WEDNESDAY

May 17, 2000

WEATHER



PARTLY CLOUDY

TONIGHT THURSDAY 60°-65° 92°-95°

Port-to-Plains subject of two public meetings

The Texas Department of Transportation will conduct meetings today Thursday on the Ports-to-Plains Corridor.

The meetings will include a feasibility study of the purpose and objective of the cooridor as well as evaluation criteria for alternate route alighnments. The public will have an opportunity to make comment on the alternate routes being considered.

Today's meeting will be held at the TxDOT office in Angelo, Knickerbocker Thursday's meeting is set for the Lubbock Civic Center in Lubbock, 1501 Sixth St. Both will begin with an open house at 6 p.m., followed by the public meeting at 7 p.m.

Sands pre-K, K registration slated Monday

Sands Elementary pre-K and kindergarten registration will be Monday from 1:40 to 2:20 p.m.

At this time, Sands Elementary will be registering prekindergarten and kindergarten students for the 2000-2001 school year. Parents need to bring immunization records, social security numbers, and birth cer-

For more information, contact Zelda Bilbo at 353-4314.

WHAT'S UP...

TODAY

☐ Fraternal Order of Eagles Aerie, 7 p.m., Eagles Lodge, 704 West Third.

THURSDAY

□ Gideons International, Big Spring Camp No. U4206O, Hermans, 7 a.m.

☐ Big Spring Senior Citizens Center Art Classes, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. for 55 and

☐ Kiwanis Club, noon, **Howard College Cactus**

□ Citizen Police Academy Alumni Association, 5:30 p.m., RSVP offices, 501 Runnels.

☐ American Legion Post 506, 6 p.m., call, 263-2084. □ Rackley-Swords Chpt.

379, Vietnam Veterans of America, 7 p.m.

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Big Spring, Howard County fall just short of census mail back goals By BILL McCLELLAN

Spring Howard

News Editor

County fell just short of their Census back goals, but did receive a better response than in 1990, according to a community partnership specialist.

WURTZ

'We did really well. We did

fall a little short, but only a lit-Wurtz, area Census 2000 spe-

The goals are tied to a Census Bureau campaign challenge called How America Knows What America Needs, or HAK-WAN

Howard County had a HAK-WAN goal of returning 61 percent of the census forms received in the mail. The Census Bureau received 60 percent back. Big Spring had a goal of 62 percent and had a 59 percent return rate.

"That's just on the mailout said Charlene Romero ballots," Wurtz noted. "Now the challenge is going out to the

> Wurtz noted that the county rate of 60 percent is almost 4 percent higher than the number returned in 1990, and the city's 59 percent rate is 2 percent

> There were 13,893 census forms mailed out and 8,003 of those had been returned by the HAKWAN return deadline of April 12.

Wurtz noted that in 1990, some 11,374 forms were mailed out, a difference over 10 years of healthier economic atmosphere, 2,519.

"We're optimistic about the growth we're seeing," said Big Spring City Manager Gary

"The increase in mailouts, plus the fact that we have more than 2,200 prison beds, plus the recent jobs Big Spring has attracted give some hope that our population is showing

"It looks like we are headed in a positive direction," Fuqua

growth over that time.

In addition to making for a

an increase in population would make Big Spring eligible for additional federal funding.

"We encourage anyone who has not returned their census form to do so. It is important that our community be counted," said Fugua.

Meanwhile, the census tally

continues "We'll have census workers going door to door through July

9," said Wurtz.

Final results of Census 2000 will not be available until April

Food program

Big Spring ISD will offer summer free lunch program for children 18 and younger

By GINA GARZA

"We offer this

Staff Writer

Big Spring Independent School District will offer its free summer lunch program beginning June 1.

free summer lunch program to any child 18 vears old and younger," said Joann Smoot, Big Spring ISD director of food services. "The kids don't even to be

enrolled in our school district.

It's just open to anyone.

There is no registration and no proof of income needed. "This program is part of the

Texas Department of Human Services and is offered to all kids during the summer," she

There will be three schools offering the lunches — Goliad, Marcy and Bauer elementary campuses.

"We try to spread out the schools so almost all of the areas of town are covered," said Smoot.

The free lunch program started because of summer school and the need to feed the kids taking those classes. It has been successful for the past nine or 10 years.

'We've kept it going because

we think it's great for the kids who are out of school and it helps out their parents trying to feed the kids all summer," she

Smoot added that many organizations around town have used the summer lunch program for their benefit.

We encourage organizations to bring their kids out to lunch," she added. "We've had the YMCA bring their kids, the West Side Community Center as well as churches having Vacation Bible School bringing their kids here before they take them home. It helps them on what to do for their kids at lunchtime.

Smoot also said that if anyone needs transportation, they will

try to accommodate. We know some of the kids do not live in the area where the lunches are, and that can pose a problem of how to get to the school," she said. "We will try to work out transportation i need be, but there needs to be at least 10 kids a day needing rides.

There is a summer menu for the program, which runs through July 28.

'We will be closed on July 3 and 4 because of the holiday," said Smoot.

Adults can also eat with their

children at a cost of \$2.30. "We are real proud of our

summer lunches," she said.

See LUNCH, Page 2A

See DRIVE, Page 2A order to supply the 12 area hos-Jury considers testimony in case of man charged with burglary, assault

manner," said Pevey.

Kathy Lusk at 267-3853.

By CARL GRAHAM

Hardin-Simmons' band.

United Blood Services will

The blood drive will be held

"We have missed our mall

donors," said Johnna Pevey,

community relations represen-

tative for UBS. "It is great to be

back at the Big Spring Mall.

Please come out and help us in

bring its bloodmobile to the Big

HERALD Staff Report

Spring Mall Saturday

from 1 p.m. until 5 p.m.

Staff Writer

A six-man, six-woman 118th District Court jury today began deliberating the fate of a Big Spring man accused of a Sept. 19 burglary and subsequent assault.

Both the prosecution and defense rested their cases Tuesday in the trial of David Heredia Nieto, 27. Nieto is accused of a burglary and assault of a Sand Springs

called by District Attorney Hardy Wilkerson Tuesday was 62-year-old Wilma Dorsey.

Taylor Parks, a fifth grader at Baur Magnet School, rides Silver King this morning. Baur students

have been reading books by William O. Beazley, a retired Hardin-Simmons University professor.

Beazley writes individual tales about each white horse used to help carry the state flags for the

Blood drive set Saturday at Big Spring Mall

Donors must be at least 17

"We also ask that you have

years old, weigh more than 110

proof of identification and know

the names of any medication

you may have taken in the past

United Blood Services is the

area's not-for-profit provider. In

pounds and be in good health.

need of blood products.

30 days," said Pevey.

our quest to provide the best pitals, UBS must collect more

service possible to patients in than 300 units of blood each

Dorsey testified to the terror she encountered when she found herself face to face with an intruder the morning of

She said that when she tried to run for help, the intruder chased her down and beat her up, breaking one of her wrists and severely injuring the other wrist in the process.

Among the several witnesses engineering student at Texas Tech, testified that he was staying at his grandmother's residence when he heard cries for

week, said Pevey. Blood prod-

We need your help. If possi-

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ble, try to make an appointment

for Saturday's drive. It will help

you get in and out in a timely

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Ward said he jumped into his clothes and went to render aid, at which time the intruder fled on foot. Ward said he was unable to recognize Dorsey because her face was covered in blood, gravel and asphalt from the driveway. Ward's grandmother, Betty

Jean Cooper, was also called to

fied the intruder that night as Nieto after the defendant was asked in court to remove his glasses. Under cross-examination by Richard, Cooper testified she was able to make a positive identification due to the fact the area was well lit with a security light outside her residence.

Also testifying for the prosecution was Howard County Deputy Sheriff Cliff McCartney, who was called out to investigate the incident that morning.

Jameson Ward, a first-year testify, Cooper positively identi- McCartney was dispatched to another attempted burglary in the Sand Springs area that morning, supposedly another attempt by the defendant after he fled the previous residence.

> Taking the stand for the defense was Nieto's brother. who testified that they had been together that evening and were not involved. Final arguments began at 9

a.m. this morning. If convicted, Nieto faces a sen-

tence of 15 to 99 years in a Texas correctional facility.

TAAS results give Coahoma ISD officials areas in which to focus Fourth graders had a 78 per-By GINA GARZA

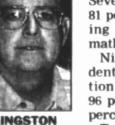
Staff Writer

According to Bill Kingston, Coahoma Independent School District superintendent, the

Texas Assessment of Acade-Skills (TAAS) scores for Coahoma students are about the same as last year's

about the same as we were last

year," he said. "But we have found some areas that need



The TAAS consisted of the math and reading portions, and eighth graders had to also take social studies and science tests. Third grade students had a 94

percent passing rate in reading

and an 87 percent rate in math.

cent passing rate in reading, 85 percent in math and 87 percent in writing, while fifth graders had 93 percent in reading and 91 percent in math. In the sixth grade, 88 percent

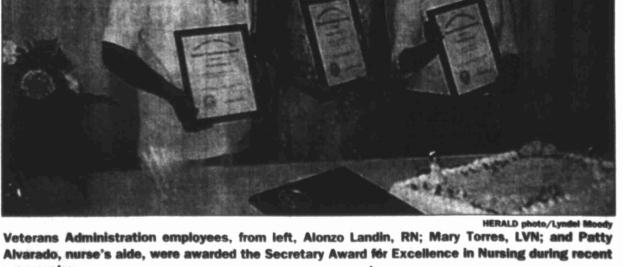
of the students passed the reading and 92 percent passed math. Seventh grade students had an 81 percent passing rate in reading and a 92 percent rate in math.

Ninety-four percent of the students passed the reading portion in the eighth grade, while 96 percent passed math and 88 percent passed writing. Tenth graders had a 95 per-

cent passing rate in reading and math, and 97 percent in writing. 'We did identify some areas where we need improvement and will work on those areas in

"Overall, we felt the scores See CISD, Page 2A

the coming year,"



ceremonies.

Bill Dver

Memorial service for Bill Dyer, 77, Wichita Falls, was 2 p.m. Wednesday, May 17, 2000, at Owens and Brumley Funeral Home, Wichita Falls, with Gil Peters officiating.

Mr. Dyer died on Sunday, May 14, at his residence.

He was born in Marlow, Okla., Jan. 31, 1923. He was a retired supervisor with the Texas Electric Service Co. after 35 years. He was preceded in death by his wife, Abbey Dru Dyer on May 11, 1992. He was a U.S. Army Veteran of World War II and a 32nd Degree

He is survived by: one son, Dink Dver of Wichita Falls; two sisters, Marie Horton and Dorothy Carpenter, both of Big Spring; 2 grandchildren; and 2 great-grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be made to the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation; 2929 Carlisle; Suite 230, Dallas,

Charlie Evelyn **Beck Pendleton**

Memorial service for Charlie Evelyn "Charby" Beck Pendleton, 73, Midland, formerly of Big Spring, will be 10 a.m. Thursday, May 18, in the First Baptist Church Chapel, Midland. Graveside service will follow at 3 p.m. in Lawnhaven Memorial Park, San Angelo.

Mrs. Pendleton died on Friday, May 12.

She was born in San Angelo in 1927, graduated from San Angelo High School in 1945 and attended San Angelo College for two years. She married Joe E. Pendleton on June 1, 1947. She worked as a Braille transcriber and teaching professional with visually handicapped children.

She is survived by: two daughters, Nancy Reid of Sherman Oaks, Calif., and Becky of Seattle, Wash.; one son, Joe Pendleton of Bellevue, Wash.; and three grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials may be made to Midland Hospice in lieu of flowers.

Susie Martin

Graveside funeral service for Susie Martin, 89, Stanton, will at 10 a.m. Friday, May 19 2000, at Evergreen Cemetery in Stanton with Captain Michael Barnhouse, of the Salvation Army, officiating. Mrs. Martin died on Tuesday.

May 16, in Gardendale.

She was born on August 10, 1910, in Oklahoma and married Leonard Martin on Nov. 12, 1947, in Stanton. He preceded her in death on March 27, 1972. Susie loved her kids, grandkids and fishing.

Survivors include: two sons. Eugene Lester of Midland and Dwight Martin of Trophy Club; two daughters, Geneva Hicks of Odessa and Annette DeArmond of Gardendale; 17 grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandson.

