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By GINA GARZA

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Lawsuit reform topic for June 1 **Kiwanis Club**

Ken Hoagland, director of communications for Texans for Lawsuit Reform, will speak at a noon luncheon of the Kiwanis Club of Big Spring on Thursday, June 1, in the Cactus Room at Howard College.

The public is invited. Lunch is \$5.25. Those who plan on having a meal should make reservations by Monday, May 29, by calling Billy T. Smith at 267-6479.

WHAT'S UP...

WEDNESDAY

• Optimist Club, 7 a.m., **Howard College Cactus** Room.

□ Senior Circle Big Spring Mall walkers meet 9:15 a.m. in front of movie theater box office.

D Big Spring Downtown Lions Club, noon, Howard College Cactus Room

Line dancing, 1 p.m., Senior Citizens Center, **Industrial Park.**

Howard College receives funds to begin auditorium renovations of renovation for some years." Conway noted that the college already had "dream" plans

> drawn up. 'We had been dreaming about renovating it and when these private donations came in, we were excited," she said. "We are going to tear out the existing seating, put acoustical material in the walls and ceiling and we will be getting new mechanical equipment including air-conditioning.'

The work will include adding president of to the back of the auditorium to

instruction. "It has been in need make more room for storage and dressing rooms. Administrators are unable to

project how much the renovations will cost as yet. "We have enough money to get started and hope to have

this completed by January 2002," Conway said. "It will be an extensive remodeling job and we expect to be physically working on it sometime after January," said

for administrative systems. Board Chairman Don McKinney swore in newly-elect-

Terry Hansen, vice president

ed trustees Harold Davis and John Freeman.

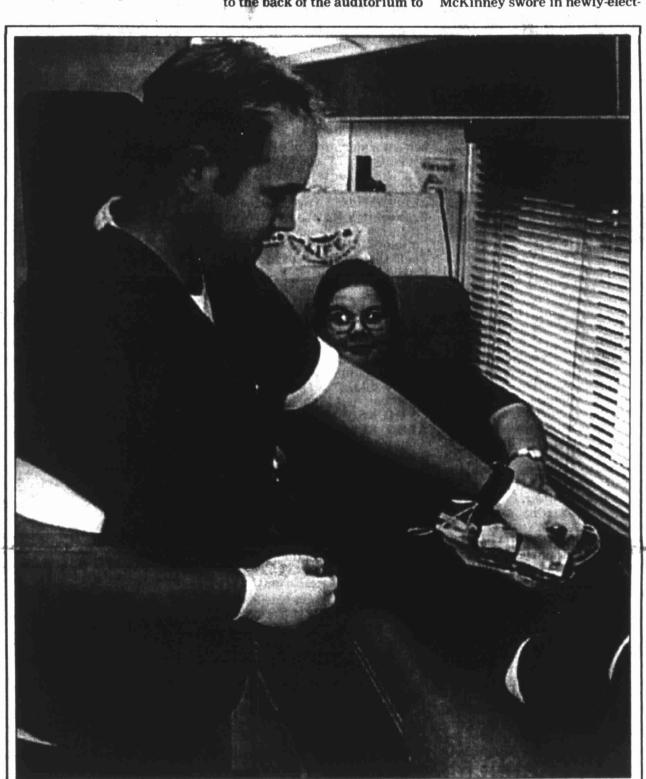
The board members voted to keep the same officers McKinney as chairman, Dr. Charles Warren as vice chairman and Davis as secretary. The board also announced the county will help in repaying all the college streets, starting in

July "It will cost about \$33,000," said Hansen. "We are very pleased the county is going to help us in this area."

Catalog changes were approved for the 2002 school year. Those changes include lab fees for the SouthWest **Collegiate Institute for the Deaf** campus.

"We basically just have to get approval from the board when we have to make any adjustments to the catalogs," said Conway. "In all of our technical courses, we had to switch to the Workforce Education Course Manual (WECM), which basically means these are the same courses but with different course numbers on them. This

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Nuisance law Howard commissioners OK health code which prohibits

trash in unincorporated areas

By GINA GARZA

Staff Writer

Howard County Commissioners on Monday voted to approve rules to prevent "public nuisances'

in unincorporated areas.

"The state says we need to these adopt chapter abatements," said Mike Thomas, county attorney. "We must have a full-time

THOMAS employee to administer this program."

Commissioners approved section 343.011 of the Health and Safety Code, which will apply only to the unincorporated areas of the county. The code states a person "must not cause, permit or allow a public nuisance. Α public nuisance is described as keeping, storing or accumulating rubbish, including newspapers, abandoned vehicles, refrigerators, stoves, furniture, tires and cans on premises in a neighborhood for 10 days or more, unless the rubbish or object is completely enclosed in a building or is not visible from a public street. It also includes allowing weeds to grow on premises in a neighborhood within 300 feet of

another residence or commercial establishment. The rule also addresses unsanitary conditions likely to attract or harbor mosquitoes, rodents, vermin or disease carrying pests, as well as abandoned and unoccupied property in a neighborhood.

Instead of hiring a new employee to oversee the program, commissioners considered other options.

"The city has a person who already does this kind of inspection(s)," said Thomas.

Commissioners agreed to check on contracting with the city and tabled the issue until more information can be gathered.

County commissioners also authorized the availability to use the Municipal Investors Service Corp. (MBIA) of Texas - CLASS Investment pool as

another investment option for

the county.

Lagles Lodge Ladles Auxiliary, 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 older.

□ Kiwanis Club, noon, **Howard College Cactus** Room.

□ Masonic Lodge No. 598, 7:30 p.m. 219 Main.

FRIDAY

Signal Mountain Quilting Guild, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church. Call 267-1037 or 267-7281. Bring a lunch. The Greater Big Spring Rotary Club, noon, Howard

College Cactus Room. □ AMBUCS, noon,

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

SATURDAY

□ The Heritage Museum, 510 Scurry, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. □ The Potton House, 200 Gregg, a restored historic home, is open from 1 to 5 p.m. A one-time admission fee of \$2 for adults and \$1 for children and senior citizens are encouraged. Dance, 8:30 p.m., Eagles

Lodge, 704 West Third.

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HERALD photo/Carl Gra Sandra Puente gives blood at the bloodmobile parked in the Big Spring Mall parking lot Saturday. Chuck Taylor of United Blood Services from San Angelo, reported a steady flow of donors.

"This is a short-term investment pool for Texas," said Danny King, representative. We offer diversification and safety for our customers."

According to King, there are currently 17 different pools with MBIA, which has \$31 billion in assets and has been the top producing pool in Texas over the last six months.

