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## WEATHER

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## Trinity Memorial Park will host annual ceremony

The annual Howard County Memorial Day ceremony at Trinity Memorial Park will be 2 p.m. Sunday.

The All Veterans Council of Howard County and the VA Medical Center of Big Spring will sponsor the event. Each veterans organization will lay a wreath at the main flag pole in honor of all Howard County veterans.

The Boy Scouts of the Buffalo Trail Council will place miniature American Flags on veteran's graves on Saturday.

## Memorial Day holiday prompts office closings

Several city, county and federal offices will be closed in observance of Memorial Day Monday.

According to Emma Bogard, assistant city manager, only the city's emergency offices will be open on Monday.

Howard County offices will be closed to observe the holiday, except for the sheriff's office.

Although the Post Office will not be open, mail will be distributed to the box section, said Richard Saxton, postmaster.

The Veterans Administration Hospital will close except for direct patient care.

Monday's trash will be picked up on Wednesday and the landfill and compost facilities will also be closed.

Hangar 25 air museum will not be open in observance of Memorial Day.

## WEEKEND TICKET

**TODAY**  
□ 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.  
□ Trinity Baptist Church open house at Claude Craven Annex, 900 E. 11th Place, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.  
□ Dance, 8:30 p.m., Eagles Lodge, 704 West Third. Members and guests welcome.

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## Five area high schools plan graduation ceremonies tonight

By GINA GARZA  
Staff Writer

Several hundred area high school seniors will graduate tonight in Coahoma, Borden County, Forsan, Stanton and Sands.

Coahoma High School seniors plan commencement exercises for 7 p.m. in the Coahoma Stadium.

Lorin Wolf is valedictorian of the senior class, maintaining a 4.0 grade point average. He is the son of Steve and Jean Ann Wolf.

Amanda Morales is salutatorian, with a 3.9 grade point average.

She is the daughter of Eusebio and Consuelo Morales.

Those graduating include: Amy Abrego, Chris Allen, Jerry Don Ames, Brett Bennett, Marlana Nicole Blair, Benjamin

Luke Best, Walt Bordelon, Robert Travis Boyett, Daniel Lee Carver, Eric Wayne Cevallos, Jimmy L. Cooper Jr., Heather Marie Cruz, Tommy Michael Cruz, Jeremy Cypert, Marc Dale Ditto, Sylvia Ann Franco, Mario Uranga Garcia, Angela Lydia Gonzales, Russell Craig Grant, Gary Allen Hale II.

Amanda Brooke Hanslik, Gaylan Kristopher Harding, Tammy Michelle Hatcher, Steven Troy Henry, Manuelita Moron Hernandez, Jerod Sean Higgins, Pamela Jean Hildebrand, Carmen Lea Hipp, Ken Hogan, Angela Marcella Jackson, Cassie Danielle Jackson, Annie Dodson Jeter, Amy Leigh Lang, Brandy Rae Lee, Logan Tyrel Long, Kris Lynn, Kirstin Jo Marshall, Eric Ryan Milliken, Lori Miramontes.

Adam Javier Molina, Lance

Justin Monteleone, Amanda Morales, Jaime Arron Ovalle, Eric Ryan Owens, Bobby Posey, Norma Ester Requejo, Robert Daniel Rister, Jayci Kyndal Roberts, Christopher Lee Romero, Jarred Layne Rowden, Ashlee Jean-Marie Smith, Bobbi-Leigh Spiller, Camie Spurgin, Ginger Dianne Sullivan, James Cody Teeler, Toni Renee Trammell, Anthony Hudson Tucker, Natalie Uranga, Rebecca Kay Valencia, Ashley Lynn Ward, Derek Wayne Ward, Delvin White, Ross W. Williams, Lorin S. Wolf, Suzanna Dean Wood and Joe B. Wright.

Borden County High School seniors will graduate 8 p.m. in the high school auditorium.

Jana Himes has been named valedictorian with a grade point average of 100.80. She is the daughter of Jack and Terry

Himes. Nicholas Flanigan has been named salutatorian. The son of Nancy Gordon of Post and of the late Mike Flanigan, he has maintained a grade point average of 97.25.

Borden's graduating seniors include: Hailey Adcock, Anthony Aguilanga, Adrianna Baeza, Crystal Dye, Shawna Ellison, Nick Flanigan, Ramon Griffin, Heath Gwinn, John Harding, Joseph Hardman, Jana Himes, Shaina Isaacs, Justin Lawrence, Julie Mayes, Kevin Pinkerton, Kaci Poole, Ryan Saunders, Erica Schooler, Lindsey Smith, Robert Stamper and Foston Wilson.

Stanton High School class of 2000 will graduate at 8 p.m. in the high school gym.

They have co-valedictorians for this year — Clayton Baker and Brandy Allred. They have

both maintained a 4.62 grade point average.

Baker is the son of Albert and Elaine Baker and Allred is the daughter of Kelvin and Danon Allred.

Those graduating include: Brandy Lee Allred, Clayton Lee Baker, Stephanie Elaine Baldwin, Melanie Jo Barrera, Christopher Allen Brantley, Jeffery Wayne Burch, Jonathan Marshall Burnett, David Wayne Butler, Jessica Diane Carroll, Julio Cazares, Brady Lynn Cook.

Jessica Marie DeLeon, Maria Rebecca Escontrias, Jessica Marie Garza, Joshua Justin Haislip, Kelly Harden, William Dayton Harris, Denson Ray Henry Jr., Adrian Hernandez, Araceli Hernandez, Jason James Hernandez, Lorena

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## Residents clean up, survey damage after storms

By DEBBIE L. JENSEN  
Features Editor

Esmeralda Reyes was in her dining room about 10 p.m. Thursday when the lights began to flicker. Then she heard a deafening "thump!" and the entire house shook.

Running outside, Reyes saw that a large tree in her neighbor's yard had been split in half by the high winds. Half of the tree — a huge section of trunk — had landed on top of her house.

"I called 911 right away but there wasn't really anything they could do because no one was hurt, thank goodness," Reyes said. "The police did come out, but they were running all over town with damage and things happening."

Reyes was not alone this morning as she surveyed the damage in the wake of a storm. All over the Crossroads Area, people were picking up and cleaning up after high winds, rain and hail.

Throughout Big Spring, streets were littered with trash, tree limbs and other debris. Business owners and homeowners alike were coping with problems ranging from damaged and destroyed buildings to flooding and piles of trash.

Several reports came in of major wind damage. The National Weather Service in Midland reported wind speeds reached 60 to 70 miles per hour.

Reports said the Econo Lodge motel, at I-20 and U.S. Highway 87, sustained considerable damage, as did the Ponderosa Nursery, where two greenhouses were said to be destroyed.

Reports also indicated some areas got 1-inch hail. Big Spring's official rain total was .60.

Many area residents, like Reyes, had no lights and dead phone lines for several hours. She had to just wait it out, huddled with three children who were terrified.

At about 1 a.m., Reyes and two of her cousins were on the roof with chain saws, cutting up

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HERALD photos/Debbie L. Jensen and Lyndel Moody  
Above, Esmeralda Reyes looks at a tree that was uprooted and blown onto the roof of her house at 400 Hillside, shown in the background. At right, the storm ripped the roof from Jean Lee's carport and sent it flying into her neighbor's tree. Lee and her daughter, Tina Harrell, are shown surveying the damage this morning. Below, right, wind shattered several windows and a door at the Settles Hotel last night. Ronnie Hipp from Quality Glass will be replacing glass that shattered in this door today.

## Humane Society seeks help after sustaining major damage

By GINA GARZA  
Staff Writer

Thursday night's storm that ripped through Howard County hit the Humane Society shelter on West I-20 particularly hard.

"We are just devastated," said Fran Turrentine, shelter manager. "We lost 22 dog pens and the others are badly damaged, affecting about 25 to 35 dogs."

There were no injuries reported.

According to Turrentine, they have had to move cats and kittens out of their pens to move in the dogs who lost theirs.

"Right now we have 40 kittens in one pen to accommodate the dogs needing shelter," she said.

The whole west side of the shelter was completely destroyed, including uprooting of water lines. That left the shelter without water this morning.

Much of the debris has been blown to the front yard of the shelter, making just walking around difficult.

"There are chainlink fences and poles out in the middle of the front yard," Turrentine explained. "We are trying to get the water lines repaired."

She also added that they need volunteers to come out and help clean up the mess the storm left behind, as well as rebuild pens.

"We do have some people out here volunteering, but we could use more," added Turrentine.

## BSISD sets new teacher, staff dress code

By GINA GARZA  
Staff Writer

The Big Spring Independent School District board of trustees approved a new dress code for teachers, administrators and paraprofessionals for the 2000-01 school year on Thursday.

