

**TUESDAY**

**May 8, 2001**

**WEATHER**

**Tonight:**



**TONIGHT TOMORROW**  
58°-60° 80°-85°

**Art association presents show at local mall**

The Big Spring Art Association is presenting a juried show this week at the Big Spring Mall from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m. each day through Saturday.

There will be between 70 and 80 works of art in the show.

**Seminar set for community tonight at 6**

Big Spring citizens are encouraged to attend a seminar at 6 p.m. today with strategist Carolyn Corbin.

The seminar is free and will be held at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

Corbin is president of the Center for the 21st Century. The Center is a Dallas-based socioeconomic think tank that provides executive briefings, research and analysis, consulting, organizational training and special studies.

Corbin has been reviewing research on Big Spring for the past three months. She is expected to take that information, combine it with national and world trends, and project where Big Spring is going in the future and what changes should be made in order for the city to stay competitive.

**WHAT'S UP...**

- TODAY**
- VFW Post #2013, VFW Hall, 7 p.m., 500 Driver Road.
  - Sheriffs Posse, 7 p.m., Clubhouse on Andrews Hwy.
  - American Red Cross, Canterbury South 1600 Lancaster, 7 p.m.
  - Big Spring Chapter 67 Order of the Eastern Star, 7:30 p.m., Masonic Lodge, 219 Main.

- WEDNESDAY**
- Optimist Club, 7 a.m., Howard College Cactus room.
  - Line dancing, 1 p.m., Senior Citizens Center.

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**Scenic Mountain CEO excited about being in Big Spring**

By **CARL GRAHAM**  
Staff Writer

Tim Schmidt, new chief executive officer at Scenic Mountain Medical Center, said he is happy to be in Big Spring. "I am excited to be in this environment,"



**SCHMIDT**

There has been a good foundation built here and we will build on what has already been established. As for changes, there probably will be some but they will be for the better. I feel the staff that is on board is a good one and a good match for all of us." Schmidt comes to Big Spring from Deming, N.M., where he has been the CEO at Mimbes Memorial Hospital and Nursing Home since August 1997.

Prior to coming to Deming he spent time as the CEO of acute care hospitals in Rushton, La., and in West Monroe, La. Schmidt is no stranger to Texas though, He was born in Slaton when his father was a doctor there. When the hospital closed he moved along with his family to Jal, N.M., and after high school attended school at Texas A&M where he received his degree. Schmidt is no stranger to

the medical profession. Not only was his father a doctor, his mother was a registered nurse. "Growing up I always had an interest in the health care profession," said Schmidt. "However for me, I knew my interest was in the business side of the profession as an administrator." Schmidt said his wife and three children will join him here once school is out in Deming. "My oldest is my 16-year-

old son Kyle who will be a junior at Big Spring High School this fall," he said. "I also have a daughter, Paige, who will soon be 16 soon and she will be a sophomore when school starts back. The youngest is Brad and he will be 9 years old in July. He will be in the third grade." He said his wife Caren plans on going back to school and finishing up her

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**Shattered Dreams tugs at emotions**

*Students, parents see consequences of driving while consuming alcohol*

By **LYNDEL MOODY**  
Staff Writer

Hundreds of Big Spring High School juniors and seniors witnessed the consequences of one person's choice to drink and drive Monday.



**WHITE**

The area of 10th Street in front of the high school band practice field was the scene of a mock drunk driving accident involving 11 victims played by BSHS students.

Victims Services, area law enforcement officers and emergency medical service personnel participated in Shattered Dreams to teach students about the dangers of drinking and driving.

"Life is about choices," James White of the Texas Alcohol Beverage Commission told the audience before they witnessed the scene of the accident.

"All those choices have consequences," he continued. "Every 15 minutes someone is killed in an alcohol-related death."

Students were dismissed to the band field and came upon a scene of a two-vehicle accident where bodies were strewn on the ground as well as inside the cars.



HERALD photos/Lyndel Moody

Above Big Spring police officers Phil Whitten and Chad Williams assist Big Spring fireman personnel Mark Settles in giving emergency medical care to a victim from the mock drunk driving accident Monday. Below, "drunk driver" Autumn Phernetton is led away by Big Spring fireman Dusty Shelhamer and Department of Safety Sgt. Johnny Bekkelund.

Big Spring police officers, Department of Public Safety troopers and Howard County Sheriff's deputies were on the scene first followed by Big Spring EMS personnel.

Justice of the Peace Bennie Green responded to the scene to pronounce the victims that were "killed" and officials from Myers & Smith Funeral Home and Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home transported the bodies.

One victim was transported by Shannon Medical Center's emergency heli-

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**Forsan students bring home technology awards**

By **CARL GRAHAM**  
Staff Writer

Several Forsan High School students came back from last weekend's State Technology Meet in Waco with some well-earned awards.

The meet, held on Friday and Saturday tested skills learned in Technology Education classes, taught by Mark Reeh, a veteran of 25 years at Forsan ISD.

Students placing at the event were Cody Barraza, with a first and second place in photography; Mitchell Hooper, with a first and second place in computer skills; Ben Breyman, with a second place in photography and a third place in graphic solutions; Candice Snowden, with a first place in modeling; Trevor Partlow, wit two

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**Sheriff's office awaits autopsy findings in case**

By **CARL GRAHAM**  
Staff Writer

An investigation into the identity of a body discovered early Friday morning inside a small burned vehicle at Farm Road 669 and County Road 34 is continuing.

According to Howard County Sheriff's Office investigator Ron Allen, autopsy results may not be

completed until Thursday. Allen said it has been determined the vehicle was registered to an individual from Midland but he declined to release the owner's name.

The body, burned beyond recognition, was discovered at about 3:30 a.m. by Sgt. Herb Edwards of the Howard County Sheriff's Office. Edwards was on

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**Cable to drop WFAA, KERA, at least for now, manager says**

By **CARL GRAHAM**  
Staff Writer

Beginning Friday, Big Spring cable television subscribers won't be able to receive ABC's Dallas station WFAA or the public broadcasting station KERA — if only temporarily.

Charlie Moore, area manager for Cox Communications, said the stations won't be available once a tower used to pick them up is torn down.

"What is happening is we use a microwave tower in Colorado City for our source of power and on Friday that tower will be torn down," said Moore. "The microwave is really an

outdated mode, as most programming now is done by satellite."

Moore said that it will probably take two or three weeks to find an alternative source to receive the stations. In the meantime, those two will be replaced with a couple of other stations, he said.

"We will be meeting this evening to see what our options are and what the best thing for us to do," said Moore. "Our options are to erect a new tower to carry them, which could be a costly project, or try picking them up on satellite."

Moore said that these

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**Mental health**

*Depression often goes untreated, experts say*

By **VALERIE AVERY**  
Herald Correspondent

Clinical depression is the most common mental illness in the United States,

but it often goes untreated because most people don't recognize its many symptoms.

The disease robs men, women and children of motivation,

energy and the ability to enjoy pleasure in their daily activities, according to Shelly Smith, chief executive officer of West Texas Centers for MHMR.

"It's amazing to me that even with the amount of information that's out there, many people still don't realize that they may be living with depression," Smith said. "Once it's identified, we can do so many things to help people overcome it."

West Texas Centers for MHMR, which serves consumers with mental illness and mental retardation in 23 counties in West Texas is raising public awareness of mental illness during Mental Health Month 2001 by being a constant presence in the community.

Mental Health Month 2001 is sponsored by the National Mental Health Association and the National Council for Community Behavioral Healthcare.

More than 19 million Americans experience clinical depression in any given year, according to the National Institute of Mental Health. The illness also affects older Americans. Late-life depression is found in about 6 million adults, and many experience depression within a

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Scenic Mountain Medical Center volunteer president Loma Jean Wynn presents outgoing president Virginia Davidson with the Kate Irons award. More than 40 volunteers were honored at the awards luncheon last week. Wynn, Mildred Buchanan and Eddie Echols were awarded their 10-year pens.

