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THURSDAY
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Local peace officers will be recognized

Sondra Ziegler, regional director for U.S. Sen. Phil Gramm's Lubbock office, will be in Big Spring on Friday to for a brief ceremony honoring the police department and Howard County Sheriff's Office.

The ceremony, set for 11:30 a.m. in the front lobby of the police department, is to observe National Police Week.

Ziegler will be present the departments with a certificate of appreciation from Gramm and read a letter from the Senator thanking the officers for their efforts.

"All too often, when we go to bed at night, we forget about the men and women who continue to patrol our streets, allowing us the feeling of security," Gramm said. "They put their lives on the line for us daily, a fact that many of us take for granted."

National peace officer Memorial Day will be observed Saturday. It was established in the 1960s.

WHAT'S UP...

TODAY
Comanche Trail Nursing Home is having a come-and-go reception from 4 to 6 p.m. in observance of Nursing Home Week. Community is invited.

American Legion Auxiliary, 7 p.m.

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

Masonic Lodge No. 598, 7:30 p.m., 219 Main.

Big Spring Newcomer's Club. Contact Pat Mireles at 267-8741 for time and location.

FRIDAY

Signal Mountain Quilting Guild, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church. Bring a lunch.

AMBUCS, noon, Brandin' Iron Restaurant.

Spring City Senior Citizens country/western dance, 7:30 to 10:30 p.m.

SATURDAY

Eagles Lodge pot luck supper, 7 p.m., Eagles Lodge, 704 W. Third.

WEATHER

Tonight:



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57°-60°

FRIDAY
90°-94°

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Cancer survivors ready to lead the way at Relay for Life fund-raiser

By **DEBBIE L. JENSEN**
Features Editor

Tennie Hays never thought much about being a cancer survivor until this year.

It was more than 35 years ago, after all, that she was diagnosed with colon cancer and underwent surgery. There



HAYS

was no such thing as radiation or chemotherapy treatment at the time.

Hays, now 93, is believed to be the longest-surviving cancer victim in Howard County. She will be among fellow survivors this weekend as the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life begins. Friday at 7 p.m., at least 130 local people who have battled, or are currently fighting cancer, will kick off the event with the Survivor's Walk.

Organizer LaWanda Hamm said the event has drawn more people this year than ever

before.

"I think they're just thankful they are survivors," Hamm said. "I've had so many people show interest in the walk this year."

Survivors who signed up in advance will get special T-shirts that proclaim their status.

Even those who didn't register in advance are welcome to join the walk by arriving a few minutes early. An announcer will read off the names of all participants and how many years, or months, they have survived cancer.

Jim Zack, 99, of Big Spring,

will be the oldest cancer survivor in the walk. Zack, the father of Susan Lewis, has had several bouts with skin cancer.

"Just about everybody has been touched by cancer in one way or another," Hamm said, "and I think that's what makes this a very moving thing. It's almost as moving as the lumina-ria ceremony (at 10 p.m. Friday)."

Once the survivors — men, women and children of all ages — have taken the first lap around the track, teams of walkers will begin their trek, contin-

uing for about the next 19 hours. When not walking, participants rest in tents or under tarps and participate in fun activities. The whole event ends at 2 p.m. Saturday, when pledges will be totaled. The goal for money raised this year is \$102,000.

Hays plans to be a guest Saturday morning at the tent headquarters of a team organized by her granddaughter, Jeanne Niklasch. "God's Rowdy Teens" is sponsored by Coahoma's First Methodist Church.

Helping others is Salvation Army's mission

By **MARSHA STURDIVANT**
Staff Writer

This is National Salvation Army Week, but instead of a luncheon or banquet, for volunteers and professionals with Salvation Army, its business as usual.

"Most people think of us at Christmas, but we provide a lot of services to our community year round," said Danielle Castillo, social services director for the local corps.

Local commanding officer Maj. Roy Tolcher is in Oklahoma City now, providing assistance with the victims rebuilding homes and communities in the wake of the Oklahoma tornadoes May 3.

And along with disaster relief provided by any of the more than 9,000 Salvation Army centers nationwide, the local corps provides many other services within the community that depend on community involvement and support.

"Out theme this year is that you can lean on us, and we hope to honor those professionals and volunteers who provide basic necessities, social services and spiritual guidance to the many in our country," Castillo said.

The Salvation Army has established a working relationship with many businesses and industries in the area, cooperating together to provide for community members who are without.

Just one of the businesses that cooperates with the corps is Cornell Corrections, which provides food donated from its commissaries. The food is given to the homeless shelter operated by the Salvation Army, as well as placed into the food pantry that is available to the community, she said.

"They do different activities for us through out the year, and they provide us with the wooden toys we give away at Christmas," Castillo said.

Fina Refinery and TCA Cable operate canned food drives each year, to replenish the food pantry. Many community and service groups work with the corps, from dressing dolls for the doll auction each year to bidding on dolls at the auction to adopting angels at Christmas, she said.



HERALD photo/Marsha Sturdivant

Annie McKinnon, left, and Kelley Chudej sponge paint the walls of the Salvation Army's women's shelter as they work to earn their gold award for the Girl Scouts.

"The Salvation Army has been in existence since 1865 nationally, and we are here to serve our community as necessary. Most people associate us

with bell ringing at Christmas and our thrift stores. It is through these programs that we are able to offer services to the needy," Castillo said.

Along with food from the pantry, the Salvation Army provides rental and utility

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Girl Scouts are making things brighter for corps' homeless and family shelters

By **MARSHA STURDIVANT**
Staff Writer

The Salvation Army treasures its volunteers, who provide many services within the Big Spring community.

Currently, the homeless shelter operated by the corps is receiving a facelift, thanks to several members of Girl Scout Troops 234 and 247.

"We had lots of ideas for this project, but the reason we

chose this one is because it helps battered women and children," said troop leader Shelley Chudej.

Girls in the cadet and senior troops are working toward their gold and silver medals, the highest and second highest award received in girl scouting, she said.

"These girls have had to earn many other badges and awards to get to this one," Chudej said.

To earn a gold or silver award, the girls must find a 50-

hour project that benefits their community, themselves and others, she said.

"The girls really wanted to do something that will benefit children. Kelley wants to be an elementary teacher, and Annie is a children's counselor at camp," Chudej said.

The girls elected to paint the women's shelter in the lodge of the Salvation Army, and then decorate with sponge paint in a

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Former math teacher's impact prompts students to set up scholarship in his honor

By **MARSHA STURDIVANT**
Staff Writer

A trip down memory lane with several former Big Spring High School students escalated into a scholarship fund honoring a favorite math teacher.

Glenn Guthrie, who lives with Sarah, his wife of 63 years, in Carriage Inn, said he was surprised and honored by the efforts of his former students to provide a scholarship in his name.



GUTHRIE

"Glenn Guthrie is a walking definition of the term teacher, specifically math teacher. My wish to honor him reminds me of many other wonderful teachers who have touched my life, but none more so than he."

said Lane Bond, a former student who helped begin the scholarship fund.

More than \$2,200 has been raised thus far, to be presented as the Glenn Guthrie Scholarship to outstanding math students at BSHS May 20.

"We may decide to present more than one scholarship. We never dreamed we'd have this much response — a lot of former students remember Mr. Guthrie and want to honor him," Bond said.

Guthrie, who lives with Sarah, his wife of 63 years, in Carriage Inn, said he was surprised and honored by the efforts of his former students to provide a scholarship in his name.

"I didn't like to do the discipline in school, but of course that was part of it. I just tried to earn my money," said Guthrie, who will turn 90 in August.

Mrs. Guthrie, nearly 88, said her husband has received some recognition for his teaching prowess through the years.

She recalls a Texas Tech professor calling the Big Spring Independent School District to discover who was teaching high school math.

"He wanted to know, because all his students from Big Spring were earning As," Mrs. Guthrie said.

And Bond said many other students continued their educa-

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DRRC

Family repays kindness with \$40,000 gift

By **DEBBIE L. JENSEN**
Features Editor

When Selena Gould's mother, Viola Coyle, needed treatment for her rheumatoid arthritis many years ago, she turned to Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center.

Having no insurance, the center was one of few options available to Coyle.

Now Mrs. Gould and her husband, Joseph B. Gould, are paying back the favor. They recently donated \$40,000 to Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center in honor of Coyle, from the Joseph B. Gould Foundation.

"This is such a wonderful thing my husband did," said Mrs. Gould, a former resident of Big Spring who lives in Las Vegas, Nev. She was known as Ann Coyle while living in the local area.

"Dora Roberts Rehab has a special place in my heart," Mrs. Gould said. "They taught my mother how to walk with a walker, and she used the whirlpools and treatments there. It was a great help to her."

Later, a niece also had therapy at DRRC.

"They've helped two members of my family, and this is my husband's way of remembering that," Mrs. Gould said.

Wesley Beauchamp, director of DRRC, said a donation of that size is unusual. The money will be used to offset the cost of "forgiving" fees for patients who, like Coyle, don't have health insurance.

"We treat a lot of people," said Beauchamp. "Some of those people don't have any way to pay for their treatment. But we have salaries and bills to pay, like any other facility. Donations like this help us tremendously."

Beauchamp said donors can designate where their gift should be used, such as for improvements, a certain program, or to help patients unable to pay.

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HERALD photo/Bill McClellan

Frances Wheat, Ted St. Clair and John Grant visit during Wednesday's Spring Community Luncheon, sponsored by Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce.

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OBITUARIES

N.A. "Shorty" Jones

Funeral service for N.A. "Shorty" Jones, Midland, formerly of Big Spring, was 1 p.m. today, at the Ellis Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Bob Hopkins officiating. Burial followed in Resthaven Memorial Park.

Mr. Jones died Sunday, May 9, 1999, at his home.

He was born on Aug. 31, 1920, in Leedey, Okla. He was a member of the Masonic Lodge in Kansas.

Survivors include: his wife, Marian Jones of Midland; two sons, Allan Haynes and Mark Haynes, both of Midland; two daughters, Nancy Carlisle of Lake Jackson, and Kay Moore of Big Spring; four brothers, Luther Jones of Sanger, Calif., Delbert Jones of Kingsburg, Calif., Walton Jones of Louisville, Ky., and Herschel Jones of Kingsburg, Calif.; one sister, Leola Powell of Dinuba, Calif.; seven grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

The family request memorials to: Allison Permian Basin Cancer Center; 2200 W. Illinois; Midland; 79701; or Hospice of Midland, Inc.; P.O. Box 2621; Midland; 79702.

Arrangements under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home, Midland.

DONATION

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The center "wrote off" nearly \$100,000 last year, and Beauchamp said that area of the center's finances that needed a boost.

"This memorial gift came at just the right time for us, and we are really grateful," he said. Two plaques honoring Coyle will be hung in the center, Beauchamp added.

Mrs. Gould said she and her husband were pleased to be able to help.

"By making the donation, we hope they will be able to help other people, like my mother, who couldn't afford treatment otherwise," she said. "The employees there were so dedicated, so good to her. This is really one of the greatest assets in Big Spring."

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tion, obtaining high marks in mathematics.

"We really remember him fondly. He was committed to teaching, and that was all he did," Bond said.

Guthrie was born on a farm three miles north of Coahoma in 1909. He graduated from Big Spring High School in 1927, and completed his bachelor's and master's degrees from the University of Texas in Austin in 1932 and 1948.

Guthrie began teaching at Coahoma High School in 1934. He also taught mechanical drawing at San Angelo Junior College for two years.

When Guthrie retired in 1971, he had served 36 years teaching math, with 22 of those years in Big Spring ISD and 12 years with Coahoma ISD. He was inducted into the Big Spring

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High School Hall of Fame in 1978.

Upon retiring, Guthrie and his wife traveled, visiting Israel, Europe, Australia and New Zealand, and Alaska, she said.

"We are not able to do that any more, but we enjoyed it thoroughly and we were young enough to enjoy it. We took a different grand child with us on three of our trips," Mrs. Guthrie said.

Along with Bond and his wife, College Heights principal Janice Rosson Bond, two other former students have helped generate interest in funding the scholarship account.

Bud Whitney and Jim Conley, both classmates of Bond's in 1949, immediately remembered Guthrie and were eager to honor him, Bond said.

Conley, a physics instructor at San Francisco Community College for 25 years, said Guthrie introduced him to logic.

"To my mind, Mr. Guthrie did his job and did it well. He was quite a role model. What I found most valuable about his presence in my life came down to how my experience with him influenced the way I taught my own students," Conley said.

Bond and his wife encountered Guthrie and Sarah by chance, in the summer of 1998, and because of their reminiscing, contacted Conley and Whitney, Bond said.

"I shared my respect and admiration for our former teacher. Bud answered immediately, expressing his appreciation for what Mr. Guthrie's teaching had meant to him through his life and suggested that we give him a gift to thank him," Bond said.

Bond's wife suggested the scholarship fund, and the four classmates immediately began corresponding through e-mail and Conley and Whitney made the first \$500 donations.

"Jim, Bud and I shared three full years of math under Mr. Guthrie before our graduation in 1952. Our first day in his math class was his first day to teach in Big Spring. We would like to hear from others who have shared this journey, for we cannot recall who else was in the classes," Bond said.

Along with seeking students of Guthrie's, the fund is also soliciting any donations to be added to the one-time scholarships, he said.

The scholarships will be presented at the senior awards assembly May 20, and the money will be paid to a college or university of the selected student's choice when he or she is enrolled in a program that involves a substantial use of mathematics in its curriculum, Bond said.

CORPS

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assistance once a year for needy families, as well as temporary and emergency housing.

The corps also provides clothing for needy persons, as well as heaters in the winter and fans in the summer. And the corps offers missing persons services also, she said.

GED classes are offered at the local office twice each week, and Castillo said as someone graduates, another student begins studying.

"It's going really well, and we've always got new ones coming in," she said.

Castillo works to provide job referrals, helping others find employment, and she works as a service referral, depending on the special needs of each client.

The Salvation Army also operates youth programs, with

weekly activities and a summer camp, as well as the Ladies Home League and League of Mercy, which works within the community and provides assistance to those in nursing homes.

"We have activities for all ages," she said.

Sunday worship services are offered at 10:45 a.m., with Sunday school at 9:30. Salvation Army officers train two years to become leaders of a center within a community.

