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The community is invited to join the 31st annual Highland South Fourth of July parade. It begins at 10 a.m. on Saturday, July 3, and will include bicycles, strollers, and all sorts of wheeled vehicles decorated with a patriotic theme.

The parade is followed by a short program of prayer and music.

To join the event, simply arrive at the corner of Highland and Stonehaven by 9:30 a.m. to line up in the proper category. Spectators are also welcome.

Blood drive set in Coahoma

Coahoma Lions Club will sponsor a blood drive Wednesday, June 30 from 4-8 p.m. at Coahoma Church of Christ Fellowship Building.

Call 394-4277 for an appointment.

WEEKEND TICKET

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

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

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

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

□ State Park Nature Walk, 8 p.m. Meet at the pavilion on top of the bluff at Scenic Mountain.

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School breakfast pilot program will continue for Big Spring students

By MARSHA STURDIVANT
Staff Writer

Breakfast in the Classroom will continue as a pilot program for Big Spring students at Marcy and Bauer Magnet elementaries, following school board members agreement Thursday.

"The greatest impact for this program was at Bauer. In April we served 82 students



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breakfast, and in May we served 279 students," said Joann Smoot, food service director for BSISD.

"Marcy increased by about 100 students per day, and both principals recommended doing this again," she added.

Although some concerns about allowing students to eat breakfast in the classroom were expressed by teachers, particularly first and second grade instructors, a large majority of the students were in favor of the program, she said.

In a survey Smoot administered to students and teachers, 93 percent of the Bauer students indicated they wanted to continue the program in the 1999-2000

school year. Marcy students responded with a 73 percent endorsement.

Teachers and adults at Bauer were slightly less enthusiastic, with eight recording a yes for continuation, four declining the program and seven voting "doesn't matter."

At Marcy, the vote was nearly even, with 11 adults endorsing the program and nine opposing it.

But for both programs, funded through the free and reduced meals program sponsored by the federal government, 15 percent of the students at Bauer and 13 percent of the students at Marcy did not eat breakfast at all before the program

began, according to the survey.

"None of these students were told they had to eat, and no student was forced to eat. We only had two parents at Marcy who requested that their child not take part, and I don't believe we had any requests from parents at Bauer," Smoot said.

Another concern for many of the teachers, Smoot said, was the diet available in the classroom for the students.

"We had such a problem with one item, a rice crispy treat. The teachers said it would be like giving the students

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Employer support makes the Guard work

By ALLISON THOMAS
Staff Writer

Winston Churchill once referred to the people in the army reserve forces as "twice the citizens." True in more ways than one, his words demonstrate the challenges that many National Guardsmen face today.

Most of the time they are accountants, students, managers, police officers or truck drivers, leading the lives of civilians. But throughout the year they also provide a vital component to the nation's armed forces.

However, it is difficult to fulfill both duties if employers are not supportive of the men and women who must take time off work for military training. Although the average guardsman is only on duty for 35 days of the year, in the past they have been forced to use vacation time, passed over for promotions, and even fired because of military duty.

Recognizing the need for employer support, the National Guard has created a program called Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve, or ESGR.



HERALD photo/Allison Thomas

Lt. Col. Eddie Spurgin and Capt. Lance Miller welcome guests to the Lone Star Firing Range at Ft. Hood, as Jerry Kilgore, of Big Spring, looks on. Employers were flown out to Ft. Hood to observe the National Guard's two week training camp. At lower left, a Bradley M2 Fighting Vehicle crew practices skills by firing at moving cardboard targets in the distance.

The program is designed to show employers firsthand the importance of the National

Guard using "bosslifts."

On Wednesday, employers from Big Spring participated in a bosslift. They were flown on a military aircraft, the Shorts C-23, to Fort Hood, the largest military base in the nation, where guardsmen are gathered for two weeks of intense military training and field exercises.

"We've been flying pretty regular," said Staff Sgt. Thomas A. Ray, who is a flight engineer for the Guard, and a firefighter in Austin. "We've had bosslifts out of Houston, Amarillo, all over Texas, really."

After landing in the Temple

Airport, the employers were briefed on safety measures. During the drive to the camp, Maj. Daniel Trevino, a police officer in San Antonio, told of the importance of the National Guard in today's military, and explained why training at camps such as Fort Hood is so necessary.

"Fifty-four percent of the infantry and ground forces in the army are in reserve," he said. "Over 75 percent of the artillery is in reserve. We have the National Guard in Bosnia right now."

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Cabinet selected for United Way campaign

By MARSHA STURDIVANT
Staff Writer

United Way campaign chairman Clara Savage has selected a cabinet for the 1999-2000 campaign, which begins in September.

"We're very excited this year. We believe we have a cabinet that is pure power, a very good cabi-



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net. We'll start the campaign in early September, although the kickoff date has not been selected yet," Savage said.

This year's Pacesetter Division chairmen are Sue and Stan Partee. The Pacesetter Division typically focuses on those individuals who contribute large amounts of money to the fund, said Carroll Jennings, executive director for United Way.

"The pacesetters begin in August and set the pace for the campaign, hence the name," Jennings said.

Gloria McDonald and Doris Huijbregtse will lead the Community Division, focusing on those individuals who typically are retired or work from their homes, Jennings said.

O.L. Cooper and Allan Johnson lead the Commercial Division of the campaign this year, working toward business contributions.

Bobby Cordova will head the Combined Federal Campaign, which includes federal government organizations.

Maureen and Rudy Haddad and Betty Kelly are co-chairmen

of the Professional Division, working with physicians and other professionals within the community.

The Loaned Executive Division is under the tutelage of Scott Edward and Mark Odle. Jennings said this division works with companies that appoint an individual, often a person in management, to help organize the campaign drive.

Special Events chairman this year is Jody Nix, and Jennings said a special event is being

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Green, sheds damaged at Comanche Trail course

By RICK MCLAUGHLIN
Staff Writer

Vandals caused extensive damage to the putting green and broke into four golf cart storage sheds at Comanche Trail Golf Course Thursday night or early this morning, according to Course Superintendent Jack Birdwell.

"This one is pretty vicious," he said, noting that the course is often the victim of vandalism, the most recent being only Monday night, when a parked car was vandalized.

He was not certain if the damage from Thursday night was just acts of vandalism or a failed attempted robbery, as the perpetrators attempted to gain entrance to the pro shop.

