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WHAT'S UP...

TODAY

□ Fraternal Order of Eagles Aerie, 7 p.m., Eagles Lodge, 704 W. Third.

THURSDAY

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

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

□ Kiwanis Club, noon, Howard College Cactus Room.

□ Genealogical Society of Big Spring, 7:15 p.m., Howard County Library.

□ Masonic Lodge No. 1340, 7:30 p.m., 2101 Lancaster.

FRIDAY

□ AMBUCS, noon, Brandin' Iron Restaurant.

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

SATURDAY

□ Dance 8:30 p.m., Eagles Lodge, 704 W. Third. Everyone welcome.

□ The Heritage Museum, 510 Scurry, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

□ The Potton House, 200 Gregg, a restored historic home, is open from 1 to 5 p.m. A one-time admission fee of \$2 for adults and \$1 for children and senior citizens are encouraged.

□ Big Spring Squares call 267-7043 or 263-6305 for more information.

MONDAY

□ Texas Tech Ex-Student Association Big Spring Chapter, 6 p.m., Sparenberg Building, 309 S. Main.

WEATHER

Tonight:



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TONIGHT 63°-66° **THURSDAY** 96°-98°

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For some Big Spring kids, it's back to school again this Thursday

By **MARSHA STURDIVANT**
Staff Writer

Big Spring students who did not advance into their next grade level have a second chance starting Thursday, with a three-week, intensive session of summer school.

"We polled parents and students and teachers, and overwhelmingly, every one said they wanted to see a shorter session with longer school days," said Esthela



AGUIRRE

Aguirre, curriculum director for BSISD. Traditionally, summer school is a six-week session of half day instruction.

However, this year the 15-day session begins Thursday and ends June 23. Available for students in grades first through eighth, a solid eight hours of instruction will be presented from 8:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. each day, she said.

"This will be a full-fledged school day. We will have P.E. and music and library, and we will target all the core curriculum areas," Aguirre said.

On the first class day, students will be given a pre-assessment test. This, along with a detailed report submitted by their last classroom teacher will help identify

those areas the student needs to reach grade-level work, she said.

At the conclusion of the session, a post-assessment test will be administered. If the student meets all the academic criteria and attends 90 percent of the 15-day session, they will be advanced into the next grade, she said.

"We have 189 students in grades first through eighth, and 14 teachers, one principal, three aides and two instructional aides who will work as parent involvement coordinators. Classes will be small," she said.

Parental involvement is a large component of a successful summer school program, Aguirre said. For the 1998 summer

session, more than 100 percent of the parents became involved in the process of educating their children, she said.

"We had neighbors and friends attend the awards assembly, and parents dropped in throughout the day. But the parents told us they really wanted the parent participation to be in the evenings, because they work and they can't take off work, so we will have family nights this summer," she said.

Teachers will undergo in-service training featuring Family Math Night coordinators Joy Armstrong and Rosie Lain, teachers from Washington Elementary

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Best friends Crystal Torres, Jennifer DeLeon, Kimberly Hartfield, and Jennifer Peterson (left to right) take a break from playing to pose for a picture. The kids were playing in the park with the YMCA summer program.

Calls keep coming in, pass 600 mark for prospective StarTek USA employees

By **BILL McCLELLAN**
News Editor

Calls keep coming in from people interested in what a prospective employer, StarTek USA, has to offer, and Texas Workforce Center area manager Virginia Belew couldn't be happier.

"It's been great and we would like more response if we can get it," Belew said Tuesday afternoon. "We want to show the employer that Big Spring really wants them here and can meet their demands for a labor pool."

More than 600 people have contacted the workforce center for information, Belew said.

StarTek USA is a Colorado-based computer software support company which is considering locating a customer ser-

vice center in Big Spring. The firm, which is looking into the former Kmart building near Big Spring Mall, would employ about 375 people.

Officials with the company will meet with prospective employees at various times Thursday and Friday in the East Room at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. The sessions are being set up by the Texas Workforce Center. Response to the sessions is a pivotal point in the company's opening a center here.

"People who may not be looking for employment right now but who plan to in the future or who may be interested in working during the Christmas holidays, things like that, should go ahead and get the information now," said Belew. "They have flexible hours and will be hiring people part-time and for the weekends."

"It is ideal for people who want to supplement their existing income. It's great for someone who wants a second job."



BELEW

STARTEK

NEEDED: 600 job applicants

FOR: Prospective technical and software support jobs

WHEN: Thursday, Friday

WHERE: East Room, Dorothy Garrett Coliseum

CONTACT: Texas Workforce Center, 267-7437

Starting wages are \$6.50 an hour with the average wage \$8.50 to \$9 an hour, Belew said. StarTek is looking for all types of employees.

"They will be hiring trainers as well as supervisors and managers and customer representatives. There will be a lot of positions," she said.

Those interested should call the Texas Workforce Center 267-7437 as soon as possible.

Legislature

West Texas lawmakers say session was a good one for Howard County

By **BILL McCLELLAN**
News Editor

West Texas lawmakers are lauding the recently completed session of the 76th Legislature as a good one, particularly when it comes to this area.

"We just ended what I think was one of the most productive sessions we've ever had," said Sen. Robert Duncan (R-Lubbock), who, along with Rep. David Counts (D-Knox City) and Sen. Troy Fraser (R-Horseshoe Bay) met with local constituents Tuesday at the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce.

Calling the trio the "West Texas Team," Fraser said one reason for the productive session was the lawmaker's ability to work together.

"Without us working together, we wouldn't get as much done — 'cause we're out-numbered," Duncan said. Bills for education, electric utility deregulation, boll weevil eradication, children's health care and tax cuts made up legislation the three were most proud of.

"I think the people won this time," said Counts. "Education got almost 75 percent of the surplus funds, both higher education and public schools... We spent quite a bit of money, but

it was for the right reasons." Of the \$4.6 billion budget surplus, \$3.5 billion went to education, said Counts. In the education bill are provisions to give all public school teachers in the state a \$3,000 pay hike as well as an increase in the multiplier for retired teachers.

Some \$13.4 billion was appropriated for higher education, including an 18 percent increase for Howard College.

"One of the most significant things we did was the education budget," said Duncan. "The school finance package contains more than \$1.4 billion in property tax relief for Texans in all school districts."

Counts ran off a list of items that were passed, most of which will go into effect Sept. 1. Among them was CHIP, the Children's Health Insurance Program, which provides insurance coverage for children from birth to age 18 if their parents earn up to 200 percent of the federal poverty level.

"I think this will be a real help to counties, and lessen the burden of indigent care," said Counts. "I think we could also see some benefit from preventative care."

Others were parental notification of a minor who wants to have an abortion and lowering the legal blood alcohol limit from .10 percent to .08 percent.

"You'll have to strap children in the back seat now, or at least on Sept. 1," said Counts. "It used to be just in the front seat, but we passed a bill whereby you'll have to buckle them up in the back seat as well. Research and statistics have shown a lot of people have been hurt in the back seat."

Other bills, he said, place an emphasis on preparing pre-kindergarten and kindergarten children for the start of school, and more significant testing for third and ninth graders.

Also significant, said Duncan,

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DUNCAN



COUNTS



FRASER

Memorial Day weekend death toll tops projection

By **MARSHA STURDIVANT**
Staff Writer

At least 37 people died in traffic accidents during the Memorial Day weekend holiday, according to Operation Motorcade, which focused DPS troopers on Texas highways.

"This is 10 deaths higher than the pre-holiday estimate for the 78-hour period from 6 p.m. Friday through midnight Monday. These 37 people died in 32 fatal traffic crashes," said Tom Vinger, DPS spokesperson.

Vinger said the 32 crashes could be broken down into 18 one-vehicle collisions; 10 two-vehicle accidents; one four-vehicle crash; and two auto-pedestrian accidents.

Of those crashes, 23 people were injured, and some remained in critical condition, Vinger said.

"Where seat belt usage was

determined and applicable, 50 percent of those killed were not wearing their safety belts," Vinger said.

At least 56 percent of the accidents and 54 percent of the fatalities were one-vehicle accidents. At least 16 percent of the accidents were alcohol-related.

"But that number is expected to rise as more complete information is available," he said.

Most, 28 of the 32 accidents, involved single fatalities. Karnes County had a three-fatality crash, and double-fatalities were reported in Cameron County and in the cities of Canyon and San Antonio.

Fatal traffic accidents took place in Austin, Canyon, Dallas, which had three fatal independent accidents, Farmers Branch, Houston, La Porte, San Antonio, which recorded four fatalities total, Richardson and

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April Morgan Whetsel, 2-months old, received a full two-year scholarship from Howard College for being the first baby born in Howard County in April, which is Community College Month. Her mother, Twila Whetsel, along with her father Terry and her older brother Jordan, were on hand to accept the scholarship.

Ruling favors Martin County commissioners

By **ALLISON THOMAS**
Staff Writer

Judge Ray McKim has ruled in favor of Martin County Commissioners Court in a lawsuit recently filed by representatives of the Martin County Hospital.

Representing the hospital as plaintiffs were Robert "Walt" Haislip and Alison Barnhill, co-administrators for the hospital, and hospital physical Dr. Pablo C. Teveni.

Defendants included County Judge Charles "Corky" Blocker, along with commissioners Doyle Hale, Homer Henson, Eldon Welch, and Wade Turner.

The plaintiffs had contended that the commissioners court violated the Open Meetings Act by failing to specifically state that they were appointing hos-

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OBITUARIES

Jack Harold Jones Sr.

Jack Harold Jones Sr., 68, Big Spring, went to be with the Lord on Tuesday, June 1, 1999, at the VA Hospital after a lengthy illness. Graveside service will be 10 a.m. Friday, June 4, 1999, at Trinity Memorial Park with Bro. Robert Rachui officiating.

Jack was born on Nov. 29, 1930, in Howard County, to Luther and Alvenia Jones. He married Mary Thomas on Jan. 1, 1955, in Stanton.

He was a Baptist and had served in the United States Marine Corps. He retired from the Big Spring Police Department after serving 22 years and then owned the Credit Bureau of Big Spring until retiring in 1988.

Survivors include: his wife, Mary Jones of Big Spring; one son and daughter-in-law, Jack and Kenda Jones of Big Spring; one daughter and son-in-law, Sherri and Allen Perry of Big Spring; his mother, Alvenia Messimer of Big Spring; one sister, Melba Engdahl of Aurora, Colo.; one granddaughter, Anna Beach; one grandson, Jacoby Jones; and one great-granddaughter, Ashton Beach, all of Big Spring; several aunts, nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his father, Luther, two sisters, Nanna Lee White and Delores Ingram and one grandson, Christopher Shawn Savell.

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

FATAL

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Temple.
There were also fatal wrecks in Cameron, with three fatalities, Cass, Erath, Gray, Hardin, Hays, Hood, Karnes, Midland, La Salle, Scurry, Swisher, Titus, Travis and Van Zandt counties, Vinger said.

SCHOOL

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who created the program.
"This was such a wonderful program at Washington last year, and so well received we

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Jack Harold Jones, Sr., 68, died Tuesday. Graveside services will be 10:00 AM Friday at Trinity Memorial Park.

Cheryl Stansel, 53, died Tuesday. Services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

Icey Weir, 83, died Wednesday. Services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

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are doing this here," she said.
Breakfast and lunch will be provided at Moss Elementary for grades first through sixth, and an afternoon snack will be available for first graders, she said.
Seventh and eighth graders will be attending summer school at the high school.
"Last year was so successful, and we are anticipating an even more successful summer school this year," Aguirre said.

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was funding for boll weevil eradication.
"We put \$75 million in emergency and regular appropriations for a cost-share program in boll weevil eradication," Duncan said. "I'm really excited about doing that."

Fraser and Duncan authored legislation to deal with the Year 2000, or Y2K computer bug. The bill sets limits for legal disputes growing out of any Y2K failures.

Fraser also pushed through legislation giving 'mom and pop' businesses a tax break.

The former Big Spring representative and native also noted the passage of two other bills he co-authored, electric deregulation and legislation to lower the cost of making an in-state long distance phone call.

"It should cut long distance rates in half," said Fraser.

Counts said electric deregulation "will be a very good thing." He said cooperatives signed off on the legislation, and that the competition should benefit consumers.

"I think in five years we'll have lower electric rates," said Fraser.
The electric deregulation bill also included provisions for renewable energy development, which could lead to the expansion of the wind turbine project in Howard County.

The three legislators briefly reviewed bills they had worked to get passed which didn't make it through the process, including one which would have benefited Fina and Western Container specifically.
"It would have been really good for our community," said Counts. "But we pulled it when it became obvious it wasn't going to make it. Sometimes you just have to know when to hold 'em, when to fold 'em and when to walk away. We walked away, but we will be back again in two years and try again."

RULING

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pital board members on their April 26 agenda.
The April 26 agenda in question read "Consider Hospital Board appointments." The commissioners appointed new board members Jerry Cox, Jimmy Wheeler and Lloyd Mims at that meeting. Outgoing board members Charlotte White and Bobby Graves were not re-appointed.

The plaintiffs' claim was that the agenda did not sufficiently inform the public of the plan to appoint new board members that day. The plaintiffs sought to prevent the new appointments and to require that the commissioners no longer meet in a quorum, a group of three or more members, to discuss business outside official meetings.

When the 118th District Court convened in Martin County last Friday, Judge McKim decided in favor of the county commissioner's court.

"I followed what I felt was the law," said McKim. "I do not think the commissioner's court violated the Open Meetings Act."

The plaintiffs' move to prevent the commissioners to meet in a quorum was also denied. McKim said he cannot prevent the commissioners from somehow violating the act in the future by meeting in a quorum.

"I can't rule in an ongoing way," explained McKim. "I can suggest that they try not to violate the Open Meetings Act in the future."

There are different opinions as to whether this trial will have any impact on the way the county commissioner's court and other agencies will handle business.

"Shouldn't be any difference in the way we do meetings,"

said Commissioner Henson, who is happy with the outcome. "Any difference in the agenda is up to the judge. He's the one who draws up the agenda."
The new appointments of Cox, Wheeler and Mims made at the April 29 meeting will stand.