The board decided on guidelines for acceptable daily attire as well as spirit day/business casual day attire.

"We are not trying to keep casual wear out of the classroom, but trying to keep 'tacky' wear out," said Murray Murphy, deputy superintendent. "We want to have more professional dress in the classroom."

According to the dress code policy, the following is considered acceptable attire:

- Career dresses or suits for women
- Jumpers
- Slacks — dress and casual
- Suits, ties or collar shirts for men
- Sweaters and turtle necks
- Shorts, sweat suits, wind suits — P.E. and athletics only
- Skorts (not to exceed three inches above the knee)
- Unacceptable attire, according to the policy, is:
  - Sweat shirts
  - T-shirts
  - Leggings, stretch pants and stirrup pants
  - Capri pants, shorts and cargo pants
  - Jeans (Wranglers, Levis, etc.) of any color except as approved by principal on prescribed spirit days/business casual days
  - Trendy clothes
  - Sweat suits, wind suits out-

side P.E. and athletics. The board did exclude homecoming and special circumstances approved only by the superintendent.

"This may only be a year policy and if it doesn't work, we will ask for a change," said Bill McQueary, superintendent. "We are just trying this out to see if it works."

In other business, the school board members approved the energy policy from Energy Education Inc.

"This company provides us with services to develop an energy policy and help save us money on our energy costs," said McQueary. "The company says it can save us \$1.3 million over the next seven years."

The school board, when accepting this contract, had to

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## Local bikers will join 'Ride to Remember'

By GINA GARZA  
Staff Writer

Some 150 to 200 motorcyclists will participate in the second annual "Ride to Remember" on Memorial Day.

"The ride will get started at the Permian Basin Vietnam Memorial, located between the Midland International Airport and the Confederate Air Force headquarters, at around 9 or 9:30 a.m.," said Don Boling, Big Spring Vietnam Memorial Committee member.

The motorcyclists will ride in Monday from the Midland/Odessa and San Angelo areas to participate in the Big Spring Memorial Day celebration.

"This ride is to honor all our

fallen veterans and to reflect on what Memorial Day really means," Boling said.

"I do this ride because I'm a veteran," said Dee Harmon, of the Christian Motorcyclists Association. "I also do this to remind our young people what Memorial Day is really all about."

A short memorial service, which includes laying of the wreaths and a reading of a couple of short poems, will begin about 11:30 a.m. when the motorcyclists arrive at the Vietnam Memorial.

"This ride is for anyone who wants to help us honor our vets and there is not just one particular group attending," added

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# China trade bill faces tough battle as it goes before Senate

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Clinton administration-backed bill to expand trade with China ran into problems in the Senate on Thursday, a day after it won solid approval in the House.

Opponents from both the political right and left served notice they would use potentially time-consuming tactics to hold the bill up to scrutiny and amendment.

"I want to make sure there are votes to deal with serious human rights questions, the rights of workers to organize trade compliance," said Sen. Paul Wellstone, D-Minn.

"It's something that I can do and should do and I'll be out there. I don't intend to be shut out."

Wellstone was expected to team up with Sen. Russ Feingold, D-Wis., in pushing a raft of labor-supported amendments. Organized labor has waged a fierce campaign

against the bill, which it sees as a threat to U.S. workers' jobs.

From the other end of the political spectrum, Sen. Jesse Helms, R-N.C., pledged not to let the Senate "rubber stamp" the House-passed measure and advised China-trade supporters to hold off on "popping the champagne corks."

Helms promised "votes — perhaps uncomfortable votes — on a range of issues."

Sens. Fred Thompson, R-Tenn., and Robert Torricelli, D-N.J., announced Thursday that they, too, would seek to modify the China trade bill. They want to set up a mechanism to monitor Chinese weapons proliferation.

Still others were expected to try to attach a provision to increase U.S. military ties with Taiwan.

Because of the exhaustive battle that led up to Wednesday's

237-197 vote in the House, neither side paid much attention to the Senate — until now.

The bill is ultimately expected to win overwhelming support in the Senate, where the Finance Committee has approved it 18-1.

But hopes by Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott, R-Miss., for a "clean" bill — one without amendments like the one that passed the Finance Committee — were complicated by House-added amendments, including one to establish a commission to monitor human rights in China.

The House also adopted amendments to protect U.S. companies against surges in Chinese imports and to increase funds for Radio Free Asia.

Lott called the House amendments "substantial" and said, "We'll have to decide how to deal with their add-ons."

Since the additional language goes beyond trade issues, other committee chairmen might seek to assert jurisdiction, including Helms, chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee.

Time could be an important factor; with the summer political convention and campaign season fast approaching.

More immediately, a lengthy delay in the Senate could cause the administration to have to revert to the old practice of extending China's trade benefits on an annual basis — the exact process the permanent normal trade relations bill would end.

The necessary paperwork for such an annual renewal was being prepared as a backup, administration officials said. President Clinton would send it to Congress next week, if necessary.

The old law, followed for the

past 20 years, calls for the president to certify China's eligibility for trade benefits by June 3 each year. Congress has until the end of August to block it.

If the Senate makes any changes to the House-passed bill, a House-Senate conference committee would have to resolve the differences, followed by new votes in both chambers on the finished product.

All that is potentially time-consuming.

Commerce Secretary Richard Daley visited Lott and key senators on trade issues Thursday to map strategy for moving the legislation in the Senate.

Daley later said in an interview that the meetings went well but that "we still have a lot of work to do" and that "we're just going to have to work through" the flurry of proposed amendments.

"I don't think it's any sur-

prise that a lot of members are going to have an interest about different pieces of the legislation," he said, adding: "From everything we seem to hear, the vast majority of the Senate feels that (permanent normal trade relations for China) is the right thing to do."

Supporters had hoped to build on momentum from Wednesday's larger-than-expected House vote.

But with the Senate about to begin a weeklong Memorial Day recess and with the flurry of proposed amendments, it could be weeks before a Senate vote.

Sen. Joseph Biden of Delaware, the senior Democrat on Helms's committee, said he hopes Helms and other opponents will not attempt to slow or block the measure but added, "Anything's possible in this place."

## Despite initial lag in returns, Texas now ranks average in census count

DALLAS (AP)—Despite an initial lag in mail-in responses, Texas now ranks with the national average in the percentage of households counted in the 2000 Census.

The number of Texas homes enumerated by the census in 86 percent of the estimated total, Deputy Secretary of Commerce Robert L. Mallett said Thursday.

Nationally about 85 percent of households have been counted, said Mallett, whose department oversees the census count.

"We're trying to remind people that the census is not over," he said "we're only halfway there and we still need people to participate."

Before census workers began counting door-to-door last month, only 62 percent of Texas homes had returned their main-in forms—slightly

better than in 1990, but short of the national average of 65 percent.

"There are a lot of reasons Texas was behind in mail-ins," Mallett said. "This is highly diverse state with a lot of immigration and that might contribute to the lower response rate."

Highly populated urban areas historically have had lower response rates, as well.

"Another probable cause is that Texas has five of the top 20 cities in the U.S.," he said. "There are very few other states that can boast that, but that's a lot of big, big towns with urban areas."

Reaching rural areas also has been difficult, but the majority of households welcome enumerators, Mallett said.

"It gets tough, he said.

"People don't mince words out there (in rural parts of West Texas)," he said, "But overall the trend is how helpful people are being. We're pleased about that, I think people have been touched by the advertising campaign and that has helped."

In Dallas, 84 percent of homes have been accounted for, Mallett said. But census workers have been surprised to find one of their heaviest workloads in wealthy neighborhoods.

"This is a very busy population that travels a lot. It's hard to know exactly why, but we hope to get out there and get the numbers up," he said.

Gated communities have been an obstacle for enumerators in some areas, he said.

Other populous states such as California, and New York are reporting similar rates.

## Prosecution, defense rest in atheist trial

AUSTIN (AP)—A San Antonio bar owner testified Thursday that she served Madalyn Murray O'Hair drinks during the summer or fall of 1995, a time when prosecutors say the famous atheist was either kidnapped or killed.

Bonnie Jean Davis' testimony came during the trial of Gary Paul Karr, 52, who is charged with kidnapping and extortion in the disappearance of O'Hair, her son, Jon Garth Murray and her granddaughter Robin Murray O'Hair. Karr, an ex-con with a history of violence, faces life in prison if convicted.

"It was unusual for a little white-haired lady to come in with a walker," Davis said, adding O'Hair was wearing a big, bright dress when the trio walked into Bonnie Jean's Cocktails. Davis said she did not see anyone following the group, nor did any of them act strangely.

