

OBITUARIES

Cody Watson

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Raymond Leonard

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Ostel Leatherwood

Funeral service for Ostel Leatherwood, 95, Irving, formerly of Big Spring, is pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home. She died on Sunday, May 7, 2000, in Irving.

VOLUNTEER

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Christmas fund. Most volunteers rarely have contact with the patients, but Lee said she never feels any danger when dealing with one. "There are always employees standing around in case the patient starts to get out of control," she said. "They (the patients) are just people that have been handed a set of circumstances in life that they couldn't deal with rationally." Lee said Ed Moughon, Big Spring State Hospital CEO, is very supportive of the volunteer work, and he dedicates his time to make sure the patients are given quality care. "Ed Moughon is wonderfully supportive," Lee said. "He really cares about the clients and takes their problems to heart. He tries to get all the employees here to give their best care possible."

Volunteer Services are always encouraging and constantly grateful to their volunteers, Lee said. "The people here in the volunteer office are wonderful. They are very supportive," Lee said. "They are the best bunch of people I have ever volunteered around."

HOSPITALS

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Big Spring bring spouses and dependents that need jobs, Sharp said. Giving them a variety of places to seek employment is extremely helpful. "All three hospitals scored very highly from their accrediting agencies and that speaks very highly of the care the three hospitals provide," Sharp said. Not only do the three hospitals take care of those who are ill, but also family members and friends who accompany them or visit also shop, eat and sleep in hotels in Big Spring. More than 80,000 patient visits were recorded at the West

Texas VA Health Care System Clinic last year.

"The veterans are served by caring doctors, nurses and technicians at the medical center, but they also spend money locally," said Cary Brown, CEO of the West Texas VA Health Care System. "Many of our veterans have traveled in excess of 150 miles one way to receive their medical care."

The West Texas VA Health Care System provides medical care to eligible veterans in 47 counties in West Texas and Southeast New Mexico. Their primary service area extends from Big Bend Country, south to San Angelo, beyond Abilene to the east and north to Tahoka. General and vascular surgery, urology, orthopedics, ophthalmology, and psychiatry are available at the Big Spring facility. Other specialty needs are referred to tertiary facilities.

"The entire staff of our medical center consider it an honor and privilege to be of service to the brave men and women who have served their country for our freedom," Brown said. "Providing veterans quality medical care in a pleasant environment is our mission."

Scenic Mountain Medical Center, the local 150-bed acute care hospital, has completed renovations within the past five years to provide the surrounding community with the highest quality of health care. The immense medical complex is available to a host of local specialists, including pediatricians, orthopedists and surgeons who treat patients in a 35- to 100-mile radius.

"I feel fortunate to be a part of this team that is such an integral part of the West Texas community," said Loren Chandler, CEO of Scenic Mountain Medical Center. "Through continued capital investment and technology, we will continue to solidify our position in the region as both an employer and a provider of quality health care services."

Big Spring State Hospital CEO Ed Moughon is pleased that the three hospitals have a great working relationship since they depend on each other for various services. "When our patients are ill at Big Spring State Hospital, we have program in place that allows us to communicate effectively with the staff at Scenic Mountain Medical Center," he said. "Our patients have special needs, and nurses and physicians at both hospitals have worked diligently to find out the best way to serve our patients."

"We also have a contract with the VA to provide long-term psychiatric care, and we see patients from as far away as Arizona. The VA is building their nursing home next door to Big Spring State Hospital, and we're excited about that. "I think Loren (Chandler) and Cary (Brown) are excellent

Sadness over teen's suicide is knowing that help was there

DEAR ABBY: I have just returned from my godson's funeral. He committed suicide at age 18. He had been captain of both the football and basketball teams in high school, had lettered in a third sport and had graduated with honors. He was doing well as a college freshman, but to solve a temporary problem, he chose a solution that was final.

Abby, he was much loved, and the church was filled to overflowing with friends and family. The pastor was blunt. He said he was feeling anger, betrayal and sadness that a fine young man was gone. We lost a friend, a son, a brother. My godson didn't mean to hurt his family and friends, but he was unable to see past the dark hole of his own pain. At the service, the pastor asked for a show of hands from people who would not mind a call in the night from a depressed friend who needed to talk. Every hand was raised without hesitation. Any of us would have helped my godson had he only called.

Depression, probably brought on by a chemical imbalance in the brain, is treatable. He could have been helped. Among your many readers there are bound to be some

overscers of their hospitals, and I enjoy working with them. I really do."

Big Spring State Hospital serves patients with psychiatric illness in West Texas and the Texas Panhandle. More than 670 employees specialize in psychiatry, psychology, physical therapy, nutrition and social work.

HOT

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"When that happens, there isn't going to be any moisture," he said.

According to Kenny Scott, superintendent of the water and waste water treatment plant, water usage was up a little over the weekend because of the heat.

"We usually average six million gallons a day," he said. "But on Saturday, we used seven and on Sunday we used eight."

He also said it would be better to look at a week's usage to get a more realistic view of water usage.

"Some days we use more and others we use less, but it usually balances out in the end," said Scott. "We do, however, expect water usage to increase quite a bit more in the months to come."

FUNDS

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rose by 20 people for a cost of \$1,081,581. By 1999, those receiving TANF dropped drastically to 614 people for a total of \$377,435 spent.

Nursing home costs of approximately \$3,990,954 were paid for aged and disabled residents. Community Care for Aged and Disabled spent \$1,760,587 for Medicaid related services and \$194,903 for non-Medicaid related services.

NOMINATIONS

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city council member," said Corson.

The Texas Veterans Land Board began soliciting nominations in March of 1999, but is alerting those who are interested in submitting a name that nominations will cease on June 30.

Any nominations that have previously been submitted will be considered by the board, said Larry R. Soward, deputy land commissioner/chief clerk.

"Resident intake at each home will begin almost immediately after each home's completion," Soward said in a statement, referring to the homes in Big Spring and Bonham. "This means that it is time for the

who are seriously depressed and at suicide's door. Please - whoever you are - if you think suicide is the solution, you are wrong. Someone cares and can help you. Please reach out.

Life is a gift not to be wasted. Allow someone to help you so you can find the joy in life. - SHARON LEWANDOWSKI, HASTINGS, MINN.

DEAR SHARON: Please accept my heartfelt sympathy for the tragic death of your godson. You are right - depression often is the result of a chemical imbalance in the brain that can be corrected with treatment. People who are depressed have only to reach out. If they cannot confide in family or friends, they should call a crisis hotline to find support and direction to treatment. Someone is waiting to help.

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BIG SPRING AROUND THE TOWN

Veterans Land Board to begin the formal process of naming these landmark veterans' homes."

There are criteria established by the 75th Texas Legislature for naming of the homes.

To be eligible for consideration, the individual must be a deceased Texas veterans (1) with a verifiable record of distinguished community service of highly distinguished military service, or (2) who was killed in the line of duty and whose service record merits recognition.

The nominee need not have been a resident of the community in which the home is located at the time of his or her death, but the community service must have occurred in the local community or significantly affected the local community.

If the nominee was killed in the line of duty, he or she must have entered the service from the local community, and the community must have been considered the nominee's home at the time of his or her death.

Local veterans groups, community organizations or interested individuals may submit names for consideration. Names of nominees should be submitted to the executive secretary of the Veterans Land Board, or can be presented to city council members tonight or any time before the deadline, or other community leaders.

Big Spring City Council will convene in regular session at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday. Among the agenda items are administering the oath of office to newly elected council members Greg Biddison, Oscar Garcia and Tommy Tune; consideration of appointments to the Colorado Municipal Water District board, Civil Service board, McMahon-Wrinkle Airpark board and Big Spring Main Street board; agreements for legal services and improvements to the lighting and sound system at Municipal Auditorium; and a resolution opposing TXU Electric and Gas Company's tariff adjustment request.