Arrangements are under the

MYERS & SMITH FUNERAL HOME & CHAPEL

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Dan W. Smith, 59, died Monday. A memorial service will be held Saturday, May 20, in Oklahoma. All other arrangements are pending with Myers & Smith Funeral

NALLEY-PICKLE & WELCH **Funeral Home**



(915) 267-6331 Roy M. Peet, 84, died

Sunday. Graveside services were 2:00 PM today at Trinity Memorial Park.

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Jov Grimes

Funeral service for Joy Grimes, 82, Bridgeport, formerly of Big Spring, was 3 p.m. Wednesday, May 17, 2000, at Harvey Funeral Home Chapel, Mount Vernon, with Dr. Clint Davis, officiating. Burial followed at City Cemetery, Mount

Mrs. Grimes died on Sunday, May 14, in Bridgeport.

She was born on Sept. 18. 1917, in Mount Vernon and married Willard Grimes on July 4, 1934, in Mount Pleasant. He preceded her in death on Nov. 18, 1879. Mrs. Grimes came to Big Spring in 1966. While in Big Spring, she was a member of First Baptist Church and played the organ there for over 20 years.

She is survived by: two daughters, Glenda Cantlon of Spring and Donna Kenyon of Bridgeport; one son, Jim Grimes of Bridgeport; one sister, Betty Campbell of Tyler; six grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Arrangements are under the direction of Harvey Funeral Home, Mount Vernon.

DRIVE

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Another blood drive was to have gotten under way today at 4 p.m. in the Coahoma Community Center. Coahoma Lions Club is sponsoring the event, which runs until

Walk-ins are welcome.

LUNCH Continued from Page 1A

"We also test out new food items during the summer to see what kids like. If they like it,

we add it to the regular school lunch menu.' Anyone who would like more information about the free summer lunch program may call Smoot at 264-3635.

CISD

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were good," Kingston added.

The state is in the process of changing how TAAS testing

Students who are in kindergarten right now (1999-2000 school year), when they get to third grade, will have to pass the TAAS in order to be promoted to the next grade level. Starting in the 2002-03 school year, all students in grades 3 through 8 will have to pass the TAAS in order to be promoted.

Suspect indicted in 1963 church bombing, jailed after surrender

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. (AP) A longtime suspect in the 1963 bombing of a black Birmingham church was indicted on a murder charge and surrendered today.

The explosion at the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church killed four young girls, one of the most shocking racial crimes of the civil rights era.

Thomas Blanton Jr., a onetime member of the Ku Klux Klan, surrendered about 7:30 a.m., said his attorney, David Luker. Luker said he hasn't seen the indictment; the Jefferson County sheriff's department listed the charge as

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one of two living suspects in the bombing. The other, Bobby Frank Cherry, 69, of Mabank, Texas, is out on bond after he was jailed earlier this month in Shelby County on charges he molested a former stepdaughter 29 years ago. He has denied those allegations.

Blanton, of Birmingham, is

Luker said today Blanton has maintained his innocence in the bombing. Cherry has also denied he was involved in the

Luker said Blanton's indictment, "as it stands right now," is for no bond, but said he plans to apply for bond.

He said to his knowledge, Cherry was not indicted on charges related to the bombing, which has been the subject of a federal grand jury investigation for two years. The special Jefferson County grand jury heard evidence in the case Monday.

Jefferson County District Attorney David Barber did not immediately return a phone call seeking comment. The office of U.S. Attorney Doug Jones also did not immediately return a call.

Church members were gathered for Sunday services on Sept. 15, 1963, when a dynamite bomb planted outside demolished a wall. Killed were 11year-old Denise McNair and three 14-year-olds: Cynthia Wesley, Carole Robertson and Addie Mae Collins.

Moderate whites became more vocal in their opposition to segregationist policies in Birmingham following the explosion, which came just months after police used dogs and fire hoses to confront black marchers led by the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr.

Study links hostility and heart disease in young adults

CHICAGO (AP) - Young adults who scored high on a hostility test were 2.5 times more likely to have signs of heart disease 10 years later than mose who were rated than mose who were rated average or below, according to a studifin today's Journal of Amer Association.

Researchers studied 374 people - a nearly equal mix of men and women, blacks and whites — who were 18 to 30 in 1985. They were given a 50question test that asked them to respond to true or false statements such as "I have at times had to be rough with people who were rude to me" and "No one cares much what happens to you.'

Ten years later, they underwent a heart scan to measure calcium deposits in the arteries, which are an indicator of heart disease.

Seventeen percent of those who scored above average on the hostility test showed calcification, compared with 9 percent in the below-average

Researchers put the risk at 2.5 times higher for the highhostility group after adjusting for the other factors.

The study was led by Dr. Carlos Iribarren of the Kaiser Permanente Medical Care Program of Oakland, Calif.

He said one reason for the difference could be that hostile people release more stress hormones that raise blood pressure and can lead to heart disease.

He said the next step is to find out if lowering someone's hostility level will stem the progression of heart disease.

Earlier this month, a study published in Circulation, the Dallas-based journal of the American Heart Association, found that people who are highly anger-prone are nearly three times more likely to have a heart attack

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and encouraged to attend. For

more information contact

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from the Big Spring area to

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Spring area, representing the

needs of children who have

been removed from their homes

due to allegations of abuse or

To become a volunteer, a 40-

hour training session is

required, as is a background

check and interview. A train-

ing session will be scheduled

CASA's new office is located

ALL-CLASS

at 201 W. Wall, Suite 909. For

information, call Kari Coleman,

REUNION will be Aug. 5, 2000,

8 a.m. at the Forsan High

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·Gambiers Anonymous, 7

Alcoholics Anonymous, 615

·Narcotic Anonymous, 8 p.m.

Church.Call 268-4189 (pager no.)

Canterbury are sponsoring a

new grief support group. It will

meet the second Wednesday of

each month at 3 p.m. in the

community room at Canterbury

THURSDAY

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Alcoholics Anonymous, 615

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outside Africa DALLAS (AP) - Two 1.7 million-year-old skulls, unearthed from beneath a medieval church in the Republic of Georgia by an international research team that included a Texas scientist, are believed to be the oldest human fossils known outside of Africa.

The discoveries mean that scientists may now have to revise their theories of how long it took humans to leave Africa and reasons behind their migration, said Reid Ferring of the University of North Texas, a team member.

The team's work, reported in today's issue of the journal Science, details last summer's discoveries in the former Soviet Union.

'This is really a major, major discovery in human evolution, Ofer Bar-Yosef, a paleoanthropologist at Harvard University in Cambridge, Mass., told The Dallas Morning News in today's editions.

BRIEFS

ANIMAL VACCINATIONS WILL BE offered Thursday from 3:30 to 6:30 p.m. at the Forsan City Fire Station. Western Hills Animal Clinic is offering the shots.

A BLOOD DRIVE IS planned Wednesday, May 17 from 4-8 in the Coahoma Community Center. It is sponsored by the Coahoma Lions Club and donors may call 394-4277. Walk-ins are also wel-

DREN'S HEALTH Insurance SUPPORT GROUPS program (CHIP) will be 10 a.m. to noon Thursday at 811 West Fifth Street.

Community based organizations representatives and caseworkers will train in the CHIP. program in order to identify eligible participants, assist families by providing information and applications and assisting parents to complete the enrollment process.

Human Services Council including the designated CHIP community based organization, West Texas Opportunities, Inc. be participating. Assistance with CHIP is available WTO, Inc., 1000 11th place, or by calling 267-9536.

TO RECOGNIZE NATION-AL PET Week, local veterinarians are offering free male cat castration to cut down on unwanted kittens and reduce the spread of disease.

Highland Animal Hospital and Sierra Animal Clinic are offering the service this week. Appointments are needed, and some vaccinations may be required.

Call Highland, 267-8291, or Sierra at 263-1198, for more information.

VOLUNTEER SEARCH AND RESCUE team will have an organizational meeting from 2 to 3 p.m. Sunday, May 21, at the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce Board Room.

Anyone interested in serving in any capacity on the team is welcome to attend. People are needed to assist with all aspects of search and rescue especially water rescue, medical personnel, equestrian units and many

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MARKETS

July cotton 61.90, down 72 points; June crude 29.35, down 38 points; cash hogs steady at 48 even; slaughter steers steady at 72 even; June lean hog futures 71.57, up 67 points; June live cattle futures 68.50, up 37 points. courtesy: Delta Corporation.

Other markets not available by press

POLICE

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activities between 8 a.m. Tuesday through 8 a.m. today: • RAYMOND OVERTON, 21,

charge of public intoxication. · JEREMY HICKS, 23, of 2609 Wasson, was arrested on a

of 607 Goliad, was arrested on a

Potter County warrant. · KIMBERLY ELMORE, 19, of 309 N. 4th, was arrested on a charge of driving under the influence.

· JAY CHANCELLOR, 18, of 300 NE 12th, was arrested on a charge of possession of mari-BURGLARY OF A BUILD-

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the 700 block of Johnson. · CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported in the 600 block of

North Gregg · ASSAULT was reported in

the 1200 block of E. 16th. AGGRAVATED ASSAULT WITH A DEADLY WEAPON was reported in the 1900 block of Wasson.

· THEFT was reported in the 1100 block of N. Lamesa, in the 1800 block of Gregg, in the 400 block of E. 4th, in the 2700 block of Cindy, in the 800 block of FM 700, in the 400 block of E. 4th and in the 700 block of Lancaster.

RECORDS

Tuesday's high 102 Tuesday's low 73 Average high 86 Average low 59 Record high 102 in 1996 Record low 45 in 1945 Precip. Tuesday 0.00 Month to date 0.00 Month's normal 2.74 Year to date 5.20 Normal for the year 5.76 Sunrise Thursday 6:46 a.m. Sunset Thursday 8:39 p.m.

Thank You

would like to thank the voters of Howard County for your support and confidence in electing me to the Howard County Board of Trustees.

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House lawmakers defeat measure that would have changed budget process

WASHINGTON (AP) - House lawmakers agree that the current budget process is in disarray, but have stepped back from a bill to bring about fundamental changes in the way they decide how the nation's money will be spent.

The House on Tuesday defeated, 250-166, a far-ranging measure that would have made the president a participant in the process earlier to avoid vearend showdowns, put the budget on a two-year cycle and effectively ended the possibility of government shutdowns.

Opponents argued that the bill would shift too much power to the executive branch, that the two-year budget undermined the ability of Congress to react to economic changes and that the real problem was not in the process but the people.

The proposals, said Rep. David Price, D-N.C., were fixes "for what is mainly a failure of political will and responsibili-

the budget process was in 1974. bills. Pressure for reform has grown as Congress repeatedly failed to finish its 13 spending bills on time, leading to all-night, closed-door negotiations with the White House to determine billions of dollars in spending and, on several occasions, government shutdowns.

The main element of the legislation would have changed the nature of the budget resolution Congress draws up every year

It would have gained the stature of a law that must be signed by the president, forcing earlier negotiations with the president and ideally avoiding the standoffs that occur when the Oct. 1 start of the fiscal year arrives with the White House and Congress still fighting over budget levels.

The biennial budget, offered as an amendment, was defeated 217-201. Supporters argued that

ing the spending bills in the first year of a two-year session would allow lawmakers to spend the second year overseeing programs to make sure they

"It makes the budget process more rational, it improves accountability and it strengthens enforcement," said Rules Committee Chairman David Dreier, R-Calif.

Clinton and his Republican pre- plus.

The last major revamping of as an outline for later spending finishing the budget and pass- decessors have supported the

But critics said they would be turned into fiscal lame ducks the second year. Rep. Nick Smith, R-Mich., said a two-year budget would be inadequate in situations such as has occurred in the past two years, when Congressional Budget Office estimates changed from projections of a \$70 billion federal deficit in fiscal 2000 to current He noted that President estimates of a \$200 billion sur-

Women less often victims of violence by husbands, boyfriends

rate at which women were attacked or threatened with violence by husbands and boyfriends declined 21 percent during the mid-1990s, and the number of men murdered by wives or girlfriends plunged 60 percent from 1976 through 1998, the Justice Department reported today.

In a report on "Intimate Partner Violence," the department's Bureau of Justice Statistics described a widespread decline, with a few exceptions, in both lethal and nonlethal violence among husbands and wives, boyfriends and girlfriends that mirrors the general decline in serious crimes nationwide since 1992.

For murder by spouses, the decline began even earlier — in the 1970s.

"We have made significant increases in providing shelters, hot lines and restraining orders to protect battered spouses and mandatory arrest for domestic violence incidents,"

Northeastern University in Boston. "And the largest beneficiaries have been men. The biggest drop is in women killing husbands.