Davis said she did not speak with the O'Hair family, other than taking their orders for two Cokes and a Budweiser beer.

She said she did not recognize them at the time, but later figured out who they were by looking at photographs.

The prosecution rested its case about 9:15 a.m. Thursday after nearly 70 witnesses. The defense called its fourth and final witness nearly two hours later. The two sides are scheduled to present their closing arguments at 9 a.m. Tuesday.

Davis was the second witness for the defense who claimed to see Madalyn Murray O'Hair when prosecutors say the atheist was kidnapped or dead. The Rev. William Gordon Jr., a Baptist minister, said Wednesday he saw her in Romania in November 1999.

Prosecutors say they believe the O'Hairs were kidnapped in late August 1999 then killed for \$600,000 in gold coins, although \$100,000 in coins were later recovered. No one has been charged in their deaths. The bodies have not been found.

Investigators have alleged the Karr, former O'Hair office manager David Roland Waters and

Florida resident Danny Fry kidnapped the family and forced them to turn over \$500,000 in gold coins in 1995.

Karr is the only person indicted in the O'Hair family disappearance. Although investigators have said they believe Waters orchestrated the kidnapping plot, he has not been charged and is in prison for stealing from an O'Hair atheist group.

Fry's headless, handless body was found in Dallas County in 1995.

Karr's attorneys have said they believe the O'Hairs are alive and fled the country to avoid the Internal Revenue Service.

Tom Mills, Karr's attorney, said during a break Thursday that the prosecution did not prove otherwise.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Gerald Carruth led the jury through a web of circumstantial evidence against Karr, including financial transactions, telephone records and informant testimony.



# Trinity Baptist Church

## invites you to attend our Open House

**Saturday, May 27th - 10:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.**

Many of you have expressed an interest in seeing what has been done to the old Furr's building at 900 East 11th Place. Now that the work on the interior is complete, we'd like to invite you to come by and tour the facilities. The building will be open to the public this Saturday, May 27th, from 10:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. Please feel free to come by and see what God has allowed us to do with this property. This will be an informal open house and you are welcome to come and go as you please.



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# Elian and family move to nation's capital to await court decision

WASHINGTON (AP) — The young boy with the red shirt and blue jeans hopped out of a van and gazed at his new home. After a month's stay at a rural retreat in Maryland, Elian Gonzalez and his entourage from Cuba are now staying at a historic house in northwest Washington, not far from the official residence of Vice President Al Gore. It was known for two days that Elian was leaving Maryland but there was no confirmation of the new location until four vans carrying the Gonzalez family pulled up Thursday night at the two-story

home known as Rosedale Farm. The property is enclosed by a wooden fence and has a large yard where Elian and his four playmates from Cuba can frolic. The house, believed to be about 200 years old, is the headquarters of Youth for Understanding, International Exchange, which promotes exchanges involving high school students from the United States and foreign countries. It is just blocks away from the vice president's mansion on the grounds of the Naval Observatory. Today, Elian awoke to an

idyllic late spring morning. But there was no visible sign of him through the scores of trees that partially block the view of the house for outsiders. Yellow police tapes with "Do Not Cross" admonitions ringed the house, preventing all but authorized visitors from getting close. Orange cones at the foot of the driveway blocked the entry of unauthorized vehicles. A stream of visitors, mostly employees of Youth for Understanding, had to pass through a U.S. Marshals Service checkpoint before being allowed on the grounds. Gregory Craig, the lawyer for

Elian's father, Juan Mjguel Gonzalez, said the move was a matter of convenience. Craig, who works at a Washington law firm, said consultations will be easier with the family nearby. Craig lives two blocks away. The family is awaiting a court decision on whether Elian will be allowed to return to Cuba, as his father wishes. The move was characterized by the Cuban government as a step toward the 6-year-old's "liberation." Margery Landry, 46, who lives a half-block away from Rosedale, said she considered

having Elian and his entourage in her neighborhood "part of the things that make city living interesting. But when you come home and see the television towers (on news vans) and the people shouting, it brings it a little too close to home." Another neighbor, Terry Blackwelder, 52, was somewhat concerned when she returned home from her job as a school librarian Thursday and saw helicopters circling in the sky. At first, she said, she thought a crime had occurred. Edmund Frost, who lives down the street, said neighbors normally are free to roam the

grounds, and he was resentful that much of the property, covering several acres, is now off limits. He called this "a stupid, militaristic overreaction." Craig said the stay of the Gonzalez family in Maryland enabled them to "recover from the tragedy and trauma of recent months." The boy was the victim of a shipwreck off the Florida coast during a crossing from Cuba that claimed the life of his mother last November. He was rescued and spent five months with relatives in Miami before federal agents seized him.

## Report: Incomes, spending up in April

WASHINGTON (AP) — Orders to U.S. factories for big-ticket manufactured goods fell 6.4 percent in April, the biggest plunge in nearly nine years. A record drop in demand for electronics led the decline, the government said today. In a second report also issued by the Commerce Department, Americans' incomes rose a brisk 0.7 percent in April, while their spending went up 0.4 percent, the second straight month in which income growth outpaced spending increases. Wall Street showed little immediate reaction to the reports. The Dow Jones industrial average and the Nasdaq index each lost about 20 points in the first half-hour of trading. Yields on Treasury bonds were generally unchanged from Thursday. The bigger-than-expected plunge in orders for durable goods left orders at a seasonally adjusted annual rate of \$205.6 billion. Many economists were predicting a smaller 0.5 percent decline. April's decrease in durable-goods orders, the steepest since December 1991, followed a 4.5 percent rise in March, the first increase this year.

Last month's performance mostly reflected a record 20.1 percent decline in orders for electronics and electrical equipment, including semiconductors, circuit boards and home appliances. Slacking demand for electronic components accounted for much of the decline, the government said. In March, orders for electronics and electrical equipment rose 8.9 percent. The Federal Reserve has boosted interest rates six times since June, including a half-point increase last week, in an effort to slow the economy and keep inflation from becoming a problem. The increases are designed to raise borrowing costs and cool demand for big-ticket items such as cars and homes. In the durable-goods report, orders for transportation equipment fell 6.7 percent in April, following a 4.5 percent rise the month before. All components of the sector decreased, but weakened demand for cars and auto parts led the way. Excluding the volatile transportation sector, durable-goods orders fell 6.4 percent, the largest drop since July 1989. There was a bright spot in the report: Orders for industri-

al machinery, including computer and machine tools, rose 2.2 percent in April, the same size gain posted in March. In the consumer income and spending report, the 0.7 percent rise in personal income was slightly stronger than the 0.6 percent increase many analysts were predicting. Wages grew by a strong 0.9 percent last month, following a solid 0.6 percent gain in March. The 0.4 percent increase in spending in April was right on target with many analysts' expectations. In March, income grew by 0.7 percent, while spending went up 0.6 percent. The personal savings rate rose to 0.7 percent in April, an improvement from the 0.4 percent increase posted the month before. The savings rate isn't as bad as it seems because the calculation doesn't take into account gains realized from rising stocks and higher real-estate values. Consumer spending on durable goods such as cars fell 0.1 percent in April, up from a 1.3 percent decline. Spending on nondurables rose 0.1 percent, down from a 1 percent increase in March.

## Man sentenced to death for Blockbuster killing

DALLAS (AP) — A Dallas jury decided on the death penalty Thursday for a man convicted of killing two Blockbuster Video store workers in 1994. Leon Dorsey IV of Waxahachie was found guilty in the shooting deaths of James Armstrong, 26, and Brad Lindsey, 20, during a holdup. Part of the crime was captured on the store's surveillance video. Dorsey's first trial ended in a

hung jury. He was convicted of capital murder May 18. Dorsey, 24, is already serving a 60-year prison term for the unrelated murder of an Ennis store owner. Police say the videotapes show Dorsey "casing" the video store on the evening of April 3, 1994. He left the store, then returned just after midnight to rob the store. Armstrong was shot in the side and Lindsey was shot in the back as he tried to escape.