HERALD photo/Lyndel Moody

**MAY 08 2001**



OBITUARIES

Lois Webb

Lois Webb, 89, of Big Spring, passed away at a local nursing home on Monday, May 7, 2001.

Funeral service will be 2 p.m. Wednesday, May 9, 2001, at First United Methodist Church with Dr. Ed Williamson officiating. Burial will be in Trinity Memorial Park.

She was born Oct. 11, 1911, to Henry Franklin and Mary Cox Howie in Canton. After graduation from Canton High School in 1927, she enrolled at Mary Hardin Baylor College and graduated in 1932. The family moved to Big Spring in 1929. Her father was employed by the city of Big Spring as a police officer and was killed pursuing a burglary suspect. His death on Aug. 10, 1931, was the first fatality in the line of duty, recorded in Howard County by a law enforcement agency.

Upon graduation from college, she moved to Big Spring to be with her family and worked for Southwestern Bell Telephone Company serving in that capacity during World War II. During this time she met and married Hollis Webb on Nov. 21, 1932. She was a supervisor for the telephone company the day Pearl Harbor was bombed Dec. 7, 1941. He was employed with Cosden Oil and Chemical Company and later McEwen Motor Co. for a number of years. In 1951 the family moved to Colorado City and Hollis purchased the Buick dealership.

In 1956 the family moved back to Big Spring and Hollis became associated with McEwen Motor Company for a second time and remained there until his retirement in 1968. They celebrated 48 years of marriage before his death on March 11, 1981.

She was an avid bridge player and missed very few Wednesdays and Fridays at the Big Spring Country Club. Bidding and making a grand slam made her day. She also enjoyed her hobby of sewing, knitting and crocheting. She found great pleasure in making sweaters for her daughter, daughter-in-law, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

She kept great stock of thread just waiting to be

made into something for "the kids." A very special part of her life was the Philathea Sunday School Class at First United Methodist Church.

She spent many hours with Elizabeth Stewart making scalloped potatoes and serving bereavement meals. She always had a helping hand to those in need at the church.

Survivors include one son and daughter-in-law, Hollis and Celia Webb of Lubbock; one daughter and son-in-law, Jerry and Jan Foresyth of Big Spring; five grandchildren, Dean and Jackie Swinney and Ray and Jana Phillips, all of Big Spring; Danny and Amy Statsky of Dallas; Rebecca Webb III of Sherman; four great-grandchildren, Lacey and Tyler Phillips and Brenn and M'Lyn Swinney, all of Big Spring; two sisters Pauline Smith of Lubbock and Maxine David of Stockton, Calif.; several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, one brother, Randle Howie and one sister, Johnnie Marie Crittenden.

The family suggests memorials to First United Methodist Church, P.O. box 1229 Big Spring 79720.

Pallbearers will be Jerry Currie, Delbert Donelson, Ariel LaFond, Charles Beil, Dean Forrest and Bobby Hill.

Arrangements are under the direction of Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Billye Jean Keisling McDonald

Graveside funeral service for Billye Jean Keisling McDonald, 72, of Beaumont, will be 2 p.m., Wednesday, May 9, 2001, at Evergreen Cemetery with the Rev. Skip Hodges, pastor of First United Methodist Church, Stanton, officiating.

Mrs. McDonald died Monday, May 7, in a Beaumont retirement center.

Gregg Ross Harrington

Gregg Ross Harrington, 37, of San Angelo, died on Monday, May 7, 2001, in a San Angelo hospital after a lengthy illness. Graveside funeral service will be at 10 a.m., Wednesday, May 9, at Trinity Memorial Park with the Rev. Wanda Hill, pastor of First United Methodist Church of Coahoma, officiating. She will be assisted by Eddie Roy Farris of San Angelo.

Gregg was born on Nov. 6, 1963, in Pampa and grew up in Coahoma. He graduated from Coahoma High School.

Survivors include his mother, Belvann Hebert of San Angelo and his brother Cody Lee Harrington of San Angelo.

He was preceded in death by his father, Harold "Frog" Harrington in 1978.

The family suggests memorials to a local Diabetes Association.

The family will receive friends from 6-7:30 p.m. tonight at the funeral home.

Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home. www.npwebch.com Paid obituary

Tye Cobb

Funeral service for Tye Cobb, 85, of Big Spring, will be 10 a.m., Wednesday, May 9, at the Chapel of Hope Funeral Chapel with the pastor Kevin Parker, the Rev. Richard Smith and the Rev. Ferral DeFour, officiating. Burial will be at Prairie Haven Cemetery.

Mr. Cobb died May 6, at a local nursing home.

He was born Aug. 20, 1915, in Enterprise, Miss., and married Mildred Eloise

Survivors include his wife Millie Cobb of Big Spring; one son, Danny Zane Cobb of Hobbs, N.M.; two daughters, Lynda Faye Sliger of Big Spring and Ginger Lou Laney of Amarillo; nine grandchildren; and 16 great-grandchildren.

Arrangements are under the direction of the Chapel of Hope Funeral Home in Hobbs, N.M.

She was born on Feb. 21, 1929, in Stanton. She grew up in Stanton and graduated from Stanton High School. She graduated from Shannon Hospital School of Nursing in San Angelo in 1949 and worked as a flight nurse in the U.S. Air Force. In 1961, she graduated from Harris Hospital School of Anesthesia and worked for approximately 30 years as a nurse anesthetist before retiring in the 1990s. She was a Methodist.

Survivors include two daughters Danette Alford of Beaumont and Lisa Smith of Denison; one sister, Tommie W. Keisling of Sherman; one brother, Willis N. Keisling of Midland; and four grandchildren.

Arrangements are under the direction of Gilbreath Funeral Home.

Betty Sue Burrow

Funeral service for Betty Sue Burrow, 60, of Big Spring, is pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home. Mrs. Burrow died Tuesday, May 8, 2001, in an Odessa hospital.

Claudia Thompson

Funeral service for Claudia Thompson, 75, of Big Spring, is pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home. Mrs. Thompson died Tuesday, May 8, 2001, in an Odessa hospital.

Visitation will be today 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. at the Chapel of Hope Funeral Home.

The family will receive friends at the funeral home from 6-8 p.m., this evening.

CEO

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degree once they are settled. He said he believes in having an open door policy.

"My door is always open and I am more than willing to talk to anyone on ways to improve the quality of

A BIG SPRING AROUND THE TOWN

health care at this facility," Schmidt said. "I believe that the best advertisement for our facility is by word of mouth because when patients have a good experience here they will want to tell others about it. Of course when they have a bad experience, they will tell others about that as well so we will strive to make all experiences here as good as we possibly can.

DEPRESSION

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year after the death of a spouse.

On the other end of the spectrum, children are not exempt from depression, Smith said.

"Teens with depression are particularly vulnerable to alcohol and drug use," she said. "Many adolescents fail to recognize that they are depressed and why they are depressed. But when they drink alcohol or take drugs to alleviate their stress or emotional pain, they can develop or worsen depression."

Few children or adults ever recognize they need help, Smith said.

TOWER

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changes not only affect Big Spring cable television but cable subscribers in Colorado City and Snyder.

"We will have something on by Friday to replace the lost stations," said Moore. "In the meantime we will be working diligently to work all our options out."

DREAMS

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copter and others were rushed to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

The only victim to survive was the drunk driver who was arrested at the scene by police officers and later tried at the high school auditorium.

Esthela Aguirre, whose daughter Val was participating as one of the crash victims, was on the scene and said even though it was a demonstration, seeing her daughter in that situation caused her much pain.

AUTOPSY

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patrol in the area and came upon the still-hot and smoking automobile.

Judge Bennie Green was called to the scene and immediately ordered an autopsy to determine the cause of death and the sex of the body.

FORSAN

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second place wins in metal working, and Billy Kinsey, with two second place finishes in metal working.

Chanz Reed and Michael Paredz received honorable mention in technology events at the state competition.

TEXAS LOTTERY

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"We encourage our consumers and their families to ask questions about treatments and services," Smith said. "A comprehensive treatment play may include psychotherapy, ongoing evaluation and, in some cases, medication."

