
Staff Writer

A new captain at the helm will navigate for Coahoma students and faculty in the fall, when Billy D. Kingston assumes the wheel as superintendent.

"I am thrilled, I really like the man. He is a very, very nice



WELLS

man, and he brings a lot of promise and a lot of strength to Coahoma," said board of trustee president Gail Wells.

Kingston, who is currently superintendent for Petersburg Independent School District, will begin his contract July 1, she said.

Kingston, 55, attended Texas Tech and Texas A & M, and received a doctorate in agricultural sciences. He received his certifications for education from Sul Ross and Abilene Christian University.

"Well yes, I am a doctor, but

we don't stand too much on formality here," Kingston said.

Kingston was a teacher and then a principal for Mundy Independent School District for 17 years. He served Chico ISD three years. He began as a principal, then completed his superintendent certification, and had that position for another two years.

Kingston has been superintendent with the Petersburg district in the Texas Panhandle for the past four years.

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Cox Corporation buys TCA Cable TV in \$4 billion deal

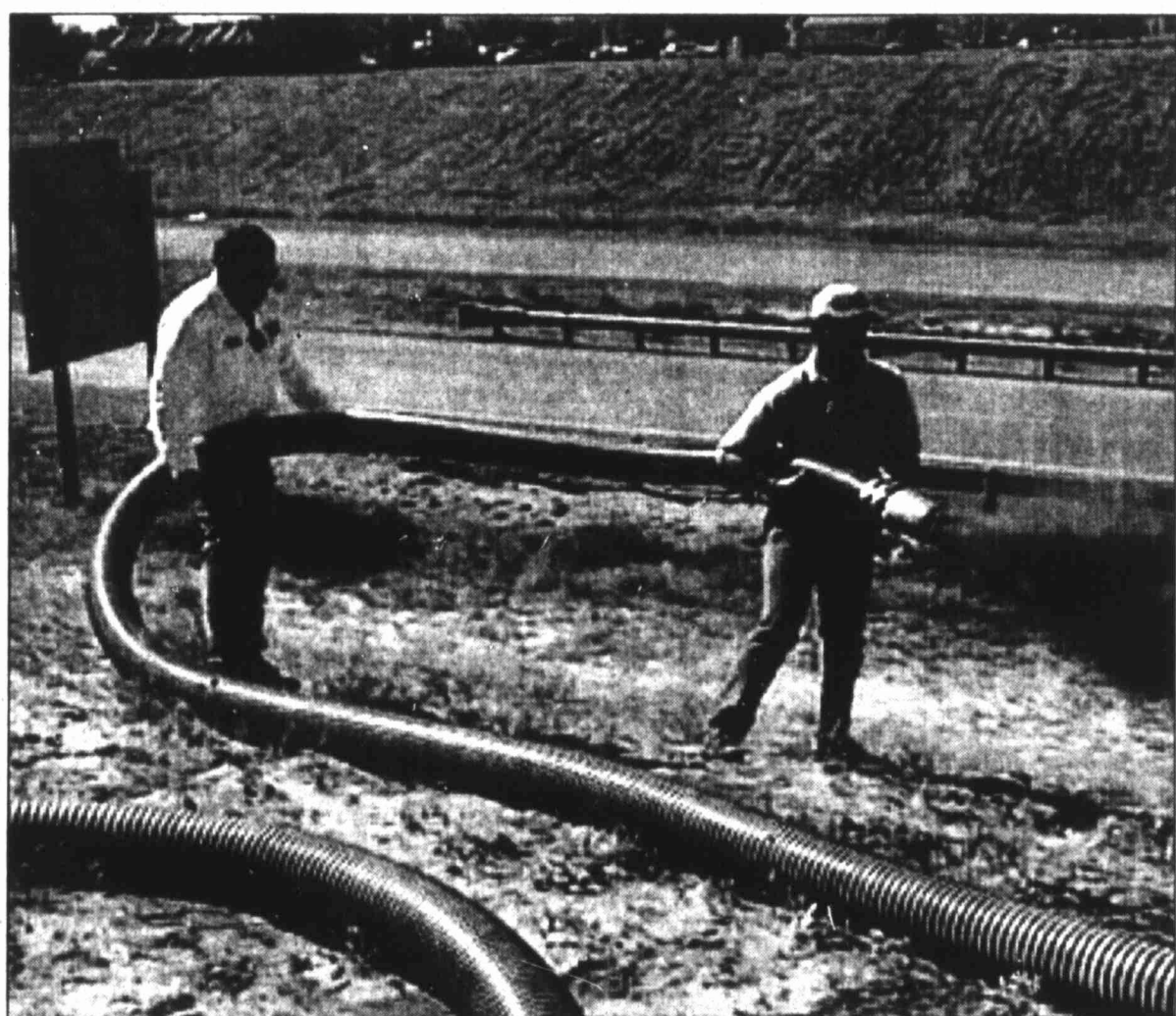
Staff and wire reports

ATLANTA — Cox Communications Inc. today announced a \$4 billion deal to acquire Texas-based TCA Cable TV.

Adding TCA's 883,000 customers, nearly all in Texas, Arkansas and Louisiana, will give Cox about 5 million cable television customers. Cox said that will make it the fourth largest cable company in the nation.

TCA operated the cable system in Big Spring, Snyder, Andrews, San Angelo, Sweetwater and a number of other West Texas towns. Formed in 1981 in Tyler, Texas, TCA operates 74 cable systems in Arkansas, Idaho, Louisiana, Mississippi, New

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HERALD photo/Marsha Sturdivant
Howard Shivers, left, supervisor for the landfill and compost facility for the city of Big Spring, assists A.J. Wallace, an employee with Eco-Mulch Inc. blow a mixture of grass seed, wood chips, wild flower seed and cotton seed hulls on the slope of I-20 near U.S. 87. An experiment in landscaping, officials with the Texas Department of Transportation observed the process as a possible solution to wind and water erosion on Texas highways.

Downtown

City council puts down \$50,000 in effort to get Permian demolition going

By **BILL MCCLELLAN**
News Editor

Big Spring City County on Tuesday decided to quit talking about tearing down the Permian Building and do something about it.

"We've been kicking it around for quite some time and it is apparent somebody needs to take the lead," said Mayor Tim Blackshear.

Council members approved budgeting \$50,000 toward removing the eyesore. That's still \$70,000 to \$80,000 short of what is going to be necessary to bring down the dilapidated structure, according to one estimate. It's clear the city will need some help to fund the job.



BLACKSHEAR

Grants, assistance from fellow taxing entities — the college district, school district and county — are all avenues the city has been seeking and will continue to seek, said City Manager Gary Fuqua.

"We've looked at private grants and more recently federal and state grants," Fuqua said.

However, he noted, time is becoming a factor. In addition to its unsightly appearance, officials are concerned that the building could be a hazard. Bricks have fallen off the side of the structure, prompting officials to rope off an area.

Costs estimates have all but ruled out renovating the building, and city officials have previously indicated that the best answer would be to have it torn down.

Clean Slate Demolition, Inc. surveyed the project and offered

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HERALD photo/Debbie L. Jensen
Debbie Mullins, a teacher at St. Mary's Episcopal School, gets a trademark blue vest from Wal-Mart manager Daryl Holley Tuesday. Mullins was chosen "Teacher of the Year" by a committee of Wal-Mart employees, and in her honor, the school received a \$500 gift from the company.

56 teams entered in weekend fund-raiser to combat Cancer

By **DEBBIE L. JENSEN**
Features Editor

Are you ready to Relay? It's time for Relay for Life, the community campout to raise money for the American Cancer Society. This 19-hour event begins Friday evening at Blankenship Field.

Throughout Relay, teams of walkers will take circle the track for pledges, participating in other fun activities and games throughout the two-day event. Campsites are often decorated to match creative team names, and bright-colored tarps, wind socks and flags mark the track.

This year, 56 teams are planning to set up camp, including more participants than ever before. In addition, the event will begin with more sponsorship support from local businesses, known as underwriting, than ever before.

"This community is just amazing," said Diane Wood, co-chair for the event. "It's wonderful to see how they get in to this event and get behind us."

Much of the support, she said, is because cancer has affected the lives of most of us in some way.

"It's touched everybody's life," Wood said.

RELAY FOR LIFE ACTIVITIES

FRIDAY

- 6:30 p.m. — Opening ceremonies
- 7:30 p.m. — "Reduce Your Risk" skit
- 7:45 p.m. — YMCA aerobic demonstration
- 8:00 p.m. — Scavenger hunt
- Beach party (Children's area)
- 8:15 p.m. — Rhapsody from Big Spring High School performs
- 9:00 p.m. — "Baptist Babes"
- 9:30 p.m. — "Homeland" Trinity Baptist musical trio performs
- 10:00 p.m. — Ceremony with lighting of luminarias
- 10:30 p.m. — Jody Nix and Mike Hammock perform

SATURDAY

- 8:00 a.m. — Appearance by the Howard College Hawk (Children's area)
- 9:00 a.m. — Team tug-of-war
- Disc golf demonstration (Children's area)
- 10:00 a.m. — "Jasper Stone" performs
- Face painting (Children's area)
- 10:30 a.m. — "Hats and Shades" parade.
- Appearance by Midland Rockhounds and Odessa Jackalopes mascots (Children's area)
- 11:00 a.m. — "Spring City Stompers Stompers" line dancing.
- Noon — Moss Elementary Honor Choir performs.
- Picnic basket dinner theater (Children's area)
- 1:00 p.m. — "Bohemio."
- 2:00 p.m. — Closing ceremonies.

Teams have already been boosting their donations for the event, running car washes, bake sales and other fundrais-

ers. "This really brings together

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City OKs auditorium repairs, Pops in Parks, puts inmate camp on hold

By **BILL MCCLELLAN**
News Editor

Municipal Auditorium will get an interior facelift and Pops in the Park will receive a funding spark, but it will be a little longer before housing for the Wilderness Camp is settled.

That's the route, or routes, Big Spring City Council took on Tuesday.

It was the second time action on a building for the Wilderness

Camp inmates has been put on hold. Two weeks ago, it was tabled when city officials learned of a second possible site that had become available to house the 100 or so state prison inmates who perform work in and around the community. City officials estimate labor performed by inmates saves the city about \$50,000 a month.

The inmates are presently being housed in old barracks at the Airpark, but its aging condition necessitates the need for

an improved facility.

"We've asked the Texas Department of Corrections to look at Building 64 at the Airpark and see if it will meet their needs, but we haven't heard back from them yet," Assistant City Manager Emma Bogard told council members. "Right now, it's in their hands."

She said city officials are still gathering information on the other proposed site, the location of which has not been disclosed. After discarding a motion to

table bids for repairs at Municipal Auditorium, council members approved 5-2 to have Johnston Construction Group do the work for \$174,763. The repairs, which are covered by the city's insurance policy, date back to the hailstorm of 1996 when the roof was damaged, which led to interior damage.

The largest portion of the repairs includes a coat of plaster throughout the historic auditorium. The wooden stage floor will be removed and

replaced, and painted ceiling tiles will also be removed, repainted and replaced. Cleaning of the carpet and some minor woodwork is part of the repair package, too.

Council member Chuck Cawthon wanted to table acceptance on a bid. He was concerned that Johnson Construction Group might find it necessary to elevate the price once work was started. His

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OBITUARIES

Burlon Williams

Burlon H. Williams, 86, of Big Spring, passed away Monday, May 10, 1999, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. Mr. Williams was affectionately known as "shotgun." Graveside services are 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, May 12, 1999, at Trinity Memorial Park with Rev. Dudley Mullins, pastor of East Fourth St. Baptist Church, officiating, and assisted by Dr. William Heston, Vice President of Howard Payne University, Brownwood, and Dr. William Turner, pastor of the South Main Baptist Church, Houston.



WILLIAMS

Mr. Williams was born on May 28, 1912, in Reno, Parker County, Texas. He married Katholeen Harmon on Jan. 18, 1936, at The Rock of Ages in Carlsbad Caverns, N.M. He came to Big Spring in 1942 from Monahans, Ward County. He was a member of the East Fourth St. Baptist Church.

Mr. Williams worked for Texas & Pacific Railroad for 33 years as a truck driver, retiring in 1974. He had received numerous safe driving awards from the company. In retirement, he participated in the "Railroad Coffee Club" made up of other retirees.

He is survived by: his wife, Katholeen of Big Spring; one son, Rev. Thomas J. Williams and wife, Carolyn of Houston; two daughters, Linda K. Jones of Lamesa, and Linda S. Battle and her husband, Bill of Big Spring; six grandchildren, Joni Deanne Hodges of Midland, Royce Reagan Williams of Houston, Clifton Chad Williams of Nashville, Tenn., Kyle Jason Jones of Lubbock, Jana Renee McQueary of Big Spring, Kelsey Lauren Battle of Big Spring; four great-grandchildren, Ashley Megan Hodges of Midland, Clifton Connor Williams of Nashville, Tenn., Alexander Reagan Williams of Houston, Chelsea Rae Williams of Nashville, Tenn.

He was preceded in death by his parents, James Franklin Williams and Lillie Hendrix Williams; three sisters, Thelma Williams Springfield, Lura Mae Williams Pate and Quilla Williams Miller.

Grandsons will serve as pallbearers assisted by Steve D. Hodges (husband of Joni Hodges) and Thomas W. McQueary (husband of Jana McQueary).

Family recommends memorials to the East Fourth Street Baptist Church Renovation Fund; 401 E. Fourth St.; Big

Spring. The family will receive friends at the funeral home from 5 to 7 p.m. Tuesday. Arrangements under the direction of Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

COAHOMA

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"He is a strong disciplinarian and is also very strong academically. At both schools he has done an excellent job academically, and he brings us a great amount of experience," Wells said.