But serious damage was made to the putting green where golf

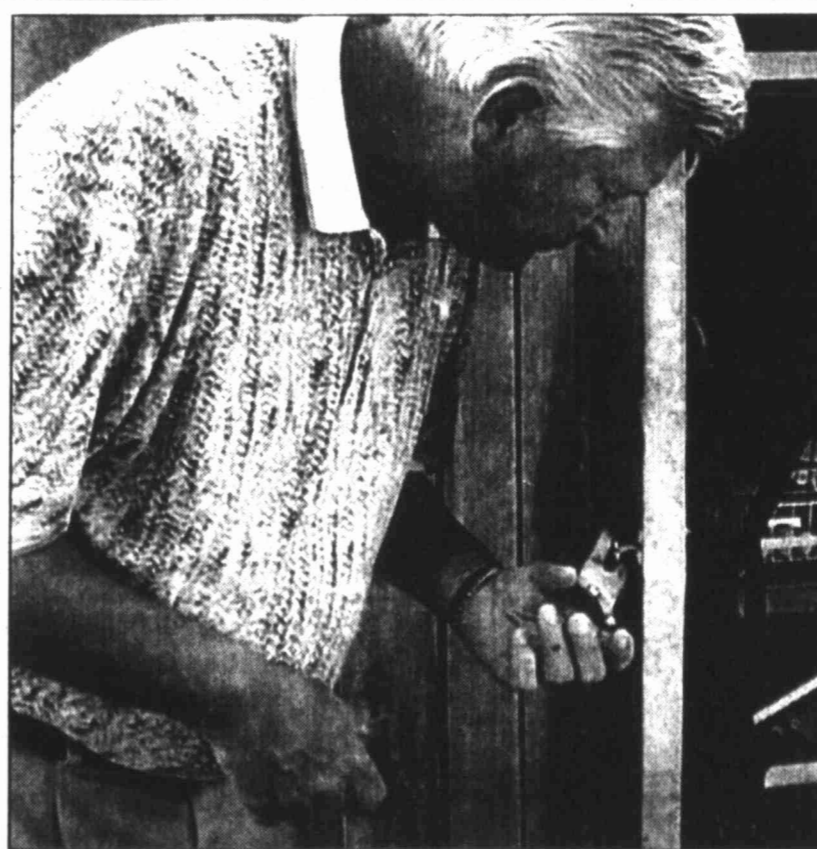
clubs were used to hack more than 100 holes. Some damage was also done to the 18th hole.

Four golf cart shed doors were ripped open by the hasps. Birdwell said he believed that "we might be hit" after seeing two "suspicious-looking" youths loitering around the grounds Thursday. Birdwell said he didn't know the youths but will recognize them if he sees them again.

There were no dollar estimates of damage. Birdwell could not determine if items were stolen from the sheds until shed renters are notified.

Big Spring Police Department officers were investigating this morning.

The course will be hosting in the annual Best of the Rest Golf Tournament Saturday and Sunday.



HERALD photo/Rick McLaughlin

Comanche Trail Golf Course Superintendent Jack Birdwell examines a broken hasp on one of the golf cart storage sheds.

BSISD

Despite values loss, tax rate may not go up, trustees told

By MARSHA STURDIVANT
Staff Writer

Big Spring Independent School board of trustees learned school taxes may not increase this year, in spite of an anticipated \$61 million loss in values.

"I called chief appraiser Keith Toomire and asked him what we were looking at, and he said 'hold on, I'll be right there,'" said assistant superintendent for business Ron Plumlee.

Toomire's calculation for the county tax appraisal, which includes mineral values, industrial, local real estate and personal property, is estimated at \$869,211,065 for 1999, Plumlee said.

With exemptions, estimated taxable values will reach about \$609 million, down from \$670 million in 1998, he said.

"But we may receive some help from the state government, who has promised to help offset some of our losses through a reduction in our old debt service. If we receive help from our debt, such as the new junior high school, then it will be like a tax break for Big Spring," Plumlee said.

The 1998-99 school tax was set at \$1.5763 per \$100 valuation. Although all figures are still estimates, Plumlee said he anticipates that rate will remain the same, in spite of an estimated \$300,000 loss in revenue.

In July, trustees will have their annual budget workshop, and specific amounts will be finalized at that time, Plumlee said.

In other business, trustees agreed to seek federal funds for several programs within BSISD, including special education and Title I and Title VI.

"For Title I we receive \$1,081,804, and for Title VI we receive \$26,455," said Esthela Aguirre, BSISD curriculum director.

Title I funds will be used to continue the SOI laboratory at Marcy Elementary, as well as purchase the Reading Renaissance program for Bauer Magnet School, she said.

"And it is required by the federal program to dedicate 1 percent of our budget to parental involvement. We have given each campus their portion of the funds and allowed them to create their own parental involvement programs, and that has proved very, very successful, so we will continue to let the campuses use these funds however they see the need," Aguirre said.

One example of a parental involvement program was Family Math Night at Washington Elementary. Aguirre said this program proved to be "very successful."

Mike Dawson, school board member, said he attended Family Math Night and thought the program successful.

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Mental health providers not obligated to warn of threats

AUSTIN (AP) — Mental health providers in Texas are not obligated to warn anyone about threats made by their patients, the state Supreme Court ruled Thursday.

The court ruled on a case from Houston in which Freddy Ray Lilly, a Vietnam veteran who had been diagnosed with post-traumatic stress disorder, told his psychiatrist in 1988 he "feels like killing" his stepfather, Henry Zezulka.

The psychiatrist, Renu K. Thapar, didn't tell the family about the threat. Within a month, Lilly carried out the

killing, shooting Zezulka in the face.

Zezulka's widow sued Thapar for negligence, claiming treatment records showed Lilly sometimes felt homicidal and that the family or law enforcement should have been told of the threats and Lilly's discharge from Southwest Memorial Hospital.

The lawsuit also said Thapar was negligent in releasing Lilly from the hospital without seeking to have him involuntarily committed.

Thapar, who treated Lilly for three years with psychotherapy

and drugs, diagnosed him with other problems as well, including alcohol abuse, paranoid and delusional beliefs concerning his stepfather and people of certain ethnic backgrounds, according to court records.

Disclosing the threat to the Zezulkas would have violated state confidentiality laws, the court said in an unanimous opinion written by Justice Craig Enoch.

The law prohibits mental health professionals from disclosing communications with their patients to third parties with a few exceptions.

In this case, Thapar was prohibited from warning one of his patient's potential victims. No exception in the law allows for disclosure to third parties threatened by the patient, the court said.

As for notifying law enforcement, such disclosure is allowed but not required, the court said.

Creating a common-law duty to disclose threats would be contrary to the law and could open up mental health providers to lawsuits from patients or victim's families, the court said.

"And, perhaps most signifi-

cantly, the statute does not shield mental-health professionals from civil liability for disclosing threats in good faith," the court said. "On the contrary, mental health professionals make disclosure at their peril."

The ruling avoids slamming the door on people who are seeking psychiatric treatment, said Mary K. Evans, Thapar's attorney.

"We're delighted. I think it will be a huge sigh of relief to psychiatrists and their patients who are severely ill. They can go ahead and confide in their

doctors and seek help knowing there is confidentiality," Ms. Evans said.

"In the long run, it's good for everyone both for patients and potential victims," she said.

The Zezulka's attorney, James Stafford, sharply disagreed.

"It's a joke. It's a laugh. It's ridiculous," Stafford said.

"The sad thing about this case was he had a history of violence. This wasn't something out of the clear blue sky."

Lilly was eventually tried on murder charges but was found innocent by reason of insanity. He has since died, Stafford said.

Five officers fired following hog-tying incident

FORT WORTH (AP) — Five law officers accused of hog-tying a man who died in their custody have been fired by Police Chief Thomas Windham, according to a published report which says a civil rights investigation is also under way.

The Fort Worth Star-Telegram reported today in a copyright story that the district attorney and the FBI are investigating to determine if the officers committed crimes or civil rights violations.

The newspaper reported that Windham wrote the city's Civil Service Commission in a letter that the officers violated many departmental orders, used excessive force, lied, falsified documents and orchestrated a cover-up about the incident. The newspaper obtained the documents Thursday.

Last week, two officers were placed on indefinite suspension without pay — tantamount to

firing. The other three were terminated Wednesday for their treatment of Luis Enrique Hernandez, 31, who died New Year's Day while being arrested.