"Our society is changing, and in the year 2000 we are all anticipating a lot of change. But the Salvation Army will always be there to extend a helping hand to any and every individual in need," said Castillo.

For more information about the Salvation Army call 267-8239.

SCOUTS

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contrasting color. Then they plan to provide draperies for the family shelter, and to paint the walls there as well.

"That place was just redone about nine years ago, and doesn't need as much attention," Chudej said.

Higginbotham Bartlett donated 15 gallons of white paint, and the women's room took three coats to cover the walls, she said.

The girls are hoping for more donations to finish their project.

"They want to provide small gift bags for the women and children who come in here, filled with shampoo and toothpaste, those type of items that we all need," Chudej said.

Landscaping the courtyard with flowers, and perhaps installing a swing set are other ideas the girls hope to provide the Salvation Army, she said.

"We want to give these women a nice, comfortable place to come to," Chudej said.

Tornado that struck Texas called 'incredible'

DALLAS (AP) — The tornado that struck the Texas Hill Country this week was on the same scale as a twister that killed 43 people in Oklahoma last week, a veteran weatherman says.

Fortunately, the Texas twister hit where the people weren't — mostly in open territory — or the human toll could have matched that in Oklahoma, meteorologist Bill Hecke said Wednesday.

Six people, all of whom sought refuge in a car parked in a brick garage, were injured by the tornado that hit Tuesday evening near the communities of Loyal Valley in eastern Mason County and Castell in western Llano County, about 75 miles northwest of Austin.

The tornado hit 15 miles from the towns of Llano and Mason.

Warren Kothmann, 74, suffered the most serious injury when the garage was blown apart and a board was hurled into the vehicle, impaling him. Kothmann was flown to a San Angelo hospital, where he survived surgery but remained in critical condition Wednesday. The others in the car suffered cuts and bruises.

Hecke, a retired Air Force weatherman who now operates a private weather service from Temple, said two houses were destroyed and numerous cattle

A BIG SPRING AROUND THE TOWN

died. But it was the totality of the destruction that told Hecke the tornado was a monster.

Had Tuesday night's tornado touched down in an urban area, he said, the devastation likely would have rivaled that from Oklahoma City or the storm that leveled a subdivision in Jarrell in 1997.

Eddie Flores, a reporter for Austin television station KEYE-TV, walked through the damage hours after the tornado struck.

"I hadn't seen anything like that. I couldn't believe what it did to animals," said Flores, who also witnessed the destruction at Jarrell. "The subdivision in Jarrell that was hit by the tornado was wiped clean."

"This was wiped clean, too, but the cattle — their hides had been ripped right off of them. Some of them were missing heads, and some were caught up and entwined in barbed wire."

Hecke said Tuesday night's tornado likely was an "F-5" grade — the severest category, marked by winds of more than 260 miles an hour. Only at such velocity are trees stripped of their bark and animals of their skin, he said.

"When I heard that it decapitated cattle and stripped the hide off them, I knew we had a very severe tornado," Hecke said. "The two homes that were destroyed, the foundations were gone. Trees were stripped of their bark, and 150 to 175 feet of pavement was stripped away" — which occurs only when windspeeds reach F-5 level.

Most tornadoes are on the F-0 (40 mph to 72 mph) or F-1 (73 mph to 112 mph) range — more in the range of a severe thunderstorm, Hecke said.

"To have a tornado on this scale is very rare," he said. Flores said a new pickup truck was parked near a house before the tornado hit. As he and others with the KEYE-TV team drove into the area, he saw the remains of the truck beside the road, about 300 yards from the house.

"There was absolutely nothing left of it. It looked like it had been blown up or something," he said.

SUPPORT GROUPS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

FRIDAY
•Turning Point A.A., 8-9:30 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal

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

Church, 10th and Goliad. Open to all substance abusers.
•Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon open meeting and 8 p.m. Big Book Study.
•Al-Anon support group, noon, 615 Settles.

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

BRIEFS

THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF Health, 501 Birdwell Lane, Suite 28-B, will have a Saturday shot clinic on May 15, from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. and from 1 to 4 p.m. Please bring your child's shot record or a note from school. Call 263-9775 for more information.

THE AMERICAN LEGION POST 506 will have a fish fry on Saturday from noon to 3 p.m., 3203 W. Hwy. 80. The cost is \$6 per plate and carry out is available. Call 263-2084 for more 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.

ALL SENIOR CITIZENS ARE invited to come to the "Senior Prom" at Canterbury on Thursday, May 20, from 7 to 10 p.m. This dance is being held during Older Americans Month, and The Country Classics will be playing. There will be a cover charge of \$3 for nonresidents and a \$2 charge for residents. Hope to see you there!

MARKETS

July cotton 57.55 cents, up 39 points; June crude 17.85, up 28 points; cash hogs at \$1 lower at 38; cash steers at \$4 even; June lean hog futures 59.40, down 45 points; June live cattle futures 61.27, up 17 points.

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POLICE

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity for the period ending at 6 a.m. today:

• **JAMES HALL**, 33, arrested for public intoxication;

• **ADOLFO LOPEZ**, 26, arrested for resisting arrest;

• **BULLET BURCHETT**, 21, arrested on local warrants;

• **FIDENCIO DeLEON**, no date of birth, arrested on local warrants;

• **LANA RICHARDSON**, no date of birth, arrested on local warrants;

• **DAVID YANEZ**, 31, arrested on a Colorado City warrant;

• **RICHARD LEOS**, 21, arrested for a fictitious motor vehicle registration;

• **INVESTIGATION OF SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITIES** reported in the 600 block of East Second, 700 E. First, 1300 Nolan, 1400 E. Fourth and 300 Owens;

• **DISTURBANCE/FIGHT** reported in the 1200 block of East 15th;

• **JUVENILE PROBLEMS** reported in the 500 block of NE Eighth, 15th and Birdwell, 2000 Goliad, 1100 Settles and 1300 Harding;

• **LOUD PARTY/NOISE** reported in the 2600 block of Wasson, 2100 Johnson (two instances) and No. 1 Courtney;

• **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** reported in the 1900 block of U.S. 87 and 1400 Robin;

• **BURGLARY OF A HABITATION** reported in the 1000 block of N. Gregg and 900 NW Second;

• **THEFT** reported in the 400 block of Gregg and 400 Johnson;

• **CLASS C ASSAULT** reported in the 2500 block of Albrook.

RECORDS

Wednesday's high 80
Wednesday's low 56
Average high 84
Average low 57
Record high 103 in 1961
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Vote s
WASHINGTON Trying to gain Social Security, Republicans are vote on legislat prevent raids of surplus money gram is fixed fo "The bottom l Security surplus for new spending can it be used cuts," said Rep. Ill. House leaders ordered that the Budget Commi and Means Com directly to the f to avoid any sn

HAPPY BIRTH
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GEMINI (May 2) ***Pressure for express what is on By saying nothing, change. Take res; don't allow an upse discussion can hel stand another and c problem. Tonight: low profile.

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House committee approves deregulation bill

AUSTIN (AP) — A House panel has approved a sweeping overhaul of the state's \$19 billion-a-year utility market that would allow electric customers to begin shopping for a new provider by 2002.

"There is a plus in providing consumers with more choices," said Rep. Sylvester Turner, D-Houston.

The State Affairs Committee approved the bill by Rep. Steve Wolens, D-Dallas, late Wednesday by a 13-2 vote, sending it to the full House for con-

sideration. Wolens chairs the committee.

This marks the latest step in negotiations among the utilities, residential and business customers and environmentalists.

The committee approved the legislation after considering more than 60 amendments, including one to ensure that residential and industrial customers pay an equal amount for the "stranded costs" associated with older nuclear power plants.

Under the legislation, electric rates would be frozen at their current level until Jan. 1, 2002. They would then be lowered by 6 percent.

At that point electric customers could choose to stay with their current providers at the reduced rate or shop around for lower prices or better service.

The incumbent providers couldn't lower rates for three years or until competitors took away 40 percent of their customers.

The bill has been opposed by consumers groups that say it benefits big utilities and industrial consumers but falls short in protecting residential customers.

The bill also calls for grandfathered power plants to reduce emissions by 2003 or close down.

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

Rubin leaving Treasury, Summers to replace him

WASHINGTON (AP) — Robert Rubin, praised as one of the most successful Treasury secretaries in history, will step down from his post in July with the national economy in an unprecedented expansion and the badly shaken global economy apparently on the mend.

President Clinton announced Wednesday that he would nominate Deputy Treasury Secretary Lawrence Summers, a former Harvard professor who has worked closely with Rubin, as his third Treasury secretary.

Parting applause was plentiful for Rubin — and there was also a positive reception for Summers. The stock market tumbled at the first reports of Rubin's departure, but that quickly turned around.

Clinton said he agreed with the assessment of some that Rubin had proved to be the nation's most effective Treasury secretary since Alexander Hamilton, the first to hold the post. Rubin had stayed on longer than he had planned, at Clinton's urging.

"I used to joke that Bob Rubin came to Washington to help me

save the middle class and he'd stayed so long that by the time he left, he'd be one of them," Clinton told a Rose Garden audience of Cabinet officials, members of Congress and Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan.

There was little chance of that. Rubin, who made \$26.5 million as co-chairman of Goldman Sachs & Co. the year before he joined the administration, replied that Clinton had always found that joke "about my becoming a member of the middle class a lot funnier than I have."

The administration has worked hard for months to prepare Wall Street for the switchover, and analysts said they expected no change in economic policies. Summers was a key administration troubleshooter in the recent 20-month global currency crisis, earning plaudits for his handling of the crisis.

Summers, Rubin and Greenspan were all pictured on the cover of Time Magazine in a photo labeled, "The Committee to Save the World."

Vote set on bill guarding Social Security surplus

WASHINGTON (AP) — Trying to gain ground in the Social Security debate, House Republicans are rushing a floor vote on legislation intended to prevent raids on \$1.8 trillion in surplus money until the program is fixed for the future.

"The bottom line is, the Social Security surplus can't be used for new spending programs, nor can it be used to offset tax cuts," said Rep. Jerry Weller, R-Ill.

House leaders on Wednesday ordered that the bill bypass the Budget Committee and Ways and Means Committee and head directly to the floor next week to avoid any snags or chances

for Democrats to push for changes. Democrats in the Senate have blocked a similar Social Security "lockbox" bill.

Rep. E. Clay Shaw, chairman of the Ways and Means subcommittee on Social Security, told reporters Wednesday that House passage was assured and should serve notice that Republicans are serious about working with President Clinton and congressional Democrats to ensure the program's future solvency.

"This has got to be a bipartisan effort," said Shaw, R-Fla. "One party cannot do it alone."

The "lockbox" proposal would create new legislative hurdles

for any attempt to use \$1.8 trillion in projected surpluses — out of about \$2.6 trillion total over the next decade — for anything other than Social Security or Medicare. Both are in jeopardy of financial insolvency as the baby boom generation retires.

But Democrats heaped scorn on the proposal, which they said allows Congress too many loopholes to get at the money. They also said that skipping the committees demonstrates that the GOP isn't truly interested in Democratic support.

"They appear more interested in political stunts than actually saving Social Security," said

Rep. Charles Rangel of New York, top Democrat on the Ways and Means Committee.

Rangel and his fellow Ways and Means Democrats were scheduled to meet later today with Clinton at the White House to map out a coordinated strategy for Social Security.

The president has outlined a detailed plan to restore the program, as have Ways and Means Chairman Bill Archer of Texas and Shaw, but some GOP leaders say it's doubtful any deal can be reached. And House Democrats fear that Clinton might be tempted to negotiate with Republicans and leave them on the sidelines.

HOROSCOPE

HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR FRIDAY, MAY 14:

You are serious, iron-willed and determined this year. Very little will stop you, once you choose your course. Make what you want a reality. Upward occurs frequently at work; a boss is cantankerous and difficult to relate to. You might need more freedom and independence. If you are single, you could be hard on potential suitors, as you are often overly stern. Learn to relax and lighten up if possible. If attached, communicate and be willing to give in sometimes. Give and take is important to the success of your relationship. Taurus can test your patience — you are so much alike!

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) ***Your possessive, demanding side comes out. Clearly, you will not tolerate any confusion. Establish expectations and limitations. Realize that enough is enough. You might shock another who doesn't understand that you have been mulling this over for a while. Tonight: Indulge.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ***A stern conversation and humor set the tone for your interactions. You mean business, and others get your message. Someone in charge is unusually reactive, though by now you are used to this behavior. Seriously consider a change if it bothers you. Tonight: Your night to howl!

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ***Pressure forces you to express what is on your mind. By saying nothing, nothing can change. Take responsibility; don't allow an upset to fester. A discussion can help you understand another and can resolve a problem. Tonight: Maintain a low profile.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ***You aren't always sure about what you want and expect from others. Asking is

very important. Make time for a meeting, even if you have been putting it off. A partner is quirky, but this is not new. Take charge of joint financial matters, move forward on a decision. Tonight: TGIF with friends!

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ***Take a deep breath and handle what you must, even if you would prefer not to! Evaluations lead you in a new direction, once you get the needed information. Your perky, upbeat side helps you win with problematic people. Others look to you as a role model. Tonight: A force to behold.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ***Detach and think about the long term. You might be hard pressed to find the right solutions. Determine what is important, then follow through accordingly. Note that your energy wanes, then returns. Recognize your limits. Be willing to say "no," if need be. Tonight: Take off ASAP.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ***Others often rain on your parade, but frequency has nothing to do with acceptance. Stand your ground, be willing to turn and go in another direction. Creativity and ingenuity soar, given enough freedom. Others simply need to see your limits in order to honor them. Tonight: Be frisky and flirtatious.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ***Others can be difficult, but you can handle it. Don't let yourself be pushed. A pattern change proves to be positive. Family seems to take you for granted. You can stop this trend. What's stopping you? Maintain a sense of humor, if possible. Tonight: An old-fashioned date.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ***Pace yourself and be direct. You might feel that others are dumping on you. Listen carefully and make sure another understands where you are coming from. Still, you could

be blown away by others' behavior. Establish boundaries. Tonight: Make it easy.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) *****A child or new love interest challenges you. Single Capricorns could feel very lonely, or could feel that others simply don't understand. Communication feels stilted. However, if you can lighten up and take a risk emotionally, much opens up. Establish ground rules. Tonight: Fun and games.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ***A family member can be tough on you. Though you don't always understand others' views, a light, easy attitude works. You still might feel rebellious about an important situation. Others are constantly surprised by your actions. Tonight: Be whimsical — can you help it?