Kingston is married with three grown children. His wife, who works as a teacher's aide, is from Snyder, and Kingston's mother lives in Fluvanna.

"We're really excited about working with the people in Coahoma. They are West Texas people and this will be like coming home. We're very familiar with the area, and we're looking forward to being back," Kingston said.

The first order of business for Kingston will be hiring a high school principal for Coahoma. He said he hopes to have that position filled as soon as possible.

Coahoma ISD trustees began searching for a new superintendent when Michael Hartman resigned unexpectedly in February.

Region 18 Education Service Center performed an executive search and screened applicants, as well as providing background checks for the district. "We had an outstanding set of applicants. There were 70 people who applied, and we selected seven finalists. We had a lot of good choices," said Wells.

From the seven finalists, three were selected to return for final interviews, and Kingston was offered the position, which he accepted, she said.

"He has an excellent history of managing the daily operations of a district, and we are pleased with his smaller-school background. He likes West Texas, and we are hoping for a long term relationship," Wells said.

Coahoma trustees also reorganized their executive officers Monday. Wells will remain president of the board, Larry Bennett continues as vice president and Ben Bowlin is secretary.

The two other finalists interviewed by trustees were Albert Van Hoose from Floydada and Monte Barnes from Roscoe.

CABLE

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Mexico, Oklahoma and Texas.

Big Spring has been without a general manager since Archie Kountz was transferred to San Angelo. TCA regional manager Raymond Greenwood was unavailable for comment.

"TCA represents an ideal platform for further middle market consolidation and will become the cornerstone of our plans to offer advanced services in middle-market communities," said Jim Robbins, Cox Communications president.

The merger deal is a cash and stock transaction valued at \$63.89 per share. Shareholders of TCA will receive \$31.25 in cash and 0.3709 share of Cox common Class A stock for each TCA share they own. Cox closed Tuesday at \$88, up 12.5 cents in New York Stock Exchange trading, while TCA fell \$1.12 to close at \$52.06 in Nasdaq trading.

Cox, which is also assuming \$736 million in debt, is paying the equivalent of \$4.115 per subscriber. AT&T Corp. recently paid \$4,600 per subscriber for MediaOne Group Inc.

Jimmy Hayes, Cox's chief financial officer, said the Atlanta-based company, con-

trolled by the media company Cox Enterprises, sees benefits in growth, but remains committed to "growing the company wisely."

"Our focus is not on being the largest, but being the best," Hayes said.

Cox officials said they liked TCA's geographically concentrated, highly penetrated markets, as well as its recent system upgrades that have included deployment of high-speed Internet access and digital video services.

Cox Communications has been a pioneer in building digital networks and offering new services such as digital television, Internet access and local telephone service.

Robbins also cited TCA's record of customer service, its balance sheet and a "solid management team" that will remain in place.

"Combining with Cox will allow TCA to more swiftly fulfill its dream of being a totally integrated communications provider in our operating areas," said Fred Nichols, TCA chairman, chief executive officer and president.

In the 1998 fiscal year, TCA reported net income of \$42.5 million on sales of \$385.7 million. The company, with 2,147 employees, earned \$12 million or 24 cents a share on revenue of \$105.4 million in the 1999 first quarter.

Both boards approved the deal, expected to close late this year.

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to demolish the building, remove the debris and clean the lot in a 180-day time frame. However, Clean Slate's fee — \$269,620 — is considered cost prohibitive.

Instead, the city believes it can be torn down for about \$120,000 to \$130,000 — not counting the hauling off of the debris. Officials are hoping that can be done with city equipment and crews, perhaps with help from the county, and volunteers.

In previous meetings, Big Spring Independent School District and Howard County officials have been less than enthusiastic about committing funds to the project. Howard College has been receptive, Blackshear said.

The uncertainty of funding led council members to place stipulations on the motion to put up the \$50,000 Tuesday.

"Someone is going to have to own that building at some point in time. I'm not in favor of the city owning it until there is enough money to take it down," said Blackshear.

Councilman Tommy Tune made that part of his motion, which was unanimously approved.

Demolition of the structure brought up the subject of long-range planning, but the mayor was quick to defend the city.

"I think this is probably a rare occurrence because of the size of the building," he said. "I think we are addressing long-range plans for cleaning up our city."

Fuqua noted that the city has torn down as estimated 500 structures in the past four to five years.

RELAY

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the volunteers, business leaders, medical community and patients," said Lisa Brooks, public relations chair for Relay. "It also brings together all socioeconomic groups and people of

A BIG SPRING AROUND THE TOWN

all ages and backgrounds."

Last year 51 teams set up camp at the field, and the event raised \$100,000, placing it among the top such fundraisers in the nation. This year's goal is set slightly above last year's total money raised, at \$102,000.

"Big Spring has a big heart," Brooks said. "It is generous in good times and bad."

Local and area residents will be involved in Relay in many ways. Besides those walking on teams, there is a Survivor's Walk that begins the event, Friday at 7 p.m. More than 100 people from the community who are battling, or have fought, cancer will take the first lap around the track, giving Relay its official start.

Entertainment is planned at all hours, starting with musician Jody Nix and his friend, Mike Hammock of TU Electric. Sales of luminarias in memory or honor of cancer's victims are continuing, and will go on until shortly before the lighting ceremony. Lighting the luminarias in a ring around the track begins at 10 p.m. Friday.

Everyone is invited to stop by and observe or cheer, or support the event in any way.

"Even if you're not on a team," Brooks said, "come out and see the luminaria ceremony. Or cheer on the survivors while they take their lap around the track. There's so much to get involved in, this is something that's truly for the whole community."

COUNCIL

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motion was defeated 4-3 with council members Stephanie Horton, Tommy Tune, Joann Smoot and Mayor Tim Blackshear voting against it. Oscar Garcia and Greg Biddison joined Cawthon in looking to table the matter.

In a vote to accept Johnston's bid, Horton, Tune, Smoot, Biddison and Blackshear were in favor. Cawthon and Garcia were against.

In other business, council members unanimously approved \$2,500 to assist in funding the Pops in the Park project for the annual Fourth of July Celebration. It was the same amount the council approved in assistance a year ago, noted Bogard.

John H. Walker, who chairs the chamber's Convention and Visitors Bureau, thanked the council.

"A number of times we've come to the city and every time the city staff has been there for us..." said Walker. "I want to take the time to go on record and salute the staff this city has."

Oath of office was given to recently re-elected council members Horton and Cawthon. The council also approved:

• a resolution authorizing the submission of a grant for the West Texas Narcotics Task Force;

• authorizing the city manager to enter into a communications agreement with Poka Lambro at \$500 a month for 15 years;

• resolutions recognizing Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce and Moore Development for Big Spring, Inc. for their leadership in the coordination of Big Spring Day in Austin.

Tabled was a resolution authorizing the city manager to execute amendments to Cornell

TEXAS LOTTERY

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

Corrections, Inc. More information is needed before that can be completed, said City Attorney Jim Finley.

PICK 3: 0,5,1
CASH 5: 10,18,29,35,37

Gold 276.90-277.90
Silver 5.31-5.36

FIRE/EMS

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

TUESDAY
12:48 a.m. — Jeffery Road, medical call, patient transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
2:11 a.m. — 2200 block Runnels, medical call, patient transported to SMMC.
6:49 p.m. — 500 block Westover, grass fire, extinguished by responding units.
8:14 p.m. — 2600 block Ent, public service call, gas leak.

POLICE

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity through 6 a.m. today:

• ERIC JUAREZ, 17, arrested for disorderly conduct/laun-
guage;
• TIM KAECHLE, 40, arrested for public intoxication;
• SIMON CHAVEZ, 21, arrested for public intoxication;
• JAMES HALL, 33, arrested for public intoxication;
• ADOLFO LOPEZ, 26, arrested for resisting arrest;
• JUVENILE PROBLEMS reported in the 2000 block of Goliad, 700 11th Place and 1300 Wood;

• INVESTIGATION OF SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITIES reported in the 600 block of NE 2nd, 600 Aylesford 2600 S. Gregg and 400 Gregg;

• THEFT reported in the 300 block of Gregg, 1700 Wasson and 500 Aylesford;

• DISTURBANCE/FIGHT reported in the 1000 block of Nolan;

• ASSAULT reported in the 1500 block of Scurry;

• DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE reported in the 1500 block of Bluebird.

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Tuesday's high 74
Tuesday's low 54
Average high 84
Average low 57
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Precip. Tuesday 0.00
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Billie Merrill, 76, died Sunday. Graveside services are 3:00 PM, Wednesday at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

Burlon H. Williams, 86, died Monday. Graveside services were 10:30 AM, Wednesday at Trinity Memorial Park.

R. P. "Nick" Nicholson, 76, died Monday. Services are 1:00 PM, Wednesday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Private family burial at Trinity Memorial Park.

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Driver Education Big Spring High School
Big Spring Independent School District is offering Driver Education to those students who are eligible this school year at Big Spring High School. Upon completion of this course the student will earn 1/2 local credit. Registration will take place on Saturday May 15, at the Big Spring High School Library, 707 Eleventh Place, from 10:00 a.m. to 12 noon. For further information contact Mr. Collinsworth at 264-3641. Exts. 185 or 172.

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Source: Murr acknowledged to Morales aide he had no state contract

HOUSTON (AP) — The attorney whose claim for tobacco settlement fees triggered a federal investigation acknowledged to a top aide of former Texas Attorney General Dan Morales that he had no contract with the state, the Houston Chronicle reported today.

The newspaper cited sources close to current Attorney General John Cornyn as saying Harry Potter, Morales' top state lawyer in the tobacco lawsuit, reported that Houston attorney Marc Murr made the admission in December 1997.

That's a month before the state and tobacco industry representatives

announced a \$17.3 billion settlement in the case Texas filed in 1996.

Potter, who now teaches at the University of Texas Law School, declined comment Tuesday regarding any talks with Murr.

But the source said Potter told Cornyn's office that Murr acknowledged having no contract with the state in a brief conversation the two had in Chicago on Dec. 18, 1997.

Potter and Murr were in Chicago for a negotiating session as Morales and other state lawyers hammered out the blockbuster settlement.

Potter has been interviewed by both

Cornyn's office and the FBI.

At issue is whether Murr's contract with the state, which was signed by Morales, was doctored to make it appear he secured the deal a year before he actually did so.

In a document filed in federal court a week ago, Cornyn accused Morales and Murr of falsifying signatures and backdating two contracts, dated Oct. 17, 1996, and Jan. 31, 1997.

Cornyn called the contracts "fake" and said they were part of an effort to mislead a federal judge deciding on fees in the case. Cornyn said the purported 1996 contract wasn't created

until 1998.

The day after Cornyn's allegations, Murr abruptly withdrew his claim for about \$260 million in legal fees in the tobacco case.

Other attorneys in the case had complained Murr did little or nothing to earn such a fee.

Murr still is to receive \$1 million in fees payable by the tobacco industry under a separate, national arbitration award entered late last year.

Morales and Murr have known each other since they worked together at the Houston law firm Bracewell & Patterson in the early 1980s.

Morales has insisted that Murr played a crucial role in the landmark tobacco case, often as a behind-the-scenes adviser.

Murr didn't return a phone call from the Chronicle on Tuesday. His lawyer, Roy Minton of Austin, declined comment beyond saying Murr hadn't been contacted by the FBI or the U.S. attorney's office.

Morales had a separate contract with five other private lawyers who are sharing \$3.3 billion in fees awarded by a national arbitration panel. Tobacco companies have agreed to pay those fees.

House considers open container legislation

AUSTIN (AP) — Texas drivers would be prohibited from having an open alcoholic beverage container in their vehicles if they had more than a trace of alcohol in their system under a bill given initial House approval Tuesday.

The legislation by Rep. Ron Wilson was adopted after more than three hours of debate that ended with 18 amendments — some addressing a wide range of alcohol-related issues — being tacked on to the bill.

"Next to probably tobacco and sex, this is one of the more controversial issues that this body is going to deal with," said Wilson, D-Houston.

After approving Wilson's bill the House went on to approve a similar bill dealing with open containers. The bill by Rep. Rodney Hill, R-Richardson, included fewer exemptions but drew just as much heated debate as Wilson's.

"We have got to hold the line on drunken driving," said Hill, who has tried to pass similar legislation five times during the last decade. "Otherwise, the price will be death."

Current law allows an arrest only if the driver is seen drinking from the container by a law

enforcement officer.

Under an amendment tacked on to Wilson's bill, a passenger still could have an open container as long as the driver hadn't had much to drink.

The driver would have to submit to a breathalyzer test and show an alcohol concentration of 0.02 percent or less. The current legal blood alcohol limit for drivers is 0.10 and, under a bill expected to be signed into law, would drop to 0.08.

Hill's bill does not contain such an amendment. It does, however, make it a felony to cause a miscarriage or stillbirth during a DWI offense.

Wilson's bill contains a number of other exemptions.

The measure wouldn't apply to people riding in a vehicle for hire, such as a limo or taxi. It includes an exemption for drivers who have the alcohol container locked in a glove compartment or, for vehicles with no trunk, stashed behind the last upright seat.

Drivers could use as a defense that they were in an emergency situation or didn't know that the open container was in the vehicle, under amendments tacked on to the bill.

Bush pledges to support lower blood alcohol limit

AUSTIN (AP) — Gov. George W. Bush says he will sign into law a bill lowering the legal blood alcohol limit from 0.10 to 0.08.

The Texas House gave the legislation final approval on Tuesday by a 142-2 vote. It already had passed the Senate.

"I campaigned on it and support it," Bush said. "I'll sign the bill."