"I could be happier," said Haislip of the ruling. "But we had our hearing in court, and despite the fact that the judge ruled in the commissioners' favor, I think this will have an impact on the way a lot of government agencies hold their meetings."

Big Spring PD arrest several on burglary charges

Big Spring Police Department reported that several individuals, including six juveniles, have been arrested in connection with two separate burglary of a habitation offenses.

Today, witnesses saw a burglary in the 500 block of State and observed suspects attempting to steal an air conditioner.

The witnesses called the BSPD and gave a description of the vehicle and the suspects, and police located the vehicle and arrested three juveniles who matched the descriptions.

The property was recovered. On Sunday, in the 800 block of West Seventh, witnesses to a burglary called 911 and officers discovered the suspects and the stolen merchandise a short time later.

Offices arrested three juveniles and one adult and all the property was recovered. On Monday, a 12-year-old in the south area of the city reported an incident of indecency with a child. The suspect is a person known to him, and the investigation is continuing.

Michael Jackson's son hospitalized in New York

NEW YORK (AP) — Michael Jackson is keeping a vigil at the bedside of his 2-year-old son who was unconscious after a seizure, caused by a viral infection.

Prince Michael Jackson Jr. was stricken over the weekend, said Jonathan Morrish, an executive with Sony Records, Jackson's label.

"Friday night the child ... lost consciousness, and his legs and arms were paralyzed because of a high viral fever," Morrish said Tuesday in Modena, Italy, where Jackson was to have attended a benefit concert.

"The next 24 hours will be decisive for Prince's health," he told Italian news agency ANSA. "Michael would have wanted with all his heart to be in Modena but as all parents can understand he could not leave his son at this moment."

BRIEFS

A BENEFIT FUND HAS been established for newly diagnosed six year old leukemia patient Blake Brooman at Norwest Bank. Checks can be mailed to: P.O. Box 3070 Attn: Tricia Vess.

JUNE IS PROSTATE CANCER Awareness Month. A free blood test screening will be offered at Scenic Mountain Medical Center Home Health, in the Big Spring Mall Thursday, June 17, 7-9 p.m.

In addition, free narration or video programs are available for men's groups in the community. Call Pam Stephens, Senior Circle Advisor, 268-4721 to arrange Dr. Clark McDaniel to speak.

Bill Birrell is Howard Glasscock Chapter American Cancer Society prostate cancer awareness chairman.

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THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF Health and WIC will be closed on Tuesday from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. We will reopen at 5 p.m. For more information call 263-9775.

SUPPORT GROUPS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

POLICE

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following incidents between 9 a.m. Tuesday and 9 a.m. today:
-BRENT MARIN, 27, was arrested in the 100 block of east 18th for assault/family violence.

-JOAQUIN DUENEZ, was arrested in the 300 block of Johnson for local warrants.

-SHANNA ADCOCK, 38, was arrested in the 1400 block of Settles for local warrants.

-ROSENDO JIMINEZ, 37, was arrested in the 1600 block of West 16th for local warrants.

-THOMAS KIRKPATRICK, 49, was arrested in the 4200 block of Bilger for failure to stop and give information.

-CLIFFORD COATS, 52, was arrested in the 4200 block of Bilger for aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.

-MINOR ACCIDENT was reported in the 900 block of Johnson, 400 block of South Gregg and 200 block of West Marcy.

-CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported at the police station.

-CLASS C ASSAULT was reported at the police station.

-DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE was reported in the 400 block of Northwest 10th.

-BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE was reported at the police station.

-JUVENILE PROBLEM was reported near the intersection of Fairchild and Randolph.

-DISTURBANCE/FIGHT was reported in the 800 block of East 12th.

TEXAS LOTTERY

PICK 3: 4,4,2
CASH 5: 7,8,13,17,38

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

-BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE was reported in the 1600 block of Martin Luther King Blvd. A cellular telephone, valued at \$500; was reported stolen.

-THEFT more than \$50 less than \$500 was reported in the 3400 block the 11th Place Extension. A tiger saw and a circular saw, valued at \$414, was reported stolen.

-BURGLARY OF A HABITATION was reported in the 1300 block of Madison. Miscellaneous collector's coins and currency, a cellular telephone, a 20-gauge shotgun, shotgun shells and a Sony Playstation, valued at more than \$700, were reported stolen.

-WEEKEND SUMMARY indicates six driving while intoxicated, three driving while license suspended, one evading arrest, two failure to stop and give information and three graffiti reports.

Also, one indecency with a child, one possession of a prohibited weapon, one retaliation, three runaway and 17 thefts reported.

And 38 arrests, one arson, three assaults, five family violence, two burglary of a habitation and two burglary of a vehicle, five criminal mischief and one criminal trespass reports.

And one deadly conduct, four major accidents and three minor accidents reported.

SHERIFF

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

-ALTA RHOADES, 54, was arrested in the 600 block of East Fourth for driving while intoxicated.

-MICHAEL JON FOX, 39, was arrested in the 390 block of Aylesford for driving while intoxicated and possession of a prohibited weapon.

-JOSE ALFREDO OLIVAS, 21, was arrested at the sheriff's office for making alcohol available to a minor.

-DAVID HEREDIA NIETO, 26, was arrested near the intersection of Auburn and Monmouth for driving while license suspended, failure to give information, and fishing without a license.

-RUDOLFO PUENTES, 43, was arrested in the 1200 block of Mesquite for injury to a child and assault.

-ROGER H. GONZALES, 33, was arrested on I-20 for driving while intoxicated, third or more offense.

-DAVID LEE WARREN, 21, was arrested on I-20 for driving while intoxicated and possession of marijuana less than two ounces, and for possession of a prohibited weapon.

-ELVERA ANN STILWELL, 32, was arrested on Midway Road for driving while intoxicated.

-JACKIE EUGENE LANG, 24, was arrested on Moss Lake Road for possession of marijuana less than two ounces.

-ERNESTO RODRIGUEZ, 24, was arrested on Midway Road for public intoxication.

-MICHAEL BRANDON LEE, 19, was arrested for public intoxication near the intersection of 19th and Settles.

-KAMAN WEY BARBER, 19, was arrested for driving while intoxicated near the

intersection of 19th and Settles.

-LISA GAYLE MARSHALL, 28, was arrested on CR 30 for driving while intoxicated and driving while license suspended.

-JASON JAQUIEN GOLLEHER, 34, was arrested on Midway Road for driving while intoxicated.

-ANDY RODRIGUEZ, 37, was arrested on Moss Lake Road for driving while license suspended and revocation of probation for DWLS.

-ELIJAH JAMES COLE, 29, was transferred into Howard County custody from the Texas Department of Criminal Justice for a bench warrant for escaping while confined.

-DOYLE RAY MIERS, 25, was transferred from Dallas County for a motion to revoke probation of robbery.

-CODY GREEN, 19, was arrested on I-20 for credit card abuse, revocation of probation and carrying a prohibited weapon.

-GARY JOE FLORES, 32, was arrested near the intersection of Hilltop and Birdwell Lane for driving while intoxicated.

-JOHNNY JOYE JONES, 54, was arrested for motion to revoke probation of reckless driving and driving while license suspended.

FIRE/EMS

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

TUESDAY
9:23 a.m. - 1400 block E. 11th, medical call, patient transported to the VA Medical Center.

2:45 p.m. - 3200 block Parkway, medical call, patient transported to SMMC.

7:18 p.m. - Intersection of Rannels and NE Second, medical call, patient transported to SMMC.

11:42 p.m. - 700 block E. 16th, medical call, patient transported to SMMC.

RECORDS

Tuesday's high 99
Tuesday's low 69
Average high 89
Average low 63
Record high 107 in 1916
Record low 46 in 1919
Precip. Tuesday 0.00
Month to date 0.00
Month's normal 0.09
Year to date 4.55
Normal for the year 6.33
Sunrise Thursday 6:40 a.m.
Sunset Thursday 8:49 p.m.
**Statistics not available

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Jet's

LITTLE ROCK
An American Jet with 145 people off a runway while a hail storm and burst into familiar with the said nine people have been killed.

The deaths in before midnight the first on a major in nearly 1 year.

After sliding way, the twin-engine 80 slammed into split into pieces, wound up on the

New

WASHINGTON
Customs inspectors into the tractor Colombia-Solida along the U.S. bordering more than three cargo load of cocaine.

But after passing through an X-ray size of a car caught a look at stashed in the truck 5,600 pounds of marijuana.

The \$7.8 million February at the Laredo, Texas, a glimpse of how the border and initiatives are taking advanced technology smart drug criminals.

"We're not out state-of-the-art sake," says Ray of the applied technology of the Service.

GM

WASHINGTON
General Motors installed devices thousands of its cars data when a car like a black box of

Doctors, engineering officials' information can help understand how body tolerates car plan to use that construct safer

and write government standards that protect passenger dents.

The plan goes beyond bankruptcy judge

Breast

DETROIT (AP)
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The company, w to emerge from bankruptcy, said nearly 96 percent than 112,000 claim favor of the settler

The plan goes beyond bankruptcy judge

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Jet's runway skid turns tragic in Arkansas, nine known dead

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (AP) — An American Airlines flight with 145 people aboard skidded off a runway while landing during a hail storm, broke apart and burst into flames. Sources familiar with the investigation said nine people were known to have been killed.

The deaths in the crash just before midnight Tuesday were the first on a major U.S. airline in nearly 11 years.

After sliding down the runway, the twin-engine Super MD-80 slammed into a steel tower, split into pieces, caught fire and wound up on the edge of the

Arkansas River.

As flames spread through the plane, some passengers squeezed one by one through an emergency exit while others escaped through openings created when the plane's fuselage fractured. They scrambled away from the plane across lowlands near the river in darkness, rain and hail.

"We grabbed each other and ran away," said Missy Lewis, traveling with her husband and teen-age daughter.

Sources familiar with the investigation said authorities could account for nine deaths in

the crash of Flight 1420. At least 80 people were injured and taken to hospitals. Fourteen people were not immediately accounted for. Fifty-one others did not require hospital treatment.

"The plane was going so fast, when we hit the ground, we went off the end of the runway," Barrett Baber said at a theater near the airport where survivors were taken to meet with families and friends. "We hit a huge pole, and it split the plane in half. A fire started at the front of the plane and spread back.

Sam Snowden, a district fire chief, said the plane hit a steel tower supporting the runway's approach lights and broke in two. He said firefighters used foam to put out the fire and used chisels to free some passengers from the wreckage.

Airport spokesman Phillip Launius said the plane rotated about 150 degrees as it skidded down the runway, left the pavement and hit the light standard. The plane stopped with its tail facing away from the runway.

"Once the smoke got too thick, there was nothing we could do. People were scream-

ing, 'God, please save us!'" Baber said.

"We landed, the plane started skidding, and then flames, flames," added passenger David Stanley, who wasn't hurt. "I remember flames and flames."

In all, 51 people were taken to the theater. Those taken to hospitals had injuries that included burns and cuts.

"Some of them were limping and had bandages on their heads," said Mark Washington, a security guard at Southwest Hospital. "They looked shocked and dazed ... aviation fuel, I could smell it on them."

The flight had 139 passengers and six crew members and was due to arrive at 9:41 p.m. The flight from Dallas was delayed for more than two hours and arrived just as the storm was hitting Little Rock with lightning, hail and winds gusting to nearly 90 mph.

"You don't know if anyone on impact was thrown into the swamp," American Airlines spokesman John Hotard said.

William Shumann, a spokesman with the Federal Aviation Administration, said there was no distress call from the cockpit before the landing.

New technology helps detect drugs, weapons

WASHINGTON (AP) — Customs inspectors peering into the tractor trailer at the Colombia-Solidarity Bridge along the U.S. border saw nothing more threatening than a cargo load of cookies.

But after passing the truck through an X-ray machine the size of a car wash, agents caught a look at the real treat stashed in the truck: more than 5,600 pounds of marijuana.

The \$7.8 million bust in February at the bridge near Laredo, Texas, offers just one glimpse of how officials along the border and in local communities are taking advantage of advanced technology to outsmart drug traffickers and criminals.

"We're not out to push the state-of-the-art for its own sake," says Ray Mintz, director of the applied technology division of the U.S. Customs Service.

But with such tools as a thermal imaging camera — no bigger than the average camcorder — police officers can find out whether someone is growing marijuana at home or is handing someone a baggie containing narcotics.

They can even do it in the dark.

The thermal camera equipment relies on very slight differences in temperature to create an image with light and dark contrasts. The tool is so sensitive it can detect a change of a quarter of a degree. So if a suspect carrying drugs decided to rid himself of the evidence, the drugs — still warm from being close to his body — would show up a different shade than the screen background. Greenhouse-like lights needed to produce marijuana inside a home give off excess heat that the camera picks up.

The device has made work

less precarious for police officers in Brownsville, Texas, who patrol the border and sometimes face gunfire from smugglers bringing in marijuana at night.

"Usually, they can see us before we see them," said Ben Reyna, chief of the Brownsville police. "Now, we're starting to turn that around."

The thermal camera is the most requested item in the Office of National Drug Control Policy's technology transfer program. Funded by Congress since 1998, the program gives state and local police, like Reyna's unit, advanced equipment from the federal government. More than 110 of the \$13,000 cameras have been provided to law enforcement officials nationwide.

"We know these systems work, and we know the cops need these tools," said Barry McCaffrey, the administration's

drug control policy director. He is seeking more money for the program.

Other innovations have focused on the same goal of giving law enforcement a better and faster glimpse of a situation. Wearing a tactical video device mounted on a black-armored vest, officers on a drug interdiction team can run through a home and give teammates sitting in a van outside an exact peek at the inside layout and any possible suspects.

Developed for the U.S. Coast Guard, the 6-pound equipment set features a camera the size of a grapefruit atop the vest's shoulder. A communications system is tucked into a pocket on the back. Color images that can be encrypted are transmitted to PCs at another location.