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ***Communication isn't always easy, but it presents different points of view. After a talk, you might opt to go back to the drawing board. Your vision of what works could

change substantially because of an insight about someone in your day-to-day life. Tonight: Hang out.

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Parental notification bill delayed

AUSTIN (AP) — The House State Affairs Committee has delayed voting on the Senate version of a bill to require parents be notified before their minor daughters get abortions.

The panel was scheduled to vote on the bill late Wednesday, but that was postponed after discussions about the bill continued.

Committee chair Rep. Steve Wolens, D-Dallas, said the panel could vote today or most likely Friday on whether to send the bill, which has already passed

the Senate, to the House.

The committee had sent the House another version of the bill which was scheduled to be voted on by the full chamber Tuesday, but after several delays it was postponed until Friday — an act which effectively killed it under legislative rules.

That bill faced opposition both from Democrats who don't like the idea of parental notification and from conservatives who said the bill isn't restrictive enough.

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EDITORIAL

"Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances."
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OUR VIEWS

Council deserves praise for tackling Permian Building

The Big Spring City Council deserves praise for taking the lead in the long-awaited demolition of the Permian Building. We all know which building we're talking about. It's that deteriorating hulk of bricks that stands — or sits crumbling, rather — in the heart of downtown. It's the one that has been roped off for fear someone will walk past it just about the time a few — or a few hundred — bricks come falling down.

There has been a lot of talk about the Permian Building and studies have shown renovation of the property wouldn't be economically feasible.

The least expensive and most practical method of dealing with the aging structure is to tear it down. Estimates received by the city indicate that demolition could be accomplished for about \$130,000. That won't include hauling off of the debris, but officials are hopeful that can be done "in house."

So, on Tuesday, Big Spring City Council members made a challenge. They tossed \$50,000 on the table and said, in effect, we're committed to tearing down this eyesore, but we need your help.

Now the door is open for others to contribute. As taxing entities, the county, school district and college district have benefited directly from the property in the past. They are perhaps the most logical ones to assist with the project.

Private foundations, organizations, clubs and even individuals may also want to consider what they can do to help.

To those who say "It's not our problem," you are wrong. This eyesore is a problem for every individual and business in our community and it will continue to impact our community in a negative manner until it is down and gone.

Big Spring has proven what can be done before, with the most obvious example being the Settles building. With hard work, that historic site is no longer a blemish on our landscape.

We applaud the members of the city council for taking the lead in dealing with the Permian Building. We hope others will quickly rise to the challenge and help rid our city of this unsightly and potentially dangerous problem.

OTHER VIEWS

Open government laws benefit all Texans, except perhaps those public officials — some elected, some appointed — who prefer to operate in secret. All Texans ought to be aware that time is running out on two important bills that would enhance the public's ability to know how its government spends tax dollars and enacts policies that affect everyone.

With that in mind, the Chronicle urges Texans to support Senate Bill 1851, a piece of pending legislation that was drafted after public hearings in eight Texas cities. Incorporated in the bill is the substance of what people told state Sen. Jeff Wentworth, R-San Antonio, and members of his interim committee on public information they needed from their government to be fully informed.

SB 1851 would create several enhancements to open government, some basic and some substantial. Ideally, it would drop some weakening amendments that add new limitations on openness, but it nonetheless deserves passage before this Legislature adjourns at the end of May — without the addition of any further closed-government provisions.

Unfortunately, there are strong indications that some

lawmakers will work to add amendments that could severely weaken this important bill when it comes up for debate on the House floor. The best way to fight attempts to undermine SB 1851 is for Texans to call and write their representatives to remind them that the people of this state will not tolerate having obstacles thrown up between them and their government.

Another bill of immense importance is HB 156, which would close a loophole in the Texas Open Meetings Act that allows governing bodies to hash over controversial issues in so-called staff briefings that are closed to the public.

HB 156 has been stalled in state Sen. Florence Shapiro's State Affairs Committee. If it is not heard soon, it will die when this legislative session ends. That would be the fourth session that lawmakers let pass without closing this gaping loophole to public access, and that would be an inexcusable affront. The public should not have to take it on faith that officials will not take advantage of closed meetings to delve into issues that should be aired in the open.

Lawmakers must pass SB 1851 and HB 156 to show they respect Texans' right to know.

THE HOUSTON CHRONICLE

Could UNESCO govern U.S. park lands?

W didn't really believe the Idaho sportsmen who called our office to complain that their hunting and fishing privileges were being curtailed by the United Nations.



JACK ANDERSON

The Clinton administration has adopted some unpopular land-use policies in the West, but surely the United Nations does not have jurisdiction over some of our nation's most treasured natural and historic sites? Could a bureaucrat at the world body really tell the United States what to do with Yellowstone Park?

It turns out that the sportsmen were right — and wrong. But the issue they raised also cut to the heart of the never-ending debate over the care and preservation of still-unspoiled areas of the great American West. The current controversy

began in 1973, during the Nixon administration, when the Senate ratified a treaty with the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization. Barely noticed at the time, the treaty gave UNESCO the right to designate some 67 American sites as historically important. Sites listed include Yellowstone National Park, the Statue of Liberty and the University of Virginia. In all, more than 51 million acres of U.S. land fall under the UNESCO designation.

This doesn't play too well out in the West, where ranchers and hunters are ever-suspicious of government attempts to encroach on their land-use privileges.

Although UNESCO doesn't have an enforcement arm, Nixon's treaty pledges that the United States will care for these sites according to U.N. guidelines. Very few Westerners appreciate being told what to do by a group of elected officials from more than 100 countries around the globe.

Enter the Clinton administration. The first family had barely moved into the White House when Clinton angered Western

lawmakers by trying to reform ancient grazing and mining laws that environmentalists believe are ludicrously outdated and harmful. Under pressure from Congress — including many Democrats — Clinton backed off on his most stringent demands. But the mistrust continues to this day.

Things came to a head in 1995, when UNESCO tried to wield its influence over the proposed New World Mine near Yellowstone. The mine was to be located on private property adjacent to the park, but environmentalists saw a dangerous precedent being set and wanted desperately to protect the park's buffer zone. UNESCO sided with the environmentalists, and so did the Clinton administration when it ponied up \$65 million to buy the land from the mining company and preserve it for future generations.

That was too much for some lawmakers to take. Rep. Helen Chenoweth, R-Idaho, and others quickly introduced the American Land Sovereignty Protection Act, which seeks to remove the United Nations' influence over domestic land-use decisions. Sources at the world body

say the proposal is ludicrous. For one, they argue, preservation sites are only designated with the approval of affected property owners, plus local and national authorities.

Sources in Chenoweth's office tell us that state and local governments are rarely consulted before a historic site is designated, and that such decisions are usually made by unelected federal bureaucrats at the Department of Interior or higher-up.

UNESCO officials would not speak to us on the record because the United States is no longer a member state, having pulled out in the early 1990s amid charges of gross mismanagement.

Officials who spoke with us without attribution argued that the designations are merely ceremonial, and that the issue of ultimate jurisdiction is a red herring because the U.S. government will do what it wants on sovereign land.

It's too early to tell if Chenoweth's bill will even get a vote in the current Congress. But if it does, consider it yet another signal that Clinton's war on the West has proven to be almost as difficult as the one being fought in Kosovo.



The West bears responsibility for Yugoslavia's troubles

Here's a little quiz for you. Which Yugoslav leader said the following in a public speech:



CHARLEY REESE

"Serbia has never had only Serbs living in it. Today, more than in the past, members of other peoples and nationalities also live in it. This is not a disadvantage for Serbia. I am truly convinced that it is its advantage. National composition of almost all countries in the world today, particularly developed ones, has also been changing in this direction. Citizens of different nationalities, religions, and races have been living together more and more frequently and more successfully. "Socialism in particular, being a progressive and just democratic society, should not

allow people to be divided in the national and religious respect. The only differences one can and should allow in socialism are between hard-working people and idlers and between honest people and dishonest people ... Yugoslavia is a multinational community and it can survive only under the conditions of full equality for all nations that live in it."

The answer is Slobodan Milosevic. This is from the text of his famous speech in 1989 before 1 million people celebrating the 600th anniversary of the battle of Kosovo. The source for the text is the U.S. government. The theme of the speech is unity and multinationalism. There is not one word in the text attacking Albanians.

While I recognize politicians frequently say in public things they don't mean, the fact is that it was the Serbs who tried vainly to keep the Yugoslav Federation intact, and it was the West — by encouraging the nationalist ambitions of the Croats, Slovenes and Bosnian Muslims — which bears a major responsibility for the breakup and the civil war that

followed.

In true Orwellian fashion, the NATO countries, while working hand in hand with extreme nationalists in Croatia, Slovenia, Bosnia and now Albania, accused the Serbs of being nationalists. Even more paradoxically, while the West promoted Croatia for Croats and Slovenia for Slovenes, it opposed a Serbia for Serbians.

One has to also keep in mind that the United States and NATO did nothing to stop the ethnic cleansing of about a million Serbs but actually assisted by letting American rent-a-generals train the Croatian army. As for Milosevic, I know some Serbs have a problem with him, and they are the best source of information about his faults. But this American propaganda blitz — calling him a racist, calling refugees from fighting a case of genocide and comparing him to Hitler — is just bunk, pure and simple. The American lie machine is certainly unoriginal. Every time the United States decides to bomb some small country, the previously unnoted leader of that country becomes the resurrection of Hitler and a

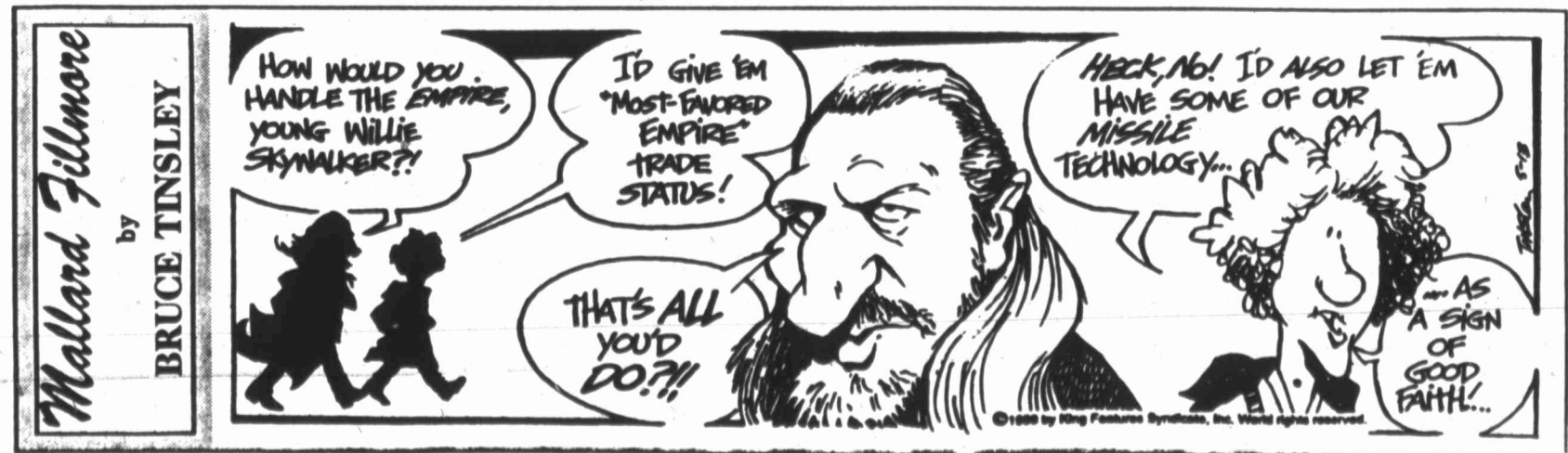
threat to world peace. Pretty heady stuff for an elected leader of a little country of 10 million people.

It would be more comfortable for all of us if we could just click our heels, salute the commander in chief and shout approval. Unfortunately, neither the U.S. government nor NATO has any credibility. Truth may be the first casualty of war, but morality is always a close second.

What we Americans should keep in mind is that the United States has no tactical, strategic or economic interest in the Balkans. It is none of our business. Secondly, the attack is illegal, a violation of both the United Nations charter and the NATO treaty. Third, the attack does threaten one of our real national security interests, which is maintaining a good relationship with Russia and her 30,000 nuclear warheads. It's one thing to ask Americans to die for their country, if necessary, but the Kosovo Liberation Army is a terrorist and extremist organization financed in part by drug money. No American should be asked to die for its benefit.

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Big Spring Herald

Thursday, May 13, 1999

It's about choices

Evangelist urges youth to 'quit making excuses' for bad behavior

By DEBBIE L. JENSEN
Features Editor

With trendy clothes, in-your-face humor and attitude, Ken Freeman tried to inspire Goliad Middle School students on Tuesday.

An evangelist who is speaking at First Baptist Church this week, Freeman did not discuss his Christian faith with students at the schools. But he did tell them about his troubled childhood.

The son of an alcoholic, drug-addicted mother, Freeman was on his own since the age of 14. Before that time, however, he endured physical abuse, had nine different stepfathers and moved frequently.

He began drinking alcohol and committing crimes while

still a pre-teen, and said he was arrested and jailed the first time by eighth grade.

Freeman said his goal in talking to students about his background, and his current success as a speaker and author as well as husband, father and grandfather, is to open their eyes.

"It's for what happened at Columbine," Freeman said Tuesday. He added that at every school where he speaks, which is close to 600 per year, he asks the principal a similar question, "What kind of students do you have here?"

"Their choice affected an

"They say, 'We've got good students,'" Freeman said. "But there's a problem with that. We've got students in high school that are having sex, doing drugs and drinking alcohol."

He said too often troubled teens are thought of as simply "good students" until they do something that harms themselves or others.

He told Goliad sixth graders that the choices they make now and in the future will affect not only themselves, but everyone around them.

"Look at those two guys in Columbine," he said, referring to Eric Harris and Dylan Klebold, who killed and injured fellow students and a teacher in an ambush on their school.