When it becomes law, Texas would join 16 other states that have gone to the stricter 0.08 limit.

The difference between the 0.10 percent level and 0.08 percent level amounts to about one less drink in an hour.

For a 170-pound man, the lower limit would be the difference between four drinks in an hour or five according to bill supporters. For a 137-pound woman, it's having three instead of four drinks in an hour.

Rep. Tracy King, D-Uvalde, and Rep. Tom Uher, D-Bay City, were the two lawmakers

voting against final approval.

Uher said a person would not show impairment at 0.08 and predicted it "will create a logjam in the courts."

"At 0.08 there is not going to be any evidence to show that a person is intoxicated," he said. "It will tie up the courts, it will tie up the district attorneys staff trying to try these cases."

Uher said he supported a proposal to have a zero-tolerance policy in which people would be prohibited from driving with any alcohol in their system.

"If the concern of the state is that we don't want anyone driving a vehicle after they've had intoxicating beverages," lawmakers should have adopted such a proposal, he said. "I think that would be a greater deterrent than the 0.08 system that we just passed today."

Proponents noted that other states that have lowered the limit to 0.08 percent have seen significant decreases in DWI fatalities.

House delays parental notification bill Tuesday

AUSTIN (AP) — The Texas House postponed debate on a bill Tuesday to require parents be notified before their minor daughters get abortions in order to work on a compromise bill that may have an easier time of passing, a key lawmaker said Tuesday.

"Hope springs eternal," said House State Affairs Committee Chairman Steve Wolens, D-Dallas, who in 1997 was accused of holding a similar bill hostage.

The bill by Rep. Patricia Gray, D-Galveston, was scheduled for a House vote Tuesday but was postponed several times and eventually rescheduled for Friday.

Ms. Gray refused to talk with reporters about the bill.

That delay represents a roadblock for the House bill as the session nears its May 31 end. Legislative deadlines require bills that originate in the House to have that chamber's initial approval by Thursday.

To get around the problem, Wolens said his committee will vote as early as Wednesday on a version of a parental notification bill that has already passed

the Senate.

Because it bears a Senate bill number, that measure wouldn't be affected by Thursday's deadline.

"It's not much of a story. It's just tactically that we have set aside the House bill as a vehicle and we are going back to the Senate bill. The original Senate bill," said Wolens.

Ms. Gray's bill — which would give girls more opportunities to bypass parental notification — faced opposition both from Democrats who don't like the idea of parental notification at all and from conservatives who said the bill isn't restrictive enough.

The Senate bill would allow girls to avoid parental notification only if they received approval from a judge.

Ms. Gray's bill would give them alternatives such as allowing notice be served to other adult relatives.

Wolens said the revised bill that's being worked on would include only a judicial bypass.

"I am very hopeful," said Rep. Dianne White Delisi, R-Temple, who had sponsored another parental notification bill.

Tornado causes damage in Central Texas; four people reported injured

CASTELL, Texas (AP) — At least four people were reported injured, one critically, from one or more tornadoes that struck near the Mason-Llano county line Tuesday evening, officials said.

A spokeswoman at Heart of

Texas Hospital in Brady, about 40 miles northwest of the towns of Loyal Valley and Castell, said one critically injured person had been transferred to another hospital in San Angelo.

At least three injured people were en route to Hill Country

Memorial Hospital in Fredericksburg, about 30 miles south of the area hit by the storm, said hospital emergency room worker Mike Terry.

Terry said the Mason County sheriff's department called to alert the hospital about injured

people. The department refused to release information to The Associated Press.

The storms reportedly hit near Loyal Valley, in eastern Mason County, and near Castell, in western Llano County.

The National Weather Service said a possible tornado was spotted at 5:57 p.m. two miles northwest of San Saba, where a barn was damaged.

Hail pounded the Mason area, according to reports.

A tornado at Loyal Valley was

reported at 6:10 p.m., and hail almost 2 inches wide was reported two miles west of Castell at 6:55 p.m.

Later in the evening, one or more tornadoes were in the Texas Lakes area, northwest of Austin.

Legislation could require jail inmates to pay their way, up to 25 dollars a day

AUSTIN (AP) — If you do the crime, you could be required to not only do the time but to pay for the privilege under a bill forwarded to Gov. George W. Bush by lawmakers.

The bill would allow judges to require those convicted of misdemeanor offenses to pay up to \$25 a day to reimburse counties for the cost of jailing them.

Before ordering payments, judges would take into account the convicted person's ability to pay, said Sen. Jeff Wentworth,

sponsor of the measure.

"Not every inmate would be charged this — only those deemed by a judge to be able to afford to pay it. Most county inmates will not pay anything at all," said Wentworth, R-San Antonio.

Senators gave the bill its final legislative approval Tuesday, with a 21-7 vote to concur in House amendments to the measure.

Among changes, the House lowered the maximum daily

payment from \$30 to \$25 and eliminated a provision allowing county governments to choose whether to give their judges the power to impose the fines.

Among the bill's opponents was Sen. Gonzalo Barrientos, D-Austin, who voiced concern that jail costs might be imposed by judges simply because they didn't like the way a particular defendant looked.

"It's a wonderful intent... but too much bad possibilities," Barrientos said.

'Late train' bill overwhelmingly rejected by House

AUSTIN (AP) — A bill that would have limited "late train" contributions — those that come in after the election — was overwhelmingly rejected Tuesday night on a voice vote by the Texas House.

Currently, officeholders can get contributions until the 30th

day before the beginning of the regular legislative session. The bill by Rep. Kip Averitt, R-McGregor, would have moved the cutoff to the day after the general election.

McGregor said Tuesday that his bill would have "helped restore constituent confidence."

Lawmakers like Rep. Kevin Bailey, however, said it would instead help wealthy candidates.

"You're helping those who have lots of money up front, but aren't you hurting those of us who have to take out loans?" asked Bailey, D-Houston.

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OUR VIEWS

Church should be praised for taking bold step

This week, something remarkable is happening in our local schools. Some students, along with their study of the three R's and preparation for finals, are listening to an evangelist.

Ken Freeman, guest speaker at First Baptist Church this week, is also taking his message of faith into our schools. Church leaders arranged for him to speak Monday at Forsan schools, Tuesday at Goliad Middle School, today at Big Spring High School's Bible class and Sands schools, and Thursday at Runnels Junior High School.

Jeff Donnell, youth minister at First Baptist, said he's pleased to be able to reach a wider audience with Freeman, an evangelist who speaks from his own life experience and relates well to young people.

Freeman is based in San Antonio and travels all over the country speaking at churches and youth rallies. So far this year, the evangelist has seen 6,000 people make a decision to turn their life to Christian faith, Donnell said. He added he expects many people to do the same locally — possibly even at schools.

As Donnell put it, we believe very well: "Churches here need to help the schools, and the schools help the churches."

Never has that been more evident than now, when we see the pain and anger of so many of our students acted out in violence and threats of violence. Why not let them share their feelings with someone who has been there — and turned to faith for a solution?

Freeman's evening services continue tonight and Thursday, 7 p.m. at First Baptist's auditorium. Earlier in the week, youth group members from at least eight other churches joined FBC young people in a pizza blowout before one of the services.

We applaud these churches, and especially First Baptist, for bold steps to reach our community's youth. As we are reminded so many times — they are our future. Don't you want to see a future more filled with faith than with hate and fear?

YOUR VIEWS

TO THE EDITOR:

I was in Big Spring on Thursday visiting my brother who is on the City Council, and he invited me to attend the National Day of Prayer celebration which I attended with him.

I was impressed. All the speakers and those who led in prayer and those who sang the patriotic songs did a

splendid job. I could feel the heartfelt sincerity and devotion.

When I left, I felt that I had been richly blessed by the ceremony and believe that if every community participated as Big Spring did, we would see this nation changed and God glorified.

BILL CAWTHON
Midland

OTHER VIEWS

Those who think pornography is simply a private matter of individual choice should think again.

May has been designated the "Victims of Pornography Month," which should help throw light on the harmful effects of pornography.

Research increasingly shows that pornography does harm families: the majority of child molesters admit using hard-core pornography and often use pornography to seduce their prey and to

serve as an instruction manual.

Eighty percent of serial sex murderers admit using pornography. The recognition of porn victims is long overdue. It should spur more churches and social agencies to be open to their healing needs.

And authorities should be reminded to enact and enforce the strictest limits possible under the Constitution.

THE DALLAS MORNING NEWS

Is burning the flag an inalienable right?

Remember the theoretical question we've all been asked: "If a tree falls in the forest and



JOHN H. WALKER

there is no one there to hear it, does it make any sound?" ... Well, there are events in life that I think occur simply to provoke thought and discussion — and I personally think the current debate in Washington over a proposed constitutional amendment to ban flag burning might be one of those events.

While I feel it is personally repulsive for someone to burn our American flag, do we need a constitutional amendment against it?

Didn't our forefathers come to this land to escape the political repression of freedom of speech? And whether or not we agree with it, isn't the burning of a flag or the wearing of it on a pair of jeans or the back of a jacket an expression of speech

— even though no words are spoken?

The effort to get the constitutional amendment before the people is one that has run into problems. While it has consistently passed the House, it has never gotten the two-thirds vote needed in the Senate to send the measure to the states.

And if you'll recall the Equal Rights Amendment (ERA) of some years ago, once the amendment goes to the states, it must be ratified by three-fourths — or 38 — of the states to make it part of the constitution.

But in the 208 years since the first 10 amendments were ratified on Dec. 15, 1791, changes to our constitution have come slowly — and with reason.

There is a reason our founding fathers decided it would take a two-thirds vote in both the House and Senate, followed by a three-fourths vote of the states, before the constitution could be amended.

The most compelling reason, perhaps, is time.

While the action in the House and Senate comes during a session, it takes time for the states to ratify a constitutional amendment.

Remember all of the momen-

tum behind the ERA?

Early on, those proponents of the amendment pushed hard and were able to gain ratification in a number of states ... but as times — and emotions — changed, the ratification process slowed to the point the amendment died with little more than a whimper as the 13-year clock ran out.

The last time we amended our constitution was on May 7, 1992 when Michigan ratified the 27th amendment, which said no law varying the amount of compensation of senators and representatives could take effect until an election of the representatives was held.

Prior to that, it was on July 1, 1971 when the last amendment was ratified by three-fourths of the states. That one, the 26th, gave the vote to 18 year-olds.

There was a flurry of amendments — four approved between March 29, 1961 and July 1, 1971 — during the era of John F. Kennedy, Lyndon Johnson and Richard Nixon, but by and large, ratification of amendments has not been an easy task.

To be honest, I can't stand it when I see someone burn our flag. I find it to be offensive

when I see demonstrators in China burning it, but I find it vile when I see an American citizen desecrating our colors.

I personally don't feel that burning the flag is a right guaranteed by the constitution, but the supreme court disagrees. Two times, the court has declared flag-burning laws unconstitutional abridgments of free speech.

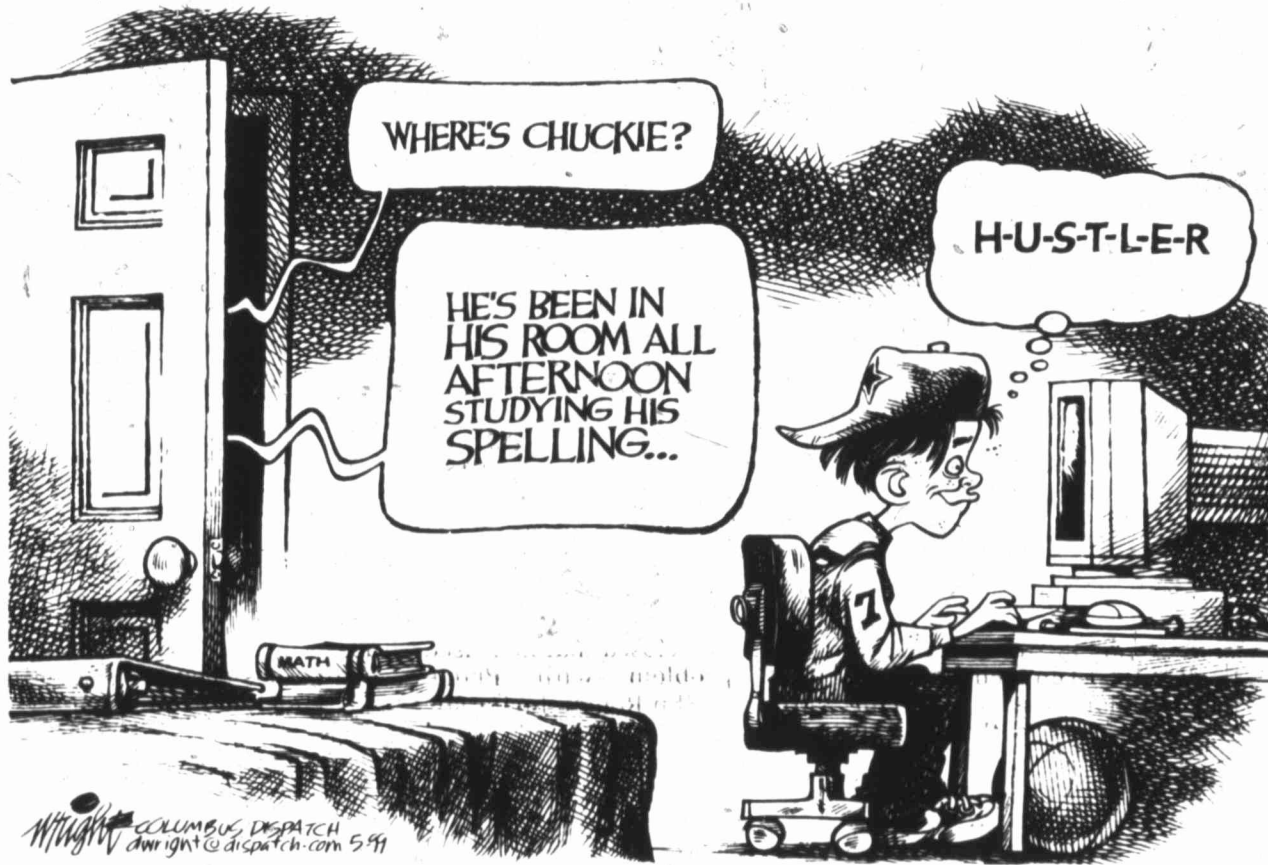
Perhaps you will agree that it is a perplexing question ... after all, the flag is a symbol of our country and the red in the flag stands for the blood that has been shed over the years in defense of our great land.