The U.S. Customs service still relies on its mainstay — X-rays — to inspect drugs or other smuggled goods.

Clinton orders probe of entertainment's link to violence among youth

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Clinton, brandishing a cartoonish magazine ad for a video game "more fun than shooting your neighbor's cat," ordered a government investigation Tuesday into whether — and how — the entertainment business markets violence to children.

"Our children are being fed a dependable daily dose of violence," Clinton said, that amounts to the typical child witnessing 40,000 play murders and 200,000 dramatized acts of violence by his 18th birthday.

Such a barrage blurs the line between "fantasy and reality violence" for too many young people, the president said.

"I know this stuff sells," Clinton exhorted Hollywood from a lectern in the Rose Garden. "But the time has come to show some restraint, even if it has a short-term impact on the bottom line."

Clinton said federal investigators will "study the extent to which the video game, music and movie markets do actually market violence to children" and whether those industries only laxly restrict sales to minors.

FTC Chairman Robert Pitofsky said his staff will, as in probes of the tobacco and alcohol industries, look into the entertainment companies' internal marketing records even if it takes subpoenas.

"I would hope we could talk to these companies and get voluntary compliance. But certainly if we feel that we can't complete our responsibility here, we're going to turn to compulsory processes," Pitofsky said.

Douglas Lowenstein, president of the Interactive Digital Software Association, promised cooperation with a "fair-minded review."

Clinton held up several colorful video-game ads that he considered offensive.

One, for the game "N2O Nitrous Oxide," showed a souped-up handgun and promised: "More fun than shooting your neighbor's cat."

Another, for a PlayStation package called "Guilty Gear," pictured comic-book-type warriors lobbing fireballs. "Kill your friends guilt-free," it beckoned.

GM autos have 'black box' containing crash data

WASHINGTON (AP) — General Motors Corp. has installed devices in hundreds of thousands of its cars that collect data when a car crashes, much like a black box on an airplane.

Doctors, engineers and government officials say the information can help them better understand how the human body tolerates car crashes. They plan to use that knowledge to construct safer cars, improve the treatment of crash victims and write government auto safety standards that would better protect passengers in auto accidents.

The existence of the so-called auto black box system is raising sensitive privacy questions about whether such information could be used in litigation.

The most sophisticated version of GM's device, known formally as a sensing and diagnostic module, is in hundreds of thousands of GM cars from the 1999 model year: the Buick Century, Park Avenue and Regal; the Cadillac Eldorado, DeVille and Seville; the Chevrolet Camaro and Corvette; and the Pontiac Firebird.

The module will be in almost all GM vehicles in a few years,

the company says.

The module, part of the air bag sensing system, stores information in the few seconds before a car sensor identifies a crash and fires the air bags. The data include the speed of the car, whether the driver was wearing a seat belt, when an air bag deployed and whether the driver used the brakes.

GM quietly installed different versions of the sensing system on some cars throughout the 1990s, but the modules have become more sophisticated. Their existence became public in a paper written by GM and

government engineers and presented at a conference last month.

Until now, government crash investigators could only take an educated guess at the speed of a car involved in an accident, based on evidence at the crash scene.

GM is the only automaker that makes such data a tool to recover it available to researchers, the paper said. GM hopes to have laptops available so government crash investigators can download data independently of the company by the end of the year.

Breast implant recipients accept \$3.2 billion settlement

DETROIT (AP) — Thousands of women who say their silicone breast implants made them ill have overwhelmingly approved a \$3.2 billion plan to settle with implant maker Dow Corning Corp.

The company, which is trying to emerge from Chapter 11 bankruptcy, said Tuesday that nearly 96 percent of the more than 112,000 claimants voted in favor of the settlement plan.

The plan goes before a federal bankruptcy judge on June 28. If

approved, the first claims could be paid by the end of the year.

"I'm not saying this is the best thing since sliced bread, but it is finally a process by which we can draw an end to this and get some people the medical care that they have not been able to get," said Sybil Niden Goldrich, who represents implant recipients.

Under the settlement, claimants who want their silicone implants removed would get \$5,000 for the surgery or

\$20,000 if their implants have ruptured.

Women with the most serious medical conditions could receive up to \$300,000, in addition to money for implant removal.

Women without a disease claim could get \$2,000.

Claimants would still have the option to reject the settlement and pursue litigation.

A woman whose medical condition changes after she has been compensated also could

qualify for an additional payment.

The settlement plan includes an additional \$1.3 billion for claims from suppliers, lenders and hospitals owed money by Dow Corning. Some creditors did not endorse the plan Tuesday.

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OUR VIEWS

Big Spring turns out for StarTek's test of job market

The prospect that a Colorado-based corporation is interested in locating a technical and software support center in Big Spring has created the desired result, with more than 600 people signing up for a two-day job fair set to begin Thursday at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

Texas Workforce Commission officials said the list of those seeking to land jobs with StarTek USA topped the 600 mark Tuesday, noting that almost 100 were scheduled for orientation sessions during the 2 1/2-hour period between 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

That was exactly what Moore Development for Big Spring Inc. officials had hoped for last week when they announced that the Denver-based firm was considering Big Spring as the site for a 150-seat customer service center in the old Kmart building at the intersection of FM 700 and Birdwell Lane.

StarTek, which provides technical and software support for clients like Microsoft, America On-Line and AT&T, will conduct the orientation sessions in the coliseum's East Room on Thursday and Friday, familiarizing prospective employees with the company before distributing applications.

The company is seeking applicants for all levels of employment, from customer service representatives to management positions.

And with the lowest starting salaries expected to be \$6 to \$6.50 per hour and the company's average wage being \$8.50 to \$9 per hour, adding StarTek to Big Spring's corporate community would most certainly be a coup.

Although there are no guarantees that StarTek's final decision will put the service center in Big Spring, the community seems capable of living up to the company's requirement for a prospective workforce.

Therefore, regardless of StarTek's final decision, our community can take pride in its ability to draw interest from such an operation.

What's more, Big Spring residents have had a chance to see the tax dollars which support the Moore Board continue to produce results.

It's another sign of a city that continues its effort to diversify its economy, a community that's clearly set its sights on growth — just the sort of environment firms like StarTek find desirable.

OTHER VIEWS

It all seems somehow anticlimactic that independent counsel Kenneth Starr would forgo second trials for two players in what became known as The Whitewater Scandal.

Yet it brings a certain sense of relief. Not so much for the target of the investigation — President Clinton — but for a public that clearly has grown weary of it all. Starr said the other day he won't retry Clinton friend Susan McDougal for allegedly lying about Clinton's role in the Whitewater land deal.

Indeed, McDougal's trial is the only apparent vestige left of what began as a probe into the obscure land transaction. Starr also said he won't retry Julie Hiatt Steele, a former friend of a one-time White House aide, Kathleen Willey, who accused the president of groping her in late 1993.

That case spun off the Monica Lewinsky scandal, which had its roots in yet another lawsuit, filed by a former Arkansas state employee who accused then-Gov. Clinton of making a crude sexual advance.

On and on it went, ending finally with the president's acquittal in a Senate trial.

The president, of course, could have saved the country all this grief by resigning after he acknowledged the deceit of his earlier denials of a sexual relationship.

He stayed the course, fought and won. In the process, he helped diminish his high office. That was then, and it seems oh, so long ago now — what with Kosovo and a growing Chinese espionage scandal occupying many people's minds.

It is more than all right with us that Starr is wrapping up his work. Yet it wasn't a total waste of time and money, despite what Starr's critics said. Starr's probe revealed a president seemingly devoid of a moral compass. It exposed conduct that has no place in any work place, let alone in the West Wing of the White House — the people's house.

The time has come to move on. And it is time for Kenneth Starr to step away from public view. His decision to leave well enough alone moves him away from center stage. For that, the country should breathe a sigh of relief.

AMARILLO GLOBE-NEWS

We have the opportunity to be teachers

In a world where the pace seems to be a bit fast at times, we all have the opportunity to be teachers ... to take the time to pass along some of our knowledge to those who might be a few years younger or a little less experienced.

Sunday and Monday, at our community's three Memorial Day-related activities, I had the opportunity to see a number of children with their parents and grandparents. And while it was heartwarming to see that closeness, it was so special to hear some of them explain to the youngsters why they were where they were and why it was important that they be there.

At age 49, I remember the Walker cousins playing "Army" in the fields and pastures all around Granny Walker's house on Fellowship Road in Smith County, Miss. Many of the cousins grew up in the 50s and 60s, when the memory of World War II and Korea were still fresh and as

Vietnam grew into the monster that almost tore our country apart.

Our fathers and uncles went off to war ... to faraway places with names we knew all too well, like Guadalcanal and Iwo Jima and Midway.

Granny Walker's house was littered with the spoils of war — a French carbine, a German helmet, various ribbons and medals, a bayonet — that we cousins grew up around.

So when the time came for the cousins to join up, many of us did. Most joined the National Guard while some enlisted in the Army or Marines — a couple pulled time in Vietnam while others wound up in the reserves.

As we had grown up, we had heard the stories of war from our fathers and uncles and the neighbors that lived out in the country near Granny Walker's place.

And because of the time of our youth, war was something that was still fresh in our minds.

I never served in the military, but I'll never forget the summer of 1965, after Mom and I had moved to Greenville, Miss. I worked for the Parks and Recreation Department as a scorekeeper and umpire at the Mill Road Dixie Youth Baseball Park, which was adjacent to the cemetery on South Main.

Greenville, which had been home to Greenville Air Force Base until that spring, had much the same military history as Big Spring — with lots of Air Force retirees sprinkled in with all of the active duty personnel that had been there.

That summer, as action increased in Vietnam, it seemed as if we heard the notes of "Taps" every day. It seemed as if we heard the rat-a-tat-tat of the 21-gun salute so often that a day without it seemed odd.

Each day, I rode my red, three-speed Western Flyer bicycle through the cemetery on my way to and from the Park Commission office and many times I would stop and watch from afar while a flag-draped coffin was lowered into the ground as a young widow cried her heart out.

But the children of my youth and my teens years understood the placing of the hand over the heart during the pledge ... of standing erect and proud during the playing of "The Star-Spangled Banner" ... of being respectful to our country and those men and women who had served her.

Over the years, we've managed to lose the knowledge of why we do some of the things we do.

On Monday, I saw a proud grandfather bend over and

show his little grandson, who might have been 4 or 5, how to place his hand over his heart and stand up straight and proud during the pledge.

Later, I saw them inside the Gold Star Chapel and heard grandpa explain to his grandson why the pictures were in there and why so many people had tears in their eyes.

"Did you go to war, Grandpa?" the little boy asked.

"Yes, yes I did ... a long time ago," grandpa replied.

"Will I ever have to go to war?" he was asked.

"I hope not," grandpa said, "but if you do, be proud to defend your country."

"I will, Grandpa, just like you."

"And just like these soldiers," grandpa said, wiping away another tear as he hugged his precious cargo.

Like I said, we have the opportunity to be teachers.

In my lifetime, I've been blessed to have had the opportunity to do and see a lot of things.

None can ever be as special as the honor the Vietnam Memorial Committee gave me by allowing me to serve as the emcee for the chapel dedication.

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



Big Spring recognizes its military history

Big Spring had the chance to be the headquarters for oil companies, but it chose instead to go for government business. The Big Spring State Hospital opened in 1937. The Big Spring Bombardier School opened in 1941. The Big Spring VA hospital opened in 1950. Webb Air Force Base opened in 1951.

The Howard County courthouse in Big Spring has a monument to county residents who were killed in action in all wars. A few years ago, the numerous Vietnam veterans in and around Big Spring decided to build a Vietnam Memorial at the foot of Scenic Mountain. They started out by erecting a black granite monolith with a map of Vietnam etched into it. They landscaped the area around it with walls and walkways, plantings and a series of flags.

This was not enough. The energetic veterans decided they wanted to do more. They managed to secure a Huey helicopter, which was used extensively during the fighting in Vietnam. They mounted it to look like it is in flight. At the dedication, a Huey passed over the crowd, making its unmistakable sound. Several Huey pilots were on hand for the ceremony.

The veterans wanted more for their memorial. They got a F-4E Phantom Jet Fighter and mounted it to look like it is in motion. The pilot is a dummy, but is wearing a helmet worn by Jerry Grimes, a Big Spring man who flew the F-4E in Vietnam.

Then the veterans acquired a tank that was used in Vietnam. The newest addition to the memorial is a chapel. It is brand new. The memorial is one of the most impressive Vietnam Memorials in the country and the only one built without any government financial assistance.

Across the way, the old Webb Air Force Base is now a garden of prisons. An old hangar built in the 40s has been restored and transformed into the Hangar 25 Air Museum.

The Hangar 25 committee members displayed newspaper clippings of events at the base during the time class 62-D was stationed at Webb. The pilots, all of them around 70 years old, seemed much younger. The years rolled off as they ate barbecue, visited and laughed in the place where they formed a bond that has lasted a long time.

Hangar 25 and the Vietnam Memorial in Big Spring are worth seeing. The committees of both work together well and that is good.

who saw the old hangar as an asset rather than a liability. They could not stand to see the hangar rotting away. They got busy selling hot dogs, cold drinks, caps, sweatshirts, and memorial plaques. Through their fund-raising efforts and donations, the half million dollar job to restore the hangar was completed within two years.

The first official function was a reunion of pilot class 62-D, the first class to go through pilot training at Webb. The pilots and some of their instructors came to the reunion. They were amazed to see the T-33 and T-37 displayed inside the hangar. For all of them, the T-33 was their first jet to fly.

Hangar 25 and the Vietnam Memorial in Big Spring are worth seeing. The committees of both work together well and that is good.