"We've given wives alternatives to feeling like they have to pick up a loaded gun to kill their loaded husbands," Fox said. "Divorce is easier."

The number of intimate partner homicides has declined substantially since 1976 for every race and gender group except white women, the bureau said, citing FBI data on homicides. Intimate partners committed fewer murders each year during 1996, 1997 and 1998 than in any other year since 1976.

In 1998, 1,320 women were murdered by intimates, but police than white women - 67 only 510 men. In 1976, women had accounted for just over half of the 3,000 men and women cent for white women. killed by intimates.

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Professor James Alan Fox of murders was down 45 percent. For white men, it declined 44 percent.

"White females represent the only category of victims for whom intimate partner homicide has not decreased substantially since 1976," the bureau said. Between 1976 and 1993, the number of white women killed by intimate partners was fairly stable, usually rising slightly, but such murders declined by 23 percent between 1993 and

Then in 1998, they shot up 8 percent, leaving the total 3 percent above the 1976 figure.

But, citing interviews with crime victims, the bureau said black women were far more likely to report such violence to percent of the time for black women, compared with 50 per-

Overall, the percentage of For black men, intimate mur- women who reported intimate ders declined by 74 percent violence to police rose from 48

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school administrators, he said.

Among men, 46 percent reported intimate violence to the police, with next-to-no difference between races.

Counting both deadly and lesser violence and threats of violence, attacks on women by intimate partners fell from 1.1 million in 1993 to 876,340 in 1998. This decline sent the rate of violent victimization for women by partners down from 9.8 attacks per 1,000 women per vear to 7.7 attacks.

The rate at which men were attacked by wives or girlfriends remained stable during this period, but at the much lower level of 1.5 attacks per 1,000 men in 1998. That translated to 160,000 attacks on men in both 1993 and 1998.

Even with the decline in such attacks on women, they remained five times more likely than men to be attacked by intimate partners.

Two-thirds of all intimate attacks were simple assaults, the least serious form of violence studied.

Big interest rate boost shows new aggressiveness

WASHINGTON (AP) - In down battle start to appear. opting for a more aggressive half-point increase in interest rates, the Federal Reserve started a new phase in its 11month campaign to hold economic growth to a more sustainable level.

Tuesday's action marked the sixth time the Fed boosted interest rates since last June. The five other increases were by a quarter point.

"In a tennis game, if your volleys are predictable, your opponent can kill you, so you need to vary the volley and I think that is exactly what Fed Chairman Alan Greenspan is trying to do," said Sung Won Sohn, chief economist at Wells Fargo in Minneapolis.

In this case, the opponent is an economy that Greenspan and his Fed colleagues fear is growing at a too-rapid pace that probably can't be sustained without sparking infla-

In going with the bolder, half-point move, the Fed "put away the popgun and brought out the big cannon," said economist Joel Naroff of Naroff Economic Advisors in Holland,

While many economists believe the latest rate increase won't be the last, they also argue that the central bank may be losing patience just before the fruits of its slow-

Economists note that Fed rate increases normally take a year before they start to have a significant impact on economic activity. Given the Fed began raising rates last June-30, that would imply that it will be after June of this year before activity really begins to slow

Many analysts believe that is just what will happen. While the overall economy, as measured by the gross domestic product, roared into the new year at a 5.4 percent rate, they believe growth in the second half of 2000 will slow to around 3.5 percent.

The central bank's half-point move, pushed the target for the federal funds rate - the interest that banks charge each other — to 6.5 percent, the highest level in nine years.

In response, commercial banks nudged up their prime lending rate — the benchmark for millions of consumer and business loans - by the same half point.

Those increases left the prime at 9.5 percent, its high est level since January 1991, when the country was in its last recession.

The Fed also increased its largely symbolic discount rate, the interest it charges for direct loans to banks, by a half point to 6 percent.

AOL offers free service to schools; critics raise concerns chain could negotiate exclusive tive sounds good but raises con-

SPRINGFIELD, Va. (AP) — America Online Inc. says it is offering free service to schools nationwide to make it easier for students and teachers to use the Internet in the classroom.

But critics said the venture may not be as altruistic as it appears. They contend it could be an eventual cash cow for the online giant because it will help build brand loyalty and perhaps create a generation of future AOL customers.

AOLSchool, to be launched today, will have separate portals for elementary, middle and high school students that help pupils reach the best educational Web sites, company officials said.

Students will see no ads other than the AOL logo - will not be able to purchase goods online and will be blocked from accessing pornography or other offensive material. Students will be able to send e-mail and instant messages to encourage group online activities or to establish pen pals at distant schools.

No marketing information would be gathered on students because they only use their first name and a password to access the service, AOL said.

The only revenue, which will not cover the cost of providing the service, will be from ads targeted at teachers and administrators in separate areas inaccessible to students, according to the company, which is based in Dulles, Va.

"We don't think of this as a business opportunity," said chief executive Steve Case, who declined to give the cost of building and providing the ser-

Case described the effort as a contribution to the nation's schools. Others said the initia-

Closing arguments in serial killer trial slated for today

HOUSTON (AP) — The fate of admitted serial killer Angel Maturino Resendiz could come down to which psychoanalysts did a better job of dissecting his state for mind to a jury.

Closing arguments expected to begin today in the Mexican citizen's capital murder trial for the death of a Houston researcher. The panel then will decide whether he is guilty or innocent by reason of insanity.

Maturino Resendiz, 40, would receive either life in prison or lethal injection if found guilty.

Each side presented a psychiatrist and a psychologist who interviewed and tested Maturino Resendiz.

Scenic Mountain Medical Center 1601 W. 11th Place 263-1211

"I would tell school boards: Andrew Hagelshaw, executive Before you sign up for this, director of the Center for Commercial-Free Public make sure to approve a com-Education, based in Oakland, mercialism policy that lays out what activities are acceptable,' Schools spend vast sums on he added. supplies, textbooks and other

Alex Molnar, head of the goods, so a company like Center for the Analysis of Commercialism in Education at

the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, said AOLSchool sounds like an improvement over ventures such as Channel One, which provides free television service to schools by featuring ads targeted at youths.

"The fact they have made a decision to keep it clear of ads is good," he said.

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OUR VIEWS

Bulldogettes deserve great state send-off

he ritual continues. After having taken on all comers from West Texas in claiming a Region I, Class 2A championship, Coahoma's Bulldogettes are again headed to Austin for the University Interscholastic League (UIL) state championships.

The Coahoma softball program has enjoyed nothing short of phenomenal success.

For a third straight season, the Bulldogettes are headed to Austin, their sights set clearly on returning to the throne they claimed in 1998 and fell just one win short of a year ago.

The Bulldogettes will board a bus and head for Austin at 8:20 a.m. Thursday.

At 1 p.m. Friday, the Bulldogettes will play a state semifinal game against Troy's Lady Trojans, but not surprisingly, their sights are clearly focused on reaching Saturday morning's Class 2A championship game at the Pleasant Valley Sportsplex.

And there's no question they would clearly like to face Alto, the team that usurped their throne a year ago, at the University of Texas at Austin's Red McCombs Field during that title game.

Alto, however, will have to beat Collinsville to reach

Bulldogettes head coach Robert Royer and his players say they are not so focused on playing Alto that they'll overlook a Troy team whose fans will only have to drive 100 miles or so to attend Friday's semifinal.

That does not mean the Bulldogettes will be playing before a hostile crowd. In fact, if recent trends continue, and there's no reason to believe it won't. Coahoma's girls will find a formidable following in the stands at the Pleasant Valley Sportsplex.

The Bulldogettes' fan following that is nothing short of fanatical.

The support Coahoma teams receive is literally storied, one of the reasons the Bulldog baseball team always finds itself playing regional quarterfinal playoff games at the same time the Bulldogettes are in Austin.

We here at the *Herald* offer our congratulations to the Bulldogettes on their third straight trip to the state championships and wish them the best of luck in their bid for a second state title.

And whether or not you'll be able to make the trip to Austin with them, we encourage fans to be on hand at Coahoma High School Thursday morning, and give the Bulldogettes the kind of send-off they deserve.

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Education: Some model programs to study

've all heard the excuses as to why schools attended by mostly poor, black and Hispanic children fail to measure up. There's not enough

money. There aren't enough good teachers. There isn't enough time in the sevenhour school day to undo the influence of chaotic families and dangerous neighborhoods. Et



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cetera. But not everyone is making excuses. The Heritage Foundation in Washington, D.C., has established the "No Excuses" campaign to mobilize public pressure on behalf of better education for the poor. The campaign has now produced a small book by Samuel Casey Carter, "No Excuses: Lessons from 21 High-Performing, High-Poverty Schools. The one thing that all of

these schools have in common in addition to low-income student populations — is a

strong principal committed to educational excellence. The principal is generally the linch pin in any school. A mediocre or bad principal can ruin a

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good school. But by the same token, a great principal can sometimes overcome even the worst obstacles, as this book proves

Take Nancy Ichinaga, who became principal of Andrew Bennett Elementary School in Inglewood, Calif., in 1974. When she took over the school, 95 percent of her elementary school students were illiterate. Within four years, she raised school-wide reading scores from the 3rd to the 50th percentile. In 1992, the school merged with another elementary school attended by lowincome students, many of them non-English speaking. Today, the median school reading score for Bennett/Kew Elementary is at the 62nd percentile, and the math score is

at the 74th. Ronald Williams, principal of **Newberry Elementary School** in Detroit, performed similar miracles. Most of the kids who attend Newberry come from families where no one works. The school itself is situated in the middle of a barren landscape of vacant lots and boarded up houses in southwest Detroit. But in 1998, the Newberry fourth-grade class scored at the 80th percentile in

Portland Elementary School in rural Arkansas experienced

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a similar turnaround under the leadership of Ernest Smith. When Smith came to this remote area of the Mississippi Delta farmland five years ago, half of the students in the fourth, fifth, and sixth grades were scoring two years or more below grade level. Today, 100 percent of the students are at grade level or higher. Last year, the first- and secondgraders scored at the 78th percentile in math, and sixthgraders scored at the 72nd percentile in reading and at the 84th percentile in math.

These principals seemingly

share little in common; they come from different parts of the country. One is Asian-American, another African-American, another white. Even their education theories and strategies differ. Williams says, "If a child can't learn the way I teach, then, I must learn to teach the way she learns." Smith, on the other hand, uses a highly structured teaching method known as "direct instruction," which sorts students into small, homogenous groups based on skills levels. Ichinaga uses the "Waterford Early Reading Program," a multimedia program that attempts to compensate for the pre-reading experiences most poor children lack; and she gives the neediest children an extra year of kindergarten before promoting them to first

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Nonetheless, "No Excuses" author Carter believes he's found seven traits that all 21 schools and their principals share. Among them: Principals themselves must be free to decide how to spend their money, whom to hire, and what to teach. Principals must set measurable goals and hold teachers accountable to meeting them. Principals must scour the country for the best teachers, and then, design school curriculum around these teachers' strengths. Principals must ensure regular testing of all students, and personally monitor and hold teachers accountable for the results. Principals must set an example that self-esteem anchored in achievement are the means to success. Principals must work with parents to encourage them to check their children's homework, read to them, and help turn their homes into centers of learning. Finally, principals must demand that students work hard; knowing that time on task is the key to success in school.

"No Excuses" is short on frills and jargon but rich in experience.