And our great land ... remember again that it was founded by those who sought to get away from political and religious tyranny ... who sought a better place ... one where they might feel free to speak their mind or otherwise express themselves.

Two-hundred years later, who's to say that doesn't include the burning of the flag?

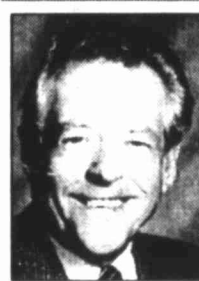
Like I said, the whole topic certainly opens the floor to discussion, doesn't it?

(John H. Walker is managing editor of the Herald.)



A day to remember at the Capitol

On the way down to Austin, my wife Susan and I stopped in Brady to interview Gilbert Currie, who has cooked the goat the past 26 years for Brady's annual goat cook-off, held every labor day weekend.



TUMBLEWEED SMITH

In Austin we got a room just two blocks from the capitol building, where we were expected the next morning. While eating supper, a woman came up to me and asked if I was Tumbleweed Smith. I was flattered. She asked for an autograph. Her name was Sally Papanas from Midland. She recognized me from the photograph on my weekly column in the Midland Reporter-Telegram. She and her family were in Austin for an end-of-school trip.

On the walk to the capitol the next day, we stopped for breakfast at Rick's Cafe. I was surprised to learn that Rick was an old friend of mine from Odessa. He used to have Rick's Cafe on the campus of the University of Texas of the

Permian Basin, where I teach a couple of broadcasting courses.

Then we got down to the legislative business. Representative Bob Hunter of Abilene had arranged for a resolution to be presented to the House recognizing my 30 years of producing "The Sound of Texas" radio program. While we were in his office, a couple of men came in. One was Mitchell George of the Texas Department of Economic Development. He said he listened to me in Plainview when he was growing up and later sponsored my program when he managed a department store. Wow!

Our representative, David Counts, came in Dr. Hunter's office and led us to the podium area where Speaker of the House Pete Laney was presiding. After Dr. Hunter read the resolution, state representatives from Hamilton, Bay City, Beaumont, Vernon and other cities came up and congratulated us. Pete Laney gave me the gavel he used to pass the resolution.

Susan went to school in Big Spring with Ronnie Crownover, who is now the representative from Lewisville. He has been battling leukemia since he was elected, and was in the hospital just the day before. He came up and visited with us. That really

meant a lot.

We were then taken to the Senate chamber where we were introduced by State Senator Robert Duncan of Lubbock. Senator Troy Fraser then took the microphone and said some words about us, then Senator David Sibley did the same thing. We were escorted to the podium where Lt. Governor Rick Perry was presiding. He visited with us for about 20 minutes.

The resolution Dr. Hunter introduced was beautiful. Susan cried when she heard it and when people started coming up to shake our hands she could hardly speak. It was one of the most meaningful things ever to happen to us.

The Texas Legislature does some very nice things. The legislators probably do not realize what an honor it is to be so recognized.

The resolution, on parchment paper, will be here in a few days. I can't wait to frame it and put it on the wall. It represents a big highlight in my life.

On the way home we stopped in Brady to do an interview with a man who had been struck by lightning three times. I'll write about that later.

(Big Spring resident Bob Lewis is Tumbleweed Smith.)

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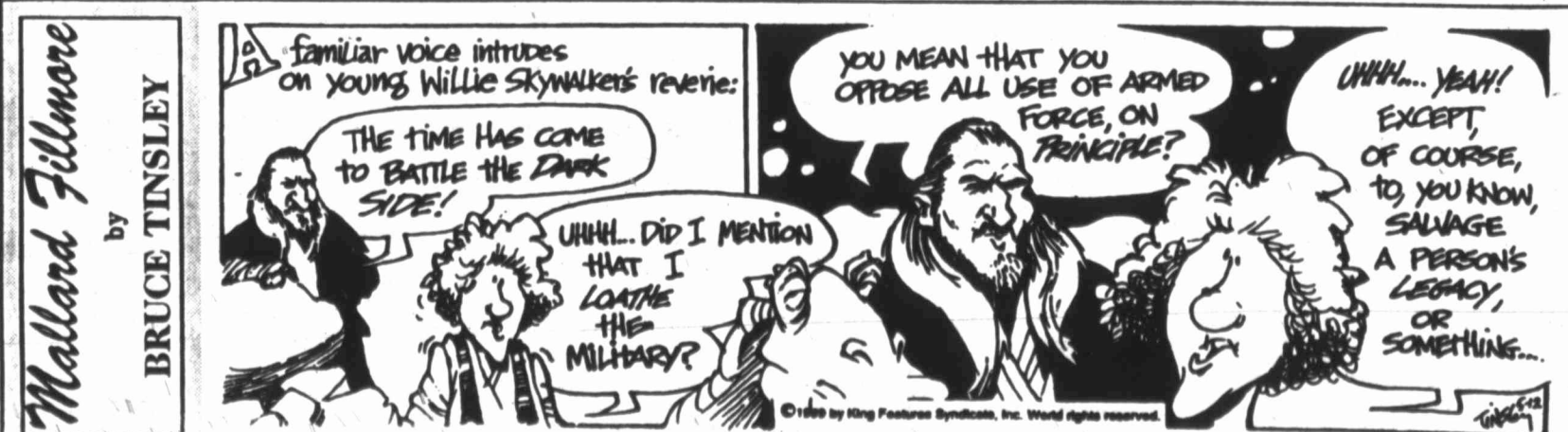
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Kosovo spending bill awash with fights over defense, other issues

WASHINGTON (AP) — House-Senate negotiators are driving toward giving President Clinton at least \$4.9 billion more than he wanted for the air campaign against Yugoslavia.

But first, lawmakers trying to wrap up a compromise wide-ranging spending bill will have to resolve disputes over mining regulations, Alaskan fishing and other issues.

Bargainers from the two chambers planned to meet again today in hopes of shaking hands on a measure they want to zip through Congress this week.

While they were working on it, participants urged the White House to rethink its threat to veto the measure because of its excessive defense spending,

cuts in domestic programs, and other provisions.

"The administration should wait to see what the product is," said House Appropriations Committee Chairman Bill Young, R-Fla.

Clinton has asked for \$6 billion for the bombing campaign against Yugoslavia. The House beefed that up to \$13 billion last week, adding money for equipment, training, a pay raise for the troops and other items.

The Senate never voted on a plan of its own.

But during negotiations Tuesday, Senate Appropriations Committee Chairman Ted Stevens, R-Alaska, offered \$10.9 billion, knocking out \$1 billion the House approved to modernize overseas U.S. military bases.

In effect, that became the minimum figure Congress is likely to provide for the conflict and for a GOP-led effort to beef up U.S. armed forces at home and abroad.

House-Senate bargainers tentatively agreed to include \$678 million for refugees who have fled the province of Kosovo, \$112 million more than Clinton proposed.

The bill contains nearly \$1 billion to help Central America rebuild from recent natural disasters, particularly last fall's Hurricane Mitch, which devastated Honduras, El Salvador, Nicaragua and Costa Rica. Also sure to be included is aid to American farmers struggling because of plummeting prices for cotton, hogs and other com-

modities, and money to help the recovery from the recent Midwestern tornadoes and to buttress the Federal Emergency Management Agency's coffers for future disasters.

Beyond that, battles are being waged over provisions added by senators that include help for the steel, oil, gas, mining and ranching industries.

Pleas by House members to drop the items seemed to fall on ears that were all but deaf.

To one such request, Sen. Robert Byrd, D-W.Va., responded, "That great philosopher, Mae West, said, 'Too much of anything is simply wonderful.'"

Byrd is author of language that would provide \$140 million to some steel companies hurt by low-cost foreign competitors.

Especially numerous were fights over environmental provisions.

Environmental groups said senators were using the must-pass bill to carry language that otherwise would not pass. And led by Rep. Sherwood Boehlert, R-N.Y., House GOP moderates circulated a letter saying the provisions "would be a serious procedural, political and policy mistake that could jeopardize passage of any conference report on the House floor."

The fights included:

- An effort by Sen. Richard Shelby, R-Ala., to block the Fish and Wildlife Service from listing the Alabama sturgeon as an endangered species.
- Sen. Slade Gorton, R-Wash., was trying to overturn a court rul-

ing that mining companies can't expand their milling operations on public lands.

- Sen. Frank Murkowski, R-Alaska, wants to prevent the National Park Service from phasing out commercial fishing in the waters off Glacier Bay National Park until courts decide the issue.
- An attempt by Sen. Harry Reid, D-Nev., to delay the Interior Department in implementing stricter rules that would require mining companies using federal lands to do more thorough cleanups.
- Sen. Pete Domenici, R-N.M., was considering trying to block the Interior Department from designating a protected habitat for the endangered silvery minnow.

CIA's Belgrade blunder may have been due to underfunding, cutbacks

WASHINGTON (AP) — Lawmakers are ready to hand the CIA an unusual punishment for mistakes that caused NATO to bomb the Chinese Embassy in Belgrade: more money.

Even the spy agency's officials seemed mystified that one of the agency's biggest blunders could turn into a budget windfall.

On Capitol Hill Tuesday, Sen. Ted Stevens, R-Alaska, chairman of the Senate Appropriations Committee, asked Defense Secretary William Cohen if the bombing stemmed from overworked intelligence analysts with underfunded information databases. Could more money for intelligence have prevented "this terrible accident?" Stevens asked. Or could it prevent a similar catastrophe in the future?

"It was an institutional failure. ... You could not associate

that with inadequate resources," Cohen replied.

Similarly, a senior intelligence official who briefed reporters at the Pentagon rejected the idea that a bigger budget could have prevented the inadvertent bombing of the Chinese Embassy. More money and more people to do databases faster would make the agency more up-to-date, the official said, but lack of money was no excuse.

The CIA, in explaining the error, said it used out-of-date maps that showed the Chinese Embassy in a different location in Belgrade, and made educated guesses to pinpoint a purported military target that turned out to be the embassy. Databases listing hospitals, churches, embassies and other sites to be avoided by bombers were out of date, U.S. officials said.

Stevens' was one voice in a

growing chorus of Republicans and Democrats who reacted to the bombing error by talking about pumping more money into the \$29 billion U.S. intelligence system.

"Over the last 13 years, we have gutted our intelligence and military capabilities, and now the chickens have come home to roost," said Sen. Richard Shelby, R-Ala., chairman of the Senate Intelligence Committee.

Sen. Bob Kerrey, D-Neb., the committee's vice chairman, said U.S. officials have known since last summer that NATO might launch a bombing campaign against Yugoslavia.

"But, due to staffing and resource constraints, the latest information was not incorporated into our planning," Kerrey said. "We have overtasked and underfunded our intelligence agencies for too long."

Richardson trying to prevent loss of control of nuclear weapons labs

WASHINGTON (AP) — Buffeted by the uproar over stolen nuclear secrets, Energy Secretary Bill Richardson is moving on several fronts to try to assure Congress his department should continue to control the nation's prestigious weapons research labs.

In announcing a broad restructuring of the department's security program, Richardson on Tuesday said he was concerned about efforts by some lawmakers to restructure the operation of the labs, considered among the crown jewels of America's scientific research.

"We can demonstrate that the labs are accountable to us. We run the labs," Richardson said in a meeting with reporters.

But the growing espionage controversy that has centered on the Los Alamos National Laboratory in New Mexico, where the first atomic bomb

was made more than a half century ago, has raised questions about the basic structure of the labs, which are managed by private contractors under Energy Department supervision.

Some lawmakers have suggested the nuclear weapons labs ought to be brought under direct government management and perhaps under another department. The debate mirrors arguments, which were revived several years ago, over whether all nuclear weapons programs should not be shifted to the Defense Department.

Historically, the research labs have flaunted their autonomy,

cultivated strong allies in Congress and resisted control — on security matters or anything else — from the Energy Department in Washington. They have been viewed by some as semiautonomous fiefdoms managed by private contractors.

Since its inception, Los Alamos, as well as the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory in California, has been managed by the University of California. Sandia National Laboratories, also in New Mexico, is managed by a subsidiary of the Lockheed Martin Corp.

Chinese freeze military contacts to protest attack

WASHINGTON (AP) — China has put a freeze on military contacts with the United States to protest the U.S. bombing of its embassy in Belgrade. The move puts in doubt Defense Secretary William Cohen's planned trip to Beijing next month, which had been postponed once before in the Kosovo crisis.

The Pentagon said Tuesday that China canceled a planned visit to Beijing next week by Gen. Charles Krulak, commander of the Marine Corps. In Washington, the defense attaché at the Chinese Embassy scrapped a tour of U.S. military bases.

In testimony Tuesday, Cohen told a Senate committee he "had planned to go" to China in June to pursue a long-term goal of strengthening military-to-military relations. He did not say his trip had been canceled, but other defense officials said it appeared doubtful that China would go ahead with the visit.