"Their choice affected an

entire nation."

"There's not a bad kid in this gymnasium," he told Goliad students. "And there's not a stupid kid. Some of you have so much going for you, and you're going to throw it all away."

"Quit making excuses for your behavior," he told the young people. "Life is not going to get any easier."

Dressed in trendy clothes and sporting dyed-blond hair, Freeman tried to reach students at their level.

"If I can reach just one of you, and give you hope, that's what it's all about," he said.

Freeman's last local appearance with Christian musical group Among Thorns will be today at 7 p.m. at First Baptist Church.



FREEMAN

Use action, not anger in dealing with teens

QUESTION: Generally speaking, what kind of discipline do you use with a teen-ager who is habitually miserable to live with?

DR. DOBSON: The general rule is to use action -- not anger -- to reach an understanding.

Any time you can get teen-agers to do what is necessary without becoming furious at them, you are ahead of the game. Let me provide a few examples of how this might be accomplished.

(1) In Russia, I'm told, teen-agers who are convicted of using drugs are denied a driver's license for years. It is a very effective approach.

(2) When my daughter was a teen-ager, she used to slip into my bathroom and steal my razor, my shaving cream, my toothpaste or my comb. Of course, she never brought them back. Then after she had gone to school, I would discover the items missing. There I was with wet hair or "fuzzy" teeth, trying to locate the confiscated items in her bathroom. It was no big deal, but it was irritating at the time. Can you identify?

I asked Danae a dozen times not to do this, but to no avail. Thus, the phantom struck without warning one cold morning.

I hid everything she needed to put on her "face," and then left for the office. My wife told me she had never heard such wails and moans as were uttered that day. Our daughter plunged desperately through bathroom drawers looking for her toothbrush, comb and hair dryer. The problem never resurfaced.

(3) A family living in a house with a small hot-water tank was continually frustrated by their teen-ager's endless showers. Screaming at him did no good. Once he was locked behind the bathroom door, he

stayed in the steamy stall until the last drop of warm water had been drained. Solution? In mid-stream, Dad stopped the flow of hot water by turning a valve at the tank. Cold water suddenly poured from the nozzle. Junior popped out of the shower in seconds. Henceforth, he tried to finish bathing before the faucet turned frigid.

(4) A single mother couldn't get her daughter out of bed in the morning until she announced a new policy: The hot water would be shut off promptly at 6:30 a.m. The girl could either get up on time or bathe in ice water. Another mother had trouble getting her 8-year-old out of bed each morning. She then began pouring bowls of frozen marbles under the covers with him each morning. They gravitated to wherever his body lay. The boy arose quite quickly.

(5) Instead of standing in the parking lot and screaming at students who drive too fast, school officials now put huge bumps in the road that jar the teeth of those who ignore them. It does the job quite nicely.

(6) You as the parent have the car that a teen-ager needs, the money that he covets, and the authority to grant or withhold privileges.

If push comes to shove, these chips can be exchanged for commitments to live responsibly, share the workload at home and stay off little brother's back.

This bargaining process works for younger kids, too. I like the "one to one" trade-off for television viewing time. It permits a child to watch one minute of television for every minute spent reading.

The possibilities are endless, and they depend not at all on anger, threats and unpleasanties.

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



DR. JAMES DOBSON

Letter led to friendship for two probably related

Hello, I am Bobby Rawls. I was born and raised right here in Big Spring. About 15 years ago a man from Montgomery, Ala., wrote letters and mailed them out all over the country, asking for information on all Rawls family members.

My brother received one and passed it on to my mother, who was not interested, so she passed it on to me.

I kept the letter for several years before I got interested in what he was asking about. I realized that I only knew my family history back to my grandparents, and had no idea where their parents or grandparents came from.

So I contacted Henry Rawls, the one who had sent the letter, and he told me what he was doing and what he had accomplished so far.

Until this day, we have not found any documented connection between us, but we have decided our families came from the same area, and had to be related.

Even though we have never met in the 15 years we have known each other, we have become great friends.

Between the two of us, we have over

50,000 different Rawls in our files and have connected many hundreds of families. It has become a passion with me, and one I would like to share with you.

So I will be writing a weekly column for the Big Spring Herald on genealogy. I will try to help you find new ways to find your elusive ancestors, and perhaps you can teach me a thing or two.

I have learned to search various resources in getting wills, deeds, marriage, death and birth certificates, cemetery inscriptions, probate records, land records connected with deeds and bills of sale, military records etc.

I will also help you in writing your own family history.

Each week I will cover another source and try to direct you in the best way to obtain these records.

I will take questions and try to answer them, as well as direct you to genealogical societies and researchers across the country as well as courthouses and other sources.

I hope you begin to find genealogy as fascinating as I do.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Bobby Rawls can be contacted through the Big Spring Herald. Call 263-7331, ext. 236, or send him a letter in care of the Herald at P.O. Box 1431, Big Spring. You can also e-mail him at bsherald@xroadstx.com.



BOBBY RAWLS

Genealogy labor of love for Rawls

By DEBBIE L. JENSEN
Features Editor

The only good thing about Bobby Rawls' recent layoff from oilfield work is that he has had more time to pursue his hobby of genealogy.

"Everybody's got a hobby," Rawls said. "This is mine. It's how I wind down. It's my relaxation."

Sleuthing on the Internet, he said he has found information that goes as far as four generations beyond his own great-grandparents. The family came to this area in 1938.

"Now he enjoys spending time helping other people find facts about their forefathers."

Rawls said, "What I really enjoy is not just finding the people, but finding out how they lived, what they went through to get us where we are today."

Rawls, married to Stacy, has four children, James, 17, Cheyenne, 11, Raylynn, 10 and Wesley, 9. Normally, he has little time for genealogy. But when he has the time, Rawls said he enjoys nothing better.

"You don't know where you're going until you know where you've been."

Several Forsan High School students brought home awards from the Texas Technology Student Association conference May 7-8. Their entered projects included the soapbox racer at right and the gooseneck trailer the students are sitting and standing on in both photos.



Students taking top honors included: William Dean, first place in gooseneck trailer group project and first place in downhill challenge (soap box racer); Donny Allen, first place and Best of Division photo essay and first place photo portrait; Matt Mims, first place woodworking and first place soap box racer; Chris King, first place soap box racer and first place woodworking; Tiffany Elliss, first place soap box racer; David Higginbotham, first place and Best of Division action photo; Jennifer Grifford, first place photo portrait; Evan Pruitt, first place and Best of Division photo portrait, first place photo action and first place photo landscape; Jeremy Hedges, first place electricity/electronics - decimal binary encoder and diode logic gates, first place and Best of Division, electronic motor, first place and Best of Division, continuity tester, first place and best of division, photo landscape color and first place photo landscape black and white; Johnny McComb, first place and best of division photo portrait; Ty Savell, first place metal working (trailer project); Zack Bristow, first and Best of Division woodworking; Nathan Ritz, first place metal working (trailer project); and Ryan Rutledge, honorable mention CO-2 race car.



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SCHOOL NEWS

Thirteen members of the Big Spring High School Student Council were in attendance with approximately 4,500 students from throughout the state of Texas at the Texas Association of Student Councils State Conference held in Austin April 28 through May 1.

The B.S.H.S. Student Council received the following awards at the conference: Outstanding Student Council, Outstanding D.A.S.H. (Drugs, Alcohol, Safety & Health) School, Outstanding Energy School, and Outstanding Pride and Patriotism School. By receiving these awards, they were among only 161 schools in the state to receive the Sweepstakes Award. Thomas Garza, this year's president, was one of four students in the state to be awarded the national Dale D. Hawley Leadership Award.

The 1998-99 Student Council officers who attended are: President, Thomas Garza; 1st Vice President, Matt Simon; Parliamentarian, Meredith Ware; and Historian, Tonya Collins. The newly elected officers for 1999-2000 who attended are: 1st Vice President, Hedy Wigington (current Recording Secretary); 2nd Vice President, Jon Bagwell; Recording Secretary, Cody Rubio, Corresponding Secretary, Michael Morrison (current 2nd Vice President); Historian, Julie Adams; and Parliamentarian, Blair Nutting. Luis Diaz, Raul Garza, and Hamilton Hartfield attended a high point representatives of their classes. Jill Willbanks and Sharon Richardson, Advisor, accompanied the students to the conference.

While in Austin the Student Council group was presented on the floor of the House of Representatives by Representative David Counts, during the legislative session, and met the Speaker of the House, Pete Laney.

COMMUNITY NEWS

CANTERBURY RETIREMENT CENTERS, 1700 Lancaster, plans a rummage sale on Saturday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. There will be baked items, handmade items, dishes, jewelry, clothes, and lots of miscellaneous.

THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF Health, 501 Birdwell Lane, Suite 28-B, will have a Saturday shot clinic on May 15, from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. and from 1 to 4 p.m. Please bring your child's shot record or a note from school. Call 263-9775 for more information.

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Grammy academy distributing classical music CDs to infants

COPPELL, (AP) — Nobody can say for sure if listening to Mozart, Beethoven or Bach will make kids smarter. The parents of more than 1 million children around the country are getting the chance to find out.

The National Academy of Recording Arts and Sciences Foundation began handing out free CDs of Grammy-winning classical music in hundreds of hospitals Monday.

The goal of the project is to give children "every scientific and cultural advantage possible," said Michael Greene, president and chief executive of the academy, which hands out the annual Grammys.

The "Smart Symphonies" CDs will be distributed for about a year in hospitals. Mead Johnson Nutritionals, which makes Enfamil infant formula, is providing \$3 million for the project.

John Flohr, who teaches at Texas Woman's University in Denton and was a consultant on the Grammy project, has led several studies indicating that certain music stimulates neural connections in the brain.

"Music has a nice way of producing circuits," he said. "Some brain development caused by music may be helpful in developing other abilities."

Those abilities may include better visual-spatial reasoning, which helps children with patterns, puzzles and mazes; and improved memorization.

But Flohr urges caution before simply claiming that listening to classical music will make children better in science and math, which some experts claim because of the genre's complexity, repetitions and patterns.

"We should never say that music makes you better in math," Flohr said. "There is some research supporting that but not much."

Flohr will lead a study on the effect of the Grammy CDs on dozens of 3- to 5-year-olds in San Antonio. The brain activity of children who listen to the CD several hours a day will be compared with that of other youngsters who aren't listening to classical music.

Most early childhood specialists agree that music generally is good for infants, said David Moore, a professor of psychology at Pitzer College in Claremont, Calif.

"There is very little doubt that every experience a baby has affects the structure of a baby's brain," he said. "But there's no reason to say it's going to raise the baby's IQ. That is determined by many factors."

At Children's World, a child care center where Flohr volunteers, kids may not understand the difference between Beethoven and Barney, but they know they're having fun when Flohr shows up.

Air piano is the newest game. With arms and fingers outstretched, children at the day care bang on imaginary keyboards to the flourishes of Mozart.

"They don't just listen to the music now," said teacher Gladys Monsante, whose 2-year-old son attends the center. "They participate. They become part of the music. And at the same time they are learning."

Eds: The classical music CDs also are available on Mead Johnson's consumer hot line at (800) BABY-123.

Musical tradition strings family together

ODESSA (AP) — "Suzy, hurry up!" Betty Ramirez, her mother, shouts as she makes her way to the garage of her Odessa home.

La Familia Ramirez mariachi group has 10 minutes to get to St. Joseph's Catholic Church to play for a quinceanera.

Juan Ramirez, the head of the Ramirez household, was ready first and patiently waits on the driver's side of his Suburban. Little Betty, the eldest daughter at 19, and Ana, 12, the youngest, harmonize as they wait for their middle sister to finish doing her hair.

The hour-long tornado of primping comes to an end when Suzy, 14, gets into the truck, and they scurry to their performance.

Members of the Ramirez family learned mariachi music the traditional way, by watching and listening. When Juan was a boy in Coyame, Mexico, he watched his mariachi uncles, Celzo Ramirez and Narziso Navarete, play. His training began when he walked up to them and asked to play.

"Suzy did the same thing when she got older," Juan said of his daughter.

No one in the Ramirez family has formal music training. "We don't practice either," Betty injects immediately after Juan finishes.

Daughter Betty explains that they practice when they perform. "We'll practice if there's a particular list of music requested by the client, otherwise we just go with it," she says.

The origin of mariachi music has been traced to Spanish missionaries who taught the Coca Indians of Mexico how to play European instruments like the guitar, violin and harp.

Around the turn of the century, as Mexican President Lazaro Cardenas was trying to unify his country, he stressed the importance of Mexico's cultural roots. Cardenas asked renowned mariachi musician Gaspar Vargas to travel the country and perform and teach.

Over time, other musical influences, such as rhythms believed to come from Africa, and instruments, like the Cuban and American jazz trumpet, have made their way into the playing style of mariachi.

The Ramirez family knows how to play about 200 songs from memory and by ear. "We'll play anything. Mariachi, Tejano, Norteno, even Top 40 — it depends on the requests," says Little Betty.

The group doesn't have a lead singer. Suzy and Little Betty share the lead or do duets, and Juan will do occasional masculine songs. Ana often stands on the end of the ensemble and strums away, looking at her audience.

The family performs throughout West Texas and southern New Mexico and spends most of their weekends together. The busy schedule creates a closeness that Betty says she likes.

"They (the girls) argue and fight, but they're always together and they're happy," says Betty. "I don't make them come out with us, it's their choice, but none of them wants to stay home alone."

What's up? The 'upfronts,' when networks unveil their fall schedules

NEW YORK (AP) — It happens next week, in the midst of May sweeps and season finales.

It's four days of pageantry, promises and good cheer from the major broadcast networks. It's television's grandest whoop-de-do.

But it isn't on television, and you can't see it. That, dear viewer, is because it isn't meant for you.

It isn't meant for TV writers, either, even though the networks kindly grant us admission to the glorious venues — say, Carnegie Hall (where CBS will do its thing) or Lincoln Center's Avery Fisher Hall (home of the New York Philharmonic, where NBC will make beautiful music).

No, the networks' so-called "upfront" presentations are staged for a most exclusive and indispensable audience. For commercial TV's true constituency. For advertisers.

But never fear, you won't be forgotten for a moment. Conspicuous in your absence, you will be foremost on everybody's mind.