Parents and educators looking to turn failure into success might begin by modeling their efforts on the schools described

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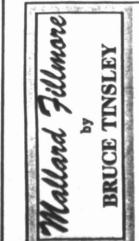
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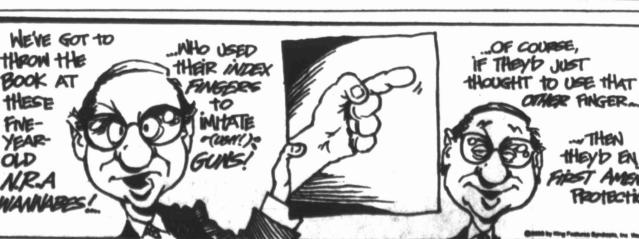
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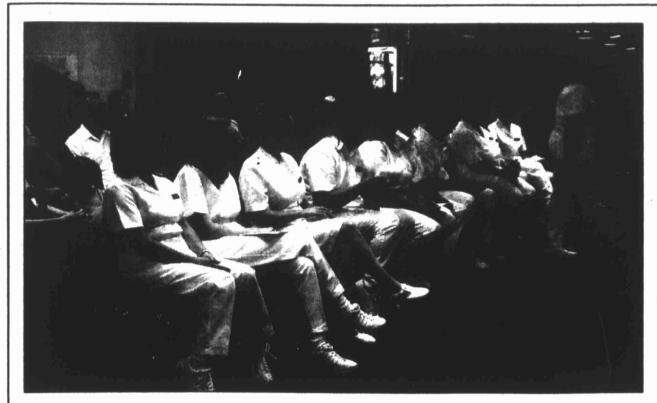
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Howard College honored its 2000 graduates of the school of nursing with a pinning ceremony Friday. Ladona Cook, director of the ADN program, conducted the ceremonial pinning of the graduates. The ceremony included the lighting of Florence Nightingale lamps, remembering the founder of

Shopping for surgery

Some consumers using Internet to compare prices, services

MILWAUKEE (AP) - Consumers who like to surf the Internet for good deals now have the chance to shop the Web for surgical procedures — from facelifts and tummy tucks to eye operations and even heart

While some doctors and patients raise ethical questions about the idea, a handful of companies are setting up shop online to let consumers compare physicians' bids for their business.

Consumers can log on, enter their medical profile and list what procedure they want. The online services match the requests with participating doctors, who submit proposals, including cost, for the patient's review.

Some sites match bids only for elective surgeries. But Kenosha, Wis.-based PatientWise will accept requests for nearly 100 procedures, including hip replacement, heart surgery and brain surgery, chairman Bradley Engel said.

Although PatientWise's online site is up, the company won't be ready to serve customers until later this year, Engel said.

launched its site in March, offering 36 protes two wrist surgeries and two abdominal nose jobs, liposuction, dental surgeries and laser corrective eye surgery. The company has matched 250 patients with its care providers, said chief executive Kevin

Dawn Buchanan shopped Medicine Online when she was contemplating cos-

'A lot of people are influenced by price and these services do little to screen the patients or the providers.

Dr. Michael McGuire. president, **California Society** of Plastic Surgeons

metic eye surgery.

Buchanan, 43, of Orange County, Calif., got five bids from different surgeons, ranging from \$1,500 to \$3,000, to remove bags under her eyes and tighten her brows.

"It's the wave of the future," said Buchanan, who had surgery Monday. "It was like shopping for a car but I didn't have to leave the house.

But Joanne Vaughan of Beaver Dam said she wouldn't trust doctors she only knew from computer profiles.

"I am very curious as to why a doctor Medicine Online Inc. of San Diego would go online advertising for this kind of business," said Vaughan, who has had surgeries "I wouldn't go through surgery and put my life in the hands of somebody I don't know or wasn't referred to me. It's too risky on my end.'

Buchanan said she, too, had some reser-

vations. "I chose the (doctor) with the most cre-

dentials and the one who was most highly

recommended by my doctor," she said. "I didn't want to end up a statistic."

The medical establishment has given online doctor-patient matchmaking a cool

"It is irresponsible for surgeons to even discuss the cost before seeing the patient,' said Dr. Joseph J. Fins, director of medical ethics at New York Presbyterian Hospital-Weill Cornell Medical Center.

Dr. Donald Palmisano, a New Orleans surgeon, agreed.

"Health care is not a commodity to be traded on the Internet," he said. "Why would you trust your life to the lowest bid-

Medicine Online said it does not encourage patients to pick doctors solely on price, while PatientWise's Engel said quality care is the company's goal, not cheap medicine. "For some, the focus will be on price, but

the objective is to give people side-by-side comparisons of statistics on quality, Engel said. Critics questioned the diligence of such

"A lot of people are influenced."

"A lot of people are influenced, price and these services do little to so cen the patients or the providers," said Dr. Michael McGuire, president of the California Society of Plastic Surgeons.

McGuire said he joined one site as a psy chiatrist and successfully bid to perform a breast implant. The site had a disclaimer saying it could not verify doctors' creden-

Protect the value of your auto investment

Owning and operating an automobile can be expensive. However, there are several things that consumers can do to help reduce those costs and stretch those transportation dollars,

according to Sue Lynn Sasser, Extension family economics specialist. "We need to

realize that our car is an investment,' Sasser said "Even though it may depre-

ciate in market value, it still needs to be taken care of. Otherwise, we are having to pay big dollars for major repairs or pay to replace it with another vehicle.

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Those cost are definitely higher than providing regular maintenance," she continued. "Saving money on expensive repairs or another car gives you more money to pay on vour current bills, instead of adding to them.

Following are some tips to help make your car run smoother and prolong the life of your automobile:

 Fix small problems immediately. Little problems can become big problems if not repaired as soon as possible. And, big problems are more expensive to repair.

 Budget for maintenance and repairs. Having the money set aside each month to maintain your car is much easier than trying to find the money to make repairs when necessary. It also provides the money needed for regularly scheduled maintenance, which keeps your car operating efficiently and helps detect potential problems

 Check hoses and belts regularly. Belts and hoses have a way of snapping at the wrong time, leaving you stranded and adding to your stress and expense of repairs. Checking once every three months will help reduce your chances of being caught unaware.

per gallon. If you notice an increase in the amount of gasoline your car is using, it can indicate inefficiencies such as a clogged fuel filter, a dirty air filter or other more serious problems. The sooner you have these problems checked and repaired, the less damage they will cause.

 Fix exterior scratches with touch-up paint. Car dealers and automotive stores carry small bottles of touch-up paint that are the exact match for your car. Covering those small scratches keeps them from rusting and creating major problems on the exterior of your car. Most people want to buy cars that look good, and fixing exterior problems protects the value of your vehicle.

 Keep the interior of your car clean. Cleaning the inside of your car regularly and replacing torn mats, broken door handles and other problems also protects your investment. You may even want to check the local wreckage yard for new interior pieces such as dashboards and seats in order to keep your vehicle looking and feeling new.

 Avoid using heavy key chains. Putting a lot of extra keys and weight on the key chain that hangs from you ignition causes additional wear and tear on the switch, causing more problems in the future.

 Turn the radio off during the first few minutes you drive. Eliminating the noise of the radio allows you to hear any abnormal sounds that your car is making. Those abnormal sounds indicate a problem that needs immediate attention, and they may not be loud enough to hear when the radio is on.

· Be kind to your doors. Slamming doors and trunks is hard on your vehicles and the hinges that hold them in place. Keep them lubricated regularly to avoid squeaks and grinding noises. Hard slams can also shake the vehicle, creating additional problems under the hood and inside the car itself.

Dana Tarter is Howard County Extension Agent Family and Consumer Science.

People in the news

NEW YORK (AP) - Michael J. Fox has started his own foundation to help speed a cure for Parkinson's disease.

The name - the Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research — unnerves him.

"The fact that it's eponymous just freaks me out," he said in this week's Newsweek. "But I understand, from a branding point of view, that it's effective. I get e-mail from people all the time saying, 'I finally told a coworker that I had Parkinson's, the Michael Fox disease. That's pretty heavy.

Fox recently taped his last episode of "Spin City." He is leaving the show to focus on family, his health and his foundation work.

"I think at some point I may write a book," he said. "I'm as jaded about celebrity memoirs as everybody else is, so that's not what I want to do. Someone was asking me the other day what would I write? And I said, 'How to lose your brain without losing your mind.'

LODZ, Poland (AP) - Despite complaints about the sex scandal in his past, Roman Polanski was made an honorary citizen of Lodz on Monday.

Also honored were two World War II heroes with ties to the city: Marek Edelman, the only surviving commander of the Warsaw Ghetto uprising, and Jan Karski, the envoy from Nazi-occupied Poland who informed Western leaders about the Holocaust.

Polanski studied at the Lodz Film Academy and started his career in Poland in the 1960s.

Members of the ruling Solidarity party, which has ties to the Roman Catholic Church, were against honoring Polanski because he pleaded guilty in 1977 to having sex with a 13year-old girl in the United

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) -Lance Bass of 'N Sync is going

country. Bass announced his new Free

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Could candidates' pets help them win votes?

WASHINGTON (AP) - If George W. Bush wins the election, he won't be the only new White House occupant with a presidential pedigree.

Meet Spot Fetcher Bush, the Texas governor's English springer spaniel, daughter of George and Barbara Bush's famous Millie. The younger Bush also has two cats, including six-toed Ernie.

Should Vice President Al Gore win, 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue would be home to Daisy, a mixed breed partial to flower beds, and Shiloh, a black Labrador retriever named for the Tennessee town, site of a

Civil War battle Tough-talking Reform Party candidate Pat Buchanan has a 14-year-old cat named Gipper. He "brings out Pat's softer side," said campaign spokesman Neil Bernstein, who often sees the brown cat perched on Buchanan's lap during staff meetings at the former Republican's home.

Kissing babies and petting puppies has often softened a political image. President Meet Spot Fetcher Bush, the Texas governor's English springer spaniel, daughter of George and Barbara Bush's famous Millie.

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Clinton has been known to arrange Kodak moments with the current first pets, Buddy the dog and Socks the cat.

This election's Democratic and Republican contenders could do the same. After all, the pets in both families have their touching tales

Gore's son Albert found Daisy during a family vacation to Center Hill Lake in Tennessee. The family called her Inspector Turnip, until Tipper regularly found her sleeping in the daisies and gave her a new

Daisy, a gray and white mutt, now lives at the vice president's residence at the U.S. Naval Observatory as does Shiloh.

The Bushes also took in a stray, Ernie, an orange and white kitten that Spot found in a tree. The name comes from Ernest Hemingway, the author who had a cat with six toes, like the kitten.

Ernie and Spot, now friends, reside in Bush's Texas residence with a short-haired black cat named India, aka Willie.

Why Willie? "It's Texas. Everybody has a nickname,' said Anne Trenolone from the governor's press office. "The governor gives everybody a nickname, even his cat.'

To date, the candidates' pets have mostly stayed out of the limelight, though Gore has been photographed running with Daisy.

Unlike Millie, who dictated a book to first lady Barbara Bush, Spot and the cats have no books in the works, Trenolone

Spot, however, does have a section on the governor's Web site that includes a reading list for kids.

"Governor Bush's top priority for Texas is to make sure every kid can read by the third grade and continue to get better at reading every year," Spot says on the site.

Presidential pet expert Ron' Elmore, an associate dean at Kansas State University's vet erinary college, thinks the candidates' pets can be an electoral

During the 1944 campaign, Franklin D. Roosevelt reportedly turned a destroyer around when he discovered his dog, Fala, was left behind on an Aleutian island. Republicans howled at the expense to taxpayers.

"I don't resent such attacks and my family doesn't resent such attacks, but Fala does," Roosevelt said.

TELEVISION NEWS

NEW YORK (AP) — The workday is about to expand for Katie Couric and Matt Lauer. NBC announced Monday it will expand the dominant "Today" show from two to three hours this fall.

The show will air from 7 a.m. to 10 a.m., starting Sept. 15.

NBC has talked internally about expanding "Today" for about 20 years. But a series of factors, including the show's ratings strength and its immense profitability, made the time right for NBC President Andrew Lack to announce the move to affiliates on Monday.

"It's something we've wanted to do for years," said "Today" executive producer Jeff Zucker. "The 'Today' show has never been stronger."

"Later Today," which airs from 9 to 10 a.m. on most NBC stations, will be pushed

back an hour on the 13 NBC owned-and-operated stations. Couric and Lauer will be part of the extra hour, but the additional time will also give NBC the chance to increase the roles of newscaster Ann Curry and weatherman Al Roker. Both have been eager to do something more.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

VOLUNTEER SEARCH AND RESCUE team will have an organizational meeting from 2 to 3 p.m. Sunday, May 21, at the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce Board

Anyone interested in serving in any capacity on the team is welcome to attend. People are needed to assist with all aspects of search and rescue especially water rescue, medical personnel, equestrian units and many other volunteer services.

Representatives from local emergency services are invited and encouraged to attend. For more information contact Casey Clark, 264-9623.

THE LAST WORD

Once you've done the mental work, there comes a point when you have to throw yourself into the action and put your heart on the line. Phil Jackson

For the first four years, no new enterprise produces profits. Even Mozart didn't start writing music until he was 4. Peter F. Drucker

Foster parents provide children some needed stability in changing world

McALLEN (AP) - Marlene and Dwight Steiner have parented for 38 years.

Like thousands of foster parents throughout the state of Texas, they know how to love and they have learned how to let go.