BRIEFS

CAUBLE SCHOOL REUNION WILL be in the Elbow School Cafeteria on May 13, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Anyone who ever attended Cauble School, and friends of the school, are encouraged to attend.

A pot luck luncheon is planned for noon, so bring your favorite casserole or dessert and join in the fellowship. You might like to bring comfortable folding chairs. There will be a time for sharing memories.

COAHOMA ISD WILL HAVE a Kindergarten Registration, by appointment, on May 9, starting at 8:30 a.m. Children must be 5 years old on or before Sept. 1, 2000, and reside in the Coahoma School District to attend Kindergarten. Please call 394-4323 to set up an appointment or if you have any questions. In coming Kindergarten students need to attend the registration with their parents. Please bring the following with you on the day of registration: verification of residence, birth certificate, social security card and shot records.

THE DISTRIBUTION AND COLLECTION DEPARTMENT, Utilities Division of the City of Big Spring, informs you of the following maintenance activity: Valve Installation today from 9

a.m. until 5 p.m. or completion. The following customers will experience no water pressure or low water pressure.

North Gregg St. from Sgt. Paredez to northwest Ninth Street and northwest Eight from North Lancaster to North Gregg Street.

THE MOBILE MEALS PROGRAM, also known as Meals on Wheels, needs volunteers to deliver meals.

If you can spare one hour per week to deliver eight or 10 meals, we need you. About 85 to 90 meals are prepared, packaged and delivered within the city limits of Big Spring. If you can volunteer, please call 263-4016 before 3 p.m.

trauma call, patient transported to SMMC.

11:23 a.m. - 300 block northeast Seventh, medical call, patient transported to SMMC.

11:30 a.m. - 400 block North Gregg, medical call, patient transported to SMMC.

1:20 p.m. - 2600 block Crestline, medical call, patient refused service.

2:54 p.m. - 3800 block Calvin, public service call.

4:06 p.m. - 200 block Texas Road, trauma call, patient transported to SMMC.

6:24 p.m. - 500 block West 17th, trauma call, patient transported to SMMC.

7:33 p.m. - 2300 block Wasson, medical call, patient transported to SMMC.

SUPPORT GROUPS

MONDAY

•TOPS Club (Take off pound sensibly), weigh-in 5 p.m. and meeting at 6 p.m., College Heights Christian church, 21st and Goliad.

•Project Freedom, Christian support group for survivors of physical/emotional/sexual and/or spiritual abuse. Call 263-5140 or 263-2241 for dates/times of upcoming groups.

•Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon open meeting. •Narcotics Anonymous, 6 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 1001 Goliad. Call 268-4189 (pager no.)

•Greater West Texas Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association, 7 p.m., Canterbury South, 1700 Lancaster. Topic: A Prescription for Caregivers, first Monday of each month. For more information call Galynn Gamble at 263-1271.

•Association of Retarded Citizens of Howard County meet 6:30 p.m. the first Monday of each month at 806 East Third Street, the HARC bingo building. Call 264-0674 for more information.

•Family Education and Support, sponsored by Howard County Mental Health Center, meets the fourth Monday of each month at 6 p.m. at 409 Rannels, Clyde Alsup Building. AMI meeting to follow. For more information call 263-0027 or 267-7220.

FIRE/EMS

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

FRIDAY 8:34 a.m. - 3200 block Parkway, patient transferred to Midland.

12:23 p.m. - 100 block Colorado Rd., medical call, patient transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

12:29 p.m. - 100 block northwest Ninth, structure fire, fire was a smoke scare.

1:54 p.m. - SMMC, medical call, patient transported to Midland.

1:55 p.m. - 900 block Goliad, medical call, patient transported to SMMC.

4:03 p.m. - 600 block Bethal, dumpster fire, fire was extinguished.

4:32 p.m. - 500 block West 17th, medical call, patient transported to SMMC.

SUNDAY 6:37 a.m. - 1200 block Mesa, medical accident, patient transported to SMMC.

8:54 a.m. - 300 block Roemer,

POLICE

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following incidents between noon Saturday and 8 a.m. today:

• VENTURA MARTINEZ, 81, Sacramento, Calif., was arrested for public intoxication.

• LOUD PARTY/NOISE was reported in the 1600 block of Owens, 2000 block of Rannels, 1400 block of E. Sixth, 1800 block of Grafa, 100 block of Circle, Texas Auto Sales, 1500 block of Oriole.

• CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported in the 3800 block of W. 80, 300 block of W. Fifth, 300 block of E. 11th, Fifth and Aylesford, 1500 block of E. Fourth.

• ACCIDENT/MINOR was reported in the 1200 block of Gregg, 1300 block E. Fourth, 1400 block of Gregg.

• THEFT was reported in the 2300 block of Wasson, 100 block of W. Marcy, 1800 block of Gregg, 1200 block of E. 11th, 400 block of Johnson, 400 block of E. Fourth.

• DISTURBANCE/FIGHT was reported at 20th and Scurry.

• ASSAULT/FAMILY VIOLENCE was reported in the 900 block of Scurry.

• JUVENILE PROBLEM was reported in the 600 block of Settles, 500 block of Goliad, 500 block of Westover.

• DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE was reported in the 700 block of N. Gregg, 1700 block of W. Third.

• BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE was reported in the 800 block of W. 18th, 4000 block of Parkway.

• BURGLARY OF A HABITATION was reported in the 4200 block of Theo.

• THREATS were reported in the 900 block of Lancaster.

• BURGLARY OF A BUILDING was reported in the 1200 block of Gregg.

• DOG BITE was reported in the 1000 block of Martin Luther King Blvd.

RECORDS

Sunday's high 103
Sunday's low 73
Average high 83
Average low 56
Record high 101 in 1955
Record low 37 in 1917
Precip. Sunday 0.00
Month to date 0.00
Month's normal 1.87
Year to date 5.20
Normal for the year 4.89
Sunrise Tuesday 6:52 a.m.
Sunset Tuesday 8:33 p.m.
**Statistics not available

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Cody Watson, 68, died Sunday. Services are pending.
Raymond Leonard, 83, died Sunday. Services are pending.

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Place: 1714 Gregg Street
Call 263-4707 to reserve a seat. Seating is limited and will be handled on a first-come, first-served basis.
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Eighth

WASHINGTON - Serious crimes reported by police dropped for consecutive year in 7 percent from the year and by far the longest crime decline on FBI reported Sunday.

The bureau's preliminary figures for 1999 extend begun in 1992 the almost three times the second-longest decline of three years from 1984.

The FBI crime rate through 1960. "This may be final the great rise in crime late 1960s," said Alfred Blumstein of Mellon University Pittsburgh.

The nation's longest steepest crime rise - of 10.2 percent to 1 from 1965 through 1999 as postwar baby reached the crime-prime 15 to 25 and "civil



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Eighth year of decline in serious crime, FBI says

WASHINGTON (AP) — Serious crimes reported to the police dropped for an eighth consecutive year in 1999, down 7 percent from the year before and by far the longest-running crime decline on record, the FBI reported Sunday.

The bureau's preliminary figures for 1999 extended a trend begun in 1992 that is now almost three times longer than the second-longest decline, the three years from 1982 through 1984.

The FBI crime records go back through 1960.

"This may be finally undoing the great rise in crime of the late 1960s," said professor Alfred Blumstein of Carnegie Mellon University in Pittsburgh.

The nation's longest and steepest crime rise — increases of 10.2 percent to 13.8 percent from 1965 through 1969 — came as postwar baby boomers reached the crime-prone ages of 15 to 25 and "civil rights and

Vietnam war protests increased distrust of government," Blumstein said.

Blumstein and other academic experts also pointed to a slowing in 1999 of the crime decline in the nation's largest cities as a reminder that crime rates cannot go down forever. "They are the leaders," he said, "both on the way up and on the way down."