"We have a six-month rate of returns and it is beneficial that

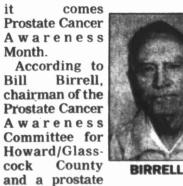
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Cancer survivors encouraging regular health examinations there has been a 6.3 percent

By CARL GRAHAM

Staff Writer

June is almost here and with



Local officers

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cancer survivor, early detection is the key.

"The survival rate for prostate cancer is 93 percent if detected early," said Birrell. "The problem is there are usually no symptoms to give you warning.

Prostrate cancer is the second leading cause of cancer death in men after lung cancer. Last year, there were an estimated 179,300 new cases diagnosed in the United States with almost **38,000 deaths** – **2,400** of those in Texas

American Cancer The Society's guideline for the early

TO LEARN MORE

To have a group talk to your organization about prostate cancer, call Bill Birrell at 263-0659 or Joanne Forrest at 267-6286.

detection of prostate cancer is for men age 50 and over to talk to their health care professional about beginning a digital rectal exam of the prostate gland and a prostate-specific antigen (PSA) blood test every year.

Birrell said that although

drop in prostate cancer, making the general public aware of how to prevent it will go a long way. "We have assembled a team of prostate cancer survivors who are available to come speak to your club or organization, place of business or church group,' said Birrell.

"They will give a program on the importance of early detection and we now have seven tapes available to show that are narrated by actor Sidney Poitier, a prostate cancer survivor. Our speakers that are available are Dr. Clark McDaniel, a well-known local physician, and Major Ronald Alexander, commander of the local Salvation Army – both of who are prostate cancer survivors.

"I found out I had it in 1972 during a routine check-up,' said Birrell. "In Dr. McDaniel's case, he could not believe the results of his first test so he had another one done in another name. The results came back the same - positive. Early detection is the reason for his survival'

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Sisters Stormi, left, and Reba Smith enjoy a treat as they watch a movie during the **Howard County Library sum**mer reading program kickoff this morning. Dozens of kids turned out to start the annumonth-long program, h will include dress-up days, special contests and other incentives to read at least 10 books. Programs are planned at the library .each Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday morning at 10 a.m. through June 29.



Police Officer Matt Coates. Officers are set to take off Wednesday morning at 8 a.m.

and I am really looking forward it," said Big Spring

COATES

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COLLEGE

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does cause a slight increase in our lab fees.

The campus child care center renovations are nearly completed and hopefully will be in full. use by the end of next month.

"We will have the work camp inmates come out and help do some of the work still needed to be done," said Phil Furqueron, construction administrator. "We should be done by the end of June.'

The SWCID Activity Center project is also near its completion.

"We just have 'punch' items left to do," said Furgueron. "We are very pleased how things went and turned out."

Dr. Cheri Sparks, college president, added that administrators are pleased with the building and said it seems the SWCID students are enjoying the facility.

In other agenda items, the board voted to have a summer workshop, and tentatively data hinders scheduled it for July 10.

COUNTY

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you stay with this pool for two years," he added.

In other matters, commissioners approved to allow the hiring of a water truck driver and a roller operator. They also went out on bids for the new 4,000gallon water truck with a spray system.

Phil Furgueron, construction administrator, reported that the blueprints for the new district offices are being finalized. The court voted to open bids for contractors on June 29.

SURVIVORS

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For more information on prostate cancer or to schedule a program, contact Birrell at 263 0659 or call Howard County unit president Joanne Forrest at 267-6286

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taking off with the "Flame of

From Big Spring, the group will join officers from Lubbock in Sweetwater and officers from Abilene and surrounding towns. They will stay overnight in Abilene before continuing on to Arlington on Friday. Arlington is the site for the 31st annual Summer Games scheduled for this weekend.

Special Olympics Texas is a privately funded non-profit organization that has provided year-round athletic training and competition to adults and children with mental retardation and closely related developmental disabilities since 1969.

The Law Enforcement Torch Run is an organization of law enforcement volunteers who help raise funds and public awareness for the athletes of **Special Olympics.**

Lack of 'black box' plane crash investigation

WILKES-BARRE, Pa. (AP)-With no "black box" data to analyze, federal investigators predicted a difficult task in determining the cause of a weekend plane crash that killed 19 people.

The charter airplane's cockpit voice recorder is blank, said George Black, a National **Transportation Safety Board** investigator.

'There are no sounds from the cockpit on the tape," Black said. "This seriously hampers the investigation, let's face it."

He said the device had an improper power supply; an inverter that would have allowed the recorder to operate on the plane's power had not been installed. NTSB officials were investigating whether some other modification had been done to allow the recorder to get power.

The plane did not have the other type of "black box" recorder, the one that takes down flight data such as speed and altitude, because it was not required for the model of air-

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Black said.

Aviation analysts said dualengine failures are rare and can indicate a problem with the fuel supply. Black said no evidence of contamination was found in a preliminary test of fuel from a truck that had refueled the plane.

The aircraft, a 19-seat, BA-31 Jetstream, was owned by **Executive Airlines**, a private charter company based in Farmingdale, N.Y. Company officials said they never had problems with the 12-year-old plane.

Investigators also said they were not ruling out human error, and that the plane could have been low on fuel. They were calculating how much fuel the plane would have needed to get from Farmingdale to Atlantic City and then to Wilkes-Barre, Black said.

Families of the 17 passengers peppered investigators with questions during a meeting with NTSB officials Monday evening. They were "somber and stunned" as officials indicated it would be some time before the cause of the crash was found, said Lackawanna **County Commissioner Bob** Cordaro.

"Now they understand that certain things will take days. not hours," said Cordaro.

Police escorted victims' families to the airport fire station and shielded them from journalists.

SUPPORT GROUPS

TUESDAY •Support for MS and Related Diseases, 6:30 p.m. second Tuesday of each month, Canterbury South. Public invited. Call Leslie, 267-1069.

•Al-Anon, 8 p.m., 615 Settles. Seniors' diabetic support group, 2 p.m., Canterbury South. Call 263-1265.

 Compassionate Friends support group for parents who have experienced death of a child, 7:30 p.m. first Tuesday in February, April, June, August, October and December in the Family Life Center Building, First Baptist Church, 705 West Marcy. Enter by southeast door. Call 267-2769.

-•"Most Excellent Way," an addiction support group, 3610 Dixon, call 264-9900.

BIG SPRING AROUND THE TOWN

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

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

Nurse Hospice and 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 South, 1700 Lancaster.

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

BRIEFS

THE PERMIAN BASIN **AREA** Foundation announced that applications for the Marie Hall Scholarships are available for distribution to students in the area.

Scholarship awards, ranging generally from \$250 to \$1,500 per semester, are available to students of any academic pursuit. Recipients must attend one of the following colleges or universities: Angelo State University, Howard College, Midland College, Odessa College, Sul Ross University, Tech University, Texas Tech **University Health Sciences** Center in Midland, Odessa or Lubbock or the University of Texas of the Permian Basin.