Since 1962, the Steiners have shared their home with about 300 foster children. To the Steiners, the foster parenting lifestyle

"I've always said, it's like a potato chip, once you take a bite, you can't quit," Marlene said with an innocent giggle.

It is foster parents like the Steiners who try to ease the pain and supply temporary stability to children who have been taken from abusive or neglectful living situa-

By the end of the 1998 fiscal year, the Texas Department of Protective and Regulatory Services counted 10,822 children in foster care placement in the state of Texas. Of these, 530 children were in the

"We try to bond as a unique family." Marlene said of her constantly changing foster family. "Of course, we'll never take the place of their real family.

"Our goal ultimately is family reunification, but many of our kids don't have that luxury of family to go back to," she said. According to 1998 Texas Department of Protective and Regulatory Services statistics, 23.4 percent of the foster children were adopted; 22.7 percent moved in with relatives; 37.8 percent returned home; 10.9 percent emancipated turned 18 as an unadopted foster child; 5.2 percent left through other circumstances, such as runaways, death.

Elsa V. Reyna, Foster Home Development supervisor, Texas Department of Protective and Regulatory Services, said the ultimate "goal is to reunite the child with parent." However, when this doesn't work, placement with relatives is another option.

Finally, when protective services has exhausted these options, the child is assessed for a foster home.

Although protective services is ultimately responsible for overseeing the well-being of children and removing children who are mistreated, they do not directly control all of the foster homes

Most of the state-run homes are basic foster care. These homes are designed to strengthen the well-being of the child

suspension bridge in Waco, but

only when the Brazos River is

very low. They say you can

make out ruts of long-gone

chuck wagons at the Boy Scout

Yet, you can stand by a

scuffed-up river bottom, or one

of the very few other places in

Texas where folks say the

Chisholm Trail still marks the

landscape, and you will puzzle

over whether the stories are

true, because really, there's not

The Chisholm Trail and its

tributary trails through Texas

have been largely erased by

The paths of one of the great-

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bridges stand at natural river

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millions of Texas longhorns

headed north to railheads from 1867 to 1884. Trail dust is a dis-

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are a bowling alley, an apart-

ment complex, a diner, a Wal-

Mart and other signs of the

progress of modern man. In

Texas, only scattered historical

markers unevenly mark the

The driving of longhorns

renewed a nation depleted of

cattle and horses after the Civil

War ended in 1865. The drives

restored a war-broken Texas

economy. They established the

cowboy as a hero loved by the world. The trail gave the West

the beef and ranching industry.

It hastened the settlement of

But the 1,200-mile trail to

which Texans roped their for-

tunes more than a century ago

A humid South Texas breeze

off the Gulf of Mexico rustles

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Camp Tahuaya near Temple.

'It takes a lot of commitment. It takes patience and it takes knowledge.

Elsa V. Reyna, **Foster Home Development** supervisor

through community activities and educa-

The more serious wellness cases, however, are treated in therapeutic or habilitative foster care.

Children and adolescents with emotional disturbances or behavioral problems are sent to therapeutic foster care. This particular care provides emotional support to the children. With the therapeutic care, the state works closely with the agency but

isn't directly involved with the children. Habilitative foster care provides support services to children and adolescents who are mentally retarded, physically disabled and other developmental delays.

"One size doesn't fit all in terms of treat ment," said Gilbert Garcia, treatment director of Lutheran Social Services of the South Inc., a therapeutic foster care pro-

Because many of the children were in abusive situations, many children "come into the program thinking that adults are harmful and dangerous and need to be avoided.

It is through the compassion of the foster families that help the children make it through this transition.

"It takes a lot of commitment. It takes patience and it takes knowledge," foster home supervisor Reyna said. "We try to (assist the parents) with training along the way that we feel they're going to need in helping our children.'

Prior to actually fostering any children, interested parents are required to take a 10-week, 30-hour course. These courses introduce the prevalent issues that typically overwhelm foster children: issues of loss, attachment, depression and other emotional problems and confusions.

For families providing therapeutic homes, the family must complete at least 50 hours of annual training. This training is particularly intense because of the extra elements of concern: Many of these chil-

Travelers trace the historic Chisholm Trail

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legacy of trail days gone by

heart of Texas.

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still runs deeply through the

Plenty of people are searching

today for remembrances of the

legendary trail. Doug Harman,

bring history buffs and tourists

month, he will lead travel

dren suffer from behavioral problems and are on medications.

Marlene and Dwight Steiner, who are licensed therapeutic foster parents, have defined this responsibility. Marlene said Dwight always gives the children the medications. This way he is always aware of what is occurring with the drugs.

Currently, seven of the eight foster children who are living with the Steiners are taking some type of prescription medica-

For homes that do no provide therapeutic foster care, the foster family must complete at least 20 hours of annual training.

"This (training) allows them to assess their own skills as a parent," Reyna said. And these are only a few of the minimum standards for the parents.

The Department of Protective and Regulatory Services has "a book like that," Marlene said as she fully extended her pointer finger and thumb to illustrate the depth of the book, "called minimum stan-

She joked that she doesn't want to see if there is a gargantuan book of maximum standards.

However, these lengthy minimum standards weed out the individuals who are not ready to become a foster parent.

Foster parenting "is basically a ministry: It's a spiritual ministry. It's opening your home and your heart to these kids. You've got to have a lot of spiritual motivation and strength," said Garcia of Lutheran Social Services.

And it is essentially this ilk of compassion that pays for foster care. Despite misconceptions, foster parenting is not a getrich-quick scheme.

Depending on the type of foster-home program and the level of care required for each child, the reimbursement per day ranges from \$15 to \$45. But this money covers food, clothing,

extracurricular activities and other expenses for the child. "And believe me," Marlene said. "If you want to get rich quick, don't even give this

a consideration.' Marlene and her husband see foster par-

enting as a profession now.

"You have to work as a team to work for these kids," she said. "We've kind of got our little routine and take it as it comes."

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Lance Entertainment label on Sunday before a Nashville concert, and his first artist is 16year-old country singer Meredith Edwards.

Bass, 21, said he started the label to "help people get deals because I know how hard it is."

The label will not be limited to country music. Bass plans to find other artists by holding talent searches in six cities around the country.

BOMBAY, India (AP) -

Prince Edward stopped in India's financial capital Monday to promote his television series, "Crown and Country."

The story of England's warriors and leaders that takes the viewers to heritage sites will begin in Asia on Thursday.

Prince Edward, Queen Elizabeth's third son, said he was initially against producing a series on the legends associated with his ancestors, but "it grew on me. I had fun making

Coming Sunday: A look back at some of the

moments that made

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Kan. McCoy sent representatives south to Texas, with fliers Harman said he hopes to suggesting that Texans herd longhorns up the Chisholm Trail.

of a cattle baron, the

Stagecoach Inn in Salado,

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the drives, and the Fort Worth

Stockvards, which didn't exist

in those days but serves as a

reminder of the cattle industry

that grew from the days of the

Selling the idea of the trail is

to the Chisholm Trail. This The Chisholm Trail at that agents on a familiarization tour time was simply a trading path

BROWNSVILLE (AP) - They year for his stewardship of the of the trail. He'll show them through Oklahoma and Kansas say you can still see it in the hard rock river bottom by the Frank Yturria is the living Driskill Hotel in Austin, home established by Jesse Chisholm to move goods between settlers and Indians.

McCoy knew Texas was full of the Iberian cattle that came to America with the Spanish in the 1600s and 1700s.

McCoy also knew that by the mid-1800s, longhorns sold for 2 to 3 dollars a head in Texas. Eastern buyers would pay 30 to 40 dollars a head. But how to get them east? Longhorns carried a tick that caused a fever the tough Spanish cattle could stand and was harmless to people, but would kill less hearty breeds of cattle. A quarantine had kept longhorns from following traditional routes east.

McCov's marketing plan to ship cattle east from a Kansas railhead outside the quarantine area struck a chord with Texans eager to recover their Civil War-torn economy.

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Coahoma, New finalize playoff

New Deal's Coahoma's Bulldo a best-of-three se and Saturday in 2A regional quarte

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Forsan reunion seeking team p

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Anyone having one or both of the asked to call Boy 267-6957.

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Club. Entry fees for division will be \$3 Open division f

\$80 per team. For more inform 267-5354.

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IN BRIEF

Coahoma, New Deal finalize playoff series

New Deal's Lions and Coahoma's Bulldogs will play a best-of-three series Friday and Saturday in their Class 2A regional quarterfinal play-

The opening game of the series will begin at 7 p.m. Friday at Lubbock Christian University.

Game 2 of the series will be played at 1 p.m. Saturday at Howard College's Jack Barber Field. A third game, if necessary, would start 30 minutes following the completion of Game 2. The site for those games has also not been deter-

New Deal, 18-7 on the year, reached the regional quarterfinal with a 7-1 area playoff win Reagan County Coahoma, 24-5, swept its area series with Sonora with 10-0 and 11-3 wins.

Two-man low ball tourney slated at country club

A two-man low ball tournament has been scheduled for Saturday and Sunday at the Big Spring Country Club.

Fees are \$60 per player plus cart rental. Play begins with a shotgun start at 1 p.m. both

For more information, call the country club at 267-5354..

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 young sters between the second and eighth grades. Fees will be \$45 per youngster The deadline for enrolling is Monday. For more information, call improvery at 264-0403

Camp of Champs slated to begin June 5 at BSHS

The Camp of Champs weightlifting camp at Big Spring High School will begin June 5 at the BSHS Athletic Training Center.

Austin.

Bryant had to chuckle when

asked if the Los Angeles Lakers

played a statement game to fin-

ish off Phoenix in their Western

"I think it's a statement to the

City of Los Angeles to just

relax," Bryant said after scor-

ing 17 points Tuesday night in

an 87-65 runaway victory that

sent the Lakers into the confer-

ence finals against Portland.

"You lose one game if's not Armageddon."

The Trail Blazers and Lakers.

who finished 1-2 in the NBA in

regular-season wins with 67 and

59, respectively, open the con-

ference finals Saturday at

Staples Center, with Game 2

Monday night before the best-of-

The Blazers advanced by elim-

Two days after probably their

worst performance of the sea-

son, one which prompted veter-

an Ron Harper to question his

team's resolve, the Lakers were

in command all the way in

The 65 points Phoenix scored

was its lowest total ever in a

playoff game, and six points

fewer than it put up in the first

snuffing out the Suns.

inating Utah, also in five

seven series shifts to Portland.

Conference semifinal series.

For more information, call Ricky Long at 263-0519 or the Big Spring High School athletic department at 264-3662.

Softball tournament set for June 9-11 in Stanton

A challenge men's softball tournament has been scheduled for Friday through Sunday, June 9-11, in Stanton.

The tournament will feature one to six home run per game challenges, the lowest prevailing. The deadline for entries For more information, call Mike Martinez at 756-2603, or Mack Galan at 684-5277 or 559-

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.

Country club schedules parent-child tournament

A parent-child tournament has been slated for June 10-11 at the Big Spring Country Club.

Entry fees for the trophy division will be \$30 per team Open division fees will be \$80 per team.

For more information, call 267-5354.

ON THE AIR

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Television MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL 6 p.m. — Chicago White Sox at

N.Y. Yankees, ESPN, Ch. 30. 7 p.m. — Houston Astros at Milwaukee Brewers, FXS, Ch. 29. NBA PLAYOFFS

7 p.m. — New York Knicks at Miami Heat, TNT, Ch. 28.

Pudge's homer, double lead Rangers to 9-7 win over Devil Rays ARLINGTON (AP) — Ivan Rodriguez Will be in the lineup for there in awe." games are decided on, executing pitches.

doesn't like to take days off. The Texas Rangers' MVP catcher believes his job is to be in the lineup every day.

But as he gets older, even Rodriguez sees the value in an occasional day of rest, and he's been on a roll since the last time he wasn't in the starting line-

Rodriguez homered in his third straight game and snapped a tie with a three-run double in the eighth inning, as the Rangers beat the Tampa Bay Devil Rays 9-7 Tuesday night.

Since missing his last start May 10, Rodriguez has homered in five of six games during a 29-for-66 streak that has pushed his average from .319 to .367.

"An off-day every once in a while is good for a catcher." Rodriguez said. "It's a tough position to play. But when I come to the ballpark, I want to play."

