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## ABWA auction slated Monday

The American Business Women's Association, Scenic-Cactus Chapter, will have its annual scholarship auction Monday beginning at 6 p.m. in the Salvation Army headquarters, 811 W. Fifth. Anyone is welcome to attend, and bid on a variety of items that include home decorating, gift certificates, movie rentals, dry cleaning and food.

All proceeds will benefit the ABWA scholarship fund, which assists women in furthering their education. There are usually two or three scholarships awarded to local women each semester.

Call Danelle Castillo, 267-8239 or Deloris Alberts, 263-4253, for more information.

## WEEKEND TICKET

TODAY

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

'Nunsense,' community theatre presentation, 8 p.m., Big Spring Mall. Tickets \$3.

SATURDAY

Old Sorehead Trade Days, Station, 8 a.m. until dark.

Howard County Scottish Rite Club, 7:30 a.m., Masonic Lodge, 21st and Lancaster.

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

Missing Children Alert Program, noon until 2:30 p.m. at HEB. Free service. Parents may have their child photographed and finger printed and will receive a packet which can contain medical history, physical description and other identification.

'Nunsense,' community theatre presentation, 8 p.m., Big Spring Mall. Tickets \$3.

Stargazing and Nature Walk at Big Spring State Park. Nature walk begins at 8 p.m.; stargazing at 9 p.m. Meet at the upper picnic pavilion/playground area.

SUNDAY  
'Nunsense,' community theatre presentation, 2 p.m., Big Spring Mall. Tickets \$3.

## WEATHER

Tonight:



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## Pops in the Park group seeking some assistance as annual event nears

By JOHN H. WALKER  
Managing Editor

With three weeks to go before the July 3 Pops in the Park, members of the July 4 Committee are working to raise money to fund the second-year project.

"We have about \$12,000 in and pledged and our budget is \$30,000," said committee chairman Ben Bancroft.

Bancroft said there were a number of financial supporters from a year ago that

had not made a donation yet this year, but that time was short to cover the cost of the project.

In addition to raising money, chorus director Stan Hanes is looking for persons who are interested in signing in the chorus during the program.

Hanes is hopeful that this year's chorus could include as many as 50 people — up from last year's 35.

An expanded program, as well as an expanded selection of food, promises to entertain concert-goers.

Internationally known singer-songwriter Allen Wayne Damron will open the program at 6 p.m. with selections of Texas music and tales, including several

songs for the children in the audience.

Damron has played the Big Spring area on numerous occasions and is in Odessa tonight and Midland on Saturday before playing the Crossroads Community Concert Series next Saturday.

He was one of a half-dozen Texas entertainers selected by the Texas Legislature to serve as Texas Sesquicentennial Ambassadors in 1976, has performed in a number of movies and has recorded more than 20 albums and CDs.

Following Damron's 90-minute show, final touches will be made to the stage in preparation for the Big Spring Symphony and Chorus.

Special performances during the sym-

## How To Help

Monetary: Donations may be sent to July 4 Foundation, c/o Ben Bancroft, 1301 Gregg St., Big Spring, 79720.

Participation: Stan Hanes, chorus director, is seeking people to participate in the chorus during the program. Contact him at the First Baptist Church, 267-8223.

phony and chorus' portion of the pro-

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## BSISD trustees sign off on new junior high

By MARSHA STURDIVANT  
Staff Writer

It's official. The \$10.2 million, new Big Spring Junior High School became school property today, following school board approval.

"I make a motion that we accept substantial completion of sections four and five and the exterior of the building, excluding the landscaping and irrigation," said Big Spring Independent School board trustee Steve Fraser Thursday night.

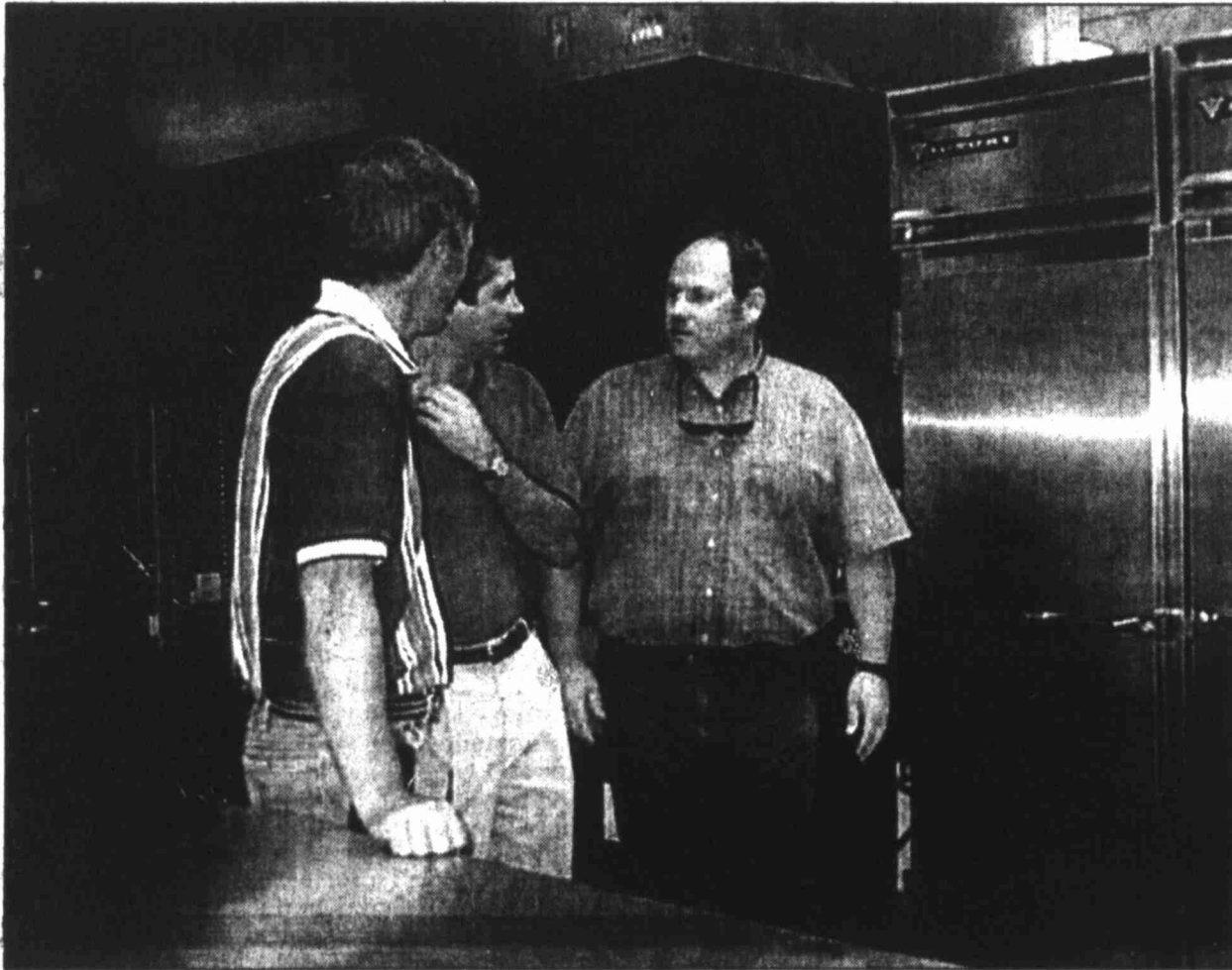
Irene Bustamante seconded the motion, and with a unanimous six-man vote in front of an audience of more than 20 people, Big Spring junior high school students have a new school.

"This has been an exiting project to work on, and we appreciate the support we've received. This is one beautiful building, and it is certainly something BSISD can be proud of," said Tracy Hardcastle, project observer with Huckabee and Associates, the architectural firm that designed the building.

Another person breathing a sigh of relief is construction manager Milton Smith of Monterey Construction, who has been on site since the project began in 1997.

"You've really got a real first class school here, with more than 120,000 square feet of space. This has been an exciting project," Smith said.

Smith said he plans to leave Big Spring later this week, to go home near Lubbock. After he takes some time off to be with his family, he will begin another project, possibly in



Trustees Frank Long, left, and Steve Fraser, right, talk with Big Spring Junior High School principal Bill Tarleton in the kitchen of the new Big Spring Junior High School during a tour of sections four and five. Trustees Thursday accepted the building, which is now officially a Big Spring ISD school.

Arlington. The new Big Spring Junior High School, which passed its projected completion date by nearly a year, offers some state-of-the-art features found in no other school.

David Jackson of Tesco Industries, who is assembling and installing the library furniture, said his job has him traveling all over the country,

installing library book shelves. "I'm in schools all the time, all over the U.S., and this is the nicest school I have ever seen," Jackson said.

The book shelves he is installing have solid oak exteriors. Tesco designed the shelves, while the district selected the materials, he said.

Other points of interest the new school offers may be found

in the gymnasiums and locker rooms. In the boys shower rooms, four-way shower heads are installed in large, open shower areas.

Each shower room, girls and boys, features solid black lockers, concrete seats surround the exterior of the room, and a separate facility for boys and

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## BSISD

### Loss of students causes concern; Open house set for junior high

By MARSHA STURDIVANT  
Staff Writer

Trustees for Big Spring schools learned Thursday the 1998-99 school year ended with 142 students less than the 1998-97 school year.

"We are very concerned about this drop in enrollment, and we consider this a significant drop. We are hoping when school convenes in August we do not see any further erosion of people out of West Texas," said Bill McQueary, BSISD superintendent.



MCQUEARY

An open house for the new Big Spring Junior High School is set for Sunday, July 18, at 2 p.m., and trustees are finalizing the program.

Trustees also agreed to apply for a Technology Infrastructure Grant (TIF) and approved bids for student insurance and kitchen supplies.

"We have applied for, but not received, other TIF grants, and we believe we have a good chance of receiving this one," said Paula Cole, technology director for the district.

The grant she is applying for, \$160,000, will be used to install an infrastructure system for computers at Anderson Kindergarten Center, as well as improve the computer network at the high school.

"This is the next step in our technology plan. We will know by Aug. 6, the release date for these grants," Cole said.

A canine detection unit will be available for the district in the next school year, following board approval. Southwest Drug Education & Deterrent Services out of Gainesville again submitted the low bid of \$21,000.

State National Bank will remain the depository for district funds, and trustees also agreed to receive a Carl Perkins grant of \$58,455 for the Career and Technology education program at the high school.

## Scenic Mountain to welcome area stargazers

Allison Thomas  
Staff Writer

The yearly stargazing party on Scenic Mountain will give the community a chance to see constellations, planets and nebulas through high powered telescopes Saturday.

Beginning at 9 p.m., the West Texas Amateur Astronomy Club will set up telescopes on the pavilion area at the top of Big Spring State Park.

Those attending will be able to watch the sunset atop the bluff while being informed by the amateur astronomers. When

the stars appear, it will be possible to observe the objects that should be in view that night.

The planet Venus, second planet to the sun, should be in view. Venus usually appears as a particularly bright star in the night sky and should be very visible through the large telescopes.

Another planet that should be visible is Mars. The star Spica, in the constellation of Virgo, appears to be extremely close to Mars at this time.

"The fact that these two objects will be quite close together is exciting, because that doesn't happen very often,"

said Ron Alton, manager of Big Spring State Park.

Constellations and nebulas will also be in view. Members of the astronomy club will be on hand to point out the constellations Virgo, Lyra, Hercules, Leo and Signus.

The veil nebula is located inside the constellation Signus. The constellation Lyra contains the ringed nebula M57, which should also be visible.

A globular cluster of stars can be seen through the telescopes. Entitled M13, the globular cluster is within the constellation of Hercules.

Weather permitting, all of

these objects should be easily seen through the astronomy club's telescopes.

"These telescopes are massive," said Alton. "They are three or four feet in width."

The Amateur Astronomy Club provides this event for free, paid only with pizza and soda, he said.

For all park events, Alton recommends bringing comfortable walking shoes, a flashlight, binoculars, and bottled water. Park entrance fees apply as usual, \$2 per adult, \$1 for seniors, and children 12 and under are admitted free of charge.

## Fun-Fly, Fly-In weekend attraction at Buzbee Field

By BILL McCLELLAN  
News Editor

Howard County will be besieged by airplanes this weekend — maybe as many as 100 of them — but it's not due to Air Force flyovers or some special event at the Airpark.

Nope, it's time for Big Spring Model Aircraft Association's big fund-raiser, its 17th Fun-Fly and Fly-In at John W. Buzbee Field.

Some 50 registered pilots will be bringing 75 to 100 airplanes to the field the two-day event. It's free to the public and concessions will be available.

"These planes will run from a four-foot wingspan to 120 inches," said James Sawyer, contest director. "There will be sport

planes, acrobatic planes and possibly some helicopters. There will be military and civilian planes — just a little bit of everything."

Trophies will be awarded for best pilot, farthest traveled, best civilian aircraft and best military aircraft.

Hours will be from 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and about 9:30 a.m. to midafternoon Sunday, said Sawyer.

"We'll have information about the club at the field for anyone wanting to join or ask questions," Sawyer said.

Prizes totaling \$700 will be given away and include a six-channel radio, airplane kit and an airplane engine.

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Billy Boatwright, Scenic Mountain Medical Center respiratory supervisor, serves a piece of cake Shelly Lamb, respiratory therapist, at an open house Wednesday. The hospital, like those across the state, is observing Respiratory Care Week by honoring its staff of therapists.

## Old Sorehead Trade Days to return Saturday

By BILL McCLELLAN  
News Editor

STANTON — Thousands of shoppers are expected to make their way up and down the streets here this weekend for another Old Sorehead Trade Days.

"We have a little over 350 vendors at present, including lots of ones we haven't had before," said Kathryn Burch, Martin County ag extension agent/fsc. "A lot of local businesses are planning specials, too."

As is tradition, Trade Days will open Saturday "as soon as you can get here" and run "til you can't shop" anymore.

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OBITUARIES

J.L. Farris

Service for J.L. Farris, 74, of Brady, formerly of Big Spring, will be Saturday, June 12, 1999, at 2 p.m. in the Heritage Funeral Home Chapel with Rusty Kwast and James Eubank officiating. Burial will be in Cowboy Cemetery.

Mr. Farris died Wednesday, June 9.

He was born February 13, 1925, and married Evelyn Haywood on April 26, 1943. He was an army veteran of World War II in Italy, and worked as a mechanic in Big Spring for many years.

Survivors include: his wife, Evelyn Farris of Brady; two sons, Arthur Farris of San Angelo and Jim Farris of Rowlett; one daughter, Glenda Hoffman of Aledo; two brothers, Marvin Farris of Brady and Frank Farris of Victoria; two sisters, Elvera Jones of Brownwood and Thelma McDowell of Brady; eight grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to the American Heart Association or the Heart of Texas Bible Camp run by the Sunset Ridge Church of Christ.

Arrangements are under the direction of Heritage Funeral Home.

Nora B. Matthies

Services for Nora B. Matthies, 70, are pending with Nalley-Pickle and Welch Funeral Home in Big Spring.

Ms. Matthies died Thursday, June 10, 1999.

Bill Davidson

Bill Davidson, 89, of Big Spring, passed away on Friday, June 11, 1999, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

Graveside services will be 2 p.m., Monday, June 14, 1999, at Trinity Memorial Park with Tom Koger officiating.

Bill was born on July 7, 1909, in Stonewall County. He moved to Howard County in 1922 to the Vincent Community and was a member of the First Baptist Church.

Mr. Davidson had ranched all of his life, except for the four years he worked at Cosden. He had been a manager of Wilkerson Ranch until retiring in 1979.

He is survived by: one grandson, Dusty Price; a number of nieces and nephews, including Ronnie Davidson and Buddy Davidson, whom Mr. and Mrs. Davidson had raised; and a number of friends.

He is preceded in death by his wife, Nettie Ann Rutherford Davidson; one daughter, Nancy Price; one grandson, Rusty Price; and four brothers, Mike, Marcus, Burl and Lloyd

Davidson.

Honorary Pallbearers are Gene Adams, Larry Stockton, Claude Hodnett, Scott Davidson, Jerry Currie, and Rob Ethridge.

