THURSDAY

April 26, 2001

WEATHER

Tonight:



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Blood drives set in Big Spring Saturday, Monday

United Blood Services will be in Big Spring twice between now and May 1 for anyone wishing to donate blood.

The first drive will be held on Saturday at the Big Spring Mall beginning at noon and running until 5 p.m. Anyone wishing to donate then should contact Kathy Lusk at the

Big Spring Mall, 267-3853. United Blood Services will be set up across from Hallmark cards.

On Monday, UBS will have its bloodmobile at Howard College from 9 a.m. until noon. The point of contact to volunteer to give is Marsha McNew at 264-5000.

Donors must be at least 17 years of age, weigh more than 110 pounds and be in good health. You also must have proof of identification and know the names of any medication you may have taken in the past 30 days.

WHAT'S UP... **TODAY**

☐ Masonic Lodge No. 598 meets at 7:30 p.m., at 219 Main.

FRIDAY

☐ Signal Mountain Quilting Guild, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church. Bring a lunch.

☐ The Greater Big Spring Rotary Club meets at noon in the **Howard College Cactus**

☐ AMBUCS meets at noon at La Posada. Spring City Senior Citizens country/western

dance, 7:30 to 10:30 p.m.

SATURDAY

D Howard County Scottish Rite Club, 7:30 a.m., Masonic Lodge, 21st Lancaster. Breakfast served.

☐ 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.

☐ Dance, 8:30 p.m., Eagles Lodge, 704 West Third.

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Three-week-old Luke has college education locked up

HERALD Staff Report

Howard College presented a certificate for a full scholarship to the parents of 3week-old Luke Christopher Settles as part of Community College Month activities.

"Howard College joins hundreds of other community colleges across the nation celebrating Community College Month each April," said Dr. Cheryl Sparks, Howard College president.

"We decided about four years ago to give a full scholarship to the first baby born in Howard County, as part of our event," Sparks

The scholarship was presented to Mark and Melanie Settles of Big Spring, Their

son Luke was born at Scenic Mountain Medical Center about 2 p.m. on April 2, his mother said.

Along with Mark and Melanie, Luke's 3-year-old brother Brayden visited with Dr. Sparks.

"This way, parents know that their child is going to college; there is never any doubt," Sparks said.

The Settles were happy to receive the scholarship. "This is just great. I was

surprised when I was told

that Luke had received this scholarship," Mark said. Mark is a firefighter with Big Spring Fire Department, following in the footsteps of his father, Burr Lea Settles, retired fire marshal. Melanie is a

teacher at St.

Episcopal School.



Howard College President Dr. Cheryl Sparks presents a full scholarship to Mark and Melanie Settles and their children, 3-year-old Brayden and 3-week-old Luke. Luke was the first baby born in Howard County during April, which is Community College Month.

Courtesy photo

Terminal opens at airpark

Mary's

By Carl Graham

Staff Writer

More than 150 people attended the grand opening and ribbon cutting of the new terminal at McMahon-Wrinkle Airpark Wednesday.

The terminal, located on the west side of the airpark, includes a pilot's lounge, receiving area, waiting room, restrooms, snack area, conference room and office space for the airport operator Nelda Reagan.

Big Spring Mayor Russ McEwen said it is the beginning of a new era in Big Spring aviation history.

"It's a great day and a great facility we now have here," said McEwen. "As usual, the citizens of the city has turned out for something that is exciting for us. It's a facility that is second to none and will be a great face for our city."

Among the dignitaries flying in for the ribbon cutting was Mark Nelson, president of the Texas Airport Managers Association.

"It was good to see all your different entities represented here today," said Nelson. "The mayor was right on key when he said this is a facility second to none. It's a nice gem to have and as far as being a pilot and airport manager the drive up and fuel is there and it has sure made



Big Spring Mayor Russ McEwen, left, and Frances Wheat, representative for State Sen. Robert Duncan of Lubbock, look on as James Beauchamp, a representative for U.S. Rep. Charlie Stenholm of Abilene, presents airport operator Nelda Reagan a flag that flew over the White House. It was all of part of the open house and ribbon cutting ceremony held Wednesday at the new airport terminal.

a lasting impression on

David Fulton, Texas Department Transportation (TxDOT) Director of Aviation also flew in for the occasion.

"As I said when I addressed everyone earlier, what a beautiful building

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Fly-in planned Saturday

HERALD Staff Report

Now that the ribbon has been cut and the open house has been held, the McMahon-Wrinkle Airpark will play host this Saturday to the first of

what is hoped to be an annual fly-in at the new terminal building.

The fly-in, scheduled from 10 a.m. until 2 a.m., is expected to draw a consid-

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State

Redistricting proposals pose some key changes **HERALD Staff Report**

Proposed redistricting plans before the Texas Legislature would see some significant

changes .for Howard County's elected representatives in House and Senate. Under the

plans, however. Howard would still be served by Rep. David

Counts (D-Knox City) and Sen. Robert Duncan (R-Lubbock). The proposals would give

State Rep. David Counts three counties and take four Counts represents District

which currently includes Borden, Fisher, Garza, Howard, Jones. Kent, King, Knox, Lynn, Nolan, Scurry Stonewall counties. Under a redistricting pro-

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HERALD photo/Lyndel Moody

Big Spring juniors Chris Correa, left, Nathan Smith and Janea Giles placed first in the team spelling competition at the University Interscholastic League Regional meet held in San Angelo on Saturday.

Trio will carry talent to Austin

By LYNDEL MOODY

Staff Writer

A-U-S-T-I-N is spelling on three Big Spring High School students' minds as they head to state for 4A academic competition on May 5.

Nathan Smith, a junior, placed second in individual spelling at the University Interscholastic League Regional meet held in San Angelo on Saturday. Smith joined his spelling

teammates, juniors Janea Giles and Chris Correa, in placing first at the meet. Both the team and Smith individually will advance to state competition held at the University of Austin

have really

worked hard," said Joy Burnsed, spelling sponsor. "They have done it all on their own. I have been able to afford them some opportunities and encourage them but it takes personal dedication to get this far."

"They

Smith scored in the high 90s on the test at the district and regional meets but both Correa and Giles raised their test scores by 20 points from district meet.

Smith, Giles and Correa may apply for scholarships based on qualifying to this years' state competition when they become seniors, Burnsed mentioned. The competition is bro-

ken down into three parts,

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Top dog

Kennel Club to hold annual show here Saturday, Sunday

By LYNDEL MOODY

Staff Writer

Dogs will face off in a challenge of wits or beauty at the The Big Spring Kennel Club Dog Show coming this Saturday and Sunday to the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

"We expect a little more than 600 dogs each day, said Trellis Lucas, Big Spring Kennel Club obedience chairperson. "We will have people coming from the East and West Coast

and some people from

The show is expected to draw almost 1,200 people, including professional dog handlers, their helpers and family. "We have had two or

three handlers at our show that have been to the Westminster Dog Show," said Treasa Wells, recording secretary.

The show kicks off at 8 a.m. on both days with dogs vying to be the perfect

See **DOG SHOW**, Page 2



Trellis Lucas of the Big Spring Kennel Club practices obedience training with these two Belgium Tervuren, Shane, left, and Dion. The Big Spring Kennel Club Dog Show will be held Saturday and Sunday at the **Dorothy Garrett** Coliseum and begins at 8 a.m. each day. **HERALD** photo/Lyndel Moody

Billy Wayne "Boog" Cozart When a Christian dies, he

has just begun to live. Billy Wayne "Boog" Cozart, loving husband, father, grandfather, brother, uncle, nephew and friend was born on May 9, 1929, in the Lindale Community north of Bowie to Eddie Luck "Papa" and Addie Emaline "Mama" Cozart. He passed from this life to began his new life with Christ on Monday, April 23, 2001.

He will be dearly missed by his wife of 53 years, Hazel Ruth Diffee Cozart; his four children and their spouses, Linda Jane and Mike Coskey of Big Spring, Joe-Eddie Wayne and Rhonda Cozart of Odessa, Penny Emaline and Don Bateman of Midland, and Kelly Ann and Ronnie Schneider of San Angelo; nine grandchildren, Chuck and Clark Coskey of Big Spring, Joseph and Tammy Cozart also of Big Spring, Joe-Eddie and Crystal Cozart of Midland, Vonnie, Billy-Joe and Robba-Lee Cozart of Odessa, Jennifer Bateman also of Odessa and Kathy Schneider of San Angelo; four great-grandchildren; his sisters, Mary Beulah "Sister" Mershon, Ila Faye "Toodie" Hankins and Bobbie Joe Brokaw, all of Bowie; and his brother, W.B. "Dub" Cozart of Fort Worth. He was also loved and will be missed by many special nieces, nephews and 🗅 , friends.

> Bill married Hazel Ruth Diffee, on Nov. 21, 1947, in Bowie. In his own words, "the best, sweetest and most beautiful girl in the world." They moved to Iowa Park in 1961. He was employed by E.W. Moran Drilling Co. for 19 years as a tool pusher. In 1973 he accepted a position with Jake L. Hamon and moved his family to Midland. Bill retired as District Operations Manager of Hamon Operating in May of

After retirement he started a business buying and selling used tools and tinkering in the flea market business. He taught himself to run a computer and worked intensively with his nephew and other family

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Egelee Patterson, 93. died Tuesday. Services will be 1:00 PM Friday at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Interment will follow at Coahoma Cemetery.