"This death, coupled with the cover-up, is the most serious thing that has happened in the Police Department since I've been here," Windham, Fort Worth's chief for 14 years, said Thursday. "I have no explanation how this incident could have occurred, and the subsequent cover-up."

In the disciplinary letters, Windham wrote that the officers hid behind "the so-called 'Blue Curtain' or code of silence." He also said the death and the officers' actions had the "appearances of a classic case of serious police misconduct."

The department identified the fired officers as David N. Stefanos, 30, an eight-year veteran; David P. Alkins, 27, who

was commissioned in October 1995; Linn William Goodman, 27, an officer for slightly more than a year; Hector Luis Melendez, 28, also with a year on the job; and John R. "John John" Ornelas, 25, an officer since December 1995.

The chief also said that Sterling Gilliland, a Police Explorer Post scout and police academy applicant, was implicated in the cover-up. His application to the academy has now been rejected.

"From all indications, these officers were good officers, and the near-rookies, from all indications, were going to be good officers," Windham said. "The Explorer, they totally ruined him."

They included him in their cover-up. He even lied to investigators.

Telephone numbers for the officers were not listed and they could not be reached for com-

ment today by The Associated Press.

U.S. Attorney Paul Coggins, was contacted by the chief to ask the FBI to investigate possible civil rights violations. Windham added that a criminal case will be submitted to the Tarrant County district attorney's office for review and possible action.

The FBI, a prosecutor in the Justice Department's civil rights division who is based in Washington, and a prosecutor from Coggins' office have been assigned to the case, he said.

Windham said that Hernandez died after he was hog-tied by officers who were attempting to subdue him.

Hog-tying involves binding a person's feet and hands together behind his or her back. It is specifically a violation of department policy because in some cases, it has contributed to a death, Windham said.

Missouri prisoners abused in Texas won't likely earn much in proposed settlement

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — Missouri inmates abused in a Texas prison won't likely get much of a proposed \$2.2 million settlement offer.

Lawyers were expected to receive as much as \$1 million in legal fees. That would leave about \$1.2 million to be distributed among the 700 to 1,200 prisoners who might seek a claim in the class-action settlement.

U.S. District Judge Nanette Laughrey was expected to get her first look at the settlement offer this afternoon at a hearing in Kansas City. Her decision on whether the offer is fair could take weeks.

A training video made in September 1996 showed Missouri prisoners being bitten by an attack dog and dragged by a jailer down the hallway in a shakedown. In the videotape, an inmate with a broken ankle was zapped with a stun gun when he slowed down.

The prisoners were housed at the jail under a cell-lease pact with Texas because Missouri's prisons were full. All of the inmates have since been moved back to Missouri.

Prisoners who don't like the settlement offer would have no recourse. If the judge accepts it as a class-action lawsuit, no prisoner would be able to opt out and pursue his own case.

The Federal Prison Litigation Reform Act also says that inmates without physical injury can't recover anything but a nominal amount in inmate civil rights lawsuits.

Inmates' lawyers say the deal, if approved, would be the nation's largest prison-abuse settlement.

By one calculation, a prisoner who can document his injuries, such as James T. Kesler, might get \$20,000.

Kesler borrowed a \$120 filing fee from his mother to file the first lawsuit after a dog at the jail bit him. He filed it before a videotape of the abuse surfaced.

"I don't feel I'm getting out of it what I should," said Kesler, who is out of prison and living in Mexico, Mo. His right calf is scarred from the dog bite. "I don't like the figures, but I'd rather it be done with so I can get on with my life."

Six clusters of lawyers will split the \$900,000 to \$1 million pot in legal fees. A typical firm could get \$150,000 minus expenses. Some lawyers estimated they had worked 1,000 hours on the case.

"When we pay expenses, we won't have a whole lot left over," said lawyer Craig Heidemann, a Bolivar, Mo., who represents 100 prisoners. "A lot of lawyers have worked at personal expense to get this settlement."

Inmate Kevin Kisting, who was shown being dragged and bitten on the videotape, is serving the final part of his forgery sentence at Farmington Correctional Center. This week, his lawyer called him to throw out a possible settlement of \$20,000.

"I about hung up the phone," Kisting said. "I was thinking more like \$150,000 clear in my pocket."

The insurance company for the private jail-management firm, Capital Correctional Resources Inc., and Brazoria County in Texas have agreed to pay the \$2.2 million without admitting any wrongdoing.

The prisoners had claimed that Missouri officials knew about the abuse and did not investigate their complaints fully.

Missouri Attorney General Jay Nixon said that Missouri would pay nothing because the abuse was done in Texas.

Second man arrested in Freon smuggling ring

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — U.S. Customs Service agents have arrested a second man for his alleged role in a scheme to smuggle 75,000 pounds of the banned refrigerant Freon into the United States.

Richard Schmolke, a German citizen with legal residency in San Antonio, is charged with smuggling the Freon valued at \$3.2 million, and aiding and abetting another man arrested earlier this year. Schmolke was arrested late Wednesday.

The Freon, which no longer can be imported into the country because of clean air laws, originated in Venezuela and Mexico, said Leonard Lindheim, the agent in charge of the U.S. Customs office in

San Antonio.

Much of the Freon arrived in tanks at the Port of Houston before ending up in a San Antonio-area warehouse. It was then passed off as refrigerant reclaimed from grocery store and sold to legitimate CFC-reclaiming companies.

"In this case, agents seized the largest amount of Freon in Texas in the last three years," Lindheim said.

Freon, which is formally known as dichlorodifluoromethane or CFC-12, can be recycled in the United States but since 1996, cannot be manufactured or brought into the country.

Smuggled freon can be sold on the street for about 20 times its

purchase price, officials said.

Customs agents say Schmolke, president of Mag-Well Associated, and Edwin Reilly Jr., president of Post Manufacturing, were using a firm in Mexico to build special refrigeration units for the purpose of smuggling Freon into the United States.

After the Mexican firm began questioning their requests, Lindheim said the men located a new source of Freon in Venezuela.

Reilly, 55, was arrested in February and has pleaded guilty to smuggling and tax evasion. He awaits sentencing.

Schmolke, 67, is expected to be arraigned within ten days. Agents seized more than

\$216,000 in equipment during the arrest.

Freon is used in car air conditioners and various types of refrigeration units. New automobiles are made to operate without Freon.

The Clean Air Act and an international agreement known as the Montreal Protocol banned Freon because a component in it sets off a reaction that destroys the ozone layer above the earth.

Some nations, including Venezuela, are permitted to manufacture Freon for several more years.

The ban in the United States has created a black market for so-called virgin Freon from abroad.

Four teen-agers held in deaths of Iowa couple

FORT HOOD (AP) — Investigators say an Iowa couple found dead in the trunk of their burning car pleaded to be let go but were shot to death.

Carjacking charges were filed Wednesday against four teens in the slayings of Todd A. Bagley, 26, and his wife, Stacie L. Bagley, 28, of Ottumwa, Iowa.

The FBI said in a criminal complaint Wednesday that Chris Vialva, 19, and Brandon Bernard, 18, both of Killeen, took the Bagleys' car "with intent to cause death or serious bodily harm."

A 15-year-old boy and a 17-year-old boy also were taken into custody near the burning vehicle Monday night on the Fort Hood Army post.