An application is available contacting the financial aid office of the college. Deadline to return the application is May

VOICES FOR CHILDREN, ALSO known as Court-**Appointed Special Advocates** (CASA), is seeking volunteers from the Big Spring area to serve children involved in court cases. The agency, based in Midland, serves the Big Spring area, representing the needs of children who have been removed from their homes due to allegations of abuse or

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On Sunday, May 21, the Big

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received a report of a sexual

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According to the report, a 14-

year-old female was assaulted

by an adult male. No physical

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Patterson, 20, of Big Spring,

was arrested on a warrant for

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Patterson is in the Big Spring

The investigation was con-

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Midland from County Courthouse. A special check presentation and a press conference is planned in Midland with Midland Mayor Robert Burns presiding.

The group from Midland will then run to Big Spring to join with officers from the Big Spring Police Department. **Officers Coates, Gilbert Barraza** and Lupe Liedecke will be representing Big Spring.

"They are supposed to arrive in Big Spring about 11:30 a.m. Thursday at the McDonald's," said Coates, who noted that the group is not expected to run down Gregg Street this year. "We are supposed to get to Arlington sometime Friday evening and then return on Saturday."

Approximately 30 Torch Runners will unite with volunteers and the community before



plane, a Jetstream 31.

Everyone aboard were killed Sunday when the twin-engine turboprop crashed in the rain nine miles away from Wilkes-Barre/Scranton International Airport. It was carrying passengers home from a gambling trip to Atlantic City, N.J.

Investigators hoped to begin removing wreckage from the site today. But rainfall since the crash has muddied the ground, complicating efforts to get heavy equipment into the area deep in the northeastern Pennsylvania woods.

With no data recorder information, investigators will rely on that wreckage, witnesses, radar data and a conversation between the two pilots and air traffic controllers. The pilots said they had lost both engines as they made their second approach to the airport.

Further details about the pilots' desperate attempts to get the plane on the ground safely were released Monday night.

After the pilot declared an emergency, air traffic controllers suggested that they were near several highways and other areas that might work as a landing zone, including the northeast extension of the Pennsylvania Turnpike.

"There was no indication" that the plane attempted to land, Black said.

Evidence at the scene showed that both engines were not running at the time of the crash,

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p.m. closed meeting. Counseling •Samaritan **Center of West Texas will have** Dr. Ronald Meyer, D.Min., LCDC, LMFT, specializing in individual and marriage counseling, Attention Deficit Disorder and chemical dependency, available for clients in Midland. Appointments for counseling services are made by calling 1-800-329-4144.

•Narcotics Anonymous, 6 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church. Call 268-4189 (pager no.)

•Big Spring Christian Home Educators meet on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month at 1:30 p.m. at the Family Life Center at First Baptist Church. Recreation is available for the kids and networking for the parents. For more information, contact Suzanne Haney at 263-7147.

 Innovators in glyconutritionals are an independent group focusing on sickness prevention and management utilizing non-toxic simple saccharides to help our body heal itself. Training sessions are the second and fourth Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m. at 1909 S. Gregg. For more information call 267-3013 or 267-2424.

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

neglect

To become a volunteer, a 40hour training session is required, as is a background check and interview. A training session will be scheduled soon

CASA's new office is located at 201 W. Wall, Suite 909. For information, call Kari Coleman, 683-1114

SPRING HIGH BIG SCHOOL Class Reunion of 1950 is looking for the following graduates: Norman Brown, Gray Nichols, Wayne Brown, Bill Cook, Larry Dillon, Joe Miller, Vernon Smith, Mary Jane Couch, Delores Franklin, Margaret Hurt, Lou Ann Miller, Doris Ann Stevens, Mozelle Day, Betty Jo Ledlow, Pat Miller, Maudean Pinkerton, Betty Hamrick and Janice Montgomery.

If you know about these people, please call, Joyce Kilpatrick Choate, 393-5722.

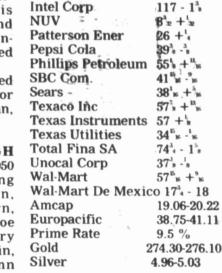
COAHOMA JUNIOR HIGH AWARDS ceremony will be held Wednesday at noon in the high school auditorium. Individual teachers will give out academic awards to their students along with other special honors. Parents, grandparents and family friends are invited.

Report cards will be mailed to the student's home address on Thursday, June 1. All fees and fines must be paid before the

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The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activities through the week ending at 8 a.m. Monday: AGGRAVATED ASSAULT,

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

9:33 a.m. - 2600 block Lynn, Center.

10:16 - 3300 block Center Pt. Road, trauma call, patient transported to SMMC

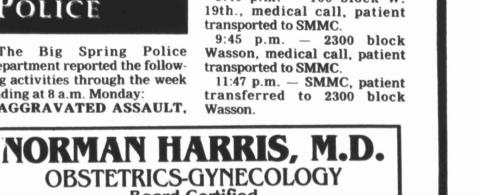
3:29 p.m. - SMMC, patient transferred to 2000 block Virginia.

3:35 p.m. - 8300 block Dee Road, medical call, patient transported to SMMC. 4:04 p.m. - 3200 block Parkway, medical call, patient,

transported to SMMC. 9:40 p.m. - 100 block W. 19th., medical call, patient transported to SMMC.

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GENERAL NEWS

Alleged serial killer Resendiz gets death penalty

HOUSTON (AP) - After Angel Maturino Resendiz surrendered to police last summer, the Texas Ranger who handcuffed him on an international bridge in El Paso told the railriding drifter that the killing was over.

On Monday, a jury decided that one more person must die Maturino Resendiz.

"They found it difficult, but because of what we presented they didn't have a choice," prosecutor Devon Anderson said.

It took jurors less than two hours to decide that he was a continuing threat to society and that there was no mitigating reason to keep him off Texas death row

What prosecutors gave the panel, which last Thursday convicted Maturino Resendiz in the December 1998 rape-slaying of a Houston-area doctor, were eight more bloody bodies the career burglar left behind from 1997 to 1999

insanity, defense attorney Allen Tanner conceded his client killed all nine. Prosecutors filled in the details over two days' worth of punishmentphase testimony. confession.

Despite his Maturino Resendiz remained defiant to the end. First, he refused to sign a document initiating his appeals, which automatically will be entered whether or not he cooperates.

Then, the 40-year-old father of one made a statement after the Houston-area jury condemned him to lethal injection.

"That police officer lied under oath, and I don't think that it's right," Maturino Resendiz said, pointing to Texas Ranger Sgt. Drew Carter, who brokered his surrender and met him on the bridge. "He lied under oath."