Paula Esqueda Rios, 79, died Wednesday. Rosary will be said at 7:00 PM Friday at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Funeral services will be 10:00 AM Saturday at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Chapel. Rosewood Interment will follow at Borden County Cemetery, Gail.

Juanita Conway, 74, died Wednesday. Services are pending.

Ethel L. Bonnington, 91, died Saturday, April 21. Memorial services will be 2:00 PM Tuesday, May 1, at St. Mary's Episcopal Church.



members to trace the family's genealogy. He and Hazel adopted a very special cat named Fred whose adoration for Boog was mutual. They were the very best of buddies.

Boog was the youngest of eight children and was preceded in death by his brothers Johnny Luck Cozart, Carlos "Son" Weldon Cozart and Luster Dewitt "Dee" Cozart. He had only the fondest of memories of his very special parents, "Mama" and "Papa," and the sweet, simple life they provided for him and his brothers and sisters. Boog gave his gentle strength and forever loving devotion to his own family and to friends who knew him well. Although we will dearly miss his smiles, his winks, his humor and hugs, we will always hold precious memories of him in our

hearts. Our family wishes to express our tremendous gratitude to the wonderful people of Home Hospice of Midland and the Hospice House of Odessa whose compassionate care was a true blessing to us all. In lieu of flowers we would like to request that memorials be made in our loved one's name to Hospice House Foundation for Home Hospice, 903 N. Sam Houston, Odessa 79761.

Arrangements are under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home in Odessa.

Paula Esqueda Rios

Rosary for Paula Esqueda Rios, 79, of Coahoma, will be recited at 7 p.m., Friday, April 27, 2001, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Funeral service will be at 10 a.m., Saturday, April 28, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with the Rev. Jeremiah McCarthy, associate pastor of Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church, of atting. Burial Conti will be at Borden County Cemetery in Gail.

Mrs. Rios died Wednesday, April 25, in a local hospital.

She was born on June 7, 1921, in Dilley and married Juan Garcia Rios. She was a homemaker and loved sewing and quilting. She was a Catholic

Survivors include her husband, Juan Garcia Rios of Coahoma; one son, Roby Rios of Coahoma; one sister, Bernada Guajardo of Cotulla; and two grandchil-

Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

Juanita Conway

Funeral service for Juanita Conway, 74, of Big Spring, is pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home. Mrs. Conway died Wednesday, April 25, in a Midland hos-

Anastacia A. Lujan

Funeral service for Anastacia A. Lujan, 90, of Stanton, is pending with Stanton Memorial Funeral Home & Chapel. Mrs. Lujan died Wednesday, April 25, at a Midland hospital.

TERMINAL

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you have here in the new terminal," said Fulton. "We have done a lot of these terminals around the state but I haven't seen any building more beautiful than this one and I certainly haven't seen a community turnout like this anywhere. It's quite obvious, the community pride here in Big Spring. I believe this terminal building project will pay huge dividends for years to

Tim Blackshear was the

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mayor of Big Spring in the initial planning of the terminal and played a large part in seeing that it was funded.

"I guess the biggest thing that comes up on the city council is where is the money going to come from, where the matching funds are going to come from," said Blackshear. "And it was always my idea that if there were grants out there then Big Spring needed to be getting their fair share of them and we have done real well with that over the years and this is a prime example of that with a 50-50 matching grant. It's a beautiful facility and a muchneeded one. For air travelers, it's the first thing they see and the first impression of Big Spring will start here. This is a first class facility, what more can you say?"

Joyce Crooker has been a member of the airpark board since its inception.

"This terminal * absolutely beautiful," said Crooker. "The airpark board has done a tremendous job seeing it coming to fruition."

Nelda Reagan will be the

airport operator. "Once again this is a project," blessed said Reagan. "Things came together and what a wonderful gateway into the city. We are very pleased. We see our aviation side growing and the terminal is just a positive beginning."

The main counter will be manned by Lone Star Aviation, which has partnered with the city to provide services at the airpark. Those services include providing rental cars, fuel service and any kind of mechanical work that needs to be done on the aircraft.

The terminal was paid for through a 50-50 matching grant between the Texas Department

Transportation and the city of Big Spring. Cost of the terminal was about \$500,000 with the local portion coming from the airpark budget.

erable number of aviation enthusiasts from around the area, according to Nelda Reagan, airport operator.

"The invitations have been sent to all of the airports in Texas and we have gotten some good response back," said Reagan. "Now that a good portion of Big Spring has seen what a beautiful facility we have we want the rest of Texas to see we have a terminal that is second to none.

Those who arrive by air will be transported to the terminal and to Hangar 25 Air Museum for tours.

A meal of hamburgers with all the trimmings and soft drinks will be available for those who fly-in as well.

The public is invited to come out to the airpark to see the facility and watch as the planes arrive and take

DISTRICTS

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posal being considered, District 70 would lose Kent, King, Lynn and Stonewall counties and gain Dawson, Haskell and Mitchell.

Mitchell, which borders Howard to the east, is currently within the boundries of Rep. Rob Junell's District on the dog show circuit.

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72. Under the proposal, Junell, R-San Angelo, would lose Mitchell and Irion counties and gain Concho, McCulloch and Runnels counties. Coke, Sterling and Tom Green counties would remain within House District 72.

is the Redistricting redrawing of political boundaries once a decade after new census figures are Republican released. Rep. Delwin Jones, chairof the House man Redistricting Committee, drew up the House redistricting map. The Senate map was crafted by a committee led by Republican Se. Jeff Wentworth.

Duncan's Senate District 28 would see some major changes, including the addition of Mitchell, Nolan and Scurry counties.

Under the proposal, District 28 would lose portions of Culberson, Ector, El Paso and Reeves and all of Hudspeth, Loving and Ward counties. The district would Briscoe, Castro, Childress, Coke, Cottle, Dickens, Fisher, Floyd, Hall, Haskell, Jones, Kent, King, Knox, Mitchell, Motley, Nolan, Runnels, Scurry, Stonewall, Swisher and a portion of Tom Green.

Unaffected counties in District 28 would be Borden, Crane, Crosby, Dawson, Garza, Glasscock, Hale, Hockley, Howard, Irion, Lubbock, Lynn, Lamb, Martin, Reagan, Sterling, Terry, a portion of Tom Green and Upton ..

DOG SHOW

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example of their breed at the breeds show held on the coliseum floor. Admission is free to the public.

Obedience competition will be held at the East correctly and have the corContinued from Page 1 dogs will be tested on their dogs will be tested on their ability to stay focused on their owners.

The contest includes dogs retrieving items, staying put in a large crowd with other dogs while their owner is 45 feet away and finding an owner's belonging from a stack of several

The show on both days will end with the announcement of the top dog in the best of breeds.

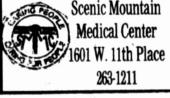
"For a small donation to the club, you can purchase a catalog that shows every single dog in the show, their handler or owner," said

Wells said the catalog also offers the time and place of each breed contest for those there to see certain breeds.

At 7 p.m. on Saturday, a puppy match is planned for those handlers who are almost ready to begin presenting their dogs on the dog show circuit.

The match will demonstrate both obedience and breed shows and allow dogs to become familiar with competing in the excitement and noise associated with a large crowd, said Lucas.

According to Lucas, venders will be present to sell speciality dog items along with merchandise not available anywhere else but



allows a person the opportunity to see some of the rarer breeds of dogs and handlers are willing to answer questions about their breed of For those interested in

purchasing a certain breed, Lucas said handlers of those breeds can speak to both the positive and negative aspects of the dog. Also, the handlers can

give tips on what breeders you should and should not purchases from. The grooming area will be

in the foyer of the coliseum and that it is a good time to speak to handlers about their breed, Lucas said, but cautions the public to ask the owner before petting an animal.

The general public is allowed on the floor during the competition but Wells requests that the public not bring strollers on the floor or animals not entered in the show to the event.

Several area merchants donated to the Big Spring Kennel Club Dog Show this year, Wells said.

TALENT

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proofreading including where students attempt to recognize misspelled words. Errors may be in capitalization, use of accent marks or hyphens or in the actual spelling.

In the vocabulary section, students are tested on the meanings and origins of words. Lastly, students are tested on spelling.

Approximately five words are pronounced per minute that the student must spell the right place.

About 80 percent of the words used in the spelling section are taken from the state-published booklet. They include words such as prosthodontics, pyroclastic, radioecology, monothematic and endarterectomy.

Twenty percent of the words come from common language usage.

Smith, Giles and Correa have been practicing for state competition since the beginning of the spring semester, coming in before and after school to work on the computer and with Burnsed.

All three students are excited about competing at state and plan to tour the state capitol during their

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TEXAS LOTTERY stay in Austin. Lucas mentioned the show We are going to get the historical stuff done. That

> ers happy," Giles joked. During the regional meet, junior April Ward placed sixth in news writing.

will make the history teach-

POLICE

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activities between 8 a.m. Wednesday through 8 a.m. today:

 MARCUS ALEXAN-**DER RICE**, 39, of Big Spring, was arrested on charges of driving while intoxicated and Midland County warrants.

• WON QUAN LIN, 41, of 112 Cedar, was arrested and held for INS officials.