Rangers manager Johnny Oates said

today's game against Tampa Bay, then he'll rest his catcher Thursday night against Baltimore

'You don't need to catch 150 games," said Oates, a former major league backup catcher. "As a manager, you make a vow to yourself to give him time off. He starts 140 games a year. You have to change your mindset and keep him out of there. But it's tempting to write his name in there every single day.'

4-for-5, including a two-run homer that keyed a five-run first and tied him with Oakland's Jason Giambi for the major league lead with 16.

"Unbelievable," Oates said. "This guy is starting to do something pretty special, if he hasn't already. The season is so long, you have a multitude of streaks. It seems like his only bad streak is one at-bat. Sometimes you have to just sit

pplies the tag on Eula's Tanya Trojcak at the plate after getting

the Lady Pirates shortstop in a **din fl**own between home and third during last week's Region I, Class

2A softball championship game. Trojcak failed to score on the Lady Pirates' only real scoring oppor-

tunity in a 9-0 Buildogettes win. The Buildogettes will open play in the UIL Class 2A State Softball

Championships at 1 p.m. Friday, taking on Troy's Lady Trojans at the Pleasant Valley Sportsplex in

Lakers finish off Suns in romp

half of Sunday's 117-98 win that

extended the series to a fifth

"You hate to have your worst

game of the season in the last

game of the season," Suns

coach Scott Skiles said. "I feel

bad for our guys, they gave me

all they had. The Lakers

weren't that good, we just could-

n't make shots. We lost our

composure in the second quar-

It sure looked that way. The Suns were a beaten team by late

in the period, and it showed in

their body language after they

continued to miss shot after

The Lakers had two 10-0 runs

in the quarter on their way to a

49-23 halftime lead. The 23 first-

half points tied the playoff

record for futility in a half set

by Utah in the second half of a

96-54 loss to Chicago Bulls on

June 7, 1998 in the NBA Finals.

The 54 points are the playoff

The Suns also tied the playoff

record for futility in a second

quarter, when they scored nine

Phoenix shot 2-of-17 in the sec-

ond quarter (11.8 percent), and

8-of-37 in the half (21.6 percent).

"This game's a mystery to

shot, many unopposed.

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ter.

With the score 6-6 in the eighth, Jason McDonald got the two-out rally started with a single off Albie Lopez (2-4) and a

Lopez walked Luis Alicea and pinchhitter Frank Catalanotto to load the bases, and Rodriguez cleared them with a double to right-center on an 0-2 pitch. Lopez allowed three runs and three hits

in 1 2-3 innings. 'With the bases loaded, I swung at Rodriguez drove in five runs and went . (and fouled off) a pitch outside," Rodriguez said. "But then I stayed back, he threw a fastball down the middle and I was able to hit it into the gap."

Devil Rays manager Larry Rothschild was befuddled by the fat pitch Lopez threw to Rodriguez with the game on the

"You put yourself in tough situations," Rothschild said. "I can't explain it. I'm sure he's frustrated, but that's what We didn't execute our pitches.'

Jeff Zimmerman (1-4) allowed one hit in a scoreless eighth for the victory, and John Wetteland pitched the ninth for his seventh save. The Devil Rays closed to 9-7 on Gerald Williams' RBI double.

Ozzie Guillen drove in three runs and hit his first homer since 1998 for the Devil Rays, who lost their fourth in a

Rangers starter Mark Clark left in the sixth with a 6-5 lead, but the Devil Rays tied it on Guillen's RBI single off Francisco Cordero.

Texas snapped a string of 17 straight scoreless innings by Tampa Bay starter Steve Trachsel with its five-run first.

Alicea led off the game by reaching first on third baseman Vinny Castilla's fielding error, and after Chad Curtis lined out, six of the next seven Rangers

Trail Blazers close out series with Jazz, 81-79

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) — The Portland Trail Blazers took a moment to pay their respects to the late, great Utah Jazz. Then they started pondering ways to stop Shaquille O'Neal and the Los Angeles Lakers

The Blazers defeated the Jazz 81-79 Tuesday night on Scottie Pippen's 3-pointer with 7.3 seconds left. Portland's prize for the 4-1 series victory is a showdown with the Lakers, whom the Blazers haven't played since their memorable battle in late February.

'We have to go back into practice and beat up each other again and get our intensity back," Pippen said.

The Lakers routed Phoenix 87-65 Tuesday night to win their series 4-1. The last time Los Angeles and Portland met. it was Feb. 29, and both teams were tied for the NBA's best record at 45-11. The Lakers won by three, and the Blazers weren't the same the rest of the season

The proud Jazz, who avoided elimination by winning Game 4 in Salt Lake City on Sunday, went down fighting.

Karl Malone's running jumper gave the Jazz a 79-75 lead with 47 seconds left. Portland's Rasheed Wallace hit a turnaround jumper over Malone to make it 79-77, and the Blazers got the ball back with 12.6 seconds left after John Stockton was forced to take an off-balance 3-pointer with the shot clock running down. It barely caught iron, and Pippen

rebounded and called timeout. Pippen's head fake got Bryon Russell up in the air, and

Pippen buried the shot. "He was so deep," Russell said. "And he's not a good 3point shooter anyway, so I felt good about it. He looked like he prayed it in anyway, but it went

Pippen did much of his damage after coming back from an accidental elbow to the back of the neck from teammate Arvydas Sabonis. Pippen lay on the floor, dazed, for several minutes following the hit, which came after Sabonis' hook shot tied the game at 71 with 5:36 **left**.

Trailing 80-79, Utah had a chance to take the lead when Russell was fouled by Detlef Schrempf with three seconds left, but Russell missed both

Russell complained that someone was "shaking and jumping down on" the basket support, altering his first shot. There was brief confusion as the officials decided what to do, but they didn't award him another

Pippen grabbed the rebound of the second miss, was fouled immediately and hit one of two free throws for an 81-79 lead.

Utah, which staved off elimination with an 88-85 victory in Game 4 on Sunday, had one last chance.

With 1.4 seconds left, Russell inbounded the ball to Karl Malone, who gave it back to Russell, whose shot was way off. The Jazz and coach Jerry Sloan heatedly called for a foul, but no whistle came.

"You saw it. It happened right in front of me. He was definitely fouled," Sloan said.

The Jazz, beaten for the second straight year by the Blazers, have been a perennial contender, twice reaching the NBA Finals. But it was the last game for that team in its current form. Guard Jeff Hornacek has said he is retiring. And it's doubtful Utah can make another run without dramatically changing the team surrounding Malone and John Stockton.

"Actually, I wasn't thinking about it being my last game, but it is sad that I won't be out there anymore," Hornacek said.

Malone had 27 points and 11 rebounds. Russell had 18 points and Hornacek 10. "This is a tough way to end

the season," Malone said. "You get nothing for second place in this business. Utah lost its 14th straight

playoff game in Portland. The Blazers, who had won the first three games of the series by a combined 56 points, felt fortunate to avoid a return trip to Utah. "I have the greatest amount of

Mike Dunleavy said. "How they play, how hard they play, how they execute. I use them as a model for my team. Pippen led the Blazers with 23

respect for Utah," Blazers coach

points, nine rebounds and eight assists. Sabonis scored 16

Pippen scored just 15 points on 6-of-22 shooting in the previous three games and was annoyed at Dunleavy for sitting him during the first 9:49 of the fourth quarter in Game 4.

Avalanche's aggressive style suits Stars' Modano just fine DALLAS (AP) - The Colorado learned to accept it and turn the tables

me," Lakers coach Phil Jackson

said. "The Suns can get 71

points in Sunday's game in a

half, and then score (65) in a

game. We'd have to say defense

A defense Harper had said

was nonexistent in Phoenix.

Harper also wondered about the

Lakers' lack of a killer instinct.

instinct? The fact of the matter

is, we take care of business,'

Bryant said. "The killer instinct

came out in a game we had to

Shaquille O'Neal had 15

points, 21 rebounds, three

assists and three blocked shots

"Teamwise, we played an

inspiring game," he said.

"Personally, I didn't play that

well, but my teammates stepped

up for me. We played great

defense and were real active

with our hands. We came out

and took it to them. We got a

"I thought he was real domi-

nant in the game," Jackson

said. "I thought he changed

shots, controlled the boards. He

played with a little bit of a

banged up knee, banged up

lead and never lost our focus."

Jackson didn't agree.

"How's that for killer

won the game.

for the Lakers.

Avalanche thought they figured out way to slow down Dallas Stars center Mike Modano. They wound up playing right into his hands.

In Game 1 of the Western Conference finals, Colorado banged on Modano, knocked him to the ice and even dumped him over the boards into the Avalanche bench. Modano finished with just three shots and Colorado won 2-0.

But in Game 2, Modano became the aggressor.

By seeking out hits instead of waiting for them, Modano was able to create space for himself on the ice. He wound up with a game-high seven shots, including four in the second period, and scored two goals as Dallas won 3-2.

"I've grown to get used to that type of play — I've had to," Modano said. "I've

back on them instead of waiting for it. It's something I've come to enjoy.

Modano's aggressive play helped the Stars even the series and put them in the same position as last year's conference finals, tied 1-1 and headed to Colorado for Game 3 on Friday. Dallas won that series in seven games.

Not only did Modano attack more in Game 2, he was more comfortable.

He skated on a line for most of the season with Brett Hull and Brenden Morrow. Jere Lehtinen, who played on the same line with Modano and Hull during their Stanley Cup run last season, sat out most of the season with a broken ankle.

Lehtinen returned Saturday on a different line, but was reunited with his old linemates Monday when Morrow went

down with a broken ankle. The trio combined for 16 shots — six fewer than Colorado - and scored all three goals.

"It's been about 10 months, six screws (in Lehtinen's ankle), two concussions (Modano) and a torn stomach muscle (Hull)," Modano said. "But we're together again and it feels good finally.'

Colorado had a tough time containing Modano and teammates without its top two defensemen.

Ray Bourque skated with the team Monday morning, but sat out his fourth consecutive game with an injured leg.

Less than three minutes into Game 2. the Avalanche lost its next best defender, Adam Foote, when he accidentally got hit in the face with Lehtinen's stick. Foote had been instrumental in stopping Modano in Game 1.

"It's tough to lose Foote like that, but

that is no excuse," said Peter Forsberg. who pulled Colorado within 3-2 in the third period. "We have to do better than we did.'

Bourque is expected to return for Friday's game, but Foote will not play, the Avs said Tuesday

During the final month of the season, Hitchcock and teammates said Modano was playing the best hockey of his career. He has continued the surge in the playoffs.

The two scores Monday gave Modano eight goals and 12 points in 12 games. He set a career high with an eight-game point streak before Dallas was shut out in Game 1.

Modano also scored goals in the first four games of the Stars' second-round series with San Jose and has goals in eight of the last 11 games.

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SPORTS EXTRA

BASEBALL
American League
ANAHEIM ANGELS-Optioned INF
Trent Durrington to Edmonton of the
PCL. Purchased the contract of INF
Keith Luulae from Edmonton.
BALTIMORE ORIOLES—Announced

TORONTO BLUE JATS upon a RHP Roy Halladay to Syracuse of the International League. Recalled RHP Peter Murro from Syracuse. Announced Pat Kelly, manager of Syracuse, will be reassigned in the organization. Named

y Larkin from the 15-day disa Isan Cartain from the 15-day disabors list. Optioned the Gookle Dawkins to Chattanooga of the Southern League. PITTSBURGH PIRATES—Called up OF Emil Brown and RHP Josias Manzanillo from Nashville of the PCL. Designated RHP Jose Parra for assign-

ST. LOUIS CARDINALS—Activated RHP Mark Thompson, from the 15-day disabled list. Purchased the contract of LHP Jose Rodriguez from Memphis of the PCL. Optioned RHP Justin Brunette and 1B Larry Sutton to Memphis. Transferred RHP Dave Wainhouse from the 15-day to the 60-day disabled list. BASKETBALL National Baskstball Association WASHINGTON WIZARDS

WASHINGTON WIZARDS-Na Darrell Walker director of player person-nel and Rod Higgins assistant general

CHARLOTTE STING—Waived G Erica WASHINGTON MYSTICS-Announced the resignation of Wes Unseld, general manager. Promoted Melissa McFerrin from assistant coach to general manager. Named Stephanie Rivera assistant coach. Signed Nancy Darsch, coach, to a contract extension through the 2001 season.

National Football League
ATLANTA FALCONS—Signed OT
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Slaughter and OL Joe Chustz.