Arrangements are under the direction of Myers and Smith Funeral Home.

Paid obituary

June McCutcheon

Service for June McCutcheon, 68, of Big Spring, will be 10 a.m., Monday, June 14, 1999, at Myers and Smith Chapel with Rev. James E. Liggett officiating, assisted by Pat Malone. Burial will be in Trinity Memorial Park.

Mrs. McCutcheon died Thursday, June 10, at Midland Memorial Hospital.

She was born on June 7, 1931 in Hot Springs, N.M. She married Leonard McCutcheon. She was a registered nurse, and had owned Gentleman's Corner in Big Spring from 1982 to 1992. She was a member of the Episcopal Church.

She is survived by: her husband, Leonard McCutcheon; two sons, Ray McCutcheon of Boerne and David McCutcheon of Wichita Falls; two daughters, Cheryl McCutcheon of Ruidoso Downs and Mary Browning of Big Spring; and nine grandchildren.

Arrangements are under the direction of Myers and Smith Funeral Home.

TRADE DAYS

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Sunday's hours are noon until 5 p.m.

Everything imaginable is offered: jewelry, furniture, clothing, dolls, metal art, picture frames, clocks, leather goods, antiques, novelties, hand-sewn items, T-shirts, birdhouses, candles, western art, collectibles and more.

Food booths will offer authentic Mexican food, brisket, sausage on a stick, popcorn, roasted corn on the cob, ice cream, hamburgers, hotdogs, cotton candy, fries and all types of drinks.

Roasted corn is never better than this time of year and of course the senior citizens will be selling homemade ice cream," said Burch. "There's always lots of good food."

There's entertainment as well, beginning at 10 a.m. Saturday with the Scurry County Kitchen Band. Hawaiian Dancers take the stage at noon, followed by the Don Richards Gospel Group at 1 p.m., Jim Reynolds at 2, Starla's Dance Studio at 3 and Aaron Minguet, current Texas champion fiddle player, at 4 p.m.

On Sunday, entertainment begins at 1 p.m. with the Middle Eastern Dancers and follows at 2 with the Haggard Western Band, at 3 with Bingham Dance Studio and at 4 with the Gary Reid Gospel Group.

Especially for kids will be a gyrosphere, G-Force, a train and Microsports racers. Baptist Youth will be helping park cars and chamber officials will man an information booth.

"The weather is looking like it is going to be great," said Burch. "We're expecting a big crowd. One of the interesting things about Trade Days is how many people come not only to shop, but visit friends from other communities. There is a lot of visiting and people just enjoying each other going on."

gram will feature Michael Santorelli and Pam Moss singing "Summertime" and John Ross singing Lee Greenwood's "God Bless the U.S.A."

Also on tap is an expanded fireworks display. A wide variety of food will be available from 11 vendors participating in the program, according to food booth coordinator Pam Welch.

"We'll have everything," she said. "From nachos to hamburgers, French fries, barbecue sandwiches, burritos, candy, soft drinks ... you name it and we'll probably have it."

In addition, city officials will

have a third exit available from the park to make leaving the concert easier. Also, the committee is looking at the possibility of using the old Jet Drive-In site on Wasson Road as a remote parking area and shutting patrons back and forth on buses.

Persons wishing to make a donation may do so by sending it to the July 4 Foundation, c/o Ben Bancroft, 1301 Gregg St., Big Spring, 79720. Organizations wanting more information on having a food booth at the event can contact Pam Welch at 264-6032.

The concert and fireworks are presented by the City of Big Spring, Big Spring Symphony, Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce and Big Spring Herald.

FUN-FLY

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"This is our big fund-raiser. It kinda helps get us through the rest of the year. It's a good time to come out and have some fun and maybe win a prize," said Sawyer. "And maybe get interested in aviation."

John W. Buzbee Field is the former Howard County Airport. Take Highway 350 north 1-1/2 miles past the FM 700 intersection to the Old Colorado City Highway. Turn right and the airport road veers from that. Follow the signs.

The event is sanctioned by the Academy of Model Aeronautics (AMA).

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girls physical education and seventh and eighth grade athletics.

In the west gymnasium, permanent bleachers are installed in a contrasting black and gold color scheme, while on the west wall compact, bleachers expand with the touch of a button.

This gymnasium features contrasting black and gold striping with Big Spring Junior High School Steers emblazoned near the top of the walls.

An added feature in the west gymnasium is seating for the players on the east side of the room; backed against the stands.

Another area unique to this school is the lighted stage in the expansive cafeteria. Four rows of lights are available for productions, as well as an electric screen for movies or videos and a complete sound system.

Dressing rooms and two individual make up rooms are located in the back of the stage, behind the curtains.

The kitchen area has state-of-the-art equipment, and in the 1999-2000 school year Big Spring Junior High School cafeteria workers will prepare food for students at Anderson Kindergarten Center, according to Joann Smoot, BSISD food service director.

"In the past, Marcy Elementary prepared the food for the kindergarten center, but there is little room there and this will be much better," Smoot said.

She explained to trustees the different pieces of equipment installed in the kitchen of the new building.

"This is all general cooking equipment with a '90s flair. There are lots of technical improvement, such as convection ovens instead of conventional ovens. And the walk-in cooler and freezer is wonderful. This is all oriented for preparing meals for students, and it is very functional equipment," Smoot said.

James McFarland, business manager for BSISD, said the computer and technical equipment being installed in the new building is also state-of-the-art.

"There are more than 60 televisions being installed," McFarland said.

Ron Logback, who conducted the tour of the last two sections of the building, has made the junior high his personal responsibility for the past two years.

He said he is glad to see the project come to completion, and that he has enjoyed the opportunity to work on the project.

"I love this building, it is

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beautiful and something we can certainly be proud of. I am thankful to the board and the citizens of Big Spring for the opportunity to build this building," Logback said.

BRIEFS

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

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

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

55 ALIVE/MATURE DRIVING Class will be June 18, at 6 p.m., and June 19, at 9 a.m., at the Howard County Library Community Room. The cost is \$8 and you must attend both sessions. Call 267-1729 before 8 p.m. to preregister or to ask questions.

CUB SCOUT DAY CAMP is planned June 23-25 with fishing, archery and many other activities. Cost is \$30. Call Prissy Stanley, 263-1513 for more 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.

FORMER PRISONERS OF WAR are asked to call the Big Spring VA Medical Center for information and to access special benefit programs. There are several programs available that directly benefit former POWs, and the medical center maintains a master list of those living in the area.

John Webb is POW coordinator. He can be reached at 1-800-472-1365, or call the Texas Veterans Commission office, Carl Knappe, 264-4819.

Child slightly injured by car in day care parking lot

HERALD Staff Report

A vehicle-pedestrian accident about 5:20 p.m. at Westside Day Care Center sent a 2-year-old boy to Scenic Mountain Medical Center for observation.

According to police reports, 2-year-old Nathan Fuller was struck by the left, back bumper of a 1987 four-door compact vehicle, driven by Natalie Buckner, 22.

"These were non-capacitating injuries. The child was basically unattended and at the same level as the bumper of the car, so the driver could not see him," said Sgt. Roger Sweatt with the BSPD.

The accident occurred in the parking lot of the day care. Buckner was exiting a parking space when the incident occurred, he said.

"He was kept at the hospital in ICU overnight for observation, but is expected to be released today," Sweatt said.

Sweatt said no citations were issued, and none are expected. Fuller was transported to SMMC by private vehicle.

"Probably, the mother saw the accident and scooped the child up and drove him to the hospital," Sweatt said.

TEXAS LOTTERY

PICK 3: 5,3,4 CASH \$1,5,5,10,30

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

MARKETS

July cotton 56.15 cents, down 16 points; July crude 18.06, up 21 points; cash hogs steady at 32; cash steers steady at 66 even; June lean hog futures 49.82, down 10 points; June live cattle futures 66.30, up 15 points.

courtesy: Delta Corporation. Noon quotes provided by Edward D. Jones & Co.

Table with 2 columns: Index 10684.91, Volume 204,872,340, and various stock symbols like ATT, Asarco Inc, Atmos Energy, BP Amoco, Chevron, Cifra, Coca Cola, Compaq Computer, Cornell Correc, Dell, DuPont, Exxon, Halliburton, IBM, Intel Corp, Mid Amer Energy, Mobil, NUV, Palex Inc, Pepsi Cola, Petrofina, Phillips Petroleum, SBC Com, Sears, Texaco, Texas Instruments, Texas Utils. Co, Unocal Corp, Wal-Mart, Amcap, Europacific, Prime Rate, Gold, Silver.

RECORDS

Thursday's high 95 Thursday's low 67 Average high 91 Average low 61 Record high 108 in 1958 Record low 51 in 1975 Precip. Thursday 0.00 Month to date 0.33 Month's normal 0.85 Year to date 4.88 Normal for the year 6.99 Sunrise Saturday 6:39 a.m. Sunset Saturday 8:53 p.m. Sunrise Sunday 6:39 a.m. Sunset Sunday 8:53 p.m.

POLICE

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following incidents between 8 a.m. Thursday and 8 a.m. today: AMANDA MUNIZ, 17, was arrested in the 300 block of Lancaster for no driver's license.

JOHANNA MARTINEZ, 18, was arrested near the intersection of Sixth and Settles for local warrants.

TAMMY PIERCE, 33, was arrested on I-20 near mile marker 177 for possession of a prohibited weapon.

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FIRE/EMS

Following is a summary of Big Spring Fire Department/EMS reports: THURSDAY 8:05 a.m. - 1500 block Stadium, medical call, patient transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center. 10:43 a.m. - 3200 block Parkway, trauma call, patient transported to SMMC. 12:43 p.m. - 1100 block North 87, trauma call, patient transported to SMMC. 1:15 p.m. - 1100 block Pennsylvania, trauma call, patient transported to SMMC. 8:00 p.m. - 800 block Aylesford, medical call, patient transported to SMMC.

MOVIE THEATERS, What's New To Town This Week!, RITZ, STAR, CINEMA 4

NALLEY-PICKLE & WELCH Funeral Home, Trinity Memorial Park and Crematory, 906 Gregg St. (915) 267-6331

MYERS & SMITH FUNERAL HOME & CHAPEL, 24th & Johnson 267-8288, Charles Dean Williams, 46, died Wednesday. Graveside services were 11:00 AM today at Trinity Memorial Park.

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## Suspected serial killer may be linked to Luling death

HOUSTON (AP) — Police in Luling believe Central Texas man beaten to death in his home last year could be the victim of a suspected serial killer now being sought by a multi-agency task force.

The body of Salvador Rojas, 31, was found Nov. 30 after he failed to show up for work.

Luling police Capt. John Cochran told the Houston Chronicle Thursday that the description of a man who lived in the same building as Rojas closely matches that of Rafael Resendez-Ramirez.

"There are enough similarities to the cases he is a suspect in and to ours that make him a good viable suspect," Cochran said.

Resendez-Ramirez is suspected in at least six killings in Texas and Kentucky. All the victims died from beatings and

lived near railroad tracks. Rojas, employed at the Salt Flat Pipe and Supply Co., died from blunt trauma to the head, and police said a piece of pipe found near the body was believed to be the weapon used in the killing.

The suspect arrived in town a few days before Rojas was killed and reportedly told witnesses he was on his way to Dallas.

Investigators believe Resendez-Ramirez uses the railroads and stolen cars to travel. A rail line runs through Luling, which is about 30 miles south of Austin in Caldwell County.

Some "peculiarities" about the Rojas slaying made investigators suspect the killing could be connected to the other slayings, Cochran said, but he declined to discuss them.

Rolando Moss of the Houston FBI office said officers from the

task force will continue to discuss the case with Luling investigators. He cautioned that it is too early to say whether the Rojas killing is connected to Resendez-Ramirez.

"We have to look at the autopsy report, the photos and all that," Moss said.

However, Texas Rangers looking into the Rojas case said the killings may not be related, Texas Department of Public Safety spokesman Gary Pflughaupt said.

Police officials and railway security officers meanwhile are focusing search efforts on rail lines running along Interstate 10 between Houston and San Antonio.

Fayette County Sheriff Rick Vandel said about 100 officers from numerous law enforcement agencies Wednesday launched a search near Flatonia

involving every eastbound train.

Resendez-Ramirez is believed to use stolen cars to travel west from Houston, and then return east on trains.

Vandel said 30 to 40 trains pass through the area each day. "We've got only five minutes to search each train, so that is why we have so many people involved," he said.

Game wardens, DPS troopers, FBI agents and local police were assisted by Texas Department of Criminal Justice personnel equipped with horses and dogs, said DPS spokesman Mike Cox.

In addition, Houston Police Department and DPS helicopters were used to scout the trains before they pulled into the Union Pacific switching yard and rail intersection at Flatonia, 100 miles west of Houston or I-10.

## San Antonio faces another year of water restrictions

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — San Antonio residents are in for another summer of water restrictions if the region doesn't get some significant rainfall soon.

Officials say the Edwards Aquifer, the city's only water source, is dropping by almost a foot a day as the region suffers through a moderate drought.

If the drought management plan is triggered this summer in San Antonio, it would be the third time in four years.

The aquifer's level in the Bexar County index well stood Thursday at 659.4 feet above sea level, down 26.9 feet since the beginning of the year. The

aquifer is down 16.3 feet in the past month and 10.2 feet in the past 11 days.

"If we don't get rain soon, we'll be going into Stage I of the city's aquifer management plan in the next couple of weeks," John Boggess, San Antonio Water System, spokesman said. "We're encouraging residents to be judicious in the use of outdoor water. We know that people tend to over-water, and we're encouraging them to water only when it's needed."

After repeated threats by a federal judge to impose harsh drought restrictions to protect endangered species at Comal and San Marcos springs, the

aquifer region has adopted progressively tougher drought rules during the last few years.

The first drought stage used to start at 655 feet for voluntary conservation measures.

The drought plan of San Antonio and most other cities in the region is now triggered when the Bexar index well drops to 650 feet.

Stage I of the plan requires pools to be covered at least 25 percent when not in use, prohibits restaurants from serving water except upon request and prohibits the washing of parking lots, driveways, streets or sidewalks.

City ordinances have year-

round prohibitions against water waste and against using sprinklers between 10 a.m. and 8 p.m.

A year ago, the region was under Stage I restrictions with an aquifer level of 646 feet. The region was in the midst of a four-month drought that saw the level drop to 640 feet.

The lowest level ever recorded was 612.5 feet in 1956, toward the end of a 7-year drought.

San Antonio has had 0.07 inches of rain the last 24 days. Rainfall at San Antonio International Airport from December through June 10 was 7.66 inches — 49 percent below normal.

## UTMB program aims to boost number of border doctors

EL PASO (AP) — Just 18 years old, aspiring pathologist Ruby Navarro already has been accepted to medical school.

Under a new program aimed at raising the number of doctors in border communities and opening doors for disadvantaged students, Miss Navarro and 16 other recent high school graduates have spots reserved at the University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston when they finish college.

"This program is giving me the opportunity to get ahead of everybody else," said Miss Navarro, who will spend six weeks at the medical school this summer, shadowing interns, studying for the Medical College Admissions Test (MCAT) and taking classes.

"Medical school was definitely something I wanted to do, and this just gives me an early start," said the recent graduate of Socorro High School, just southeast of El Paso.

Miss Navarro and this year's participants will arrive in

Galveston this weekend. Their travel will be paid for, and each will receive a stipend.

To qualify for the program, a student must be from El Paso County or one of six counties in South Texas (Webb, Hidalgo, Cameron, Starr, Jim Hogg or Kenedy). The student also must be headed to one of four universities along the Texas-Mexico border.

Among the participants, five will be students this fall at the University of Texas-El Paso; five at UT-Pan American at Edinburg; three at UT-Brownsville; and four at Texas A&M International University in Laredo.

Jeanie Webb, program coordinator in UTEP's College of Science, said the program will enable disadvantaged students to fulfill their dreams of becoming doctors and should help communities along the border.

"They'll come back to the border area and they'll practice medicine here," she said. "We're helping to change the

face of medicine in the state of Texas so that in the future, the folks in the medical care system will look like their patients."