A Waco federal magistrate denied bail Thursday for Vialva and Bernard. The magistrate ruled that the two should be held over for trial, FBI spokesman Darren Holmes said.

Bond also was denied for the two younger teens. Their names have not been released because they are juveniles.

The charges against Vialva and Bernard carry a possible death sentence, while the juveniles could face life in prison if convicted, according to the FBI.

"It's going to be a very long process," said attorney Stanley

Schwieger, who represented Vialva. It appears that the U.S. attorney's office is planning to push for the death penalty, he said.

Holmes said the Bagleys had been visiting relatives in the Killeen-Temple area when they were killed.

Neighbors of the couple were shaken by the news.

"I just couldn't believe that happening to the children," said Fran Payne of Ottumwa. "I think a lot are concerned."

In the FBI complaint, investigators said Bernard told them he was in Killeen Monday night when Vialva and one of the younger boys said they were going to rob someone. Bernard said he later learned that Vialva and the boy had stolen a car and there were people in the trunk, investigators said.

One of the juveniles told investigators that he heard Vialva say the couple knew too much and their car would have to be burned, the FBI said.

The FBI said Vialva and the boy with him asked the other two for help in disposing of the couple's car. One of the younger boys and Bernard bought lighter fluid to help burn the car, the FBI said, then followed Vialva, who was in the Bagleys' car, to an area near the Lake

Belton Recreation Area on the Fort Hood post.

The FBI said the couple pleaded to be released, but Vialva opened the trunk and fired a pistol twice at them. The car was then set on fire with the couple still in the trunk, they said.

Holmes said preliminary autopsy results released Thursday showed that both

Bagleys died of a single gunshot wound to the head and were burned in the fire.

Holmes said investigators do not know why the Bagleys were targeted.

"Carjacking is a crime of opportunity," he said. "The Iowa plates on the car may have had something to do with it but I think the Bagleys were chosen randomly."

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FCE state meeting, the group is planning to assist in the year 2000 state meeting to be held in Odessa. Cookbooks from District 6 will be available at that time.

Members gave personal memories of the meanings of Memorial Day. All regard this day as a time to honor those who are no longer living, family, friends and veterans of the armed services.

Mildred Callihan gave these safety tips for use of air bags in cars:

1. Never put an infant in the front seat. Insist that all children ages 1-12 ride in the back seat with belts buckled.
 2. Always buckle up.
 3. Move drivers seat back from steering wheel to allow 10 inches between wheel and breast bone, if possible.
 4. If you are small of stature, or fragile in bone structure, consider an on/off switch on the air bag.
- The next meeting will be Sept. 10 with Nadine Hodnett.

Sand Springs Lions Club

The Sand Springs Lions Club met June 7 at the La Posada Restaurant with Betty Franklin, president, presiding.

Franklin introduced Vice-District Gov. Bob Edwards and his wife, Donna Edwards.

One hundred percent attendance awards were presented to Ben and Madeline Boadle, one year; Fred and Betty Franklin, Mike Hurlburt, Nell Wright and Brunis Mason, three year; Maurice Wright, eight year; Herschell Matthies, 16 year; Jarrell Barbee, 29 year.

Franklin also presented Jarrell Barbee his past president's pin and president's awards to Madeline Boadle, Nell Wright and Jarrell Barbee.

Madeline Boadle was named Lion of the Year and her husband, Ben Boadle, accepted this award on her behalf.

Vice-District Gov. presented Franklin with a President's Award plaque. He also read a letter from the Texas Lions Camp lauding the Sand Springs Club for 100 percent in voluntary contributions for five years, a chevron and the Bronze Award.

Edwards installed officers for 1999-2000 as follows: President: Nell Wright; 1st Vice President, Ben Boadle; 2nd Vice President, Mike Hurlburt; Secretary-Treasurer, Dolores Hurlburt; Tail Twister, Jarrell Barbee; Membership, Maurice Wright; Directors Vonna Negro, 1 year; Brunis Mason, 2 year.

Phillip and Shrylee Reid were introduced as new members and Franklin led the induction ceremony. Their sponsor, Jarrell Barbee, presented them with their Lions Club pins and membership kits.

When the Club met in regular meeting June 21, Phillip and Shrylee Reid were elected as Directors for the Club.

The drawing was also held for the \$100 gift certificate from Wal-mart. The winner was Jeff Matthies of Colorado City.

The Sand Springs Lions Club meeting each first and third Mondays at 6:30 p.m. in the Sand Springs Lions Community Center. All interested persons are welcome to attend.

Southern Baptists vote to rebuke President Clinton, pass resolution on Kosovo

ATLANTA (AP) — Southern Baptists overwhelmingly voted today to rebuke President Clinton for proclaiming June as Gay and Lesbian Pride Month and passed resolutions on issues ranging from human embryo research to Kosovo.

"We're not going to allow the president, especially since he is a Southern Baptist, to say that homosexuality is good," said the Rev. Wiley Drake of Buena Park, Calif.

The resolution also called on Clinton to rescind his appointment of James Hormel, who is gay, as ambassador to Luxembourg.

On the final day of a two-day annual convention, members of the nation's largest Protestant denomination also approved a resolution urging Congress, NATO and the United Nations to halt "genocide and ethnic cleansing" in Kosovo.

They also voiced opposition to a study published by the American Psychological Association that concluded the long-term effects of child sexual abuse are not as serious as many believed, and called upon Congress to maintain the ban on the use of tax dollars for research that requires the destruction of human embryos.

On education, Southern Baptists encouraged members to support policies that allow religious instruction in public schools, and they commended

public school employees who offer Christian testimony.

Another motion asking that Clinton's home church, Immanuel Baptist Church in Little Rock, Ark., discipline him for supporting Gay and Lesbian Pride Month was ruled out of order Tuesday because it violated convention rules.

"This is ... a thorny situation," said the Rev. Paige Patterson, the president of the Southern Baptists, who was re-elected Tuesday to a second term. Immanuel Baptist Church members, he says, "want on the one hand to be lovingly responsive to every member of the church. ... By the same token, I'm sure there must be many of them that are very troubled by it."

Of the 16 million members of the denomination, an estimated 11,000 are in Atlanta for the group's annual convention, which ended today.

On Tuesday, Patterson asked members to recruit in inner cities and follow strict fundamentalist interpretation of the Scripture.

In the next decade, Southern Baptists hope to start one to four "flagship churches" in 17 cities said the Rev. Phil Roberts of the convention's North American Mission Board. Chicago, Phoenix, Las Vegas, Boston, Philadelphia and Seattle will be targeted over the next three years.

On a mission

Baptist young people spend summer in outreach work

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Amber Garcia's summer had been chugging along at a slow pace until a group of Baptist students doing missionary work arrived at Victoria Courts.

The 11-year-old Burnet Elementary student who lives at the courts said her days were spent coloring, visiting her grandmother and maybe swimming.

But on Tuesday afternoon, Amber, exhausted from an intense volleyball game, wiped the sweat from her brow and shared her thoughts about a visiting group of Baptist youths.

"This is great, because there are a lot of people to play with. Usually nobody is around," Amber said, catching her breath. "I love volleyball, because when I grow up, I want to play volleyball and football."

About 45 students from First Baptist Church in Russellville, Ark., are spending their mornings this week painting and cleaning at the Hispanic Baptist Theological Seminary and their afternoons at Victoria Courts teaching Bible lessons and sport camps.