The FBI report showed that all seven major types of crime were down not only nationwide, but also in each region of the nation, and in suburbs, rural areas and in cities of all sizes.

The violent crimes of murder, rape, robbery and aggravated assault were down a combined 7 percent, led by murder and robbery, each down 8 percent. Rape and assault were down 7 percent each.

The property crimes of burglary, auto theft and larceny-theft also were down a combined 7 percent, led by an 11 percent drop in burglaries.

Auto theft was down 8 percent, larceny-theft 6 percent.

"Now is not the time, however, to become complacent," Attorney General Janet Reno said. "Let's try harder. We must redouble our efforts by providing alternatives to crime as well as tough enforcement."

Politicians of both major parties pointed proudly to anti-crime measures they championed.

President Clinton said the report "confirms that our anti-crime strategy — more police officers on the beat, fewer illegal guns and violent criminals on the street — is having a powerful impact." Clinton pushed through funding for 100,000 more local police officers and passed the Brady law, which requires background checks for gun purchasers.

The House Judiciary crime subcommittee chairman, Rep. Bill McCollum, R-Fla., while crediting strategies developed by local governments in com-

munity policing for which Clinton won federal funding, highlighted a GOP-sponsored law he said has induced 27 states to impose longer prison terms in exchange for federal money to build prisons.

Senate Judiciary Committee Chairman Orrin Hatch, R-Utah, said the results "were largely due to the leadership at the state, local and federal level of Republicans committed to arresting, prosecuting and incarcerating violent criminals." GOP-backed legislation has provided \$700 million a year for prison construction, Hatch noted.

Clinton said further progress could come from passing his remaining gun control legislation, like child-safety locks and background checks on buyers at gun shows. Hatch, reflecting GOP opposition that has blocked those measures, noted the crime reductions came without enacting more extensive gun control laws.

Trial to begin for suspected freight train-riding serial killer

HOUSTON (AP) — Last summer, drifter Angel Maturino Resendiz became the focus of an international manhunt in the wake of nine slayings police say he committed as he rode freight trains across the country.

Today, the rail-riding drifter was to go on trial for the death of a Houston-area physician in December 1998.

If convicted, he faces not only the death penalty but also the prospect of having to answer for the eight other killings.

"I don't want to overwhelm the jury with all these capital murders, but I still want to prove them beyond a reasonable doubt," said prosecutor Devon Anderson, who intends to present evidence from the other cases during the punishment phase if Maturino Resendiz is found guilty.

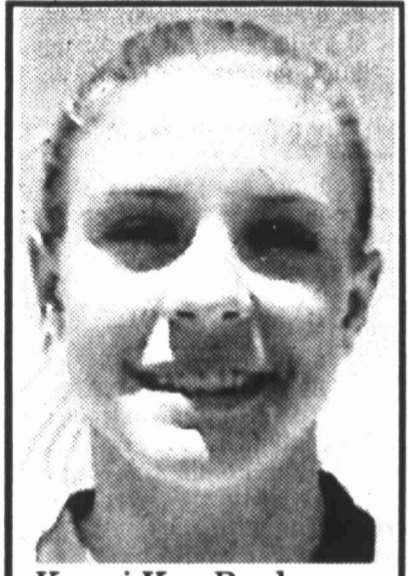
The Mexican drifter is sus-

pected of killing six people in Texas, two in Illinois and one in Kentucky from 1997 to 1999. The slayings all took place near train tracks. He surrendered 23 days after he was added to the FBI's 10 Most Wanted list last summer.

Prosecutors say they have such physical evidence as fingerprints and DNA samples linking Maturino Resendiz, 40, to the robbery, rape and murder of Dr. Claudia Benton in her home. In addition, Maturino Resendiz's wife turned in jewelry he is suspected of stealing from her home.

"There is good, hard physical evidence that will be difficult to refute," said police Sgt. Ken Macha.

Maturino Resendiz's attorneys were preparing an insanity defense but the defendant told a judge he didn't want to use it.



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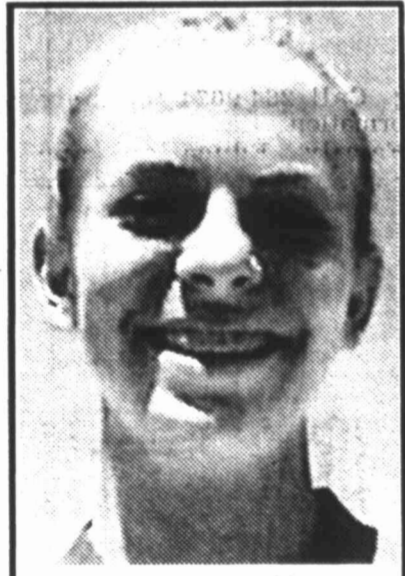
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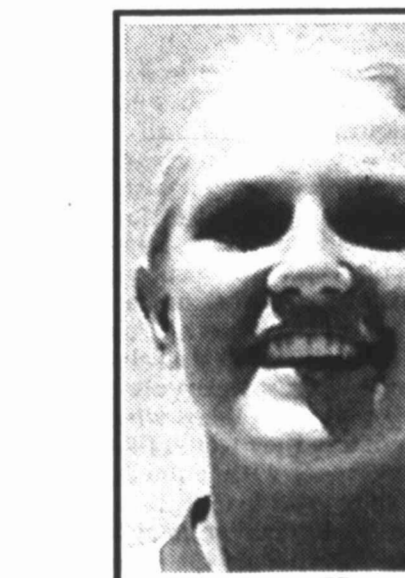
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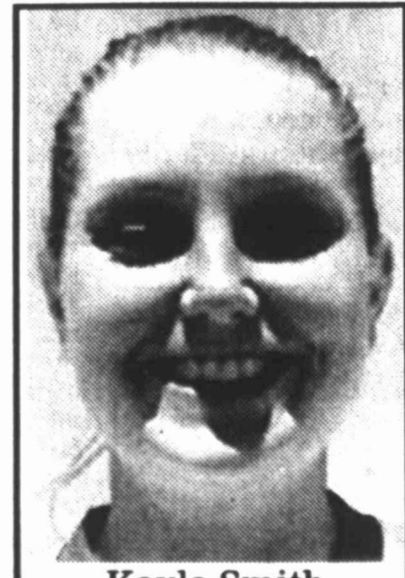
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-FIRST AMENDMENT

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OUR VIEWS

We're proud of all our state UIL qualifiers

Nine students from Crossroads area high schools were among the field competing in University Interscholastic League (UIL) academic contests in Austin, pitting their talents against the absolute best Texas has to offer in the way of competition.

The weekend's academic events marked the start of a busy month of UIL competition that continues today with the start of the state tennis championships and the state girls' golf tournament.

Thursday and the boys' golf tournament will get under way, and the state track and field championships will be staged Friday and Saturday.

Championships at the state level in UIL competition is nothing new to youngsters from the Crossroads area and that proved to be true Saturday.

The area's newest state champion is Garden City's Jason Wilde, who won the Class A computer applications competition.

Wilde led a foursome of area winners Saturday, as Borden County's Trent Pepper finished second in persuasive speaking and fourth in calculator applications, in the Class A division, while Grady's Scott Swift was third in Class A science and received the top score in biology.

Big Spring High School's April Ward rounded out the field with a sixth-place award in Class 4A news writing.

A total of nine area students took part in the academic contests. The area's other state academic qualifiers were Taylor Bristow of Forsan; Josh Tunnell and Sheree Rivas and Scott Swift of Grady; and Ross Aten and Bekah Hensley from Borden County.

Three Grady athletes opened play in the UIL tennis tournament today. Clint Schuelke taking part in boys' singles competition while Caroline Madison and Meghan Mims both qualified for girls' singles draw.