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## Bush plans to skip GOP convention

HOUSTON (AP) — Gov. George W. Bush will apparently skip his party's state convention in Houston next month, choosing instead to campaign in Kentucky and Florida. The move would come four years after a Texas GOP convention in which he was denied the governor's traditional role of leading state delegates at the national convention. Bush spokeswoman Karen Hughes said his schedule is built around winning the presidency — not any past disagreements with Texas Republicans. "The most finite resource you have in a campaign is a candidate's time," Hughes said in today's editions of the Houston Chronicle. Hughes said the governor's

plans are not final, but that his wife, Laura, likely will speak to the Texas GOP convention, set for June 15-17 at the George R. Brown Convention Center. State Republican Party spokesman Robert Black was surprised to learn that Bush would not be there. "We had assumed our governor would be attending our convention," Black told the Chronicle. Social conservatives took control of the Texas Republican Party in 1994, the year Bush won his first term as governor. During the 1996 Texas GOP convention, Bush lost the honorary role as state delegation chairman to the national convention when anti-abortion state convention delegates tried

to block U.S. Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison's appointment as an at-large delegate to the GOP gathering in San Diego. Hutchison and selections made by Bob Dole's presidential campaign normally could have expected to be rubber-stamped as national convention delegates that year. But anti-abortion forces threatened to block the delegate list because Hutchison was not viewed as fervent enough in her anti-abortion beliefs. Bush supported Hutchison, who eked out a national convention spot during a state convention vote. But the convention gave the delegation leadership slot to then-state party Chairman Tom Pauken.

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## Mall chapel is shoppers' sanctuary

PEABODY, Mass. (AP) — The soft music that greets visitors to the St. Therese Carmelite chapel creates an atmosphere of tranquility. Devotional candles burn under statues of the saints, and kneeling benches offer an open invitation for the sorrowful to shed their burdens.

It's hard to imagine, but this place of quiet reflection lies in the midst of a world of bustling commerce — a short distance from many crowded retail shops, one floor down from Joe's American Bar and Grill, across the hall from a Friendly's restaurant.

St. Therese is located on the lower level of the North Shore Shopping Center.

The chapel claims to be the first in the nation built in a mall; it has been a spiritual oasis for shoppers for 40 years.

With three Masses per day and frequent opportunities for confession, the chapel, visitors say, is a place to find God where people don't usually look.

"You've got Capitalism with a capital 'C' upstairs, and Religion with a capital 'R' downstairs," said chapel visitor Jack Richards, 70, of Hamilton. "In some ways, they never mix. But they should."

The chapel was founded in 1960 by Cardinal Richard Cushing during a move to "bring God into the marketplace." Today, similar chapels are scattered around the country, including a Carmelite chapel in the Prudential Center

in Boston. The North Shore chapel is staffed by six retired friars; the prior, the Rev. Charlie Countie, is, at age 66, the youngest by far.

Countie said the chapel's unusual location is one of its key strengths, offering people who are looking for the material a path to the eternal. "We're a witness to something else," he said. "The upstairs is full of glitz. Down here is the presence of God."

Attendance at chapel ranges from 50 to 100 for the daily Mass to a full house of 360 on the weekends. Convenience is a big draw, because many parishes don't hold daily Masses or are closed during the day.

"This is putting God in our lives in an everyday capacity," said Martin Monahan, 75, of Peabody. "It's a wonderful thing."

Anonymity is appealing for some, Countie said. People who park their cars in the crowded mall lot when they come to reveal their sins during confession know they could be mistaken for eager shoppers. Not once, Countie said with a laugh, has anyone confessed to overspending upstairs.

The Carmelite chapel has survived the various transformations of the mall, which started as an outdoor shopping center, was later covered and then, in 1993, redeveloped.

A petition drive helped save the chapel that year when the new owners considered shutting it down.

The chapel pays its lease with donations and profits from an adjacent gift shop.

The chapel's existence still comes as a surprise to many shoppers, Countie said. Its plain-lettered sign is easily lost in the bright lights and buzz.

"I come here a lot. I've never heard of it. I've never seen it," said Ann Stanley, 59, of Ipswich. "All I see is kids running around without their parents."

Many people find their way to the mall chapel. "Sinners, saints, the prayerful, the curious, they all come down," Countie said.

"There's never been a target audience," said business manager Tom Tighe. "It's really open to anyone and everyone."

Maryellen McGee, who worked at Orange Julius at the North Shore mall, remembered visiting the chapel during hectic times at the frozen juice-drink vendor.

"It was a tremendous contrast in pace," McGee, 52, of Topsfield, said after a recent visit to the

chapel with her two daughters. "It was just a place to catch your breath and think about things."

Many chapel attendees don't know each other, but regulars sometimes meet for coffee in the food court after Mass. To them, a mall chapel doesn't seem unusual.

Said Marie Brown, 76, who has attended the chapel for 38 years: "To me, there is no mall."

## RELIGION BRIEFS

ATLANTA (AP) — The Rev. Charles Stanley will remain senior pastor at First Baptist Church of Atlanta despite a divorce from his wife of 44 years.

Stanley, 67, is former president of the Southern Baptist Convention, and his "In Touch" television ministry is broadcast worldwide. After he told the congregation of his divorce, the church's administrative pastor announced that Stanley would continue in the post he has had since 1972. The congregation stood and applauded.

The Stanleys' estrangement had caused strife in the church because of a traditional but unwritten policy that no divorced men could serve as deacons or ministers at First Baptist. Stanley had said at a 1995 congregational meeting, "If my wife divorces me, I would resign immediately." Anna Stanley filed for divorce on Feb. 16 on grounds that the marriage was irretrievably broken. It was finalized May 11.

VATICAN CITY (AP) — Pope John Paul II joined tens of thousands of faithful in paying tribute to St. Rita, the 14th century Italian saint many believers pray to for a miracle.

Some 50,000 people, many carrying red roses, gathered in St. Peter's Square as the remains of the saint were borne into St. Peter's Basilica for a Mass.

After the Mass said by the Vatican's secretary of state, Cardinal Angelo Sodano, the pope greeted the faithful in the square and praised the mother who became a nun after she was widowed.

"We see the slender body of a woman small in stature but large in holiness, who lived humbly and now is known in the entire world for her heroic Christian existence as wife, mother, widow and nun," John Paul said.

The pope added that in the winter before Rita's death, a red rose bloomed in a garden in Roccaporena, her hometown in the Umbria region.

The remains, encased in glass, had been flown by police

helicopter for two days of public viewing before they were returned to Umbria.

PORTLAND, Maine (AP) — A woman who admitted stealing hundreds of thousands of dollars from the Roman Catholic Church has been sentenced to 3 years in prison.

Sharon Sampson, 48, of Saco, pleaded guilty in March to the thefts and was sentenced May 19. She was accused of writing about 200 checks to herself between 1992 and last June. At the time she was an employee of an insurance agency that managed a health-care fund for active and retired priests.

At her sentencing in Superior Court, Sampson also was ordered to make partial restitution.

Share your church news with the community. Submit it in writing by Wednesday at noon for publication in Friday's Big Spring Herald. There is no charge.

## Borden County HS honors top graduates

By GINA GARZA  
Features Editor

In Borden County, Jana Himes has been named valedictorian. She has maintained a grade point average of 100.80 for the four-year period in high school.

Himes is the daughter of Jack and Terry Himes.

She has been a member of the National Beta Club for four years, participated in UIL literary meets in feature writing and was a regional qualifier for two years. She was a class officer her junior and senior years. Himes was a regional qualifier in track for two years and was voted Most Likely to Succeed by her peers. She has also been a member of the Lady Coyote basketball team for two years.

Himes plans to attend Texas Tech University this fall and pursue a master's in accounting. Nicholas Flanigan has been named Borden County High School's salutatorian.

Flanigan is the son of Nancy Gordon of Post and of the late Mike Flanigan. He has maintained a grade point average of 97.25 throughout his four years of high school.

He has been a member of the National Beta Club for the past four years and was chosen 2nd team All-District football and Honorable Mention All-District basketball. Flanigan has been a member of the FFA Public Relations Team, which placed first in region and second in state. He was also very active in other leadership teams and contested involved in FFA. He was also voted Most Likely to Succeed by his peers.

Flanigan plans to attend Wayland Baptist University in the fall.

## Oral diseases called 'silent epidemic'

WASHINGTON (AP) — From cavities to mouth cancer, a "silent epidemic" of oral diseases afflicts minorities and low-income Americans even as most of the nation benefits from healthier teeth and gums, the U.S. Surgeon General said today.

Thanks to fluoridated drinking water and better dental care, most Americans middle-age or younger can expect to keep their teeth for life. Yet dental diseases still threaten the health of low-income people, who are more likely to lose their teeth, said David Satcher, the nation's top doctor.

"Those who suffer the worst oral health are found among the poor of all ages, with poor children and poor older Americans particularly vulnerable," Satcher said in a report. "Members of racial and ethnic minority groups also experience a disproportionate level of oral health problems."

The government's first-ever

comprehensive look at oral health in America showed that a combination of social and economic factors contribute to poor oral health.

Appearing today alongside 24 first-graders involved in a pilot oral health education project at a Washington elementary school, Satcher said dental health is too often ignored by parents, communities and doctors. He said more needs to be done to get the word out about the importance of dental health and the prevention of oral diseases.