· HUNG BIAO WONG. 44, of 112 Cedar, was arrested and held for INS offi-

• TERRI LYNN FUQUA, 46, of 1409 Park, was arrested on an Erath County war-

• FABIAN CHAVERA, 22, of 605 Goliad, was arrested on local warrants. LAPAUL ERIC

SCAGGS, 24, of 3702 Dixon, was arrested on local war- DISORDERLY CON-**DUCT/LANGUAGE** was

reported in the 1300 block

of Lincoln. ASSAULT CAUSING **BODILY INJURY** was reported in the 700 block of E. 8th Street.

• THEFT was reported in the 900 block of E. 12th and in the 2100 block of Scurry.

SHERIFF

The Howard County Sherm's Office reported the following activities between 8 a.m. Wednesday through 8 a.m. today:

 CARROL DWAIN CALVERT, 60, of Big Spring, was arrested on a charge of criminal mischief. (HCSO)

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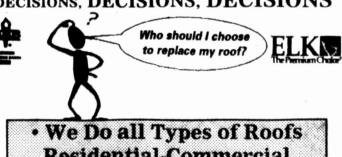
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Convicted killer of Tarrant County drug rehab counselor put to death

HUNTSVILLE (AP) -With a prayer, then a grimace and a gasp, condemned killer David Lee Goff went to his death for an abduction and fatal shooting committed in Fort Worth 11 years ago while he was on parole for robbing and trying to kill two other people.

"The slate is wiped clean, all marks erased other than that there is no justice," Goff, 32, said Wednesday evening while strapped to the Texas death chamber gurney, needles in each arm. "That's not justice.

"Praise the Lord. Glory to Jesus Christ. Praise the Lord God.'

Just before the lethal drugs were administered, he asked Jim Brazzil, the prison chaplain, to close his eyes if they remained open.

"Take them down before they take my body," Goff asked, then declaring the taste in his mouth had become "like rubber." He grimaced, uttered a

slight groan and a long gasp and slipped into unconsciousness. Seven minutes later, at 6:20 p.m., he was pronounced dead.

His eyes had_closed. His mouth remained open. Brazzil covered him with a

Goff had insisted he was

innocent of the death of Michael McGuire, 34, a counselor from a drug and alcohol abuse rehabilitation center. Prosecutors said they had a good circumstan-

Goff's mother and five friends watched the inmate die. No one from McGuire's family was present for the execution, the seventh this year in Texas. At least seven other inmates have execution dates, including two next month. A record 40 inmates were put to death last year in the state.

The U.S. Supreme Court denied two last-ditch appeals by Goff's attorneys.

Goff said he wasn't even each of the Arlington vicpresent when McGuire, who worked and lived at the Star House rehabilitation center in Fort Worth, was abducted and fatally shot Sept. 1, 1990. McGuire's decomposing body was found several days later in a wooded area about

six miles away. Goff was 21 at the time and on parole after serving less than five years of a 15year term for two counts of attempted capital murder. Those crimes occurred on consecutive days in August 1984 when he was 15. Prosecutors had him certified to be tried as an adult. Like the McGuire slaying,

tims was shot, one in the chest and the other in the back and then under the chin. Unlike McGuire, they survived and testified against him at the punishment phase of his trial.

"Based upon his crimes, I think he's just a killer bloodthirsty," Richard Alpert, the Tarrant County assistant district attorney who prosecuted Goff, said. "I think he's the type of person we have a death penalty

McGuire was shot in the left temple. A pathologist testified he had been tightly gagged.

A second man, Craig Ford, was arrested and charged with capital murder in the slaying but charges were dropped and Ford testified against Goff. Alpert said while Ford was present when McGuire was killed, he did not participate.

Goff contended Ford got away with murder.

"I've spent about 10 years trying to work through (my anger)," Goff said recently from death row. "How do you prepare to die? Whether you're 32 or 82, you prepare to die. You try to live your life the best you can. I've been trying to do that the last 10 years."

Free-book program worries over loss of federal funding

reading program that began giving free books to poor children when Texan Lyndon B. Johnson was president may be forced to compete for money next year under President Bush's education budget.

Reading Is Fundamental, the 35-year-old program that gives millions of paperback books to children in 50 states, stands to lose all of its federal money in 2002, as Bush's education budget cuts all funding for "inexpensive book distribution," consolidating the funding into statelevel reading grants.

Bush is also proposing a \$5 billion, five-year plan to get all the nation's students reading by third grade.

Reading Is Fundamental supporters say that's what their program does best.

"You ask the secondgrade reading teachers and they'll say it's extremely effective," said Patricia

"It's really quite magical." Program officials say the loss of federal funds they total \$23 million this year — would take away about 70 percent of the bud-

"The program is too important to this nation and to children at risk to discontinue," said William Trueheart, the program's president.

He said volunteers serve about 5 million children handing out nearly 15 million new books a year -200 million since the program began. The national organization provides about 75 percent of money for most local chapters, but gives 100 percent to programs for especially needy children, such as migrant workers and those in homeless shelters.

The program delivered more than \$2.6 million worth of books to 500,000 children in Texas last year

Bush's remarks on Taiwan cause stir That 1979 law is the basis of

WASHINGTON (AP) -President Bush has changed nothing in U.S. China policy, the White House and State Department are insisting. On Capitol Hill, nobody seems quite sure exactly what he did.

Some lawmakers said his remarks that the United States can use military force in Taiwan's defense negated traditional ambiguity in U.S. policy while acknowledging that there is but one China.

"Ambiguity never was any good," Rep. Dana Rohrabacher, R-Calif., a longtime foe of China's communist-led government, said Wednesday.

In all of this, the White House and the State Department asserted Bush's comments represented no change in policy toward China and Taiwan, the island in the Taiwan Strait that Beijing considers a renegade province.

"The Taiwan Relations Act makes very clear that the United States has an obligation that Taiwan's peaceful way of life is not upset by force," said Condoleezza Rice, Bush's national security adviser.

the one-China policy and specifies how it is to be carried out.

"What (Bush) said clearly is how seriously and resolutely he takes this obligation. A secure Taiwan will be better able to engage in cross-strait dialogue," Rice

said. Beijing, Foreign Ministry spokeswoman Zhang Qiyue said today "the Chinese government and people are strongly indignant and opposed" to Bush's remarks. Bush's comments, on the heels of approving a new arms sale to Taiwan, indicate the United States "has drifted further on a dangerous road," Zhang said.

"There is only one China in the world. Taiwan is part of China. It is not a protectorate of any foreign country," she said.

Taiwan's Foreign Ministry spokeswoman, Catherine Chang, read a statement saying: affirm the United States' effort and determination to safeguard the security across the Taiwan Strait and in the Asian Pacific region. But we Taiwanese

must understand that to enhance our security, we must build up our own defenses.'

Bush touched off the stir Wednesday in a succession of press interviews to mark his first 100 days in office, which end Sunday.

In one he said America would do "whatever it took" to help Taiwan defend itself. Later he softened that a little by saying U.S. military force would be "certainly an option" if China should invade Taiwan.

He added into the mix his decision to let Taiwan buy more weapons than ever, although he deleted from its wish list the top item: four Arleigh Burke class destroyers with state-of-the-art Aegis combat control systems.

For decades, U.S. administrations have been purposely hazy on whether the United States would go to war with China over Taiwan, as opposed to arming Taiwan well enough to enable the island to defend itself.

"We have been deliberately vague about the circumstances under which we would come to Taiwan's

defense, not only to discour age Taiwan from drawing us in by declaring independence but also to deter a Chinese attack by keeping Beijing guessing," Sen. John Kerry, D-Mass., said Wednesday on the Senate

He said Bush's comments suggested the president abandoned the policy with "absolutely no consultation with members of Congress or with our allies in the region.

Kerry said the Taiwan Relations Act does not commit the United States to defend Taiwan but rather to provide the island with equipment needed to defend itself.

Kerry's fellow Democrat, Rep. Tom Lantos of California, sided with the Republican president and said it was time to "go beyond" the old ambiguous approach.

"I think the president's straightforward, courageous and unambiguous statement will guarantee that hostility in the Taiwan Strait will not take place," Lantos said at a House International Relations subcommittee

President to help celebrate Bullock's dream

AUSTIN (AP) — President um's dedication will bring the idea for a state history promised that he would be Bush returns to Austin on Friday to highlight two things that blossomed while he was governor — a state history museum and his friendship with the late Lt. Gov. Bob Bullock.

Bush will speak at the dedication of the Bob **Bullock Texas State History** Museum, an \$80 million project that tells the diverse story of the state's past.

Located near the Texas Capitol, the museum opened to the public last weekend. Its dedication is Friday, when the museum will be closed to the public. Grand opening festivities are

Saturday. Having Bush at the muse-

mixed emotions, said Jan Bullock, Bob Bullock's widow.

"It means an incredible amount to me because Governor Bush was part of the process, and he's our very good friend," she said. "It's very bittersweet for me because here I'll be standing with two of Bob's last dreams - in the museum and then to have George W. Bush as our 43rd president. It's very, very emotional."

Bullock's 40-plus years in public service is the stuff of state political legend. He died in 1999 after retiring from elected office.

A man who loved history, Bullock began discussing museum in 1996 when he was recuperating from a hunting accident and pneumonia. As lieutenant governor presiding over the state Senate, he saw to it that funding for the museum

came through. Bullock was particularly fascinated by Sam Houston and the history of the law enforcement agency the Texas Rangers. A document he owned that was signed by Houston will be displayed at the museum.

A sculpture of Bullock and his trademark phrase, "God Bless Texas," will greet museum visitors.

Before he left Austin to become president Bush

back in Texas for the museum's opening.