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Great The word salad the Latin word Salads with a sim of edible herbs o dressed only w evolved to a wome ment of ingredien meats, fish, chees etables or a com same. Most gener topped with some i ing and can uncooked and/or l Salads should be to excite the palate When preparin greens it is impo the leaves thoro washing or the dr to "slide off" the and the end res diluted mess. If y 30 minutes before ing and serving, crisp and dry. Are you bored w old tried-and-true

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Great salad recipes to cure those summer blahs

The word salad derives from the Latin word for salt, sal. Salads with a simple beginning of edible herbs or plants and dressed only with salt have evolved to a wonderful assortment of ingredients to include meats, fish, cheese, fruits, vegetables or a combination of same. Most generally they are topped with some form of dressing and can be cooked, uncooked and/or hot and cold. Salads should be works of art to excite the palate and eye.

When preparing a salad of greens it is important to dry the leaves thoroughly after washing or the dressing tends to "slide off" the wet surface, and the end result can be a diluted mess. If you refrigerate 30 minutes before adding dressing and serving, they will be crisp and dry.

Are you bored with the same old tried-and-true garden-vari-

ety tossed lettuce and tomato salad? You may want to get adventuresome and put some pizzazz in your meal with salads of a different "flavor."

With hot weather upon us there is nothing quite so refreshing as a cold gelatin type salad. Blueberry Salad is an example of a summertime delight to cool the taste buds. The Orange Chicken Salad becomes the main attraction of lunch or supper as a beautiful salad entree. Then, of course, we all rely on the traditional "bean" salad recipe to take to picnics, potlucks and cookouts. My Unique Boutique Salad fits the bill for such a purpose.

Food for thought: To make a perfect salad there should be a spendthrift for oil, a miser for vinegar, a wise man for salt and a madcap to stir the ingredients up and mix them well together.

Orange Chicken Salad

4 cups diced cooked chicken breasts
2 cups celery, sliced
1 cup walnuts, chopped
1 cup seedless green grapes
1 cup orange sections
Combine all ingredients and chill.



SUE HAUGH

Orange Cream Dressing
1/4 cup frozen concentrated orange juice, thawed
1/4 cup mayonnaise
grated rind of 1 orange
1/4 tsp. hot pepper sauce
1 cup heavy cream, whipped
Combine the dressing ingredi-

ents and toss with chilled chicken ingredients to moisten. Serve on a bed of salad greens.

Blueberry Salad
6 oz. grape or black raspberry Jell-O
2 cups boiling water
1 (20 oz. can) crushed pineapple (do not drain)
1 can blueberry pie filling
Dissolve Jell-O in boiling water. Stir in other ingredients and pour into 9 x 13 inch pan. Refrigerate and when firm, top with the following mixture:
8 oz. cream cheese, softened
8 oz. sour cream
1/2 cup sugar
1/2 cup walnuts, chopped
1 tsp. vanilla extract
Refrigerate until ready to serve.

Unique Boutique Salad
1 can cut green beans

1 can red kidney beans
1 (7 oz) can pitted ripe olives, sliced
1 (8 oz) can sliced mushrooms
1 (15 oz) can artichoke hearts, quartered
1 1/2 cups celery, sliced diagonally
1 medium onion, thinly sliced

Dressing:
1/4 cup chopped fresh parsley
1/4 cup red wine vinegar
1 tsp. salt
1 tsp. sugar
1 T salad herbs
1/4 tsp. Tabasco
1/2 cup salad oil
1 T capers (optional)
Thoroughly drain all canned items. Combine them with celery and onion. Combine dressing ingredients in jar or blender; shake or beat until well blended. Pour over vegetables. Refrigerate overnight. Serves 10-12.

What you should know and do about osteoporosis

Osteoporosis is a major health problem in America, it affects over 8 million persons, with 17 million at high risk of developing the disease. Dubbed as the "silent thief," osteoporosis is a debilitating disease which causes bones to become so fragile that they break.



DANA TARTER

You may think of bones as hard and lifeless, when in fact, bone is complex, living tissue. Our bones provide structural support for muscles, protect vital

Women are at a greater risk for developing osteoporosis because they have a smaller, thinner skeleton.

organs, and store the calcium essential for bones density and strength.

Keeping your bones healthy by preventing osteoporosis is particularly important as you age. Bones are changing constantly with fragments of old bone being removed and replaced by new bone. Using the analogy of a bank account, you make "deposits" and "withdrawals" of bone tissue. As children grow, more bone is produced than removed, so that the skeleton grows both in size and density. By the mid 30's, the amount of tissue or bone mass in the skeleton reaches its maximum amount. Bone tissue in the skeleton typically begins to decline slowly, as withdrawals exceed deposits of new bone.

Women are at greater risk for developing osteoporosis because they have a smaller, thinner skeleton. The production of estrogen diminishes during menopause. Since the female hormone estrogen is protective of bone, this decrease in estrogen production greatly accelerates the loss of bone in most women. That's why estrogen becomes important. Without estrogen, your bones may become thin and weak. This post-menopausal bone loss probably accounts for the high proportion of women with osteoporosis. Talk with your doctor about the need for calcium in the diet, discuss ways that osteoporosis may be prevented.

Men also develop osteoporosis, but generally later than women. By age 65 or 70, women and men lose bone mass at the same rate. Calcium absorption decreases for both sexes. Nearly half of all people over the age of 75 are affected by osteoporosis. Fine out now what you can do to decrease your risk.

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

The gang's all here: HBO brings superb 'Sopranos' back June 9

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Encore, encore! "The Sopranos," HBO's brilliant series about the all-American mob family, is coming back in reruns.

Here's the chance to discover, or savor again, one of the best series ever on television. Don't receive HBO? This is a drama worth begging, borrowing or stealing a friend's video tapes.

"The Sopranos" sings a brutal yet comedic song about a suburban New Jersey family headed by crime boss Tony Soprano and his elegantly tough wife, Carmela. On weekends, they barbecue on weekdays, Tony burns his enemies. He's got more to worry about than the feds, however. His psyche is unraveling, with his bitter and fearsome mother delicately pulling the thread. The other key woman in his life is a therapist helping this wise guy find his inner, abused child.

"Anxiety attacks are legitimate psychiatric emergencies," says Dr. Jennifer Melfi (Lorraine Bracco), trying to persuade her shaky but reluctant patient (James Gandolfini) to open up.

"Nowadays, everybody has to go to shrinks and counselors. ... It's dysfunction this and dysfunction that," huffs Tony. "I had a semester-and-a-half of college. I understand Freud. I understand therapy as a concept. But in my world, it does not go down."

If "The Sopranos" nailed only the colorful characters and dark underbelly of organized crime, it would be achievement enough. But, by placing the Soprano family in the bosom of angst-ridden suburbia, it expands into a trenchant dissection of the American dream.

"Lately, I'm getting the feeling that I came in at the end. The best is over," says Tony, lamenting the passage of the mob's glory days.

Responds Melfi: "Many Americans, I think, feel that way."

These cozy sessions are intercut with family squabbles and violent "business" transac-

tions, giving "The Sopranos" a whipsaw effect that keeps viewers from getting at all comfortable — or, at times, from feeling entirely removed.

"You can't just lie and cheat and break the rules you don't like," Carmela (Edie Falco) says in chastising her daughter for violating curfew. The irony runs deep for the Sopranos, but it's a scenario any parent can understand.

The series' 13 episodes air 9 p.m. EDT Wednesday beginning June 9. It returns for a second season next January.

"The Sopranos" brings to mind another sublime TV experience, PBS' 1970s series "I, Claudius," a dark and witty take on the machinations of Roman emperors and their families. Both series are dominated by scheming matriarchs named Livia, with the masterful Nancy Marchand (Mrs. Pynchon in "Lou Grant") doing the "Sopranos" honors.

Happily, all the elements in the HBO series are on a par: the acting, writing and music are flawless and the cinematography is as well suited to a movie screen as a TV set. The language is coarse, the violence and sex is graphic. It's never gratuitous, but nonetheless, adults be warned; This is NOT a show for children.

That "The Sopranos" ended up on cable was probably inevitable and almost certainly its salvation. Creator-executive producer David Chase ("I'll Fly Away" and "Northern Exposure" are among his writing credits) first gave the pilot script to Fox in 1996.

"One of their executives called me and said, 'I just want to tell you on a human level that I really liked the script,'" Chase recalled. "I was naive enough to say, 'Oh, good. When are we going to get started with casting?'"

The executive's reply: "Whoa, whoa, whoa." Apparently a human level and a timid network level bear no relationship to each other. Fox passed, and Chase believes he understands why.

"It think it's an attitude that was rejected and not profanity, violence or nudity, because those things didn't exist in the network version," he said. The attitude? America's got problems.

"There's a lot of hypocrisy — people are crooks, life isn't necessarily beautiful here, products that you see advertised aren't necessarily what they claim to be," said Chase.

The series' vision is his, but Chase has surrounded himself with top writers. He has worked before with some, such as former "Northern Exposure" colleagues Robin Green and Mitchell Burgess, while others are newcomers.

"Mob knowledge is not required. Chase admits he draws more on gangster films like "The Godfather" than his experience growing up in New Jersey, where he heard only vague rumors of mob-connected neighbors or relations.

More valuable, Chase finds, is a writer who has logged shrink hours.

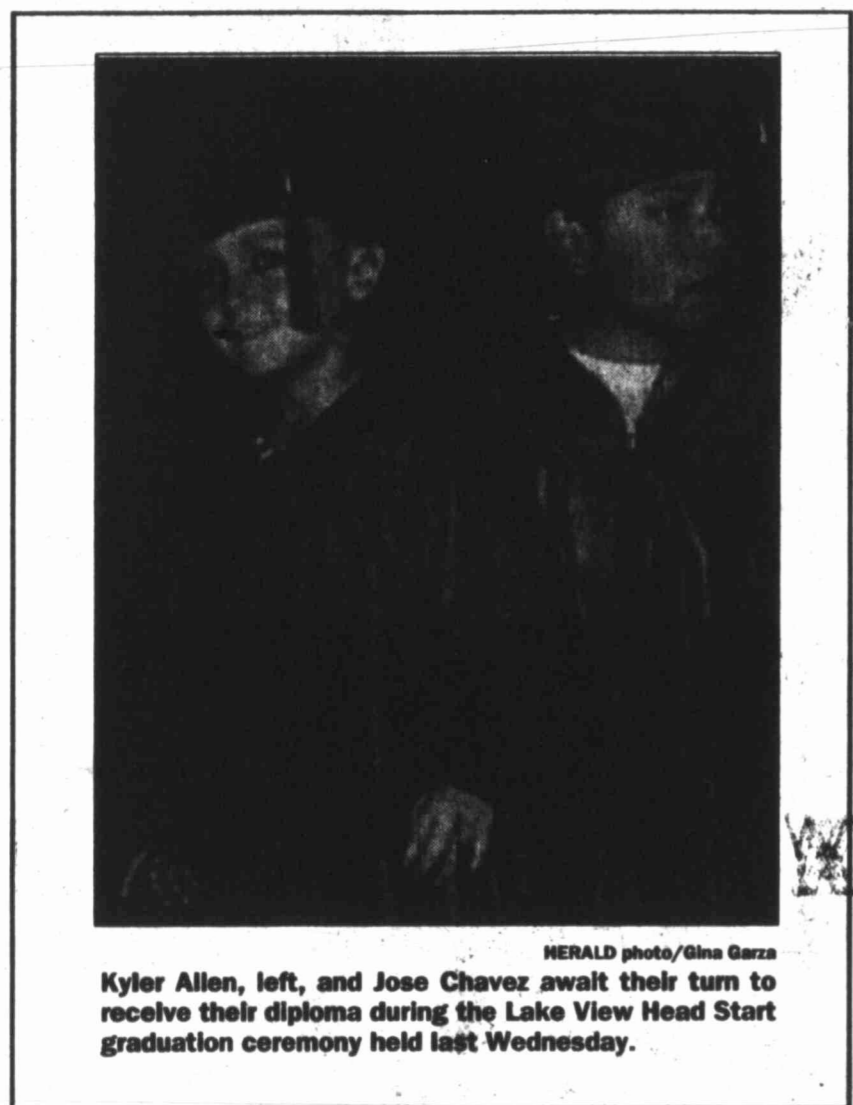
"This may sound funny, but people who haven't been through therapy have a tough time with the show. They are constantly saying, 'Well, wouldn't Melfi call and tell Tony not to do this? She wouldn't say something is wrong?' and we all say, 'No.'"

The low-key Chase, touted as the hottest thing in TV after the successful first season of "Sopranos," says his primary concern is keeping the series on track as production begins this month on the next 13 episodes.

"It's more successful now than I ever dreamed, so I don't want to mess with anything. Leave it alone."

And his biggest thrill? Receiving a French television festival award for the series, he said.

"That's my dream, all I ever wanted to do. Win a prize in France, I don't care what prize. I was thinking of Cannes but ..." Chase shrugged wryly.



HERALD photo/Gina Garza

Kyler Allen, left, and Jose Chavez await their turn to receive their diploma during the Lake View Head Start graduation ceremony held last Wednesday.

Scientists clone all-male batch of mice; only one survives

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

Scientists have cloned three identical mice using ordinary cells rather than DNA extracted from the female reproductive system — and this time, the cloned rodents were male.

The clones grew using genetic material extracted from tail cells of adult male mice, but only one grew to adulthood, according to a study by Hawaiian researchers in the June issue of the journal Nature Genetics.

Researchers said the experiment demonstrates that cloning can be accomplished with the genetic material contained in the nucleus of somatic cells, or ordinary cells found throughout the body.

Previously, most cloning experiments — from mice to Dolly the sheep — used DNA extracted from female reproductive cells.

In July, the Hawaii team reported cloning more than 50 carbon-copy female mice

extending at least three generations. The DNA used in that experiment was derived from cumulus cells, which surround developing eggs in the ovaries of female mice.

Scientists said somatic cells are more plentiful and large amounts of their genetic material could be frozen and stored for later use.