"I believe our long-term relations are important," Cohen said. It would "defy all logic," he said, for Chinese officials to think Washington would jeopardize relations by deliberately attacking their embassy.

Cohen was supposed to have visited China in April but put it off because of the NATO air campaign against Yugoslavia.

The fallout from Friday's mistaken bombing is putting the heaviest strain on U.S.-Chinese military relations since the Taiwan Straits crisis of March 1996, when China test-fired missiles off the coast of Taiwan and President Clinton responded by sending two aircraft carriers into the area. Washington withdrew an invitation for the Chinese defense chief to visit, and military relations unraveled.

In 1997, the Pentagon began repairing the relationship. Cohen made his first visit to

Beijing in January 1998 and signed an agreement on "rules of the road" for naval forces in the Pacific. Even then, however, U.S. officials saw a lingering reluctance among the Chinese military to establish more open relations with the Pentagon.

"I don't think anyone in the Pentagon — even before this latest problem — was wild-eyed and gushy about what could be accomplished," said Jonathan Pollack, a senior Asia specialist at the Rand Corp. think tank.

Earlier this year, when his April visit to China was still on the agenda, Cohen said he expected his hosts to reciprocate Pentagon gestures of openness by granting him access to People's Liberation Army facilities deemed off-limits in previous visits by senior American officials.

The Pentagon also has been frustrated in its efforts to gain China's cooperation in documenting the fate of American

soldiers unaccounted for from the Korean War. Just last week, Clinton disclosed that he raised this problem with Prime Minister Zhu Rongji during his recent visit to Washington, and Zhu "indicated that the Chinese should be able to help." He made no promises.

China intervened on North Korea's side early in the 1950-53 Korean War as U.S. troops approached the Yalu River on China's border. In a sign of long-lasting distrust, a sign carried by Chinese youth protesting at the U.S. Embassy in Beijing this week read: "Remember the Korean War!"

Even before the embassy bombing, however, U.S.-Chinese military ties were under stress from allegations that China stole U.S. nuclear weapons secrets and Beijing's anger at American plans to develop a defense against ballistic missiles.

, which China sees as a potential trigger to an Asian arms race.

China has been a vocal critic of NATO's war against Yugoslavia throughout the campaign. Pollack, the Rand specialist, said China's military leaders see the U.S.-led bombing

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IPAA board votes to support oil dumping petition

WASHINGTON (AP) — Oil producers who contend that Venezuela and several other oil-producing countries are unlawfully dumping their crude oil on the U.S. market received a boost Tuesday when a trade association representing independent producers joined their cause.

The Independent Petroleum Association of America's board of governors, meeting in Charleston, S.C., voted to support the dumping petition that will be filed later this month by Save Domestic Oil Inc., an Enid, Oklahoma-based coalition of oilmen. Under terms of a 1930 trade law, SDO will ask the International Trade Commission and Commerce Department to investigate whether Venezuela, Mexico, Kuwait and Iraq unlawfully sold crude oil at unusually low prices in the U.S. market. A determination of illegal dumping could trigger tariffs against those countries.

IPAA, which represents 8,000 independent producers, will join SDO's petition

under "interested party" status. That decision "allows us to have a seat at the table as things progress," IPAA Chairman George Yates said in an interview.

"Our independents are not really alleging that dumping is taking place," Yates added. "What they are really saying is 'Let's participate in the process to determine whether the law has been violated.'"

Representatives of SDO, which is comprised of oilmen from Oklahoma, Texas, Louisiana and other oil-producing states, didn't return calls seeking comment.

IPAA has been moving on several fronts, including on Capitol Hill and Oil Patch state legislatures, to improve the financial picture for domestic oil and natural gas producers hit by a prolonged slump in worldwide oil prices.

"We're doing lots of stuff, drilling a lot of wildcat wells," Yates said of his association's efforts. "Maybe one of them will come in."

Addressing IPAA's mid-year meeting, Energy Secretary Bill Richardson said tough times in the Oil Patch may be easing.

With crude oil prices rebounding somewhat in recent months, he said: "I say, and I say this guardedly, I think we're seeing some hopeful signs."

IPAA estimates that the industry has lost 52,000 jobs and shut down 136,000 oil wells and 59,000 gas wells since November 1997.

Richardson suggested that independents may be poised to tap new opportunities as major oil companies shift extra investment overseas and some major players combine forces through industry mergers.

"It stands to reason that, as the majors look elsewhere, independent production will likely represent an ever-larger share of our domestic production," he said. "Our policies of enhancing domestic production converge with the needs and interests of independent producers."

Driver says boat sank quickly, allowing no time for life vest

HOT SPRINGS, Ark. (AP) — The pilot of a doomed tour boat said it seemed as if events on the deck were moving in slow motion as the vessel rapidly took on water and sank, drowning 13 people.

Elizabeth Helmbrecht broke down on the stand Tuesday as she recounted the final minutes before the Miss Majestic slipped beneath the surface of Lake Hamilton during a May 1 sight-seeing excursion with 21 people aboard.

"I told the passengers, 'Grab a vest and get off. We're going down,'" she said. "It seemed like slow motion. Nobody would move. They just were real orderly."

Ms. Helmbrecht told the Coast Guard Marine Safety Board of Investigation that there were no signs of trouble until shortly before the boat sank in nearly 60 feet of water.

About five minutes into the \$9 tour, the amphibious boat became sluggish, she said. When it tilted slightly to the left, she asked a passenger to move to balance the weight. But water began pouring in from the bottom and the rear, "like a propeller" was blowing it in, she said.

She tried to save a young boy as the boat went down, grabbing his hand and leading him toward an opening under the

boat's canopy. He was jerked away from her, apparently by the force of the water, she said.

Ms. Helmbrecht, who had no time to grab a life jacket, escaped the 7-ton vessel by swimming along the underside of its canopy.

"You couldn't see anything, then water started coming in my nose and then I saw some light finally," she said. "Then I saw only a few people kicking their feet and when I got up, there was only a few of them there."

She began sobbing and was helped from the stand.

Other survivors were to take the stand today at the board's inquiry, along with a diver who helped in the rescue operation.

The accident occurred two days after Ms. Helmbrecht had taken her boat to mechanics and complained that its bilge pump was switching on and off erratically. She said she was assured the repairs had been made and was confident the boat was seaworthy before returning to the water.

She also said she showed passengers how to use the boat's life preservers before setting out, as required by the boat's owner, Land and Lake Tours Inc. She said she also offered child-sized life jackets for the young passengers, but their parents declined.

Gun control skirmish unholstered in Senate

WASHINGTON (AP) — Senate debate over how to stop kids from killing is turning into a legislative shootout over gun control in the aftermath of the Columbine High School massacre.

"We know ultimately it's going to devolve into a gun fight," Senate Judiciary Committee Chairman Orrin Hatch, R-Utah, told reporters Tuesday as the Senate took up a \$5 billion measure designed to crack down on violent juvenile crime.

Republican and Democrats readied a raft of amendments to tweak or replace the bill, which Hatch introduced long before the April 20 killings in Littleton, Colo. The White House and many Democrats hope the Littleton violence will add impetus to their gun-control efforts, such as tightening

restrictions on sales at gun shows and increasing the age for handgun possession from 18 to 21.

Hatch said that toughening penalties for gun violations by minors would act as a deterrent. Other Republicans, pointing to statistics showing a sharp decline in prosecutions for gun-related crimes, said enforcing current laws would be deterrent enough.

"Passing a law sounds good, but to really maximize our impact... we've got to prosecute the laws we've got," said Sen. Jeff Sessions, R-Ala.

But Democrats said the guns themselves are too easily available to kids and advocated more than a half-dozen amendments that would make firearms tougher for the wrong people to acquire and use.

"Without guns, families in

Littleton, Colorado, would not be grieving, and 15 people would be alive today," Sen. Edward Kennedy, D-Mass, told the Senate.

Hatch's bill would devote \$1 billion annually for five years, including:

- \$435 million for prevention programs.

- \$450 million to states and localities to build detention centers, perform drug testing and improve record-keeping for young offenders.

- \$75 million for grants to states to upgrade juvenile felony criminal record-keeping and to make those records available to a national database.

- \$40 million for research of the effectiveness of juvenile delinquency prevention programs.

Republicans and Democrats embraced the bill's provision to

ban firearm ownership by those who committed a serious violent felony as juveniles.

Under Hatch's bill, children 14 and older could be prosecuted under federal laws as adults for serious violent felonies and drug offenses.

If convicted, these teens would be required to serve the maximum sentence.

Republican and Democratic aides said Senate passage of a provision to place gun shows under the law requiring an instant background check on anyone purchasing a gun at a licensed dealer was possible by the end of the week.

At the same time, Republican sources speaking on condition of anonymity said GOP leaders were confident they had enough votes to block efforts to reinstitute a three-day waiting period for handgun purchases.

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

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
****Be more in touch with what you want. Others will help you increase your earnings. A positive attitude makes you unstoppable; if frustrated, you could be a handful. Take a serious look at financial liabilities. Be smart and don't lose your temper. Tonight: Do some shopping.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
****You feel happy and grounded, but you might still be overly serious about one key matter. Why not loosen up? A key partner is tense and frustrated. Put your best foot forward; remain optimistic. You could be delighted with the outcome! Tonight: Your wish is the world's command!

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
****You get a lot done with an early start. Resist the urge to think. Instead, take action, knowing what you want. You have the right ideas. Network; touch base with others. Tempers flare when you least expect it — even yours. You could simply be overworked. Tonight: Relax.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
****You are in the limelight. An offer is too good to be true. Focus on what you want and refuse to be distracted. Don't hesitate to use all your creative resources. Others respond to your ideas, energy and charisma. Tonight: Get together with friends.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
****Maintain a high profile. New beginnings are possible if you take the first step. Your perspective might change radically as the day continues. Good news comes your way. Accept an invitation that may involve a trip. Tempers flare, and another simply doesn't want to pacified! Tonight: A

must appearance.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
****One-to-one relating opens a door. A different perspective might be impossible; at the moment, you have a problem finding the expertise and information you seek. Another is quite challenging. Be careful with spending. Tonight: Detach and relax.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
****Discussions are provocative, at best. How you choose to handle this frustration is your call. Not everyone sees events as you do. It might be difficult to enlist another's support. Don't allow negativity to be contagious. There are different approaches. Tonight: Talk to your best friend.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
****Clear out as much work as you can. Another presents a strong case for what he believes in. Be cautious when handling a difficult associate. Sometimes the answers don't come easily. Be careful as anxiety grows. Let another know you are reaching your limit. Tonight: Meet with friends.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
****A friend pushes and prods and is quite irritating. Gain a perspective; be open to information. Stay goal-directed, and you'll succeed. Your concentration abilities are high. Know what you must do to get a project going again. Tonight: Time for exercise!

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
****Listen to your instincts with a difficult higher-up. This

person doesn't always understand how he comes off. Avoid starting an argument when you don't need to. Lighten up. Creativity surges as you find the right answer. You could be overly demanding of a loved one. Tonight: Do what you enjoy.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
****Your ability to get a fire started under someone who is lackadaisical could surprise others, but not you. Use your energy positively. A family member or a domestic issue weighs heavily on your heart. Your ability to communicate is highlighted. Tonight: Head home.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
****You may feel like you have had enough, financially. Be sensible and put some away for a rainy day. Your instincts may be off; another could encourage you to spend. Maintain self-discipline, set limits, enforce boundaries. Tonight: Return calls, do errands.

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Keeping guns out of kids' hands

Coahoma mother urges parents to keep firearms under lock and key

By DEBBIE L. JENSEN
Features Editor

A few weeks ago, Delia Mills' daughter, a Coahoma kindergarten student, asked her mother a very difficult question.

"Mommy, what do I do if somebody comes in and shoots at me while I'm eating lunch?"

After hearing reports of the school shootings at Columbine High School in Littleton, Colo., the little girl had wondered if the same thing could happen to her. Her mother was saddened — and spurred on to action.

"I never thought I'd have to talk to her about that," Mills said. "It really made me think

about how safe was she at school, and what could I do about it."

After talking with staff and administrators at the school, Mills decided her best option was taking a safety campaign into area homes. She wants all parents to keep guns out of the hands of their children.

Only then, she said, can we be sure troubled kids won't act out their anger and pain with



MILLS

"Our goal is to make it not such easy access for these kids to get guns. I'd just like to know everybody's guns are locked up."

Delia Mills, We Are Safe Students

deadly acts like the one in Colorado and so many others that have occurred in recent years, in schools across the country.

Mills calls her campaign for gun safety WASS, or "We Are Safe Students."

"Our goal is to make it not such easy access for these kids to get guns," Mills said. "I'd just like to know everybody's guns are locked up."

That's why Thursday at 5 p.m. at Coahoma's City Park, Mills and a group of older students will meet before heading out through the town. They will be passing out flyers and tying blue ribbons to remind people to keep their guns away from children.

Faye's Flowers donated blue ribbons to be used in the effort, Mills said.

She and her helpers plan to ask local residents if they can tie the ribbons on car antennas, trees, anywhere they are

allowed to do so. They will also hand out flyers that say, "Thank you for keeping me safe," and explain the importance of keeping guns locked in a safe, and ammunition in a separate, also locked, container.

"It's one thing to think you are safe," Mills said. "But you've got to be aware and be careful. You've got to do the things necessary to keep your children safe."

Mills said she would welcome Forsan and Big Spring students or concerned citizens to meet with her group Thursday at Coahoma City Park as well, so they can spread the word in their communities.

Vacuuming is the key to prolonging carpet life

The single most important factor in prolonging the life of a carpet is frequent vacuuming.