Sandra Martinez-Garvock, associate director of special programs at UTMB, said the medical school started the early acceptance program because there aren't enough doctors in border communities.

"People have to wait much longer to be helped or to be seen by a physician" in those areas, she said.

In El Paso County, for example, there are an estimated 113 medical doctors per 100,000 residents, according to statistics by the Texas State Board of Medical Examiners and the U.S. Census Bureau.

There are about 86 physicians per 100,000 residents in Webb County, where Laredo is located. Meanwhile, there are 225 doctors per 100,000 people in Dallas County and 216 doctors for every 100,000 in Harris County.

Most of the program partici-

pants are honors students whose family incomes are around \$30,000 or less and whose parents or grandparents had no formal education.

To keep a place at UTMB, all they have to do is maintain a 3.2 grade point average in college and score at least a 24 on the MCAT.

The program is being financed through a grant from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Disadvantaged Assistance.

## Senate appropriators provide \$204 million for Texas military construction

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Senate Appropriations Committee on Thursday endorsed \$204 million in military construction at Texas defense installations next year, nearly four times more funding than the Clinton administration had requested.

The Texas projects were pushed by Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison, who serves on the appropriations panel.

The Army's Fort Hood in Central Texas and Fort Bliss in El Paso were the big winners, gaining \$106 million and \$50.4 million respectively.

At Fort Hood, the committee funded \$31 million for an aircraft parking apron, \$29 million for barracks renewal, \$14.8 million for a railhead facility, \$14 million for the Force 21 development center, \$9.4 million for an equipment site and \$8 million for reactive fields.

At Fort Bliss, \$22 million was earmarked for an aircraft load-

ing apron, \$17 million for an air deployment complex and \$11.4 million for an ammunition hot load facility.

Other funding includes: —Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio, \$30.6 million. The funding includes \$9.7 million for an F-16 flight training complex; \$8.1 million for a security forces center; \$7.5 million for family housing; and \$5.3 million for a dormitory.

—Fort Sam Houston in San Antonio, \$5.8 million for a veterinary instructional facility.

—Dyess AFB in Abilene, \$5.4 million for a child development center.

—Laughlin AFB in Del Rio, \$3.2 million for JPATS facility alterations.

—Bryan, \$1.5 million for Army National Guard readiness center improvements.

—Goodfellow AFB in San Angelo, \$1 million for wing headquarters planning and design.

## FBI questions attorneys in Morales-tobacco probe

HOUSTON (AP) — Texas Attorney General John Cornyn urged six lawyers to cooperate in a second FBI probe involving former Attorney General Dan Morales and his handling of the \$17.3 billion tobacco settlement, the Houston Chronicle reported today.

This investigation apparently stems from a complaint by one of the attorneys, Houston's Joe Jamail, that Morales improperly solicited \$1 million from attorneys he considered hiring in the tobacco case.

Morales has repeatedly denied the allegation and others related to the tobacco case, saying they are politically motivated. Cornyn, in a letter obtained by the newspaper through an open records request, authorized Jamail and the other lawyers to waive attorney-client privilege to talk with the FBI.

The attorneys had been approached about working for the state in the tobacco case but were not hired.

"I certainly can appreciate the fact that you may be uncomfortable discussing these matters with the FBI without an express written waiver from this office," Cornyn wrote in the March letter.

"Thus, I want this letter to confirm that you have my permission as the state's top lawyer to discuss this matter with the FBI."

Cornyn said he wrote the letter after a request from FBI agent Michael Mee.

Also on the FBI witness list are attorneys Wayne Fisher, Ronald Krist, E. William Barnett and William Slusser, all of Houston, and Dallas attorney Tom Luce, the newspaper said.

None was hired to represent Texas in the tobacco suit but all were believed to have been considered by Morales for the job.

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## OUR VIEWS

# We salute:

Each Friday, the *Herald* salutes individuals and groups from our community and area who have been recognized for special achievements or accomplishments.

We recognize these special people for working to help make our region a better place to live, work and play.

This week we salute:

• **MOORE DEVELOPMENT AND HOWARD COUNTY CITIZENS**, who made a positive showing for StarTek officials conducting a job fair here.

• **BIG SPRING ROTARY CLUB**, which distributed \$19,500 in grant money for local literacy programs.

• **HOWARD COLLEGE**, which announced a funding increase as well as approval of bids on the multipurpose building for SouthWest Collegiate Institute for the Deaf.

• **BIG SPRING STATE PARK**, which has brought back its successful Nature Walks and Sunset Talks program each weekend this month.

• **BIG SPRING HOUSING AUTHORITY**, which received two grants totalling almost \$500,000 which will help those obtaining jobs skills obtain housing assistance while in training as well as provide some funds for elderly low-income homeowners.

• **JUNIOR LEADERSHIP** program graduates.

• **EVERYONE WHO HELPED** with the Food service Workshop here this week, especially Big Spring ISD and the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce's Convention and Visitor's Bureau.

*Is there an individual or organization in our community that you feel should be saluted? If so, please send us their name and why you think they should be recognized. We must have your name and telephone number and you must provide it in writing.*

## YOUR VIEWS

To The Editor:

Boy oh boy...what a day we had on Memorial Day '99. For this wonderful occasion, I was able to wear my summer service Marine khaki uniform. I put it together myself out of regular G.I. material. It was circa 1942, like the ones we Marines wore on "liberty" in downtown Honolulu.

Now Charlie Lewis, Don Boling and Jerry Groves were smiling at me as I approached them. Jerry remarked how "sharp" I looked. Sgt. Boling took me to task for the pleats in my Wal-Mart purchased khaki trousers. Oh well. When I wear my military apparel, all I do is return to the happy days of my youth, even if it is only for one day or one night, or on such occasions as the Vietnam Chapel or the Hangar 25 dedication.

I could not be thrilled more, when Marine Colonel Jay Breland walked up and remarked how "sharp" I looked. Or when State Rep. David Counts shook my hand.

Then the Harley bikers thundered in with a great roar of their USA, Made in America, by golly Harley Davidsons. I had to engage these gentlemen in conversation. Most were Vietnam vets.

I did what I always do when I meet a Vietnam vet, (and every good American should do this), extend your hand, and say "Welcome home. Thank you for what

you did for our country."

I remember one time when I was up on the 4th floor of our VA Medical Center. A sallow faced young man who they told me was a Vietnam guy with some kind of a problem. I extended my hand to him. Said my short speech. He looked at me. I spotted the beginning of a tear in his eye. "You know", he said, "No one has ever said that to me. Thank you."

Talk about heroism. Our heroes are not Magic Johnson or Michael Jordan. Our heroes are all those wonderful guys residing in our VA hospitals throughout the USA. So whenever I say this to a Vietnam vet I can't help getting a little choked up. I had the occasion to talk to Big Spring Herald Managing Editor John Walker, who said, "Al you sure look sharp."

Then out at the Hangar 25 Dedication, I had the pleasure of meeting General Moore...and while he was telling me how "sharp" I looked, Bob "Tumbleweed Smith" Lewis walked up and handed me a glass of Hangar 25 punch.

What a day it was. We have just got to thank all of the wonderful Big Spring folks who were responsible for bringing these great ideas to our community. And above all their appreciation of our vets of all services and all wars. A great big "Thanks, Big Spring."

CPL. AL B. SCOTT  
USMC (Ret.)

# Government has far too many secrets

Few self-inflicted wounds contribute more to successful espionage against the United States than the government's own ridiculous methods of classifying official documents.

Too many people are empowered to wield the little rubber stamps (now computer keys) that make secrets of mundane material, and they exercise their heady prerogative with wild abandon.

The result is that genuine secrets important to national security become cheapened by their association with the chaff: documents that get overclassified because of potential political embarrassment, ignorance, carelessness or simply a bureaucrat's ego. All this has produced far too many "secrets" for anyone to guard properly.

"When everything is classified, then nothing is classified," wrote the late Supreme Court Justice Potter Stewart, "and the system becomes one to be disregarded by the cynical or the careless, and to be manipulated by those intent on self-protection or self-promotion."

Stewart was writing about the Pentagon Papers case in 1971,

when the government tried unsuccessfully to prevent publication of secret documents on the conduct of the Vietnam War.

The weakness of the government's case was demonstrated when a lower court judge challenged the Nixon administration's lawyers to identify the most sensitive secret in the whole mass of leaked documents. The lawyers conferred and decided on the material dealing with "Operation Marigold," a secret 1966 attempt to negotiate with North Vietnam through Polish diplomatic intermediaries.

Never mind that the communist adversaries obviously knew about Operation Marigold; the judge also discovered that this super-sensitive secret had been published long before in newspapers — and described at length in President Johnson's memoirs.

The heart of the problem is the number of federal employees who are authorized to classify documents at one level or another. Currently, there are believed to be more than one-million rubber-stamp wielders, sources told our associate Dale Van Atta.

How can that be? After all, the latest report delivered to the president by a small office concerned with classification says there are "only" 4,010 "original classification authorities."

This unit of the National Archives, called the Information Security Oversight

Office, reports annually on the progress of a presidential order to declassify government secrets. ISOO trumpeted the 4,010 figure to President Clinton as proof that intelligence agencies had reduced the number of people who could classify. In fiscal year 1997, the report noted, "they again responded (to your request) by reducing the number by over 400 individuals."

It sounds wonderful on its face, like Americans have reason to believe the government is becoming more open on all but the most serious intelligence and military secrets. We wish that were the case. But the report fails to mention the number of individuals who have what is known as "derivative classification authority."

These "derivatives" may normally classify material only when it uses information from an originally classified document. But in some cases, they can make their own classification decisions on original material, using guidelines laid down by the top rubber-stampers. Taking these people into account, there are more than one million federal employees contributing to the mountain of secret paper that is proving so hard to protect.

ISOO reports that there were 6.4 million derivative classifications in fiscal year 1997. It estimates that every "original" classification decision produces an average of 40 such derivatives.

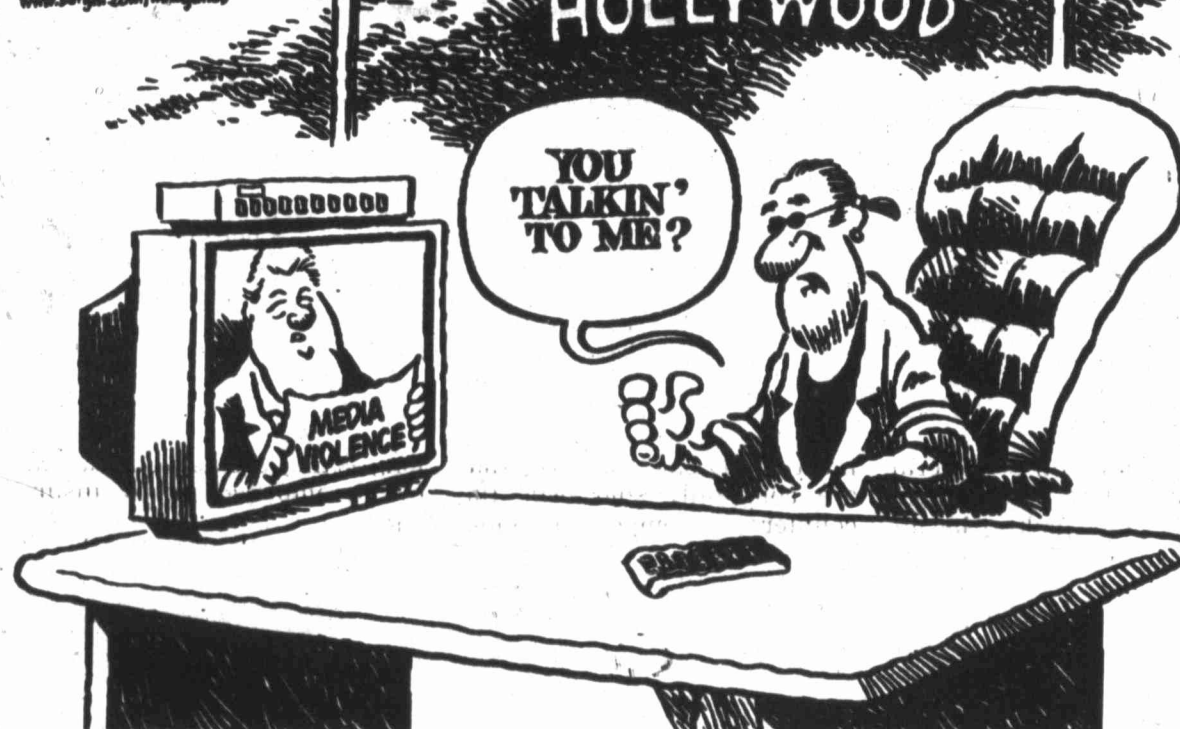
The report is right in calling the Clinton administration's achievement of declassifying documents "extraordinary." Between 1996 and 1998, the first two years after President Clinton issued an Executive Order on the subject, "the agencies have declassified 56 percent more pages than in the prior 16 years combined."

But the problem is that the whopping 400 million pages released during those years still constitute just a small percentage of the billions of pages worth of government secrets — a number that grows every day.

Time and again, the General Accounting Office has pointed out the folly that governs classification decisions. In one report, they found that "the informal rule of thumb followed was, when in doubt, classify the information at the Secret level." Furthermore, the GAO noted, "the penalties for underclassifying far outweigh those for overclassifying," meaning that survival-oriented bureaucrats tended to produce more secrets than necessary.

Clearly, the classification system is in continued need of an overhaul. While the Clinton administration should be lauded for making important headway, officials still fail to understand the obvious: Only when the number of both "original" and "derivative" classifying bureaucrats is drastically cut back will America's legitimate secrets be given the protection they deserve.

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# NATO lost war against Yugoslavia

The North Atlantic Treaty Organization's war against Yugoslavia reminds me of my high-school Latin teacher. Miss Katie Monroe, a fine lady, was fond of saying, "Boy, if you're arguing with me, you've already lost."

Seems more than clear to me that NATO has already lost its war against Yugoslavia despite the peace agreement announced last week. No matter what deal is made, NATO lost.

NATO lost its moral standing by violating its own charter and the U.N. charter by attacking a sovereign nation at peace with its neighbors. It lost its military credibility. The world's most powerful military alliance bombed a little country of about 10 million people for more than 70 days as of this writing and failed to do significant damage to the Yugoslav army. At the end, NATO was still flying at 15,000 feet to avoid casualties. That's a problem with attacking a small country. There is nothing impressive about a bully's victory.

This is being duly noted, you can be sure, in the war rooms of larger countries.

What ought to alarm Americans — but apparently doesn't — is the foolishness, ineptness and immorality of American leaders. Clearly, the Clinton administration is unqualified to play with armies and air forces, much less nuclear weapons.

Take, for example, the basic equation of costs vs. benefits. The United States has no national interest in the question of Kosovo. Whether it's part of Serbia, independent or part of Albania has absolutely no effect, positive or negative, on the American people.

On the other hand, setting U.S.-Russian relations back several decades — to use the phrase of Russian envoy Viktor Chernomyrdin — affects U.S. national interests big time.

When you have pro-Western men like Chernomyrdin and Russian President Boris Yeltsin talking about nuclear war becoming a real threat, this is serious. NATO's behavior has caused the Russians to believe they may be next. The slogan making the rounds in Moscow is "Belgrade today, Moscow tomorrow." This feeling won't change with a peace agreement.

Despite what arrogant little twits in Washington say, this is a dangerous situation. Wars are often made of unintended consequences, misjudgments

and apprehensions. The same crowd who are dismissing Russian anger are the ones who confidently predicted three or four days of bombing would bring Milosevic to his knees.

The significant part of this agreement is that its implementation plan must be in the form of a U.N. Security Council resolution, which means Russia and China will have a voice and veto. Politicians characterize anything as a victory, but it seems to me that this is a victory for Milosevic and the Russians.

Assuming we survive this folly without glowing in the dark, Americans should see it as an object lesson. Next fall, when you get ready to choose a president, be careful which one you choose. The world is unstable. The main and most important duty of a president is the conduct of foreign policy. The domestic blarney of the candidates in the final analysis boils down to various vote-buying schemes. I'm pretty sure any domestic damage a president might cause can be repaired. That's not true in foreign affairs. Blunder into a war, and you can end up on a one-way street with no turn-around and no exit.