Let's think of TV as a lake. Viewers are the fish. The advertisers bring the poles and the hooks. Networks have the bait — their programming — which, for a price, advertisers use to land your attention.

So what programming will hook you?

"Ours," each network will trumpet next week when, with fitting fanfare, it unveils its fall lineup.

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Just flash back to last year: "We're optimistic," piped UPN's boss.

"We're comfortable with who we are, we're excited about where we're going," trilled the CBS boss.

"For the first time ever, our upper-income skew surpassed one of the Big Four!" boomed the WB boss. And an ABC boss crowed about his own network's demographics, the sort of audience "CBS longingly refers to as 'them rich, smart city folks'."

Whatever the networks plan to say this year, here is when they'll say it: NBC on Monday; ABC and the WB on Tuesday; CBS on Wednesday; Fox and UPN on Thursday.

Three years ago at the CBS upfront, a scarcely known comic headlining a new fall sitcom tickled advertisers by bidding them farewell. "This is going to be my last year on the show," Ray Romano disclosed. "We said it all in the pilot."

Now finishing his third hit season in "Everybody Loves Raymond," Romano will be back next fall.

Other series sure to be renewed include "ER," "60 Minutes," "NYPD Blue" and "X-Files." Duh.

But until each network makes its schedule official, other shows are left dangling. Will CBS' "Diagnosis Murder" get a reprieve? What about NBC's "NewsRadio" and "Homicide: Life on the Street"?

And what about new series? Some of those picks have already been made, or are all but certain. Expect a "Law & Order" spinoff about sex crimes on NBC, and a new Chris Carter thriller, "Harsh Realm," on Fox. Chances are excellent for David E. Kelley's drama "Snoops" on ABC, and for a "Buffy the Vampire

Slayer" spinoff on the WB.

Meanwhile, don't count on a new sitcom about a madcap team of TV execs trying to save their network from extinction — although, with broadcasting's continued loss of viewers to its cable rivals, such a show might have the ring of truth.

Even as the TV landscape changes before all our eyes, there's a notable flurry of business-as-usual at the major networks. For instance, consider how program development conforms to an annual cycle (spring commitments, fall premieres) that no longer applies when new shows are launched all season long.

Producers call this system wasteful and burdensome. (Imagine making everyone renew drivers' licenses on the same day, instead of staggering the deadlines throughout the year.) Yet in lock step each January, the networks continue to order pilots by the dozens, all of which must be produced during the same frantic stretch.

Then, around the first of May, they are dumped on network execs for their frenzied assessment lasting little more than a fortnight. It concludes next week.

Until then, producers and stars of prospective series (most of which you'll never know were ever in the running) sit and wait.

Of course, when a series gets picked up for the schedule, the battle has only just begun.

A year ago, NBC proudly announced "Encore! Encore!" starring film and Broadway favorite Nathan Lane. CBS welcomed romantic drama "To Have & To Hold," and Fox hailed sitcom newcomer Sue Costello.

Hospital commission teaches baby snatching prevention

WASHINGTON (AP) — With 13 newborns abducted from hospitals in the last few years, an oversight commission is suggesting ways to prevent future snatchings, including ending birth announcements in newspapers.

Better ID badges and color photos of newborns would also help, the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Hospital Organizations says in a special alert being sent this week to nearly 1,500 hospitals nationwide.

"Any time we're able to spot a trend or a pattern, we want to alert the health care community so we can prevent tragedies," said Janet McIntyre, a commission spokeswoman. "Something like an infant abduction is always a high profile case."

The commission began issuing these special alerts in February 1998, and has sent only a few. It bases its recommendations on investigations hospitals are required to conduct after something goes wrong.

The American Hospital Association welcomed the recommendations.

"When these things happen you try to figure out what happened and try to prevent this from happening again. You have to find a way to learn,"

said spokesman Rick Wade. "That's the way it's supposed to work."

In reviewing eight recent abductions, the commission found that all of them involved female abductors in hospitals with unmonitored access to elevators or stairwells near the postpartum or nursery areas. They all occurred in midsize or large hospitals.

The commission recommended:

—Educating the staff on how to spot potential abductors and what to do if there is a snatching.

—Increasing parent education about abduction risks.

—Attaching bands to baby, mother, father or significant other immediately after birth.

—Footprinting babies, taking color photos and recording babies' physical exams within two hours of birth.

—Requiring staff to wear up-to-date and conspicuous ID badges with color photos.

The number of abductions has dropped in recent years. There were 104 from 1983 through early this year — an average of 15 per year — with 98 babies found and six still missing, according to the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children. There were 13 abductions total in 1996, 1997 and 1998.

Could permanent roadside memorials curb or encourage more crashes?

BOSTON (AP) — On the nation's roadsides, after the twisted metal from a fatal wreck is cleared, a mound of flowers, a marker or a little cross is often erected, a makeshift memorial to tragedy.

Paul Chizook wants to replace those temporary reminders with something more permanent. The Massachusetts resident is proposing signs emblazoned with the names of car crash victims, and the dates they were killed, along the state's highways.

While such tributes may seem like grim distractions to some, to Chizook they would serve as a powerful reminder of the dangers the lurk along the highway.

"Just that message that you get from a uniform placard alongside the road to recognize and know that someone died here, I think that's sufficient to take your foot off the gas," said Chizook, who lives in Tyngsboro, Mass., about 30 miles northwest of Boston.

The idea of roadside memorials has sparked debate not only in Massachusetts, but in other states. In Virginia, measures to have the state install roadside memorials were proposed earlier this year, but failed to get approval.

Rather than assume responsibility for roadside memorials, some states, such as California,

ban them outright. Texas allows them with some restrictions. Illinois officials discourage them.

James Keaton, chairman of the national Alliance for Traffic Safety, said roadside memorials pose a hazard and might actually lead to more highway deaths.

"If we put memorials up at every location on our highways and byways where a fatality or serious injury has occurred, are we potentially obstructing the clear view and right way of motorists and road users?" he asked.

Keaton said his organization, made up of safety experts, has not officially taken a stand on roadside memorials, but would

probably lean against supporting them.

John Carlisle, Massachusetts Highway Department spokesman, had similar concerns.

"A roadway speckled with various roadway memorials could pose a safety problem. It could have the potential to compound a situation that's already tragic," Carlisle said.

Makeshift memorials are common in countries such as Italy and Greece. And in the Republic of Ireland, the government marks the place of fatal accidents with a warning sign emblazoned with a black dot and the words "Traffic Black Spot."

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IN BRIEF

Howard announces hiring new rodeo team coach

Howard College has announced the hiring of Greg Kernick as its new rodeo coach.

The Erie, Kan., native comes to Howard from Cochise Community College in Douglas, Ariz., where he spent five years as head rodeo coach and agriculture instructor.

While at Cochise, he produced the third-place women's team in 1995, a regional champion in 1996 and regional runners-up in 1997 and 1998.

Cochise's men's teams finished third in their region in each of those seasons.

Prior to taking the Cochise job, he served as an assistant at Panhandle State University for two years.

A Panhandle State graduate, Kernick is currently working on his master's degree.

"I'm looking forward to the opportunities that Howard College has to offer," he said after being named to replace departing Hawks coach Mike Yeater. "The Southwest Region is undeniably one of the most competitive regions in the nation and I look forward to the challenges that will be presented."

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 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.

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.

A 1 p.m. shotgun start is scheduled for both days.

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

For more information, call 267-5354.

Area playoff series set for Jack Barber Field

A best-of-three Class 4A area baseball playoff series between Plainview's Bulldogs and Pecos' Eagles has been scheduled for Friday and Saturday at Howard College's Jack Barber Field.

The first game of the series is set for 5 p.m. Friday. The second will start at 1 p.m. Saturday, and a third game, if necessary, will begin 30 minutes following Game 2.

LOCAL GAMES

TODAY HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL

7 p.m. — Coahoma Bulldogs vs. Wall Hawks, Class 2A area playoff, at McMurry University's Walt Driggers Field in Abilene.

ON THE AIR

Radio

HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL
7 p.m. — Coahoma Bulldogs vs. Wall Hawks, Class 2A area playoff game, KBST-AM 1490.

Television

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL
6:30 p.m. — Anaheim Angels at New York Yankees, FXS, Ch. 29.

NBA PLAYOFFS

5:30 p.m. — Orlando Magic at Philadelphia 76ers, Game 3, TBS, Ch. 11.

6 p.m. — San Antonio Spurs at Minnesota Timberwolves, Game 3, TNT, Ch. 28.

8 p.m. — Indiana Pacers at Milwaukee Bucks, Game 3, TBS, Ch. 11.

8:30 p.m. — Los Angeles Lakers at Houston Rockets, Game 3, TNT, Ch. 28.

NHL PLAYOFFS

6:30 p.m. — Western Conference semifinals, Game 4, Colorado Avalanche at Detroit Red Wings, ESPN, Ch. 30.

Garden City relay 'good and lucky' heading into state meet

By JOHN A. MOSELEY
Sports Editor

GARDEN CITY — There's an adage in sports, something to the effect that it's better to be lucky than good.

However, most athletes and coaches, regardless of the sport, will admit they'd rather be both — lucky and good.

That's exactly what Garden City Lady 'Kats' track coach Keith Stone and the members of his 1,600-meter relay team say they are ... good and lucky.

They'll remember that Saturday when they take part in the UIL Class 1A state track meet at the University of Texas' new Mike A. Myers Stadium in Austin.

A year ago, Garden City's foursome of Michelle Fuchs, J'Layne Niehues, Deirdra Hirt and M'Lynn Niehues spent

the entire season locked in a battle with district rival Sterling City's 1,600-meter relay team.

That running battle went all the way to the state meet where the Lady 'Kats' finished second to the Lady Eagles four-some.

But the prospects for this season seemed nothing short of bright.

After all, two members of the relay team, Fuchs and M'Lynn Niehues, were freshmen; Hirt was a sophomore and J'Layne Niehues was a junior — all four would be back for the 1999 season.

What nobody could have foreseen, however, was a mini-epidemic of mononucleosis sidelined Fuchs and the younger of the Niehues sisters at crucial times.

As a result, the Garden City relay team's journey to the Region I, Class 1A championship two weeks ago, was nothing

short of an impossible mission.

M'Lynn Niehues went down first, coming down with the disease the week before the district meet, and Stone admitted he very nearly decided to scrap his mile relay in favor of entering the girls individually in other events.

Luckily, Garden City had an ace up its sleeve — senior Tiffany Kujawski, a star distance runner on the Lady 'Kat' cross-country team for four years, who had long since decided running around an oval track didn't offer the excitement cross-country courses afforded.

As a result, Kujawski decided following her sophomore season that she'd pursue a different spring interest — tennis.

"We had to call Tiffany ... she was at the district tennis meet ... to see if she would help us out a day before the district meet," Stone said, recalling a deci-

sion that would lead the Lady 'Kats' relay on a somewhat circuitous route to the state meet. "She'd run on the track team as a freshman, but hadn't run in two years. She said she'd run, so that we'd have an opportunity to qualify for the area meet."

Kujawski's strength as a distance runner doesn't match the younger Niehues' speed, but her insertion in the Lady 'Kat' relay resulted in a third-place finish at the district meet, good enough to advance.

Then, just prior to the area meet, Fuchs contracted mononucleosis.

This time, however, Stone knew what to do. Kujawski stepped in again and the Lady 'Kats' finished fourth at the area meet, allowing them to advance to the

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Healthy, happy and ready to win

Stewart gunning for Junior Olympic gold this weekend

By JOHN A. MOSELEY
Sports Editor

Stephanie Stewart, a 16-year-old Big Spring High School sophomore, heads into Saturday's AAU Junior Olympics gymnastics competition in Austin expecting to have her best showing ever at the national meet.

Fresh off the best overall competitive finish of her career a month ago at the USA Gymnastics Region III Championships in Oklahoma City, taking third place in the all-around and winning the uneven parallel bars event, Stewart has her sights set on another win.

"I want to win it," she explained, taking a brief break during a Wednesday night workout with Big Spring YMCA Sidewinders teammates. "Having as good a regional meet as I had really has me excited about this weekend."

"I was pretty confident I'd do well in Oklahoma City, and it wound up being the best performance I've ever had," she added. "That has me just that much more convinced that I'm capable of winning in Austin."

Competing in the Level 10 seniors division — the highest in gymnastics competition, save for elite athletes — comprise the United States national and Olympic teams — Stewart took the regional championship in the uneven parallel bars with a 9.675 score and added sixth-place finishes in the vault and floor exercise.

With that showing under her belt, Sidewinders coach Russ McEwen, is every bit as confident as his young star that she's ready to turn in a strong performance.

"The more relaxed she is and the healthier she is ... the happier she is and the better she performs," McEwen explained. "And right now, Stephanie's really on top of things. Once we got her healthy, she's really been on a roll."

Stewart, who struggled all of last season after undergoing elbow surgery to remove bone spurs and calcium deposits, again battled injuries early in the season.

She again underwent surgery in February, this time to remove bone spurs in her right ankle.

In the process of preparing for surgery, however, Stewart also learned that she is diabetic, for the first couple of months after returning to competitive action, she continued to struggle.

"We spent a couple of months with her blood sugar level all over the place," McEwen explained. "That plays havoc with



Stephanie Stewart displays a big smile before preparing to start her workout on the uneven parallel bars Wednesday at the YMCA Sidewinders gymnasium. Stewart will be taking part in Saturday's AAU Junior Olympics championships in Austin.

your emotions and really saps your energy."

"But once we got her blood sugar level stabilized, she's felt better than she has in a long time and that's been reflected in the way she's performed and the scores she's been getting," he added.

As she prepares for Saturday's start of competition in the Austin Convention Center, Stewart says being healthy isn't the factor that's made a change in her performances.

"A lot of it has been mental ... I've changed the way I look at things a little," she noted. "As a matter of fact, that's probably been the biggest factor in my being able to stay healthy."

"In the past, I've always pushed myself too hard ... I really have," Stewart added.

"I'd get hurt and try to come back too quickly and wind up hurting myself again."

"But this time, I knew I was going to have the surgery ... I knew I was going to take some time to get my blood sugar level stabilized," she continued. "I knew I couldn't push myself this time ... that I was going to have to take my time."