Bush has helped raise Bullock's profile nationally with his presidential campaign and election as he has emphasized his bipartisan approach to governing. That's something Bush achieved by working with Bullock and House Speaker Pete Lanev when he oversaw government in Texas.

Bullock became a mentor to Bush, a Republican who had never held elected office before becoming governor.

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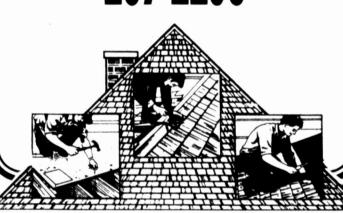
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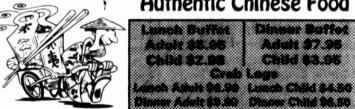
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OUR VIEWS

Air terminal gateway to Big Spring

n a month or so, motorists coming into our city from the north or south will find a major improvement due to the renovation of U.S. Highway 87. As travelers, we've all noticed the difference it makes as we pass through a community on a road that is smooth and wide. It provides a feeling of comfort, even safety. It bids us welcome. And as citizens of this community, we can be proud of that.

The new terminal at McMahon-Wrinkle Airpark provides that same "comfort" and that same "welcome" to folks arriving in Big Spring

Many of us don't think about it, because we seldom have a reason to go to the airpark. We may not even go near it for months at a time.

But the truth is, more than 35 planes fly in and out of Big Spring regularly. Be it for business or pleasure, the airpark sees a fair amount of traf-

That - and the future ramifications - is the reason we were extremely encouraged when we heard last year that funding sources were being made available to help Big Spring pay for the terminal. It's the first building visitors who arrive by air see when they come to Big Spring, and the last facility they see when they leave. And just like that road down the middle of our city, the terminal leaves a lasting impression.

If you made it out to Wednesday's ribbon cutting, you know it will be a positive impression The \$500,000 terminal truly is a beautiful and functional facility, built to serve our airport for many years to come. It features a lounge area, conference room, office space and more.

Local officials are hopeful that the terminal will be the first step toward attracting more business to the airpark. We are encouraged by that possibility as well.

Already, Lone Star Aviation, which will man the front desk, pump fuel and handle repairs to aircraft, has announced one new feature to the airpark — Enterprise rentals, which will rent vehicles.

In a month or so, motorists coming into our city will find a major improvement. We're delighted to note that air passengers will as

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Flag vote was never a racial issue

Mississippi to retain the 104-yearold state flag, which includes the Confederate battle flag as part of its

design, is being depicted in the news media as a racial issue. It isn't. Yes, I

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know a lot of liberals and professional racists say the battle flag is a symbol of racism and slavery. Well, then,

how do you explain the fact that polls conducted by Mississippi's newspapers showed that 30 percent of the blacks favored the old flag?

It's my belief that it has been an artificial controversy from the beginning, a fund-raising cause for the NAACP and an excuse to feel self-righteous for white liberals. A majority of Americans, black and white, I would guess, would be hard put to describe their state's flag accurately, much less a historical flag.

The very idea that changing the design of a piece of cloth that flies on a flagpole is going to affect anyone's life, one way or another, is ridiculous. It is purely a media issue.

I happened to be in Mississippi a few weeks before the vote, and there was no controversy "raging," as Northern newspapers like to state. Those in favor of the old flag, like the Sons of Confederate Veterans, were planning a low-key campaign simply to let people know about the vote.

The proponents of the new flag, who raised more than \$600,000, were largely liberal politicians and preachers and Chamber of Commerce types. Their only lame argument was that a new flag would attract new industry to the state. That in itself was plainly absurd to anyone who has had any involvement in industrial development. Corporations look for tax breaks, cheap land and relatively cheap labor. I've never heard a company ask about a state flag. As for race relations, they

seem to be as good in Mississippi as they are in most places and better than in some — like Cincinnati, for example. Southerners include blacks and whites and always have. The two races have certainly had their differences and conflicts, as they have everywhere else in the United States, but in the words of a Southern writer, they have "always milled around together," bound by their common love of the region, their Christian faith

and common courtesy. In Georgia and South Carolina, politicians caved in to media pressure. In Georgia, they changed the flag, and in South Carolina,

they moved it from the state Capitol building to a Confederate monument nearby. In both cases, the politicians denied the people a vote on the question. If they had, I'm pretty confident the vote would have mirrored Mississippi's, where 65 percent voted for

the old flag. Mississippi is exactly the same today as it was before the vote. If residents had voted for the new flag, Mississippi still would be exactly the same. Changing the designs on pieces of cloth does not change complex human relationships. Nor does it change the economic status of people. And certainly black folks are smart enough to know that, which is why there was no large black turnout at the polls.

The Confederate flag, like reparations for slavery, is largely a media-generated controversy that most people don't care about. This is the 21st century, and while all Americans should study their history, our main attention must be focused on the present.

There are no ex-slaves and no ex-slave owners. Nobody alive today owes anybody anything for something that happened to other people in another time.

Nor can anybody alive today honestly say that his or her life is worse because some distant ancestor was a slave. The 1860 census, by the way, showed more than 3,500 black slave owners,

and, of course, it was the Africans who enslaved their own people and sold them for rum and whatev-

We are responsible for our own sins and our own actions, but not for those of anyone else — least of all for people who were long dead before we were born. We should not be surprised that con artists and trial lawyers will take a run at making money out of history. (Why not? They've tried every other conceivable ploy.) We should not pay them any attention, however. We have more important things to do.

We Southerners often are faulted for our monuments and ceremonies honoring the Confederate dead, but the fact is that folks everywhere should honor and remember their ancestors. We are their posterity. We live in a world that they helped shape.

None of us can change the past or bring it back even if we wanted to, which we don't. I like to read about the War Between the States, but I like to do so in the comfort of my air-conditioned living room.

We cannot stop professional racists from stirring even imaginary pots as they try to keep their jobs, but we should remember that the road to better race relations lies where it always has: looking at each other as human beings and not as representatives of groups or classes.

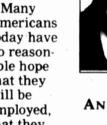


Living in the era of uncertainty

merica has entered the Era of Uncertainty. True, the future, whether tomorrow or 10 years from tomorrow, is never certain, but there generally exists a probability, an expec-

tation, a reasonable hope of things to come. But not now. Many

Americans today have no reasonable hope that they will be employed, that they





will be able to pay the mortgage or the rent, that their stock market investments will appreciate in value, that the education costs for their children will be in the realm of the possible, or that healthcare costs will be covered. In fact, the only apparent certainty is that people will live longer than members of any prior generation. The uncertainty extends to the political arena, where a Senate split 50-50 leaves all legislation in doubt. Even the U.S. Supreme Court proved itself to be a political entity during the presidential election. So the reasonable hope that the highest court would be above petty politics is gone. Increasingly, its members cast 5-4 decisions along ideological (political) lines.

And politics continues to wreak havoc at local levels, enacting law after law, swelling the state codes beyond anybody's ability to comprehend or follow all of them. The old saying is that "ignorance is no excuse for breaking the law." But if ignorance is not an excuse, it certainly will be a reason.

Such laws have particularly extended to local school districts where teachers are bereft of the ability to discipline students or fend off over-meddlesome parents. Furthermore, education itself is changing. High school students are told they must have two to three years of a foreign language to go college, yet more and more colleges no longer have foreign language requirements. Students are told to take Advanced Placement classes, only to discover that their colleges of choice will not honor them. They are told to keep their grades up and participate in extracurricular activities, only to discover that a near-failing

sports star moves right on past them to the coveted college slot.

Whether over politics. economics or education, Americans are perplexed, a fact that is reflected in a declining consumer confidence index. It is as though the nation has lost its rudder, or at least that it is in a transitional period and has lost sight of the goals.

It is not so much a matter of pessimism, however, as it is of uncertainty. It seems to have begun when the stock market high-tech bubble burst on March 20, 2000. A generation of Americans that had never known a bear market have now endured a decline in the NASDAQ that was worse than the market crash of 1929. Fortunes were wiped out, retirement plans were decimated, and savings vanished. Money may not be the key to happiness, but it certainly cre ates a sense of security, a sense that is missing throughout the land.

And the absence of security — financial and political - creates uncertainty. an uncertainty that carries over to marital harmony, financial stability, and the caring for loved ones, old and young alike. We are living in is the Era of Uncertainty.

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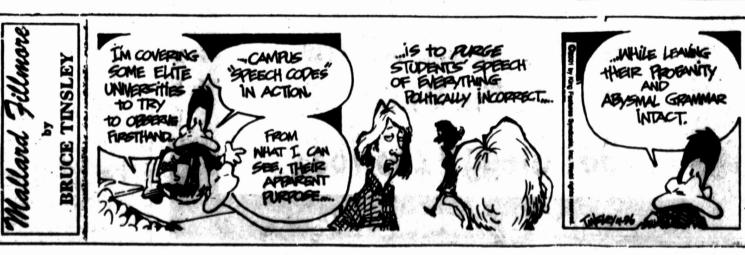
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Mental illness requires real understanding

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Ít has also given me an appreciation for my life and greater compassion for those who cannot control their actions.



In order for us to understand the workings of the minds of these people a basic understanding of one of the diseases that causes them to be unable to function in society is necessary.

Schizophrenia used to be the word used for people who had multiple personalities, but it is actually used loosely to describe a myriad of disorders.

According to Mosby's Medical Dictionary, there is no known single cause for schizophrenia. It is thought that biochemical, psychological, interpersonal and sociocultural factors are involved.