Borden County's Pepper will return to Austin this weekend to compete in the state track and field meet, running both the 3,200 meters and the 1,600 meters.

Big Spring's Alexis Casillas will also compete at the state meet this weekend after having won the Region I, Class 4A high jump championship two weeks ago.

Rounding out the area's state qualifiers is Coahoma's Rachel Williams, who qualified for the state track meet with a Region I, Class 2A championship in the 400 meters.

We are here at the *Herald* are proud of all these young people, as well as the teachers, coaches and sponsors who've gone out of their way to help students succeed.

Congratulations to you all, and for those just beginning their state contests, we wish you the best of luck.

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- Letters should be submitted to Editor, Big Spring Herald, P.O. Box 1431, Big Spring, 79721.

It's true — we could have won in Vietnam

On the 25th anniversary of the fall of Saigon, the memory is still searing. One still sees that last helicopter leaving the roof of our embassy as we left behind hundreds of thousands of people who had been our active wartime allies, some of whom would brave sea and sharks to escape by boat and raft. This was the Black Day of the American military.

Twenty-five years later, the Vietnam war remains shrouded in superstition, the principal superstition being that we could not have won it — truly an amazing idea.

I read in the newspaper that the war is an object of classroom study at West Point. Indeed, it should be. I would love to sit in on some of those classes. Perhaps our civilian leadership ought to do so — leadership past and present.

The bottom line in warfare is to destroy the capacity of the enemy to wage war. In the simplest terms, that means engaging his army and destroying it. During the Gulf War, Gen. Colin Powell was asked at a press conference how we planned to deal with the Iraqi army in the southern part of the battlefield. Famously, he replied, "Cut it off, and kill it."

In Vietnam, the war could have been won. To do so, we

would have had to defeat the Army of North Vietnam. The general public believes that the war was won by the guerrilla Viet Cong, the little men in black pajamas. This is nonsense. The guerrillas never won anything and never could have. No Viet Cong leader ever gained office in the South after the North won the war. Indeed, many of the Viet Cong leaders went to prison. The war was run from Hanoi, with serious modern equipment supplied by the Soviets and some 300,000 coolie laborers supplied by China's Mao Tse-tung.

Like most wars, numbers were crucial. The North Vietnamese carved out a jungle military highway running through Laos and inside Cambodia along the border of South Vietnam. Offshoots of this road network funneled troops into the South, where they could strike wherever they chose.

Our strategy was, foolishly, "attrition." That is, we and our South Vietnamese allies would engage them and try to kill as many as possible. And indeed we did slaughter large numbers of them — more, it turns out, than our own "body count" claimed — but we did not kill enough of them to catch up with the input up north coming down through Laos and Cambodia. We never destroyed the capacity of the North Vietnamese army to wage war. Indeed, the infamous Paris "peace" agreement allowed North Vietnamese troops to remain in place in South Vietnam.

Two strategies would have ruined the North Vietnamese army, the key strength of

which resided in numbers. The bodies generated in the North had to be numerous enough to replenish the units fighting in the South.

Therefore, one strategy would have been to kill enough adults in the North so that the baby-producers could not keep up with the requirement in the south for bodies. In other words, we would do to the population centers in the North what we did to Dresden Hamburg and Tokyo. With Gen. Sherman's picture on the wall, we would — sending a Lyndon Johnson "signal" — indicate our willingness to do this to all of North Vietnam. Since "numbers" were the game in the South, we would dry up the spigot.

Strategy two could have been applied independently or in tandem with strategy one.

We could have obliged the North Vietnamese army to pull out of the South and engage us directly in the North, where it would have been destroyed in a conventional battle. That is, we could have smashed ashore in the North with an amphibious landing of the Normandy or Inchon type. A 50-mile perimeter could have been established within striking distance of Hanoi-Haiphong and enough armor gathered within the perimeter to make it obvious that a panzer-type breakout might be imminent. We had sufficient forces in Okinawa to accomplish all this.

The North Vietnamese army would have had to pull out of the South and come North to meet this threat.

That army would have been defeated. Our perimeter would have been backed up by over-

whelming air power, flying from Guam and Okinawa, and from carriers offshore. We could have brought to bear the heavy naval guns on battleships and cruisers offshore.

Would China have intervened with an army? Throughout his management of the war, Lyndon Johnson remembered Korea and the Chinese forces pouring across the Yalu. As he famously said, "We desire no wider war."

But Beijing remembered Korea, too, especially 1952-1953, when we had stabilized a defense-in-depth at the 38th parallel. Our artillery, mortars and machine guns established a crisscross series of patterns that made infantry attack sheer suicide. I have seen battlefield movies of a Chinese night-attack into such a crisscross pattern, and the result in the morning: several miles of a butcher-shop meat counter. After months of this, Mao and his generals decided to cool it. In 1953, President Eisenhower also signaled that he might use nuclear weapons. (This was a different kind of signal from LBJ's "bombing halts" and whatnot.)

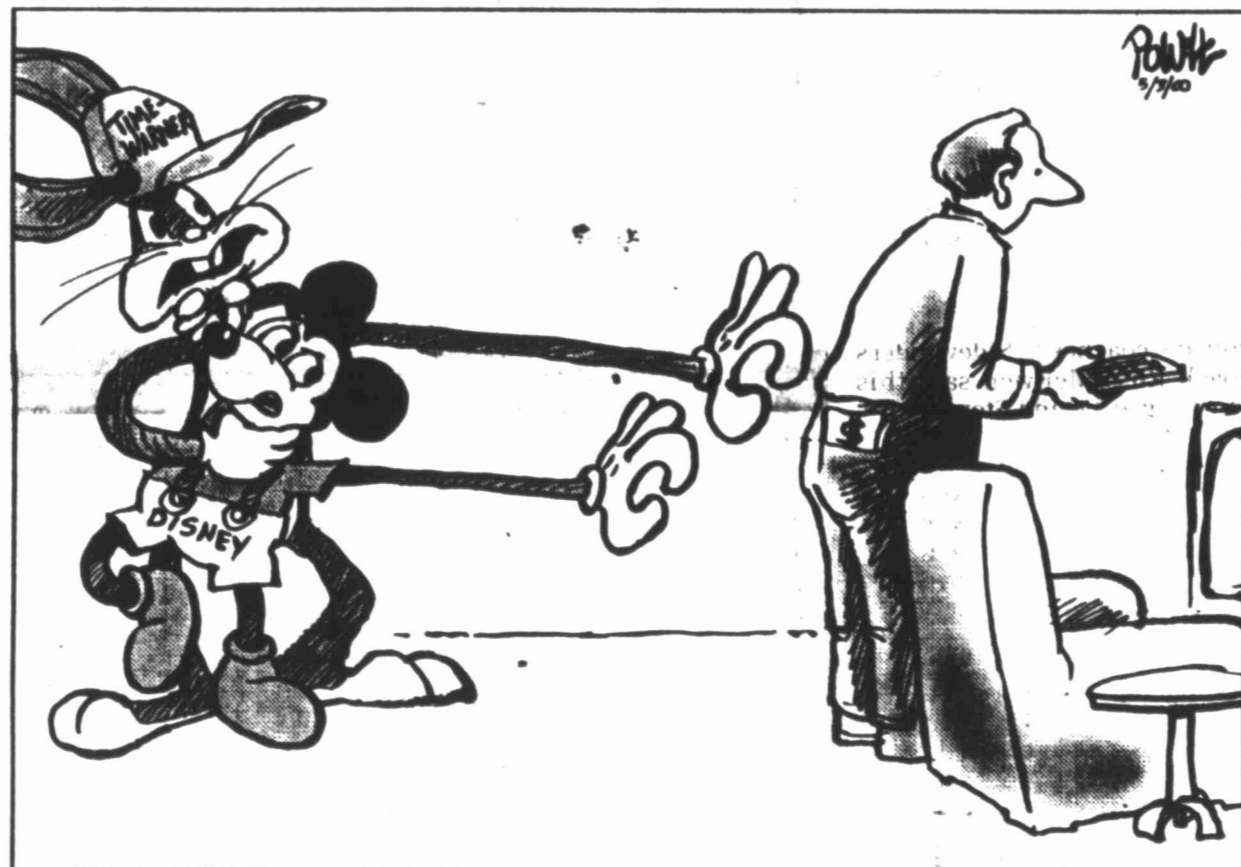
The chances are that Mao and his generals would not have sent troops against our perimeter meat grinder in North Vietnam.