The result, Stewart said, was even a change in her workout schedule.

"Now that I've taken all that pressure off myself, I'm a whole lot happier," she added. "I know when I walk in the door here that I'm going to have a good workout. Consequently, I wind up having to do something five or six times rather than 25. That change in outlook has carried over into the meets. I'm able to stay relaxed then, too, and that's a big difference."

State meet site creating big concerns

By JOHN A. MOSELEY
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Crossroads Country track fans planning to take in the University Interscholastic League's state track and field championships this weekend may want to make sure they leave earlier than usual.

The reason to arrive early for Friday's session for Class 3A and 4A athletes, as well as Saturday's Class 1A, 2A and 5A session, will be an anticipated shortage of seating at the University of Texas' new Mike A. Myers Stadium.

For 71 years, the state meet was held in the spacious confines of UT's Memorial Stadium, the 80,000-seat facility easily accommodating the as many as 50,000 spectators who annually travel to Austin for the state's premier high school track showcase.

All that has changed, now that the meet will be staged in the university's new, almost complete track facility.

Unfortunately, Myers Stadium will have a seating capacity of between 20,000 and 25,000 once permanent seating is installed. Those seats will not be ready for the meet, however, and UT officials say bleachers used earlier this spring during the Texas Relays will be employed during the state meet.

While the temporary seating will still provide seating for 20,000 or more, that is still a far cry from that needed to seat the almost certain 30,000 to 35,000 who have always streamed into Memorial Stadium for the state meet.

That means seating will be at a premium this weekend and long lines may be queued at the stadium's gates when fans arrive.

What's worse, however, is the new stadium has restroom and concession facilities for only 6,000. And that means even though who are able to get a seat may find themselves in long lines when waiting to use restrooms or purchase refreshments.

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Bosox's Martinez strikes out 15 for second straight game

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BASEBALL ROUNDUP

Pedro Martinez is striking out into new territory.

Martinez struck out 15 for the second straight game and became the first seven-game winner in the majors as the Boston Red Sox beat the Seattle Mariners 9-2 Wednesday night at Fenway Park.

"He's just the best I've seen in all my years," Seattle's Edgar Martinez said. "I faced Roger Clemens in his early years and Nolan Ryan. They were tough, but Pedro is better."

Martinez (7-1) matched his career high for strikeouts, set last Friday against Anaheim, and struck out at least 10 for the sixth straight time — something only he and Randy Johnson have done since 1987.

He fanned at least one batter in every inning.

"I had everything going," said Martinez, who allowed two runs and four hits in eight innings. "I just focus on my pitches and I get the strikeouts."

Martinez, who overtook Johnson for the major league strikeout lead with 91, didn't allow a hit until David Segui's leadoff double in the fifth.

"I've got the best stuff in the league," Mariners manager Lou Piniella said.

Minnesota won at Tropicana Field.

Mientkiewicz had a two-run single in the first and a two-run homer in the fifth. Corey Koskie hit a solo homer for the Twins, who won their second straight following a six-game losing streak.

Indians 6, Orioles 5

David Justice singled home two runs in the eighth inning as the Indians came from behind to win for the 13th time this season.

Held to three runs over the first seven innings by Mike Mussina, Cleveland scored three times in the eighth to win its third straight and improve to 24-9.

Athletics 2, Tigers 1

Tim Lincecum hit his first homer of the year and Oakland moved above .500 for the first time since the opening week of the season with a victory at Detroit.

Gil Heredia (3-2) allowed one run and three hits in seven-plus innings as the Athletics completed a two-game sweep.

Angels 1, Yankees 0

Chuck Finley allowed three hits in eight innings and Andy Sheets' RBI double broke a scoreless tie in the seventh at Yankee Stadium.

Finey (2-3), who struck out 11, and Troy Percival combined on the Angels'

second shutout this season and the first against the Yankees since Oakland blanked them last Sept. 2.

Royals 7, Blue Jays 1

Kevin Appier (4-2) gave up three hits, all to Shawn Green, and pitched his first complete game in almost two years.

Green, who had four RBIs the previous night, singled in the first and sixth and hit his 12th home run in the fourth, keeping him tied with Tampa Bay's Jose Canseco for the league lead. Jermaine Dye singled, doubled, homered and scored three runs as the Royals won for the fifth time in six games.

Phillies 8, Cardinals 4

Curt Schilling scattered seven hits in his second straight complete game as Philadelphia overcame a 4-0 deficit at Busch Stadium.

Schilling (6-1) fell behind in the fourth when Mark McGwire and Eli Marrero hit two-run homers. It was McGwire's eighth homer of the season and 465th of his career, tying Dave Winfield for 19th place on the career list.

Philadelphia came right back with five runs in the fifth on Mike Lieberthal's three-run homer off Darren Oliver (2-2) and Dave Doster's two-run shot two batters later.

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"I've felt all along that this is going to be a nightmare," Big Spring High School track coach Randy Britton said as he Steers sprint champion Tory Mitchell prepared to leave this morning. "It seems impossible to me that the University of Texas, knowing how many people always come to the state track meet, would build a facility that won't hold them," Britton added. "Worse than that, though, is the UIL's decision to try and hold the meet there, anyway. It just doesn't make much sense to me."

To Britton's way of thinking, the lack of seating for this year's meet is just another in an increasingly frustrating line of shortcomings he's seen in Austin.

"There's no place for these kids to warm up before the meet," he explained. "That was the case last year and from what I've seen, that's not going to change at Myers."

"Last year, because they wouldn't let kids get on the stadium's football field, we didn't have a place to warm up," Britton added. "We took Tory outside the stadium and had him do his warm up work on the sidewalk. That's absolutely ridiculous, but you do what you've got to do."

The Big Spring coach says he doesn't expect things to change a great deal this year, even with the meet being held on the new stadium's international oval.

"In a lot of ways the facility is going to be great for the kids that are competing," he added. "The wider turns ought to be a tremendous benefit for Tory in the 200 meters. Even if he winds up drawing the first line, like he did last year, the wider turn and 48-inch lanes will still allow him to run an extremely strong race."

But Britton bristles when told by UIL officials that they had little choice but to stage the meet at the unfinished UT stadium.

Charles Breithaupt, the UIL's athletic director, admitted that he and other UIL officials became concerned the moment

they were informed about the new stadium's seating capacity. "I understand the frustration of the fans, because I am a fan, too," Breithaupt said. "We are doing all we can, but we'll just have to wait and see how things go this year before making any decisions about next year's meet."

Breithaupt said UIL officials had been unable to find a suitable facility elsewhere around the state, citing the trend for larger universities to separate their football and track facilities, with track stadiums always being smaller.

Britton is frustrated by Breithaupt's suggestion that no other facility was available when the decision was made, noting that the track at the University of North Texas' Fouts Field in Denton would be a logical alternative.

But Breithaupt said that staging the meet in Denton would not be fair to athletes from the western and southern reaches of the state.

"It wouldn't make that much

of a difference for us," Britton said. "Denton's not much farther away from us than Austin."

Regardless, Mitchell will join athletes from Stanton, Coahoma, Sands, Garden City and Borden County this weekend at the new UT stadium, and Britton says he expects little change in what his defending state champion in the 100 and 200 meters will accomplish.

"Tory's the defending state and national champion, and as far as the track itself is concerned, it ought to be extremely

fast and he should be able to run great times," Britton predicted. "It's just a shame all the people that would like to see him run won't get the chance because there isn't enough seating."

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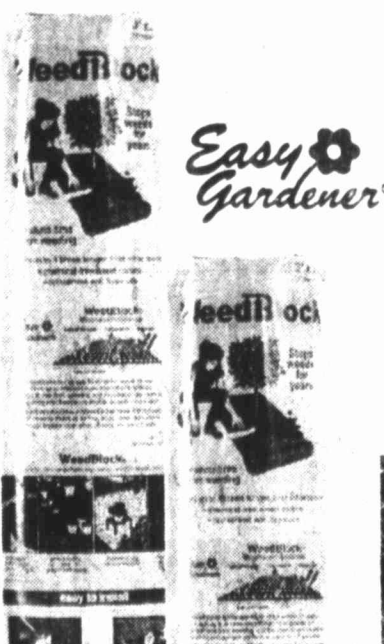


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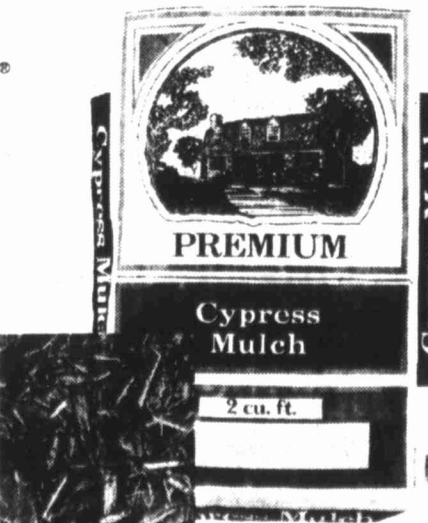
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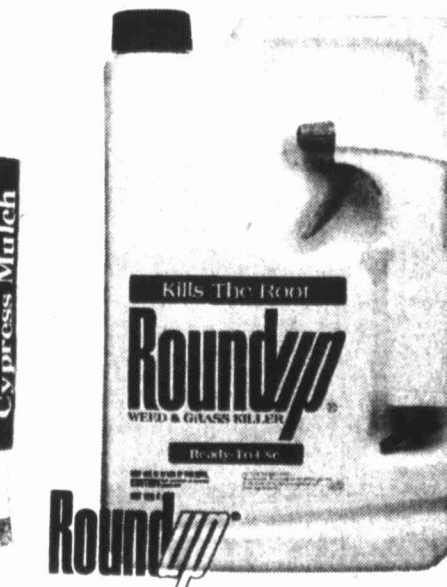
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FISHING

Here is the week's fishing report from the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department. (Report also available on-line at www.tpwd.state.tx.us)

ENCINAMIENTO: Bass are good on the points at Encinamiento. Fish better in the morning. Minnows and white jigs fished in 5 to 10 feet of water. White crappie are excellent on topwater.

BUCHANAN: White bass are fair on the Terminator spinnerbaits and fire. Crankbaits and shad or trolling bucktails are fair on the lower lake over 10 feet of water. Minnows and white jigs fished in 5 to 10 feet of water. White crappie are excellent on topwater.

SOUTH: Water is low. Black bass to 10 pounds are good on the watermelon and pumpkin. White bass are fair on the minnows and jigs. Crappie are good on the shad and minnows. Yellow perch are good on the cut bait and large minnows. Yellow perch are good on the cut bait and large minnows. Yellow perch are good on the cut bait and large minnows.

WEST: Water is low. Black bass to 5 pounds are good on the minnows and jigs. Crappie are good on the minnows and jigs. Blue and channel catfish are good on the cut bait and large minnows. Yellow perch are good on the cut bait and large minnows.

ARROWHEAD: Water is low. Black bass to 5 pounds are good on the minnows and jigs. Crappie are good on the minnows and jigs. Blue and channel catfish are good on the cut bait and large minnows. Yellow perch are good on the cut bait and large minnows.

BRADY: Water is low. Black bass to 5 pounds are good on the minnows and jigs. Crappie are good on the minnows and jigs. Blue and channel catfish are good on the cut bait and large minnows. Yellow perch are good on the cut bait and large minnows.

COLORADO CITY: Water is low. Black bass to 5 pounds are good on the minnows and jigs. Crappie are good on the minnows and jigs. Blue and channel catfish are good on the cut bait and large minnows. Yellow perch are good on the cut bait and large minnows.

FT. PHANTOM HILL: Water is low. Black bass to 5 pounds are good on the minnows and jigs. Crappie are good on the minnows and jigs. Blue and channel catfish are good on the cut bait and large minnows. Yellow perch are good on the cut bait and large minnows.

HUBBARD CREEK: Water is low. Black bass to 5 pounds are good on the minnows and jigs. Crappie are good on the minnows and jigs. Blue and channel catfish are good on the cut bait and large minnows. Yellow perch are good on the cut bait and large minnows.

KEMP: Water is low. Black bass to 5 pounds are good on the minnows and jigs. Crappie are good on the minnows and jigs. Blue and channel catfish are good on the cut bait and large minnows. Yellow perch are good on the cut bait and large minnows.

NOCOMA: Water is low. Black bass to 5 pounds are good on the minnows and jigs. Crappie are good on the minnows and jigs. Blue and channel catfish are good on the cut bait and large minnows. Yellow perch are good on the cut bait and large minnows.

OAK CREEK: Water is low. Black bass to 5 pounds are good on the minnows and jigs. Crappie are good on the minnows and jigs. Blue and channel catfish are good on the cut bait and large minnows. Yellow perch are good on the cut bait and large minnows.

POSSUM KINGDOM: Water is low. Black bass to 5 pounds are good on the minnows and jigs. Crappie are good on the minnows and jigs. Blue and channel catfish are good on the cut bait and large minnows. Yellow perch are good on the cut bait and large minnows.

SPENCE: Water is low. Black bass to 5 pounds are good on the minnows and jigs. Crappie are good on the minnows and jigs. Blue and channel catfish are good on the cut bait and large minnows. Yellow perch are good on the cut bait and large minnows.

TWIN BUTTES: Water is low. Black bass to 5 pounds are good on the minnows and jigs. Crappie are good on the minnows and jigs. Blue and channel catfish are good on the cut bait and large minnows. Yellow perch are good on the cut bait and large minnows.

WHITE RIVER: Water is low. Black bass to 5 pounds are good on the minnows and jigs. Crappie are good on the minnows and jigs. Blue and channel catfish are good on the cut bait and large minnows. Yellow perch are good on the cut bait and large minnows.

FISHING REPORT

Here is the weekly fishing report as compiled by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department for May 12. Report also available on Web as www.tfw.com.

CENTRAL
BROWNWOOD: Water clear; 75 degrees; Black bass are good on Chug Bugs and Pop-R's fished around the points at the docks and in 10 to 15 feet of water. White bass and hybrid strippers are excellent on topwaters fished early.