For more information, call the Howard County Mental Health Center at 263-0027. If a mental health crisis exists, call the West Texas Centers for MHMR's Mental Health Crisis Hotline at 1-800-375-4357.

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The hate crimes approved on a 20-10 the Republican-c Senate with one

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SACRAMENTO, (AP) — As temp soared to record 1 parts of California outs cut electricity than 100,000 custo what power grid o warned was a pre summer.

Hour-long outages Monday for the fi since March as, C slipped off the tigh electrical supply demand for the fi this year.

Signal lights we rush-hour traffic and police officers patched to control tions. No major i

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WASHINGTON New drugs aimed at ling arthritis, high terol and stomach are helping drive i in overall spending scriptions, a new shows.

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# House approves redistricting plan; hurdles still remain

AUSTIN (AP) — A Republican attempt to derail a Democrat-backed redistricting proposal failed in the Texas House as lawmakers tentatively approved a plan that could keep Speaker Pete Laney in power the next legislative session.

The proposal, if it receives final House approval, would go before the Senate.

If the proposal reaches Republican Gov. Rick Perry, he could veto it and send the redistricting process to the GOP-controlled Legislative Redistricting Board to devise a plan.

The House voted 76-71 late Monday to approve the redistricting plan produced by Rep. Delwin

Jones, R-Lubbock, the House Redistricting Chairman.

Jones, an ally of Laney, defended his plan as fair and legal.

"Throughout this process the guiding principle was not how many Republicans will this create districts for. It was not how many women will this plan elect at the next election. It was not how many blacks will it disenfranchise, how many Hispanics will it disenfranchise," Jones said.

"This plan was constructed to be fair to the people of the state of Texas," Jones said.

Redistricting is the once-a-decade redrawing of political boundaries after new census figures are released. The Legislature

comes up with redistricting plans for its two chambers, the state's congressional delegation and the State Board of Education.

Rep. Tom Craddick, R-Midland, one of the supporters of the Republican alternative plan, criticized the Jones plan as tilted toward Democrats. He said Jones' plan is "not fair, it's not compact, it's not constitutional and it does not express the will of the people in this state."

It is widely believed that any legislative redistricting plans will face a challenge in court.

Rep. Gene Seaman, R-Corpus Christi, urged a vote against the Jones plan, which he said draws him a peculiar district and pits

him against another House incumbent for re-election.

"I probably won't be back under this plan. It's pretty obvious. But that's not important," Seaman said.

A Republican alternative plan that failed had more compact districts and was better for the Coastal Bend, he said.

Rep. Dianne Delisi, R-Temple, said the Jones plan didn't adequately address the state's growing ethnic diversity. She said she also worried about the "Bubba Caucus" and roadblocks to more women winning election to the Legislature.

A coalition of urban and suburban Republicans — with hopes of

ultimately taking control of the House — offered its own redistricting plan, calling it a more accurate reflection of where Texans live and how they vote.

"More Texans than ever before live in our suburbs, more live on the border and more Texans live in our cities than ever before," said Rep. Kenny Marchant, R-Carrollton, the plan's author.

After lengthy, lively debate, the House voted 79-69 to table Marchant's plan.

Rural Republicans had attempted to alter Marchant's GOP plan. Though that rural proposal was ultimately withdrawn, the debate sparked a rift that may have helped derail the main GOP plan.

## Texas Senate passes hate crimes legislation

AUSTIN (AP) — One of the first things the sponsor of the James Byrd Jr. Hate Crimes Act did when the bill was approved was call Byrd's mother from his Senate desk and tell her the news.

Stella Byrd was very happy with Monday's vote.

"It just means that I can think some positive thoughts about my son," she said. "At last something positive happened from it. I think what happened to my son, and knowing there's a bill named after it will help me cope better."

Byrd, a black man, was killed when he was dragged behind a pickup truck by three white men in Jasper in 1998. Two of the men are on death row and the third received a life sentence.

"In 1998, the brutal murder of James Byrd Jr. in Jasper, the most vicious hate crime of the post civil rights era, shocked the nation and forced Texas to take a look at themselves," said sponsor Rodney Ellis, D-Houston. No one should have to go through what the Byrd family did, he added.

The hate crimes bill was approved on a 20-10 vote by the Republican-controlled Senate with one member

absent. All 15 Democrats and five Republicans, including acting Lt. Gov. Bill Ratliff, voted for the measure. Ratliff had voted only twice this session before Monday.

The bill now returns to the House for consideration of Senate amendments. If those are not accepted, the bill would go to conference committee. Even then, its not guaranteed the bill will become law.

Early on in the session, Gov. Rick Perry said that the proposal would create "new classes of citizens" and that all Texans are adequately protected under the current law.

Texas already has a hate crimes bill that increases penalties if a crime is proven to be "motivated by bias or prejudice" but it does not list specific categories of people who would be protected.

Perry said Monday he would decide whether to sign the bill when he received it.

"I think it's time for Texas to come together to pass a piece of legislation that clearly sends a message that we're not going to allow for hateful acts against Texas citizens," said Perry, adding that he has not read the bill.

## Death faked to nab two would-be killers

HOUSTON (AP) — The intended victim of a murder solicitation plot worked with law officers to arrest her estranged husband and another man accused of being hired to kill the beauty shop owner.

Donald Roy Dawson and a neighbor, Edward Wayne Blacklock, were held today at Harris County jail in lieu of bond on charges of solicitation of capital murder. Dawson's wife of 15 years, Sue Dawson, was the target of the plot, Tomball police say.

An investigator with the Harris County district attorney's office posed as a hit man to meet with

Blacklock, who authorities allege had been hired by Donald Dawson, 60, to slay his wife. Law officers then used faked photos of the woman's death to convince the men that the contract killing had been carried out.

"It's amazing what you can do with a little ketchup and water," Gary Johnson, a district attorney's investigator, told the Houston Chronicle in Tuesday's editions.

Tomball Detective Sgt. Ron Stewart said Blacklock had offered \$2,000 for Sue Dawson's death and promised \$500 more if her body was dumped in an undisclosed place. Police

tipped Sue Dawson, 53, that there was a contract on her life. She agreed to cooperate in the investigation.

In the faked slaying, the woman was photographed with her hands and feet bound with duct tape and ketchup upon her head.

The photos were shown to Donald Dawson, in the midst of a divorce proceeding, and the neighbor he allegedly hired, Stewart said.

He said both were convicted Sue Dawson was dead.

However, the men got into a fight late Thursday about the payoff and Dawson was shot in the right shoulder at

his house. He called 911 to report he had accidentally shot himself.

Police said they found the used car lot owner sitting on the tailgate of his pickup, bleeding.

Police accuse Dawson of giving the 43-year-old Blacklock \$3,000 and promising another \$17,000 after the killing.

Officers who searched Dawson's home found a large amount of cash and six ounces of marijuana.

"We really had a twist at the end when the shooting took place — especially when it happens right before your eyes," said Stewart.

## Man charged with stabbing four children

ANCHORAGE, Alaska (AP) — One child was stabbed outside as students waited in the playground for breakfast. Three more were attacked inside a classroom where they were hiding with a teacher.

Their alleged assailant muttered about "taking people back to God" as he roamed Mountain View Elementary School on Monday, according to police and witnesses.

"He was threatening everybody," said Randy Smith, chairman of the local community patrol. "He was rambling and saying religious stuff, stuff that made

no sense."

Police finally subdued the suspect, whom they identified as Jason Pritchard, 33, after shooting him with three bean bag-type projectiles. He was treated at a hospital before being taken to jail.

Pritchard, of Anchorage, was charged Monday with four counts of first-degree attempted murder and four counts of first-degree assault. He was being held on \$2 million bail.

All the children were stabbed in the neck with what police described as a file knife. They were hospitalized in serious condition.

About 20 pupils witnessed the attack.

"This man, something was wrong with him. He was on drugs or something," said Ashley Smith, 11, whose brothers Billy Moy, 8, and Eric Moy, 9, were cut by the attacker.