I witnessed instances where a person seemed to suffer a psychotic break when there was no history of mental illness, drug use or genetic factors present. Sometimes it seemed the person was overwhelmed with stress or had lost a loved one in some fashion and was unable to cope with the loss, perhaps triggering a chemical imbalance.

Most disturbing to me were the instances of psychosis brought about after a woman had given birth, again with no history or genetic predisposition to the disorder.

a gross distortion of reality. The victim is no longer able to distinguish the difference between what is real and what isn't. They react to hallucinations just as we react to things that are real.

Problems with communication and language develop which contributes to the patient's already confused and agitated state. Victims often hears voices that tell them what to do or that others are trying to harm him, leading to paranoia and social isolation.

They often ramble on incoherently or repeat the same word or phrase continuously. They become withdrawn, childlike and display bizarre behavior.

There are many medications that are on the market such as Zyprexa (olanzapine) or Clozaril (clozapine).

However, they don't work for everyone and the incidence of non-compliance is high after the patient is released.

The simplist way to understand mental illness and it's implications is to consider that the victim has a disease or a chemical imbalance in the brain.

When a victim's family member denies a patient's illness or acts embarrassed by some of the things they do, I hope they would remember that these behaviors are symptoms of an ill-

If practiced upon our peers on a daily basis, patience, kindness and guidance are effective tools when dealing with someone who is actively psychotic.



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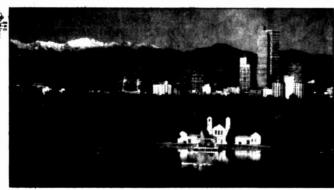
"Go west, young man!" Horace Greeley, a New York newspaper editor, gave this advice in the 1860s when people were

needed to settle that part of the country. Today, Greeley would not have to offer any Greeley encouragement. People

are flocking west to Colorado. The state population has jumped 30 percent in the last 10 years. New arrivals are attracted to Colorado's sunny weather, dry air, the

Rocky Mountains, job opportunities and relaxed outdoor lifestyle. Colorado became a state in 1876. It is nicknamed the Centennial State. In size, it is the eighth-largest state. It ranks 24th in the number of people (4,301,261).

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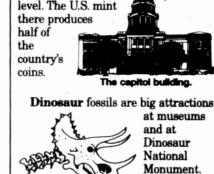
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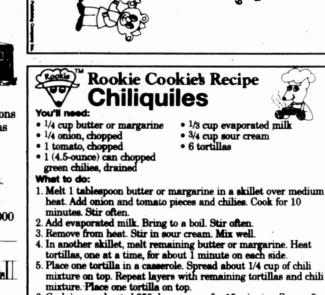
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Lori Beth Denberg is a talented actress and singer. She was born and grew up in

Northridge, Calif. Her performing career began at age 6 when she got parts in school plays and local theater productions Her career really took off when she

was a senior in high school and was discovered by talent scouts from Nickelodeon. They saw her perform in a school drama contest and her scene won first place. She soon got a part in the TV show "All That." She has also been in the TV shows "Figure It Out" and "The Steve Harvey Show."

Lori Beth also sings and has recorded an album of Jewish folk songs. She likes traveling.



Supersport: Shannon MacMillan Birthdate: 10-7-74 College: U. of Portland Shannon MacMillan is one of the stars of the Women's National Soccer Team. She joined the team in 1993.

Playing forward, she scored 12 goals and had 11 assists last year. She was also on the team that played in the Olympics. At the 1996 Olympics, she scored the goal that helped the team win the gold medal.

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Shannon was a top college player and won the 1995 Hermann Award, given to the top national soccer player. In college she studied social work. She now works at the University of Portland as an assistant women's soccer coach. In her free time, she likes reading, shopping and playing board games.

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Jagged mountain peaks, of which more than 50 are over 14,000 feet high, add to Colorado's beauty.

Katherine Lee Bates wrote "America the Beautiful" after seeing Pikes Peak. The state's **Location** between the

big cities of the Midwest and the West Coast makes Colorado a big transportation center. WEST

At one time, Mexico controlled western Colorado. Today, about 15 percent of the people in the state have a Hispanic background. Next week, read all about the 10 most

Look through your newspaper for news of your state.

The **Mining** of gold played a big part in developing the state. The gold rush of the late 1850s brought many people to the area.

Colorado From A to Z

The Narrow-gauge railroad between Durango and Silverton is one of the country's most beautiful scenic rides. (Narrowgauge means the rails are closer together than

Olympic athletes train at the U.S. Olympic training center in Colorado Springs.

most.)

The Great Plains cover about two-fifths the state. The land is used mostly to farming. The Plateau area the western part. Messa

The Quite unusual Great Sand Dunes are huge hills on the edge of a mountain range. Some are 700 feet high. More important

Rivers begin in Colorado than in any other state. Many have created deep gorges. The Continental Divide runs through the

Rockies. Rivers flow east into the Atlantic on one side of the divide. Rivers flow west into the Pacific on the other.

The Rocky Mountains cover two-fifths of the state. The Mini Page is created and edited by Betty Debnam

when the gold or silver ran out.

The U.S. government owns about one-third of the state's land. Most is used for logging and grazing.

The Spanish were

the first white people to

not settle there because

explore Colorado, but did

The Variety of plant life, from cactus in the prairie to wildflowers in the mountains, add to the beauty of the state.

Water is a big problem for Colorado. How well it handles the flooding from melting snow as well as water shortages during drought is one key to the state's future.

EXtra excitement can be found in mountain climbing, whitewater rafting

and other outdoor Sports activities, such as snow skiing in the winter

and hiking in the summer, occur all Year and are big attractions. Zebulon Pike was an

Army officer who explored the area in 1806. Pikes Peak is named for him.

The Cheyenne Mountain Zoo in Colorado Springs is the only mountain zoo in the country. Giraffes are among its 500 animals.



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IN BRIEF

Bumbulis recognized as athletic scholar

Big Spring's Joseph Bumbulis has been awarded the National High School Athletic Institute's prestigious All-American Scholar Athlete Award for football.

The selection is based on high academic excellence, overall athletic performance in football and moral force of character.

Bumbulis was also awarded the All-American Scholar Award.

The United States Achievement Academy established the All-American Scholar Award Program to offer deserved recognition to superior students who excel in the academic disciplines. The All-American Scholar must earn a 3.3, or higher, grade point average.

Bumbulis will appear in the All-American Scholar Yearbook. He is the son of and Vicki Bumbulis.

Ladies Scramble names winners

The team of Debra Lusk, Peggy Marshall, Ramona Harris, Gus Leonardi and Daury Cockrell was named the winners of the Comanche Trail Ladies Scramble which was held Monday.

Lady Steers' booster club to meet today

The Lady Steers booster club will meet today at 6 p.m. in the Athletic Training Center.

The meeting will cover the final plans for the spring banquet.

For more information contact Debbie Churchwell at 267-7638.

Cancer Scramble set for weekend

The fourth annual Cancer Scramble is set for 1 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.

The entry fee is \$75 per player plus cart fee. Private carts are welcome.

Prize money will be award to one third of the field in the form of pro shop credit.

There will be a longest drive contest and prizes for closest to the pin. There will also be a \$10,000 hole-in-one prize.

The field is limited to first 36 teams. Proceeds benefit Relay for Life.

To enter call the Big Spring Country Club at 267-5354.

Basketball boosters schedule banquet

The Big Spring High School Basketball Booster Club has scheduled its annual basketball banquet for 6:30 p.m. Thursday, May 10, at the Trinity Baptist Church.

For more information, call Brian Ellington at

Bennett benefit tournament slated

The Chase Bennett ben efit golf tournament will be Saturday, May 19, at the Comanche Trail Golf Course.

It will be a four-man scramble and a shotgun start at 8 a.m.

Both team and individual players are welcome. The cost is \$200 per team and \$50 per player.

The deadline to enter is May 5.

For more information contact DeNeise Coates at

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Television

7.p.m. — Toronto Raptors at New York Knicks, TNT,

9:30 p.m. - Portland Trailblazers at L.A. Lakers, TNT, Ch. 28.

Manuel's meeting motivates struggling White Sox

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Jerry Manuel's pregame chat got through to the struggling Chicago White Sox after 11 innings

A few hours after Manuel called a rare team meeting to address Chicago's poor start, Paul Konerko hit a solo homer in the 11th to give the White Sox a 2-1 victory over Oakland on Wednesday night.

"His meeting was about capitalizing on situations, and I think he got his point across," said David Wells, who allowed only one run and five hits in nine innings.

"Going in, I thought we were going to get our butts chewed out, but he went the opposite way and it

After winning the AL Central last year, the White Sox have struggled. They came into Wednesday's game on a four-game losing streak and had lost eight of 10 + prompting the

"If we go out tomorrow and win again, this could turn into a momentum builder," Manuel said. "And hopefully for a long time."

In other AL games, it was Seattle 7, New York 5; Minnesota 6, Boston 4 in 10 innings; Toronto 8, Texas 5; Baltimore 6, Detroit 4; Anaheim 3, Cleveland 1; and Tampa Bay 5, Kansas City 3.

At Chicago, Konerko homered with one out in the 11th off former Sox reliever Chad Bradford (0-1), setting off fireworks and high fives among the White Sox.

"We're not too happy," Konerko said. "It's kind of like when a hitter's in a slump. When you're 0-for-20 and you get a hit, you're still kind of mad. It's like, 'Geez, it's about time.'