Maturino Resendiz surrendered on the American side of the border after the officer negotiated with the suspect's sister. The defense said the family was In an unsuccessful push for misled to believe that if

dered, he would not be subject to the death penalty.

Tanner went further to say that Maturino Resendiz believed he would not even be prosecuted for killing six people in Texas, two in Illinois and another in Kentucky.

"He was expecting to go straight to a mental hospital," Tanner said.

As the courtroom cleared, Manuela Karkiewicz, the Albuquerque, N.M., sister of the defendant who struck the deal, had a low-key conversation with Carter. He declined to repeat the conversation, saying only that "it was not cordial." Maturino Resendiz headed to prison for the death of researcher Dr. Claudia Benton, who was beaten, stabbed and raped in her home just before

Christmas 1998. "It's been difficult, it's been hard, but there's nothing I'll have to do in my life that's harder than telling my daughters their mother's been mur-

an innocent verdict by reason of Maturino Resendiz surren- dered," said George Benton, Dr. Benton's husband.

> Maturino Resendiz' family, most of whom live in Mexico, left through a side exit and were chased down a street by some television camera crews. His wife, Julieta Dominguez of Rodeo, Mexico, helped prosecutors by turning over jewelry linked to some victims, but Tanner said she refused to assist her husband's defense.

Though the killing spree began with University of Kentucky student Christopher Maier in August 1997, it wasn't until the spring of 1999 that investigators began linking several slayings near railroad tracks, mostly in Texas.

There was outrage when it was learned that Maturino Resendiz, already a suspect, was arrested by Border Patrol agents in New Mexico on June 2, 1999, only to be released into Mexico. He was tied to two later Texas slayings and two more in Illinois before Carter brokered his July 13 surrender.

Clinton faces disbarment

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (AP) -Citing "serious misconduct," an Arkansas disciplinary panel has recommended that **President Clinton be disbarred** for giving misleading testimony about his relationship with Monica Lewinsky - an unprecedented and stinging rebuke of a sitting president.

The decision by the Arkansas Supreme Court **Committee on Professional** Conduct is the first step toward stripping Clinton of his law license and another embarrassment stemming the Paula Jones sexual harassment case. A judge must decide whether to accept Monday's recommendation. If it is accepted, the president can appeal to the state Supreme Court.

Clinton said the committee - five lawyers in private practice and a retired schoolteacher - was responding too harshly to testimony that he has labeled as "legally accurate."

"The only reason I agreed even to an appeal of this is, my lawyers looked at all the precedents and they said, 'There's no way in the world if they just treat you like everybody else has been treated, that this is even close to that kind of case," he said.

"We're going to give the judge a chance to do what we believe is right, and I think relationship with Lewinsky.

(& other things as well)

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that's the right thing to do, said Clinton, who will not personally defend himself because it would interfere with his duties as president.

Clinton has been a licensed lawyer since Sept. 7, 1973, was attorney general of Arkansas from 1977-79 and once taught at the University of Arkansas law school. He has not practiced law since the early 1980s. between his first and second terms as Arkansas governor.

At issue is his testimony in the lawsuit filed against him by Jones, a former state employee who said Clinton exposed himself to her and made a sexual advance in a Little Rock hotel room in 1991. Jones lawyers' drew Lewinsky into the case in an attempt to show a pattern of sexual misconduct by Clinton, a trail later picked up by independent counsel Kenneth Starr that led to Clinton's impeachment.

In his January 1998 deposition, Clinton said: "I have never had sexual relations with Monica Lewinsky, explaining the relationship did not meet the definition of sex that was given at the start of the deposition.

However, he acknowledged on Aug. 17, 1998, before a federal grand jury - and again in a nationally televised address - that he had an inappropriate

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Group suing school district for teacher throwing out Bibles

against the Willis Independent School District for an alleged series of constitutional violations, including a teacher throwing two sisters' Bibles in a trash can, The Conroe Courier reported in today's editions.

The Florida-based Liberty Counsel in a lawsuit filed in **U.S. District Court in Houston** alleges that Lynn Lucas Middle School teacher Sara Flotman

CONROE (AP) - A legal threw away bibles owned by 15watchdog group has filed suit year-old Angela and 13-year-old Amber Harbison, saying, "This is garbage.'

The Harbisons' claims are among eight allegations that the school district violated the U.S. and Texas constitutions. The allegations include freedom of religion and freedom of speech violations.

The lawsuit also claims the school district told three students to remove book covers

with the Ten Commandments printed on them. One of those students, Jeremy Pasket, and his parents, also are plaintiffs.

Saying they had yet to see the lawsuit, Willis school district officials declined comment, the newspaper reported.

Mat Staver, attorney for the students and the parents, said the students were within their rights to carry the religious materials. Staver said a 1969 Supreme

Court decision, Tinker v. Des Moines Independent School District, grants the students "a right to freedom of speech even if it's controversial.

The 1969 case involved students wearing black arm bands to protest the Vietnam War.

'This lawsuit seeks to educate the educators," Staver said. "Despite their misguided beliefs, the Constitution is still the law of the land.'

Suspects in West Texas armored van heist are arrested

arrested two men Monday for their involvement in an armored van heist earlier this month in West Texas.

Randal David Penns, 30, and Varrick Woodall, 24, face "bank-robbery related charges" for the May 10 heist of an armored van loaded with money from Security Bank in Idalou, 10 miles east of Lubbock, Assistant U.S. Attorney Bill and Woodall were detained by Garland police ear-

GARLAND (AP) - Police authorities to the vehicles the men were driving.

Police who pulled the men over found an undisclosed amount of money in one of two vehicles. Both men are from Lubbock.

Lubbock FBI supervisory agent Bob Matthews would only say the case remained under investigation. Phone calls placed to FBI offices in Dallas



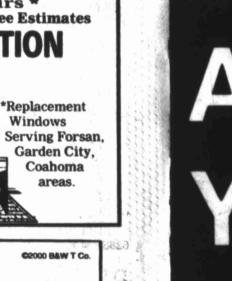
were not immediately returned. Investigators have refused to Idalou Police Chief Gilbert Rodriguez said the armored van owned by H&K Armored Inc. was stolen while its two operamillion. tors were in the bank's vault. The unattended van was left with keys in the ignition and

the doors unlocked. The van was found 45 minutes later parked behind a nightclub

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it's over," he said. "We were very confident from the start with the money missing. that they would be caught."