The other children were identified as Cody Brown, 8, and Stephan Hansell, 7.

At least one of the students ran bleeding down a hallway after being attacked, said Ron McGee, a spokesman for the Anchorage Police Department. He said there was blood "all over the school."

Pritchard has been arrested

13 times since 1994 on charges including assault, stalking, criminal trespassing and driving while intoxicated, police said.

Pritchard used a mental health counseling center as a mailing address. Executive Director Ken Taylor said confidentiality agreements prevented him from talking about Pritchard or even verifying that he knew him.

Anchorage School District Superintendent Carol Comeau said security procedures would be reviewed. Classes at Mountain View Elementary were canceled today.

## Rolling blackouts hit California along with spring heat wave

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) — As temperatures soared to record levels in parts of California, blackouts cut electricity to more than 100,000 customers in what power grid operators warned was a preview of summer.

Hour-long outages hit portions of selected cities Monday for the first time since March as California slipped off the tightrope of electrical supply and demand for the fifth time this year.

Signal lights went dark, rush-hour traffic jammed and police officers were dispatched to control intersections. No major incidents

were reported.

The state remained in a Stage 2 power alert until midnight Monday. Power grid managers warned that conditions remained "subject to change" with little notice. More heat was expected as high pressure dominated the West.

Before the blackouts, the Independent System Operator urged conservation because warm weather across the West was pushing up demand for electricity. Imported power was scarce and several key plants, including nuclear generating stations, were down for pre-summer maintenance.

The ISO managed to stave off a late-morning threat of blackouts by asking for cutbacks from "interruptible" customers who get cheaper electricity rates in exchange for scaling back power use during emergencies.

"We were able to take off the interruptible, but only for so long," ISO spokeswoman Lorie O'Donley said. "Then they started coming back on and the temperatures were still high."

The mercury climbed to a record 93 degrees in San Francisco, while in the south, temperatures topped 100 in the deserts and a record was set in Lancaster at 96 degrees.

"We expected demand, to peak between 3 and 4 p.m. and it didn't," O'Donley said. "It just continued to climb."

Grid managers ordered utilities to cut 300 megawatts between 5 p.m. and 6 p.m. One megawatt is enough to power about 750 homes.

Utility giant Pacific Gas and Electric Co. cut off about 54,000 customers in Northern and Central California. An additional 36,000 commercial, industrial and residential customers of Southern California Edison were affected in portions of 40 communities.

San Diego Gas & Electric

cut power to about 8,600 customers in Orange County, El Cajon and areas of San Diego. The Sacramento Municipal Utility District cut 18 megawatts, affecting about 4,600 customers in

southern Sacramento County.

Tight electricity supplies and high demand led to two days of rolling blackouts Jan. 17 and 18 in Northern California.

## Small group of new drugs help drive spending increases

WASHINGTON (AP) — New drugs aimed at controlling arthritis, high cholesterol and stomach ailments are helping drive increases in overall spending on prescriptions, a new study shows.

Sales of about two dozen of the most popular drugs were responsible for just over half of the 18.8 percent rise in prescription drug spending from 1999 to 2000, said the National Institute for Health Care Management, a Washington-

based private group.

Of 9,000 medicines studied, the 50 best sellers grabbed a 44 percent share of the \$131.9 billion spent on prescription drugs last year and 23 of them accounted for 50.7 percent of the \$20.8 billion increase from 1999.

In addition to Vioxx for arthritis inflammations and Prilosec for ulcers, other popular new names like Celebrex, Lipitor and Prevacid were instrumental in driving the spending increase.

"Most of these drugs are the blockbuster many Americans have come to know by name and see advertised more and more," said Nancy Chockley, the group's president.

She called for more research comparing the benefits of newly approved prescription drugs to that of older and usually less expensive drugs.

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## OTHER VIEWS

Bush seen  
as a return  
Reaganism

Ever since President Franklin Delano Roosevelt vowed to make a real difference in a troubled world during his first 100 days in office, his successors have been matched against the mark. ...

The second Bush is about restoration of Reaganism. He aims to cut taxes that burden those who are otherwise well off. He sold himself during the campaign as a compassionate conservative, but there has been a lot more conservative than compassion for openers.

Like Reagan, Bush means to keep a load of promises to the military. He is fully invested in the Republican mythology that Reagan won the Cold War by standing at Brandenburg Gate next to the Berlin wall in 1987 and intoning, "Mr. Gorbachev: Tear down this wall!"

The new president seemed to be indulging in such bluster this past week when he told a series of interviewers that he would use military force to defend Taiwan from China. The first of the interviews aired Wednesday morning, China was outraged. By the end of the day Bush was following a more careful script to assure China that the United States will continue to abide by the one-China policy built up layer by careful layer since Richard Nixon went to Beijing.

The fuss poses a question as the rest of the second Bush administration rolls out: Will the president learn to be more careful about what he says? ...

Perhaps, years hence, this climactic end to the first 100 days of George W. Bush will be seen as a minor misstep in a long, successful march. From this close, though, it seems more like a troublesome hint of worse accidents yet to come.

THE COLUMBIAN  
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## If NAFTA's a bust, what about FTAA?

Before Congress hands the president fast-track authority to negotiate the Free Trade Area of the Americas, several conditions should be attached. First and foremost, the negotiations must be conducted in public instead of in secret, as they currently are being done. Now I don't mean the negotiators have to sit on a stage in front of an audience. But working papers and drafts should be made public.

CHARLEY  
REESE

Second, environmental, labor and religious groups should be given the same access to the process as transnational corporations and those who have bought access with big-money contributions.

You should realize, of course, that this thing is no more about free trade than the North American Free Trade Agreement was. It is mainly about cutting deals for the politically well-connected and for writing protections for transnational corporations and international investors.

NAFTA has not been a success. It cost the United States jobs and converted a trade surplus into a trade deficit, as well as bankrupt-

ed thousands of small farmers and small-business owners in Mexico. It allows corporations to sue sovereign states and other government entities outside the court system. The FTAA appears to be simply an expansion of NAFTA, with all its defects and broken promises.

Free trade could be done on one sheet of paper by simply publishing a small tariff schedule that would apply to all imports. These multi-thousand-page documents, such as NAFTA and FTAA will be, really concern managed trade deals and subversion of national sovereignty under the guise of trade treaties. Did you know that a transnational corporation sued a Mexican official because he prevented it from establishing a toxic-waste dump right over its aquifer? Did you know that these treaties allow corporations to claim that labor, environmental or worker-safety laws are "impediments to trade" that have to be either repealed or compensated for?

Fundamentally, the flaw in this process is that it is driven entirely by the goal of enhancing corporate profits and returns on investments. Yacking about promoting democracy and raising the standard of living is just window dressing.

Already corporations can break unions or coerce their employees by threat-

ening to move their jobs to Mexico. If the FTAA is ratified, corporations will be able to apply the same pressure to workers in Mexico.

There is always a poorer country where people have no choice but to work for sweatshop wages.

In the meantime, the FTAA will also accelerate the deindustrialization of America. Already America imports far too many critical items. My colleague Pat Buchanan shows impeccable logic in pointing out that if we want to stop an imperialistic foreign policy, we have to restore America's manufacturing base.

If we are dependent on Japan for key components, then we will be forced to defend Japan.

It should send a message that the president promised eight diesel submarines to Taiwan only to discover that nobody in America makes diesel submarines and that the Germans and the Dutch refuse to supply them to Taiwan.

We might be called the importer of democracy, but we no longer qualify for the title "arsenal of democracy." We would be hard put to supply ourselves, much less others, in a major war.

At the heart of this problem of trade agreements is a difference in philosophy. Unfortunately, the purpose of NAFTA and FTAA is to enhance and protect corporate interests.

The purposes that govern-

ments should be pursuing are the health, safety and prosperity of their people. The two are not synonymous.

An agricultural base is the foundation of all countries. Nations should protect their workers, their land and their natural resources from exploitation and plunder by transnational corporations.