How often a carpet is vacuumed depends on several factors, advises the Soap and Detergent Association.

Areas receiving little traffic may need vacuuming once a week, while heavily trafficked areas may require daily vacuuming. A thorough vacuuming of all carpeted areas may be necessary about once a month (more often if someone in the family has asthma or allergies).

For most carpet cleaning, including wall-to-wall carpet and area rugs, a vacuum cleaner with a rotating (agitator) brush is most effective. For best results, choose the correct carpet-pile setting. Also periodically check the brushes and belts to be sure they are working properly. Replace the bag or empty the canister as often as necessary.

Carpeted stairs require strong suction and a cleaning tool attachment. The upholstery nozzle, a brush attachment or a hand-held vacuum with a rotating brush works well.

If there are pets in the household, it increases the need for regular vacuuming. Animals have oil in their hair that causes it to cling when deposited on carpet and upholstery. The longer it remains, the more it will penetrate into the carpet. Daily vacuuming may be necessary to remove hair from traffic areas or from the pet's favorite resting spot. An agitator type vacuum cleaner is best to brush the hair out of the carpet pile.

For a more thorough, once-a-month vacuuming, move all the furniture out of the way. Put the vacuum cleaner suction on "high." Light vacuuming means three or four strokes with the cleaner, thorough vacuuming like this requires seven strokes or more. To avoid light and dark tracks, make each final cleaning stroke in the same direction across the carpet.

When the inevitable stains occur, choose a cleaning product formulated for carpets. To use the product, read and follow the label directions. If the carpet is to be wet-cleaned, be sure it dries completely within 24 hours. Otherwise, it can become an indoor allergen source. Damp carpets are breeding grounds for molds, yeasts and bacteria, which produce odors and airborne allergens. A "musty," "moldy," "mildewy" odor is a definite indication that this type of a problem is occurring.

It is best to use a professional carpet cleaner who is trained and certified and uses quality equipment. However, if the wet cleaning is a do-it-yourself project, be sure the purchased or rented equipment can effectively remove excess water.

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DANA TARTER

Author proposes taking down segregation fence in Central Texas cemetery

COTTON GIN (AP) — "Gone but not forgotten."

The simple, seemingly ironic inscription can be found on dozens of weathered tombstones in the rear portion of the Cotton Gin Cemetery in western Freestone County.

Weeds have overtaken most of the graves. Vandals and the elements have toppled several of the headstones.

Just across a rusty barbed-wire fence lies more rows of stone memorials.

Here, the grounds are well-manicured. Fresh flowers adorn many of the graves, and a pavilion provides shelter to mourners.

The difference between the two sections of the cemetery is black and white.

"You have the blacks on one side and the whites on the other," said Joyce Burns of the Freestone County chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

For some, the wire that remains stretched between the plots represents a lingering division between the races, though Burns said the arrangement is not unusual in older cemeteries of the rural South.

"In the era of segregation, it was nothing uncommon at all," said Charlie Buenger, a Waco attorney and member of Save Texas Cemeteries, Inc., a non-profit organization that works to preserve the state's historic burial grounds.

The Cotton Gin Cemetery was established 145 years ago — five acres originally allocated for white burials and 2½ acres for blacks. The cemetery has grown to be equally proportioned over the years, if not equally maintained. The fence between the two sections has remained a constant.

As one white resident put it, "They want to be buried with their kind and we want to be buried with ours."

That philosophy went unquestioned for more than a century until an Austin author and former Freestone County resident penned a book about racial unrest in the area's past.

Monte Akers' "Flames After Midnight" centers on the brutal mutilation and murder of a young white woman near Kirvin in 1922 and the subsequent lynching of three black men who may or may not have been responsible.

No trial was held. The suspects were dragged from the county jail, tied to a plow and burned alive. A month of race-related violence followed.

Now, Akers' has publicly suggested that June 5, the 77th anniversary of the day county officials gathered to put an end to the racial strife of 1922, would be a prime opportunity to make a gesture of good will between the black and white communities of Freestone County. It's a good day to bring down the Cotton Gin Cemetery fence, he said.

"I'm hoping someone will step up and do that," Akers said, noting that two of the 1922 lynching victims are buried in the Cotton Gin Cemetery. One lies in an unmarked grave. "It would be so appropriate to go ahead and tear that fence down."

Akers said the move would be similar to an effort that reportedly helped promote healing in Jasper following the June 1998 dragging death of a black man at the hands of alleged white supremacists. Residents there took down their own cemetery fence as a display of solidarity.

Akers said the idea of bringing down Cotton Gin Cemetery's partition came about during a March book signing in Teague in which descendants of the murdered girl, Eula Ausley, and the 1922 lynching victims met unexpectedly.

"Before the book signing was over, they were hugging, holding hands and having a dialogue," Akers said.

Clara King of Grapeland, a relative of Eula Ausley, made the suggestion to take down the fence, according to the author.

"Originally, her purpose was aesthetic in nature, but she saw this as an opportunity," Akers said.

However, King, a member of the Cotton Gin Cemetery Association, said she has reconsidered.

"I probably shouldn't have opened my mouth," she said, explaining that many people, including members of her own family, have expressed outrage at the thought. "I told Monte we were getting a bad reception on the idea, but he seems to be wanting to go on with it. I think that's a bad idea on his part."

Texas psychotherapist enjoys making homemade cheesecakes

WACO (AP) — Louanna Werchan of Waco has been on a cheesecake-making kick for while now.

"A couple of weeks ago, I made two or three on a Sunday and gave them to friends," said Werchan, a psychotherapist with Scott and White. "I say, 'Here, have a chocolate mousse cheesecake.' It's way more than one person can eat."

The chocolate mousse variety is one of her favorites, and she had plenty of luck converting a raspberry cheesecake to blueberry for her boss.

"It worked better with blueberries than raspberries," she said. "There was a blueberry mousse on top."

Werchan grew up in Taylor, Texas, helping her mother with the cooking duties, but has been seriously cooking for the last eight or 10 years. She came to Waco in 1993 to attend Baylor University and has been here ever since. For her, cooking and working in the garden are forms of therapy.

"I love to get in the kitchen and create," she said. "I love to bake bread and make desserts."

A favorite of Werchan's is Raspberry Chocolate Cheesecake, a recipe she keeps in a notebook designated for her decadent recipes, the oh-so-good ones for which you don't want to know the calorie or fat gram count.

"I've had the recipe for probably five years," she said. "I don't know where I got it." Wherever she got it, it sounds like a winner.

Werchan said she uses semi-sweet chocolate, though bitter-sweet could work as well. Also, in the sauce, she sometimes

uses about four tablespoons of Bonny Doon Framboise, a raspberry dessert wine, instead of two tablespoons of raspberry liqueur. "I like a little more raspberry flavor," she said.

April Allison, the wine steward at H-E-B and the leader of the wine tasting class, said the wine is "intensely rich and raspberry-sweet."

Allison said she often suggests pouring about an ounce of the wine into a champagne glass and filling the glass with champagne, a concoction Werchan often serves at Christmas.

Werchan also serves the Framboise with a chocolate mousse cheesecake. "It's a chocolate crust, chocolate filling and chocolate shavings on top," she said. "All that chocolate with the raspberry is really good."

RASPBERRY CHOCOLATE CHEESECAKE

For the crust:

1 package (9 ounces) chocolate wafers
6 tablespoons unsalted butter
2 teaspoons sugar

For the filling:

1 1/2 pounds cream cheese
1/2 cup sugar
6 ounces bittersweet or semi-sweet chocolate

1/2 cup raspberry liqueur
4 large eggs
1/2 cup whipping cream

For the topping:

2 cups sour cream
1/2 cup plus 2 tablespoons sugar

For the raspberry sauce:
2 packages (12 ounces each) frozen unsweetened raspberries, thawed
1/2 cup sugar
2 tablespoons raspberry

liqueur

Preheat oven to 350 degrees and place a rack in the center of the oven. Butter a 9-inch springform pan that has 20-inch high sides. Crush the cookies in a food processor. Add butter and sugar and process until moist crumbs form. Press onto the bottom and sides of the springform pan.

To make the filling, beat the cream cheese in a large bowl until smooth. Add the sugar, chocolate and liqueur and beat until well blended. Add the eggs, 1 at a time, beating after each one is added until just combined. Mix in the whipping cream.

Pour the filling into the prepared pan and bake until the filling is almost set and the center still moves slightly, about 55 minutes. Remove the cake from the oven and place on a cooling rack. Raise the oven temperature to 400 degrees.

To make the topping, combine the sour cream and sugar in a bowl. Spoon the topping over the cake and bake an additional 15 minutes. Remove the cake from the oven, place on a rack and cool. Cover and chill overnight.

To prepare the sauce, puree the raspberries, sugar and liqueur until smooth and strain through a fine strainer. Cover and chill overnight.

Carefully run a knife around the edge of the cake to loosen; remove the side of the pan.

Pour the sauce over the cake just prior to serving, either before slicing or on individual slices.

Top with fresh raspberries. Makes 12 servings.

ODDS-N-ENDS

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Oh, the difference a mere consonant makes.

In the first few seconds of a television ad for Allegheny County Commissioner Mike Dawida, a Democratic candidate for county executive, a woman's voice says, "The public record doesn't lie."

That slogan also appears on the screen in front of a picture of Dawida's opponent in the May 18 Democratic primary,

County Coroner Cyril Wecht.

But a critical "I" was missing from the word "public," leaving a word with an entirely different meaning — "pubic."

"Well, we better get that fixed immediately," Dawida's campaign manager, Karen Hochberg, said when informed of the error Monday afternoon.

She said the 30-second ad, which first aired Monday, was made by Sheinkopf Communications in New York

City.

Ken Brown, who helped create the ad, said the error had been detected and corrected. "Our face is red," Brown said. "You get so used to a spell check."

A gleeful Abby Murphy, Wecht's campaign manager, said she had focused only on the content of the ad. The misspelling went under her radar.

"I had not picked that out," Murphy said, laughing.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Big Spring State Hospital has announced nurses honored last week, Nurses Week. At a reception Thursday, the following nursing staff members were honored:

• **BARBARA MORGAN, RN**, was named psychiatric RN of the year. She is assigned to the nursing supervisor's office and was chosen for her customer service. She strives to establish and maintain a positive environment for patients and other staff. She is described as "very thorough in assessing the needs of her patients" and "attuned to the needs of a diverse patient population."

• **DIANE EARNHART, LVN**, was named psychiatric LVN of the year. She was chosen for her concern for patients and willingness to "go the extra mile." She was also noted as an excellent leader by example, taking on difficult tasks that lead to better and more efficient patient care.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

THERE WILL BE A rummage sale at Canterbury, 1700 Lancaster, on Saturday, May 15 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. There will be baked items, handmade items, dishes, jewelry, clothes, and lots of miscellaneous.

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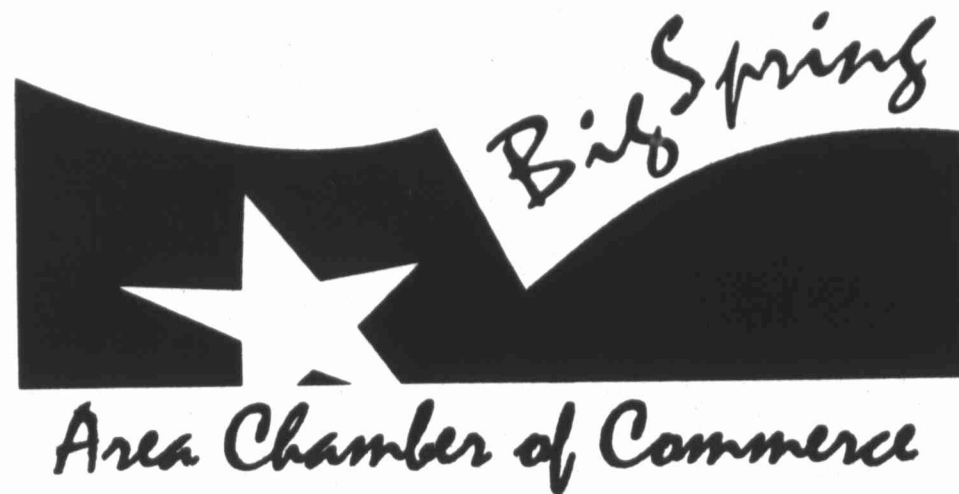
THE SOUNDS OF TEXAS, a statewide radio program produced by Tumbleweed Smith, will air a program at 8:10 a.m. Thursday on KBST about Big Spring's Relay for Life. The program will feature excerpts from a speech given by Joanne Forest at a National Relay for Life conference in San Antonio in October. She has also given this speech at numerous local groups and clubs as well.

THE LAST WORD

The thing about having a baby is that thereafter, you have it.
Jean Kerr

He disliked emotion, not because he felt lightly, but because he felt deeply.
John Buchan

I shall never ask, never refuse, nor ever resign an office.
George Washington



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IN BRIEF

Tennis social scheduled for Sunday at Figure 7

A "tennis social" will be held from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday at the Figure 7 Tennis Center in Comanche Trail Park. Figure 7 professional Jim Blacketer will arrange matches for those attending and information will be available concerning the newly-formed Crossroads Tennis Association. No entry fee is required. For more information, call Blacketer at 264-6834.

Back Talk squad opens UGSA play with two wins

Back Talk opened its 1999 United Girls Softball Association schedule with a pair of big wins — an 11-6 decision over the Wild Things and a 17-2 thumping of the Lady Bugs.

After surviving a tough first inning Brenna Phernetton settled down and struck out six batters over the next two innings to spark the win over the Wild Things.