BUCHANAN: Water clear; 72 degrees; 8' low; Black bass are good on white/chartreuse Terminator spinnerbaits, green pumpkin Top Dog lizards and Fire Tiger Rat-L-Traps fished around islands with stickups. Striped bass are slow on live shad or trolling bucktail jigs in 18 feet of water in the lower lake over treated basins. Crappie are good on live minnows and jigs fished off the crappie dock. Channel and blue catfish are fair on chicken livers.

SOUTH
AMSTAD: Water fairly clear; 75 degrees; 41' low; Black bass to 3 pounds are excellent on watermelon and pumpkinseed worms fished in 10 to 18 feet of water. Crappie are slow to fair on minnows fished around the trees in 20 feet of water. White bass are fair on shad and minnows. Striped bass are good on Red Fins and Pencil Poppers fished early and late by the dam. Channel and blue catfish are good on cheesebait, chicken livers and shrimp fished in 5 to 20 feet of water. Yellow catfish to 30 pounds are good on trotlines and dropnets baited with live perch or goldfish set in 20 to 30 feet of water.

WEST
ALAN HENRY: Water stained; 68 degrees; 4.5' low; Black bass to 6 pounds are good on spinnerbaits, worms and lizards fished in 1 to 5 feet of water in the mouths of creeks. No reports on smallmouth or Alabama Spotted Bass. Crappie are good on live minnows and jigs fished off the crappie dock. Channel and blue catfish are good on minnows and shrimp.

ARROWHEAD: Water slightly stained; 65 degrees; 5' low; Black bass are good on white slabs, crankbaits and spinnerbaits fished in 4 to 6 feet of water. Crappie are excellent on minnows and chartreuse jigs fished in 2 to 5 feet of water around the rito rito, Henrietta bridge and at the state park. White bass are good on minnows and jigs fished in 5 to 15 feet of water they are schooling. Channel and blue catfish are excellent on nightcrawlers and shrimp in 7 to 8 feet of water in the river. Yellow catfish are good on trotlines baited with gold fish and perch on the south end of the lake.

BRADY: Water slightly stained; 72 degrees; 14' low; Black bass to 5 pounds are fair on shad patterned crankbaits and minnows fished in 5 to 6 feet of water. Crappie are poor on minnows and jigs fished in 3 to 5 feet of water. White bass are fair on minnows and jigs fished in 7 to 8 feet of water. Blue and channel catfish to 3 pounds are good on cut bait and large minnows fished in 5 to 10 feet of water. Yellow catfish are poor on trotlines baited with perch fished in 10 to 18 feet of water.

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

FT. PHANTOM HILL: Water stained; 69 degrees; 16' low; Black bass are fair on minnows and spinnerbaits fished in 3 to 4 feet of water. Crappie are good on minnows and jigs fished in 4 to 5 feet of water. Sand bass are excellent on jigs and minnows fished in 2 to 3 feet of water. Hybrid strippers are fair on shad and chicken livers fished in 6 to 7 feet of water. Blue catfish to 21 pounds are good on shad, minnows, shrimp and chicken livers fished in 7 to 10 feet of water. Yellow catfish to 27 pounds are good on perch and gold fish fished in 7 to 10 feet of water.

HUBBARD CREEK: Water slightly stained; 75 degrees; 4.5' low; Black bass are excellent on Rat-L-Traps, buzzbaits and lizards fished in 7 to 9 feet of water. Crappie are fair on minnows and small jigs fished in 1 to 5 feet of water. White bass are excellent on small jigs and slabs fished all over the lake. No reports of hybrid strippers. Channel catfish are good on nightcrawlers and dip bait fished in 2 to 5 feet of water in the mouth of creeks on the flats. No reports of blue or yellow catfish.

REMY: Water stained; 67 degrees; 12' low; Black bass are good on Rat-L-Traps fished in 2 to 5 feet of water. Sand bass are good on minnows fished in 4 to 6 feet of water. Crappie are excellent on minnows fished in 4 to 5 feet of water. Hybrid strippers are fair on shad and chicken livers fished in 3 to 4 feet of water. Blue and channel catfish are fair to 3 pounds on punch bait, worms and shrimp. Yellow catfish are poor on trotlines baited with goldfish.

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

NOCONA: Water stained; 70 degrees; 4.5' low; Black bass are good on black and blue lizards fished in 2 to 10 feet of water and slow rolling a white spinnerbait on the edge of the grass. Crappie are good on chartreuse jigs and minnows fished in 2 to 10 feet of water. White bass and hybrid strippers are fair on lipless crankbaits and sassy shads fished in 8 to 15 feet of water with some schooling action. Channel and blue catfish are good on prepared baits fished in 2 to 12 feet of water. Yellow catfish are good on trotlines baited with live shad and goldfish.

OAK CREEK: Water clear; 72 degrees; 11' low; Black bass to 6 pounds are excellent on worms, crankbaits, spinnerbaits and minnows fished in 4 to 10 feet of water. Crappie are good on small jigs and minnows fished in 5 to 10 feet of water. White bass are excellent on minnows and jigs fished in 4 to 10 feet of water. Channels and blue catfish to 10 pounds are good on minnows, livers, goldfish and stink baits fished in 5 to 10 feet of water. Yellow catfish to 40 pounds are good on goldfish, liver, shad, stink baits and minnows fished in 6 to 18 feet of water.

O.H. RIVE: Water clear; 72 degrees; 8' low; Black bass to 10 pounds are good on Carolina-rigged plastic lizards fished in 15 to 20 feet of water. Crappie are poor during the day but fair at night on minnows and jigs fished under lights in 35 to 40 feet of water. White bass are fair on minnows and slabs at night under green lights. Catfish are fair on trot lines baited with live bait fished in 25 to 30 feet of water up the river.

POSSUM KINGDOM: Water clear; 68 degrees; 8' low; Black bass are good using Stugs, worms and small jigs fished in 5 to 10 feet of water. White bass are slow on minnows, roadrunners and Rat-L-Traps fished in 2 to 10 feet of water. Striped bass to 12 pounds are good on live shad fished in 20 to 30 feet of water. Crappie are slow on minnows and jigs fished in 2 to 10 feet of water. Blue catfish are good on cut shad fished in 20 to 40 feet of water. Yellow catfish are slow on perch fished in 20 to 30 feet of water.

SPENCE: Water stained; 75 degrees; Black bass to 4 pounds are good on spinnerbaits and crankbaits fished in 1 to 5 feet of water. White bass are excellent on minnows, worms and crankbaits fished in 6 to 10 feet of water on sand bars. Crappie are good on minnows fished in 6 to 12 feet of water on under water bluffs. Striped bass to 17 pounds are good on white Rat-L-Traps and crankbaits fished in 15 to 20 feet of water. Channel and blue catfish to 8 pounds are good on minnows and cut shad fished in 5 to 10 feet of water. Yellow catfish to 42 pounds are fair on trotlines baited with perch and goldfish.

STAMFORD: Water slightly stained; 70 degrees; 12.5' low; Black bass are poor on plastic worms and minnows. Crappie are good on minnows fished in shallow water. White bass are poor on minnows fished near the power plant. Yellow catfish to 44 pounds are good on trotlines baited with shiners, shad and perch. Channel catfish are fair on cut shad and punch bait. Blue catfish are excellent on punch bait and cut shad fished in 1 to 2 feet of water with sandy bottoms.

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

TWIN BUTTES: Water stained; 69 degrees; Black bass are good on spinnerbaits, worms and crankbaits fished in 2 to 10 feet of water along the dam and up the rivers. White bass are fair on minnows and small spinners fished in 2 to 10 feet of water along the dam. Crappie are good on jigs and minnows fished in 5 to 10 feet of water in Spring Creek and Middle Concho. Channel, blue and yellow catfish are good on trotlines baited with live perch. One boat ramp near sailboat point is now accessible.

WHITE RIVER: Water stained; 69 degrees; 15' low; Black bass are good on spinnerbaits and worms fished off the banks. No reports of crappie or catfish. Due to the low lake level, extreme caution is advised on all boat ramps.

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The bad news
About 30,000 kinds, or species, of plants and animals are close to extinction throughout the world.

"EXTINCT" MEANS A SPECIES NO LONGER EXISTS. IT IS GONE FOREVER.



The good news
Many nations have laws protecting the Earth's endangered species. Hundreds of species in the U.S. have been saved since Congress passed the Endangered Species Act in 1973. Today the act protects nearly 1,000 kinds of plants and animals. More than half of all species listed as endangered in 1973 are now in good shape.



The bald eagle was in danger of extinction only 30 years ago. Efforts to protect it paid off. It is still threatened, but not endangered.

Endangered species are those plants and animals in danger of extinction throughout the area in which they are usually found.



The passenger pigeon is extinct. Since the Pilgrims landed in 1620, more than 500 species have become extinct in America.

Threatened species are animals and plants that are likely to become endangered in the near future unless they are protected.



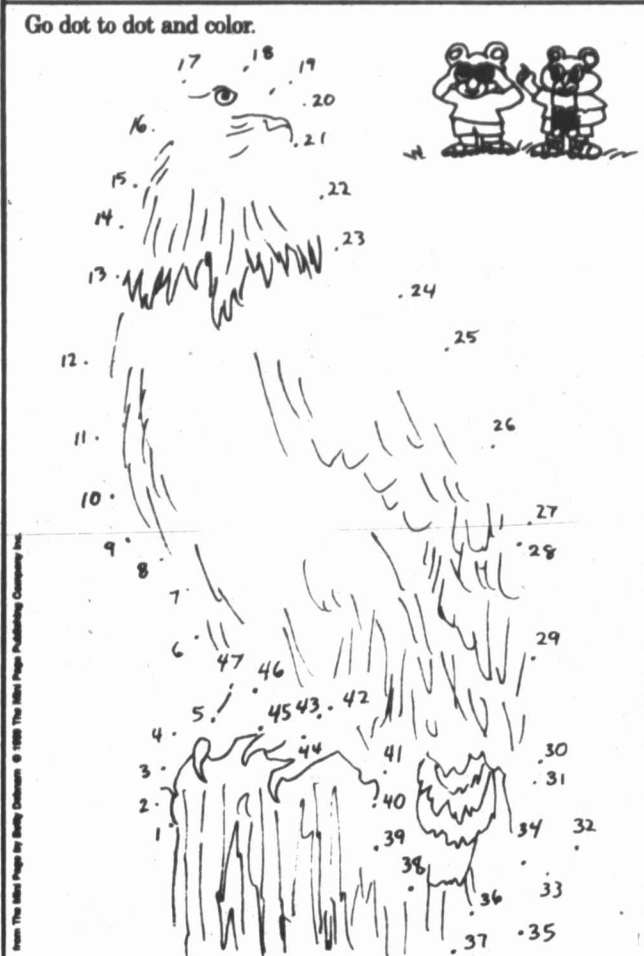
The grizzly bear is threatened. In 1800, there were about 50,000 grizzlies in the area of the lower 48 states. Today there are fewer than 1,000.

Endangered Species Act
The purposes of this law are to:

- identify plants and animals in trouble;
- protect them and their habitats so they have what they need to live;
- prevent people from selling items made from endangered species;
- protect them from people who want to hurt or kill them.



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A: Because he wanted to be a beachcomber!

Q: What did the cat eat for breakfast?
A: Mousekripes!
(All jokes sent in by Amber Bowmanster)

Rookie Cookie's Recipe
Mushroom Chops

You'll need:

- 4 pork chops
- 1 can cream of mushroom soup
- 1 cup water

What to do:

1. Cook pork chops in a skillet over medium heat 15 minutes or until browned. Turn every 5 minutes.
2. Place chops in an 8-by-8-inch baking dish.
3. In a medium bowl, combine soup and water. Mix well.
4. Pour soup over chops.
5. Bake in a preheated 350-degree oven for 1 hour.

Serves 4.



ENDANGERED SPECIES

Words that remind us of endangered species are hidden in the block below. Some words are hidden backward. See if you can find: ENDANGERED, SPECIES, EXTINCT, PLANTS, WORLD, ANIMALS, DANGER, BALANCE, NATURE, DAMAGE, LIFE, DIFFERENT, SPECIAL, ALLIGATOR, FOOD, BEAUTY, EAGLE.

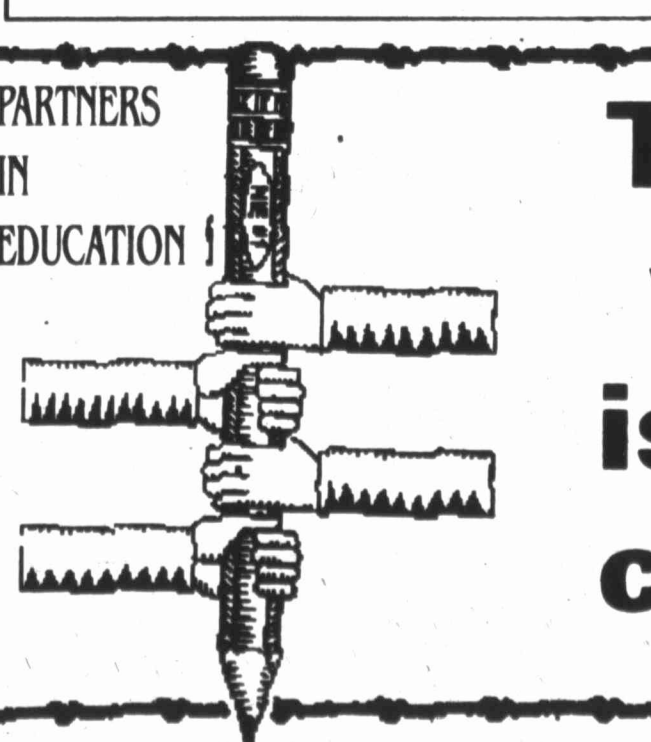
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Protecting the Earth's Treasures

Why protect wildlife?

HUMANS MAY NOT KNOW EXACTLY HOW EVERYTHING FITS IN, BUT WE KNOW THAT IT DOES.

All plants and animals are part of a web of life. If any part of that web is taken out, it will disturb everything else. We may not be able to see the damage right away, but sooner or later, the trouble in nature will show up. All animals and plants are equally important to each other. Everything has a special place.



Alligators have been on Earth for 200 million years. But by 1967, they had been made nearly extinct in the U.S. People destroyed their habitat by draining swamps. They killed alligators to make shoes and purses, for food, for sport or from fear.

Special and different: Every type of animal or plant is different. If we lose one species, we have lost a model that can never be replaced.