Unless this treaty is negotiated openly and debated publicly, this will not happen. The purpose of fast-track authority is precisely to cut off debate and to prevent the Congress with a fait accompli. Come to think of it, Congress should not give the president fast-track authority, period.

Many people were lied to during the selling of NAFTA, and I fully expect the same deal on this one. They have to lie, because if they told the truth, it wouldn't get ratified.

You need not expect any detailed coverage of the pros and cons of this treaty in most American newspapers.

Fortunately, you can find a lot of alternative viewpoints on the Internet. Just do a search for NAFTA or FTAA.

You will find not only criticisms and analyses but also alternative proposals. It is not a case of free trade or protectionism.

It's really a case of democracy or rule by an international corporate oligarchy.



## Time to put an end to the U.N.

The idea of the United States withdrawing from the United Nations is supposed to be an objective solely of arch conservatives. It isn't. U.N. membership is a matter of foreign policy, an area of interest that traditionally is bipartisan. As they say, politics end at the water's edge. So the question is whether U.N. membership is good or bad for foreign policy.

On May 3, the United States was voted off the United Nations Human Rights Commission, where it has held a seat since the creation of the U.N. Meanwhile, Sudan — known for state-sponsored terrorism and human rights abuses — is on the Commission.

This has to be the final straw. The U.N. was always stymied — first by the veto power of the Soviet Union, and now by the veto power of Communist China. And the General Assembly has long been controlled by a

coalition of Third World and communist nations. Under such circumstances, it is inconceivable that the world's lone superpower would continue to submit to repeated humiliations. It is all the more odd when viewed from a philosophical perspective.

The United States is not perfect, but what it stands for comes closer to perfection than any government ever has. In the aftermath of the Spanish-American War at the end of the 1800s, America flirted with imperialism. The Philippines, Cuba, Puerto Rico and other Spanish possessions fell under U.S. control. Would Cuba become a state? Would the Philippines become a colony? The debate was heard, and imperialism was eventually rejected. So in 1900 when the Boxer Rebellion erupted in China, among the powers defending the foreign legations in Peking, only America claimed no territorial concessions.

American forces did fight Filipino guerrillas and did hold onto Puerto Rico, but not as colonies. U.S. policy against imperialism was enunciated by President Woodrow Wilson's 14 Points, which led to the Treaty of Versailles, ending

World War I in 1918. This culminated with the Marshall Plan at the end of World War II in 1945, when for the first time in history, the victor rebuilt the vanquished nations. And today that war's primary losers, Germany and Japan, rank as the richest nations in the world. They also have two of the strongest democracies.

So how is it that the greatest, most benevolent, most charitable nation the world has ever known allows itself to be the primary financial supporter of an entity that is dominated by non-democratic nations? Much is made of the fact that America has not fully paid its U.N. dues, but the amount it does pay is still greater by far than that paid by any other nation.

From the PLO to Sudan to Iran, the U.N. habitually supports terrorist entities and states and denounces America and its allies — and it does so with American money.

Quite simply, the U.N. does not work and is not workable. What does work is a United States-led alliance such as NATO.

It is time to let the United Nations go the way of that other worthless debating society: the League of Nations.

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# Motorists in shock again as gasoline prices rage higher

CHICAGO (AP) — Summer vacations are just around the corner, and once again soaring gasoline prices are driving some motorists around the bend.

U.S. pump prices have hit record highs, topping the \$2-a-gallon mark in Chicago and California and spurring talk of a possible \$3 a gallon sometime after the peak driving season begins on Memorial Day.

"This is price gouging," complained Jacquie Van Keuren, filling up at a San Francisco gas station after paying as much as \$2.64 a gallon on a weekend trip to Los Angeles.

The odds appear to be against \$3 gas, according to one industry analyst. That would happen "only if something goes seriously

wrong" with supplies, said Adam Sieminski of Deutsche Banc Alex Brown.

Even where prices are now, consumers are having unhappy flashbacks to last year when prices also climbed to more than \$2 a gallon.

"It's ridiculous," Cedric Norwood said Monday as he fueled up in downtown Chicago. "The oil companies are going to suck us dry."

A recent Federal Trade Commission report on last summer's price run-up found no evidence of oil industry collusion, and no blame has yet been laid for this year's increase, which is tied to tight supplies. U.S. motorists still pay far less than their counterparts in Europe and Asia.

Pump rage is in full blossom as

prices hit unprecedented levels — especially in smog-prone parts of the Midwest and West that are required to use cleaner, "reformulated" gasoline in summer. Recent fires at Tosco refineries in Los Angeles and Wood River, Ill., threatened those supplies and sent prices surging.

The Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries will probably increase its production quotas by the end of the year, possibly by enough to erase the 2.5 million-barrel-a-day cut it made earlier this year, Saudi Arabia's oil minister Ali Naimi said Monday in interviews with CNBC and The Wall Street Journal.

Depending on world economic growth, Naimi said, OPEC might go beyond restoring that cut.

U.S. gas prices reached an all-time high in the past two weeks, not adjusting for inflation, according to the Lundberg Survey of 8,000 service stations. Overall, the average price covering all grades of gasoline increased 8.58 cents to \$1.76 a gallon as of May 4.

Factoring in inflation, that's a full dollar less than the average cost of gasoline in March 1981.

Don't tell that to drivers in Chicago, which has the nation's most expensive gasoline.

"This is crazy — \$2.34 for a gallon of gas?" said Erika Trujillo, 19, who only partially filled her Nissan Stanza. "We can't even afford to pump gas anymore. We're going to have to get on our bicycles."

Even the White House alluded to

the possibility of \$3-a-gallon gas. White House spokesman Ari Fleischer said Monday that President Bush has not supported calls to repeal or cut the 18.4-cent-a-gallon federal gas tax and won't act even if prices break \$3.

"Price controls will make the prices go higher and make people wait in lines," Fleischer said.

U.S. refineries are being pushed to the limit to try to keep up with demand, and aging infrastructure has resulted in breakdowns.

There are hopeful signs in the most recent oil industry data, which showed gasoline supplies creeping higher.

"The worst may already be over because refiners are getting caught up" with supplies, said Phil Flynn, senior energy analyst.

## Actor's lawyer says man had been seen at house

LOS ANGELES (AP) — A few weeks before Robert Blake's wife was murdered, a stranger began showing up in front of the actor's Studio City home, according to his lawyer and a private investigator.

The man was described in his early 20s with a crew cut and would watch the property from a black four-door pickup, said Scott Ross, a private investigator hired by Blake's lawyers.

Police refused to comment as homicide detectives continued their investigation of the killing of Bonny Lee Bakley, 45, who was gunned down Friday night while sitting in a car near a restaurant where she and her husband had just dined.

Authorities searched a construction site Monday near the shooting scene and an investigator was seen dusting for fingerprints on a blue recycling can. A bag was reportedly removed

from the site.

Blake, 67, said the shooting happened while he was returning to the restaurant alone to retrieve a handgun that he left behind. The actor was carrying the gun because his wife had said she feared for her life, said Blake's attorney, Harland Braun.

Bakley's half brother Peter Carlyon said his sister had said Blake himself had threatened her recently, telling her during a dispute that she didn't need to worry if life was getting her down because he "already had a bullet with her name on it."

"He was making a lot of verbal threats," Carlyon told WMC-TV in Memphis, Tenn.

Police had said the 1970s star of the television series "Baretta" was not a suspect. According to Ross, police checked and found no gunpowder residue on Blake's

body shortly after the shooting.

Results of Bakley's autopsy were sealed at the request of homicide detectives, coroner's spokesman Scott Carrier said Monday. Toxicology tests and microscopic tissue studies were pending.

Braun said his investigators have started combing through documents in Bakley's unit and found letters from a lonely hearts service she was running.

The New York Daily News reported Tuesday that materials found in the home included evidence she told correspondents she was young, slim and single and asked them to send money. The paper quoted an unidentified 82-year-old widower as saying he mailed her \$250 last month for plane fare when she wrote him a down-on-her-luck story. He said he later realized she wasn't coming to

see him and wrote her a letter beginning, "Dear Swindler."