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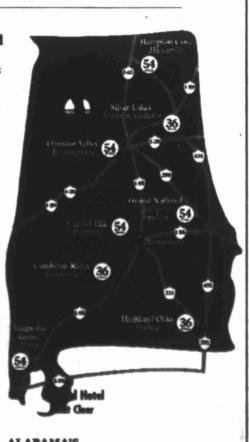
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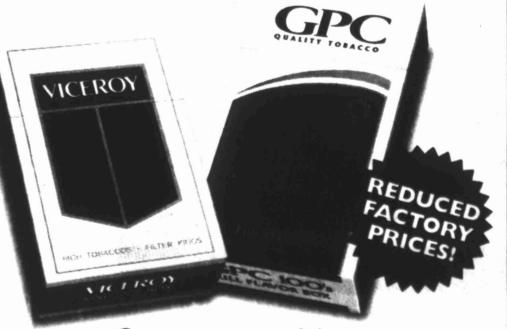
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Relay for Life is a source of pride for all

ach year, we wonder, "Can they do it again? Can they possibly keep up this pace?" And each year, when the totals are announced in the Relay for Life fundraiser, we are surprised and pleased.

They did it again. The Howard/Glasscock Chapter of the American Cancer Society raised more than \$119,000 this year to help in the fight against a killer disease. That tops their goal for the community campout, which was set at \$110,000.

As Diane Wood, co-chair of the event, made the announcement on Saturday, May 13, she fought back tears. And as we read of their success in Sunday's Herald, many of us felt the same burst of emotion.

"They did it again!"

In some ways, it's not surprising that this community-wide event is such a huge success year after year. Have you visited the colorful campsites and seen the many costumed participants? Have you watched them play games, eat together and visit as they walk endless laps around the track?

The atmosphere at Relay is like nowhere else -----it is charged with the conviction that the fight against can

The best laid plans sometimes go awry

omewhere beneath the great piles of letters in my house, buried alive, is an imaginary traveler. He never should have come here.

The young grandson of a dear friend of mine is studying the **United States**



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information. Matthew Johnson mailed the imaginary traveler to me. I was to write down what the adventurous boy had done while visiting in Georgia and send it back to Alabama. I planned on showing the visitor a good time.

It made me remember how my father used to help us with

Once, the night before it was due, he helped my older sister build a miniature town sign out of a cypress knee and Popsicle sticks.

The sticks swung from the

words, said: Singing Wheels. (That was the name of the town she was reading about.) * Now it was my turn to help a child learn about the Larger World

OPINION

I thought of the reams of good material from the newspaper office that I could furnish Matthew's class --- a Chipper Jones photograph, maybe, or a poster of the pandas. And I envisioned the fat, impressive package I would send, full of real Vidalia onions and mayhaw jelly and definitely a cassette tape of Ray Charles singing "Georgia on My Mind." If I had time, I'd even make a delicious pecan pie, or little individual pies for each

child. Then I forgot all about it. Matthew's grandmother called last week and asked if I'd gotten the boy's missive some six weeks earlier. I had to admit I had, though I briefly considering saying, "The dog ate it."

That night I searched and searched for the drawing, the letter and my forgotten assignment. I couldn't find it anywhere.

I imagined a big, colorful map of the United States hanging on the chalkboard at the front of an Alabama schoolroom

All of the states were filled in with zippy hot colors, postcards of Montana cowboys and California surfers and so forth.

Except for Georgia. It was a blank. And poor Matthew sat in a corner, chin to his chest, "Incomplete" stamped on his permanent record.

"It's not too late to send a postcard," the grandmother had said.

It was a deadline day, but in shame I set out to the nearest town, Bowdon, in search of a crummy postcard. None of the drugstores had any.

I thought about drawing my own, or snipping generic photographs off the cover of the telephone directory to glue to one of the plain cards the post office sells.

But I was afraid to look cheap on top of tardy. I kept driving.

The truck stop near the state line in Tallapoosa has everything. It has fan belts and spark plugs and canvas aprons that hang over the back of your truck seat for storing tools and maps.

It has dinner bells that say "Come and get it!" and snow domes filled with glitter and plastic rainbows that say See Rock City.

It has aisles of girlie magazines and straw cowboy hats and strong coffee.

The place also had a few Georgia postcards.

The selection was somewhat limited. There was one card that said "Autumn Scenes from North Georgia," but the pretty leaves might have been photographed anywhere. You couldn't really prove the scenes were from any particular state.

Some of the postcards were bawdy. Which is fine, if you're a trucker driving cross-country and want to amuse a pal by pretending you are "sampling" the Georgia peaches instead of just going slowly insane with boredom hauling a load of green beans.

I finally settled on a boring but blue picture of a lake, the card with fall leaves and one featuring Marietta's Big Chicken. At least the chicken was probably in Georgia.

The whole misadventure inspired thoughts for a fallback career. This state needs more good postcards, I decided, with pictures of Newnan homes and Valdosta live oaks and Atlanta's skyline. Tourists want to put a positive but specific spin on what they've seen and done. (Once, passing through Meridian, Miss., I saw a postcard featuring a pulpwood truck. That bit of realism seemed to defeat the whole purpose.)

No state, I decided, is any better than its selection of picture postcards.

I jotted a quick note to Matthew Johnson on the back of the chicken card, but I couldn't remember the imaginary traveler's name I was supposed to use when writing. I had to sign my own, which by now was M-U-D.

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cer is a battle that can be won. Participants are often those who have lost loved ones, or watched them fight the disease. Often, they are people who have faced cancer themselves.

They are children, senior citizens and young parents. They are mothers, sisters and brothers, grandparents and co-workers. And more often that not, as they circle the track one more time, they are smiling.

We suppose those smiles show the kind of happiness that comes with giving of yourself to help someone else. And that kind of community spirit is good for all of us.

Thanks, Relay for Life, for bringing us something of which Big Spring can be proud. We salute you and everyone who helped make this strange and wonderful event possible.

See you next year!

OTHER VIEWS

Those fighting AIDS got some powerful allies this week when five of the world's largest drug companies agreed to slash the prices of HIV drugs for people living in poor nations. That means millions of people throughout Africa and the Caribbean Basin living with HIV, the virus that causes AIDS, will now get access to those lifesaving drugs.

Still, the biggest hurdle was the cost of the drugs. The lower prices, though still too high for many, will go far in combating this epidemic. The combination of three or four drugs needed to keep the virus at bay will now cost between \$150 and \$200 a month in those countries, unlike the \$10,000 and \$15,000 a year it costs in the United States and Europe....

President Clinton ... commendably issued an executive order declaring that the United States will not interfere with countries that violate American patent laws to provide AIDS drugs at lower costs.

That should be a warning to the drug companies. Profit margins are never more important than life itself.

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Why the gun is a lot like the automobile

ontrast Mothers Against Drunk Driving with the Million Mom March against guns. Mothers

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were human

Against Driving, or rather its founders, rec ognized in a rational, intelligent manner that the cause of their grief was not the CHARLEY

automobile. REESE The killers of their children

beings who drove the automobiles in a criminally reckless manner. The MADD members have been quite effective in persuad ing state legislatures to toughen the laws against drunken driving

The Million Mom March, however, ignores the problem

the humans who used firearms to commit murder and focuses instead on the gun, which, like the automobile, is an inanimate object incapable

of acting on its own.