Science and medicine: If a species is destroyed, we give up the chance to learn how valuable it might be. About half of all medicines come from, or were copied from, plants and animals. Some examples include:

- aspirin (from the willow)
- anti-cancer drugs (from the yew)
- drugs to treat childhood leukemia (from the rosy periwinkle).

Food: Fewer than 20 species of plants produce 90 percent of all the world's food. It is important to find other food sources or species that are bug- or disease-resistant.

Beauty: Animals and plants make our planet a special, wonderful home.

Respect: It is important to respect all forms of life. Many people believe that all living beings have a right to live.

Hidden meaning
Sometimes what makes a species so important is something we never even think of. If we destroy a species, we could leave a hole too big to fix.

A good example is the American alligator. Without the alligator, a lot of other species would die, too. But we didn't understand this until it was almost too late.

One of the most important things alligators do is to make hollows in the marsh. They use their whole bodies to make small craters in the ground. Water stays in these "gator holes." During a dry spell, they might hold the only water in the area.

Why species are in danger
The main reason plants and animals become endangered is because they lose their habitats.

- Other reasons species become endangered or extinct include:
- pollution
 - predators
 - diseases
 - loss of food sources
 - illegal or unrestricted killing or collecting of wildlife.

For more on this subject see: www.fws.gov and www.mfw.org
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Some water-loving animals that depend on "gator holes" include:

- crayfish
- turtles
- frogs
- many kinds of fish and insects

Other animals eat these species. Without "gator holes," they would not have enough food. These include:

- otters
- raccoons
- great blue herons
- water snakes.

Fortunately, people acted in time. In 1967, the American alligator was endangered. Twenty years later, it had completely recovered.

Different needs
Sometimes the interests of wildlife conflict with the interests of people. But people can protect both jobs and wildlife.

The red-cockaded woodpecker is the only bird to make holes in living pine trees for its nests. Many other animals need these holes, including:

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- owls
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Cancer survivor wins sympathy

DEAR ABBY: I just about flipped at the insensitivity of the husband who suggested that he and his wife — a breast cancer survivor — go to the nude beaches on the Riviera.

My story is similar. I've been happily married to a wonderful man for more than 31 years. I was diagnosed with breast cancer in 1997, followed by surgery (mastectomy), nine months of chemotherapy and reconstruction. I am the proud owner of a very real-looking implant breast and nipple.

The emotions and adjustments are sometimes overwhelming — especially the hair loss and chemo. "Survivor" does NOT have a problem. She appears to be very positive in her attitude about the future, and very normal in her feelings about being uncomfortable. In fact, I'm sure this woman's concerns would strike a similar chord in the hearts and minds of every woman who has suffered through the battle with breast cancer.

I have been on the beach with a lot of topless European women. Most of them would look better with an attractive suit to cover them. — A FAN IN CINCINNATI

DEAR FAN: I, too, was sure that the concerns of the "Survivor in San Francisco" would resonate with other breast cancer survivors. And that is why I tried to reassure her. I have a basket full of letters from readers who felt compelled to respond. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: Thank God I don't have to deal with a clod like her husband. He cannot be that stupid; it must be deliberate indifference to her feelings.

If her husband had a testicle missing, how do you think he would have reacted to her suggesting the same thing? Are you really so naive, Abby? Your answer left much to be desired. — KELLY IN SANTA ANA, CALIF.

DEAR KELLY: I can't speak for the husband. However, I have it on good authority from one of my staff that when she visited a nude beach some years ago, while looking up from her book she happened to notice at eye level a man with only one testicle. As I stated in my answer, you see everything at nude beaches.

Not everyone reacted negatively to the idea of a breast cancer survivor visiting a nude beach. Some were wonderfully supportive.

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Glassware, coins, movies, hand guns, long guns, rod-n-reel, liquor decanters, lamps, beer steins, new cases of markers & pens, golf clubs, bicycle, exer. machines, elect. lawnmower, spring horse, TV, end tables, wood rockers, dining tables w/chairs, twin bed, sofas & chairs, roll-away bed, fans, microwave, elect. range, coffee table, ladder back chairs, new 2-wheel dolly, air compressor, craftsman table saw, concrete tools, elect. fencing w/charger, bookcase, bar stools, air tank, 5 gal. propane tank, records, trombone, oboe, lots more...

Selling for City of Big Spring: '86 Chevy, PU, '91 Mercury Tracer, '76 Ford L-600, '83 Dodge PU, '86 Crown Victoria; 2-'91 Crown Victoria.

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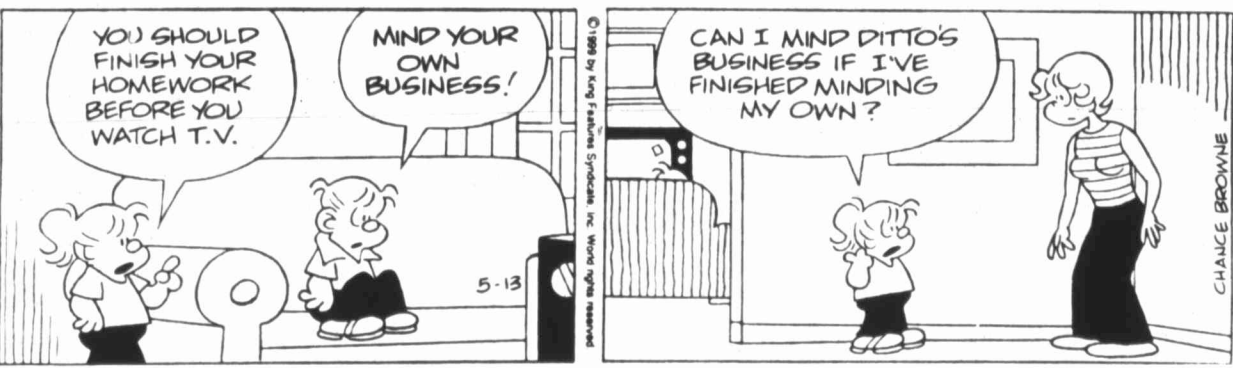
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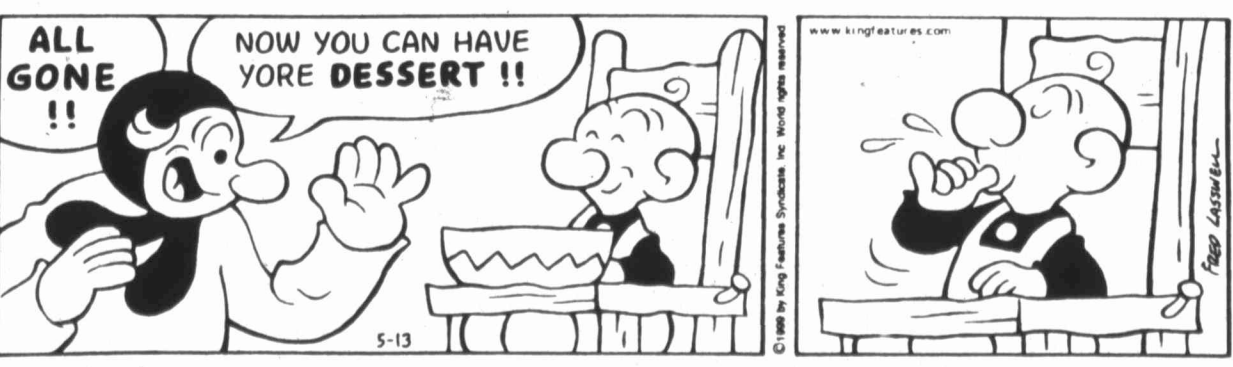
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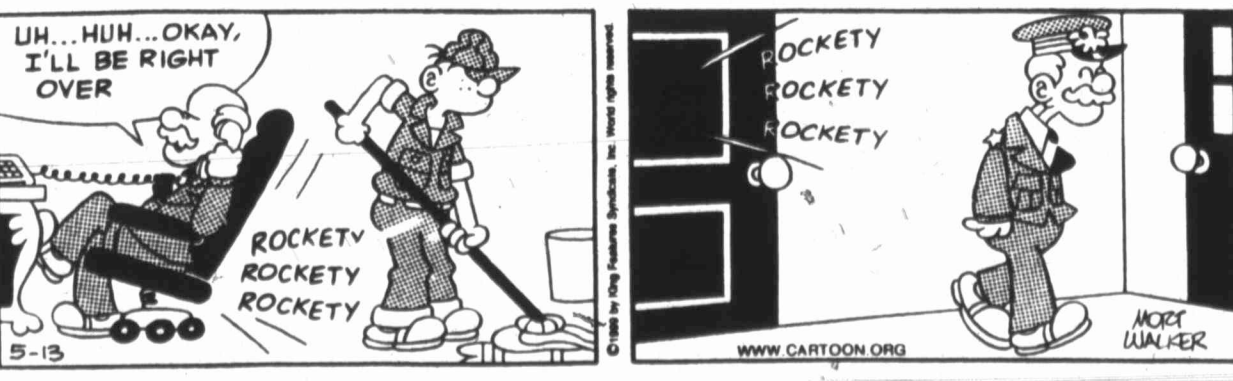
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THIS DATE IN HISTORY

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Today is Thursday, May 13, the 133rd day of 1999. There are 232 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: On May 13th, 1607, the English colony at Jamestown, Va., was settled.

On this date: In 1842, composer Sir Arthur Sullivan, who collaborated with

Sir William Gilbert in writing 14 comic operas, was born in London.

In 1846, the United States declared that a state of war already existed against Mexico.

In 1917, three peasant children near Fatima, Portugal, reported seeing a vision of the Virgin Mary.

In 1918, the first U.S. airmail stamps, featuring a picture of an airplane, were introduced. (The airplane was printed upside-down on some stamps, making them collector's items.)

In 1940, in his first speech as prime minister of Britain, Winston Churchill told the House of Commons, "I have nothing to offer but blood, toil, tears and sweat."

In 1954, President Eisenhower signed into law the St. Lawrence Seaway Development Act.

In 1954, the musical play "The Pajama Game" opened on Broadway.

In 1958, Vice President Nixon's limousine was battered by rocks thrown by anti-U.S. demonstrators in Caracas, Venezuela.

In 1981, Pope John Paul II was shot and seriously wounded in St. Peter's Square by Turkish assailant Mehmet Ali Agca.

In 1985, a confrontation between Philadelphia authorities and the radical group "MOVE" ended as police dropped an explosive onto the group's headquarters; 11 people died in the resulting fire.

Ten years ago: In unusually strong language, President Bush called on the people of Panama and the country's defense forces to overthrow their military leader, Gen. Manuel Antonio Noriega.

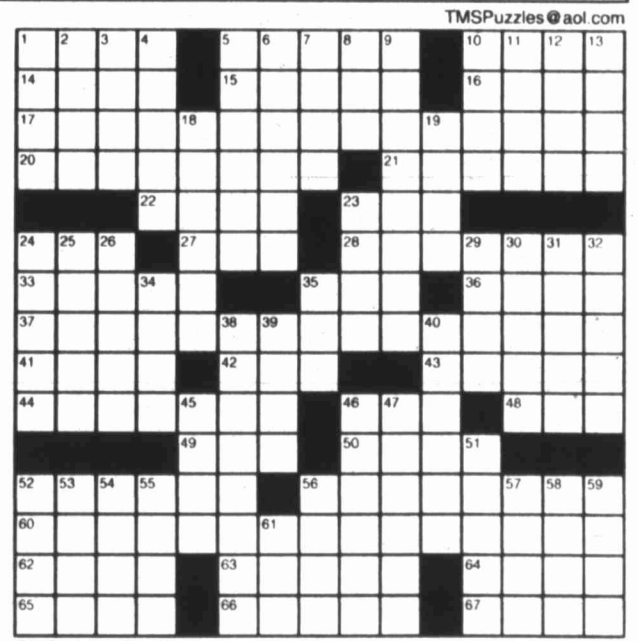
Five years ago: President Clinton nominated federal appeals Judge Stephen G. Breyer to the U.S. Supreme Court to replace retiring Justice Harry A. Blackmun.

One year ago: President Clinton ordered harsh sanctions against an unapologetic India, which undertook a second round of nuclear tests despite global criticism.

THE Daily Crossword

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- ACROSS
- Makes a decision
 - Turkish VIPs
 - Roasting rod
 - Genesis character
 - Brittle
 - Facility
 - Architect of St. Paul's Cathedral
 - Rubber bands
 - Estimated expenses
 - "Gun, Will Travel"
 - Liquid sample
 - Expert
 - ___ diem (daily)
 - Breakfast dishes
 - Unique
 - Anger
 - Spicy stew
 - Grisham bestseller
 - Actress Russo
 - Ready when you ___
 - Ancient country on the Aegean
 - Insect's feeler
 - Alma-___
 - Kazakhstan
 - USNA grad
 - Mil. training course
 - S. Connery film
 - Lose weight
 - Brando/Fonda
 - West Coast team
 - Designer Wang
 - Creative movement of the '60s
 - Bridle strap
 - Phnom ___
 - Cambodia
 - Becomes weary
 - First family of Ferrara
 - Single time
 - Sci-fi author of "Rogue Star"



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Wednesday's Puzzle Solved

GREW UGHS ADAMS
IOTA NOOK GOGOL
MINI TONI REEVE
PLANTING THESE SEED
SUDS YEN
FARCRY APE TACK
ORION CRONE TIRE
CULTIVATE AN IDEA
ABE POSIT CREPT
LAST WEE NOOSES
ICE MORN
REAPED THEREWARD
ORLON HARM ASEA
ALOFT ALGA RIFT
REEFS NOEL EASE

- DOWN
- 39 Pension \$\$
 - 40 Whiten
 - 45 Night: pref.
 - 46 Stick
 - 47 Foots the bill
 - 51 Chicago airport
 - 52 Invitation letters
 - 53 Bigfoot's shoe size
 - 54 Mild expletive
 - 55 Beehive State
 - 56 Russian autocrat
 - 57 Dumbfound
 - 58 Comic sketch
 - 59 Anglo-Saxon slave
 - 61 Center starter?

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Thought for Today: "A man can build a staunch reputation for honesty by admitting he was in error especially when he gets caught at it." - Robert Ruark, American author (1915-1965).