Details on Bakley's brushes with celebrities and the law also emerged Monday.

Bakley and Blake married after DNA tests confirmed that her 11-month-old daughter, Rose Lenore Sophia, was fathered by Blake. She had originally named the girl Christian Shannon Brando, thinking the father was actually Christian Brando, the son of actor Marlon Brando.

Bakley also has a 7-year-old daughter named Jeri Lee Lewis whom she said was fathered by rock 'n' roll legend Jerry Lee Lewis.

Braun said Bakley signed a prenuptial agreement before marrying Blake last October in which she agreed not to break any laws. Although Bakley lived in a unit behind Blake's home, the marriage was improving, Braun said.

## Family of missing 11-year-old girl receives letter; 'She thinks she's in love'

MERRILLVILLE, Ind. (AP) — An 11-year-old girl allegedly abducted by a former Baptist school principal "thinks she's in love," her father said after receiving a letter from the girl saying she's all right.

The former principal also wrote his parents and said his actions had been "misunderstood."

The letters arrived Monday from Oklahoma City, the FBI said. They were postmarked on Friday, a day after the pair was spotted in Knoxville, Tenn. "They completely changed direction," said Charles S. Porucznik, supervisory senior resident agent with the FBI's Merrillville branch office.

William A. Beith, 28, was charged Thursday with coercing and enticing a minor into sexual acts and transporting a minor across state lines for sexual purposes in connection with the disappearance of the girl.

The sixth-grader from Gary was reported missing May 1 after an argument with her parents at a discount store.

An employee told police she was crying and seen running in the store parking lot. Her parents believe she may have telephoned Beith.

Porucznik said the girl's letter was short and upbeat, "just letting her mom and dad know she's OK."

Her father, Joseph Marshall, said the upbeat tone was encouraging.

"She says she's all right, that she has new clothes, and is sorry that she's putting us through this," he said. "She said that she loves us and put kisses on the bottom of the letter. I am encouraged to know she's all right."

"She thinks this is OK. She thinks she's in love. I'm not even sure she understands what's wrong."

Beith told his parents how remorseful he was, asked his parents to apologize to everyone at the Liberty Baptist Academy in Lake Station and said his actions had been "misunderstood," but didn't elaborate.

"He wrote about how he had to run very fast," Porucznik said.

Both letters indicated the two would write again soon,

"She thinks this is OK. She thinks she's in love. I'm not even sure she understands what's wrong."

—Joseph Marshall, victim's father

Marshall said Beith was arrested in 1990, while still a teen-ager, and

charged with contributing to the delinquency of a minor for exposing himself to a 10-year-old girl. Beith became Liberty Baptist's principal in 1998 after his father resigned after being arrested for soliciting a male undercover police officer for oral sex. Charges against both men were dismissed after they received counseling under a deferred prosecution program, authorities said.

The Baptist school recently sent a letter to parents saying that the younger Beith is no longer is employed at the school.

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## IN BRIEF

### Quarterback club meeting slated

The Big Spring Quarterback Club will have a meeting Thursday at 7 p.m. at the Athletic Training Center.

All interested parents of football players from seventh to twelfth grade levels are invited.

For more information contact Jim Clements 267-1069 after 6 p.m.

### Basketball boosters schedule banquet

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

For more information, call Brian Ellington at 264-3648.

### Lady Steer booster club to honor athletes

The Lady Steer booster club will be honoring the female athletes at 6:30 p.m. Monday, May 14 at the Big Spring Junior High Cafeteria.

Tickets cost \$10 and are available at All-Star Sports, Big Spring Athletic Supply and the Athletic Training Center.

For more information contact Kay Cook at 264-3662.

### Howard County community night

The Midland RockHounds will host Howard County's community night scheduled for Saturday, May 19.

The RockHounds will face the Round Rock Express and the Fireworks Spectacular show will follow the game.

Admission is \$2, discounted from \$5 and are available at the local YMCA.

### Lady Steers hoops camp set for June

Registration is being accepted for the Lady Steers Fundamental Basketball Camp set for June 4-7 in Big Spring High School's Steer Gym.

Lady Steers' head coach Jimmy Avery and his staff will conduct the camp.

Campers will work in appropriate age groups on individual basketball skills and group drills.

Sessions are from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., but campers can arrive at 8 a.m. and stay until noon to accommodate work schedules.

The camp costs \$45 and is open to current first through eighth graders. The cost include instruction, T-shirt and certificate.

If campers are unable to attend all four days, contact Avery for amended fees. For more information call Avery at 264-0403.

### ACS still offering Texas Golf Pass

The American Cancer Society is again offering the Texas Golf Pass that entitles holders to more than 680 rounds of golf at 289 courses throughout the state.

The passes are \$35 each and proceeds from the program benefit the Cancer Society's research, education programs and patient services efforts.

## ON THE AIR

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**NBA PLAYOFFS**  
7 p.m. — Second round, Game 2, Charlotte Hornets at Milwaukee Bucks, TBS, Ch. 11.  
9:30 p.m. — Sacramento Kings at L.A. Lakers, TBS, Ch. 11.  
**BASEBALL**  
7 p.m. — Philadelphia Phillies at Houston Astros, FXS, Ch. 29.

## Three qualify for nationals after championship series

HERALD Staff Report

After making a run in the Conference Rodeo Championship Series Friday, Saturday and Sunday, three qualified in short round competition to compete at the College National Finals Rodeo (CNFR) in Casper, WY, June 11-16. Bray Armes in the steer wrestling came in with a time of 9.3 (plus 4.9) to give him 14.2 after three rounds to finish second in the average and earn a position to go to the CNFR. In the saddle bronc riding Ross Ericsson finished with 123 on two.

He failed to ride his third animal but his average was enough to qualify for the finals. Ericsson will compete in both the saddle bronc riding as well as the bareback riding competition.

Jake Degeer in the calf roping was third coming into the short round average. He two-looped his calf, but made the cut, qualifying for nationals in June.

Cody Schneemann and Seth McFadin also competed in the conference finals. Schneemann who competed in the team roping and McFadin who competed in the steer wrestling just missed making the cut Saturday night.

CNFR which begins June 11 is sometimes called the "Rose Bowl" of college rodeo. It hosts over 350 competitors each year competing for national titles as well as scholarship money ranging over \$200,000 through an awards program. The rodeo will be held at the Casper Events Center for the third year in a row.

There will be a number of qualifiers from all 11 regions competing in saddle bronc, bareback, bull riding, steer wrestling, calf roping, team roping, barrel racing, break-away roping, and goat tying. CNFR will also be crowning the All-Around Cowboy and Cowgirl as

well as the National Mens' and Womens' Teams.

According to the CNFR website, "This year marks the fifty second year for the event. The first was held in 1949 in San Francisco, California, at the famed Cow Palace. The year began with what we term a celebration of collegiate athletics and the western heritage we hold dear."

The performances will begin at 7:30 p.m. and slack will be held on Monday, June 11th and Tuesday, June 12th at 7:00 a.m.

The CNFR website (www.cnfr.com) contributed to this story.



Coahoma High's Corey Hill slides past the tag during a district game against Colorado City. The Bulldogs will face Wall's Matadors in the bi-district playoff game at 7 p.m. Thursday on the campus of McMurry University in Abilene.

## YMCA swim team compete at home, Midland meets

HERALD Staff Report

Fifteen swimmers represented the YMCA Swim Team in the Big Spring YMCA Invitational April 21.

In the 200 medley relay, the team of Ashley Slate, Wendy Mayfield, Jessica Hughey and Holly Mayfield won first place for the girls 11 and older.

The boys 11 and older also won their race, headed by Mark Sheedy, Cody Clark, Josh Pike and Mike Carrasco.

In the 200 freestyle relay, Pike, Sheedy, Carrasco and Will Liggett won first place while Catherine Leubner, Holly Bancroft, Meredith Morgan and Slate placed second.