In the meantime, I expect the Balkan peace to be as difficult as the Balkan war.

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# Clinton says U.S. should be proud, but warns of more casualties in Kosovo

WASHINGTON (AP) — With U.S. troops poised to move into Kosovo, President Clinton says Americans should be proud of the successful air campaign against Yugoslavia but must be prepared for possible casualties as the difficult, dangerous work of peacekeeping begins.

"We did the right thing, we did it the right way, and we will finish the job," Clinton declared.

Seventy-nine days after addressing the nation at the start of the U.S.-led NATO attack on Yugoslavia, Clinton proclaimed victory in the largest, longest and highest-stakes military action of his more than six years in office.



CLINTON

"We have achieved a victory for a safer world, for our democratic values and for a stronger America," Clinton said Thursday night in a nationally broadcast address from the Oval Office.

But Clinton was somber as he warned of the dangers still facing 50,000 peacekeeping troops — including 7,000 American forces — in escorting ethnic Albanian refugees homes and clearing mines from the Serb province. Marines and Army soldiers in the vanguard of the U.S. peacekeeping contingent began arriving Thursday in northern Macedonia, where thousands of other allied forces stood ready to begin their Kosovo mission.

"This next phase also will be dangerous," Clinton said. "Bitter memories will still be fresh and there may well be casualties." But he said the

peacekeeping force "will have the means and the mandate to protect itself while doing its job."

"I don't think anyone should minimize the hardship that's going to be involved," Defense Secretary William Cohen said. "The world is going to be outraged," he added, once humanitarian groups get into Kosovo and see evidence of atrocities carried out by forces loyal to Yugoslav President Slobodan Milosevic.

NATO planes flew more than 34,000 missions over Yugoslavia since the air attacks began March 24 with the goal of halting ethnic purges and atrocities by about 40,000 Serb troops occupying the rebellious Kosovo province.

To thank some of those fliers, Clinton today was to visit Whiteman Air Force Base in Missouri from where B-2 pilots

flew roundtrips to the Balkans that took more than 30 hours.

Milosevic's forces began leaving Kosovo on Thursday, and NATO put the bombing campaign on hold. If the Serbs follow through, NATO will formally terminate the campaign later this month.

But peace may be nearly as grueling as war, at least at the start, when U.S. and allied ground troops march into a shattered land and uncertain dangers including land mines, booby-trapped bridges and the possibility of sniper fire from stay-behind Serbs.

The peacekeepers must secure Kosovo and prepare the way for ethnic Albanian refugees to return home from teeming border camps.

More than 850,000 ethnic Albanians were forced from their homes and fled to Albania and Macedonia. An additional

600,000 also were displaced but are believed to remain inside Kosovo.

In his 11-minute address Thursday, Clinton warned Serbs that the United States would not help them rebuild from bombing "as long as your nation is ruled by an indicted war criminal." He all but called for an uprising against Milosevic, telling Serbs they

had needlessly suffered airstrikes because he was determined "to eliminate Kosovar Albanians from Kosovo, dead or alive."

"But we are ready to provide humanitarian aid now and to help to build a better future for Serbia, too, when its government represents tolerance and freedom, not repression and terror," Clinton added.

## FHA raising the guidelines for home appraisals

WASHINGTON (AP) — Appraisers must provide a much more detailed description of defects in prospective homes to families with government-insured mortgages, under a new initiative by the Federal Housing Administration.

The reforms, announced Thursday, seek to improve the quality of appraisals and give home buyers complete information on the condition of the homes they are considering for purchase.

Under the plan, appraisers must fully disclose any structural problems the homes may have. The three-page form requires appraisers to describe defects in a wide range of areas such as plumbing, electrical systems, foundations and the

presence of wood-destroying insects.

Such concerns must be reported to prospective customers in writing, and the FHA will not insure the mortgage on the home until sellers fix the defects.

"We will do more than any other mortgage insurer to safeguard the interests of hard-working families buying homes," said Andrew Cuomo, secretary of the department of Housing and Urban Development.

The new initiatives also seek to improve the quality of home appraisers. Typically, lenders select appraisers, who report on the value of the home and conduct a review of its physical condition. But the FHA must

approve the appraisers, if the lender is seeking to have its loan financed with an FHA mortgage.

Under the plan, all new appraisers must pass a mandatory test to ensure they are qualified to perform FHA appraisals. Old appraisers have until February to pass the test. Additional enforcement regulations will enable the FHA to suspend appraisers who are not performing up to standards.

The department came up with the plan after receiving complaints from home buyers, who were faced with thousands of dollars in repair costs after purchasing homes with substantial defects.

More than 1 million families purchase homes annually with

mortgage loans made by private lenders and insured by the FHA.

The FHA is also encouraging home buyers to get inspections of prospective homes, in addition to appraisals. Inspections generally provide a more detailed evaluation of the home's condition.

The Mortgage Bankers Association of America, a trade organization, applauded the plan as a reasonable balance between protecting consumers and keeping real-estate transactions efficient. The group, which had opposed calls by some in Congress last year for mandatory inspections, said it would help inform consumers about the benefits of inspections.

## IRS permits smokers trying to quit to deduct some expenses

WASHINGTON (AP) — Calling nicotine a "powerfully addictive drug," the Internal Revenue Service reversed a 20-year-old position and will permit smokers to claim medical expense deductions for some costs of trying to quit.

"It's about time," said Dr. Mike Eriksen, director of smoking and health at the federal Centers for Disease Control in Atlanta. "There is no better preventative program than stop-

ping someone from smoking."

Doctors involved in smoking cessation programs said the IRS ruling Thursday could have broader ramifications by persuading providers of health benefits packages to include such treatment in their coverage.

Citing surgeon general reports since 1988 that smoking is addictive and smoking harms health, the IRS concluded that programs and prescription drugs that help someone quit

smoking are no different from efforts to treat alcoholism or drug addiction — both of which are already tax deductible.

Not every expense can be deducted. The law does not permit a taxpayer to claim such nonprescription medications as nicotine patches or gum that are commonly sold over the counter and compose the most frequent treatments.

Also, the total in medical expenses — smoking-related or

otherwise — must reach 7.5 percent of a taxpayer's adjusted gross income in order to qualify as an itemized deduction.

But prescriptions, doctor bills or cessation programs offered by hospitals or other treatment facilities could be deducted, so long as they are not reimbursed by an employer or by insurance.

Some over-the-counter drugs also can be obtained with a prescription.

## New computer bug runs through Internet e-mail

NEW YORK (AP) — The latest computer menace sweeping across the Internet is a destructive bug that tricks people by disguising itself as a friendly e-mail reply bearing a gift.

But anyone who opens that "gift" unleashes "Worm.Explore.Zip," which hunts through a computer hard drive and wipes out the contents of documents, spreadsheets and other important files.

Government and university anti-virus teams scrambled to combat the outbreak, which reportedly was first detected in Israel this week and has reached at least 12 countries.

"It's difficult to know right now where we are in the cycle, whether this represents the peak" in the outbreak, said Shawn Hernan, a team leader at the Computer Emergency Response Team at Carnegie Mellon University.

Worm.Explore.Zip arrives with a friendly message: "Hi (Recipient Name)! I received your email and I shall send you a reply ASAP. Till then, take a look at the attached zipped docs."

The message is harmless unless a person opens the "zipped docs," a term referring to a compressed file sent with the e-mail.

By opening that file, a person unknowingly activates the virus, which then uses the computer's e-mail software to send a copy of itself to the address of any e-mail that arrives.

"This one's coming from someone you know, and in response to an e-mail you just sent them, so it looks safe," said Susan Orbeck, a spokeswoman for Trend Micro, a maker of anti-virus software.

CERT member Mark Zajicek said the best prevention is to "be a little paranoid."

"If they get this e-mail message or any e-mail with an attachment, do not open it," he said. "Don't click on it, don't run it, don't execute it."

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◆A young partridge is called a cheeper.

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Do you have a story idea for the *life!* section? Call 263-7331. Ext. 236.

## Ready to read Rotarians distribute grant money for child literacy

By MARSHA STURDIVANT  
Staff Writer

Big Spring Rotary Club members decided to help fight illiteracy one child at a time, contributing \$19,500 to help local children read.

"Earlier this year \$20 million became available through the Rotary Foundation of Rotary International. This money was designed as children's opportunities grants, and we identified children's literacy in Big Spring as our project," said Paul Nabors, president of Big Spring Rotary.

Nabors said the group received funds through a standard application process. In turn, members solicited requests and applications from local educators.

Four county schools and the county library requested and received funds. Each facility asked for differing amounts, which combined to total

\$19,500, Nabors said. Anderson Kindergarten Center, Coahoma Junior High School, Elbow Elementary, St. Mary's Episcopal School and the county library all received funds, he said.

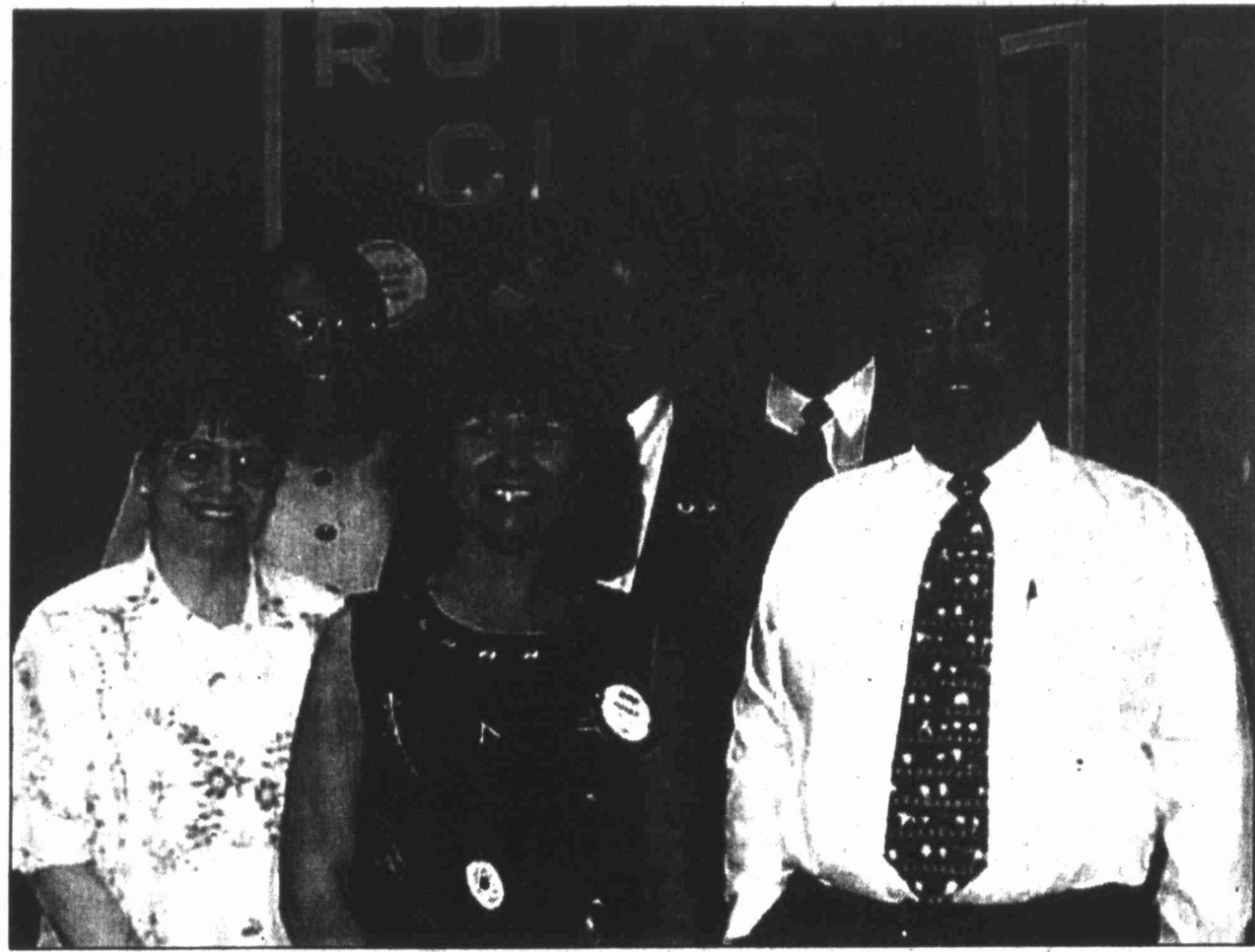
"These are the ones who applied and were awarded. Most of them are buying books, and each book will be stamped with 'Donated by Big Spring Rotary,'" Nabors said.

Nabors said in about six months, Rotary members will prepare a final report for the Rotary Foundation.

"We'll check with the schools to see how the project's going," Nabors said.

Along with books, some of the schools may purchase computer software and disc drives, he said.

"Our final report will have what they bought, and how many, and how well are the children using the purchases," he said.



HERALD photo/Marsha Sturdivant  
Educators who received funds from the Big Spring Rotary Club for children's literacy are, front row, left to right, Gena Franke of Coahoma Junior High School; Carol Hanes of St. Mary's Episcopal School; and Steve Waggoner of Anderson Kindergarten Center. Back row, Loraine Redman, Howard County Library; Paul Nabors, Big Spring Rotary president; and Johnny McGregor, Elbow Elementary.

## ACS urges men to have regular checkup

By DEBBIE L. JENSEN  
Features Editor

This month, the American Cancer Society and some local volunteers are urging men to have a complete, regular checkup.

June has been named Prostate Cancer Awareness Month, as a time to remind men that a simple blood test could save their lives, said Bill Birrell of the local ACS chapter.

"Men have the advantage of this blood test that is easy and reliable," he said. "And if caught early, prostate cancer is also one of the most treatable cancers."

Birrell discovered his own prostate cancer four and a half years ago during a checkup.

"Before they found it, I didn't think I had any problems," Birrell said. But early detection led to early treatment, and Birrell counts himself among the survivors today.



BIRRELL

To educate others, Dr. Clark McDaniel will do several public service programs this month about the disease. Free narration or video programs are available for men's groups as well. Call Pam Stephens, Senior Circle Advisor, 268-4721, to arrange McDaniel to speak.

There is also a free screening blood test that will be available Thursday from 7-9 p.m. at Big Spring Mall.

A blood sample will be taken to check for prostate specific antigen, known as PSA, and if the level is indicated high, further testing will be necessary.

Prostate cancer is the most common cancer, excluding skin cancers, among white, African-American, Hispanic, Filipino, Japanese and American Indian men. The incidence is about one-third higher in African-American men than in other racial groups.

"Many of the cancers are found in men in their 50s," said Birrell, "so this is not just an 'old man's disease.'"

For more information about cancer, especially prostate cancer, call the American Cancer Society at 1-800-ACS-2345, or visit their website, www.cancer.org.

## RELIGION BRIEFS

SPENCER, S.D. (AP) — One year after a tornado destroyed their place of worship, members of Trinity Lutheran Church celebrated their new edifice.

"The spirit of God is living in Spencer," the Rev. Tom Christopher said at the dedication. The 135-member church is the only one of four to rebuild.

The town is rebuilding after the devastation but has lost about half of its population of 300.

For two months after the storm of May 30, 1998, Trinity's congregation worshipped in a tent, then moved to a garage.

"This is a happy day for all of us," said Peg Wubben, a church member. "This building is wonderful. But any place where two or three gather to worship God is a church."

The Church of the Nazarene closed shortly after the tornado that killed the minister's wife; St. Matthew's Lutheran voted to disband in April, and St. Mary's Catholic Church joined St. Peter's Parish in Farmer.

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## CHURCH NEWS

### Baker's Chapel AME Church

Baker's Chapel AME Church will have an appreciation service for Rev. and Mrs. Floyd Green, Jr., Sunday at 3 p.m.

Rev. and Mrs. Green have served the church for 10 years. We would like to invite the family and friends of the Greens to share in this celebration with us. The church is located at 911 N. Lancaster.