This is one of about 50 youth groups amounting to about 1,400 students converging on San Antonio during the next two weeks for service projects.

Their mission work is a prelude to the 1999 Texas Youth

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Amber Garcia, 11

"I didn't know where we were going to have it. But as a Christian, you have to have faith that God was going to provide," she said while standing in the middle of the hot playground near the housing projects. "I knew we would have it, maybe at another place."

But all that mattered Tuesday afternoon to Jose Roman was how his golf shot was coming along. The 10-year-old wants to play like Tiger Woods and has been practicing his swing with one of the students from Arkansas.

"I like this because I'm able to see a lot of the kids who live here," he said, adding that the Bible classes have been interesting. "They're trying to teach us about God and good things to do. It's been fun, too," Roman said.

Tommy Havens, a minister at First Baptist Church in Russellville, said coming to Victoria Courts helps the children learn the basics of sports, while his youth group is able to mix with kids from a different cultural environment and socio-economic status.

Most of the Arkansas students come from upper-middle-class homes.

"The things we need are other people's luxuries. I think this opens their eyes to prejudices and to different things they don't normally even think about," he said.

Presbyterians talking about diversity

FORT WORTH, (AP) — Plenty of hot topics are on the agenda at this week's Presbyterian national assembly, including whether to ordain gays and lesbians as ministers.

But church leaders are pausing from the debate to take a long look in the mirror.

It seems the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) doesn't like the way it looks. Ninety-three percent of its 2.6 million members are white, and the push to diversify is gaining momentum.

"It's imperative for the church to reach out to all people because that is our biblical mandate," said Rev. Curtis Kearns, director of national ministries for the church. "We should not be doing that simply to bring more people of color into the church, but because that is what we are supposed to be doing."

Efforts are underway to do just that.

The church has spent much of the past two years finding ways to draw members of var-

ied backgrounds. The Church Growth Strategy Team has completed a two-year study and compiled a report on where the church should concentrate its efforts.

Additionally, the Committee on Evangelism and Church Development has made several recommendations based on that report. Among them is a proposal to reach out to immigrant communities where many residents were practicing Presbyterians in their homelands.

Church leaders have set high goals. They hope to increase ethnic membership to 10 percent by 2005 and to 20 percent by 2010.

A \$200 million blueprint also is in the works to create 1,000 new churches over the next decade, a most of which would have multiracial congregations.

These efforts, the church hopes, will help reverse a trend of losing up to 30,000 members a year.

"I think we have gotten more sophisticated in our efforts," Kearns said. "My wish is that

all people would feel comfortable within the Presbyterian Church, wherever they are."

Louella Grayson, a member of the church development committee, said diversity will improve the church.

"I believe we would not be looking for strength unless we try to have more members and a wider base of membership," said Ms. Grayson. "This is the way we need to be going."

The problem facing the church has an historical root. The denomination split over the abolition of slavery in 1861. Those wounds healed when the northern and southern factions reunited in 1983.

But even reunification did little to boost minority involvement in the church. Some feel that is because the church has failed to adapt to changes in society.

"We're in a changing world," said Jenny Miller, chair of the growth strategy team. "We want to see our church revitalized. To do that we have to reach out to a whole new world."

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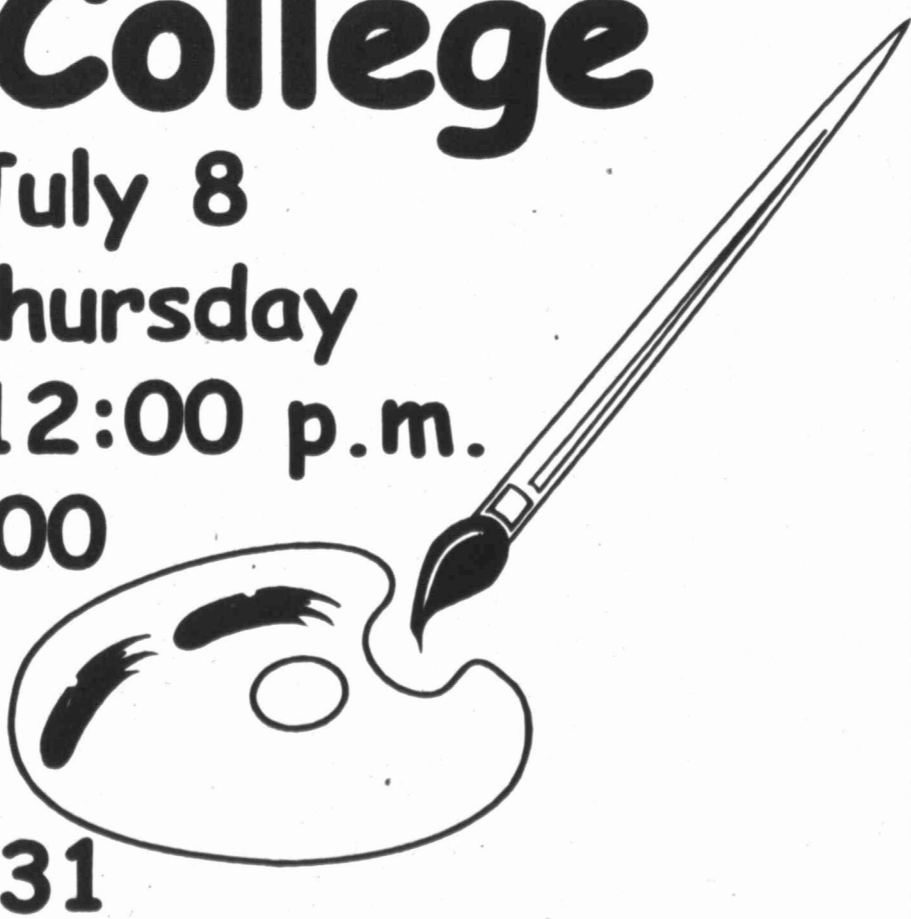
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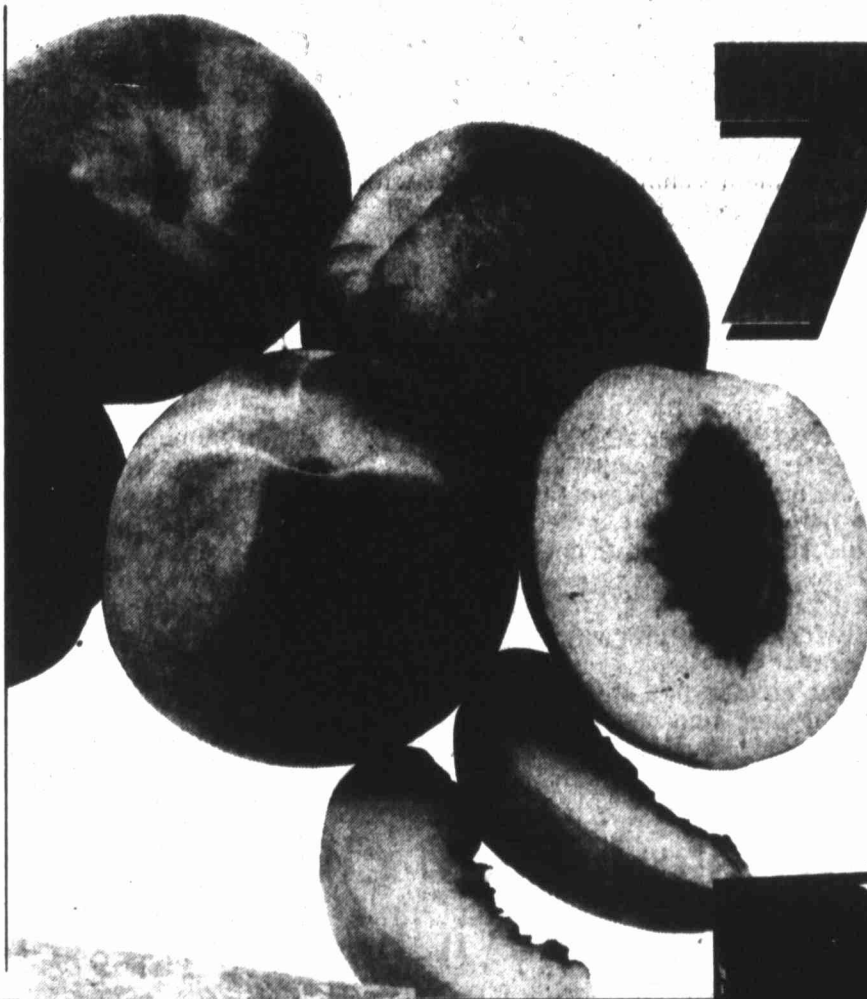
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The Chicago Association of annual Golf Tournament and has been scheduled 10-11 at the Comanche Trail Golf Course. Stated as a scramble, the tournament will be staged Saturday. The first round will be followed by a second round. The Skins game will be Saturday. Fees for both men and women are \$10 per person and \$5 for a Saturday. For more information contact 264-2366.