There would have been a delicious side-dividend to serious Dresden-style bombing of the North. With any luck at all, it might have finished off people like Jane Fonda and Mary McCarthy while they were vacationing with the enemy.

And the war would have been won. Happy 25th anniversary.



JEFFREY HART



Bush lays a land mine; Gore had best watch out

When Texas Governor George W. Bush spoke recently to the Republican Women's Forum in Washington, he made a point of mentioning that his twin daughters were in the midst of deciding which college they would attend in the fall. It was a life experience that many in the audience could relate to, and it helps explain why Bush polls so well among women. "He's just much more current," says Republican pollster Linda DiVall. "It's not any grand strategy. It's the candidate's personality and his ability to speak to these issues."

Therein lies the danger for Vice President Al Gore. Bush is a different kind of Republican, and the strategies

that Democrats used to defeat the last two GOP presidential nominees could backfire.

Bush may not be the smartest candidate in the race, but he knows his politics. And he's busy laying land mines for Gore in four key areas:

• Gender gap: Women respond positively to Bush's message of compassionate conservatism and his emphasis on education. "Bush has enormous personal credibility on education," says Democratic pollster Celinda Lake. Even Texas writer Mollie Ivins, no fan of Bush, gives him credit for having the good sense to build on the reforms put in place by his predecessor, Governor Ann Richards, and Texas billionaire Ross Perot, who challenged the football-is-God culture of the state.

Women also remember First Lady Barbara Bush's crusade on behalf of literacy and assume that rubbed off on her son.

If Gore attacks Bush too aggressively for what he's done on education, Gore could turn off the same women voters he

is trying to win over.

• Texas statistics: One of the most populous states, Texas has a claim on voters that reaches far beyond its geographical boundaries. One in 20 people has a relative or knows somebody well who lives in Texas. "They don't see it as a backwater state like Arkansas," says DiVall. Texas ranks near the bottom of the 50 states in access to health care and cleaning up pollution, while leading in the number of people executed. Portraying Texas as a right-wing bastion is a core component of the Gore campaign. "We relish that encounter," says DiVall.

• Likability: Asked which candidate they would like to have a beer with, voters chose Bush by a wide margin. Personality and style play a bigger role when the substantive differences between the candidates are not clear. Lake says that voters "have no idea what this election is about.... It's very different from '92 when it was 'the economy, stupid.'" Gore has embarked on a series of speeches to "compare and contrast" his positions

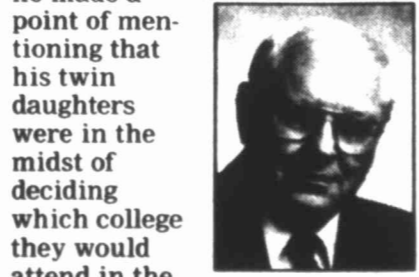
with those of Bush. But if he is perceived as running an attack campaign, he could win the battle and lose the war.

• Issues: Here is where Bush is gambling that his modern image will carry the day. In the past, no Republican running for president dared propose privatizing Social Security for fear he would be accused of wanting to dismantle the social insurance system that the GOP historically opposed. Appealing to the new and growing investor class, Bush would allow people to voluntarily put a portion of their Social Security contributions into the stock market.

Gore argues that the proposal is too costly because money would be diverted from paying down the national debt, and too risky because retirement benefits subject to the vagaries of Wall Street could not be guaranteed by the government.

Logic is on Gore's side, but voters eager to capitalize on the robust economy could be captivated by Bush's rhetoric.

Whoever wins this contest of ideas is likely to win the election.



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IN BRIEF

Bulldogettes' regional game moved to Abilene

Coahoma's Bulldogettes and Eula's Lady Pirates will square off for the Region I, Class 2A softball championship at 7 p.m. Tuesday at Abilene Christian University's Wells Field.

The two teams had originally planned to play the game at San Angelo Central High School's softball field, but decided Sunday.

Tuesday's showdown will mark the third straight year that Coahoma and Eula have faced one another for the Region I title.

Coahoma has won the two previous meetings, winning the Class 2A state championship in 1998 and finishing as the state runner-up last season.

Baseball players' parents set for meeting today

Parents of Big Spring High School baseball players will meet at 7 tonight at the BSHS Athletic Training Center.

The parents of all junior varsity and varsity players that will be taking part in summer league play are urged to attend.

BSHS Softball Boosters to hold final meeting

The Big Spring Girls Softball Booster Club will hold its final meeting of the season at 6:30 p.m. Thursday at the BSHS Athletic Training Center.

All parents of Lady Steers softball players are urged to attend.

For more information, call Woody Jumper at 268-9814.

Baseball boosters set banquet for Thursday

The Big Spring High School Baseball Boosters Club has scheduled its annual baseball banquet for 7 p.m. Thursday at the KC Steakhouse.

Tickets are \$5 for members and \$10 for non-members.

Those planning to attend are asked to Terri Bamert at 399-4365, Pam Conner at 263-5437, Kathy Butler at 263-1834 or Jim Clements at 267-1069.

Steers basketball camp scheduled for May 29

The 2000 BSHS Steers Basketball Camp has been scheduled to begin Monday, May 29, at Steer Gym.

Camp sessions will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. each day through June 1.

The camp is open for youngsters between the second and eighth grades. Fees will be \$45 per youngster, and the deadline for enrolling is Monday, May 22.

For more information, call Jimmy Avery at 264-0403.

Lady Steers Booster Club to hold banquet May 15

The Big Spring Lady Steers Booster Club will hold its annual Lady Steers Athletic Banquet at 7 p.m. Monday, May 15, in the Big Spring Junior High cafeteria.

Tickets are \$10 each and are available at All Star Sports, Athletic Supply and Faye's Flowers.

Forsan reunion organizers seeking team pictures

Organizers planning the Aug. 5 all-class reunion at Forsan High School are currently seeking team pictures of the 1966 and 1967 Queens basketball teams that reached the state tournament in Austin.

Anyone having a picture of one or both of those teams is asked to call Boyce Hale at 267-6957.

ON THE AIR

Television

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL
7 p.m. — Seattle Mariners at Texas Rangers, FXS, Ch. 29.
NBA PLAYOFFS
7 p.m. — Philadelphia 76ers at Indiana Pacers, TBS, Ch. 11.
NHL PLAYOFFS
6 p.m. — Toronto Maple Leafs at New Jersey Devils, ESPN, Ch. 30.

Rangers' late homers not enough to deny Oakland a 7-6 win

ARLINGTON (AP) — As tough as it's been to get a victory the last few days, Oakland manager Art Howe says, "I'm glad to finally get one."

The Texas Rangers hit three homers in the seventh and eighth innings on Sunday, but fell a run short and Oakland held on for a 7-6 victory. Oakland also led in the late innings Friday and Saturday, but Texas rallied for a 17-16 victory on Friday and an 11-10 win on Saturday.

"It's big to avoid a sweep, especially as well as we've hit. We knocked the ball around the ball park. We're 6-3 on this road trip and could have been 9-0. Our pitchers are better than they've shown in this series. They showed up today,"

Howe said. Texas and Oakland combined for 67 runs and 88 hits in the three-game set.