Two explanations are possible. One, they are just ignorant and superstitious or, at best, thoughtless and ill-informed about their own country's history. Two, they know quite well what they are doing pursuing a hidden agenda to disarm the American people. Certainly any group that picks Rosie O'Donnell, a loud,

beefy comedian who confuses volume with intelligence, is not exactly an advertisement for rational people engaged in a thoughtful debate.

None of the people who has used guns to commit crimes, whether career criminals or the temporarily or permanently psychotic, would be affected one whit by new laws. Who can imagine that a person intent on violating the law against murder would be deterred by the prospect of violating a law involving possession of a firearm? Only the thoughtless.

These women, organized by a friend of the Clintons, were just staging a political charade to further the Clinton agenda to gut the Second Amendment

rights of the American people. When they piteously claim that 13 children a day die, they conveniently forget that 85 percent of them are 15- to 20-yearold thugs, usually engaged in drug wars or turf battles. In fact, only 20 children under the age of 5 died in firearms accidents in the last year for which numbers are available. Only 142 people under the age of 14 lost their lives in firearms acci dents. That puts firearms accidents dead last as a threat to children in the accidents column.

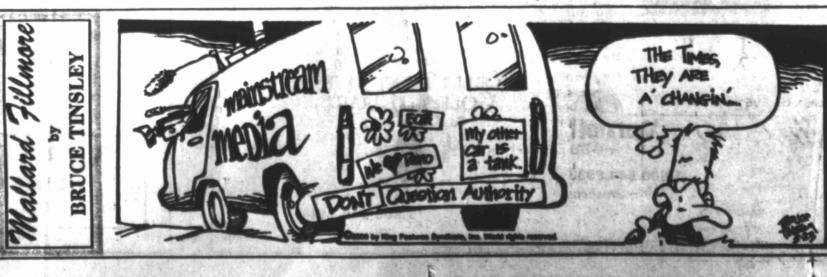
Besides, the ugly fact is that most children who die in firearms accidents are children of low-class, low-intelligence parents who are far too irresponsible to obey any laws requiring locks.

As for licensing handguns, anything that is licensed is not a right, and the American people have a clear, unquestionable right to own and keep firearms. When the government starts to license speech, press, assembly and religion, then you will know you no longer live in a free society. The gun has been a constant

in American history, both in our Colonial period and in our national period. There would be no America without the gun. It is to us, our history and our culture what the sword is to Japan.

Look at the phrases in our language derived from guns: "lock, stock and barrel," "shoot your wad" and "hit the nail on the head." Yes, the last referred to a marksman hitting a nail and driving it the rest of the way into a board or a tree. That was a common target for shooting matches on the **American frontier. Americans** in those days were good shots. Their lives depended on it.

The fundamental difference between a free society and an unfree society is an armed citizenry. No unfree society allows it citizens to be armed. Even today we can paraphrase **Italian philosopher Niccolo** Machiavelli and say that America and Switzerland are the most armed - and the most free - countries on earth. Heed the Constitution, not some overweight comedian. It's your liberty they are threatening.



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IN BRIEF

Howard College's Nix signs with Lady Frogs

Howard College point guard Ashanti Nix has signed a letter of intent to play her junior and senior basketball seasons at Texas Christian University.

Nix, who averaged nine points, six assists and five steals per game, was a first-team all-WJCAC selection, as well as a

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The Levelland product also won the prestigious Lady Hawk Award at Howard and earned Academic All American honors.

"We're ecstatic about signing Nix," TCU head coach Jeff Mittic said. "She brings the talent to the point guard position that we need to take our program to a higher level.

"She's the total package on both ends of the floor," Mittic added. "She can penetrate, distribute and score on offense, and can completely shut down the opposing point guard on defense. She is a big time player."

Bulldogs' region semifinal slated for Thursday night

Coahoma's Bulldogs, having swept two best-of-three playoff series, will only have to play one game in the Region I Class 2A semifinal round.

The Bulldogs will take on Stamford at 6:30 p.m. Thursday at Snyder's Moffett Field.

Ticket prices will be \$4 for adults and \$2 for students.

Coahoma Reds post doubleheader sweep

Coahoma's Reds swept a air of wins over the Coahom Diamondbacks and improved their record to 11-1 in Coahoma Little League action. In the first game of the twinbill, the Reds outscored the Diamondbacks 13-12 and then dominated the nightcap with an 11-2 decision. The opener saw Collin McMillan get two of the Reds six hits, while Taylor Scott collected a pair of doubles.

the rest of the Los Angeles Lakers won our hands full." 67 regular-season games to earn home-

court advantage throughout the NBA The Portland Trail Blazers took it away with a 20-0 third-quarter run that negated any reason for a Hack-a-Shaq

repeat. "I've never seen anything like that," the Lakers' Robert Horry said. "You don't know what happened, where it came from.'

With Rasheed Wallace on his best behavior, and at his best on the court. the Blazers routed the Lakers 106-77 Monday night to even the best-of-seven Western Conference finals 1-1. The series doesn't resume until Friday in Portland. "No one said it was going to be easy,"

Wallace, thrown out of Game 1 for getting two technical fouls, had playoff career highs of 29 points and 12 rebounds. A graceful, powerful 6-foot-11 handful around the basket, he also has range. He made three 3-pointers in the decisive run.

"I think everybody realizes how much of a key he is to us," Portland's Steve Smith said. "We've got to have him on the floor, and I think if you look at the way he played, we're really going to struggle without him out there.

The way the Blazers played the third quarter there was no reason for the 'Hack-a-Shaq'' strategy that sent O'Neal to the line a playoff-record 25 times in the fourth quarter of Game 1. O'Neal was

Trail Blazers take 106-77 win, evening series with LOS ANGELES (AP) - Shaq, Kobe and Shaquille O'Neal said. "Now we've got 5-for-17 from the line, but it was academ- Wallace, who dre

O'Neal, averaging 30.8 points in the playoffs, had 23 points and 12 rebounds, but 14 of his points came in the fourth quarter, when the Lakers never got closer than 18.

'Defensively, we did a lot of good things out there," Portland coach Mike Dunleavy said. "We were aggressive, much more so than we were last game." Kobe Bryant was the only other Los Angeles player in double figures with 12 points, but he was only 2-for-9 from the field.

The Lakers lost at home for the first time in eight playoff games and the second time in 26 games since losing to the Blazers on Jan. 22. Los Angeles is 43-6 at home.

Wallace, who drew his second technical in Game 1 for glaring at referee Ron Garretson, said he had no special motivation Monday night.