In the girls 13 and older Hughey broke the Big Spring High School record in the 100 backstroke.

Hughey also placed first in the 100 breaststroke and the butterfly. She won the 200 IM while placing second the 50 freestyle.

H. Mayfield won the 200 freestyle and placed second in the 100 butterfly, backstroke and the 200 IM. She improved her time in the 100 butterfly and in the 100 backstroke.

In the girls 11-12, W. Mayfield, won the 100 IM and the 50 breaststroke. She placed second in the 50 and 100 freestyle as well as the 50 backstroke. Mayfield also improved her time in two events.

Meredith Morgan won the 50 butterfly and placed third in the 50 breaststroke and the 100 IM. She placed fourth in the 50 freestyle and 50 backstroke. Slate placed third in the 50 butterfly and the 100 freestyle while placing fourth in the 100 IM and sixth in the 50 backstroke and 50 freestyle.

In the girls 10 and under Leubner placed second in the 50 butterfly.

She placed third in the 50 backstroke, the 50 breaststroke and in the 100 IM. She also placed sixth in the 50 freestyle.

Holly Bancroft placed first

in the 50 butterfly and fourth in the 50 freestyle, breaststroke and the 100 IM.

In the boys 13 and older, Carrasco won first in the 50 freestyle, the 100 butterfly and the 100 backstroke. He also placed second in the 200 freestyle and the 200 IM.

Sheedy placed second in the 50 freestyle and the 100 backstroke. He also placed third in the 100 butterfly and the 200 IM.

Will Liggett placed first in the 100 breaststroke and third in the 50 freestyle and the 200 freestyle.

He also placed fourth in the 200 IM.

Clark placed second in the 100 breaststroke and fourth in the 50 freestyle as well as the 100 butterfly. He also placed fifth in the 200 IM.

Josh Torres placed fourth in the 200 freestyle and the 100 breaststroke. He finished sixth in the 100 butterfly, seventh in the 50 freestyle and in the 200 IM.

Randy Yanez, who competed in his first race this season, placed eighth in the 50 freestyle.

Pike placed first in the 200 freestyle and the 200 IM. He also placed second in the 100 butterfly, third 100 breaststroke and in the 100 backstroke.

In the boys 10 and under, Daniel Budke swept the competition as he placed first in the 50 freestyle, the 100 freestyle, the 50 breaststroke, the 50 backstroke and the 100 IM. Budke competed for the first time this season in at the Midland "C" meet.

Two swimmers also represented the YMCA Swim Team in the City of Midland Aquatics "C" Meet in Midland March 31.

In the boys' 10 and under, Budke placed first in the 50 freestyle and 100 butterfly. He also received second in the 100 breaststroke, the 100 backstroke and the 200 IM.

In the 13 and over competition, Torres received first in the 100 freestyle and the 100 butterfly.

He also placed second in the 100 breaststroke, the 100 backstroke and the 200 IM.

## Brown dominates to win fifth straight start for L.A.

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

Kevin Brown feel's like he's caught in target practice.

"If someone wants to take the bull's-eye off of me, they can have it," he said after leading the Los Angeles Dodgers over the Florida Marlins 1-0 Monday night.

Brown (5-1), who didn't allow a hit until Luis Castillo's infield single with two outs in the sixth, took a Cliff Floyd line drive off a leg in the fourth, then scrambled after the ball and threw out Floyd.

Brown struck out his next three batters and went on to win his fifth straight start, allowing two hits in eight innings.

Gary Sheffield homered in the sixth off A.J. Burnett (0-1), who gave up just three hits in six innings but walked five.

"It was a tight game and the guy across the way was pitching a good game, so you had to limit your mistakes," Brown said. "You have to give A.J. credit. Sheff just took advantage of one of his mistakes."

In other games it was Cincinnati 5, Arizona 4 in 10 innings; Chicago 7, Milwaukee 6; Philadelphia 5, Houston 0; St. Louis 7, Pittsburgh 0; New York 10, Colorado 9; and San Francisco 6, Montreal 2.

At Los Angeles, Brown struck out 10 and lowered his ERA to 1.31, taking over the league lead from Chicago's Julian Tavarez. Jeff Shaw pitched a perfect ninth for his league-leading 10th save.

Brown can be forgiven for wondering what he does to attract injuries. He started the season on the disabled list because of a strained right Achilles' tendon and left one of his starts with a strained lower back.

**Reds 5, Diamondbacks 4**  
Sean Casey tied the score with a two-run homer off Brian Anderson in the and hit a go-ahead double off Greg Swindell (0-1) in the 10th at Phoenix.

Luis Gonzalez hit his major league-leading 16th home run for the Diamondbacks.

**Danny Graves (1-0)** escaped a jam in the ninth, intentionally walking Gonzalez to load the bases with one out before retiring Matt Williams on a pop up and Danny Bautista on a groundout.

**Cubs 7, Brewers 6**  
Tom Gordon, who missed all of last year following elbow surgery, got three with his first save since May 31, 1999, for Boston against Detroit. He struck out Tyler Houston to end the game with two on.

Visiting Chicago, which extended its winning streak to four, wasted a 5-1 lead and fell behind 6-5 before Rondell White's two-run single in the eighth.

Todd Van Poppel (1-0) pitched a hitless seventh.

**Phillies 5, Astros 0**  
At Houston, Robert Person (3-3) pitched a two-hitter, the low-hit game of his career and second shutout. He struck out a season-high eight and walked four.

## "Fear This" takes championship in softball tournament

HERALD Staff Report

If coming from behind tends to motivate a team, it obviously did that for the Coahoma UGS Softball Team "Fear This". Paula Hunt and the team made an outstanding appearance in the Midland Lizard Classic Softball Tournament Saturday and Sunday, April 28-29 bringing home the Division 1 Championship trophy.

"Fear This" went undefeated throughout the tournament to snag the championship title after playing four games during the two-day tournament. The last two games were come-from-behind wins against other teams from Midland and Odessa.

"All the girls played outstanding and really pulled it through for me. They never gave up even when we were behind" said Coach Paula Hunt.

The "Fear This" tournament team sports pitching line-up was led by Kenzie Hunt and backed by Alyx Pappajohn and Megan Parrish.

Hunt allowed only 7 hits in her 14 1/2 innings and pitched 36 strikeouts. Fielding for the team was Pappajohn and Parrish as well as Arika Hart, Ashley Richter, Hilari White, Lauren Ruiz, Ericka Stiller, Kalea Neff, Ashley Buske and Heather Scoggins.

It takes good fielding, batting and pitching to win a game and "Fear This" obviously put them all together to come away with the title.

Two big plays in the fourth game finished off the last team on Sunday. Coach Hunt smiles when remembering right fielder Lauren Ruiz.

Ruiz hit a big triple, knocking in two runs when the team was down. Arika Hart, First Baseman and the battery Heather Scoggins also made a big play in the last inning to send the Blasters packing.

"The team played well together and every girl contributed on the field. I'm very proud of them" said Coach Hunt.

"Fear This" is a part of the Coahoma UGS Softball league.