Oakland scored three runs in the first and three more in the fifth, taking advantage of wildness by Doug Davis, who was making his starting debut. Jason Giambi and Olmedo Saenz each walked twice and scored both times.

Giambi's RBI double in the eighth off Tim Crabtree, the fourth Texas pitcher, proved to be the game-winning blow. But his brother, Jeremy Giambi, was the offensive star for the A's with three singles, a walk and 3 RBIs.

Omar Olivares (3-3) got the victory, helping himself by starting a fourth-inning double play that got him out of a

bases-loaded jam. The A's also backed him with double plays in each of the next three innings.

Texas got a 2-run homer from Jason McDonald in the seventh and solo homers from Rafael Palmeiro and Ruben Mateo in the eighth, pulling to within one run, and had runners on first and third with two out in the eighth. But reliever Doug Jones struck out McDonald. Jones got his first save of the season and 302nd of his career.

Davis struggled through a 37-pitch first inning and allowed the first two runners on base in the second before he gave a glimpse of why he was the Rangers' minor league pitcher of the year last season.

The left-hander retired the next 10 batters, striking out six of seven hitters from the second to fifth innings.

"I think the third and fourth innings were more indicative of the kind of pitcher he is," Texas manager Johnny Oates said.

"Actually, he pitched the best of any of our pitchers this series. If he had pitched either of the other two nights, we'd be talking about him as the winner."

Davis' wife is expecting their first child any day.

"It didn't affect me really. I know (the baby) is coming. Hopefully, it will come in the next four days. I'm not going to say it was a distraction."

Stewart finishes seventh in two events at nationals

HERALD Staff Report

LANSING, Mich. — Big Spring's Stephanie Stewart turned in her best finish ever at the AAU Junior Olympics gymnastics championships on Sunday, placing in both the uneven parallel bars and the balance beam competitions.

Stewart, a member of the Big Spring YMCA Sidewinders gymnastics team, finished seventh in both the bars and the balance beam.

She posted a 9.5 score on the bars and followed that with a solid 9.35 on the beam.

Her seventh-place finishes in the bars and beam were also critical in giving Stewart and her USA Gymnastics Region III teammates first place in the teams competition.

A junior at Big Spring High School, Stewart grabbed the attention of numerous gymnastics coaches at NCAA Division I schools.

"She impressed several of the college coaches," Sidewinders coach Russ McEwen said this morning as he and Stewart prepared for their flight home.

"This was the best she's ever done at this level," McEwen added, noting that Stewart had never managed to place among the top 10 in any event in four previous trips to the AAU meet.

"Not only is this the best she's ever done here, but it's the best any Big Spring athlete has ever done," he added. "The level of competition is just so



Stephanie Stewart, pictured here preparing for the AAU Junior Olympics gymnastics championships in 1999, turned in her best finish ever Sunday. She finished seventh in both the balance beam and on the uneven parallel bars.

tough ... the difference between first and seventh place is like is less than half a point."

Stewart had hoped to manage a placing finish in the all-

around, and entered her final event of the day — floor exercise — in ninth place, but a momentary bobble left her out of the top 10 overall.

Kelly reaches 1,000; Damon still there

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Tom Kelly won his 1,000th game, while Johnny Damon is batting 1,000 as a leadoff hitter the last 10 games.

Kelly became the 46th manager to win 1,000 games as Minnesota beat Detroit 4-0 on Sunday behind a five-hitter from Joe Mays.

"I'm happy this is over with. Hopefully I won't have to hear about it anymore," said Kelly (1,000-1,092), who has managed the Twins since Sept. 12, 1986 — the longest current tenure in the four major professional sports.

Damon's achievement is over a much shorter span, but appears to be much rarer as well. Damon led off Kansas City's 12-8 win over the Chicago White Sox with a single — the

10th straight game he's opened with a hit.

It's the longest such streak since 1975 — the Elias Sports Bureau was unable to research the obscure stat before then.

"I'm sure somebody has done it in the past, probably by Ty Cobb or somebody," Damon said. "But knowing that I've done something for the first time in a long time is really neat."

Damon goes for 11 straight tonight in Detroit against Jeff Weaver, a pitcher he has never faced in his career.

"Usually, your first at-bat is just a waste anyway," said Damon, who is batting .415 with nobody on and nobody out compared to .197 in other situations.

"You're trying to see some pitches, let your teammates see what the other guy has got," he

added.

In other American League action, it was Boston 9, Tampa Bay 7; Baltimore 7, New York 6; Cleveland 10, Toronto 8; Oakland 7, Texas 6; and Seattle 8, Anaheim 2.

In National League games, Florida topped New York 3-0, Pittsburgh pounded Chicago 11-3, Houston beat Los Angeles 14-8 in 10 innings, Arizona routed San Diego 8-1, Cincinnati downed St. Louis 9-7, Philadelphia topped Atlanta 7-4 and Milwaukee beat Montreal 9-4.

The Colorado at San Francisco game was rained out. It was the second rainout at Pacific Bell Park this year, and marked the first time since 1967 the Giants have been washed out more than once at home in a season.

Stars head to conference final with 4-1 win over Sharks

DALLAS (AP) — For some reason, Joe Nieuwendyk was off to a slow start in the postseason.

Maybe it was the injuries that forced him to miss nearly half the regular season. Maybe it was the pressure of being the best player in last year's postseason. Whatever it was, it's gone.

Nieuwendyk followed a two-goal performance by scoring the first goal Sunday night as the Dallas Stars beat the San Jose Sharks 4-1 to advance to their third straight Western Conference finals.

"The last little while, I've felt the intensity and gotten involved a little more," he said. "I just think I relaxed a little bit more and started to play the way I can. I felt strong, energetic."

Nieuwendyk's revival gives Dallas hope going into a rematch of last year's conference finals against Colorado. The Avalanche are considered the team to beat because of their depth up front and their solid defensemen.

But the Stars like their chances, espe-

cially with Nieuwendyk beginning to produce, Mike Modano playing solid and Ed Belfour doing a superb job of protecting the net.

"We've kind of quietly gone about our business," Nieuwendyk said. "They're a solid group, but we've got a lot of confidence."

So do the Philadelphia Flyers, who beat Pittsburgh 6-3 Sunday to take a 3-2 lead in their Eastern Conference series. Game 6 is in Pittsburgh on Tuesday.

Tonight, Toronto is at New Jersey, which leads the series 3-2.

The Stars are 8-2 in the playoffs. They are 6-0 at Reunion Arena, where the first two games of the next round will be held and where Belfour has allowed four goals in six games this postseason.

He came within 11:28 of a third straight shutout on his home ice, having to settle for a scoreless streak of 187 minutes, 25 seconds after being beaten midway through the third period with the Stars already up 4-0.

"I felt strong today," Belfour said, who

revealed he'd been suffering from the flu the last few days. "This was huge for us. Nobody wanted to travel back to San Jose."

The Sharks played without Owen Nolan, their leading scorer, or Bryan Marchment, their most physical defenseman. Both were missed as San Jose failed to beat Belfour despite many good scoring chances.

Nolan, who had foot and shoulder injuries, missed the game because of a strained abdominal muscle. Coach Darryl Sutter said the team knew after Game 4 that he wasn't going to play. Marchment, who injured a groin muscle, didn't even travel to Dallas.

"I can't skate, I can't push off," said Nolan, who also missed Game 2 after being hurt in the final game of the first round. "I couldn't take explosive strides and couldn't be effective."

Sutter said his team couldn't match Dallas' depth. There also was a big difference in their goalies.

Steve Shields was either boom or bust.

He allowed 27 goals in the Sharks' seven losses and seven goals in the five victories.

"I'm disappointed with the way this game went," he said. "This season, I've been inconsistent at times."

The Sharks will remember this postseason for their first-round victory over top-seeded St. Louis. It was the fifth time a No. 8 seed had reached the second round, but none had advanced beyond.