"We need to change the attitudes of families about the importance of oral health," said Satcher. "Other health professionals have to realize the importance. Our biggest problem is how can we change the system."

Nearly half of all poor blacks and Hispanics have untreated tooth decay, compared with 27 percent of poor whites, the study showed, citing a govern-

ment health report covering a six-year period ending in 1994.

Oral problems begin early — more than a third of low-income children have at least one untreated decayed tooth by the time they are 9 years old, compared with 17 percent of kids living above the poverty line.

The disparity gets even greater the older kids get. Over 43 percent of poor kids have tooth decay by age 17 compared to 23 percent of kids who are better off, according to government studies cited in the report.

Tooth problems often go unchecked because children lack insurance coverage. Uninsured kids are two-and-a-half times less likely to get dental checkups compared to kids with insurance. Experts estimate that as many as 26 million American children have no insurance coverage for dental care.

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## 13-year-old wins National Geography Bee

WASHINGTON (AP) — Felix Peng's love of geography began when he was a toddler and his parents pointed out their birthplace, Taiwan, on a globe. The 13-year-old Connecticut boy's hobby paid off Wednesday when he won the National Geography Bee.

He won by correctly naming the three largest sections of Denmark: Jutland, the nation's mainland peninsula, and Sjaelland and Fyn, its two largest islands. He was only asked to name two. He missed none of the more than 50 questions asked him in the two-hour championship round, beating out nine other finalists.

"I'm feeling pretty relieved right now," said Felix, an eighth grader at Elisabeth Adams Middle School in Guilford, Conn.

Four of the finalists in the contest sponsored by the National Geographic Society were taught at home. The contest was won by a home-schooled student for the first time last year.

Felix, a public school student, credited his parents' strong influence in his studies. "When I was little, my dad would sit me down in front of the globe and say, 'You are here,' and point to the United States," said Felix.


"It's important for kids to know about politics and other things that are going on. I hear other kids say, 'What is Sierra Leone?'" said Felix, referring to the West African nation where an eight-year civil war has recently reignited.

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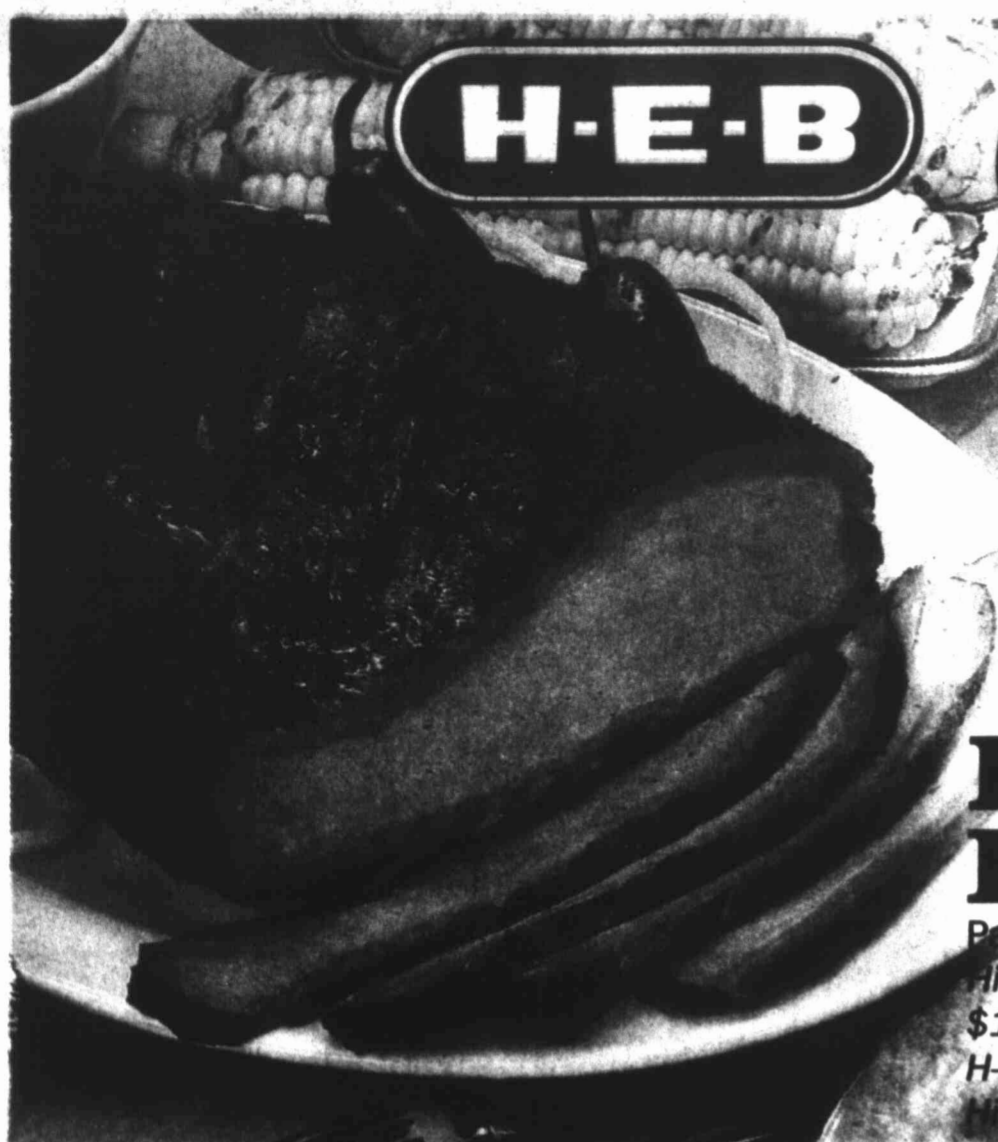
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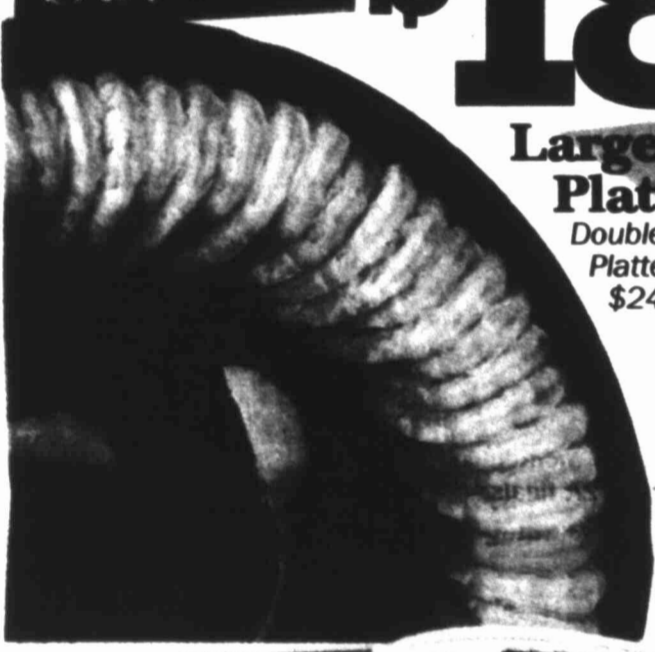
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**Ballapalooza deadline is ex**  
 The deadline for the Ballapalooza competition, scheduled for the Roy Anderson team limit. For more information, contact the Andrews-York area.

**Sands scheduled camp for June**  
 Sands High School basketball coach has scheduled the "Champs" basketball camp for June 26-30. Camp sessions are from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. for youngsters in while those in attend sessions from 4 p.m. Fees will be attending the sessions, while a sions will be \$30. The deadline for is June 19. For more information, contact Scott at 353-4800.

**Steers basketball scheduled for**  
 The 2000 Steers Basketball Camp is scheduled to begin at the Steer Gym. Camp sessions are from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day through June 1. The camp is open for youngsters between the eighth grades. For more information, contact Jimmy Avery at 353-4800.

**Summer tennis slated to begin**  
 The 2000 Big Spring Summer Tennis Camp has been scheduled through Thursday, June 7. The Comanche Trail and the four-day youngsters between 5 and 18 will have hours of instruction each day under the supervision of Sarah Corbett Blacketer. Fees are \$96 per camp session from 8 a.m. to noon each day. For more information, contact Blacketer at 264-3333.

**Camp of Champions to begin June**  
 The Camp of Champions weightlifting camp is scheduled for Spring High School on June 5 at the Training Center. The camp is for youngsters in grades 7-12. For more information, contact Ricky Long at 264-3333 or the Big Spring High School athletic department at 264-3333.