Lauren Sage and Breanna Connor each scored three runs in the season opener.

Sage followed that by throwing a one-hitter at the Lady Bugs, while Phernetton ripped a three-run triple to set the tone for the lopsided win over the Lady Bugs.

K.C. Rodriguez, Audrey Kosh, Bernadette Flores and Ashley DeHoyos also provided offensive punch.

Big Spring UGSA slates holiday ragball tourney

A co-ed Memorial Day Ragball Tournament has been scheduled for May 28-30 at the Roy Anderson Complex.

Sponsored by the Big Spring United Girls Softball Association, the tournament will be a round robin, double-elimination event with a six-game guarantee.

Teams will have a maximum of 15 players, ages 11 and older, and entry fees will be \$10 per player. Entry fees for the home run contest will be \$5 per person.

For more information, call Jo Ellen Canales at 263-3623 or 267-1884, or Deanie Burdette at 268-9756.

Yankees chalk up win in Little League action

The Yankees pounded out 10 hits en route to a 7-3 win over the Lions during Monday night's National Little League majors division action.

Jacob Murphree led the way with a two-run double, while Angelo Garcia turned in a 3-for-3 performance at the plate.

That went a long way in helping his cause, as he scored three of the Yankees runs as well as taking the pitching win.

Johnathon McGregor led the way offensively for the Lions, posting a triple and a single.

BSHS golf boosters slate tournament at BSCC

The Big Spring High School Golf Boosters Club has scheduled a two-man low ball tournament for Saturday and Sunday, May 15-16, at the Big Spring Country Club.

Entry fees will be \$60 per player. The deadline for entries will be Thursday.

For more information, call the country club's pro shop at 267-5354.

ON THE AIR

Television

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

6:30 p.m. — Anaheim Angels at New York Yankees, ESPN, Ch. 30.

9:30 p.m. — Chicago Cubs at Los Angeles Dodgers, ESPN, Ch. 30.

NBA PLAYOFFS

6 p.m. — Atlanta Hawks at Detroit Pistons, Game 3, TBS, Ch. 11.

7 p.m. — Miami Heat at New York Knicks, Game 3, TNT, Ch. 28.

8:30 p.m. — Portland Trailblazers at Phoenix Suns, Game 3, TBS, Ch. 11.

9:30 p.m. — Utah Jazz at Sacramento Kings, Game 3, TNT, Ch. 28.

Greer continues feast on White Sox pitching in Rangers' win

CHICAGO (AP) — The Texas Rangers came into the ninth inning needing a couple of runs, and manager Johnny Oates didn't care who got them.

Leave it to the guy who's feasted on Chicago White Sox pitching to take care of business.

Rusty Greer hit a tiebreaking grand slam and Ivan Rodriguez added a two-run double Tuesday night as the Rangers rallied for eight runs in the ninth to beat the White Sox 11-5.

It was the sixth career grand slam for Greer, who had been 0-for-13 at the plate, and his second against Chicago. His 11 homers off White Sox pitchers are more than he has against any other team.

"I'll take whoever is up there," Oates said. "(But) he put a charge into that one."

The Rangers got a little help from

Chicago closer Bob Howry, who blew just his second save in 10 chances. Howry (0-1) walked in the tying run with two outs and gave up five runs and three hits in two-thirds of an inning.

Lee Stevens drove in the other Rangers run in the ninth with a sacrifice fly.

"I just put some bad pitches in some bad locations," Howry said.

And he didn't even give up the grand slam to Greer. That came courtesy of Bryan Ward, who worked Greer to a full count before putting a fastball down the middle of the plate.

"He got the best of it," Ward said. "It's going to happen. You're going to lose a game here and there. It's just a matter of how you bounce back."

After eight innings, the Rangers were the ones who needed to bounce back. The White Sox tagged Esteban Loaiza for

five runs and nine hits in five innings, raising his ERA to 7.52. Loaiza, making his first start of the season after 10 relief appearances, was filling in for Aaron Sele, who sat out with the flu.

Texas manager just three runs before the ninth and one of those runs cost them Juan Gonzalez, who left in the fourth with a strained right hamstring from running around the bases after his solo homer. He's listed as day to day.

But with the rain falling, the Rangers warmed up. Rafael Palmeiro and Rodriguez started off with singles, and Howry loaded the bases with a walk to Todd Zeile. That brought up Stevens, who already had a solo homer in the third. After his sacrifice fly pulled Texas to 5-4, pinch-hitter Mark McLemore's single loaded the bases again.

Tom Goodwin flied out, and Howry

was just three good pitches from ending the game. Instead, he walked Luis Alicea to force in the tying run.

"I really can't explain that. I don't think I've missed on four straight pitches that bad all year," Howry said. "To give up runs on walks, you just can't do it."

Greer then connected off Ward for the 9-5 lead. It was the 14th time since 1995 that Greer has driven in the game-winning run in the Rangers' last at-bat.

"The past couple of games, I haven't swung the bat really well. I was just looking to put the ball in play," said Greer, who was 0-for-2 with two walks in the first eight innings. "We put some guys on base and had some good at-bats tonight."

Rodriguez doubled off of Durham's mitt to drive in two more runs.

Coahoma blanks Eula

Buchanan masterful in 2-0 win

By JOHN A. MOSELEY
Sports Editor

MERKEL — Coahoma's Bulldogettes will return to Austin to defend their Class 2A state softball championship.

They made certain of that Tuesday with a 2-0 win over Eula's Lady Pirates, claiming their second straight Region I, Class 2A championship.

In the process, the Bulldogettes improved to 28-3 on the season and left the Lady Pirates wondering what might have been for a second straight year.

Going into the regional title game, most expected Coahoma's Kenni Kay Buchanan and Eula's Shawna White to wage a pitchers' duel.

The two sophomores did not disappoint. Looking all the world like gunslingers, Buchanan and White toed the pitcher's circle rubber with steely glares at the opposition.

Neither blinked. But White's teammates did, and the result was a pair of unearned Coahoma runs in the bottom of the fourth inning that proved to be more than Buchanan needed.

"This was just a tremendous softball game," Bulldogettes head coach Robert Royer said following the win. "It's the best game we've played all year. They (Lady Pirates) were the best team we've played this year. It doesn't get much better than this."

Indeed. From the outset, Buchanan took control, retiring the Lady Pirates in order in the first inning, chalking up two of the five strikeouts she'd register on the day.

White, perhaps remembering her loss to the Bulldogettes in the previous year's regional title game, was almost as dominant — striking out Coahoma's Erin Stovall to open the bottom half of the first before surrendering the first of six Bulldogette hits, in infield single by Kortney Kemper.

While White would manage to retire the next two Coahoma batters, the Bulldogettes established a pattern — continually forcing the Eula star to throw far more pitches than she wanted in virtually every inning.

The Lady Pirates ace man-



Coahoma first baseman Amy Lang follows through after ripping a double during the fourth inning of Tuesday's Region I, Class 2A softball championship game in Merkel. Lang's double scored the game's only runs, as the Bulldogettes took their second straight regional title with a 2-0 win.

aged to evade Coahoma threats in the second and third innings, twice forcing the Bulldogettes to strand runners in scoring position.

But in the fourth, Coahoma got things started when senior Kelli Buchanan led off the inning with a single to left that Eula's Carrie Altman overran, allowing the Bulldogette right fielder to reach second on the play.

It looked as if White might escape the threat again when she managed to strike out Cassie Tindol and Misty Baker. But Lady Pirates third baseman Monica Pearson opened the door when she misplayed a popped fly off Kenni Kay Buchanan's bat, putting runners at the corners.

Perhaps shaken by her teammate's miscue, White walked Amber Bingham to load the bases, setting the stage for the No. 9 batter in Coahoma's batting order, Amy Lang.

Working the count to 2-1, Lang finally got the pitch she wanted and drilled a shot to the gap in left-center field that plat-

ed both Buchanan sisters. Royer wasn't a bit surprised that the game's key hit came from the bottom of the Bulldogettes' order.

"I'll tell you, when you need a big hit, there's not much better person on this team to have up there than Amy," he explained. "She's shown that all season long."

"Anybody who doubts that just needs to look over there," he added, motioning to the Eula dugout. "We're going to Austin, and there's an awfully good team over there that's not going. Don't be surprised if we're both here playing this game again next year."

But the Bulldogette's highest praise was reserved for his sophomore hurler, who pitched her way out of trouble in both the third and fourth innings before retiring the Lady Pirates in order during the final three frames.

"She shook off my suggestions more than she has all season," Royer said of the younger Buchanan. "She obviously had a plan ... knew what she was

doing. She went out there and took absolute control."

Buchanan, who improved to 12-3 on the season, did nothing to hurt the 0.34 earned run average she brought into the contest.

Masterfully mixing pitches and location, Buchanan allowed just four Eula hits and didn't walk a batter, but credited her teammates for allowing her to pitch with confidence.

"There really wasn't a lot of pressure, because I knew my teammates were going to play great defense," she explained, downplaying her repeated decisions to shake off pitching calls Royer signaled to Kemper behind the plate.

"I shake him off all the time," Buchanan explained. "That's not really a big deal. What was important is that when they put the ball in play, our defense played everything perfectly."

It was somewhat fitting then, that the Lady Pirates final out was a fly ball to right off White's bat, one that Kelli Buchanan gathered in, setting off a wild on-field celebration.

Astros' 10 doubles net 19-8 victory

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

Apparently it takes a lot to impress Carl Everett.

A team-record 10 doubles, 19 runs that tied the franchise mark and 18 hits weren't much of a surprise to the outfielder in the Houston Astros' 19-8 victory over the Pittsburgh Pirates on Tuesday night.

"If we put our hits together, with the great hitters we've got on this team, nights like this will happen," said Everett, who tied a career high with five RBIs. "We have a great club and everybody on this team can hit, that's what scares defenses."

Joining Everett in the offensive outburst were Ken Caminiti and Jeff Bagwell, who each drove in four runs.

Caminiti extended his hitting streak to 12 games with an RBI single in the first, then added a two-run double in the third and a sacrifice fly in the fifth.

Bagwell hit two-run doubles in the third and fifth and walked three times.

"Everything we hit found a hole," Astros manager Larry Dierker said. "The balls we hit hard dropped in, the balls we hit soft dropped in and we caught a few breaks on top of that. Even so, that's the kind of game you're glad to get over with."

Everett had an RBI groundout in the third, snapped an 0-for-13 slide with a two-run double in the fourth, and added RBI singles in the fifth and eighth. His last hit was off Keith Osik, a catcher who handled mop-up duty for the Pittsburgh bullpen.

"I treated it like BP," Everett said. "A guy used to throwing from a flat surface isn't normally going to throw as hard as a guy used to throwing off a mound."

Osik became the first Pittsburgh position player to pitch since outfielder John Cangelosi in a 14-6 loss to Los Angeles on May 3, 1998. Osik allowed four runs, two hits and two walks in one inning and hit a batter. He has a 36.00 ERA.

In other National League games Tuesday, it was Cincinnati 9, Milwaukee 1; Philadelphia 9, St. Louis 4; Colorado 8, New York 5; Arizona 4, Montreal 3; Florida 5, San Diego 4; Atlanta 9, San Francisco 8; and Chicago 10, Los Angeles 5.

In American League games, it was Texas 11, Chicago 5; Anaheim 9, New York 7; Cleveland 11, Baltimore 6; Seattle 8, Boston 5; Toronto 8, Kansas City 2; Minnesota 2, Tampa Bay 1; and Oakland 6, Detroit 2.

Grady's Gibson, Haggerton fall short in state title match

From staff and wire reports

AUSTIN — So close and yet so far away.

Grady's boys' doubles team of Greg Gibson and Jim Bob Haggerton battled back from a 6-0 first set loss to Irion County's Douglas Rainey and John Bailey during Tuesday's Class 1A state championship tennis match to take a 6-4 second set and force a third and deciding set.

The Irion County duo, however, made a rebound of their own and took a 6-3 decision in the third set to claim the title.

Gibson and Haggerton had reached the finals with a 6-4, 6-1 win over Fort Elliott's brother tandem of Curt and

Tanner Smith.

While the Smith brothers didn't have any success Tuesday, Round Rock Westwood's twin sisters Ashley and Lindsey Hedberg won their second Class 5A girls' doubles state tennis championship with a 6-2, 6-4 victory over Abilene's Sara Stevny and Rhiannon Torrez.

Both girls, 17, have signed to play Division I tennis in college with Ashley bound for New Mexico and Lindsey to San Diego State.

New Braunfels' Lauren Walker won the 5A girls' singles title with a 6-4, 1-6, 6-1 victory over Saber Pierce of Duncanville. Walker and Pierce were doubles partners at Duncanville last year, losing to the Hedberg sisters in the

doubles finals in 1998.

Ryan Newport of Houston Cypress-Fairbanks won the 5A boys' title 6-0, 4-6, 6-2 over Seth McKinley of San Antonio MacArthur. Joe Morris and Avery Ticer of Amarillo Tascosa won the doubles title 6-4, 7-5 over Stephen Pope and Scott Walker of El Paso Franklin.

In Class 4A, Kendall Cline won the girls' singles title 7-5, 6-3 over Nicki Mecham of Fredericksburg. Wichita Falls' Danielle and Sarah Bolin won the doubles title 6-7 (5-7), 6-2, 7-6 (7-3) over Alison Bradley and Paige Evans of Dallas Highland Park.

Will Clinton won the 4A boys' title 6-1, 6-2 over Justin Hunter of Southlake Carroll 2, 6-3.

Wichita Falls Rider won the boys' dou-

bles title as Kirk O'Connor and Jason Tillery defeated Brad Pringmore and Kenneth Hines of Wichita Falls 6-2, 6-4.