Figure 7 Tennis sets clinic for...

Jeff Bramlett, high school tennis coach for the year, will join national Jim Black conducting a Doubles Clinic on Wednesday, July 7 at the Comanche Trail Tennis Center. Clinic sessions will be from 9 a.m. to noon on July 7. Bramlett, a coach at Class 4A San Antonio Alamo High School. Entries for the clinic are limited. For more information contact Black at 6834.

Softball, ragball scheduled for...

The Spring City Ragball Tournament is scheduled for Saturday, June 26, at the Royce Baseball/Softball Complex. Stated as a fun event, the tournament is being sponsored by the Spring Area Commerce Sports Center. Entry fees for softball tournament are \$100 per team, while for the 12-team ragball tournament will be \$80 per team. For more information contact Chris Cole at 264-6129.

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Members of the Coahoma Booster Club are soliciting help for building a softball field. Organizers say they will build the field with labor and equipment. They are asking local business help by purchasing that will be hung on the field fence. Those 4x8 signs for the first year will be annually re-erected. For more information contact David Elmore at 264-6129 or Gary Stovall at 264-6129 or Don Evans at 393-...

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IN BRIEF

YMCA schedules fun run July 3 at Comanche Trail

The Big Spring YMCA will host a fun run and walk at 8 a.m. Saturday, July 3, at Comanche Trail Park. The event's start and finish line will be near the Figure 7 Tennis Center. Participants will be charged a \$5 entry fee. Adults will cover at 3.5-mile course during the run, while children 12 and younger will run a one-mile course. The adult age group will be split into two age groups and medals will be awarded to the top finishers in each of the age groups. In addition certificates will be awarded to all participants. For more information, call the YMCA at 267-8234.

Tournament, skins game scheduled for July 10-11

The Chicano Golf Association of Big Spring's annual Golf Scholarship Tournament and Skins Game has been scheduled for July 10-11 at the Comanche Trail Golf Course. Slated as a two-person scramble, the tournament will be staged Saturday and Sunday. The field will be flighted following Saturday's round. The Skins Game will be Saturday. Fees for both events are \$85 per person and includes mulligans and a dinner on Saturday. For more information, call 264-2366.

Figure 7 Tennis Center sets clinic for July 7-8

Jeff Bramlett, the national high school tennis coach of the year, will join local professional Jim Blacketer in conducting a Doubles Tennis Clinic on Wednesday and Thursday, July 7-8, at the Figure 7 Tennis Center in Comanche Trail Park. Clinic sessions will be from 9 a.m. to noon on both days. Bramlett, a native of Midland, is the varsity tennis coach at Class 4A powerhouse San Antonio Alamo Heights. Entries for the clinic will be limited. For more information, contact Blacketer at 264-6834.

Softball, ragball touneys scheduled for July 10

The Spring City Softball and Ragball Tournament has been scheduled for Saturday, July 10, at the Roy Anderson Baseball/Softball Complex. Slated as a fundraiser for the complex, the tournament is being sponsored by the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce Sports Committee. Entry fees for the 20-team softball tournament will be \$100 per team, while the fee for the 12-team ragball tournament will be \$80 per team. For more information, call Chris Cole at 264-2100 or Jesse Rios at 264-6129.

Coahoma booster club seeks new softball field

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

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NBA FINALS
8 p.m. — Game 5, San Antonio Spurs at New York Knicks, NBC, Ch. 9.

Burkett, Rangers battle back for 5-2 win over Oakland

ARLINGTON (AP) — Against the first two batters he faced in his emergency start, John Burkett pitched poorly, just as most people expected. But Burkett battled out of a first-inning jam and went on to pitch six solid innings, leading the Texas Rangers to a 5-2 victory over the Oakland Athletics on Thursday night. "This gives me a lot of confidence," Burkett said. "I was able to keep my changeup down, which is big for me. I had a lot of groundball outs, which is an indication that I'm keeping the ball down." Burkett (1-3), banished to the bullpen after six ineffective starts, was given another chance as a starter because

Mark Clark was placed on the disabled list this week. The A's threatened early, putting runners on second and third with no outs in the first inning on a single by Tony Phillips and a double by Miguel Tejada. But Burkett struck out Ben Grieve, retired Jason Giambi on a foul ball and got John Jaha to ground out to end the inning. "That was certainly a momentum shift," Oakland manager Art Howe said. "We had them on the ropes, but we let them off the hook. That took the wind out of our sails." Burkett went on to retire 10 in a row between the second and the fifth innings. He allowed both runs and six

hits in six innings, struck out five and walked none. His win was his first since Sept. 23 of last year. "Getting out of the first inning was big," manager Johnny Oates said. "From there, he was getting the ball down. He pitched like he's capable of pitching." Several A's hitters said that Burkett's strong outing took them by surprise. Relegated to mop-up duty for most of his stint in the bullpen, Burkett was able to keep Oakland off-balance by using both changeups and breaking pitches. "Compared to the other times I faced him, he was a different pitcher," said Grieve, who struck out twice. "He's the kind of pitcher that has to hit his spots to be effective, and he did that against

us." Rafael Palmeiro and Ivan Rodriguez had two-run singles to back Burkett in his first start since May 29. John Wetteland, the Rangers' fourth pitcher, got three straight outs for his 25th save in 28 chances. He struggled earlier in the series, blowing a save in the first game and allowing two runs in a save on Wednesday. Oakland's Tim Hudson (2-1), a combined 9-0 in 14 previous starts in the majors and minors, allowed five runs and six hits in six innings. The A's won the first game of the three-game series against division-leading Texas, but the Rangers won the next two.