**Country club parent-child**  
 A parent-child golf tournament has been slated for Big Spring Country Club on June 5. Entry fees are \$12 to 15 and 16 for the 12 to 15 and 16 age division — age \$30 per team with a \$30 per team additional charge for playing with the Open division. \$80 per team with an additional charge with the same. Play will begin on Saturday and Sunday's play will be at 1 p.m. For more information, contact 267-5354.

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IN BRIEF

Ballapalooza toumey deadline is extended

The deadline has been extended to May 30 for the Ballapalooza softball tournament, scheduled June 3-4 at the Roy Anderson Complex.

Sands schedules hoops camp for June 26-30

Sands High School head basketball coach Harold Scott has scheduled the "Camp for Champs" basketball camp for June 26-30.

Steers basketball camp scheduled for Monday

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

Summer tennis clinic slated to begin Monday

The 2000 Big Spring Steer Summer Tennis Clinic has been scheduled Monday through Thursday, June 1, at the Figure 7 Tennis Center in Comanche Trail Park.

Country club schedules parent-child tournament

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

ON THE AIR

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8 p.m. — World of Outlaws, Southern Showdown, TNN, Ch. 35. MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

Ewing-less Knicks fall to Indiana in waning seconds, 88-84

Pacers 88, Knicks 84 INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Two years ago, Patrick Ewing made an unexpected return from a shattered wrist in a Game 2 at Indiana. In a Game 2 a year later, also on the road, his season ended when he tore his Achilles' tendon.

the series despite dealing with the uncertainty of not knowing whether Ewing is out for the rest of the playoffs. Rose led the Pacers with 24 points, Reggie Miller had 19 for the second straight game and Rik Smits scored 10 of his 12 in the fourth quarter — long after Ewing was gone.

despite playing with five fouls, scoring on consecutive possessions and grabbing several big rebounds on both ends. Indiana tied it, though, with 3:01 left when Smits picked up a loose ball, dunked and was fouled for a three-point play that made it 80-80.

Coahoma wins in a wash, 6-0

Lewis' squad earns berth in regional finals

By BILL McCLELLAN News Editor

SNYDER — Coahoma's Bulldogs exploded for four runs in the third inning to defeat Stamford in a rain-shortened regional semifinal playoff here Thursday night, 6-0.



A slow infield hit by Stamford's Auggie Alvarado (3) brought Coahoma players charging for the ball Thursday in Snyder. Second baseman Walt Bordelon (20) scooped it up and toss it to first baseman Travis McMillan for the out as pitcher Delvin White (28) moves out of the way. Lance Monteleone (33) looks on. Coahoma won the rain-plagued game 6-0 and advances to the Region 2A finals.

pitcher Jason Cantu. Next-up Travis McMillan slapped a single to left field. Cantu managed to strike out Aaron Ovale for the second out, but not before Garcia and McMillan advanced on a passed ball. Coahoma pitcher Delvin White then aided his own cause when he hit a solid single to left field, scoring both teammates.

Salt Lake committee won't be indicted

RIO DE JANEIRO, Brazil (AP) — The Justice Department says he Salt Lake City Olympic organizing committee will not be indicted in connection with the bribery scandal stemming from the bid for the 2002 Winter Games.

Organizing committee president Mitt Romney, arriving in Rio today for Olympic meetings, said the Justice Department sent a letter Wednesday stating the panel was not a target of the criminal investigation.

"Based upon the evidence currently available to us, we have no present intention of seeking the indictment of the Salt Lake City Olympic Organizing Committee for its actions to influence members of the International Olympic Committee to select Salt Lake City as the venue for either the 1998 or 2002 Winter Games," said the letter from Peter B. Clark, deputy chief of the department's fraud section.

The letter stressed the decision was made only with respect to SLOC itself and "is not intended to apply to any present or former officer or employee of SLOC, or to any other entity."

Romney welcomed the decision as "very important to us substantially and symbolically."

"Now we can focus all our efforts on preparing for the games," he said. "It means the bid scandal is not an indictment of any organization or any community."

"Clearly this lifts a cloud," he said. "We had not expected to be indicted. It's another thing to receive a letter from the Department of Justice."

IOC vice president Dick Pound, who led an internal investigation into the scandal, said he was not surprised by the decision.

"We did not see anything of a criminal nature on the part of anyone," he said. IOC spokesman Franklin Servan-Schreiber said: "We are pleased to learn that (SLOC) is not under consideration by the Department of Justice any more. We look forward to SLOC organizing fantastic games in 2002."

U.S. Olympic Committee chief executive officer Norm Blake called the decision "a great endorsement for the Salt Lake City community."

Romney said SLOC had spent around \$3 million in cooperating with the investigation.

Yankees, Red Sox tied for first going into series

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

The Yankees and Red Sox are meeting with first place on the line.

Yes, it's a little early for pennant races. Still, when the two old rivals are tied for first heading into their first meeting of the season, fans in New York and Boston get excited.

New York pulled into a tie as Ramiro Mendoza (5-2) pitched a four-hitter for his second career complete game and shutout. Ricky Ledee drove in three runs.

"You lose eight of 11 games and you're only one game out, that's a good sign. I hope our bad streak is behind us," Yankees manager Joe Torre said. Boston entered tonight's three-game series opener at Yankee Stadium following an 11-6 loss to Toronto at Fenway Park. The Red Sox have lost four of five, their worst stretch

since the opening two series of the season. "It's always a big series when we play the Yankees," Boston's Brian Daubach said. "They're the world champions, so it's a good way to measure ourselves."

In other AL games, it was Baltimore 5, Seattle 1; Cleveland 4, Detroit 1; Oakland 6, Tampa Bay 3; Anaheim 3, Minnesota 1; and Texas 5, Kansas City 3. At Comiskey Park, New York stopped James Baldwin's nine-game winning streak. Baldwin (7-1) gave up three runs in both the second and third innings,

losing for the first time in 10 starts since the Yankees beat him last Sept. 21. He gave up seven runs and 10 hits in 5 2-3 innings, dropping to 1-5 against New York.

Rangers 5, Royals 3

Rafael Palmeiro caught Rocky Colavito for 45th place on the career homer list with 374, driving in three runs at Kauffman Stadium. Ivan Rodriguez was 3-for-5, raising his average to .381 and moving ahead of Anaheim's

Drury's deflection keeps Avalanche alive in Western Conference finals

DENVER (AP) — Off his knee, nothing but net. Chris Drury's deflection late in the third period kept Colorado alive in the Western Conference finals as the Avalanche beat the Dallas Stars 2-1 Thursday night, forcing a decisive Game 7.

Bourque's waist-high shot with his stick, Drury instead deflected the puck off his knee for the game-winner with 3:51 left in the third period.

"Ray made an unbelievable shot to get it through," Drury said. "Initially, I felt something. I think it might have hit my stick a little bit. It hit square on my knee and went right in."

"With all the shots we've been throwing at them, it's certainly nice to get one like that, off the knee. I'll definitely take it." Colorado coach Bob Hartley said his team "finally got a lucky break. This could be the start of something."

line and did an outstanding job. Ray was very dominant." Patrick Roy had 26 saves, extending his NHL record for career playoff victories to 121. Ed Belfour made 19 saves.

Bourque's goal early in the second period put the Avalanche ahead, but Brett Hull tied it with a power-play goal later in the period. It was Hull's ninth goal of the playoffs and fourth goal in the last three games.

Dallas defeated Colorado in last year's conference finals, rallying from a 3-2 deficit en route to capturing its first Stanley Cup. "I like our position," Hartley said. "With tonight's win, we generate some momentum."

Stars coach Ken Hitchcock wasn't so sure. "I don't know if one team has the momentum because our team is not down at all," Hitchcock said. "We're playing our way — gritty, grindy, in-your-face hockey."

"We had them bogged down for most of the third period. We made one mistake, and it was in our net. It got tipped off some guy's knee or something."

Stars defenseman Derian Hatcher said the Stars "wanted it to end tonight, but we aren't disheartened. It was just one of those goals. If we give the same effort Saturday, we will be all right. Now we have one game on our ice."

a scoreless first period that saw the Avalanche continue to flounder on the power play, failing to capitalize on two man-advantage situations.

Each team lost a defenseman in the period. Dallas' Richard Matvichuk, elbowed in the head by Dave Andrewchuk, went down on the ice behind the Dallas net, apparently losing consciousness momentarily.

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NATIONAL LEAGUE
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AL

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Darin Erstad for the AL lead. The Rangers won for the 11th time in 14 games.
Esteban Loaiza (3-2) allowed three runs and 10 hits in 6 2-3 innings, and John Wetteland pitched the ninth for his 12th save. Jose Santiago (4-2) gave up three runs and four hits in one inning.