In Class 3A boys, Vernon's John Leavitt won two titles. He defeated Shane Merkord of Wimberley 6-3, 7-6 for the singles title and teamed with Brett Pretross for the doubles championship with a 2-6, 6-1, 6-4 win over Will Butler and Shane Newman of Gladewater.

In Class 3A girls, Kristen Wooten of Crandall won the singles title 6-0, 6-0 over Christy Mares of Seminole.

Groesbeck won the 3A girls doubles title for the second consecutive year as Ashley Harryman and Lauren Longbotham defeated Aledo's Jenna

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SPORTS EXTRA

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL
American League
ANAHEIM ANGELS—Placed Of Tim Salmon on the 15-day disabled list, retroactive to May 4.

MAJOR LEAGUE STANDINGS

Table with columns: American League, National League, East Division, West Division, W, L, Pct., GB. Lists standings for various teams like New York Yankees, Boston Red Sox, etc.

AL LEADERS

BATTING—Fernandez, Toronto, .378; Jeter, New York, .377; Colorado, Cleveland, .367; Thomas, Chicago, .355; Cwinn, Oakland, .349; Ramirez, Texas, .348; Coomer, Minnesota, .347; Salmon, Anaheim, .347.

NBA PLAYOFFS

FIRST ROUND (Best-of-5)
Saturday, May 8
New York 95, Miami 75
Portland 95, Phoenix 85
Utah 117, Sacramento 87
Atlanta 90, Detroit 70

NL LEADERS

BATTING—Walker, Colorado, .400; Gonzalez, Arizona, .387; Casey, Cincinnati, .371; Luebberthal, Philadelphia, .373; Gwynn, San Diego, .365; McGrace, Chicago, .361; Bagwell, Houston, .356.

NHL PLAYOFFS

SECOND ROUND
Thursday, May 6
Boston 4, Buffalo 2
Dallas 3, St. Louis 0
Friday, May 7
Pittsburgh 2, Toronto 0
Detroit 3, Colorado 2, OT
Saturday, May 8

Howard College teams close out big year

Howard College's Hawks saw their season end quickly at the NJCAA Region 5 Baseball Tournament in Abilene last weekend.



Athletic Conference (WJAC), qualifying for the regional tournament. The Lady Hawk and Hawk rodeo teams also fared well.

The Hawks opened tournament action dropping a 4-3 decision to the Collin County Community College Express on Saturday. That loss sent Brian Roper's squad to the loser's bracket where they had to square off with the McLennan Community College Highlanders.

What a year! Lady Hawk and Hawk fans had plenty to cheer about this season. Recapping the year in sports for Howard College athletics: The Hawk baseball team finished with a season record of 42-16 and conference record of 15-9. They finished second in the Western Junior College

Kim Dominguez, the third senior on the team, and Aaron Langford were named the team's most inspirational players, while freshmen April Ward and Derek DeHoyos took home honors as the most improved players.

BSHS netters receive awards at banquet

HERALD Staff Report
The Big Spring High School Tennis Boosters Club honored outstanding members of the Steers and Lady Steers tennis squads during a barbecue at Comanche Trail Park.

Amie Blacketer and Jake Smile were named the seventh grade's most valuable players. The most improved seventh-graders were Lauren Chesworth and Will Liggett.

TENNIS

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McDonald and Ginny Hubbard 7-5, 6-3.
In class 2A, Julie Klauk of San Antonio Cole defeated her sister Jill 6-0, 7-5 for girls' singles title.

Final Results
Ratney and Bailey, Mertzton Iron County, def. Gibson and Haggerton, Lenorah Grady, 6-0, 4-6, 6-3.

TEXAS LEAGUE

Tuesday's Games
Arkansas 5, El Paso 1
San Antonio 6, Shreveport 5
Dallas 10, Houston 4

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Saturday's Games
Miami N.Y. N.Y. N.J. Jersey, 6 p.m.
N. England at Columbus, 6:30 p.m.
DC United at Kansas City, 7:30 p.m.
San Jose at Dallas, 7:30 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Los Angeles, 9:30 p.m.
Sunday's Game
Colorado at Chicago, 4 p.m.

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6	PM News (CC) Fortune	Simpsons Home Imp.	Science Guy Zoboomaloo	Show-Funny Show-Funny	News Ent. Tonight	News (CC) Fortune	News Seinfeld (CC)	NBA Basketball	Gotta Preciosa	Movie: Sleeping Beauty (CC)	Waltors (CC)	A	Friends	Fantastic Island (CC)	Bless-Heart John Hages	Law & Order (CC)	Hammerheads	ER (CC)	Sports News FOX Sports	Sports News FOX Sports	Major League	Planet Groove
7	PM Dharma-Greg Two Guys-Girl	Beverly Hills 90210 (CC)	Championship Skating	Life, Camera Life, Camera	Nanny (CC)	Dharma-Greg Two Guys-Girl	Dateline (CC)	Playoffs: Teams to Be	La Usurpadora	Beauty (CC) Movie Surfers	Century of Country (CC)	Pyromaniac's Love Story	Movie: The Untouchables	Movie: The Flat Pack	Faith Pleases God	Biography	U.S. Navy SEALs	NBA Basketball	Major League Baseball	Baseball: Teams to Be	Movie: The Alamo	Hit List
8	PM Drew Carey Norm (CC)	Party of Five (CC)	Living Edens (CC)	Movie: Anything to Survive	Movie: To Love, Honor and Betray (CC)	20/20 (CC)	Law & Order (CC)	Basketball Playoffs	El Super Blablazo	Table (CC) Growing Pains	Crook & Chase	Tales (CC) Movie: Dogboys	Oz (CC)	Light of the Southwest	Poirt (CC)	Titanic: Answers	Playoffs: Teams to Be	Texas Rangers at Chicago White Sox	Major League	Sparks (CC) Good News	Comicview	
9	PM 20/20 (CC)	Mad Abt. You Nanny (CC)	Antarctica: Science in a	Survive	and Betray (CC)	20/20 (CC)	Law & Order (CC)	Basketball Playoffs	El Super Blablazo	Table (CC) Growing Pains	Crook & Chase	Tales (CC) Movie: Dogboys	Oz (CC)	Light of the Southwest	Poirt (CC)	Titanic: Answers	Playoffs: Teams to Be	Texas Rangers at Chicago White Sox	Major League	Sparks (CC) Good News	Comicview	
10	PM News (CC) Nightline	Jerry Springer (CC)	Cold Climate	700 Club (CC)	News (35) Late	News (CC) Nightline	News (32) Late	Movie: I Come in Peace	Mejor Ritmo	Zorro (CC) Mi-key Mouse	Dukes of Hazzard (CC)	(05) Movie: Star Portal	2070 Love Street	(15) Movie: The Jack Bull	News Kendalls	Biography	Titanic: Answers	Teams to Be Announced	FOX Sports News	Baseball: Teams to Be	Movie: Anastasia	BET Tonight
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In 1870, Manitoba entered Confederation as a Canadian province.
In 1932, the body of the kidnapped son of Charles and Anne Lindbergh was found in a wooded area of Hopewell, N.J.
In 1937, Britain's King George VI was crowned at Westminster Abbey.
In 1943, during World War II, Axis forces in North Africa surrendered.
In 1965, West Germany and Israel exchanged letters establishing diplomatic relations.
In 1970, the Senate voted unanimously to confirm Harry A. Blackmun as a Supreme Court justice.
In 1975, the White House announced the new Cambodian government had seized an American merchant ship, the "Mayaguez," in international waters.
In 1978, the Commerce Department said hurricanes would no longer be given only female names.
In 1982, in Fatima, Portugal, security guards overpowered a Spanish priest armed with a bayonet who was trying to reach Pope John Paul II.
Ten years ago: The nation's largest airline computer reservation system, the American Airlines Sabre system, shut down for nearly 12 hours, disrupting the operations of thousands of travel agencies nationwide.
Five years ago: The Senate joined the House in passing a bill banning blockades, violence and threats against clinics where abortions were being performed. British Labor Party leader John Smith died unexpectedly at age 55.
One year ago: A day after India's first atomic test blasts in 24 years, neighboring Pakistan said it was ready to test a nuclear device itself. Indonesian President Suharto's security forces killed at least six student demonstrators.
Today's Birthdays: Actress Katharine Hepburn is 92. Journalist Howard K. Smith is 85. Critic John Simon is 74. Baseball Hall-of-Famer Yogi Berra is 74. Composer Burt Bacharach is 70. Former talk show host Tom Snyder is 63. Comedian George Carlin is 62. Actress Millie Perkins is 61. Former White House press secretary Ronald L. Ziegler is 60. Rock singer-composer Ian Dury is 57. Country singer Billy Swan is 57. Actress Linda Dano is 56. Musician Ian McLagan (Small Faces; The Faces) is 54. Actress Lindsay Crouse is 51. Singer-actress Steve Winwood is 51. Actor Gabriel Byrne is 49. Actor Bruce Boxleitner is 49.

THE Daily Crossword

Edited by Wayne Robert Williams

ACROSS

- Matured
- Inarticulate sounds
- John or John Quincy
- Tiny bit
- Breakfast area
- Author of "Dead Souls"
- Short skirt
- Pulitzer winner Morrison
- Writer of "Still Me"
- Suggesting
- Lather
- Hankering
- Long way
- Go (freak out)
- Upholstery nail
- Heavenly hunter
- Old hag
- Fury
- Mull over
- Pres. Lincoln
- Postulate
- Proceeded stealthily
- Endure
- Like a little Scot
- Gallows ties
- Stolen diamonds
- Daybreak
- Benefited
- Acrylic fiber
- Cause injury
- On the brim
- Overhead
- One-celled plant
- Schism
- Corral colonies
- Playwright Coward
- Lighten

DOWN

- Trimming cord
- Muddy the waters
- Sicilian spouter
- Wall treatment
- In a mess
- Gangland thugs
- Kong
- Theatrical sketch
- See eye to eye
- 10 Forwards
- "The African Queen" screenwriter
- Relocate
- Frome's vehicle
- Root vegetable
- Serengeti predator
- Word before point or length
- Caribbean island
- Slurs up
- Bandleader Shaw
- Dove or Donne
- Adjutants
- Thin pancake
- "Ode on a Grecian Urn" poet
- Example
- Additional performance
- Pledged
- Blacksmith's products
- Drop a hint
- Common
- 49 Pennies
- 50 Commingle
- 51 Pride signal
- 52 Stanley Gardner
- Spiny African plant
- Comparison word
- Light ring
- Gobi's continent
- Urms' cousins
- Palm fruit

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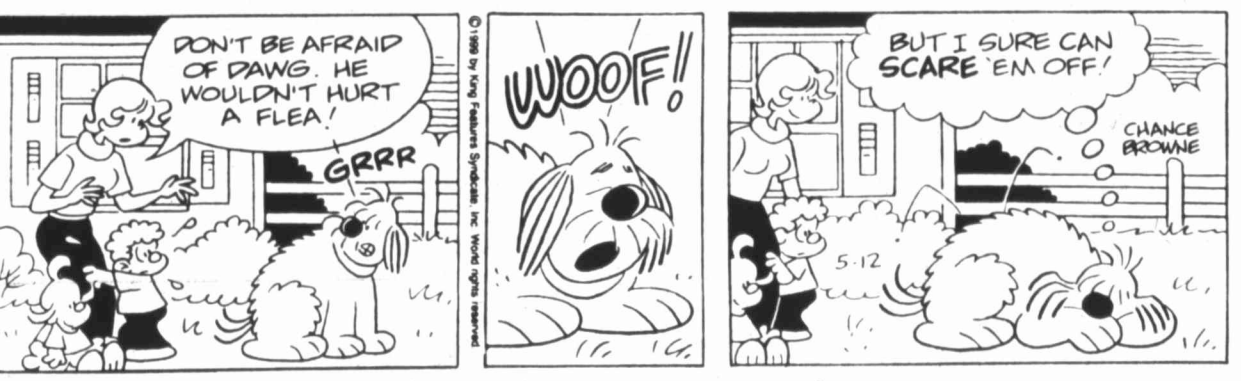
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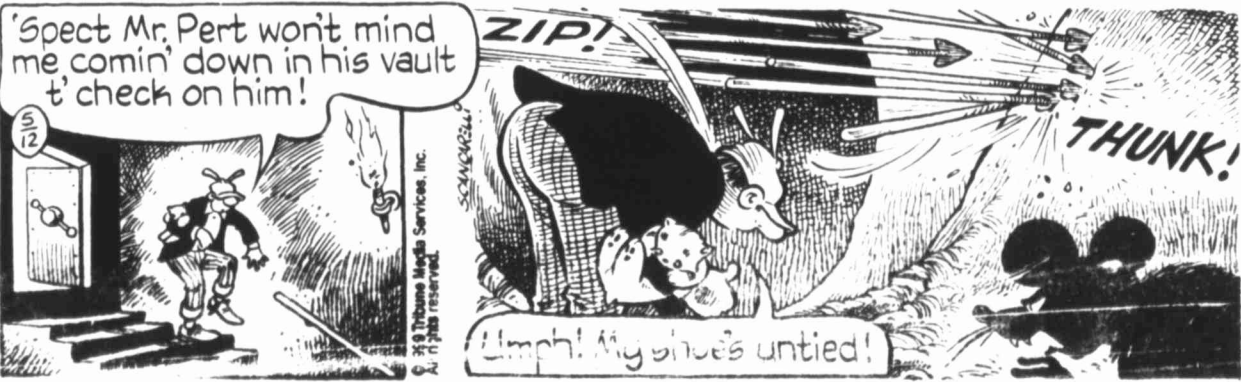
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