Best of the Rest set to start

By JOHN A. MOSELEY
Sports Editor

With 55 teams having already signed to play in this weekend's Best of the Rest Golf Tournament, the field is rapidly approaching the point where it will be filled. Comanche Trail Golf Course superintendent Jack Birdwell said he plans to limit the field to 64 teams for the tournament that begins with a shotgun start Saturday morning. Half of the field will play the first round in the morning, while the remainder will play in the afternoon — teams having declared for the tournament's championship flight playing a low ball partnership format, while the rest of the field will be playing a scramble format. "As of right now, we're not exactly sure which teams will be declaring for the championship flight," Birdwell said this morning, his primary attention having been diverted by vandals who broke into four cart sheds late Thursday evening and also damaged the course's practice green. "I'll tell you this much, this one's a tournament I wouldn't mind winning myself," Birdwell added, noting that that he'll be teaming with Ronnie Broadrick, the defending city champion and one-half of the team that won last year's tournament. Broadrick, who for the past several years has teamed with Don Osborne and won the tournament's championship in 1998 with a 6-61, 127 total in a scramble play, will be teaming with Birdwell, who partnered with Steve Hedges last year and led the field going into the final round. As of this morning, only five teams had declared for the championship flight. In addition to himself and Broadrick, the other teams he says have already declared include Charlie and Ben Garcia Jr., Hedges and his new partner, Riley Wyatt, Steve Thomas and Allen Grider of Dallas, Jim Roger and David Flynn of Rowlett and the Sweetwater tandem of Robert Segura and Jason Hewitt. Birdwell also noted that the father-son tandem of Kim and Blake Nichols could be a strong contender for the championship, even though, "They've entered," he explained, "they just haven't declared for the championship flight, yet." The team of Randy Crockett and Duane



HERALD file photo
Ronnie Broadrick, shown here chipping onto a green during the first round of the 1998 Best of the Rest Golf Tournament, will be trying to repeat as the tournament's champion with a new partner this year. He's teaming with Comanche Trail Golf Course superintendent Jack Birdwell this time around.

Thomas has also not yet declared, but is expected to compete for the championship. "I expect we'll have quite a few more ... at least seven or eight more ... that will declare today," Birdwell added, noting that most of the tournament's field will place practice rounds today, but that tee times will not be set until 6 p.m. today.

One thing is certain, the course, having benefited from recent rains, is in excellent condition. "We've been pretty lucky this year," Birdwell noted. "We haven't had as much heat this year as we did at this time last year. And the rains we've gotten in the last couple of weeks have really helped, too."

Cowboys trade for McKnight to help Irvin a little

IRVING (AP) — The Dallas Cowboys acquired receiver James McKnight from Seattle on Thursday and owner Jerry Jones insisted he made the deal to complement Michael Irvin, not to replace him. "McKnight will give Michael more opportunities," Jones said. Irvin, the Cowboys' career leader in receptions, yards and touchdowns, is upset that Jones has not offered to extend his contract, as he has done for almost all of the team's other star players. With only this season remain-

ing on his contract, Irvin could get a hefty up-front payment by re-signing. Irvin was believed to also be upset with his dwindling role in second-year coach Chan Gailey's spread-the-ball-around offense, but the receiver shot that down last week. "We're still kind of working through it," Jones said. "Our plans right now are for him to be on the team. I think that's the way it's going to turn out." Another player Dallas expected to have and finally will be linebacker Randall Godfrey. The restricted free agent missed

a mandatory minicamp last week because he didn't want to sign the \$429,000 contract Jones offered. His only other option was to sit out the season. "We could've paid him a lot more money if he'd let us sign him for three or four years," Jones said, adding that Godfrey declined in hopes of testing free agency next year. McKnight, who cost the Cowboys a third-round pick in next year's draft, is signed for this season and next. He'll count \$800,000 against this year's salary cap and \$1 million in 2000.

That seems like a lot to pay a guy who caught just 21 passes for 346 yards last year, but Jones said the Cowboys have been after McKnight for awhile because coaches and scouts believe he'll be a good fit in Dallas. "If you look at what he does after the catch, it's really impressive," Jones said. "He just needs to have a lot of balls thrown his way." The 6-foot-1, 200-pound receiver played five years in Seattle. His best season was 1997, when he started five games and caught 34 passes for 637 yards.

BSST swimmers shine at Andrews in summer's first meet

HERALD Staff Report

Eleven members of the Big Spring Swim Time took part in the first meet of the summer season over the weekend at the Andrews Aquatic Club Unclassified Open and turned in an impressive performance. The BSST swimmers chalked up 53 placing finishes in 14 different events, including 28 first-place finishes. In fact, the only events Big Spring swimmers didn't manage to win were the 200 freestyle relays, 100 butterfly and the 100 backstroke. The girls' team of Jessica Hughey, Janie Torres, Amy Grant and Lauren Sage posted a second-place finish. In the boys' relay, Big Spring' foursome of Doug Willberg, Ryan Hughey, Will Liggett and Louis Grossman also managed to finish second. The team took a pair of first-place finishes in the 25 freestyle, as Cameron Hughey won the boys' 8-Under division

and older brother Ryan took the boys' 10-Under division win. Daniel Budke finished second in the 8-Under race. Four more first-place finishes came in the 50 freestyle where, Kelly Sage won the girls' 8-Under race; Cameron Hughey and Budke again went one-two in the boys' 8-Under division; Lauren Sage took the girls' 10-Under win; and Ryan Hughey added a second win in the boys' 10-Under division. Jessica Hughey added a second-place finish in the girls' 11-12 division race, while Torres was fourth in the women's senior division. Willberg was second in the men's open division, while Liggett was fifth and Grossman sixth. The winning continued in the 25 backstroke event where Kelly Sage and Cameron Hughey were both first in the girls' and boys' 8-Under division races. Budke added his third second-place finish. Lauren Sage added a second in the girls' 10-Under race and Ryan Hughey matched that finish.

In the 50 backstroke competition, Jessica Hughey was first and Amy Grant second in the girls' 11-12 division; Torres was first in the girls' 13-14 division; and Grossman won the boys' 13-14 race. Willberg added a second-place finish in the men's senior division, but came back with a win in the 100 breaststroke. Liggett later would add a fourth in the 100 butterfly in the men's senior division. Willberg would later take the men's senior division 200 individual medley, while Liggett was fourth. In the 25 breaststroke, Kelly Sage again topped the girls' 8-Under division and Cameron Hughey and Budke were first and second in the boys' 8-Under race. Lauren Sage added a second in the girls' 9-10 division, while Ryan Hughey was first in the boys' 9-10 race. The 50 breaststroke competition saw Jessica Hughey and Grant finish first and third in the girls' 11-12 division, Torres finish third in the girls' 13-14 race and Grossman win the boys' 13-14 event. Liggett took a win in the boys' 13-14

division 100 freestyle, while second-place awards went to Grant in the girls' 11-12 race, Torres in the girls' 13-14 division and Willberg in the men's senior division. Kelly Sage continued her dominance in the 25 butterfly, winning the girls' 8-Under division, while Budke won the boys' 8-Under race. Lauren Sage was second in the girls' 9-10 race. The 50 butterfly saw Jessica Hughey take the girls' 11-12 division championship, while Grossman added another win in the boys' 13-14 division. Big Spring added five more first-place finishes in the 100 individual medley races. Kelly Sage won the girls' 8-Under race; Cameron Hughey added a win in the boys' 8-Under race; Ryan Hughey was first in the boys' 9-10 event; Jessica Hughey kept things going with a win in the girls' 11-12 event; and Grossman topped the field in the boys' 13-14 division. Lauren Sage added a second-place finish in the girls' 9-10 event.