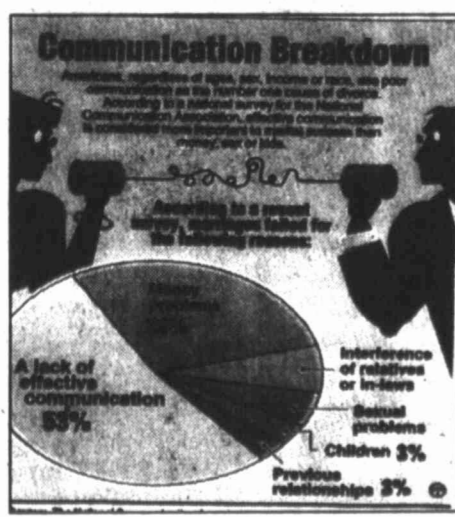
That would help to make cloning a more efficient procedure in agriculture and commercial laboratory operations. It also might help conservationists rescue endangered species by enabling them to stockpile more of the genes of rare animals for clomencing.

Other scientists said the cloning of male mice from tail cells was not a remarkable achievement. For example, bulls have been cloned using DNA from ear samples.

But the problems the Hawaii team encountered with mice eventually could improve the cloning of a variety of animals. See MICE, Page 6A

Slice of life!

MARRIAGE SURVEY



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FOR YOUR INFORMATION

GIRL SCOUT TROOP 463 will have an ice cream social on Thursday, June 17, from 6 to 8 p.m. in the Big Spring Mall. There will also be a licensed masseuse giving 10 minute massages for a \$10 donation.

THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF Health and WIC will be closed on Tuesday from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. We will reopen at 5 p.m. For more information call 263-9775.

THE LAST WORD

There are three kinds of lies - lies, damned lies and statistics
Mark Twain

Style is the perfection of a point of view.
Richard Eberhart

Some men succeed by what they know; some by what they do; and a few by what they are.
Elbert Hubbard

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'The King of Masks' opens this weekend in limited theaters

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

Many foreign language films have enjoyed worldwide success in recent years due largely to their focus on children who shine. Among them: Italy's "Life Is Beautiful," Brazil's "Central Station" and Iran's "Children of Heaven."

Chinese director Wu Tianming's "The King of Masks," draws its charm from the same source. It tells the moving story of the relationship between an aging magician and a street-smart child in a poor town in China during the 1930s.

The film is sweet and uplifting, contemplative and philosophical. What could have been a sappy story instead is an endearing tearjerker, largely through the honest performance of its young co-star. Wang (Zhu Xu) is a master of the ancient art of mask-changing. He dazzles cheering crowds with his sleight of hand and colorful, exquisitely detailed masks. He wants to pass along his skill before he dies, but he only will share his knowledge with a boy.

A few weeks, though, when Wang learns Doggie's secret — he's actually a girl, pretending to be a boy to find a home. Stunned and feeling foolish, he rejects the child on the riverbank. "So young and yet such a crook," Wang laments. With tears streaming down her beautiful face, Doggie begs Wang not to leave her, promises to cook and clean. Her shrill cries are haunting.

Wang takes her back as an apprentice, but forces her to call him "Boss" and incorporates her into his act as an acrobat. Later she must save his life, challenging Wang's long-held ideas about women.

Too many child actors these days — especially American ones — have a propensity to be precocious, to deliver each line with a knowing wink. Zhou is refreshingly real.

Screenwriter Wei Minglung has created in Doggie a lovable and complex character. She has been abused and abandoned all her short life, yet she has unconditional love for the old man who has taken her in and compassion for a young village boy who has been kidnapped. Zhou makes her a joy to watch.

As Wang, Zhu turns out an equally compelling performance. His face is as expressive as the masks he wears, and he adeptly shows Wang's many sides — unstoppable showman, doting grandfather, ordinary man coming to terms with his mortality.

"The King of Masks" is Wu's first film after eight years in exile in the United States, and it was worth the wait. It has received awards from festivals around the world, including San Francisco, Australia, Tokyo, Paris, Moscow, Istanbul and China.

"The King of Masks," a Samuel Goldwyn Films release, runs 101 minutes. It is in Mandarin with English subtitles and it is not rated.

ODDS-N-ENDS

ASHWAUBENON, Wis. (AP) — A 10-year-old girl hunting through a box of rummage-sale books discovered that one volume wasn't a book at all — it was a keepsake box containing \$500 in cash.

"It looked like a book but wasn't," Kristin Steel recalled Sunday. Inside was an envelope. "I almost threw it away. Then I saw green."

As she counted out the five \$100 bills, "my heart was beating fast," she said. "I ran upstairs and gave the envelope to my mom."

She had accompanied her father, firefighter Jordan Steel, to a weekend rummage sale where he bought the box of 25 Reader's Digest books for \$5.

The box sat in the garage until Kristin made her discovery last Thursday.

Kristin promptly returned the \$500, receiving \$20 as a reward. "I was so in shock I couldn't believe it," said Karen Legault,

who had hosted the rummage sale. The books were her mother's, and the misplaced money "was incredibly needed," she said.

MIAMI (AP) — Wondering what ever happened to that old Jacuzzi you dumped by the beach?

Try checking with the Center for Marine Conservation, which has completed its tally of the items its volunteers found last year during a cleanup on Florida's coastlines.

Among the most unusual: two Jacuzzis, a baby carriage filled with pornographic books, keys from the Department of Corrections, three kitchen sinks and the top to a wedding cake.

Also picked up were 41,813 glass beverage bottles; 243,424 cigarette butts; 25,135 foam cups; 8,607 pieces of clothing; 2,969 six-pack holders, and 1,263 condoms.

New funding allows California schools to get rid of outdated library books

LOS ANGELES (AP) — In some California school libraries, John F. Kennedy is still president, the Soviet Union never collapsed and man never went to the moon.

Decades of fiscal problems have left many schools with outdated books. Only now — with a chunk of new funding finally available — have librarians begun clearing deadwood from their shelves.

"Weeding is starting to happen all across the state," said Barbara Jeffus, a school librarian consultant for the California Department of Education. "It didn't happen before because schools were afraid that if they weeded out books, there would be nothing left."

As state funding for schools shrank in the 1980s and early 1990s, so did budgets for libraries. Less than a decade ago, the state's school libraries were named "the worst of the worst" by the American Library Association.

This spring, \$158.5 million in state funding will supply school libraries with new books and materials. At about \$28 per student, it is California's single largest allocation ever for school libraries.

State schools Superintendent Delaine Eastin said she keeps a "little shelf of horrors" in her Sacramento office, a collection of books taken from school libraries.

One is called "I'm Glad I'm A Boy! I'm Glad I'm A Girl!" "Boys are doctors. Girls are nurses," the book instructs. "Boys are presidents. Girls are first ladies. Boys fix things. Girls need things fixed."

Hundreds of thousands of books have been removed from elementary schools in the Los Angeles Unified School District.

Recently, district librarians wearing surgical gloves went through dusty volumes at Colfax Elementary School in North Hollywood and removed more than half of

the 6,400 volumes.

Among them were science books from the 1950s, including one with this startling prediction: "Someday man will land on the moon."

A 1938 book on American history contained illustrations of American Indians in which they are colored brick red, and stories of happy slaves "working hard and singing on the plantations."

Some discarded books, especially fiction, find their way into classrooms. Others simply are tossed.

"As hard as it seems, sometimes it's better to throw out a book," said David Loertscher, a professor of library and information sciences at San Jose State University who is helping to compile a state survey on library book weeding.

"Who needs books on savage Indians and happy slaves?" he said. "We could give the books to Third World countries, but they probably have better books than California schools."

MICE

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"Now we've got a beautiful model for looking at these defects and how we might solve them," said geneticist James Robl of the University of Massachusetts.

In the mice experiment, researchers engineered 274 embryos by emptying eggs of their genetic material and adding the cloned DNA from the tail cells.

The embryos were implanted in female mice for development. In all but three cases, the resulting fetuses died. Two of the surviving mice died within an hour of birth.

The Hawaii researchers said the problems were the result of incomplete DNA communication between cells in the placenta and the fetus following the cloning procedure. Why that happened has not been determined.

Robl said similar problems have complicated calf cloning experiments.

Other researchers said the Hawaii research is promising because it suggests that ordinary cells can be used in cloning, and identical animals of either sex can be commercially engineered.

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IN BRIEF

Big Spring drivers shine at Midessa Speedway

Four drivers from Big Spring turned in strong performances Saturday during racing at the Midessa Speedway.

Three of those drivers were taking part in the mini-stock class where John Anderson proved to be the most successful, finishing second in his heat and fifth in the 19-car feature.

Bert Hillger, who'd been fourth in his heat, finished seventh in the feature.

Jimmy Stewart proved to be the hard luck driver of the night. After finishing second in his heat and third in the mini-stock trophy dash, Stewart was expected to be among the drivers contending for the feature, but did not finish that race.

In IMCA modified class racing, Rondel Brock followed a third-place finish in his heat by finishing fourth in the 24-car feature.

Spring City Open tourney scheduled for weekend

The first Spring City Open golf tournament has been scheduled for Saturday and Sunday at the Comanche Trail Golf Course.

Slated as a fundraiser for the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce Sports Committee, the tournament will be a four-person scramble.

Entry fees will be \$160 per team and include green fees, tee prizes and closest to the pin prizes. Private carts are welcome.

The deadline for entries will be Friday.

For more information, call Jack Birdwell at 264-2366 or Lenita Everton at 264-9134.

BSST swimmers slated to begin long course work

Summer marks the start of long course swimming season, and members of the Big Spring Swim Team will begin practices Thursday at the City Pool located in Comanche Trail Park.

Those six years of age and younger must be able to swim a least one length of the pool to qualify for the team.

The squad has slated a full schedule of competition this summer for swimmers in all levels.

Monthly fees for swim team members are \$20 for full members of the YMCA, while basic members will pay \$27 if 11 years or older and \$20 if 10 or younger.

For more information, call the YMCA at 267-8234.

UGSA ragball tournament set for Saturday, Sunday

The United Girls Softball Association ragball tournament originally scheduled for the Memorial Day week has been rescheduled for Friday and Saturday, June 5-6, at the Roy Anderson Complex.

Entry fees for the double-elimination tournament are \$10 per player — each team will have a maximum of 15 players.

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

Softball tournament scheduled for weekend

A men's softball tournament has been scheduled for Friday and Saturday at Cotton Mize Field in Comanche Trail Park.

Entry fees are \$110 per team and the deadline for entries is Sunday.

Trophies will be awarded to the first three teams, while first and second-place finishers will receive T-shirts.

For more information, call Russell or Lisa Parks at 270-8564 or 270-8101.

ON THE AIR

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McLemore keys late rally in Rangers' 3-1 win over Royals

ARLINGTON (AP) — The Texas Rangers are winning with late-inning offense. Their suddenly stable starting pitchers are putting them in that position.

Texas got seven strong innings from starter Rick Helling, and Mark McLemore keyed a three-run rally in the eighth with a two-run single as the Rangers beat Kansas City 3-1 Tuesday night for their eighth straight victory.

Helling allowed three hits in seven innings, giving the Rangers a chance to rally.

"I didn't feel all that good out there, but I went out and did my job, which is to help the team win," Helling said. "You have to battle on nights like this. You want to keep the game close and pitch as long as you can."

Six times during the eight-game win-

ning streak, a Rangers starter has pitched into the seventh inning, and that, said manager Johnny Oates, has been the most important factor.

"It all starts with starting pitching," Oates said. "That's what it takes to put a streak together. These eight games have been low scoring, and the pitching has been very good."

Rangers starters struggled early this season, but the team ERA is steadily declining after hitting an alarming 5.98 on May 23.

"The pitchers have taken a lot of heat," McLemore said. "But this is the staff we won the division with last year, and we have a lot of confidence in them."

The Rangers' winning streak is their longest since 1989 as Texas won on its final at-bat for the fourth straight time. Overall, the Rangers have won eight

times on their last at-bat this season and have come from behind to win 14 times.

"We've got a club that doesn't give up," McLemore said. "Every night it's somebody different. It's not just one guy. That's what you have to do if you want a championship-caliber team."

The Royals bullpen, which struggled in Monday night's 10-inning, 4-3 loss to the Rangers, faltered again.

Reliever Matt Whisenant (1-1) issued a leadoff walk to Lee Stevens and then hit Jon Shave and pinch-hitter Roberto Kelly with pitches, loading the bases with no outs.

Terry Mathews, the fourth Royals pitcher, gave up a single to McLemore that made it 2-1. Rusty Greer followed with an RBI single.

The Royals, 1-7 in their current road trip, have 11 blown saves in 19 opportu-

nities this season.

Royals manager Tony Muser wants to see a harder edge from his relievers.

"I think different personalities react in different ways," Muser said. "Sometimes people relax and don't know how hard the game is. They don't improve. The moment you relax, this game will bite you. I think that is happening now to a couple guys in the bullpen."

Reliever Jeff Zimmerman (5-0) threw a perfect eighth and John Wetteland pitched the ninth for his major league-leading 17th save.

Texas' Ivan Rodriguez extended his hitting streak to a career-high 20 games, four short of the club record set by Mickey Rivers in 1980.

Royals starter Jay Witasick limited Texas' powerful lineup to four hits in six innings.

'Dogs gunning for three-peat

Coahoma faces familiar foe in Abernathy going into Region I title game

By JOHN A. MOSELEY
Sports Editor

Coahoma's No. 4-ranked Bulldogs find a familiar foe standing between themselves and a third consecutive trip to the UIL state baseball tournament.

The Bulldogs, who improved to 20-7 with last week's 6-3 win over Stamford in regional semifinal action, will face Abernathy's Antelopes (20-5) in a one-game, winner-take-all showdown for the Region I, Class 2A championship at 7 p.m. Thursday on the manicured turf at Snyder's Moffitt Field.

Thursday's regional title game will be a rematch of last year's Region I championship in which the Bulldogs swept a double-header en route to a second straight state tournament appearance.

This time around, however, there will be no second chances. Bulldogs coach Scott Lewis made sure of that by winning every one of the coin tosses he and Abernathy officials conducted following Abernathy's regional semifinals win over Honey.

"Some people probably look at our pitching staff and feel like we've got plenty of talent and ought to be willing to play people in a best-of-three situation," Lewis noted. "I've felt that way all along, we just haven't been in a situation where we've had to use anybody except Delvin (White)."