### First Presbyterian

One hundred forty Presbyterians and friends attended a dinner Sunday, May 30, at the First Presbyterian Church to welcome their new pastor, Dianne Edwards Brown, and her husband, Greg Brown, who works as a building contractor. The dinner was prepared by the women of the church.

Dianne is Texas-born and raised in Pecos. She is the daughter of a minister and comes to Big Spring from Malvern, Ark., where she was pastor for four years.

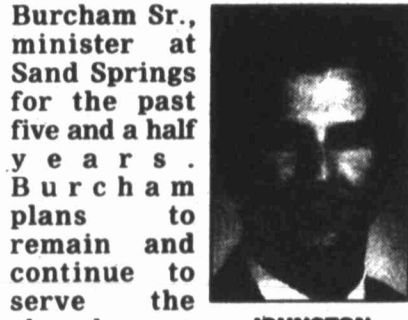
She received her Bachelor of Music Education degree at North Texas in Denton in 1973, did her graduate work at Baylor in Waco and received her Master of Divinity from Austin Seminary in 1995. She taught music in public school, has served as organist-director and director of education in Alexander, La.

Big Spring First Presbyterian Church members feel very fortunate to have Dianne as their pastor and are glad she and her husband, Greg, chose Big Spring as a community they would like to live and participate in. They welcome them with open arms and eager hearts.

### Sand Springs Church of Christ

Ray Johnston, a 1999 honor graduate of the Sunset International Bible Institute in Lubbock, has been welcomed as minister of the Sand Springs Church of Christ.

He succeeds Phillip M.



JOHNSTON

Johnston, 40, is a native of Peoria, Ill. He graduated from the Lubbock school in May with a grade point average of 4.0, one of the two highest in his class. He had entered the Biblical and ministry studies course in 1997, after living in Pasadena for more than 15 years.

Johnston was employed in commercial and industrial construction and in work with chemicals at the Georgia Gulf plant in Pasadena. His work as a youth leader and teacher at church led to his decision to make a career change.

With Johnston and his wife, Jan, are their son Chris Hollis, 17, and their daughter Alicia, 13. Another daughter, Dana, lives in Arkansas with her husband, Andrew Westbrook, and one-year-old daughter Crystal.

### Spirit Wind Youth Choir

Spirit Wind 1999, the Northwest Texas United Methodist Youth Choir, continues its summer tour Saturday with a concert at First United Methodist Church in Stanton.

The music begins at 7 p.m. Local and area members of the choir include Bobby Haislip of Stanton, and Justin Plaia, David Williamson and Brian Wingert, all of Big Spring.

The choir is a select group of 160 United Methodist high school youth from West Texas and the Panhandle. It is under the direction of Bert Bostic of St. Luke's Methodist Church in Midland and Jon Johnson of South Plains College in Levelland.

### Calvary Baptist

The Calvary Baptist Church is conducting a family Vacation Bible School starting at 6:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday, June 14-17.

The Rev. Ted Kiser and a team from the Westmoreland Heights Baptist church in Dallas will be directing the classes.

All interested persons are invited and encouraged to attend.

Herb McPherson is the pastor of the church. For addition information, call 267-1402 after 6 p.m.

### First United Methodist Church

"The Good Attitude: That Comes With Gratitude" Psalms 111:1-3) is Dr. Ed Williamson's message this Sunday at the First United Methodist Church, 400 Scurry. The message is about how we feel better when we give thanks to God for all his goodness. Worship is at 8:30 and 10:50 a.m.

The First United Methodist Church has several Sunday School classes for adults, youth and children. There is a Wednesday noon Bible study class and meal each week in Garrett Hall and everyone is invited to attend.

United Methodist Men will meet for breakfast Saturday at 8 a.m. in the Garrett Hall. For more information call 267-6394.

### Coahoma Church of Christ

Coahoma Church of Christ (311 N. Second St.) will begin its Vacation Bible School this Sunday at 6 p.m. There will be classes for all ages from nursery to adult. VBS will continue until Thursday, June 17. The schedule for Monday through Thursday will be 6:30 to 8 p.m.

Join us as we look into God's word to discover the POWER Equation. The Bible helps us know how to reach out for God's help in a time of need by

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## CLUB NEWS

### 1955 Hyperion

The last meeting of the 1955 Hyperion Club for the 1998-99 year was a salad luncheon and installation of officers. The meeting was held at the home of President Gay Herren.

Karla Wester presided over the installation of the following new officers: President Diane Murphy, Co-vice presidents Karen Forks and Kaci Morris, Recording Secretary Ruth Penner, Corresponding Secretary Evelyn Elrod, Treasurer Jill Moore, and Parliamentarian Gay Herren.

Following the summer break, meetings will resume in September at the Hyperion luncheon.

### Coahoma Lions Club

Two events are approaching for the Coahoma Lions Club.

The community wide blood drive, sponsored by the Lions Club, will be Wednesday, June 30, from 4-8 p.m. United Blood Services from San Angelo will be at the fellowship building of Coahoma Church of Christ to receive blood donations. Everyone in the community is urged to "give the gift of life." You can call 394-4277 to make an appointment or you can just drop in.

The annual Freedom Parade will take place on Saturday, July 4. Any organization, group or individual interested in taking part in the upcoming parade is encouraged to call Lion Russ Mullins at 394-4277, Lion Irene LeMarr at 394-4424, or Lion Pete Wilson at 267-1950.

### American Business Women's Association

The Scenic Cactus Chapter of the American Business Women's Association will be having its annual Scholarship Auction on Monday at 6:30 p.m. at 811 W. 5th. Local auctioneer Robert Pruitt of Spring City Auction will be providing his services to assist the group in raising funds to be used for scholarships.

Our business meeting will be at 6 p.m. for all members. Our agenda will be the following items: election of new officers, scholarship awards for the fall semester, and our end of the year gala preparations. We invite the public to attend and help us raise money to continue supporting scholarships. All members are asked to come early (6 p.m.). If you would like to make a donation to the auction, please call Deloris Albert at 263-4253 or 267-8239.

### Order of the Eastern Star

Big Spring Chapter No. 67, Order of the Eastern Star will meet Tuesday, June 15, 7:30 p.m., for a stated meeting. The newly installed Worthy Matron, Linda Holmes, and Worthy Patron, Allen Welch, will preside.

### Big Spring Evening Lions Club

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

The recycled eyeglasses are donated by the community as a service project of the Lions.

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## COMMUNITY NEWS



Ronald Moss, principal at Moss Elementary School, received books for first grade students recently from Loma Jean Wynn of the Big Spring-Howard County Retired Teachers Association. The goal for state RTA is to place a hardbound book in the hands of every school child who doesn't have one. The project began in 1998.

## FOR YOUR INFORMATION

HOWARD COLLEGE IS NOW taking registrations for Kids' College, which offers classes such as astronomy, art and computers for children ages 6-13.

Classes are Monday-Thursday, June 28-July 8 from 8 a.m.-noon at the Howard College campus. Cost is \$74 for the first child from a family and \$60 for each additional child from the same family. The cost includes supplies, T-shirt, snacks and certificates in the program.

Parents can register a child at the registrar's office Monday-Thursday from 7:30 a.m.-5 p.m.

## THE LAST WORD

No one can keep his griefs in their prime; they use themselves up.  
E.M. Cloran

Sorrow makes us all children again.  
Ralph Waldo Emerson

Unhurt people are not much good in the world.  
Enid Starkie

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**Religion and public policy**  
BOSTON (AP) — Alan Wolfe, a social scientist and author, has been chosen to head Boston College's new Center for Religion and American Public Life.

Wolfe, who will become a professor of political science at the Jesuit-run school, said he envisions the center as a forum for prominent intellectuals and scholars to discuss issues such as cloning and euthanasia.

"Issues of religion and morality have not been central to the social sciences," Wolfe says. "We will attempt to fill the void..."

Wolfe has been an instructor of political science for 33 years, most recently at Boston University. His books include "One Nation After All."

**Religious building boom**

DALLAS (AP) — A boom in religious construction is under way across the country, according to Leadership Network, an organization that advises local churches on social and religious trends.

Its latest newsletter reported \$6.4 billion in new construction last year, up 64 percent from 1994. The figures include new churches, synagogues, mosques and other religious buildings and additions to existing structures.

"Early indications reveal the boom is continuing in 1999," the network said.

Network analysts say the reasons include church expansions in the past decade, especially in the South, Midwest and West Coast, and America's increasing religious pluralism, with nontraditional groups seeking their own facilities.

**Episcopalians identify with diversity**

NEW YORK (AP) — A survey of 2,000 members of the Episcopal Church indicates that diversity in belief is nearly as much a mark of identity as prayer book worship.

The survey, sponsored by the Episcopal Church Foundation, is to be mailed to every parish. It shows that more than 95 percent of those interviewed believe in communion and liturgical worship according to the Book of Common Prayer are central to their religious lives.

On diversity, 78 percent believe members bring "a wide variety of perspectives" to congregations, and an equal number said Episcopalians are "more likely to ask questions than answer them." Only 54 percent believe church traditions "clearly define right and wrong."

"Living with questions of faith and tolerating ambiguities in beliefs are common patterns among many Episcopalians," the survey concludes.

The report includes these statistics: Episcopal membership has declined 36 percent from a peak of 3.6 million in 1967. However, between 1974 and 1997 average attendance rose 31 percent and the number of confirmed adults increased 12 percent.

Since 1991, liquid assets of all Episcopal churches have grown from \$1 billion to \$2.8 billion.

Same-sex behavior and sexual morality in general are the church's most divisive issue, according to the report, though in many congregations "these difficult questions were not the staple of daily life."

**Promise Keepers attendance down; leaders say not to worry**

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (AP) — When the Promise Keepers came to town three years ago, more than 50,000 men filed into a football stadium to dedicate their lives to Jesus. The ministry returned to town last weekend to kick off a 1999 season of rallies in 15 U.S. locations from Connecticut to California.

The biggest meeting, in Memphis, drew fewer than 20,000. The attendance drop mirrored what has occurred elsewhere in recent years. Critics say it shows interest is waning in the organization and its conservative message, but Promise Keepers leaders don't see it that way.

Founder Bill McCartney, a former University of Colorado football coach, said much of the drop is due to fewer worshippers making repeat visits to rallies. Many have changed their lives and have little incentive to attend, he said.

"It's 'Been there, done that, experienced that,'" McCartney said while preparing for the recent conference at The Memphis Pyramid.

McCartney started Promise Keepers in 1990 to bring together Christian men for spiritual support and enrichment. From 72 men at an organizational meeting, the idea quickly grew. The first conference, in July 1991, drew 4,200 men to the University of Colorado basketball arena.

The nondenominational ministry encourages men to obey Christ and become good husbands, fathers and members of their communities. At the rallies, men often are asked to come forward and renounce their sins.

Attendance peaked in 1996, when 1.1 million men gathered for rallies in large outdoor stadiums like the 62,000-seat Liberty Bowl in Memphis. This year, 10 of the group's 15 rallies are in smaller indoor arenas, like the 21,000-seat Pyramid, and total attendance is forecast to be 450,000.

Darren Sherkat, a professor of sociology and religious studies at Vanderbilt University, said it's understandable that the ministry cannot continue to fill football stadiums.

"There's a kind of burnout that takes place. It's something you do once, maybe twice," he said.

"What people want from their religion on a day-to-day basis or yearly basis is stuff that happens in small groups. You don't know 50,000 people. You know the 25 people in your Sunday school class."

Promise Keepers spokesman Steve Ruppe said large prayer gatherings and conferences for married couples and families also have become popular with other Christian groups such as Focus on the Family and Family Life.

"Five years ago, Promise Keepers was the only organization trying to do anything in this size facility," he said. "Now there are dozens."

The smaller arenas are more intimate than outdoor stadiums and are unaffected by weather, Ruppe said.

"We're not an organization that's looking at a specific amount of growth or quarterly returns to assure us we're successful," Ruppe said. "Our sense of success is: Are the men here being touched by God and are their lives being changed?"

The smaller meetings also cost less, and that's important for Promise Keepers.

In 1996, when Promise Keepers charged \$60 a head to attend the conventions, the ministry's annual budget was \$87 million. Last year, it quit charging admission and began relying primarily on donations.

That caused a cash crunch that led Promise Keepers to lay off its 345 salaried employees.

**Man writes Christian fiction in spare time**

ABILENE (AP) — A lover of books and words couldn't ask for anything more.

On one side of Thom Lemmons is Abilene Educational Supply, a store filled with books and other educational necessities that he manages for its owner, Abilene Christian University.

In front of him is Abilene Christian University itself, also filled with books and other educational necessities. And surrounding him is ACU Press, which he also manages for the university.

In his job as manager of two businesses whose business is books, Lemmons, a lover of books and words, couldn't ask for anything more.

"I get paid to think about books," he said. "I've really got a great situation for a person who loves books and the written word."

But for the past 10 years, Lemmons has done more than just think about books. He has been writing them. Successfully.

His most recent book, "Daughter of Jerusalem," a fictional account of the life of Mary Magdalene, is the first in a three-book series on daughters of faith to be published by Multnomah Publishers. Lemmons currently is working on the second installment about the New Testament's Lydia, and that will be followed by a book on a to-be-named character from the end of the first century.

All of Lemmons' works except for one, are fiction, a genre that fits nicely with a creative side that also finds expression in music and theater. Creating something out of nothing appeals to Lemmons on more than one level.

"There is kind of a mystical aspect to writing fiction," he said.

To date, of Lemmons' six fiction books, his second, "Jeremiah, He Who Wept," has been his best seller, which surprised him. "It connected with people," he said.

Most of Lemmons' books are about women of the Bible, including his current series. Historically, it was harder for women to achieve the same accomplishments and men and it was much harder to be remembered for them, he said.

For example, the biblical character, Lydia, the subject of the second book in Lemmons' trilogy, "had to be something special," Lemmons said.

She was not married, she was strong, determined, and evidently wealthy and successful in a paternalistic culture. "Right away you've got a person who is an anomaly," Lemmons said, which is fertile ground for a creative writer's mind.

Writing religious fiction has its limitations, which Lemmons is aware of. Most likely, his name won't appear on the New York Times best-seller list, but there is a strong audience for religious fiction.

Lemmons categorizes his work as a subset of historical fiction. He does thorough research on the time period before starting to write. And once he begins, he diligently adheres to the biblical narrative.

His works have been received well enough that his publisher continues to ask for more to feed a market for well-written fiction that doesn't contain violence and profanity.

"I think I have something to offer those folks," Lemmons said.

The addition of the word "author" to Lemmons' resume took some time. After graduating from ACU in 1973 with a degree in music, Lemmons taught band for five years at Jefferson Middle School. He later went into the securities business with Merrill Lynch and also worked in a bank.

"I've done a lot of strange things for a guy who started out as a music major," he said.

The opportunity to be surrounded by books led him to accept an offer to be manager of Abilene Educational Supply in 1992. In May of 1994, he took on the added responsibility of running ACU Press.

Even though Lemmons never took a creative writing class in college, he knew he was adept at the craft. The more he read, the more he began thinking he could write, too. Lemmons was a student at ACU at the same time as Max Lucado, one of today's best-known Christian writers.

In the mid-80s Lucado was serving as a missionary in Brazil and already had made a name for himself with three successful books. Lemmons took a chance and mailed Lucado some manuscripts to be critiqued.

Lucado was complimentary and also gave Lemmons the name of a man who was in the market for religious fiction for his new publishing firm.

"I have always been grateful to Max to give me that initial introduction," Lemmons said. "The fact that you've got a name makes all the difference in the world."

Now that Lemmons is making his own way in the business, he is discovering that writing is no longer the hobby it once was. But finding other creative outlets wasn't too difficult. A talented musician, Lemmons at one time was principal trumpet player for the Abilene Philharmonic.

After packing up his trumpet, Lemmons discovered the stage and has appeared in several Abilene Community Theater productions, including "The Sound of Music" and "Smoke on the Mountain." Music and writing flow together nicely for Lemmons, and he admits music plays a definite role in his writing style.

"Sometimes it's as important to me the way words sound as what they say," he said.

Now that the thrill of the first published work is gone, Lemmons finds each new book harder to write than the previous one.