San Jose controlled the puck in the first 10 minutes, until Nieuwendyk's goal gave Dallas all the momentum. Three minutes later, his linemate Scott Thornton scored to make it 2-0.

Belfour protected the lead by knocking away a great scoring chance by Vincent Damphousse in the closing seconds of the first period.

In the second period, he made several nice stops on a power play, then stopped a shot from Jeff Friesen while sprawled on his side.

He made another stop from his stomach in the third period.

Mourning steps up in Heat's 87-83 win over stricken Knicks

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

The fourth quarter started in frantic fashion, with the lead changing hands on almost every basket.

Then, the New York Knicks went cold.

Then, the Miami Heat went ahead for good.

With head-butting hustle, suffocating defense and two clutch baskets by Alonzo Mourning, the Heat edged their bitter rivals 87-83 Sunday in the opener of the second-round playoff series. Game 2 is Tuesday night.

After a week of hype leading to the series, the bitter rivals started with a thriller. The score changed hands 14 times and was tied 11 times, including at 79, 81 and 83.

"We thought we had it won," Knicks center Patrick Ewing said. "We've got to play a little better down the stretch."

New York didn't make a basket in the final 5:34, while Mourning didn't miss in the final minute. First he got inside position against Ewing, took a feed from Dan Majerle and scored for an 85-83 lead with 41.8 seconds to go.

Miami regained possession when P.J. Brown tipped Allan Houston's pass, and Mourning swished a 17-footer with 5.6 seconds left.

"Zo was the go-to man," Brown said. "When he took those shots, I had no doubt they were going in."

In the final 5:34, the Knicks had 10 possessions and scored just two points — on free throws by Latrell Sprewell. They went 0-for-5 with four turnovers down the stretch.

"We can't make your shots when you don't even have a chance to take the shots," said Houston, who made New York's final basket and finished with 21 points.

The Knicks' final three misses — by Sprewell, Chris Childs and Larry Johnson — came with Miami leading 83-81.

"Terrible execution," Sprewell said. "When you play a team like the Heat, you can't disappear down the stretch the way we did."

The Heat played the kind of defense that helped them win the Atlantic Division, allowing New York just 15 points in the fourth quarter.

"We locked it down," Brown said. "The screws got bolted,

and we screwed them in."

Elsewhere Sunday, it was the Los Angeles Lakers 105, Phoenix 77, and Portland 94, Utah 75.

Tonight, Philadelphia is at Indiana, which leads the series 1-0.

Heat 87, Knicks 83

The officials called only five fouls in the opening period, but after that the game was more characteristic of the bruising rivalry. Mourning and Charlie Ward butted heads scrambling for a loose ball in the third period, but both stayed in.

"The Heisman Trophy winner had some flashbacks for me," Mourning said with a chuckle. "It kind of shook me up a little bit. I didn't play too much football."

Ewing, who boasted earlier this week that he's the best center in the Eastern Conference, came out second-best against close friend Mourning. The Heat center scored his team's final eight points and finished with 26 to go with six rebounds.

Ewing, who sat out practice Saturday because of back spasms, showed no effects from the ailment and had 17 points and nine rebounds in 40 minutes.

Tim Hardaway, who missed the Heat's first-round sweep of Detroit because of a sprained left foot, rejoined the starting lineup and had six points and seven assists in 30 minutes.

"Physically Timmy isn't where he wants to be, but he's still a vital part of this team," Mourning said. "I want him on the floor with one leg or one arm, because down the stretch he's going to get the ball to the right people for us to win."

Miami's Jamal Mashburn scored 21 points and helped hold Sprewell to 11. Brown had eight points and 16 rebounds.

"We've got a long way to go, man," Mourning said. "I heard a lot of people saying, 'Zo, you won the battle today.' This series is far from being over."

Lakers 105, Phoenix 77

Shaquille O'Neal had 37 points, 14 rebounds and four blocks in host Los Angeles' rout.

Kobe Bryant added 25 points for the Lakers. Penny Hardaway led the Suns with 25 points, while Cliff Robinson, who battled foul problems, added 13 and rookie Shawn Marion had 12.

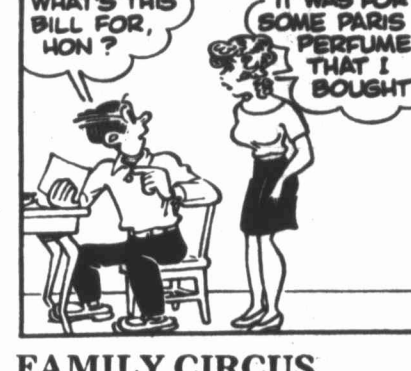
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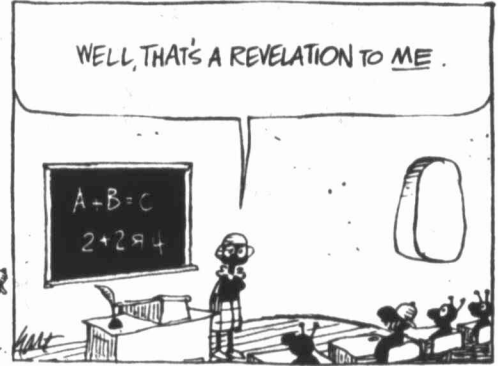
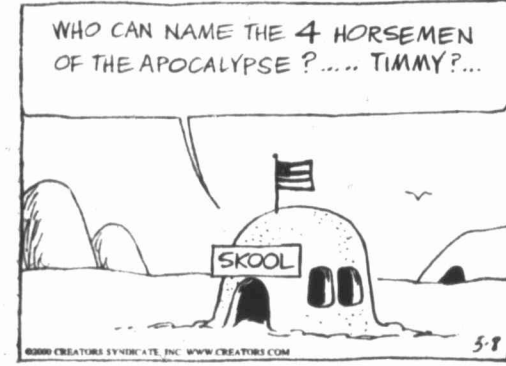
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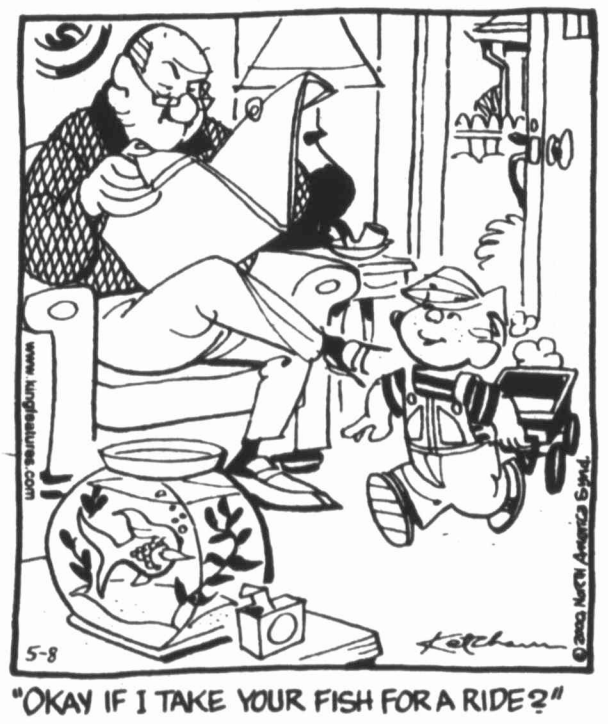
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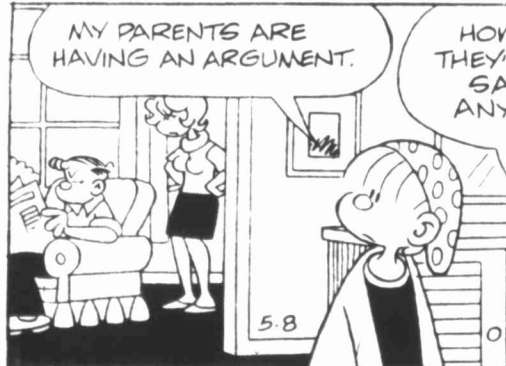
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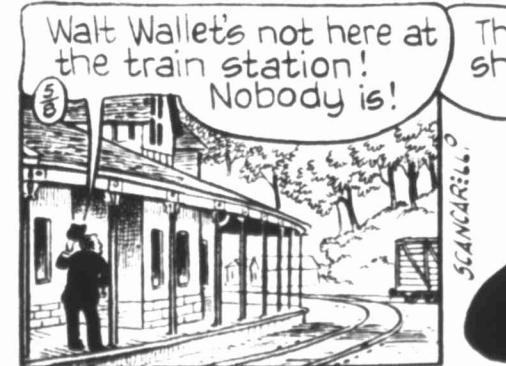
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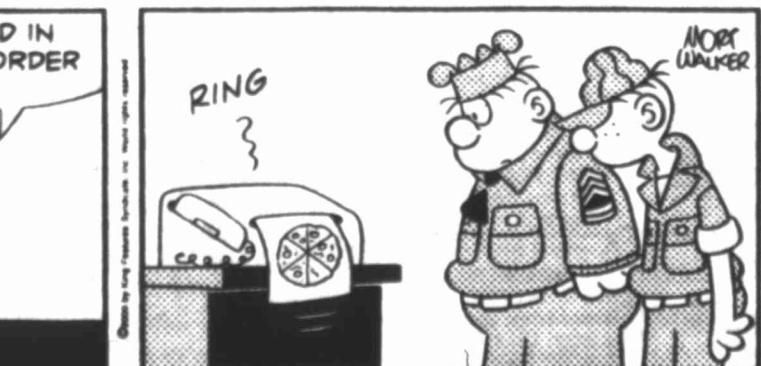
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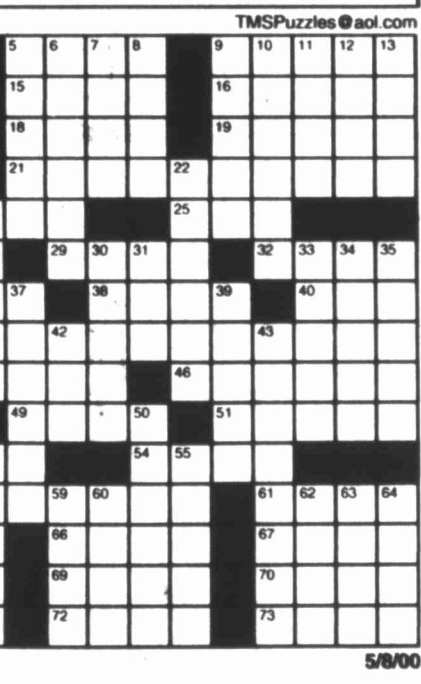
The ASSOCIATED PRESS Today is Monday, May 8, the 129th day of 2000. There are 237 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: On May 8, 1945, President Truman announced in a radio address that World War II had ended in Europe. On this date: In 1541, Spanish explorer Hernando de Soto reached the Mississippi River.