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"I'm just going out there and playing, Wallace said. "My preparation for this game wasn't any different than Game 1.

Wallace had 11 points and five rebounds in the third quarter, when the Blazers outscored Los Angeles 28-8, tying the Lakers' playoff low for that quarter and just two short of the NBA record-low for a third quarter, set by Atlanta against Boston on May 6, 1986.

"The first half was just awful and we were only down by three points," Lakers coach Phil Jackson said. "We certainly could play a better second half was my message to the team at halftime, and we went out and played worse."



For an encore, Burnitz hit a three-run homer in the second game of the doubleheader Monday, won 6-1 by Milwaukee. It was an extraordinary day for the Brewers, who made the biggest ninth-inning comeback in team history in front of one of the smallest crowds in

Milwaukee finally swept a three-game series with Houston that began last Tuesday, when

the Brewers won a 16-inning contest before the remaining games were rained out on Wednesday and Thursday. Both teams originally were

scheduled for a day off Monday. but since Houston doesn't return to Milwaukee this year, the Astros made a 24-hour stopover on their way home from Montreal, where they were swept in a three-game series

At 15-28, Houston has slumped to the NL's worst record. The mood was grim in the Astros clubhouse as they packed to head home.

'When you've only got 15 wins and you were expected to contend, that's tough," Jeff Bagwell said. "I believe this thing has got to turn around. We're not that bad of a ballclub."

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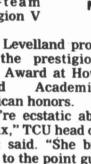
amazing comeback,

The Houston Astros led by seven runs entering the bottom of the ninth, and nobody at County Stadium raised an eyebrow when reliever Doug Henry walked Milwaukee's Jeromy Burnitz to open the inning.

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

Eight batters and five improbable runs later, Burnitz was up again. This time, he had everybody's attention - and he didn't disappoint.

Burnitz's two-run single off closer Billy Wagner tied the game and capped one of the biggest comebacks in baseball history for the Brewers, who won it 10-9 in the 10th inning on Jose Hernandez's solo homer.



Justin Darden pitched the seventh inning to chalk up the win and improve his record to 7-0.

In the second game Donnie Garcia and Darden combined for the no-hit win. McMillan again led the way

offensively with a pair of hits and 2 RBIs.

Ballapalooza registration deadline is set for today

Today is the deadline for entering teams for the second annual Ballapalooza Softball Tournament scheduled for June 3-4 at the Roy Anderson Complex.

Sponsored by the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce Sports Committee, the tournament will be limited to 20 teams.

Entry fees are \$120 per team. For more information or to enter a team, call Andi York at 263-7641.

Steers basketball camp scheduled for May 29

The BSHS Steers Basketball Camp will begin Monday at Steer Gym.

Camp sessions will be from 3:30 to 11:30 a.m. each day. Open to second through eighth graders, fees will be \$45 per youngster.

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

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Big Spring foursome shines as motocross series begins

Members of the newly-formed RJRD Racing Team display their awards following the first in a four-

race Summer Night Motocross Series that will continue through August. From left are John Relland,

Ryan Wester, Ryan Vasser and Duane Fulgham. The four are coached by Forster Wester and Kenny

HERALD Staff Report

Fulgham.

MIDLAND - Four teenagers from Big Spring turned in impressive performances as the Summer Nigh Motocross Series got under way at the West Texas Motocross Park on Saturday. The four Big Spring riders — Ryan Vasser, John Reiland, Ryan Wester and Duane Fulgham comprise the newly-formed RJRD Racing team and were among 176 riders from Texas and New Mexico competing in the four-race series that will continue into August.

Vasser, Reiland and Wester compete in the 125cc Division, while Fulgham competes in the 250cc Division.

Vasser and Fulgham topped the entire field during Saturday's series opener.

Vasser finished third in his first 125cc heat,

then added a second-place finish in his next heat to take first-place overall and take the series lead

Fulgham was even more dominant, winning both heats in the his class and take the firstplace trophy, as well as grabbing the early 250 cc series lead.

Reiland finished fifth in the first 125cc heat, but rebounded with a second-place finish in the second, finishing just behind Vasser in the overall standings.

Wester, despite a tough fall in his second heat managed a sixth-place finish in the opening heat and rallied for eighth following his tumble to stand seventh in the overall 125cc standings.

The RJRD team is coached by Forster Wester and Kenny Fulgham and will make its next appearance this weekend when they travel to Central Texas for a race at Lake Whitney.

Baseball execs say home run pace not balls' fault

— With home runs and juiced-

ball claims on the rise, it was a perfect time for a field trip to a baseball factory.

A day after a record six grand slams and 56 home runs were hit in the majors, a van full of baseball executives showed up at the Rawlings factory Monday for a previously scheduled look at how big league baseballs are made.

Their conclusion: It's not the balls' fault.

"We came away very impressed with the operations here," Sandy Alderson, the

for operations, said after a tour of the plant where all major league baseballs are made. "We weren't looking for surprises, it was an educational process."

With Rawlings balls flying out of major league parks at a record-setting pace, Alderson said he took a tour of the unassuming, about 900-employee factory in Costa Rica's coffee-growing region to "get more familiar with what goes into making a baseball."

"It's not enough for us to tell the media and fans that there's nothing wrong with the ball."

TURRIALBA, Costa Rica (AP) majors' executive vice president said Alderson, who was careful not to say the word "juiced."

> "We need to be more familiar with the process ourselves," he said.

> There were 931 home runs in the majors in April, a record for the month.

On Sunday, along with the record six slams, there were 56 home runs — one off the record for a day, set on April 7.

Alderson said he thought stronger hitters, smaller ballparks and a pitching talent pool thinned by expansion all contributed to 2000's homer-happy County Stadium history.

"You're not expecting to win that game, absolutely not." said Burnitz, who was 4-for-7 with five RBIs for the day. "But you've got to keep plugging and see if something crazy happens.'

It was the biggest ninthinning comeback in the majors since May 10, 1994, when Atlanta recovered from a sevenrun deficit against Philadelphia before winning in 15 innings. It also was the seventh time in major league history a team blew a lead of seven or more runs in the ninth inning and lost the game.

In the second game, the Brewers rode the momentum, while the Astros looked blown away. Jason Bere pitched eight strong innings as Milwaukee trounced the reeling Astros, losers of seven straight.

"Usually, doubleheaders are tiresome, but we finished up the first game with such an emotional lift that we wanted to keep playing," Milwaukee manager Davey Lopes said. "Some guys were ready to play three, that's how good the morale

It was Milwaukee's first doubleheader sweep since July 29, 1997, when the Brewers were still in the AL.