Keith Foulke (1-2) gave up only two walks in two scoreless innings.

Jose Valentin hit a solo homer in the first for Chicago, but Terrence Long tied it in the second with a leadoff home run.

Mariners 7, Yankees 5

Carlos Guillen drove in three runs with a pair of two-out hits off Andy Pettitte (3-2) as visiting Seattle won its sixth straight.

The Mariners, respite the offseason loss of Alex Rodriguez, have won 10 of 11 and lead the majors with a 17-4 record.

Norm Charlton (1-0) got the win and Kazuhiro Sasaki pitched the ninth for his najor league-leading

Twins 6,

Torii Hur ter hit a three-run double in the 10th-inning as surprising Minnesota rallied at Fenway Park.

The Tw ns tied the game in the ninth on doubles by Jacque Jones and A.J Pierzynski against Rod Beck (0-). Minnesota leads the AL Central at 15-4 after posting the worst record in the league last year.

Cuban's antics draw Sloan's ire but no league fine

DALLAS (AP) -- Dallas Mavericks owner Mark Cuban has added blowing kisses to the list of his unusual antics.

But Cuban, who also verbally lashed out at Utah Jazz employees over management of the game clock and slammed his hands onto a table, apparently won't have to pay for his playoff pique — this time.

League officials reportedly have decided to overlook his Tuesday antics, which also included criticizing game officials in a televised interview.

Cuban has been fined \$505,000 this season for everything from running on the court to sitting beside it. He blew a kiss to Utah coach Jerry Sloan in the closing minutes of Tuesday night's playoff game, won by the Jazz.

"Some guy was yelling and I found out that it was Cuban," Sloan Wednesday. "Some guy yells at me, I'm probably going to yell back. Had I known it was him, I probably wouldn't have yelled. He's a powerful guy.'

Throughout Dallas' 109-98 loss, which put the Mays down 0-2 in the best-of-five series, the billionaire fanturned-owner was visibly and vocally upset.

Cuban went on TBS at halftime to question a referee's call. He also sat on press row and screamed at sideline personnel about how the game clock was being operated.

During a time out with 2:54 left, Cuban pounded the press table and shouted. Sloan, who was about 35 feet away, replied, "What's your problem?'

But Cuban Wednesday his comments were not directed at the Jazz coach.

"I never said a word to him. Not a single word," said Cuban. "I was trying to get a clarification on why there was a jump ball after an inadvertent whistle with time left on the shot clock.

"The rules say that if there is time left on the clock, it's considered a suspension of play and play resumes at that point. I got the explanation from the ref, who was kind enough to take the time. Afterward, I looked over and Jerry was cursing at me. I was kind of surprised, but I didn't say a word back, just blew him a

"There was no point to get into anything, I just think he got a little mad when I smiled at him and blew him the kiss. He certainly knew who I was.'

Sloan laughed at Cuban's kiss, then turned his back.

"I wasn't offended by it," Sloan said after the game. "It was long distance. As long as it's long distance, it's not a problem.

However, someone on the bench apparently considered it a problem because Cuban said he saw "some guy" in that area make a derogatory gesture at him.

"I smiled and blew him a kiss as well," Cuban said.

Stu Jackson, NBA vice president of operations, reviewed Cuban's actions at the Delta Center. But an NBA spokesman told The Dallas Morning News and the Fort Worth Star-Telegram Wednesday night that Jackson found nothing that warranted a suspension or a fine.



HERALD photo/Jim Flore

Howard College's Brandy Smith throws a pitch during the Lady Hawks matchup against Midland College. Smith was honored with the Rock n Fire Award for her success on the mound this season. The Lady Hawks will play Schreiner College in Kerrville in a Saturday and Sunday

Millwood gets first win while Henderson gets record walk

Howard College's Adrian Ballesteros picked up his 18th homerun this season during the

weekend series against New Mexico Junior College. Ballesteros, who led the conference

with the most homeruns this season, was recognized with the Big Stok Awar at the

Howard College Sports Banquet. The Hawks will travel to Abilene to compete in the

Region V Tournament May 5. Howard qualified with a win over El Paso Saturday.

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was walking into history, Kevin Millwood was looking for a more mundane accomplishment: his first win of the season.

Millwood got his first victory since last Sept. 22 despite leaving with a sore left hip in the seventh inning as the Atlanta Braves beat the Houston Astros 11-3 Wednesday

"It's that sciatic nerve down in his back," Braves manager Bobby Cox said. "He's been battling that for a while.'

Millwood (1-2) allowed three runs and six hits in 6 1-3 innings. He was 10-13 last year after going 18-7 in

"It bothered me in my last start, but it got better between starts," Millwood said. "I didn't feel it before the game, but after the game started, it started coming back every inning and was getting worse and worse."

At San Diego, Henderson set the major league walks record at 2,063, walking on a 3-1 pitch from Jose Mesa leading off the ninth of the Padres' 5-3 **loss** - to Philadelphia. He took sole possession of the record he shared for a day with Babe

"The record is outstand-

ing," Henderson said. "It's great to be in a class with Babe Ruth and all that good stuff, but I'm the type of person that wants to

In other NL games, it was Colorado 6, Chicago 5; Arizona 10, Florida 7; St. Louis 5, Montreal 2; Cincinnati 7, San Francisco 5; Los Angeles 6, Pittsburgh and Milwaukee 7, New

In Atlanta's victory at Houston, Chipper Jones hit a three-run homer.

Scott Elarton (3-2) dropped Cardinals 5, to 0-4 against the Braves, While Rickey Henderson allowing four runs and seven hits in six innings.

> Phillies 5, Padres 3

Travis Lee hit a two-run homer for the second time in three games for the Phillies, who won their sixth straight. San Diego has lost nine of 10.

Omar Daal, who led the majors with 19 losses last year, improved to 2-0, allowing two runs and nine hits in seven innings. Mesa pitched the ninth for his

Brian Tollberg (1-2) gave up four runs and six hits in seven innings.

Rockies 6, Cubs 5

Todd Helton homered twice and drove in five runs at Coors Field, and Jeff Cirillo hit a ninth-inning sacrifice fly off Courtney Duncan.

Todd Hundley tied the score at 5 in the ninth with solo homer off Jose Jimenez (1-0), who blew his second save in seven chances.

Diamondbacks 10, Marlins 7

Curt Schilling (3-0) struck out 12 to raise his season total to 50 and take over the major league lead from teammate Randy Johnson. who has 48.

Schilling (3-0) - allowed seven runs and 13 hits in seven-plus innings as Arizona completed a series sweep before 23,097 — the smallest crowd in Bank One Ballpark history. Bret Prinz pitched the ninth for his first career save.

Marlins rookie Jason Grilli (2-2) was pounded for nine runs and 10 hits in four-plus innings.

Albert Pujols had three RBIs for the third straight game, hitting a three-run homer off Britt Reames (2-1) for a 4-2 lead in the fourth at

Jim Edmonds was 3-for-3 with an RBI single in the first. Andy Benes (1-1) allowed two runs and four hits in five innings.

Gene Stechschulte got Michael Barrett to pop up with the bases loaded for the final out in the seventh and finished with one-hit relief for his first career

Reds 7, Giants 5

Barry Larkin was 4-for-5 and hit the first of five runscoring singles Cincinnati's six-run third inning, and the Reds won their sixth straight road

The Giants, who failed to fill Pacific Bell Park for the second straight night after opening with 90 sellouts, lost consecutive games at home for the first time since last Sept. 22-23.

Osvaldo Fernandez (4-1) allowed four runs and eight hits in five innings, and Danny Graves pitched the ninth for his sixth save.

Kirk Rueter (2-2) gave up six runs and 11 hits in 5 1-3 innings.

Dodgers 6. Pirates 5

Mark Grudzielanek tripled and scored on a wild pitch by Jose Manzanillo in the ninth, and Shawn Green hit a three-run homer.

Terry Adams (1-1) struck out three in two hitless innings at Bodger Stadium. Making his 300th major

league appearance. Pittsburgh's Ramon Martinez allowed five runs and four hits in five

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low; Black base to 9 pounds are good on Texas-rigged fizards and Caroline-rigged watermelon seed and June bug women. Striped bass to 20 pounds are good on striper jigs and topwaters up the Rio Grande. White bass are good on alabs and striper jigs up the Rio Grande. Crapple are good on live minnows up Devils River past Rough Canyon. Channel and blue catfish are slow. Valley catfish are slow on trottimes baited

with perch.

CENTRAL
BROWNWOOD: Water murky; 68 degrees;
Black bass to 7 pounds are fair to good on RatL-Trape, white spinnerbaits and soft plastics in
10 - 20 feet. Striped bass are very good on
striper jigs and Rat-L-Traps, White bass to 12
inches are good on mirnnows and jigs in 6 - 10
feet. Crapple to 12 inches are good on minnows
and jigs in 6 - 12 feet. Charmel and blue catfish
to 14 pounds are fair on chicken livers and
nightcrawlers in 5 - 15 feet. Yellow catfish are
fair on shad and perch in 5 - 15 feet.
BUCHANAN: Water clear; 73 degrees;
1018.38; Black bass are good on 1/8 oz. white
buzzbaits, 1/4 oz. Rat-L-Traps and flukes along
4 - 8 foot ledges and channels of creeks and
coves. Striped bass are good drifting live bait
and trolling bucktail jigs over humps in 20 - 35
feet. Some topwater action very early on shallow
flats on Walkin Stik, Zara Spooks and 1oz. RatL-Traps. White bass are fair vertically jigging
Horizon Pirk Minnows on lake points and up
creeks casting 1/8 oz. Tennessee shad Tiny
Traps up creeks. Crappie are slow on minnows.
Channel catfish are good on minnows, cutbait
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25 feet.