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New ENGLAND PATRIOTS—
Withdrew a qualifying offer to RB-KR
Derrick Cullors, making him a free ational Hockey League
COLUMBUS BLUE JACKETS—Signed

Murray, vice president and general manager, to a multiyear contract.

AL LEADERS

BATTING—Erstad, Anaheim, .375; ARodriguez, Seattle, .371; IRodriguez, Texas, .367; EMartinez, Seattle, .360; Segui, Texas, .354; Lawton, Minnesota, .349; Thomas, Chicago,

RUNS—ARodriguez, Seattle, 42; Mondesi, Toronto, 36; IRodriguez, Texas, 36; CDelgado, Toronto, 33; Glaus, Anaheim, 32; Dye, Kansas City, 31; Damon, Kansas City, 31; RBI—JaGiambi, Oakland, 47; EMartinez, Seattle, 44; ARodriguez,

EMartinez, Seattle, 44; ARodriguez, Seattle, 42; IRodriguez, Texas, 40; Dye, Kansas City, 38; MRamirez, Cleveland, 37; Mvaughn, Anaheim, 37, HiTS—Estad, Anaheim, 63; IRodriguez, Texas, 58; Lawton, Minnesota, 53; MJSweeney, Kansas City, 52; Segui, Texas, 52; Akennédy, Anaheim; 49; Mateo, Texas, 49; ARodriguez, Seattle, 49; Mondesi, Toronto, 49.

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City, 8: Jeter, New York, 8.
PITCHING (6 Decisions)—Baldwin,
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New York, 6-0, 1.000, 1.25; DWells, Toronto, 7.1. 875, 2.92; PMartinez, Boston, 6-1, 857, 1.01; Helling, Texas, 5-1, 833, 2.28; Hudson, Oakland, 4-2, .667, 5.55; Schoeneweis, Anaheim, 4-2, .667, 5.06; Gileredia, Oakland, 4-2.

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Detroit, 10; Koch, Toronto, 9; DLowe, Boston, 8; Isringhausen, Oakland, 8; Karsay, Cleveland, 8.

NL LEADERS

BATTING—Helton, Colorado, .417; Edmonds, St. Louis, .397; VGuerrero, Montreal, .373; Plazza, New York, .373; Vidro, Montreal, .369; DeBell, New York, .356; LWalker, Colorado,

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Utah 88, Portland 85
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Philadelphia 107, Indiana 86, Indiana leads series 3-2
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Portland 81, Utah 79, Portland wins

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Indiana at Philadelphia, 5:30 p.m.

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NHL PLAYOFES

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New Jersey 4, Philadelphia 1
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Tuesday, May 16 Philadelphia 4, New Jersey 3, series

Thursday, May 18
Philadelphia at New Jersey, 6:30

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Dallas at Colorado, 7 p.m.

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Miami at New York, 8 p.m. Inday, May 21 New York at Miami, TBA, if neces-

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Portland 103, Utah 84
Friday, May 12
Miami 77, New York 76, OT RUNS-Helton, Colorado, RUNS—Helton, Colorado, 38; Edmonds, 5t. Louis, 38; Bonds, San Francisco, 37; Bagwell, Houston, 35; Vidro, Montreal, 34; Vina, St. Louis, 33; EOYoung, Chicago, 33; SSosa. Chicago, 33. RBI—Helton, Colorado, 41; SSosa. Chicago, 41; Giles, Pittsburgh, 39; PWilson, Florida, 37; VGuerrero, Montreal, 35; Kent, San Francisco, 35; Griffey Ir. Cincinnati, 35. L.A. Lakers 105. Phoenix 99 aturday, May 13 Philadelphia 92, Indiana 90 Sunday, May 14 New York 91, Miami 83, series tied

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avano 3-1), 6:05 p.m

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HITS—EOYoung. Chicago, 57;
DeBell, New York, 57; Helton,
Colorado, 55; SSosa, Chicago, 55;
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Montreal, 50; Owens, San Diego, 50.

DQUBLES—EOYoung, Chicago, 15;
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Montreal, 13; Green, Los Angeles, 13;
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Arizona, 13

TRIPLES—Goodwin, Colorado, 7; Womack, Arizona, 4; Vina, St. Louis, 4; ABrown, Pittsburgh, 3; Cedeno, Houston, 3; Shumpert, Colorado, 3;

Biggio, Houston, 3.

HOME RUNS—Bonds, San
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Arizona, 13; Griffey Jr, Cincinnati, 13.

STOLEN BASES—EOYoung, Chicago,
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Goodwin, Colorado, 11; Furcal, Atlanta, 10; Owens, San Diego, 10.
PITCHING (6 Decisions)—
RDJohnson, Arizona, 7-1, .875, .97;
Stottlemyre, Arizona, 7-1, .875, 4.57;
Glavine, Atlanta, 6-1, .857, 2.80;
Villone, Cincinnati, 5-1, .833, 3.74;
Kile, St. Louis, 6-2, .750, 5.51;
Haynes, Milwaukee, 5-2, .714, 3.78; 6 are tied with 667.

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STRIKEOUTS—RDJohnson, Arizona,
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San Diego, 52; Astacio, Colorado, 49; Atlanta, 49; Person SAVES—Alfonseca, Florida. 13; Rocker, Atlanta, 9; Benitez, New York, 9; Shaw, Los Angeles, 9; Urbina, Montreal, 8; Veres, S * Louis, 7; 6 are tied with 6.

NBA PLAYOFFS

(Best-of-7) Seturday, May 6 Indiana 108, Philadelphia 91 Sunday, May 7 Miami 87, New York 83

Portland 94, Utah 75 L.A. Lakers 105, Phoenix 77 ondey, May 8 Indiana 103, Philadelphia 97 neday, May 9 New York 82, Miami 76

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DIV. I BASEBALL

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DIV. II BASEBALL

The top 25 teams in the Collegiat Baseball Division II poll with record through May 14(voting by coaches sports writers and sports informatio

unectors).	
	Record
1. North Florida	44-12-0
2. Tampa	44-10-0
3. Cal. St. Chico	43-10-0
4. Delta St.	46-10-0
5. Florida Southern	45-11-0
Central Missouri St.	44-10-0
7. Abilene Christian	40-14-1
8. Georgia Coll. & St.	37-18-0
9. S.E. Oklahoma	35-11-0
10. FortHays St.	47-10-0
11. Rockhurst	40-16-0
(tie) Kennesaw St.	38-18-0
13. North Alabama	36-16-0
14. Mount Olive	41-10-0
15. Grand Canyon	37-21-0
16. Alabama-Huntsville	42-16-0
(tie) Montevallo	44-15-0
18. Millersville	43-12-0
19. MassLowell	29-12-0
20. St. Leo	37-17-0
21. Quincy	42.17-0
22. Shippensburg	32-18-0
23. Columbus St.	32-24-0
24. West Virginia St.	32-11-0
25. Winona St.	42-12-0

UIL PAIRINGS

Here are pairings for UIL girls softball championships set for Friday and Saturday, May 19-20 in Austin.

Philadelphia at Indiana, TBA, if nec (Pleasant Valley Sportsplex, Austin) nference 2A 10 a.m.: Collinsville (23-8) vs. Alto

(Best-ef-7)
Saturday, May 20
Portland at L.A. Lakers, 2:30 p.m.
Monday, May 22
Portland at L.A. Lakers, 8:30 p.m.
Rest of schedule TBA 1 p.m.: Coahoma (26-7) vs. Troy (19-

5 p.m.: Devine (28-1) vs. Bowie (23-8 p.m.: La Grange (28-2) vs.

Kennedale (246-1)
Conference 4A
10 a.m.: Weatherford (32-0) vs. Texarkana Texas (23-13-1) 1 p.m.: Gregory-Portland (31-2-1) vs. Brenham (27-14) Conference 5A

5 p.m.: South Grand Priairie (29-2) vs. Bryan (30-3) 8 p.m.: Freeport Brazoswood (35-0 vs. San Antonio O'Connor (24-5)

Saturday, May 20 ed McCombs Fleid, UT-Austin) 10 a.m.: Conference 2A 1 p.m.: Conference 3A

Saturday, May 20 Philadelphia at New Jersey, 6 p.m. SOCCER

Monday, May 22
New Jersey at Philadelphia, 6 p.m.
Tuesday, May 23
Colorado at Dallas, 6 p.m.
Wednesday, May 24
Philadelphia at New Jersey, 6 p.m., **Tuesday's Games** No games scheduled Today's Games Colorado at New England, 6:30 p.m.

DC United at Kansas City, 7:30 p.m. Los Angeles at San Jose, 9 p.m. huraday, May 25
Dallas at Colorado, 7 p.m., if necessary
Friday, May 26
New Jersey at Philade
if necessary
Saturday, May 27

Saturday, May 20 Colorado at Miami, 3:30 p.m. Tampa Bay at New York-New Jersey. 6:30 p.m. Dallas at Columbus, 6:30 p.m. New England at Chicago, 7 p.m. San Jose at Kansas City, 7:30 p.m. Colorado at Dallas, TBA, if neces-DC United at Los Angeles, 8 p.m.

Erickson ends Orioles' losing streak

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

Scott Erickson was a slumpstopper for the struggling **Baltimore Orioles.**

Erickson became the first Orioles starter to win in 15 games as Baltimore stopped a seven-game losing streak with a 4-3 victory over the Anaheim Angels on Tuesday night.

"Usually, when a streak like this is broken, it's a struggle," Orioles manager Mike Hargrove said. "It was like pulling teeth out there."

Albert Belle and Mike Bordick each homered to provide support for Erickson, the first Orioles starter to win since Mike Mussina's complete game against Texas on April 29.

"Just because a starter hasn't had a win, it doesn't mean that he didn't come out of the game with a lead," said Erickson, who won for the first time since elbow surgery. "You can say it any way you want to, but it's a team sport."

Erickson allowed three runs and nine hits in seven innings

chips were removed from his right elbow on March 3. In two previous outings, he allowed 12 earned runs in 8 2-3 innings.

"I straightened everything out in the bullpen the other day," Erickson said after improving to 16-4 against the Angels.

In other American League games, Chicago blanked New York 4-0; Cleveland beat Detroit 11-9; Kansas City edged Oakland 8-7; Toronto defeated Boston 7-6: Texas topped Tampa Bay 9-7; and Seattle beat Minnesota 9-5.

In National League action, Montreal topped Arizona 2-0, Los Angeles beat Chicago 6-5, Milwaukee beat Houston 6-5 in 16 innings, Atlanta beat San Francisco 9-7, St. Louis routed Philadelphia 8-2, Colorado beat New York 4-3 in 11 innings, San Diego beat Florida 7-3, and Cincinnati beat Pittsburgh 6-2.

Baltimore's Jeff Conine nearly homered in the eighth, but left fielder Darin Erstad leaped above the fence in left-center to pull it back. Delino DeShields scored after doubling and crossing to third on Belle's flyout to See ROUNDUP, page 3B

in his third start since bone right, a ball that Tim Salmon stopped from becoming a home run when he ran it down at the short fence near the foul pole.

"We hit three balls tonight that had a chance to be out of the ballpark and put the game away, but they made good plays out there." Hargrove said.

Kent Bottenfield (3-4) gave up four runs and seven hits in 71-3 innings.

Conine's sacrifice fly onreliever Mark Petkovsek's first pitch of the game, marked the first of 16 inherited runners this season that Petkovsek allowed to score.

White Sox 4, Yankees 0

Cal Eldred (3-2) allowed three hits in six innings and visiting Chicago sent New York to its fifth straight loss.

The Yankees, who have fallen out of first place in the AL East, one game behind Boston, have lost five straight for the first time since May 11-15, 1999.

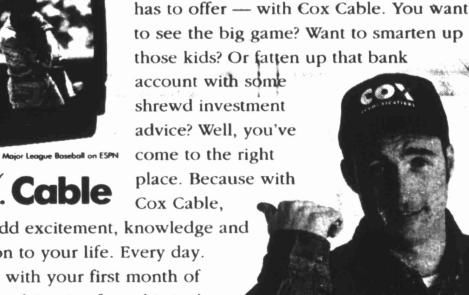
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Athletic director at odds with Knight on new rules

Indiana University's athletic can stay as coach if he follows a director is confident that Bob Knight won't get in the way of establishing a new code of con-

As part of the resolution of Knight's most recent controversy, Clarence Doninger - who has had direct conflicts with Knight and was kept out of recent deliberations over the coach's future — was asked to develop athletic department rules that might determine Knight's future.