In other National League games, Los Angeles got past Cincinnati 1-0 in 14 innings and San Diego held off New York 1-

In the only American League scheduled Monday, game Toronto took a 4-3 win over

notice, leading to the tiny crowd and cheap ticket prices. Milwaukee sold bleacher seats for \$1, and though the team was charging \$10 for the best seats, fans who paid for any seat were allowed to move closer.

In the second game, Burnitz and Charlie Hayes hit back-toback homers off Kip Gross (0-1) in the third inning.

Ron Belliard, who has a 12game hitting streak, added a two-run double in the fourth, while Bere (3-3) scattered seven hits and cruised into the eighth inning before allowing a solo homer to Ken Caminiti.

All the drama was in the first game. Milwaukee scored seven runs against Henry, Jose Cabrera and Wagner, who blew his fourth save chance of the vear.

Lyle Mouton had a run-scoring doub's, followed by a tworun double off Henry by Hernandez. Marquis Grissom singled in a run against Cabrera, cutting the lead to 9-6. Wagner then walked Raul Casanova before striking out James Mouton and Ron Belliard. But Mark Loretta singled to drive in Hernandez, and Burnitz's two-run single - his first career hit against Wagner tied the game.

In 30 years of baseball, the Brewers had never come back from more than four runs down in the ninth.

In the 10th; Hernandez hit a one-out pitch from Joe Slusarski (0-2) into the left-field bleachers. David Weathers (3-1) got the win.

Stars, Avalanche still even, just like their Western Conference series

DALLAS (AP) - Four games into the Western Conference finals, and there's still not much separating the Dallas Stars and Colorado Avalanche

Each goalie has had games to remember and games to forget. Each team has won as often at home as on the road. Both have slumping centers.

Overall, the Avalanche have outplayed the Stars, but they have little to show for it. The best-of-seven series is tied at two games apiece going into Game 5 tonight.

The Stars blew home ice advantage by losing the opener, but they regained it by winning Game 4 Sunday in Denver. It was the first home loss this postseason for Colorado.

That wasn't the only deflating part of the loss. The Avalanche missed a chance to go up 3-1 and outshot the Stars 39-15. "I still like our position," coach Bob

our chances, be a little bit more creative offensively, and I think just take care of business.

The Stars, who rebounded from shutouts in Games 1 and 3, know they can't their trend of playing well only after a poor outing.

"If we can just play like we did in Game 2, then we'll give ourselves a chance to win and not have to rely on our goaltending," Dallas coach Ken Hitchcock said. "We've got to play better than we ever have if we're going to beat this team."

A gritty, tight series is exactly what was expected after the teams went seven games in last year's conference finals. Another seven-game series seems likely the way things keep balancing out.

Injuries kept Avalanche defensemen

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Hartley said. "We have to bear down on Ray Bourque out of the first two games. then Adam Foote out of the third. That top tandem was reunited Sunday, but Colorado gave up more goals in three periods than in the previous three games.

> Dallas went to Denver so sure rookie Brenden Morrow wouldn't play that his equipment was left at home. But he said his broken right ankle felt better and he ended up playing Sunday.

> Each team has a high-scoring center just waiting to break out. Dallas' Mike Modano didn't take a shot in Denver. and Colorado's Joe Sakic has one goal in the last 11 games and two in 14.

> The Avalanche's power play has been held to three goals in 24 chances, although the Stars' penalty killing unit – the best in the league this season deserves some credit. Dallas also has

three power-play goals, but on nine fewer chances.

The two shutouts by Colorado's Patrick Roy is impressive, but the 79 stops in the last two games by Dallas' Ed Belfour is pretty inspiring, too.

"It really settles us down, gives us great confidence knowing he's making those great saves," Modano said. "He seems to get stronger as games go on. Even in the games we've lost, he's still given us a chance right up 'til the end to get back into the game."

Roy's rocky Game 4 has drawn more grief than the glory of the two shutouts. Both sides expect him to be refocused tonight.

"Patrick is a fighter," Hartley said. "Just like when you take a good punch on the nose in Grade 6, you want to go back at those guys."

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THIS DATE IN HISTORY The ASSOCIATED PRESS

fellow cartoonists.

• Today is Tuesday, May 23, the 144th day of 2000. There are 222 days left in the year.

Eichmann in Argentina. (Eichmann was tried in Israel, found guilty of crimes against humanity; and hanged in 1962.) On this date:

Today's Highlight in History:

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mer Nazi official Adolf

In 1430, Joan of Arc was cap-On May 23, 1960, Israel tured by the Burgundians, who sold her to the English. In 1533, the marriage of

> England's King Henry VIII to Catherine of Aragon was declared null and void. In 1701, Capt. William Kidd was hanged in London after he

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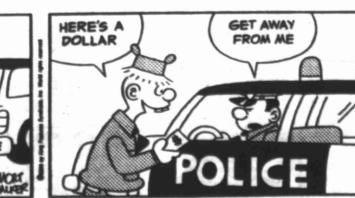
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In 1788, South Carolina became the eighth state to ratify the U.S. Constitution.

In 1915, Italy declared war on Austria-Hungary in World War

In 1934, bank robbers Bonnie Parker and Clyde Barrow were shot to death in a police ambush in Bienville Parish, La. In 1937, industrialist John D. Rockefeller died in Ormond Beach, Fla.

In 1940, Tommy Dorsey and his Orchestra, the Pied Pipers and featured soloist Frank Sinatra recorded "I'll Never Smile Again" in New York for RCA.

In 1945, Nazi official Heinrich-Himmler committed suicide while imprisoned in Luneburg, Germany.

In 1998, official returns showed two convincing "yes" votes in Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland for a U.S.-brokered peace accord.

Ten years ago: The Soviet Union unveiled an economicreform program that included plans for a national referendum. Neil Bush, son of the president, denied any wrongdoing as a director of a failed Denver savings-and-loan in testimony before Congress.

Five years ago: The ninestory hulk of the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building in Oklahoma City was demolished. That day, James Nichols, whose brother and a friend were charged in the Oklahoma bombing, was released from federal custody.

One year ago: Social Democrat Johannes Rau won election as Germany's president, a largely ceremonial post. **Professional wrestler Owen** Hart, also known as "The Blue Blazer," died when he fell 78 feet from a cable as he was being lowered into the ring at a World Wrestling Federation show in Kansas City, Mo. "Rosetta," a Belgian film, won top honors at the 52nd annual **Cannes Film Festival**.

Today's **Birthdays**: Bandleader Artie Shaw is 90. Actress Betty Garrett is 81. Pianist Alicia de Larrocha is 77. Bluegrass singer Mac Wiseman is 75. Singer Rosemary Clooney is 72. Actor Nigel Davenport is 72. Actress Barbara Barrie is 69. Actress Joan Collins is 67. Actor Charles Kimbrough is 64.

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