Somehow he finds time to write between doing his job and spending time with his wife, Cheryl Taylor Lemmons, and their three children, Heather, 16; Jessica, 11; and Austin, 7.

And, although finding that time becomes increasingly more difficult, Lemmons knows he will.

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**First Assembly of God**

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In the evening service at 6, Pastor Havener will speak on the subject, "False Hopes of Heaven."

Each Wednesday at 7 p.m. it is "Family Night" at First Assembly. These activities include a boy's program, "The Royal Rangers," a girls program, "The Missionettes," a "Youth Service," and an Adult Bible Study in the main auditorium.

The public is invited to all of these services.

**St. Mary's Episcopal Church**

St. Mary's summer church schedule continues this Sunday with one service of Holy

Eucharist beginning at 9:30 a.m. Regular service times will return on Sept. 13.

St. Mary's Vestry meets Monday, June 14, at 5:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall.

**Berea Baptist**

Vacation Baptist Church will begin at Berea Baptist Church on Monday, June 14 through Friday, June 18. The school will be from 6 to 8:30 p.m. each evening.

The theme for 1999 is Jungle Adventure. There are classes for children age 3 through sixth grade. On Saturday morning at 10, there will be an opportunity to preregister children, which may be more convenient for some parents. We will need a phone number where each child's parent or guardian can be reached.

Berea Baptist Church is located at 4204 Wasson Road. For more information, please call 267-8438 or e-mail pastor Dwayne Wheat at pdwheat@rcrom.net.

**First Baptist**

This Sunday we will be celebrating the ordinance of the Lord's Supper, and Pastor Eddie Tubbs will continue his sermons concerning change. Sunday's sermon is "Why Change?" You are invited to join us for this time of worship at 10:45 a.m.

It is almost time for Vacation Bible School. Our school will be June 21-25, at 6 p.m. for children of all ages. The topic for the children's school is Mt. Extreme.

The youth's topic is "Ultimate Extremes." The adults have two topics from which to choose. Stan Hanes will lead a video series "Making the Most of Your Marriage."


Pastor Tubbs will lead "You Are Special" which is a study on Christian self esteem. A light supper will be served before each evening's session. You are encouraged to join us for this family time of learning how to climb new heights with Jesus.

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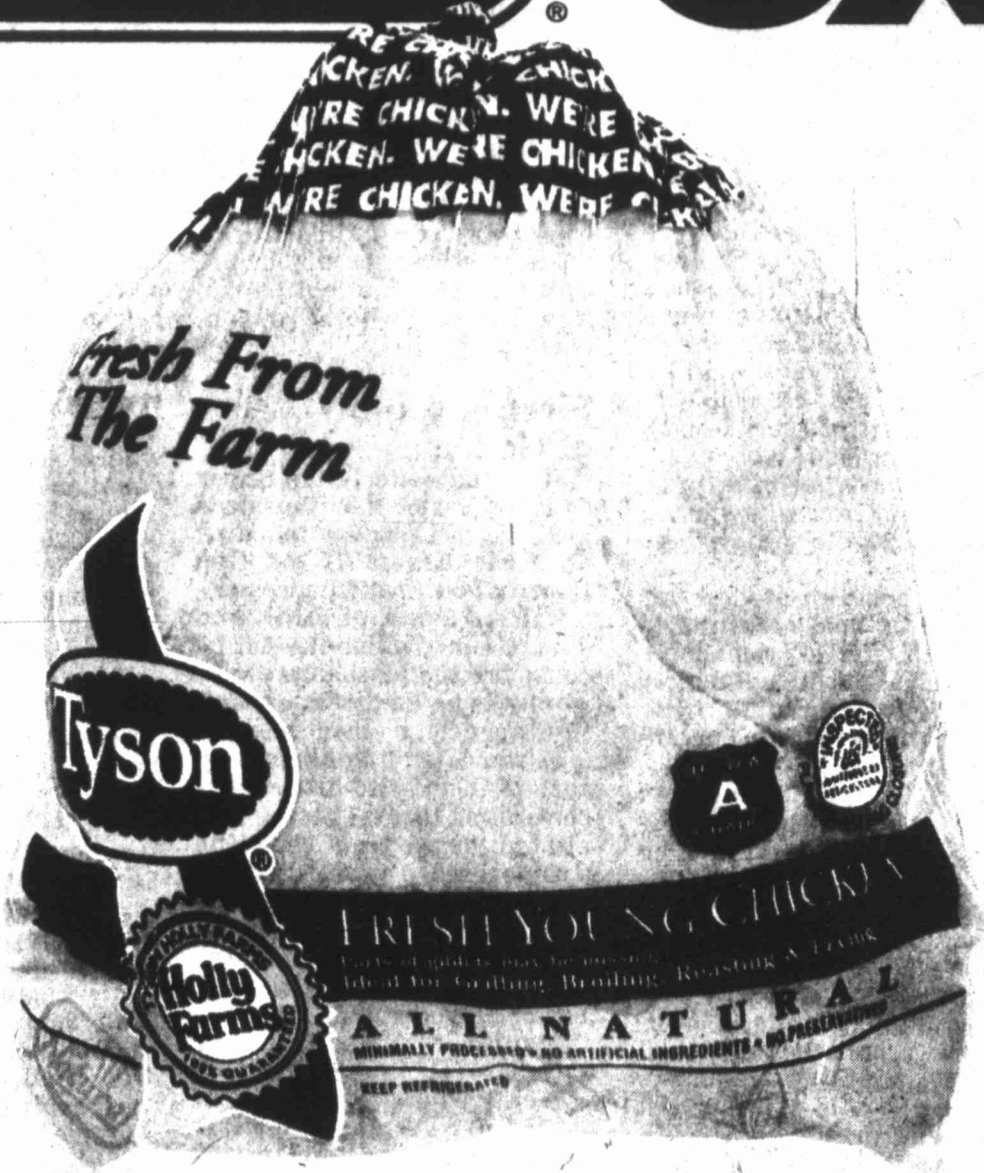
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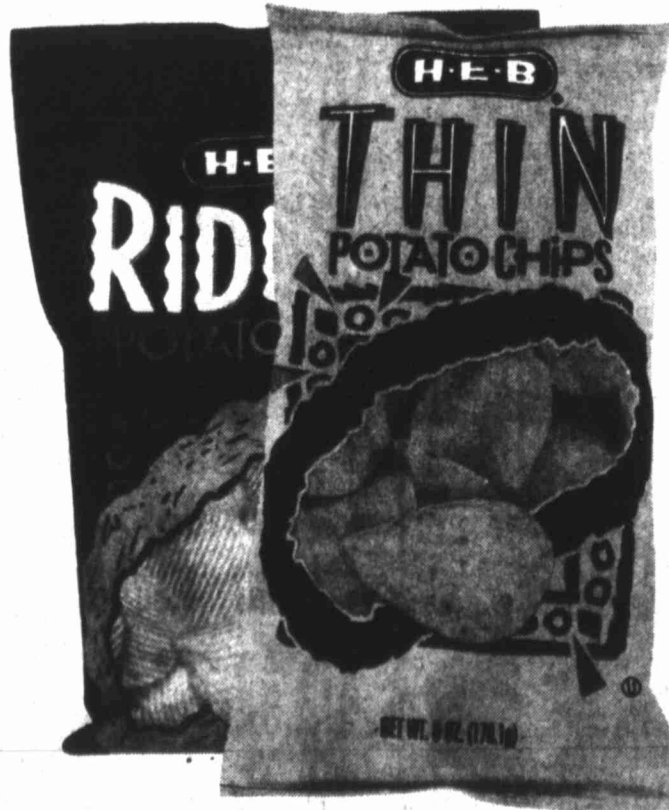
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## IN BRIEF

**Cotten takes Chap reigns  
as Rafferty leaves MC**

Junsie Cotten, who has served as an assistant to Pat Rafferty for the past two years, has been named the new head men's basketball coach at Midland College.

Cotten was announced as the Chaps' new head coach Thursday after University of Louisville officials announced Rafferty had been named as an assistant to the Cardinals' legendary coach Denny Crum.

Midland College bypassed a national search in hiring the 26-year-old with no previous head coaching experience.

Cotten came to Midland from Eastern Utah where the team went 51-13 during his two seasons as an assistant there. Prior to that, he'd served as a graduate assistant at Utah State, his alma mater, where he helped guide them to a 21-8 record and a Western Athletic Conference championship.

Rafferty leaves Midland College after five years, having compiled a 97-51 record and qualified for the Region V Tournament three times. In 1998 the Chaps took their first outright Western Junior College Athletic Conference championship.

**Howard College's Collins  
to coach all-star squad**

Howard College head men's basketball coach Tommy Collins will serve as the head coach for a team of Texas high school all-stars Saturday when they face Oklahoma's all-stars in the 1999 Faith Seven Basketball Bowl at Oklahoma Baptist University in Shawnee.

Collins was originally scheduled to assist Midland College's Pat Rafferty during the game and head up the Texas contingent in 2000. But Rafferty's decision to accept an assistant coach's position at Louisville on Thursday left him unavailable to work the game.

Two Midland High School players, Jay Christian and Charles Tatum, are among the 10 players on the Team Texas roster for Saturday's 7:30 tip.

Other Texas stars on Collins' squad are Duncanville's Roosevelt Brown, Amarillo's Josh Faltese, Texarkana Texas High's DeMario Hooper, San Antonio Houston's Jeremy McNeil, Wichita Falls High's Bingo Merriex, Seminole's Chris Ogden, League City's Hamilton Rucker and Sugarland-Willowridge's Armon Tillman.

**Little Angels extend  
UGSA unbeaten streak**

The Little Angels extended their unbeaten string to nine games in United Girls Softball Association Division IA play with a 15-10 win over the T-Bears and a wild, 11-10 victory over the Lil' Diamonds.

Baylea Fox hit a pair of home runs, while teammates Brittni Coates, Mirella Torres and Kelly Sage all hit one home run apiece in the Little Angels' win over the T-Bears.

The T-Bears displayed plenty of power, as well, as Crystal Carillo ripped a grand slam homer and Kelsey Jones added a two-run shot. Dominique Green added a pair of hits and Aarika Marin added another in the losing cause.

In the Little Angels' win over the Lil' Diamonds, Sage ripped a three-run homer, while Fox, Gina Oliveras, Kosh, Melanie Oliveras and Jackie Rainer all had multiple-hit performances.

Amanda Longorio, Maria Olague, Haley Zarate and Andrea Olivarez led the way offensively for the Lil' Diamonds.

## ON THE AIR

Television  
COLLEGE BASEBALL

6:30 p.m. — College World Series, Game 2, Rice vs. Miami, ESPN, Ch. 30.

## MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

6:35 p.m. — Baltimore Orioles at Atlanta Braves, TBS, Ch. 11.

## NBA PLAYOFFS

8 p.m. — Eastern Conference Finals, Game 6, Indiana Pacers at New York Knicks, NBC, Ch. 9.

## Bulldogs again denied at state tourney's first round

By JASON GORDON  
Herald Correspondent

AUSTIN — Coahoma tried for the fourth time in five years to win a game at the UIL state baseball championships Thursday, but once again the Bulldogs came up short.

As they have in four out of the five seasons, the Bulldogs lost in the Class 2A state semifinal round, this time to Cooper, 4-1.

It was a heartbreaking loss for Coahoma (21-8) and its ace pitcher Delvin White.

White, who lost last year's state semifinal game to Rosebud-Lott despite giving up only one earned run, was the tough-luck loser again.

White gave up only two hits to Cooper, now 25-6-1 on the season, while striking out 14. However, untimely poor defense

and a lack of execution on offense sealed White and his Coahoma teammates' fate.

"It is tough to lose like this in a game that you know could have gone either way," Coahoma head coach Scott Lewis said following the loss. "I felt like we outplayed them. Delvin pitched a heck of a game, we just couldn't get the key hits and they made their hits count."

"Sometimes 90 percent of the battle is just getting here," Lewis added. "One of these days we're going to win one of these things, though."

White, who finished the season with an 11-4 record, had a 1.00 earned run average heading into the state semifinal game. He was on fire early, striking out seven of the first nine batters he faced.

It was in the top of the fourth that things started to turn sour for White and the Bulldogs.

Cooper catcher Billie Mayberry hit a

two-run single that plated Danny Wall and Drew Conley, making the score 2-0. It was the first hit of the game for Cooper.

Mayberry would later score on an error to make it 3-0 Cooper heading into the bottom of the fourth inning.

Cooper pitcher Brandon Shaw (16-1) was steady on the mound. Although not as dominating as White, Shaw scattered six Coahoma hits while striking out six.

Cooper added to its lead in the top of the sixth inning.

Mayberry's sacrifice fly plated Conley to make the score 4-0 in favor of Cooper. Coahoma wouldn't go quietly, as the Bulldogs tried to rally in the bottom of the seventh inning.

Jeremy Green reached first on a Cooper error with nobody out in the bottom of the seventh inning. After Walt Bordelon struck out for the first out of

the inning, Travis McMillian hit a bloop single to left field that gave Coahoma hope.

Aaron Ovale followed with an RBI single to right that scored Green to end the shutout.

Vincent Garcia hit a shot to center field, but it was right at the Cooper defense, and Brandon Hancock grounded out to end the game.

"It was just one of those games where they got all the breaks," White said. "I got more strikeouts than they did. We had more hits than they did. I think we outplayed them, and I definitely think we're the better team."

"Things just didn't work out tonight like we thought they should have."

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Shaw and Mayberry; White and Ovale; 2B—Conley; 3B—None; HR—None; W—Shaw (16-1); L—White (11-4).

## Braves take Little League crown

Torres tosses two-hit  
gem at American Colts  
to chalk up 3-1 victoryBy JOHN A. MOSELEY  
Sports Editor

Few, if any, expected Thursday night's Little League City Tournament championship game to be a pitching duel.

But that's exactly what the American League Braves' Rocky Torres and the American League Colts' Jerry Doport provided — sterling mound performances.

In the end, Torres prevailed — the Braves finished an unbeaten romp through the tournament with a 3-1 victory that was anything but easy.

"It was a tough ballgame ... believe me, I was worried there for a while," Braves manager Edwin Vela said after seeing his team wrap up the title.

Vela, in his ninth and final year of coaching and managing at the Little League level, said the key to his team's success this season — the Braves finished the campaign with a 13-4 record — was peaking at exactly the right time.

"We wound up playing our best baseball when it counted the most ... we peaked at just the right time," Vela explained, noting that Torres' showing was as good an example as he could provide.

Having used his ace, Ryan Rodriguez, in knocking off the Colts in the tournament's semifinals, Vela said he was confident in sending Torres to the mound for the title game.

"Rocky came on late in the season and pitched well for us," the Braves manager explained. "In fact, he was excellent in the last three games he pitched."

While Torres didn't rack up impressive strikeouts totals like Doport during the championship showdown, he proved to be more consistent, relying on his teammates to provide air-tight defense.

That strategy worked — almost to perfection.

Torres allowed the Colts just two hits, a leadoff double in the second to Doport, and what proved to be a meaningless RBI single in the sixth by Jacob Nichols.

More importantly, Torres allowed just one base on balls and hit one batter while striking out three.

Doport, on the other hand, finished the game with a dozen strikeouts to his credit, but two hit batsmen and issued six walks that would prove to be his downfall.

Still, Vela had nothing but praise for the Colts hurler.

"Jerry pitched a tremendous game tonight," Vela noted. "He really gave us fits."

"The last time we faced him, we tagged him pretty good," the Braves boss added.



HERALD photo/Jim Fierro  
American League Braves shortstop Ryan Rodriguez pulls into third base with a stand-up triple, as Colts third baseman Nick Perez lets the ball get past him during the third inning of Thursday's Little League City Tournament championship. While Rodriguez was left stranded, the Braves scored two runs in the fourth inning and added another in the fifth en route to a 3-1 victory.

"But this time around he pitched a great game. We just got lucky and caught him in one inning when he had control problems."

That lack of control came in the bottom of the fourth inning as Braves right fielder Lance Tissue worked Doport for a walk and first baseman Clayton Birmelin was hit by a pitch.

After striking out John Marino, Doport walked Braves catcher Adrian Yanez to load the bases.