GIBBONS CREEK: Water stained; 70 degrees; Black bass are good on Rat-LTraps, and white spinnerbaits along the shoreline grass. Crappie are good on minnows and jigs along the shoreline brush. Catrish are good on stinkbait, prepared beits and cut shad in 15 - 25 pait, prepared baits and cut shad in 15 - 25

feet.

HOUSTON COUNTY: Water cloudy with clear edges; 68 degrees; Black bass to 10 pounds are very good on bream colored Chug Bugs at the pump station. Crappie are good on minnows around piers at night in 12 - 20 feet. Bream are very good on like worms around piers and grassy areas during the day all over the lake. Catfish to 6 pounds are good on trotlines on cut shad.

LIVINGSTON: Water slightly off color, 4" high; Black bass are good on spinnerhalts and black

LIVINGSTON: Water slightly off color; 4" high; Black bass are good on spinnerbalts and black Power Worms. No report on striped bass. White bass are good on Ret-L-Traps, Charlie slabs, pet spoons and helibenders. Crappie are good on minnows. Channel and blue catfish are good on shad. Yellow catfish are slow.

SAM RAYBURN: Water murky; Black bass are good on white Rat-L-Traps, spinnerbalts and shallow-diving crankbalts in river edges over grass mats, and on white ligs in deep grass. Crapple are good on minnows and jigs in 4 · 12 feet.

STEINHAGEN: Water slightly stained; 68 degrees; Black bass to 10 pounds are good on dark soft plastics and crankbeits in 3 - 6 feet. Striped bass to 6 pounds are good on topwaters Striped bass to 6 pounds are good on topwaters below the dam. White bass to 2 pounds are good on topwaters and jigs below the dam. Crapple to 12 inches are good on minnows in 3 - 8 feet. Channel and blue catfish to 4 pounds are fair on cutbait. Yellow catfish to 10 pounds are good on trotlines with live bait.

TOLEDO BEND: Water murky; 70 degrees; 172.04; Black bass are good on topwaters, buzzbaits and spinnerbaits over grass early. Later use Texas and Carolina-rigged soft plastics and crankbaits on 14 - 16 foot creek channel points and bends. White bass are good on

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nel points and bends. White bass are good on slab spoons, chrome Rat-L-Traps, shallow-diving cranisbatts and Rinky Dink tallspinners along river channel sand bars in 8 - 16 feet. Crapple are fair on shiners along lay-downs and tops along the creek channels in 6 - 8 feet. Bream are good on crickets and worms in 2 - 4 feet. PANHANDLE

BAYLOR: Water slightly stained; 65 degrees; 3 low; Black bess are good on spinnerbaits and topwaters on main lake and green or pumpkin soft plastics in the creeks. Crapple are good on

soft plastics in the creeks. Crappie are governminnows and jigs near the dam.

GREENBEIT: Water clear; 61 degrees; 4.5 low; Black bass are slow on white spinnerbalts and Ratil-Traps. Crappie are excellent on minnows and cranibalis. White bass are good on shad landhalts. Walleye are

fair.

MACKENZIE: Water cleer; 61 degrees; Black bess are good on crankbalts and white spinner-batts. Crappie are good on minnows. Striped bess are good on RAL-Traps.

MEREDITH: Water clear; 55 degrees; 1.5 low; Black bess are excellent on white spinnerbalts, watermelon/chartreuse Mad Man crawfish tubes and white Bess Assessins fished tight to tubes and white Bess Assessins fielded tight to brush in the shellows of creeks. Crapple are good on minnows and jigs. White bess are good on minnows. Smallmouth bess to 5 pounds are good on Rogues on main lake secondary points and stacked at the mouths of creeks. Welleye are excellent on minnows. Catfish are slow. PALO DURO: Water cleer; 58 degrees; Black bess are slow. Crapple to 2 pounds are fair on minnows and jigs deep near the bridge. White bess are slow. Welleye are slow. Catfish to 10 pounds are fair on shed and minnows in 6 feet. WEST

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ALAN HENRY: Water clear; 64 degrees; Black
bass are excellent on topwaters, crankbeits,
spinnerbeits and soft jerkbeits in the shallows.
Crappie are good on small crankbeits, jigs and

ARROWHEAD: Water stained; 3.5 low; 64

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ARROWHEAD: Water stained; 3.5 low; 64 degrees; Black bass are fair on spinr-erbaits, crankbaits and dark soft plastics. Crappie are fair on jigs and minnows near the park area. Catfish are fair on cutbait and shad.

BRADY: Water lightly stained; 63 degrees; Black bass are fair on white spinnerbaits and crankbaits. Catfish are slow.

COLORADO CITY: Water clear; 61 degrees; Black bass are good on live ballt and crankbaits. Crappie are good on raint-1 and crankbaits. Crappie are good on Rait-1 raps and live shad. Catfish are fair on shrimp and cutbait.

FT. PHANTOM HILL: Water clear; 62 degrees; 5.15 low; Black bass are good on spinnerbaits and crankbaits. Crappie are good on minnows and jigs in the shallows near the discharge. White bass are good on minnows. Yellow Catfish to 30 pounds are good perch and goldfish. Blue Catfish to 15 pounds are excellent on cutbait.

HUBBARD CREEK: Water lightly stained; 66 degrees; Black bass are good on topwaters, spinnerbaits and crankbaits in the shallows. Crappie are good on minnows. Catfish are slow. The concrete boat ramps are out of the water. A temporary ramp is open neer the dam (turn at Wal-Mart and follow the paved/caliche road to east side of dam).

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NOCONA: No report available.

OAK CREEK: Water lightly stained; 64 degrees; Black bass to 9 pounds fair on live belt. Black crapple to 1,5 pounds are good on black/chertreuse jigs. Yellow catfish are good on trotlines. Due to the low water level all boat

amps are closed.

OH, IVIE: Water lightly stained; 66 degrees; 13.5 low; Black bess are good on spinnerbalts and Texas-rigged (large sized) green soft plastic ibworms, crawfish and muddogs. Crappie are good on jigs and minnows. White bess are fair on minnows and stabs in 25 to 30 feet. Catffeth to 25 pounds are good on juglines with cut shad, trottines and rod-n-reel in the shallows with cheesebalt. The road to Concho Park is

POSSUM KINGOOM: Water lightly stained; 68 degrees; 1.5 low; Fishing is slow but improving toxic algae bloom affecting all species of fish throughout lake. White bess and striped bess are fair on "bought" shad. Catfish are slow. SPENCE water lightly stained; 62 degrees; Black bess are good on spinnerbelts and cranidalits. Crapple are fair on minnows. White bess are good on slebs and minnows. Striped bess to 25 pounds are good on cut belt and shad. Catfish are slow.

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/EETWATER: Water lightly stained; 66 es; 14.5 low; Black bees are fair on beits and spirinerbeits. Crapple are good a and mirinovis in the shallows. White bess pounds are fair on chicken liver. Channel h are fair on shrimp and chicken liver.

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Bucks close to first playoff series win

MILWAUKEE (AP) — Ray Allen has the Milwaukee Bucks on the verge of winning their first playoff series since the 1980s.

Allen, fired up by a flagrant foul on Andrew DeClercq, had a personal playoff-best 27 points to go with 10 rebounds and seven assists in Milwaukee's 103-96 victory over Orlando on Wednesday night.

Allen also slowed down 21year-old Magic star Tracy McGrady in the fourth quarter as the Bucks took a 2-0 lead in their best-of-five series that resumes in Orlando on Saturday night.

McGrady scored a career playoff-high 35 points, but had just five in the fourth quarter as the Magic lost to Milwaukee for the 11th straight time.

"I gave him a little more energy and activity than what we had been giving him," Allen said. "You put a body on him, he doesn't like that. When he turned a couple times, I was right there in his pocket and he had to take a tough shot.

"When we got physical with him is when we took him out of his groove."

In the only other NBA playoff game Wednesday night, Sacramento routed Phoenix 116-90, tying the first-round series 1-1.

Toronto looks to even its series at one game apiece Thursday night with a victory at New York. The Los Angeles Lakers attempt to take a 2-0 lead when they play host to Portland.

On Wednesday night, Sam Cassell added 26 points for the Bucks, who won consec-

utive playoff games for the first time since 1989, when they beat Atlanta two straight en route to a 3-2 series win, the last time Milwaukee won a firstround series.

The Magic heeded their coach's challenge to be more physical as DeClercq picked up a flagrant foul on Allen just 1:15 after tipoff.

Allen was assessed a technical foul by official Bob Delaney after jumping up and getting in DeClercq's face.

"I wasn't going to let somebody throw me down to the floor. I was going to defend myself," Allen said. "For that, he gave me a technical. But he kept control of the game.'

Milwaukee's Mark Pope said he knew Allen would have a big night after getting agitated.

"Ray knows that he's a superstar and people are going to try to do that to him," Pope said. "One of his great skills is when people try to battle him with physical play, he's going to stay focused.'

Magic coach Doc Rivers chastised his players after Game 1 for failing to retaliate when Bucks forward Scott Williams hit McGrady on his way to the basket, drawing a flagrant foul.