So much the better to Lewis' way of thinking, thanks to the talents of White, the Bulldogs' left-handed junior ace.

"I'm willing to roll the dice and send Delvin up there to the mound in a one-game playoff," Lewis explained. "We've ridden him this far, there's no reason to try and do anything different at this stage in the game."

The No. 6-ranked Antelopes may well agree.

After all, they got to see all they wanted of White a year ago when he threw a no-hit shutout at them in Game 1 of that series, then came on to throw three innings of no-hit relief to secure the Bulldogs' second straight regional title.

The good news for Abernathy, however, is that White proved to be human in Abilene last week.

Although he chalked up 18 strikeouts in the Bulldogs' regional semifinal win, Stamford was able to come up with clutch hits and benefited from an error charged to White, allowing them to make the seventh inning interesting.

At the same time, Coahoma delivered a troubling message for Abernathy pitchers by pounding Stamford's pitching tandem of



Coahoma's Delvin White swings and misses at the plate during the Bulldogs' win over Post in District 3-2A action earlier in the season. White and his teammates face Abernathy's Antelopes for the Region I, Class 2A baseball championship at 7 p.m. Thursday in Snyder.

Jason Reyes and J.J. Guzman, finishing the game with 10 hits.

That kind of hitting couldn't have come at a better time, as far as Lewis is concerned and he hopes the Bulldogs continue swinging a hot stick.

"We couldn't have picked a better time to hit the ball like that," Lewis said, admitting that the Bulldogs' aggressive nature did create some problems. "We ran ourselves out of at least one big inning and a couple of runs, but we wanted to be aggressive and we accomplished that. I just want us to continue doing that this time around."

A lack of hitting troubled Lewis after seeing his squad manage to post back-to-back 3-0 wins in its first two playoff outings.

"It's not that we hadn't been putting the ball in play, but it seemed like everything

we were hitting was right at somebody," the Bulldog boss explained. "But against Stamford, they started falling in for us. It's a good thing, too. We obviously couldn't have afforded to try and hold on to a 3-0 lead like we'd had earlier in the playoffs."

"I figure we'll be in kind of the same situation this week," Lewis added. "From what I've seen of Abernathy, they look a lot like New Deal did."

"They've got some kids that hit the baseball pretty well, and that could give us some problems if Delvin gets tired late in the game like he did last week," Lewis added. "We're going to have to continue being aggressive at the plate and one the base paths, and we've got to play good defense."

Tickets for Thursday's game are priced at \$4 for adults and \$2 for students.

McGwire homers against Marlins' four-outfielder defense

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

Four outfielders weren't enough to keep Mark McGwire in the ballpark.

The Florida Marlins put an extra man in the outfield when McGwire came to the plate in the fifth inning Tuesday night, but the St. Louis slugger foiled the strategy by hitting his 16th homer of the season.

McGwire also had a two-run double in the sixth — this time against a traditional defense — to lead the Cardinals to an 8-4 victory over the Marlins at Pro Player Stadium.

The Marlins, who moved second baseman Luis Castillo to the right-field corner when McGwire batted in the fifth, are the third team to use four outfielders against Big Mac this season. McGwire said he doesn't care what kind of defense the opposition plays.

"I'm concentrating on the pitch and the ball," he said. "I'm not even looking at the infield and what they're doing out there. I don't even see it. I'm not going to waste my time looking at where they are."

The Marlins' four outfielders could only watch as McGwire's homer off Ivan Hernandez sailed over the left-field scoreboard.

"We've got to put guys on top of that

thing," Marlins interim manager Fredi Gonzalez joked.

After a slow start, McGwire has eight homers in his last 12 games.

"Yeah, he's having a real bad year, isn't he?" Cardinals manager Tony La Russa said.

Ray Lankford drove in three runs with a single and a two-run homer as the Cardinals handed the Marlins their fourth straight loss.

In other National League games, it was Pittsburgh 4, Los Angeles 2; Montreal 10, Arizona 8; Cincinnati 4, New York 0; Atlanta 7, Colorado 2; San Diego 1, Chicago 0 in 5th innings; Houston 3, Milwaukee 0 in 7th innings; and San Francisco 6, Philadelphia 5 in 12th innings.

The Padres-Cubs and Astros-Brewers games were shortened by rain.

In the American League, New York beat Cleveland 11-5, Oakland defeated Tampa Bay 5-2, Texas topped Kansas City 3-1, Baltimore beat Seattle 14-11, Anaheim defeated Minnesota 5-1, Chicago beat Toronto 6-2 and Boston defeated Detroit 5-4.

Braves 7, Rockies 2

John Smoltz returned from the 15-day disabled list and pitched six scoreless innings in Atlanta.

Smoltz (6-1), activated earlier in the

day after being sidelined by an inflamed right elbow, gave up four hits, struck out five and walked none. He also doubled and hit an RBI single, increasing his batting average to .364 (8-for-22).

Expos 10, Diamondbacks 8

Shane Andrews, activated from the 15-day DL before the game, homered twice, doubled and matched a career high with five RBIs as Montreal stopped Arizona's seven-game winning streak.

Steve Finley went 4-for-5 with two homers and six RBIs for the visiting Diamondbacks. On Sunday, he had two homers and five RBIs against the Mets.

Pirates 4, Dodgers 2

Jason Schmidt (5-3), given nine days off between starts after complaining of a dead arm, limited Los Angeles to a run and four hits in 6 2/3 innings at Three Rivers Stadium.

Ed Sprague, recently shifted from sixth to second in the batting order, had a homer, double and scored twice as the Pirates won their fifth straight.

Reds 4, Mets 0

Pete Harnisch (5-5) extended his shutout string to 16 innings, combining with Scott Sullivan on a seven-hitter as Cincinnati won its fourth straight.

Harnisch improved to 6-2 against his

former team, allowing six hits in seven innings at Shea Stadium. He also doubled in the third and scored Cincinnati's first run as the Reds handed the Mets their fifth straight loss.

Astros 3, Brewers 0

Sean Bergman (3-1) pitched a rain-shortened six-hitter in Milwaukee for his first shutout in four seasons.

Houston had the bases loaded with one out in the eighth when play was stopped. The game was called after a wait of 1 hour, 12 minutes.

Padres 1, Cubs 0

John Vander Wal homered off Steve Trachsel (2-6) in the fourth as San Diego stopped Chicago's four-game winning streak in a rain-shortened game at Wrigley Field.

The game, delayed by rain for 18 minutes at the start, was called after a wait of 1:18 with two outs in the San Diego sixth.

Giants 6, Phillies 5

Wayne Gomes (1-1) forced in the winning run by walking Bill Mueller in the 12th inning as San Francisco stopped a five-game losing streak.

Robb Nen (2-1) pitched two innings for the victory in a game that featured 14 pitchers.

Stars survive, keep flicker with 4-1 win

DENVER (AP) — The Western Conference finals will be decided by a one-game showdown between two of the NHL's most talented teams. Neither seems ready to blink.

Dallas and Colorado will need a Game 7 to determine the West's best after the Stars forced the series back to Texas with a 4-1 victory over the Avalanche on Tuesday night.

Like the previous five games, Game 6 was still in doubt in the third period before the Stars scored three goals, two of them by Jamie Langenbrunner.

"I dreamed of playing a Game 7 as a kid," said Dallas goalie Ed Belfour, looking ahead to the decisive game Friday night in Dallas. "I always win."

The winner will advance to the Stanley Cup finals against the Eastern Conference champion Buffalo Sabres.

Belfour, trying to shed his reputation for collapsing in the playoffs, was stellar Tuesday night. He kept the Stars in the game long enough for Langenbrunner to put the Avalanche away.

Langenbrunner, who had only 12 goals in the regular season, scored his seventh and eighth goals of the playoffs, including the third game-winner.

"It's a lot more fun, that's for sure," Langenbrunner said. "You play the game to score goals. That's what you dream about playing in your basement."

After giving up 10 goals in two straight losses, the Stars avoided their first three-game losing streak of the season by playing more like the team that won the Presidents' Trophy for having the NHL's best record.

Belfour's strong play and Dallas' persistent attack were enough for the Stars to earn one more game at home. They are 6-2 at Reunion Arena in the playoffs — with both losses coming in this series.

"There's no easy road to the Stanley Cup," Avalanche coach Bob Hartley said. "This round is a classic example. It's going down to the seventh game and we like our chances. We're a good road team, and I think we'll be there."

SPORTS EXTRA

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL
American League
BOSTON RED SOX—Activated RHP Bret Saberhagen from the 15-day disabled list. Optioned RHP Tim Lincecum to Pawtucket of the International League.

CLEVELAND INDIANS—Signed OF J.J. Sherrill. MINNESOTA TWINS—Placed C Terry Steinbach on the 15-day disabled list. Recalled C O.J. Pierzynski from Salt Lake of the PCL.

TORONTO BLUE JAYS—Activated C Darni Fletcher from the 15-day disabled list. Optioned OF Mark DeLeaster to Syracuse of the International League.

NATIONAL LEAGUE
ATLANTA BRAVES—Activated RHP John Smoltz from the 15-day disabled list. Optioned LHP Bruce Chen to Richmond of the International League. Activated LHP Damian Mills from the 15-day disabled list and optioned him to Macon of the South Atlantic League.

MONTREAL EXPOS—Activated 3B Shane Andrews from the 15-day disabled list. SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS—Recalled RHP Julian Tavarez from Fresno of the PCL. Optioned RHP Joe Nathan to Fresno.

BASKETBALL
National Basketball Association
NBA—Named Jeffrey Pollack vice president of marketing and corporate communications. CLEVELAND CAVALIERS—Fired Mike Fratello, coach. Announced Wayne Embry, president and chief operating officer, will leave the general manager's post and be replaced by Jim Paxson, vice president of basketball operations, effective July 1.

FOOTBALL
National Football League
ATLANTA FALCONS—Named Steve Deberg quarterbacks coach. CINCINNATI BENGALS—Released LB Louis Hampton. CLEVELAND BROWNS—Released LB Elijah Alexander.

DALLAS COWBOYS—Released WR Billy Davis. GREEN BAY PACKERS—Signed S Chris Adams and WR Donald Driver to three-year contracts. Named Vicki Vanneuwerhoven director of finance-compliance-benefits, Duke Copp director of accounting, Mark Schiefelbus director of administrative affairs, and Jeff Blumb associate director of public relations.

JACKSONVILLE JAGUARS—Signed LB Brandon Southworth. MIAMI DOLPHINS—Waived LB Mike Crawford to a three-year contract.

HOCKEY
National Hockey League
BUFFALO SABRES—Signed D Brian Campbell to a three-year contract. CALGARY FLAMES—Signed C Daniel Thacuck and D Chris St. Croix. CAROLINA HURRICANES—Signed D Nikos Tselios to a multiyear contract. EDMONTON OILERS—Signed G Alex Fomichov to a multiyear contract.

FLORIDA PANTHERS—Signed RW Sean Nocisette to a three-year contract. LOS ANGELES KINGS—Signed LW David Hyman to a two-year contract and RW Marko Tuomi to a one-year contract.

NEW YORK RANGERS—Signed D Wes Jarvis. VANCOUVER CANUCKS—Signed C Harold Druken. Acquired the rights to RW C. Pat Kavanagh from the Philadelphia Flyers for a 1999 sixth-round draft pick and signed him.

JUCO WORLD SERIES

JUCO World Series
At Grand Junction, Colo.
Saturday, May 29
Wallace-Hanceville, Ala. 10, Garden City CC, Kan. 6. Central Arizona College 10, Muscatine CC, Iowa 6. Seminole State, Okla. 13, Manatee CC, Fla. 2. San Jacinto-North, Texas, 8, Volunteer State, Tenn., 5. Sunday, May 30
Muscatine CC, Iowa 8, Garden City CC, Kan. 6. Garden City eliminated. Manatee CC, Fla. 9, Volunteer State, Tenn. 4. Volunteer State, Tenn. eliminated. Grayson County College, Texas 7, Briarcliffe College, N.Y. 4. Monday, May 31
Manatee CC, Fla. 10, Muscatine CC, Iowa 0. 5 innings, Muscatine eliminated. San Jacinto-North, Texas 24, Seminole State, Okla. 16. Wallace-Hanceville, Ala. 2, Central Arizona College 0. Tuesday, June 1
Seminole State, Okla. 4, Briarcliffe College, N.Y. 3. Briarcliffe eliminated. Manatee CC, Fla. 5, Central Arizona College 7. Central Arizona eliminated. Grayson County College, Texas 14, San Jacinto-North, Texas 0. 6 innings. Wednesday, June 2
Game 14 — Seminole State, Okla. (57-8) vs. San Jacinto-North, Texas (44-12), 4 p.m. Game 15 — Wallace-Hanceville, Ala. (47-15) vs. Grayson County College, Texas (52-13), 8:30 p.m. Thursday, June 3
Game 16 — Game 14 winner vs. Game 15 loser, 4 p.m. Game 17 — Game 15 winner vs. Manatee CC, Fla. (55-8), 8:30 p.m. Friday, June 4
Game 18 — Game 15 winner vs. TBD, 8:30 p.m. Saturday, June 5
Championship Game
Game 19 — Teams TBD, 8:30 p.m.