The struggle continued, as Doport was forced to a full count before striking out Brandon Boling and again went to 3-2 before issuing a run-scoring walk to center fielder Jason Vela.

Doport was then faced with a dilemma, as Rodriguez stepped to the plate, having already doubled and tripled in his two previous appearances at the plate.

Colts coaches decided to concede the run, intentionally walking Rodriguez and giving the Braves a 2-0 lead.

Doport would escape the bases-loaded jam by striking out Torres, but that was all

the Braves right-hander needed.

Torres retired the Colts in order in the top of the fifth and got an insurance run in the bottom of the inning when reserve left fielder Ben Deanda drew a leadoff walk, moved to second when Tissue was hit by a pitch and scored when Birmelin singled down the line in left.

The Colts did their best to make it interesting, however, by finally getting to Torres in the sixth.

Left fielder Brandy Hubbard led off the inning by drawing a walk on four straight balls, but was erased at second when shortstop Andy Lasater hit a tapper back to the mound and Torres made the play at second.

Later moved to second when Landon Jenkins rolled another grounder to the mound for the second out, but scored when Nichols hit a Texas League single to center field.

Torres snuffed the rally almost as quickly as it began, however, getting Doport to fly out to right and end the game.

Stars  
rattle  
Sabres

DALLAS (AP) — The Dallas Stars have lost the home-ice advantage and possibly Mike Modano, and they're going to Buffalo for the next two games of the Stanley Cup finals.

It could be worse. The Stars pulled themselves out of a tough spot with a 4-2 victory in Game 2 on Thursday night, tying the best-of-7 series at a game apiece.

"A good win. We are back in the series," Stars coach Ken Hitchcock said, relieved that his team doesn't face a 2-0 deficit in the series, which resumes in Buffalo with Game 3 on Saturday night.

The Stars, who lost the opener 3-2 in overtime, played like it was a desperate situation.

"I think we came out pretty well again, just like we did in Game 1," said Craig Ludwig, one of the Stars' goal-scorers. "But the difference is we continued to play throughout the game. In Game 1, we didn't play the complete 60 minutes."

The Stars' victory could be costly. They lost Modano, an All-Star center, to a wrist injury the last 10 minutes of the game, and the team said it didn't know if he would be available for Game 3.

A report by ESPN said Modano broke his wrist and was out for the rest of the series. But Stars trainer David Surprenant, reached by The Associated Press three hours after the game, dismissed the report.

"He is not out for the series," Surprenant said. "Doctors will be evaluating him (today)."

Stars public relations director Larry Kelly also had a negative response to the ESPN report.

"They didn't get that from us," he told The AP. "It's a sore wrist and day-to-day. That's the report we're going with."

The Stars were also more physical this time, outhitting the Sabres 48-38. In the first game, the Sabres outhit the

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## Van Gundy on risk-taking: It's neither genius nor stupidity

NEW YORK (AP) — Jeff Van Gundy tinkered with his starting lineup before Game 4, inserting Latrell Sprewell and removing Kurt Thomas. In Game 5, he saved Marcus Camby until after the first 10 minutes of the third quarter.

What does he have up his sleeve for Game 6?

The coach of the New York Knicks has become a risk-taker in the Eastern Conference finals, which resume tonight at Madison Square Garden with his team leading the Indiana Pacers 3-2 in the best-of-7 series.

"By starting Latrell, it was neither genius last night nor stupidity in Game 4," Van Gundy said Thursday. "It was what I felt was in the best interest of the team. That's how I make every decision."

Van Gundy took a lot of criticism when the Sprewell move seemed to backfire in Game 4. But those same critics were lauding the move after Game 5 when Sprewell unleashed an array of offensive moves and had his best game of the series with 29 points.

With Camby, the coach decided to keep him out for the bulk of the third quarter because he had three fouls. He wanted

Camby available for the entire fourth quarter, and he didn't want him playing tentatively because of foul trouble.

The move paid off. "I'm just really thankful that I'm a part of a team that's still playing," Van Gundy said. "And what small part I play in it, I take very seriously. I do the job the best I can."

In this case, it means departing from what got the Knicks here and taking a gamble or two to try to help offset the loss of Patrick Ewing.

Van Gundy has been no stranger to criticism this season, and the internal disagreements over his spotty use of Camby earlier in the season led to the demotion of general manager Ernie Grunfeld.

"If you become paralyzed by the thought that you may be criticized for doing something, you're never going to be the risk taker you need to be as a good coach. Risk taking is part of it. If it doesn't work out, you've got to accept the responsibility for it not working out," Van Gundy said.

If the Knicks make the NBA Finals, an option year in Van Gundy's contract worth \$3.5 million becomes guaranteed.

He is due to make \$2 million next season, the same amount as new Orlando Magic head coach Doc Rivers.

Not since Game 7 of the 1994 Eastern Conference finals, also against Indiana, has New York had a chance to make it to the championship round and go for the franchise's first title since 1973.

"I'd like to do it for our fans at home," Sprewell said. "I'd like to finish Indiana off there."

It's an improbable scenario these Knicks find themselves in the second week of June. After a season of under-achieving, bickering, backstabbing and barely qualifying for the playoffs, they stand poised to become the lowest-seeded team ever to make the finals.

"No one thought we would be where we are now," said Camby, who has emerged as a force in this series. "Just the opportunity to go to the finals is a dream come true for most of us."

What the Pacers have going for them heading into Game 6, aside from their advantages in depth and experience, is the Knicks' recent history of failing to seize the moment and make things easy on themselves.

In the first round, they had an oppor-

tunity to finish off the Miami Heat in Game 4 at the Garden, but lost.

In this round, they had an opportunity in Game 4 to take a commanding 3-1 lead at home, but lost.

"The biggest thing right now for us is how do we break the cycle of win, lose, win, lose," Van Gundy said. "It's very difficult to win two in a row in the playoffs."

The Knicks will need to repeat all the things they forgot about in Game 4 and did well in Game 5 — pushing the ball upcourt, attacking the basket, hitting the open man, playing aggressively rather than tentatively.

For the Pacers, everything that was present in Game 4 but missing in Game 5 — contributions from reserves Jalen Rose and Antonio Davis, energy and offensive aggression from Mark Jackson and Chris Mullin, speed getting back on defense — needs to reappear in Game 6.

Of the 11 conference finals tied at 2-2 in this decade, 10 have gone to the team that won Game 5. The exception was in 1994, when Miller scored 25 fourth-quarter points to beat the Knicks in the Garden, only to have the Knicks come back to win Games 6 and 7.



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CLOSER TO HOME

Chicano Golf Association slates Sunday tournament

The Chicano Golf Association of Big Spring has scheduled a tournament for Sunday at the Comanche Trail Golf Course.

Howard College slates girls' basketball camp

Howard College will conduct its annual Lady Hawks Girls Basketball Camp at Dorothy Garret Coliseum beginning Monday and continuing through Thursday.

Softball, ragball tourneys rescheduled for July 10

The Spring City Softball and Ragball Tournament has been rescheduled for Saturday, July 10, at the Roy Anderson Baseball/Softball Complex.

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.

meeting for 7 p.m. Monday at the American League park.

The meeting had originally been scheduled for Saturday afternoon. All interested persons are encouraged to attend.

National Little League sponsoring baseball camp

Big Spring's National Little League will sponsor a baseball camp June 18-20 at the Roy Anderson Complex in hopes of raising enough money to construct a batting cage at its field.

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.

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.

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Duncanville one win away from schoolboy history

AUSTIN (AP) — Duncanville is just one win away from a Texas triple crown. With a victory tonight over Houston Bellaire in the Class 5A baseball final, Duncanville (28-8-1) would become the first school to win state championships in football, boys' basketball and baseball in the same academic year.

country by USA Today. Bellaire struggled from the mound but pounded out 13 hits in a 14-9 win Thursday over Austin Westlake (28-10-3). Enrique Cruz and Kyle Smith homered for Bellaire. Bellaire is playing for history of its own. A win tonight would give Bellaire a record seventh Class 5A baseball title.

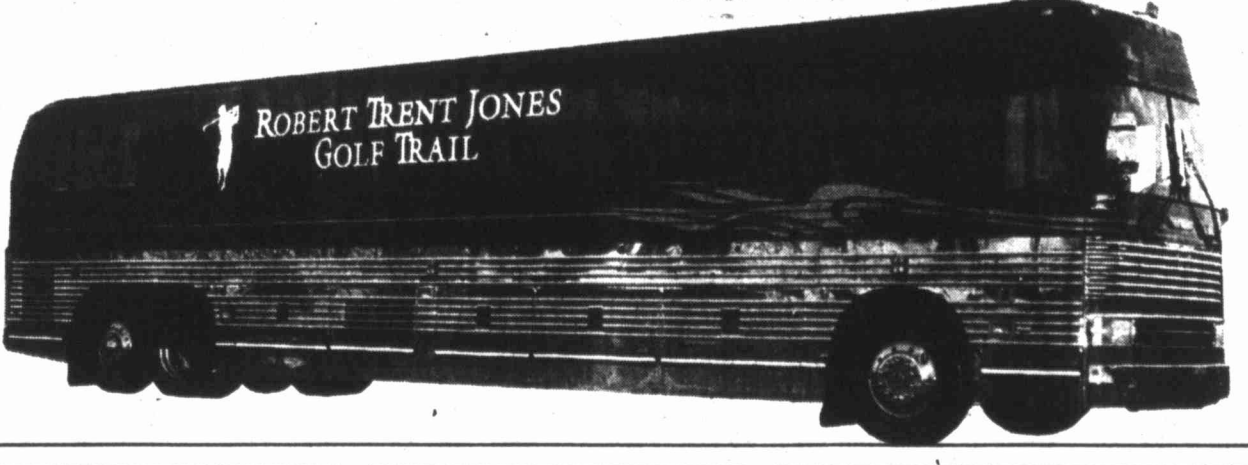
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Stars 60-44. "They had a few shifts where they really took it to us," Buffalo's Jay McKee said, "so I guess that was the difference."

net." Stars goalie Ed Belfour said. "We kept working and never got discouraged." The Sabres scored first on a power-play goal by Mike Peca at 7:27 of the second period. The Buffalo captain was wide open at the side of the net.

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# Brewers outscore Cleveland

CLEVELAND (AP) — Cleveland reliever Dave Stevens turned his back to the plate in the sixth inning and threw up. There were plenty of others in Jacobs Field who wished they could have done the same.

Stevens swallowed too much tobacco juice on an oppressively humid night. Indians fans watched Milwaukee, the last-place team in the NL Central, knock Bartolo Colon all over the ballpark in the Brewers' 15-9 rout.

Dave Nilsson homered twice and Hideo Nomo, who never got past an audition with the Indians in April, pitched seven solid innings as the Brewers took two of three from the AL's top team.

"We came in thinking we could win three of three," said Brewers manager Phil Garner, who appeared to be dead serious. "And if we had gotten a break last (Wednesday) night we would have."

In the majors' only other game Thursday, San Diego beat Oakland 2-1.

The Indians, who open a three-game series in Cincinnati tonight for Ohio baseball bragging rights, have lost 10 of 18 games and are currently a shell of the team that began the season boasting an All-Star at every position.

Cleveland wasn't making excuses for losing, but the Indians were undermanned, playing without Manny Ramirez (suspended) and Travis Fryman (back spasms) the entire Milwaukee series and losing Wil Cordero in 10 weeks when he broke his wrist in the opener.

For the first time all year, the Indians look vulnerable, not invincible. Even Roberto Alomar made an error at second — his first in 66 games.

Nomo (3-1) didn't do anything special to beat the Indians, allowing five runs and eight hits. But he pitched out of trouble, and the Brewers gave him the kind of run support he might have gotten if he had signed with Cleveland.

"His motion is really funky," said Omar Vizquel, who struck out twice against Nomo. "It was really hard to pick up the ball. I don't know what he does. He hides the ball and then, poof, there it is."

Nomo, released by both the Mets and Cubs this year, worked out for Indians manager Mike Hargrove and pitching coach Phil Regan in Oakland during the last week in April. But before Nomo could pitch in a simulated game for them, he announced he was signing with the Brewers.

"I didn't have a chance to be a starting pitcher (with Cleveland)," Nomo said. "The Indians had five starters. That doesn't mean they refused me."

Before the game, Hargrove said the Indians didn't see enough of Nomo the first time to make a complete evaluation. He stuck with that during his postgame remarks.

"I saw a little bit of velocity," he said. "But nothing special."

Nilsson hit a three-run homer and a solo shot for the Brewers. Geoff Jenkins added a three-run homer, one of three Milwaukee homers in the fourth inning that chased Colon (6-3).

Mark Loretta also homered and Marquis Grissom had three hits for the Brewers, whose 15 runs were the most scored against Cleveland this season.

Richie Sexson hit a three-run homer, his third homer in two days, and Jacob Cruz hit his first AL homer for Cleveland, which trimmed a nine-run deficit to four in the late innings. Jeff Manto also homered for the Indians.

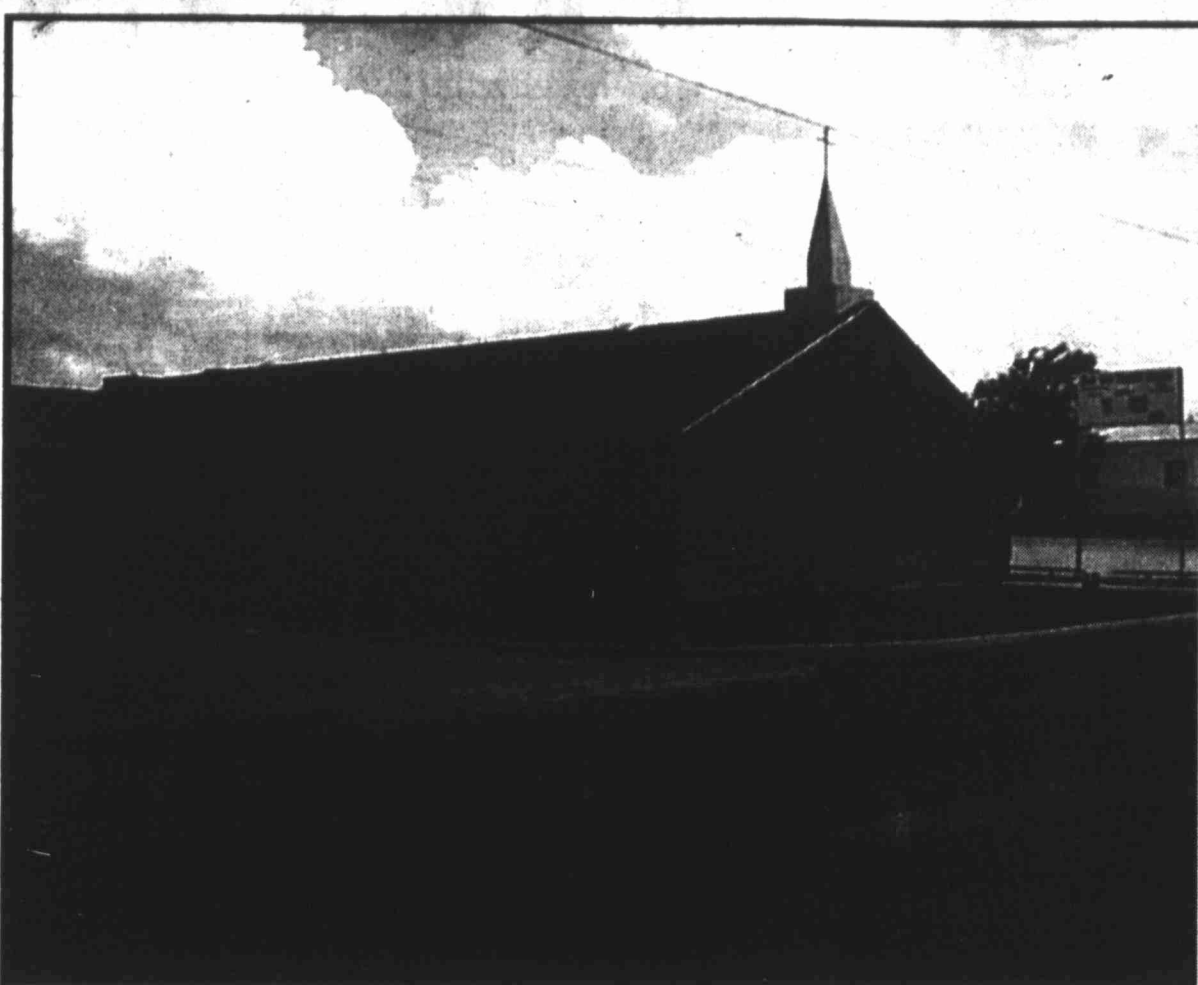
Trailing 3-1, the Brewers teed off on Colon in the fourth, hitting three homers.