"Doc came out with something about an eye for an eye," Bucks coach George Karl said. "But the truth is, both our teams are fairly finesse oriented. But in the playoffs, it is intense and physical."

The Magic sent the Bucks to the line 33 times.

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down your hair. **GEMINI** (May 21-June 20) ***** You soar like an eagle this morning. Your vision cuts through unnecessary details. Others react to your streamlining of a project. Instead of going up in smoke, relax and explain your logic. Others calm down with understanding. Tonight: Treat another to munchies.

CANCER (June 21-July

*** Direct frustration where it can make a difference. Concentrate on one task at a time. By focusing you avoid a tendency to be accident-prone. By late afternoon, you'll mellow out, and so will your world. What a relief! Smile and others smile back. Tonight:

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) **** Aim for more of what you want and need. Consider your options carefully when a child or creative partner flares. Don't feel as if you must respond one way or the other. Close your door in the afternoon if you want to accomplish anything. Screen calls, too. Tonight: Happily vanish.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) **** Respond to priorities and don't worry so much about what is going on at home. You can't be in two places at once. An inventive idea helps you clear out work efficiently, if you are focused. Network in the afternoon. Return all calls. Tonight: Join the throngs of

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) **** Push to get needed information. Someone might not understand exactly what you are asking. Rephrase your question. Avoid office gossip; deal with a boss head-on, if need be. You will be respected for your forthright attitude. Be pivotal and bring others together. Tonight: A force to be dealt with.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov.

**** Curb spending, especially if you are trying to impress someone. Your unusual skills and personality impress this person far more. Express your point of view and help others to see the errors in their thinking. Laughter and humor help everyone relax. Tonight:

Opt for a mental escape. SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

**** Though you might think you are just being "you," others find you unusually assertive. Bone up on your diplomatic style and start using it. Practice on a dear friend or co-worker, and both of you will enjoy enhanced rapport. Discuss a hot money issue. Tonight: Go for a close

encounter. CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-

Jan. 19) *** Work through frustration by digging into the project at hand. Discussing feelings with someone who understands you might prove to be helpful. A close friend or family member invites you along. Let go of your worries and start socializing. Tonight: Let the good times roll.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb.

***** Your playful imagination focuses on a problem and resolves it. Pat yourself on the back. To accomplish what you desire, you might need to screen your calls and return them later. Popularity soars. Say yes to a co-worker's invitation. Tonight: Play the night

PISCES (Feb. 19-March

*** Deal with someone's bad mood by going along with a request. For now, keep your thoughts to yourself, as you might not get the results you desire if you open up. Let your ideas bubble forth with friends after work, when you are more relaxed. Buy a card for a friend or loved one. Tonight: Let the

fun begin. © 2001 by King Features

Syndicate Inc. **Inventer's new condom** doesn't just whistle Dixie

Dear Ann Landers: A few years ago, you printed two columns about a condom that whistles "Dixie." I clipped them out to share with friends, and everyone who read them howled. I kept the o columns on my r. Several days refriger noticed they

were missing. The columns were a real loss to me. Will you please run them again? -- Ardent Fan of 40-Plus Years

ANN LANDERS in **Tennessee**

Dear Ardent = Fan: Here are excerpts from the columns you requested. They originally ran in 1997, and in my opinion, are among the most hilarious I've ever printed:

Dear Ann Landers: I'll bet you think you've heard everything. Well, you haven't. This item from Psychology and Health Update was taped to the bulletin board at the hospital where I work: "U.S. Patent No. 5,163,447 was recently issued for a 'forcesensitive sound-playing condom.' Yup, it's a prophylactic that whistles 'Dixie.' During intercourse, a

sound unit is supposed to sense movement and reward your efforts with a melody." Dottie Oberdorfer, R.N., Jacksonville, Fla.

Dear Dottie: Thanks for a

most unusual item. Since

nothing surprises me anymore, I have only two questions: How are sales north of the Mason-Dixon line. and how the heck does that thing work? Dear Ann Landers: "Jethro" and I have been married 14 years, and we are very happy together. Lately, we have been dis-

cussing plans for our funer-

als. I have told Jethro I

want to be cremated when I

die. He refuses to do this

and insists that I be buried

in a cemetery, next to him,

so we can be together for eternity. I am upset that Jethro has no intention of honoring my wishes. Is there any way I can make sure he does what I want? -- Not Dead Yet in New York

Dear Not Dead Yet: No way -- unless Jethro dies first. You can state your wishes in your will, with instructions given to your close relatives, your lawyer and the funeral home. It will not guarantee that Jethro will follow through, but it increases your chances. Good luck.

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THURSDAY **APR. 26** KMID ② KPEJ ③ KERA ⑤ FAM ⑥ KOSA ⑦ WFAA ⑥ KWES ⑥ WTBS ⑪ UNI ⑤ DISN ⑩ NASH ⑥ TIMC ⑯ SHOW ⑳ KMLM24 A&E 25 DISC 26 TLC (1) Della 6 :90 News (CC) Fortune At First Sigh Cosby (CC) Suddenly ws (CC) Wishbone (CC) Ent. Tonight Secrets of For ensic Science ight of the 7 :PM Whose Line? Whose Line? World's Worst Survivor-Au Outback Weigd (CC) Movie: Muy Fuer Combustion ball Playoffs Ingels at (CC) UFOs: Down Teams to Be Mystery! (CC) CSI: Crime Will & Grace Just Shoot N Mi Destino Ancient 8 :90 Be a Millionaire Eres Tu (CC) to Earth Announced Impact 4 Indians (CC) Son El Gran Blablazo Miami Morgu 9 :9M Primetime Thursday 48 Hours (CC) ER (CC) Arrest & Trial Nova (CC) xploring the Scream 3 Thursday Nanny (CC) ball Playoffs: Teams to Be Secrets of For 10 :PM News (CC) Nightline News (CC) Nightline Kidz in the 700 Club (CC) New **Blind Date** (:35) Tonigi Wood (CC) (:35) Late ensic Scien Jerry Spring Show (CC) Ent. Tonight (197) Late Late Politically Inc. (:05) On the Record (CC) Noche de Announced Ancient Ancest :PM Politically Inc. :30 Cheers (CC) Spin City (CC) Show (CC) News-Lehrer Who's Boss? Faculty (CC) (CC) (:37) Late UFOs: Down (12:06) Oprah Winfrey (CC) Night (CC) Frasier 12:05) Paid Program Show (CC) Judge Joe Cops (CC) Bonnie and

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IF THE PEN IS MIGHTIER THAN THE SWORD, HOW COME PIRATES DIDN'T USE PENS?"

FAMILY CIRCUS

Paid Program



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WHERE COULD I GET A STEADY 9-TO-5 JOB PLAYING THE GUITAR ?

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THIS DATE **IN HISTORY**

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

Today is Thursday, April 26, the 116th day of 2001. There are 249 days left in

the year. Today's Highlight in History:

On April 26, 1986, the world's worst nuclear accident occurred at the Chernobyl plant in the Soviet Union. An explosion and fire killed at least 31 people and sent radioactivity into the atmosphere.

On this date:

In 1607, an expedition of English colonists, including Capt. John Smith, went ashore at Cape Henry, Va., to establish the first permanent English settlement in the Western Hemisphere.

In 1865, John Wilkes Booth, the assassin of President Lincoln, was surrounded by federal troops near Bowling Green, Va., and killed.

In 1937, planes from Nazi

Germany raided the Basque town of Guernica during the Spanish Civil War.

In 1945, Marshal Henri Philippe Petain, the head of France's Vichy government during World War II, was arrested.

In 1961, Roger Maris of the New York Yankees hit the first of a record 61 home runs in a single sea-

In 1964, the African nations of Tanganyika and Zanzibar merged to form Tanzania.

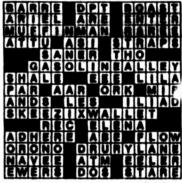
In 1968, the United States exploded beneath the Nevada desert a one-megaton nuclear device called "Boxcar."

In 1970, the Broadway musical "Company" opened at the Alvin Theatre in New York.

In 1980, following an unsuccessful attempt by the United States to rescue the U.S. Embassy hostages in Iran, the Tehran government announced the captives were being scattered to thwart any future rescue

Today's Birthdays: Actress-comedian Carol Burnett is 68. Rhythm-andblues singer Maurice Williams is 63. Songwritermusician Duane Eddy is 63. Singer Bobby Rydell is 59. Actress Claudine Auger is 59. Rock musician Gary Wright is 58. Actor Giancarlo Esposito is 43. Rock musician Roger Taylor (Duran Duran) is 41. Actress Joan Chen is 40. Rock musician Chris Mars is 40. Actor-singer Michael Damian is 39. Actor Jet Li is 38. Actor-comedian Kevin James ("King of Queens") is 36.

Answer to previous puzzle



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mistake!



It was a mistake

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AN' MY QUARTERS

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others? 23 Occasional 24 Rebound

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45 Did a vet's job 48 Trophy taker 49 Playful prank 50 Seashell seller 51 Supernatural victims of

Vesuvius?

59 Only director 33 Really big 84 Concerned

Do a puzzle

TWO PAIR by Richard Silvestri Edited by Stanley Newman

ACROSS

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9 Lose a sunburn 10 Singer Makeba 11 Simile middle 12 Change

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matched 56 Western wine valley

57 Egyptian goddess

58 Longing 59 It may be up

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