Blue Jays 11, Red Sox 6
David Wells (8-2) became the AL's first eight-game winner, and Shannon Stewart went 3-for-4 with a two-run homer and scored four runs. Carlos Delgado went 3-for-5 with three RBIs as Toronto matched its season high with 17 hits. Wells gave up four runs — three earned — and 10 hits in seven-plus innings. Pete Schourek (2-4) allowed four runs and six hits in four innings.

Orioles 5, Mariners 1
Mike Mussina (2-6) won for the first time since April 29, striking out a season-high nine in seven innings at Camden

COAHOMA

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of the fifth, officials halted play again. This time, at 10:12 p.m., they announced a 30-minute delay.
"The field is getting in pretty bad shape," Ainsworth said between cracks of thunder. "We're going to see what happens, but if it doesn't get any better, that's the ballgame. The safety of these kids comes first in my book."
It didn't get better, as a light rain continued to come down and the lightning showed no signs of abating. Shortly before 10:45, officials declared Coahoma the victor.
"The kids played hard," said Coach Lewis. "Our fielding was really good, and the kids responded when they knew they had to."
White picked up the win.

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ATLANTA (AP) — A former NFL player for not fully disclosing his history of drug use but declined to testify from a witness during his initial trial struck one of the killed during a...
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Atlanta Braves bid farewell to County Stadium with win

The Atlanta Braves bid a fond — and winning — farewell to County Stadium. Playing for the final time in the ballpark Milwaukee built for the franchise, the Braves beat the Brewers 7-3 Thursday. The Braves called County Stadium their home from 1953-65, winning the 1957 World Series with future Hall of Famers Hank Aaron, Warren Spahn, Eddie Mathews and Red Schoendienst. Next season, the Brewers will move into Miller Park. "You would like to win in the last trip here," Braves manager Bobby Cox said. "Milwaukee is a beautiful place." In other NL games, Arizona edged Pittsburgh 7-5, Chicago beat Colorado 6-5, San Francisco downed Montreal 4-1, St. Louis stopped Florida 7-6 and Houston defeated Philadelphia 10-6. Terry Mulholland won in Milwaukee for the second time this season, beating the Brewers with his arm and bat. He pitched seven strong innings and also drove in two runs with a double and single. Mulholland retired most of the Brewers hitters on grounders. "This infield is pretty conducive to ground balls, and that's what I do," he said. "I got them to hit ground balls at people." Atlanta won for the 10th time in 12 games. Since joining the NL in 1998, the Brewers have yet to win a series with the Braves. "We didn't catch the ball, we didn't run the bases very well," Milwaukee manager Davey Lopes said. "It cost us runs early in the ballgame. We

Diamondbacks 7, Pirates 5
Tony Womack extended his hitting streak to 20 games, the longest in the majors this year, with a sixth-inning double off Kris Benson (4-5) that put the Diamondbacks ahead to stay at 4-3. Arizona swept the three-game series and extended its franchise-record home winning streak to nine games. Visiting Pittsburgh lost its fifth in a row. Omar Daal (2-5) won for the first time in four starts since May 8, and Matt Mantei pitched the ninth for his first save. Cubs 6, Rockies 5
Sammy Sosa ended his 11-game home run drought by connecting twice at Coors Field. Colorado led 5-0 after five innings before the Cubs rallied. Sosa hit his 350th career home run in the seventh and put Chicago ahead with a two-run drive in the eighth. Sosa became the 57th player in major league history to reach 350 homers. He has 40 career multihomer games. Rick Aguilera retired Jeffrey Hammonds on a ground ball with the bases loaded for the final out. Giants 4, Expos 1
Barry Bonds led off with a tear since returning from a back injury, hitting a three-run homer and adding a double and RBI single at Pacific Bell Park. Bonds, who missed four games last week, is 10-for-17 since coming back to the San Francisco lineup. He has 19 home runs, one behind Mark McGwire for the major league lead.

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### Victims' friends say during trial they did not see Lewis with knife

ATLANTA (AP) — A judge reprimanded prosecutors today for not fully disclosing evidence helpful to NFL star Ray Lewis, but declined to dismiss testimony from a witness in the murder trial who admitted changing his initial story that Lewis struck one of the two men killed during a street brawl.

Under cross-examination, Jeff Gwen testified that the Baltimore Ravens' linebacker "tussled" with one of the victims, but that Lewis never threw a punch.

Gwen said Wednesday that he had told a prosecutor in February that his original statement to police that Lewis struck the man was wrong. Defense lawyers say they were never told of Gwen's amended statement, leading Superior Court Judge Alice Bonner to order lawyers in the case to her chambers today to discuss the issue.

Lewis, the NFL's leading tackler last season, is being tried with friends Reginald Oakley and Joseph Sweeting. They could be sentenced to life in prison if convicted.

Jacynth Baker and Richard Lollar of suburban Decatur died of multiple stab wounds Jan. 31. Lewis was in Atlanta to participate in Super Bowl activities.

Bonner ordered prosecutors to give the defendants any changes in witness testimony they know about and said she might allow defense lawyers to interview prosecution witnesses before they testify.

Oakley's lawyer, David Wolfe, questioned Gwen sharply this morning about his criminal past, drug use and drinking while Gwen and the victims partied at the Cobalt Lounge before the fight. On Wednesday, Gwen admitted smoking marijuana and drinking champagne at the nightclub.

Wolfe also focused on violent lyrics in songs performed by Gwen, an Akron, Ohio, rapper who uses the name "Chino Nino," calling him a "studio gangster" who was high on marijuana and alcohol at the time of the fight.

Gwen testified Wednesday he saw two men — Oakley and another unidentified man in a leather suit — wielding knives during the fight, although he didn't see Lewis with a weapon.

Under Georgia law, Lewis could be convicted of murder if he was involved in the fight that led to the deaths, even if he didn't stab one of the victims.

Another prosecution witness testified that he also saw an unidentified man in a mink suit and hat holding a knife. Prosecutors declined to say if they know who that person is.

Defense attorneys have accused investigators of failing to find several people who participated in the Jan. 31 disturbance.

Gwen said he and his friend Chris Shinholster, another Akron resident, were leaving the Cobalt Lounge after the post-Super Bowl party when a drunk Oakley interrupted their conversation about women in the club. Gwen said the unidentified man and Lewis then grabbed Oakley, apologized for him and tried to put him in a limousine.

Shinholster and Gwen testified that Baker, originally from Akron, and members of Lewis' group exchanged taunts and insults. Then Baker struck Oakley over the head with a champagne bottle, which prompted several people to pour from the limousine and the groups to begin fighting.

Gwen said he was chased by two men, including one with a knife, and saw Lewis and Lollar grabbing and shoving each other.

Shinholster told jurors that he saw another unidentified man holding a knife. Although he was just steps away from the stabbings, Shinholster said he did not see who actually stabbed the two men.

Shinholster testified he did not see Lewis fighting. But Gwen said Lewis removed his gold chain necklace and then stepped forward to "tussle" with Lollar.

Later, Gwen said he returned to where Baker and Lollar had fallen and tried to get Lollar to move.

"I'm like, 'Man, get up, we've got to go,'" Gwen said. Lollar, lying on the ground breathing heavily, only blinked his eyes in response.

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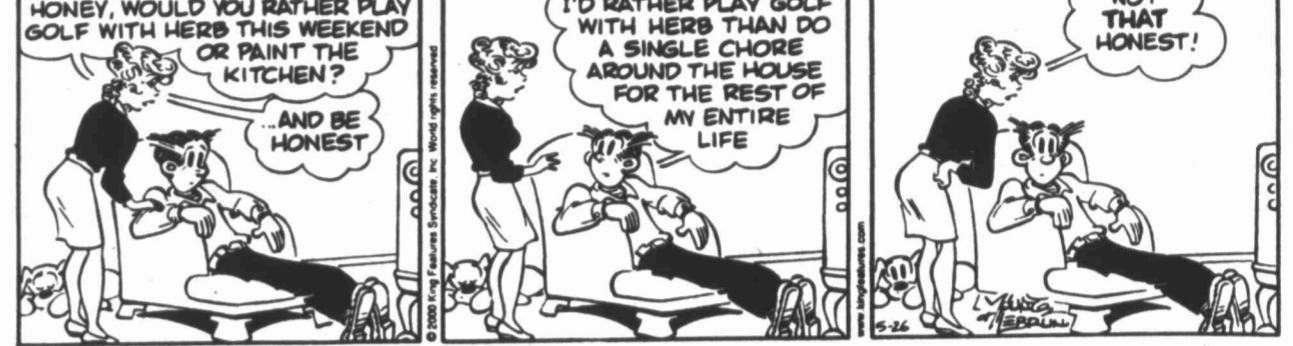