**Padres 2, Athletics 1**  
Trevor Hoffman earned his 200th career save, preserving San Diego's victory over visiting Oakland.

Hoffman, who started his pro baseball career as a shortstop, struck out the side in the ninth inning for his 12th save in 15 chances this year.

Tony Gwynn's return to the Padres lineup was put on hold. He had hoped to play, but felt a knot in his left calf and remained on the disabled list.

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### HELP WANTED

**AVIS LUBE FAST OIL CHANGE**  
24 HR. JOB HOTLINE  
1-800-583-4063 Ext. 371

Correctional Registered Nurse needed at Mitchell County Hospital District's TDCJ Wallace Medical Unit for Mon - Fri. 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. position. Please contact Ms. Lemaster, R.N., D.O.N. @ (915)728-2162, ext. 4265.

**Domino's Pizza**  
Full time drivers needed. Apply in person at: 2202 Gregg.

**Dozer - Backhoe Operator**  
needed. At least 5 yrs. experience. Must have CDL. Please Call 915-425-6568 in Big Spring.

**IMMEDIATE OPENING**  
for clerk/cashier/cook. Apply at 3315 E. FM 700. Neighbors Convenience Store.

Wanted farm hand. Experienced only. Call after 8:00 p.m. 915-684-5418.

### LOANS

**1000 NEW CUSTOMERS**  
No Credit - No Problem Loans \$100-\$446  
Apply by phone 267-4591 or come by  
SECURITY FINANCE  
204 S. Goliad - Big Spring

**MIDWEST FINANCE**  
Loans \$100-\$430. Open M-F 9-6pm. 612 Gregg. 263-1353. Phone app's. welcome. Se Habla Espanol.

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### MORTGAGES BOUGHT

**FAST FUNDING HIGHEST PRICE**  
For real estate notes, mortgages & contracts. Any size, any state & any condition. Call Keith, Woodstone Financial 1-800-687-6663.

### HORSES

**BIG SPRING HORSE, SADDLE & TACK AUCTION**  
Sat. June 12, 12:30pm  
Everyone welcome to buy, sell or visit.  
Lance Folsom, TX 8148. 806-792-5919

**Appliances**  
Cooktop & oven for sale. Call 267-8310 9-5pm. Ask for Roxie.

**DOGS, PETS, ETC.**  
AKC AKITA PUPPY, parents on premises, \$150. Call 520-7348 or 620-8855.

AKC Collie puppies, \$250. each. Call 756-4537 - Stanton.

For Sale: ADBA Registered Pit Bull puppies. 4 female 1-male, 4 are white/brindle, 1 female is brindle/white, parents on premises. \$200/each. Call 394-4773.

**FREE TO GOOD HOME:** Two 8 week old kittens. Call 263-4645.

**FREE:** Female charcoal gray kitten, sweet, loveable, playful & will make a good companion. 268-9233.

**10 Beanie Babies - most of them retired.** Will sell together as a group for \$125.00 or separately @ \$25.00 each. Call 263-3497.

Beanie Buddies for sale - Tracker, Snort & Squealer, \$13.00 each. Also, 2nd complete set of McDonald's Teenie Beanie's; 1 yr old 24" boys 10-speed bike. \$45.00. Call 263-4645.

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HOUSES FOR SALE

**ABANDONED HOMES**  
In Big Spring.  
Take up payments  
w/ nothing down.  
Local 264-0510

Beautiful Executive 2 story  
home. Country club rd.  
Pool, landscaping,  
acreage, 3-car garage,  
priced below owners cost.  
\$239,000. OBO. 263-0066  
(business), 268-9696  
(home).

**BEAUTIFUL HOME**  
336/Office/2 LA-2430 sf.  
Corner on 2 lots,  
\$129,900.  
3200 Dunes 263-8204  
Pick-up info by yard sign

**BY OWNER:**  
Location - Location -  
Location

Beauty, Convenience  
- Dead End St. & Parkhill.  
2600 sq. ft. 3 - 2 1/2 - 2 on  
2 acres with protected  
view. \$168,000. 263-2891.

**CHEAP! 2 Mobile homes**  
on approx. 1 ac.; 2 bd., 2  
bath; 3 bd., 1 1/2 bath. \$8,000  
for all or mobile homes  
are \$2,000 ea. to be  
moved. 264-7102.

**I'M MAD ... at banks**  
won't give real estate loans  
because of bad credit,  
problems or new  
employment. I do, call  
L.D. Kirk, Homeland  
Mortgages, (254)  
947-4475.

**Must See to**  
Appreciate!!  
3 bd., 2 bath, living room,  
dining room, fp., New  
CH/A. Basement.  
Workshop. 2 blocks to  
new Jr. High school.  
263-6781 or 263-7744.

**Owner Finance**  
Investors Dream  
2111 Runnels, 3 bd., 1  
bath w/upstairs &  
downstairs apt.  
1017 E. 21st. St. 3 bd., 1  
bath;  
509 Colled, 2 bd., 1 bath.  
Call 915-363-8243.

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2 bd., 1 bath, lg.  
livingroom, laundry room  
& detached garage. Very  
clean! \$20,000. Call  
263-4057 leave message  
if no one is home.

2 bedroom, 2 bath,  
separate dining room.  
Close to schools. 1106  
Nolan. \$25,000. Call  
263-0318 or 263-2033.

3/2/1 CH/A, newly  
remodeled kitchen &  
baths, new appliances,  
inground pool, tile fence.  
\$129,900.

**COLLEGE PARK: 2/1,**  
CH/A. Newly remodeled.  
Owner Finance. 263-5926  
or 254-559-9671.

Coronado Hills addition  
only 6 lots left. Call today  
**KEY HOMES, INC.**  
Harry Deter 553-3502 or  
915-520-9848/1698

**COUNTRY LIVING IN**  
THE CITY  
3/2/2 with massive rock  
fireplace. Sit under the  
stars in your unique hot  
tub with waterfall. \$99,900.  
1707 Thorpe. 264-6170.

**FOR SALE BY OWNER**  
2 bdr. 1 bath carport,  
garage, built in sprinkler  
system, close to schools.  
\$22,000 - 709 E. 15th.  
256-795-5078.

For Sale or Rent: 3 bdr. 1  
bath CH/A, new carpet &  
paint. \$425/mo. 2507  
Abrook.

**American Realty**  
915-520-7577

**HOME BUILDER'S**  
SALE  
Out of City Limits  
New home, 605 Driver  
Road.

**Builders Home: 904**  
Wildfire  
4 bds, 3 bath & barns.  
Lots, plans & est. for new  
homes.  
Kenny Thompson  
263-4548  
Mob. 270-0590

2907 Stonehaven. Lots of  
misc. items, womens  
clothing.

**GARAGE SALE: 3606**  
Calvin. Sat. & Sun. 8-7  
Furn., clothes, antiques &  
lots of misc.

**GARAGE SALE: 605**  
Washington. Saturday, 8  
to 3pm. Clothes, misc.  
items.

**GARAGE SALE: 606**  
Hillsdale. Sat. 8-3. Furn.,  
clothing miscellaneous.

**GARAGE SALE, 702**  
Craigmont. Sat. 9-7.  
Washer, weight machine,  
electronics, clothes, misc.

**GARAGE SALE: 7300 S.**  
Service Rd. Sat. 8-5pm.  
Miscellaneous, large size  
clothes.

**GARAGE SALE: Fri**  
9:00-7:00 Sycamore.  
Sofa, Stove, refrigerator,  
clothing of all sizes, lot's  
of misc.

**GARAGE SALE: Fri-Sat.**  
8-7 406 NW 10th.  
Clothes, dolls, lots of  
misc.

**GARAGE SALE: Sat**  
@ 2115 1/2 Warren. Start @  
8:00am. Furniture, tools,  
figurines, miscellaneous.

**GARAGE SALE: Sat. 9-3.**  
2907 Stonehaven. Lot's of  
misc. items, womens  
clothing.

**GARAGE SALE: Saturday.**  
June 12th. 8am-4pm. 1612 E. 17th.  
(Behind Day Old Bread  
Store @ FM 700 &  
Birdwell Lane) Lots of  
ladies clothes & misc.

**Inside Sale: 4104**  
Dixon. Sat. & Sun. 9-3pm.  
NO EARLY SALES!  
Microwave, furn.,  
appliances, Antique Buffet,  
lots of misc.

**Inside Sale: Ref., full**  
size mattress & box  
springs, houseware,  
dishes, couch 1/2 price.  
2210 Main. Fri. & Sat.

**Moving Sale: Nice**  
couch, glassware, clothes,  
tons of good misc. house  
too. Sat. 8-4 at 2608 Lary.

**Remodeling Sale. 1704**  
Yale. Fri. & Sat. 8-7  
Watermelon kitchen  
items, linens, baby bed,  
tikes furn., home decor.,  
Barbie bdr. acces., toys,  
misc.

**Sand Springs 5 family**  
Garage Sale: off Salem  
road exit on Jellco road.  
Thur/Fri/Sat.

**Garage Sale, 2208**  
Alabama. Saturday, 8:00-7  
Oven, cooktop, all types of  
clothing, tons of misc.

**Yard Sale, 501 Union.**  
Fri. & Sat. 8-2. Clothes,  
lots of miscellaneous.  
Real Cheap!

**Yard Sale, Fri & Sat.**  
Ba.m. Children & women  
clothes, decorated shirts,  
some furniture, lots of  
misc. 3608 Parkway.

**Garage Sale: 208 S.**  
Moss Lake Rd. Sat. 7-4 &  
Sun. 11-4. Lot's of stuff.

**Saturday - 7-12. 705**  
Highland. Tile or wood  
flooring, lamps,  
household, lawn, kitchen,  
no clothes. 12:00 @ 10:00  
GOOD STUFF.

**Tempo Belen Youth**  
Benefit Garage Sale: 1012  
Sycamore. Fri-Sat. 8-7  
Treadmill, dishes, clothes,  
shoes, homemade baked  
goods & burritos,  
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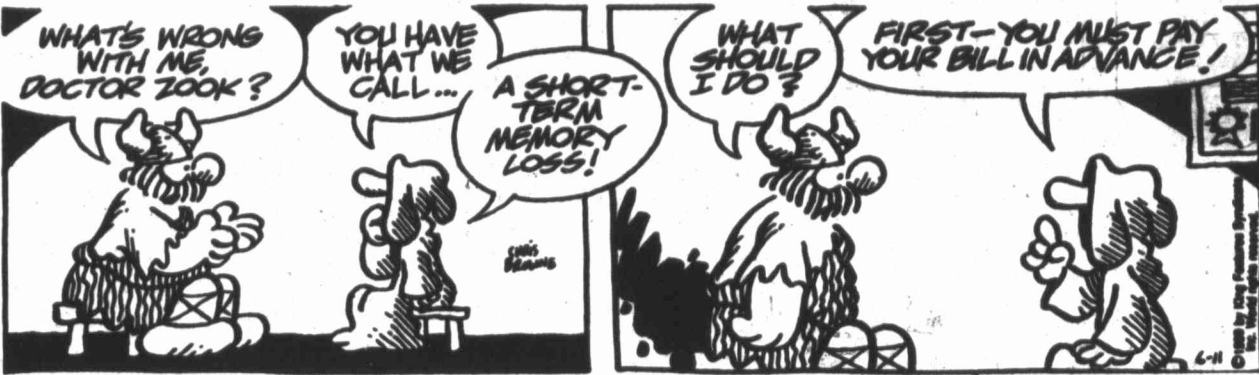
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THIS DATE IN HISTORY

The ASSOCIATED PRESS Today is Friday, June 11, the 162nd day of 1999. There are 203

days left in the year. Today's Highlights in History: On June 11, 1776, the Continental Congress formed a committee to draft a Declaration of Independence from Britain.

On this date: In 1509, England's King Henry VIII married Catherine of Aragon. In 1919, Sir Barton won the Belmont Stakes, becoming horse racing's first Triple Crown winner. In 1942, the United States and the Soviet Union signed a lend-lease agreement to aid the Soviet war effort in World War II.

THE Daily Crossword Edited by Wayne Robert Williams

ACROSS

- McCartney's instrument
- Chocolate alternative
- Right on maps
- Funeral info
- Hokkaido port
- Arcturus or Dubhe, e.g.
- Early Pittsburgh team
- Turn on a pivot
- Newsman Eric
- Steps
- Used car, e.g.
- Scott of "Backdraft"
- Comparative suffix
- Line of three feet
- Swimmer Evans
- Softly, in music
- Maiden's last words?
- My goodness!
- ike's lady
- Vamoosel
- Trainer's target
- Singing Carpenter
- Kramer's first name
- Escort ships
- ...-10
- Conference silhouettes distinction
- Light weight
- Kidney bean
- Take disciplinary action
- Parquet circle
- Spoken
- Early Boston team
- Make eyes at
- Betelgeuse's constellation
- Mine entrance
- Pianist Myra
- Horizontal line
- Forfeiture

DOWN

- Crow
- More fit
- Local trees
- Kept balanced
- Joint beneficiary
- Dined at home
- Writer Ayn
- Direct extension?
- Female silhouette's distinction
- Jewish ascetic
- Early Brooklyn team
- King Ibn
- Vichy very
- 13 Vichy very
- 18 Hall
- 22 San, Italy
- 24 Cereal grass
- Durations
- Dutch cheese
- Newspaper section of old, for short
- 29 Goldberg of "The Fly"
- 30 Culture base
- 31 Early Chicago team
- 32 French capital in a WWI song
- 35 Toy car maker
- 36 Communal
- 38 Neighbor of Okla.
- 39 Magna
- 41 Decells
- 42 ( ), briefly
- 44 Asian capital
- 45 Formulated belief
- 46 Fragrant rootstock
- 47 Tries out
- 48 Impatient exclamation
- 49 Argue for
- 50 Be quiet, Pierre!
- 53 Jazz or Beat

Thursday's Puzzle Solved

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In 1963, Buddhist monk Quang Duc set himself ablaze on a Saigon street to protest the government of South Vietnamese President Ngo Dinh Diem.

In 1977, Seattle Slew won the Belmont Stakes, capturing the Triple Crown.

In 1978, Joseph Freeman Jr. became the first black priest ordained in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

In 1979, actor John Wayne died at age 72.

In 1985, Karen Ann Quinlan, the comatose patient whose case prompted a historic right-to-die court decision, died in Morris Plains, N.J., at age 31.

In 1986, a divided Supreme Court struck down a Pennsylvania abortion law, while reaffirming its 1973 decision establishing a constitutional right to abortion.

Ten years ago: The government of China issued a warrant for the arrest of dissident Fang Lizhi, who had taken refuge inside the U.S. Embassy in Beijing.

Five years ago: The United States, South Korea and Japan agreed to seek punitive steps against North Korea over its nuclear program. A car bomb blew up outside a luxury hotel in Guadalajara, Mexico, killing five people in an apparently drug-related attack.

One year ago: Mitsubishi Motors agreed to pay \$34 million to settle allegations that women on the assembly line at its Illinois factory were groped and insulted and that managers did nothing to stop it.

Today's Birthdays: Opera singer Rise Stevens is 86. Actor-producer Richard Todd is 80. Author William Styron is 74. Actor Gene Wilder is 64. Actor Chad Everett is 63. Comedian Johnny Brown is 62. Former auto racer Jackie Stewart is 60. Country singer Wilma Burgess is 60. Singer Joey Dee is 59. Actress Adrienne Barbeau is 54. Rock musician Frank Beard (ZZ Top) is 50. Actor Peter Bergman is 46.