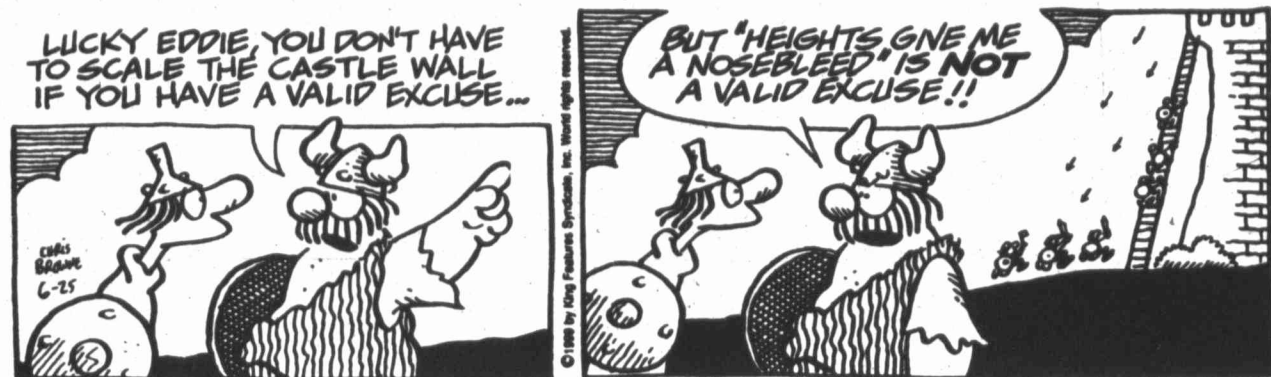
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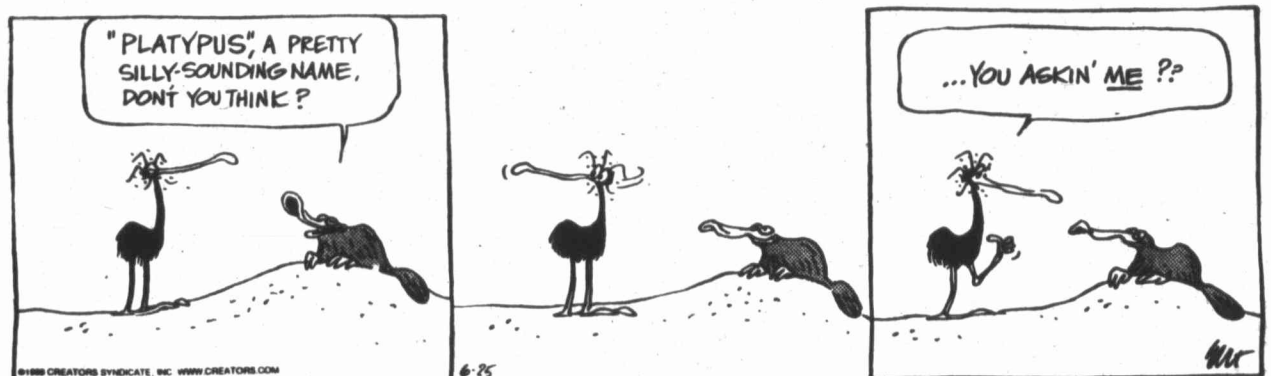
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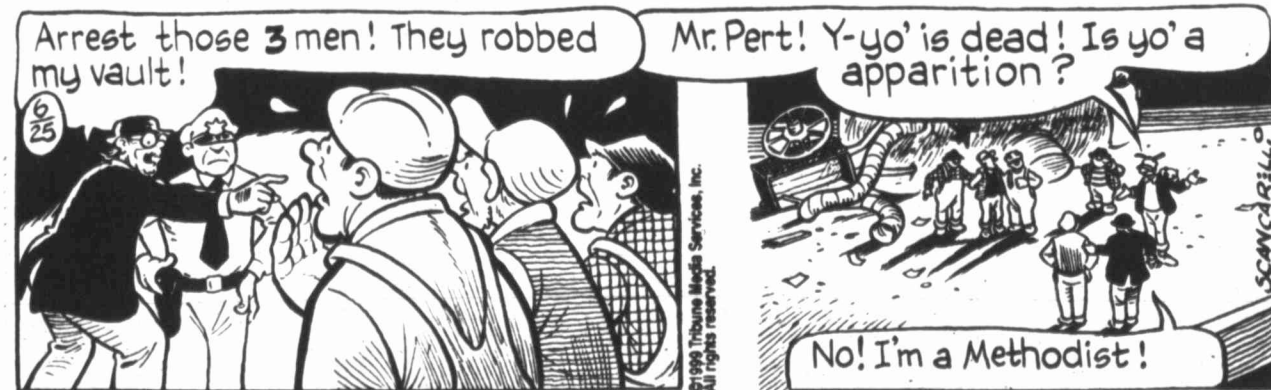
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THE Daily Crossword Edited by Wayne Robert Williams

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U.S. Constitution. In 1868, Florida, Alabama, Louisiana, Georgia, North Carolina and South Carolina were re-admitted to the Union. In 1876, Lt. Col. George A. Custer and his 7th Cavalry were wiped out by Sioux and Cheyenne Indians in the Battle of the Little Bighorn in Montana. In 1942, 1,000 British Royal Air Force bombers raided Bremen, Germany, during World War II. In 1948, the Republicans meeting at their national convention in Philadelphia chose California Gov. Earl Warren to be Thomas E. Dewey's running mate. In 1951, the first commercial color telecast took place as CBS transmitted a one-hour special from New York to four other cities. In 1962, the Supreme Court ruled that the use of an unofficial, nondenominational prayer in New York State public schools was unconstitutional. In 1967, the Beatles performed their new song, "All You Need is Love," during a live international telecast. In 1973, former White House Counsel John Dean began testifying before the Senate Watergate Committee. In 1988, American-born Mildred Gillars, better known during World War II as "Axis Sally" for her Nazi propaganda broadcasts, died in Columbus, Ohio, at age 87. Gillars had served 12 years in prison for treason. Ten years ago: A judge in Cincinnati temporarily blocked a hearing by baseball Commissioner A. Bartlett Giamatti into allegations that Cincinnati Reds manager Pete Rose had gambled on baseball games. Five years ago: Japanese Prime Minister Tsutomu Hata, faced with certain defeat in a no-confidence vote, announced his intention to resign after just two months in office. One year ago: The Supreme Court rejected a 1997 line-item veto law as unconstitutional, and ruled that those infected with HIV are protected by the Americans With Disabilities Act. President Clinton began a nine-day trip to China in the city of Xi'an. Today's Birthdays: Movie director Sidney Lumet is 75. Actress June Lockhart is 74. Singer Eddie Floyd is 64. Basketball Hall-of-Famer Willis Reed is 57. Singer Carly Simon is 54. Rock musician Allen Lanier (Blue Oyster Cult) is 53. Rock musician Ian McDonald (Foreigner; King Crimson) is 53. Actor-comedian Jimmie Walker is 52.