In 1846, the first major battle of the Mexican War was fought at Palo Alto, Texas, resulting in victory for Gen. Zachary Taylor's forces. In 1884, the 33rd president of the United States, Harry S. Truman, was born near Lamar, Mo. In 1886, Atlanta pharmacist John Styth Pemberton invented the flavor syrup for Coca-Cola. In 1944, the first eye bank was established, in New York City. In 1958, Vice President Nixon was shoved, stoned, booed and spat upon by anti-American protesters in Lima, Peru. In 1970, construction workers broke up an anti-war protest on New York's Wall Street. In 1973, militant American Indians who had held the South Dakota hamlet of Wounded Knee for 10 weeks surrendered. In 1978, David R. Berkowitz pleaded guilty in a Brooklyn courtroom to the "Son of Sam" killings that had terrified New Yorkers. In 1987, Gary Hart, dogged by questions about his personal life, including his relationship with Miami model Donna Rice, withdrew from the race for the Democratic presidential nomination. Ten years ago: One crewman was killed, 18 others injured in a fire aboard the guided-missile destroyer USS Conyngham in the Atlantic, about 100 miles southeast of Norfolk, Va. Five years ago: Fifty years after Nazi Germany's capitulation in World War II, leaders representing the victorious powers gathered in Berlin to remember the dead and pledge peace for the future. A monster storm began dumping 18 inches of rain on southeast Louisiana flooding homes and killing five people. One year ago: NATO expressed regret for a mistaken attack on the Chinese Embassy in Belgrade, but pledged to pursue the bombing campaign. Demonstrators in Beijing threw rocks and smashed cars at the U.S. Embassy. The Citadel, South Carolina's formerly all-male military school, graduated its first female cadet, Nancy Ruth Mace. British actor Sir Dirk Bogarde died in London at age 78. Today's Birthdays: Comedian Don Rickles is 74. Environmentalist Sir David Attenborough is 74. Author Peter Benchley is 60. Singer John Fred (John Fred and His Playboy Band) is 59. Actor James Mitchum is 59. Jockey Hall-of-Famer Angel Cordero Jr. is 58. Singer Toni Tennille is 57. Singer Philip Bailey (Earth, Wind and Fire) is 49. Rock musician Chris Frantz (Talking Heads) is 49.

THE Daily Crossword

- ACROSS
- 1 Skiers' ride
 - 5 Pork cut
 - 9 Singer Page
 - 14 Perry's creator
 - 15 Leander's lover
 - 16 Glowing emanations
 - 17 Highway access
 - 18 Caspian's neighbor
 - 19 Whimsically comical
 - 20 Schon or Cassidy
 - 21 British luxury car
 - 23 Bus. letter directive
 - 25 "... the ramparts..."
 - 26 Tree with edible nuts
 - 29 Ride rising thermals
 - 32 Yemeni or Saudi
 - 36 Make beloved
 - 38 Pitch symbol
 - 40 Actress Lupino
 - 41 Hawaii, once
 - 44 Greek vowel
 - 45 Rigging support
 - 46 Scuffle
 - 47 Try out
 - 49 Water pitcher
 - 51 Gallant mount
 - 52 Grain beard
 - 54 Arthur of tennis
 - 56 Horse of the Year, 1938
 - 61 Strikes
 - 65 Display of vibrato
 - 66 Bear of stars
 - 67 Skip
 - 68 Bird with fine plumage
 - 69 Boxer Max
 - 70 Jot
 - 71 Dove and
 - 72 Frost, e.g.
 - 73 If not
 - 77 Sturdy cart



- DOWN
- 1 Sea swallow
 - 2 Burns' hillside
 - 3 ... mater
 - 4 Put back
 - 5 Map
 - 6 Wading birds
 - 7 Evangelist Roberts
 - 8 Number of votes cast
 - 9 California ballplayer
 - 10 ... borealis
 - 11 Ilium
 - 12 Dusting powder
 - 13 Wight, for one
 - 22 Most painful
 - 24 Spring events
 - 26 Plague (with)
 - 27 Related on mother's side
 - 28 Ferber and O'Brien
 - 30 Earth pigment
 - 31 Boxer
 - 32 Muhammad
 - 33 Remove lather
 - 34 Make confused
 - 35 Founded
 - 37 Matures
 - 39 Turn red
 - 42 Crow's call
 - 43 Planetoid
 - 48 Type of pill
 - 50 Erects
 - 53 Droops
 - 55 Extend a look
 - 56 Part of a procedure
 - 57 Cogito ... sum
 - 58 Yorkshire river
 - 59 Rubik's toy
 - 60 River to the Caspian Sea
 - 62 ... vincit omnia (love conquers all)
 - 63 Pocketed bread?
 - 64 Stick around

Saturday's Puzzle Solved

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