NCAA BASEBALL

NCAA Division I Baseball Playoffs
SUPER REGIONALS
(Best-of-3)
Friday, June 4
Wake Forest (47-14) at Miami (44-13), 6 p.m. Auburn (46-17) at Florida State (51-12), 6 p.m. Cal State-Fullerton (47-11) at Ohio State (49-12), 6:05 p.m. Southwestern Louisiana (41-22) at Rice (56-12), 7 p.m. LSU (41-22) at Alabama (49-14), 7 p.m. Oklahoma State (44-18) at Baylor (49-13), 7 p.m. San Francisco (41-25) at Texas A&M (50-15), 7 p.m. Southern California (36-24) at Stanford (46-13), 9 p.m. Saturday, June 5
BATTING—Fernandez, Toronto, .389; Jeter, New York, .376; Ramirez, Texas, .352; BeWilliams, New York, .343; Ramirez, Cleveland, .342; Lofton, Cleveland, .340; Offerman, Boston, .340. RUNS—Ramos, Cleveland, 50; CDeigado, Toronto, 47; Lofton, Cleveland, 47; Griffey Jr., Seattle, 47; Jeter, New York, 44; SGreen, Toronto, 43; Ramirez, Cleveland, 43; ByAnderson, Baltimore, 43. RBI—Ramirez, Cleveland, 64; Griffey Jr., Seattle, 54; SGreen, Toronto, 48; CDeigado, Toronto, 47; JGonzalez, Texas, 46; Canseco, Tampa Bay, 42; GarciaPapa, Boston, 41. HITS—Jeter, New York, 73; Ramirez, Cleveland, 69; Surhoff, Baltimore, 69; BeWilliams, New York, 68; Offerman, Boston, 68; TFernandez, Toronto, 68; SGreen, Toronto, 67. DOUBLES—Offerman, Boston, 20; Greer, Texas, 19; TFernandez, Toronto, 19; SGreen, Toronto, 18; Glauis, Anaheim, 16; Tajada, Oakland, 16; CDeigado, Toronto, 16; Segur, Seattle, 16. TRIPLES—Jeter, New York, 6; Offerman, Boston, 5; Febles, Kansas City, 4; 13 are tied with 3. HOME RUNS—Griffey Jr., Seattle, 20; Canseco, Tampa Bay, 19; SGreen, Toronto, 15; Davis, Seattle, 14; Ramirez, Cleveland, 14; RPalmeiro, Texas, 14; McGriff, Tampa Bay, 14. STOLEN BASES—Gooden, Texas, 23; Stewart, Toronto, 17; Encarnacion, Detroit, 16; Ramos, Cleveland, 16; IroDiguez, Texas, 13; Vazquez, Cleveland, 11; Martinez, Pittsburgh, 11; Rocker, Atlanta, 10. PITCHING (7 Decisions)—Martinez, Boston, 10-1, .909, 2.01; Mussina,

MAJOR LEAGUE STANDINGS

Table with columns for American League and National League, East and Central Divisions, listing teams, wins, losses, and percentages.

Tuesday's Games
Kansas City (Appier 6-2) at Texas (Sale 4-4), 4:35 p.m. Tampa Bay (Alvarez 4-6) at Oakland (Candotto 3-5), 3:05 p.m. Detroit (Thompson 4-6) at Boston (Wakefield 3-4), 6:05 p.m. Chicago (Snyder 6-3) at Toronto (Carpenter 3-5), 6:05 p.m. Cleveland (Wright 4-3) at New York (Pettitte 3-2), 6:35 p.m. Minnesota (Radke 4-4) at Anaheim (Finley 3-5), 9:35 p.m. Baltimore (Mussina 7-2) at Seattle (Halama 3-2), 9:35 p.m.

Thursday's Games
Chicago (Navarro 3-4) at Toronto (Hentgen 4-3), 12:05 p.m. Only game scheduled

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Table with columns for National League, East and Central Divisions, listing teams, wins, losses, and percentages.

Tuesday's Games
Pittsburgh 4, Los Angeles 2. Montreal 10, Arizona 8. Cincinnati 4, New York 0. Atlanta 7, Colorado 2. St. Louis 8, Florida 4. San Diego 1, Chicago 0, 5 1/2 innings, rain. San Francisco 5, Philadelphia 5, 12 innings.

Thursday's Games
San Francisco (Estes 2-4) at Philadelphia (Schilling 8-2), 12:05 p.m. Houston (Reynolds 7-4) at Milwaukee (Woodard 4-5), 12:05 p.m. San Diego (Clement 1-5) at Chicago (Tapani 4-2), 1:20 p.m. St. Louis (Oliver 4-2) at Florida (Fernandez 1-3), 6:05 p.m. Only games scheduled

Southwestern Louisiana (41-22) at Rice (56-12), 2 p.m. Arizona (41-22) at Alabama (49-14), 2 p.m. Southern California (36-24) at Stanford (46-13), 3 p.m. Wake Forest (47-14) at Miami (44-13), 6 p.m. Auburn (46-17) at Florida State (51-12), 6 p.m. Cal State-Fullerton (47-11) at Ohio State (49-12), 6:05 p.m. Oklahoma State (44-18) at Baylor (49-13), 7 p.m. San Francisco (41-25) at Texas A&M (50-15), 7 p.m. Sunday, June 6
Wake Forest (47-14) at Miami (44-13), Noon, if necessary. Auburn (46-17) at Florida State (51-12), Noon, if necessary. Cal State-Fullerton (47-11) at Ohio State (49-12), 12:05 p.m., if necessary. LSU (41-22) at Alabama (49-14), 1 p.m., if necessary. Oklahoma State (44-18) at Baylor (49-13), 1 p.m., if necessary. Southwestern Louisiana (41-22) at Rice (56-12), 2 p.m., if necessary. Arizona (41-22) at Texas A&M (50-15), 2 p.m., if necessary. Southern California (36-24) at Stanford (46-13), 3 p.m., if necessary.

COLLEGE WORLD SERIES
(Double Elimination)
June 11-15
BATTING—TFernandez, Toronto, .389; Jeter, New York, .376; Ramirez, Texas, .352; BeWilliams, New York, .343; Ramirez, Cleveland, .342; Lofton, Cleveland, .340; Offerman, Boston, .340. RUNS—Ramos, Cleveland, 50; CDeigado, Toronto, 47; Lofton, Cleveland, 47; Griffey Jr., Seattle, 47; Jeter, New York, 44; SGreen, Toronto, 43; Ramirez, Cleveland, 43; ByAnderson, Baltimore, 43. RBI—Ramirez, Cleveland, 64; Griffey Jr., Seattle, 54; SGreen, Toronto, 48; CDeigado, Toronto, 47; JGonzalez, Texas, 46; Canseco, Tampa Bay, 42; GarciaPapa, Boston, 41. HITS—Jeter, New York, 73; Ramirez, Cleveland, 69; Surhoff, Baltimore, 69; BeWilliams, New York, 68; Offerman, Boston, 68; TFernandez, Toronto, 68; SGreen, Toronto, 67. DOUBLES—Offerman, Boston, 20; Greer, Texas, 19; TFernandez, Toronto, 19; SGreen, Toronto, 18; Glauis, Anaheim, 16; Tajada, Oakland, 16; CDeigado, Toronto, 16; Segur, Seattle, 16. TRIPLES—Jeter, New York, 6; Offerman, Boston, 5; Febles, Kansas City, 4; 13 are tied with 3. HOME RUNS—Griffey Jr., Seattle, 20; Canseco, Tampa Bay, 19; SGreen, Toronto, 15; Davis, Seattle, 14; Ramirez, Cleveland, 14; RPalmeiro, Texas, 14; McGriff, Tampa Bay, 14. STOLEN BASES—Gooden, Texas, 23; Stewart, Toronto, 17; Encarnacion, Detroit, 16; Ramos, Cleveland, 16; IroDiguez, Texas, 13; Vazquez, Cleveland, 11; Martinez, Pittsburgh, 11; Rocker, Atlanta, 10. PITCHING (7 Decisions)—Martinez, Boston, 10-1, .909, 2.01; Mussina,

ALL LEADERS

BATTING—L Gonzalez, Arizona, .393; Casey, Cincinnati, .378; Walker, Colorado, .368; Kendall, Pittsburgh, .359; Abreu, Philadelphia, .344; Olerud, New York, .343; KYoung, Pittsburgh, .340. RUNS—J Bell, Arizona, 50; Alfonso, New York, 42; Kendall, Pittsburgh, 41; Bagwell, Houston, 40; LGonzalez, Arizona, 40; Giles, Pittsburgh, 39; Sosa, Chicago, 39; McWilliams, Arizona, 39. RBI—McWilliams, Arizona, 51; Bjordan, Atlanta, 46; Bagwell, Houston, 45; Mondesi, Los Angeles, 44; Tatis, St. Louis, 42; SFernandez, Arizona, 42; Ventura, New York, 41. HITS—L Gonzalez, Arizona, 75; McWilliams, Arizona, 69; Casey, Cincinnati, 68; Kendall, Pittsburgh, 65; KYoung, Pittsburgh, 65; J Bell, Arizona, 63; A Gonzalez, Florida, 61; Bjordan, Atlanta, 61. DOUBLES—Biggio, Houston, 23; Casey, Cincinnati, 18; KYoung, Pittsburgh, 17; Olerud, New York, 17; Kendall, Pittsburgh, 16; LGonzalez, Arizona, 16; McWilliams, Arizona, 16. TRIPLES—Martin, Pittsburgh, 5; L Johnson, Chicago, 5; NPerez, Colorado, 4; AJones, Atlanta, 4; M Ramirez, Montreal, 4; Womack, Arizona, 4; 7 are tied with 3. HOME RUNS—Mondesi, Los Angeles, 18; Sosa, Chicago, 17; McGwire, St. Louis, 17; McWilliams, Arizona, 15; J Bell, Arizona, 15; Tatis, St. Louis, 14; Bagwell, Houston, 14. STOLEN BASES—Cedeno, New York, 28; Womack, Arizona, 26; EYoung, Los Angeles, 22; Cameron, Cincinnati, 17; Biggio, Houston, 15; Kendall, Pittsburgh, 14; Glavine, Philadelphia, 13; RSanders, San Diego, 13. PITCHING (7 Decisions)—Smoltz, Atlanta, 6-1, .857, 2.34; Lima, Houston, 6-2, 8.00, 3.03; Bortnerfield, St. Louis, 8-2, 8.00, 4.06; Schilling, Philadelphia, 8-2, 8.00, 2.57; Rajohnson, Arizona, 6-2, 7.50, 2.88; Hampton, Houston, 5-2, 7.14, 2.85; 5 are tied with 6.67. STRIKEOUTS—Rajohnson, Arizona, 118; K Brown, Los Angeles, 78; Schilling, Philadelphia, 74; Reynolds, Houston, 71; Hitchcock, San Diego, 69; Astacio, Colorado, 62; Estes, San Francisco, 60; Park, Los Angeles, 60. SAVES—Nien, San Francisco, 15; JFranco, New York, 14; Wagner, Houston, 12; Urbina, Montreal, 12; Shaw, Los Angeles, 12; McWilliams, Pittsburgh, 11; Rocker, Atlanta, 10.

TEXAS LEAGUE

Tuesday's Games
Arkansas 3, Shreveport 2. El Paso 4, San Antonio 0. Tulsa 12, Jackson 5. Wichita 9, Midland 2. Today's Games
Shreveport at Arkansas. El Paso at San Antonio. Jackson at Tulsa. Midland at Wichita. Thursday's Games
Shreveport at Arkansas. El Paso at San Antonio. Jackson at Tulsa. Midland at Wichita.

NBA PLAYOFFS

CONFERENCE FINALS
(Best-of-7)
Saturday, May 29
San Antonio 80, Portland 76. Sunday, May 30
New York 93, Indiana 90. Monday, May 31
San Antonio 86, Portland 85. San Antonio leads series 2-0. Tuesday, June 1
Indiana 88, New York 86, series tied 1-1. Friday, June 4
San Antonio at Portland, 8 p.m. Saturday, June 5
Indiana at New York, 8 p.m. Sunday, June 6
Portland at San Antonio, 8 p.m., if necessary. Monday, May 29
Indiana at New York, 8 p.m. Tuesday, June 1
Portland at San Antonio, 8 p.m., if necessary. Wednesday, June 2
New York at Indiana, 8 p.m. Friday, June 4
Indiana at New York, TBA, if necessary. San Antonio at Portland, TBA, if necessary. Sunday, June 13
New York at Indiana, TBA, if necessary. Portland at San Antonio, TBA, if necessary.

CONFERENCE FINALS
(Best-of-7)
Saturday, May 22
Colorado 2, Dallas 1. Sunday, May 23
Toronto 5, Toronto 4. Monday, May 24
Dallas 4, Colorado 2. Tuesday, May 25
Toronto 6, Buffalo 3. Wednesday, May 26
Dallas 3, Colorado 0. Thursday, May 27
Buffalo 4, Toronto 2. Friday, May 28
Colorado 3, Dallas 2, OT. Saturday, May 29
Dallas 4, Toronto 2. Sunday, May 30
Colorado 7, Dallas 5. Monday, May 31
Buffalo 4, Toronto 2. Buffalo wins series 4-1. Tuesday, June 1
Dallas 4, Colorado 1, series tied 3-3. Wednesday, June 2
No games scheduled. Thursday, June 3
No games scheduled. Friday, June 4
Colorado at Dallas, 6:30 p.m.

STANLEY CUP FINALS
Buffalo vs. Colorado-Dallas winner. Buffalo at Colorado-Dallas winner, 7 p.m. Thursday, June 10
Buffalo at Colorado-Dallas winner, 7 p.m. Saturday, June 12
Colorado-Dallas winner at Buffalo, 7 p.m. Tuesday, June 15
Colorado-Dallas winner at Buffalo, 7 p.m. Thursday, June 17
Buffalo at Dallas-Colored winner, 7 p.m., if necessary. Saturday, June 19
Buffalo at Dallas-Colored winner at Buffalo, 7 p.m., if necessary. Tuesday, June 22
Buffalo at Colorado-Dallas winner, 7 p.m., if necessary.

NHL PLAYOFFS

CONFERENCE FINALS
(Best-of-7)
Saturday, May 22
Colorado 2, Dallas 1. Sunday, May 23
Toronto 5, Toronto 4. Monday, May 24
Dallas 4, Colorado 2. Tuesday, May 25
Toronto 6, Buffalo 3. Wednesday, May 26
Dallas 3, Colorado 0. Thursday, May 27
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Dallas 4, Colorado 1, series tied 3-3. Wednesday, June 2
No games scheduled. Thursday, June 3
No games scheduled. Friday, June 4
Colorado at Dallas, 6:30 p.m.