"The way I look at it, throughout my life I've never had a hard time getting along with people," Doninger said . "Some have depicted this as sort of this conflict between coach and me. That was certainly exaggerated in this thing."

In resolving a seven-week investigation into allegations that Knight choked a former player. IU president Myles

BLOOMINGTON, Ind. (AP) - Brand said Monday that Linight zero-tolerance behavior policy.

Knight was also suspended for three games in the 2000-01 sea son and fined \$30,000. Knight promptly left for Scotland after Monday's announcement.

Brand appointed Doninger who in February was involved in a shouting match with Knight — to head a commission to develop policies for appropriate behavior for coaches, employees and athletes.

IU spokesman Christopher Simpson said Doninger's sometimes rocky relationship with Knight played no part in his selection to the commission.

"Clarence Doninger is our athletic director and he's going to lead this effort to help us develop a code of conduct because it reaches not just coach Knight, but all our coaches and all our student athletes," Simpson said Tuesday.

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Lee in the fifth inning and an RBI double to former Yankees farmhand Chris Singleton in the seventh.

Indians 11, Tigers 9

Travis Fryman had four RBIs and Charles Nagy (2-4) stayed around long enough to get his first win in six starts since April 11 as Cleveland won for the fourth time in five games.

In a steady rain, visiting Detroit hit five homers, including two by Juan Gonzalez.

Fryman hit a three-run homer off Hideo Nomo (1-3) and Jim Thome added three RBIs. Omar Vizquel had two triples and Sandy Alomar hit his first homer as the Indians improved to 31-7 against the Tigers at Jacobs Field.

Nagy allowed five runs and eight hits in five innings,.

Royals 8, Athletics 7 Jorge Fabregas, who tied it

with an RBI single in the seventh, hit a two-run single in the ninth off Doug Jones (0-1) as Kansas City rallied from a 5-1 deficit and won for just the sixth time in 21 road games.

Fabregas, who had three hits, pumped both fists after his decisive hit off Doug Jones (0-1).

Dan Reichert (2-2) allowed one unearned run in four innings of relief. Jerry Spradlin pitched the ninth for his second save.

Blue Jays 7, Red Sox 6

Raul Mondesi tied the game with a two-run double in the ninth inning and scored on Tony Batista's single off Derek Lowe (2-1), stopping visiting Boston's six-game winning

Peter Munro (1-0) pitched the ninth for his first major league win, allowing one hit .

Mariners 9, Twins 5

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Jay Buhner hit a two-run homer and Edgar Martinez drove in three runs for the

Mariners, who have outscored the Twins 23-5 in the first two games of the series in Seattle.

Gil Meche (1-4) struck out a career-high eight in 6 2-3 innings, allowing three runs and six hits.

Sean Bergman (2-2), who got hit on the left shin by Alex Rodriguez's hard grounder in the first, went 3 1-3 innings and gave up nine runs, eight hits and five walks.

Expos 2, Diamondbacks 0

In his first start at Olympic Stadium in 11 years, Randy Johnson lost for the first time since last Aug. 31 — when the Expos beat him in Phoenix.

Johnson (7-1) allowed a home run by Rondell White in the seventh inning and an RBI single by Mike Mordecai in the eighth. The Big Unit, traded by Montreal to Seattle on May 25, 1989, had won 10 consecutive regular decisions and was unbeaten in 12 starts since losing to the Expos.

league-leading fifth complete game, striking out 12 to raise his major league-leading total to

Javier Vazquez (4-1) held the Diamondbacks to five hits in eight-plus innings. Dustin Hermanson, who got his second save, retired Lenny Harris on a game-ending double play with the bases loaded in the ninth.

Dodgers 6, Cubs 5

Three Dodgers went from their bullpen into the Wrigley Field crowd and fought win fans with one out in the ninth inning, causing a nine-minute

Todd Hundley hit a three-run homer in the eighth inning to lead Los Angeles.

Julio Zuleta had an RBI double with one out in the ninth to make it a one-run game. Jeff Shaw then retired Eric Young Ricky Gutierrez on popouts, ending the game and getting his ninth save. Alan

Johnson pitched his major Mills (1-1) pitched a perfect sev-

Kevin Tapani (1-5) gave up six runs and nine hits in eight innings.

Brewers 6, Astros 5

Henry Blanco hit a fly ball that was dropped, allowing Marquis Grissom to score the winning run in the 16th inning at County Stadium.

Grissom hit an infield single off Chris Holt (1-6) leading off the 16th, took third on Lyle Mouton's single and scored when Henry Blanco's fly was dropped by Roger Cedeno at the right-field line. Blanco was credited with a sacrifice fly.

Braves 9, Giants 7 Brian Jordan homered twice in a game for the second time in less than a week and Terry Mulholland got the the final out for his first save after John Rocker and Kevin McGlinchy walked in runs at Turner Field.

Chipper Jones also homered

and drove in two runs for the Braves. Tom Glavine (6-1) gave up five runs and nine hits in 5 1-3 innings, his shortest start

Russ Ortiz (2-5) gave up six runs, five earned, and 10 hits in five innings.

Cardinals 8, Phillies 2

Andy Benes (3-2) hit his seventh homer in 641 career atbats, and struck out eight in seven innings at Veterans Stadium. Jim Edmonds hit his 13th homer and drove in three

Robert Person (3-2) allowed seven runs and six hits in 6 1-3 innings. He also hit a pair of batters and they both scored.

Rockies 4, Mets 3

Bubba Carpenter, batting for winner Julian Tavarez (2-2), connected in the 11th inning off Turk Wendell (2-2) for his first major league home run as visiting Colorado won its fourth



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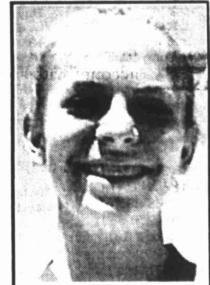


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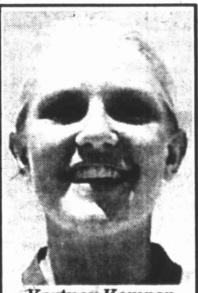
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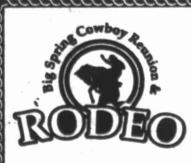






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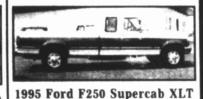
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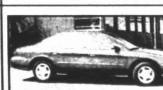


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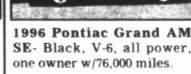


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> LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) **** You might not want to discuss a business decision. It might be slow to come about, but it is ultimately worthwhile. Know your limits. Allow more unusual, creative thinking to filter through. Tonight: Play the night away.

'iffy" . Tonight: Off to the gyin.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) **** Build stronger foundations.

Your ideas should be checked out. Keeping information close to your chest might feel good, but you also need feedback. Others' suggestions can only enhance your idea.

Tonight: Mosey on home. LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
**** Discussions prove to be ani-LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) mated and worthwhile. You might not see eye to eye with a co-worker. Getting past an obstacle proves to be instrumental, and it takes endurance. A loved one inspires

favorite spot. SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) **** Indulge a little, even if a partner proves to be testy or difficult. Allow your sense of creativity to come through. Another has difficulty revealing what is going on with himself. Tonight: Balance your budget.

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SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ***** Beam in exactly what you want. Work demands authority and persistence, and both commodities are at your beck and call. You'll know who to call and when. Tonight: Use your sixth sense.

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Refugee honors American mom

DEAR ABBY: Mother's Day always brings back memories of an incident that happened three

vears ago. For the past several years, after attending church on Sunday, my at a Chinese restaurant. We have become acquainted with a young man who works there. He escaped from Vietnam with his family in a rickety old boat when he was

very small. Our daughter, who lives in Dallas, had sent my wife a beautiful Mother's Day corsage to wear to church as an expression of her love. The young waiter exclaimed how beautiful the flower was, and asked if it was for a special occa-

We explained that in the United States, on this particular day children often send their mothers flowers as a token of apprecia tion, honoring their motherhood. The young man said they did not have this custom in Vietnam, but that he thought it was appropri-

He left our table, then returned

a few minutes later. He \$tood there looking embarrassed, then hesitantly said, "I think this tradition of honoring your mother on a special day is wonderful. Please allow me to pay for your wife and I have stopped for lunch, meal today in honor of my mother, who suffered so many hardships in our small boat when we escaped from our homeland to the internment camp in Singapore.

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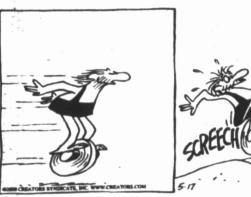
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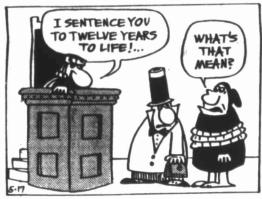
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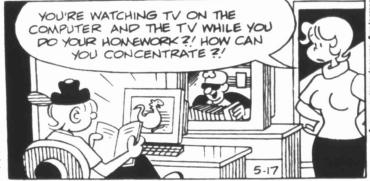
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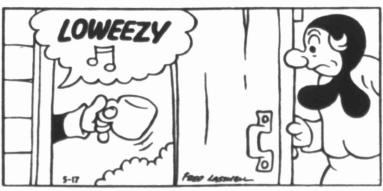


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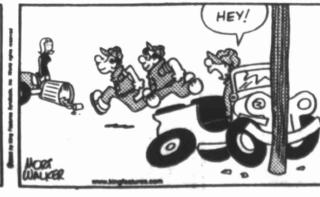
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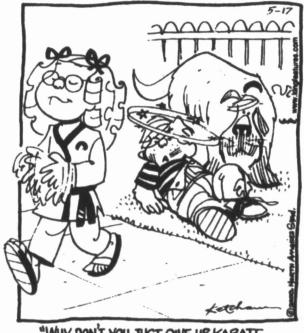
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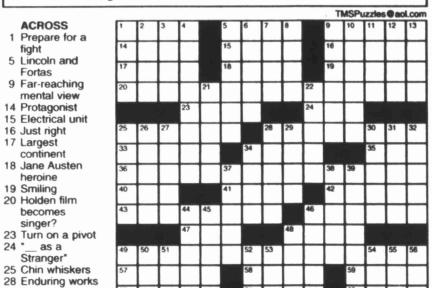
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Today is Wednesday, May 17, the 138th day of 2000. There are 228 days left in the year. Today's Highlight in History:

On May 17, 1792, the New York Stock Exchange was founded by brokers meeting under a tree located on what is now Wall Street.

On this date:

THE Daily Crossword Edited by Wayne Robert Williams



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In 1938, Congress passed the Vinson Naval Act, providing for a two-ocean navy.

In 1939, Britain's King George VI and Queen Elizabeth arrived in Quebec on the first visit to Canada by reigning British sovereigns.

In 1940, the Nazis occupied Brussels, Belgium, during World War II.

In 1946, President Truman seized control of the nation's railroads, delaying a threatened strike by engineers and train-

In 1948, the Soviet Union recognized the new state of Israel. In 1954, the Supreme Court ruled in its Brown vs. Board of Education of Topeka decision that racially segregated public schools were inherently unequal

In 1973, the Senate opened its hearings into the Watergate scandal.

In 1980, rioting that claimed 18 lives erupted in Miami's Liberty City after an all-white jury in Tampa acquitted four former Miami police officers of fatally beating black insurance executive Arthur McDuffie.

In 1987, 37 American sailors were killed when an Iraqi warplane attacked the U.S. Navy frigate Stark in the Persian Gulf. (Iraq and the United States said the attack was made in mistake.)

Ten years ago: Soviet Mikhail President Gorbachev met in Moscow with Lithuanian Prime Minister Kazimiera Prunskiene, Gorbachev's first face-to-face meeting with a senior official of the defiant Baltic republics.

Five years ago: The Senate ethics committee concluded that Sen. Bob Packwood (R-Ore.) had to face a full-scale Senate investigation of charges that included making improper advances toward women. Jacques Chirac was sworn in as president of France, ending the 14-year tenure of Socialist Francois Mitterrand.

One year ago: The Supreme Court banned states from paying lower welfare benefits to newcomers than to longtime residents. Labor Party leader Ehud Barak unseated Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu in Israeli elections. Makah Indians in Washington state harpooned a gray whale for the first time in 70 years.

Today's Birthdays: Former Watergate special prosecutor Archibald Cox is 88. Opera singer Birgit Nilsson is 82. Actor-director Dennis Hopper is 64. Rhythm-and-blues singer Pervis Jackson (The Spinners) is 62. Singer Taj Mahal is 58.

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