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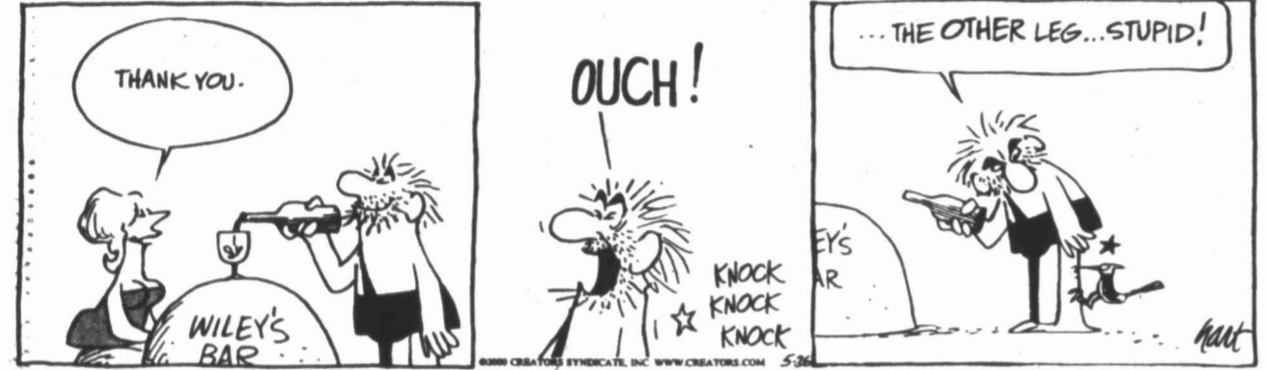
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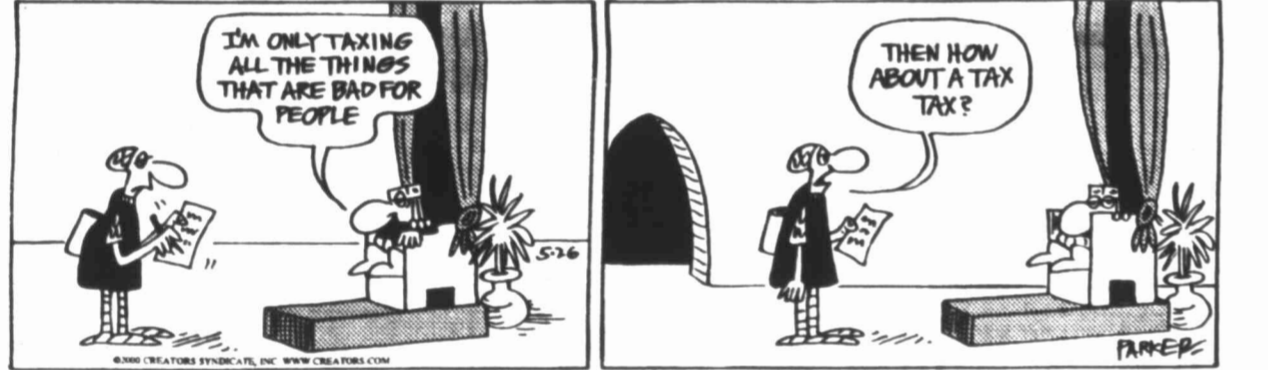


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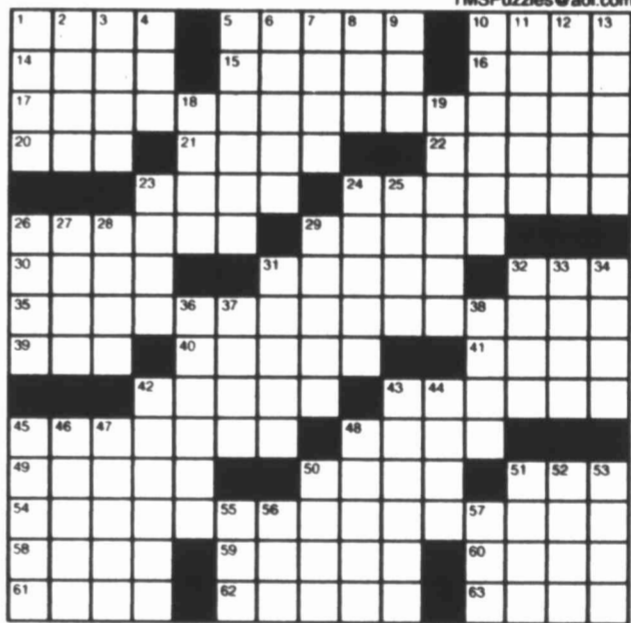
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In 1805, Napoleon Bonaparte was crowned king of Italy. In 1865, arrangements were made in New Orleans for the surrender of Confederate forces west of the Mississippi. In 1868, the impeachment trial of President Andrew Johnson ended with his acquittal on all remaining charges. In 1913, Actors' Equity Association was organized. In 1960, U.N. Ambassador Henry Cabot Lodge accused the Soviets of hiding a microphone inside a wood carving of the Great Seal of the United States that had been presented to the U.S. Embassy in Moscow. In 1969, the Apollo 10 astronauts returned to Earth after a successful eight-day dress rehearsal for the first manned moon landing. In 1981, 14 people were killed when a Marine jet crashed onto the flight deck of the aircraft carrier USS Nimitz off Florida. In 1991, a Lauda Air Boeing 767 crashed in Thailand, killing all 223 people aboard. In 1994, Michael Jackson and Lisa Marie Presley were married in the Dominican Republic. (The marriage ended in 1996.)

THE Daily Crossword Edited by Wayne Robert Williams

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By Diane C. Baldwin

Thursday's Puzzle Solved



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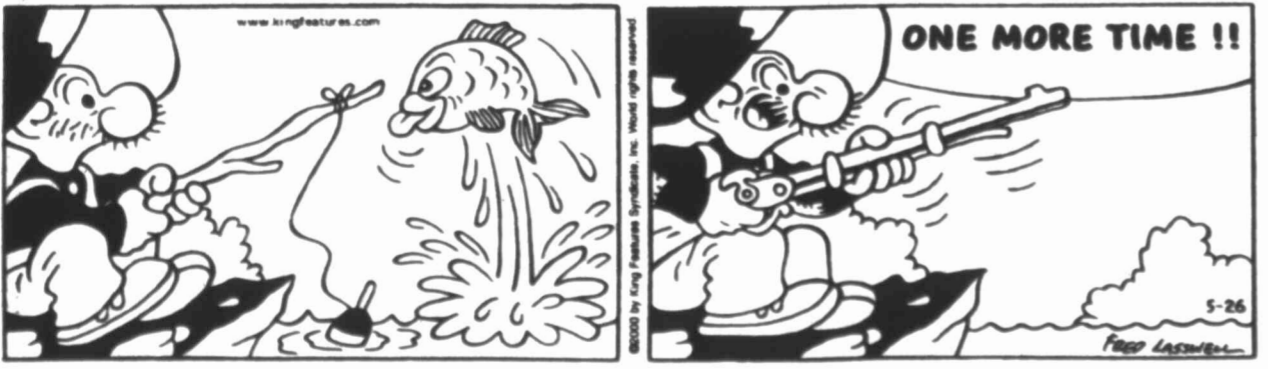
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Ten years ago: Soviet maverick politician Boris N. Yeltsin failed in a second round of voting to win the presidency of the Russian Federation. (He succeeded in a third round of balloting three days later.)

Five years ago: In the tobacco industry's largest recall ever, Philip Morris USA halted sales of several cigarette brands, including some versions of top-selling Marlboro, because some filters were contaminated.

One year ago: House Republicans pushed through legislation that would put new obstacles in the way of spending government surpluses that came from Social Security taxes. Indian aircraft fired on separatist guerrillas in the Kashmir province and Pakistan threatened retaliation; it was the first use of air power in years in the long-running conflict over the Himalayan border region.

Today's Birthdays: Singer Peggy Lee is 80. Actor James Arness is 77. Actor Alec McCowen is 75. Opera singer Teresa Stratas is 61. Sportscaster Brent Musberger is 61. Rock singer-musician Levon Helm (The Band) is 58. Rock musician Garry Peterson (Guess Who) is 55. Singer Stevie Nicks is 52. Actor Philip Michael Thomas is 51. Actress Pam Grier is 51. Country singer Hank Williams Jr. is 51. Former astronaut Sally K. Ride is 49. Actress Margaret Colin is 43. Country singer-songwriter Dave Robbins (BlackHawk) is 41. Actress Genie Francis is 38.