SCHOOLBOY POLL

CLASS 5A
1. Clinton (35-2)
2. CC Moody (30-2-1)
3. Newman Smith (30-3)
4. Duncansonville (25-8)
5. Lufkin Hudson (22-4)
6. Austin Westlake (28-9-2)
7. Plano (24-9)
8. Baytown Lee (28-8)
9. Nemo (30-5)
10. Mesquite (25-8)

CLASS 4A
1. CC Cattell (35-2)
2. Brenham (30-4)
3. Andrews (30-3)
4. Waxahatchie (26-7)
5. Nederland (24-8)
6. Grapevine (26-9-1)
7. Weatherford (24-9)
8. Alice (30-7)
9. Columbia (20-5-1)
10. Wylie (29-5-2)

CLASS 3A
1. Forney (26-4)
2. Liberty (25-9)
3. Hallettsville (24-7-1)
4. Canton (24-6)
5. China Spring (21-7)
6. Taylor (22-6)
7. West (24-10)
8. Sinton (20-12)
9. Lufkin Hudson (26-7)
10. Alpine (24-3)

CLASS 2A
1. Hutto (26-5)
2. Rosburg Lott (23-5)
3. Weimar (21-5)
4. Coahoma (20-7)
5. Cooper (22-5-1)
6. Abertamy (20-9)
7. Grand Saline (20-5)
8. Kingsville Academy (20-7-1)
9. Kennedy (21-6)
10. Colina (15-2)

CLASS 1A
1. Collinsville (20-5)
2. Antell (18-3-1)
3. Barlett (20-2-2)
4. High Island (26-3)
5. Ivanhoe Rayburn (21-6)
6. Corsicana Mildred (17-3)
7. Fayetteville (14-8)
8. Ranger (20-7)
9. Boesqueville (17-2)
10. Meud (19-5-1)

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Shreveport at Arkansas. El Paso at San Antonio. Jackson at Tulsa. Midland at Wichita.

CLOSER TO HOME

Registration extended for Crossroads leagues

Applications are now being accepted from teens interested in playing in the Crossroads Summer Basketball League. Students entering grades 9-12 and 1999 high school graduates are eligible. Games will start Monday at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum and at Steer Gym. A fee of \$55 per player includes a league jersey. For more information, call Matt Corkery at 268-9930 or 264-5306 or Sabrina McNair at 264-5306 or 264-5047.

Lady Steers hoops camp scheduled for June 7-10

Registrations are now being taken for the 1999 Lady Steers Summer Basketball Camp which begins Monday and continues through Thursday, June 10. The camp is for all girls who will be in the second through eighth grade next school year. Registration for the camp, which will run from 8:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. at the BSHS P.E. gyms, is \$45 and includes a T-shirt and camp certificate. For more information, contact Coach Kathy Loter at 268-9372 or Traci Pierce at 267-4047.

BSHS summer tennis clinic scheduled for June 7-10

Big Spring High School has scheduled its summer tennis clinic for June 7-10 at the Figure 7 Tennis Center in Comanche Trail Park. The intensive sessions will be from 9 a.m. to noon each day under the direction of BSHS tennis coach Ralph Davis, his assistant Sarah Corse, Figure 7 professional Jim Blacketer and Forsan coach Dennis Smiley. The camp is open to boys and girls between the ages of 5-18. The fee is \$96 per participant. For more information, call Blacketer at 264-6834.

Howard College slates boys' basketball camp

Howard College has scheduled its summer boys' basketball camp for June 7-10 at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. The camp is for all boys who will be in the second through eighth grade next school year. Registration for the camp, which will run from 8:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. at the BSHS P.E. gyms, is \$45 and includes a T-shirt and camp certificate. For more information, contact Coach Kathy Loter at 268-9372 or Traci Pierce at 267-4047.

Country club reschedules tourney for June 19-20

The Big Spring Country Club has rescheduled its 6-6-6 tournament for June 19-20 with play beginning with a 1 p.m. shotgun start both days. Originally slated for June 5-6, the event's format will have players playing six holes of low ball, six holes of alternate shot and six holes of scramble play each day. Fees for the tournament will be \$65 per player plus cart rental. Entry fees include a mulligan and barbecue dinner following play on Saturday. For more information, call the club's pro shop at 267-5354.

Cowboy golf scramble slated for week of rodeo

A golf tournament benefitting the Justin Cowboy Crisis Fund has been scheduled June 17 at the Comanche Trail Golf Course. All area golfers are invited to participate in the 18-hole, four-person scramble. Teams will be made up of A, B and C players plus a cowboy golfer. A \$35 donation to the crisis fund covers use of a golf cart, green fees and a hamburger lunch. To register or for more information, call Jack Birdwell at 264-2366.

Coahoma booster club seeks new softball field

Members of the Coahoma Booster Club are currently soliciting help for constructing a softball field on the Coahoma High School campus. Organizers say they hope to build the field with donated labor and equipment and are asking local businesses to help by purchasing billboards on the outfield fence. Those 4x8 signs will be \$400 for the first year and \$100 annually thereafter. For more information, call David Elmore at 394-4759, Gary Stovall at 263-3880 or Don Evans at 393-5578.

Howard College slates girls' basketball camp

Howard College will conduct its annual Lady Hawks Girls Basketball Camp at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum beginning June 14 and continuing through June 17. The day camp's sessions are set for 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Wednesday, with the final session set for 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Thursday. Lady Hawks head coach Matt Corkery will head a staff that includes high school coaches and members of the Lady Hawks team. A fee of \$100 per player will be charged and campers can register at 9 a.m. on June 14. For more information, call Corkery at 268-9930 or 264-5043.

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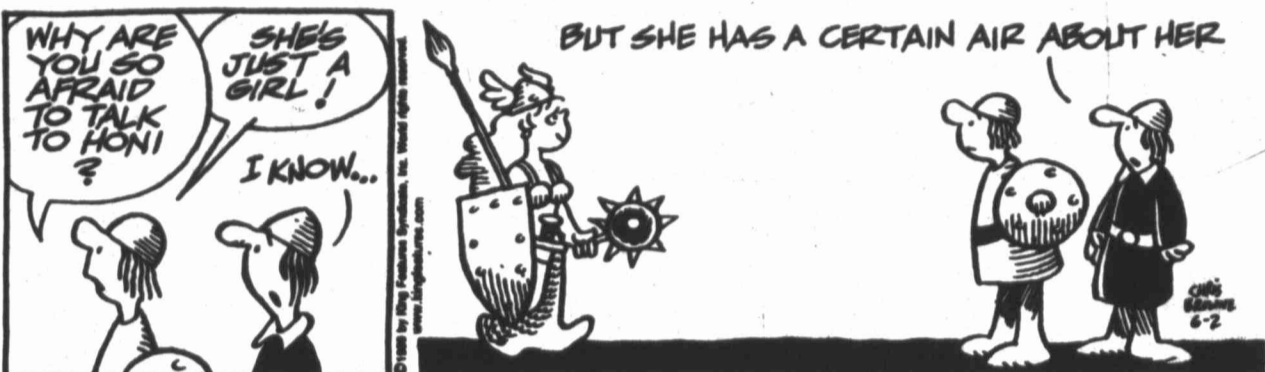
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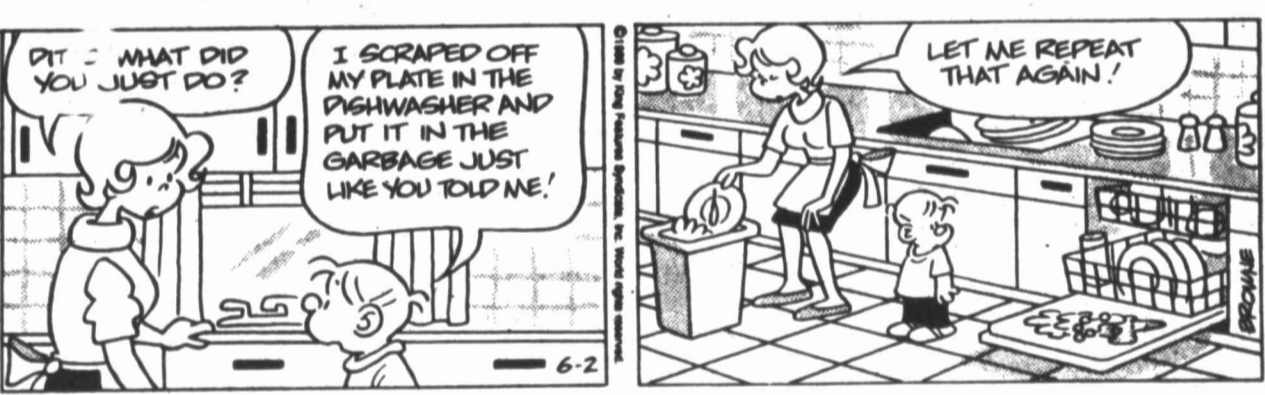
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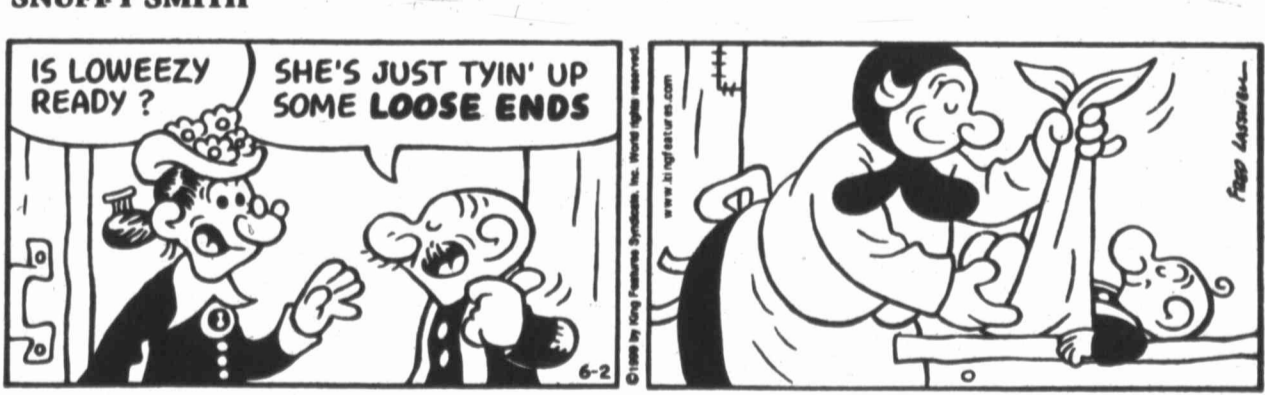
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In 1851, Maine became the first state to enact a law prohibiting alcohol.

THE Daily Crossword Edited by Wayne Robert Williams

ACROSS

- Classification
- Amorphous masses
- Sheep shelter
- Crow's cousin
- Financial checkup
- Approve
- Fairy-tale monster
- Instant
- Nail smoother
- Tibetan ox
- Small change
- Revealed
- Pennsylvania port
- Texas oranges
- Merchandise label
- "The Taming of the..."
- Move stealthily
- William Tell's canton
- Difficult
- Cannabis concoction
- Criscross framework
- Ram's mate
- Informal language
- Pretended
- Whistlike card games
- Pleasing to the eye
- Opposite of a weather
- One of Disney's seven
- Slide whisks
- Explosive letters
- Idle or Clapton
- Teheran native
- Soft cheese
- Actress Turner
- Greene of "Bonanza"
- Top-drawer
- Blind strip
- Fencing swords
- Stalk

DOWN

- Helen's city
- Hindu discipline
- Patronage funding
- Scrimp
- Takes a swim
- Gruesome
- Like Keats' poetry
- Disputing petulantly
- Manning the helm
- Java
- Dust-Bowl migrant
- Saga
- Scrutinized
- Ship's personnel
- Shallow notch
- Long in the tooth
- Milo or Tessie
- Shoulder cover
- Designs
- Ragtime dance
- "The Tempest" sprite
- Lightheaded
- Work as a tenant farmer
- River of Ethiopia
- Hunter's prey
- By oneself
- Dandies
- Politician's wealthy supporter
- Duplicates
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In 1897, responding to rumors that he was dead, Mark Twain, 61, was quoted by the New York Journal as saying from London: "The report of my death was an exaggeration."
In 1941, baseball's "Iron Horse," Lou Gehrig, died in New York of a degenerative disease, amyotrophic lateral sclerosis.
In 1946, the Italian monarchy was abolished in favor of a republic.
In 1953, Queen Elizabeth II of Britain was crowned in Westminster Abbey, 16 months after the death of her father, King George VI.
In 1979, Pope John Paul II arrived in his native Poland on the first visit by a pope to a Communist country.
In 1987, President Reagan announced he was nominating economist Alan Greenspan to succeed Paul Volcker as chairman of the Federal Reserve Board.
In 1997, Timothy McVeigh was convicted of murder and conspiracy in the Oklahoma City bombing.
Ten years ago: President Bush returned from a European trip, calling it "a triumph of hope" for a world moving beyond the Cold War.
Five years ago: The International Atomic Energy Agency, the U.N. atomic watchdog, reported it could no longer verify the status of North Korea's nuclear program, prompting the United States to seek economic sanctions. President Clinton met at the Vatican with Pope John Paul II.
One year ago: Voters in California passed Proposition 227, which effectively abolished the state's 30-year-old bilingual education program by requiring that all children be taught in English. Monica Lewinsky hired a new defense team, Jacob Stein and Plato Cacheris, replacing William H. Ginsburg as her lead attorney.
Today's Birthdays: Actor-composer Max Showalter is 82. Actor Milo O'Shea is 74. Actress Sally Kellerman is 62. Actor Stacy Keach is 58. Rock musician Charlie Watts is 58. Singer William Guest (Gladys Knight & The Pips) is 58. Actor Charles Haid is 56. Composer Marvin Hamlisch is 55. Actor Jerry Mathers is 51. Actress Joanna Gleason is 49. Comedian Dana Carvey is 44. Actor Gary Grimes ("Summer of '42") is 44. Singer Merrill Bainbridge is 31. Rapper B-Real (Cypress Hill) is 29.

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