"Fear This" team poses with their championship trophy from the Midland Lizard Classic Softball Tournament held April 28-29 in Midland. Members are Arika Hart, Ashley Richter, Hilari White, Lauren Ruiz, Ericka Stiller, Kalea Neff, Ashley Buske, Alyx Pappajohn, Megan Parrish, Kenzie Hunt, Heather Scoggins and Coach Paula Hunt. Courtesy photo



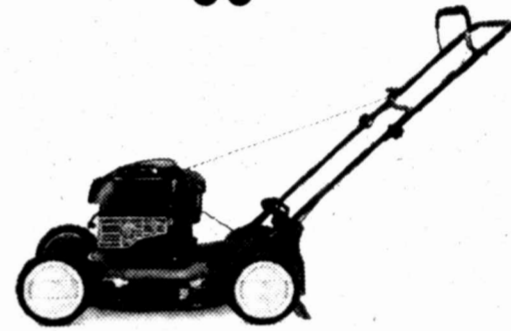
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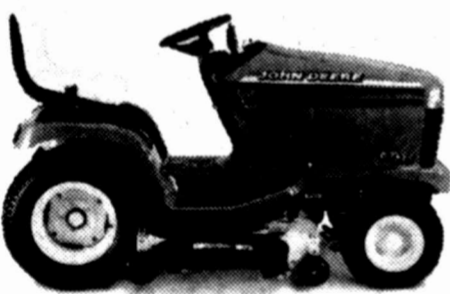
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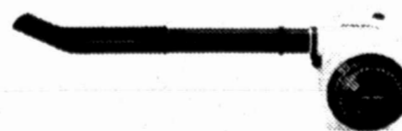


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ARIES (March 21-April 19) \*\*\*\* Heated arguments can be avoided if you meet someone halfway. Success at all costs - even when you're the winner - can damage a relationship. Focus on what you want, and stay connected to those who can help you. Climb the professional or social ladder. Tonight: Consider all possibilities. TAURUS (April 20-May 20) \*\*\*\* Is it your way or the highway? When you have the perfect solution, you don't want to hear negative comments from someone else. Take a chance, even if it spells change. Express your uniqueness and be a Taurus who can bend a little. Tonight: If you can't please everyone, at least please yourself. GEMINI (May 21-June 20) \*\*\*\* If you want, ignore what's really going on. Your carefree attitude might fool other people, but not yourself. Schedule time to deal with your problems. You'll feel genuine happiness when you know you have taken care of business. Tonight: Ask a friend to join you for dinner. CANCER (June 21-July 22) \*\*\*\* Travel might be necessary if you want to be

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with loved ones. What you have to say must be said in person. Spread your wings. For once, you don't mind a crowd. Tonight: Work out a complex problem. LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) \*\*\*\* You have to make something right. A loved one could be upset if you recently stole the limelight. Now, you must fade into the background a little, even though this might be hard for your Leonine personality. You will actually get more attention when you put others first. Tonight: Help a relationship heal. VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) \*\*\*\* A mental breakthrough creates more work for you, but you are up to the job. In fact, you might be delighted at how quickly your mind operates. Tonight: Accept applause for a job well done. You've earned it.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) \*\*\*\* You might be more interested than usual in a certain person. Compliments flow as you seek to turn a casual friendship into something more. You're not even worried about coming on too strong and scaring off the other person, but your assertive behavior might scare you! Tonight: Give a situation some serious thought. SCORPIO (Oct 23-Nov. 21) \*\*\*\* Discern the difference between inspiring and preaching. You won't be convincing if you don't acknowledge the other perspective. Making a path too soon and too strongly can sent emotions spiraling. Tonight: divert your mind with a little fantasy. SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) \*\*\*\* How many things can you do at one time? You decide that success is essential, and you're willing to do whatever it takes. So buckle down and go on as many avenues as necessary. You'll enjoy the adventure. Tonight: Nothing but activity will please you. What's your favorite sport? CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) \*\*\*\* Ambition drives you until the end of the day, when you must pay attention to what you have

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ignored. Adjust your schedule and keep your relationship on-track. Tonight: Explain your project to another person. AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) \*\*\*\* Enjoy being yourself during the early hours. Duty calls later in the day. If you are anxious about getting things done, enlist someone's help. Sometimes graciousness means letting another person be the humanitarian for a change. Tonight: Focus on your unique talents. PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) \*\*\*\* Trust your creative insight. Inspiration flows. Don't seek opinions from others until you have completed your work. A negative remark can hamper your creativity. Verbal or

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Crash victim's windfall causes rift in family

Dear Ann Landers: I read the letter from "Gloria in Pennsylvania," whose daughter had been in a bad car accident and received a large settlement several years later. She did not share the money with her parents, even though they had gone through several months of hospitalization. Her parents visited her every day and brought home-cooked meals. She thought her parents were being caring and attentive because they loved her. When she received a handsome settlement, their only response was, "Where's our share?" The girl now believes the reason they were so attentive is because they expected to be cut in on the settlement. The daughter considers this raw greed, not love. Had her parents not asked to be cut in on the money, chances are she would have given them part of it. If "Gloria" truly wants to fix the relationship, she must make a major apology to her daughter. The message she sent was that she was in it only for the money. That may not have been her intent, but I'll bet that's the way it came across. -- Sympathetic in California

Dear California: Money can divide more families than anything else. Benjamin Franklin wisely observed that you never know the true character of a person until you share an inheritance with him. (Maybe it was one of Ben's relatives who told him to go fly a kite.) A settlement from a lawsuit can provoke a similarly heated rift between family members. I agree the parents were a bit overeager to find out about "their share" of the money. However, they went

through a lot for their daughter, financially and emotionally, and it would have been generous of the girl to think of her parents when she hit that insurance jackpot. Either way, an apology from the parents is the only way to fix this sorry situation. I hope Gloria follows through.

Dear Ann Landers: Last year, my husband and I were separated for three months, and during that time, he became involved with another woman. I'll call her "Lizette." When we got back together again (after several counseling sessions), he ended the relationship with Lizette. The problem is, my husband's brother and his girlfriend just broke up, and now he is seeing Lizette. I am outraged.

I do not want to be around this woman for any reason. I don't want to meet her, and I certainly don't want to spend any birthdays and holidays with her. I have made my feelings clear to the entire family, and everyone says I am overreacting. They say I should get to know Lizette because she is a very nice person. I don't care if she's Mother Teresa. I don't believe it is healthy for her to be near my husband or my children.

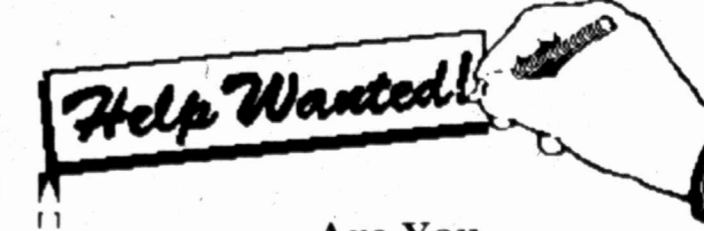
If my brother-in-law marries this woman, I will be in a very uncomfortable spot. Am I justified in wanting to avoid her completely? I need some advice. Please, Ann Landers, help me think straight about this. I admit I cannot be objective. -- Cincinnati Sue

Dear Cincinnati Sue: I don't blame you for being angry, and perhaps a bit insecure. However, if your brother-in-law should end up marrying Lizette, you might as well be gracious about it. Easy? Of course not, but your husband in this woman's presence, and if you take the high road, you will have won. It will require a great deal of inner strength. I hope you have it.

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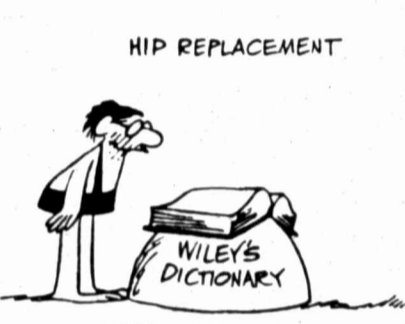


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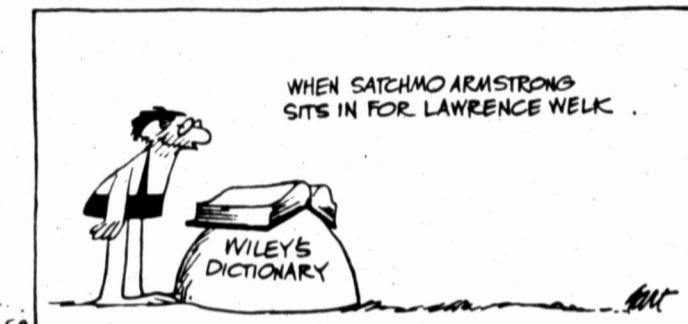


BUT THERE'S A LOT TO BE SAID FOR THIS GENERATION, TOO

B.C.



HIP REPLACEMENT



WHEN SATCHMO ARMSTRONG SITS IN FOR LAWRENCE WELK

GEECH



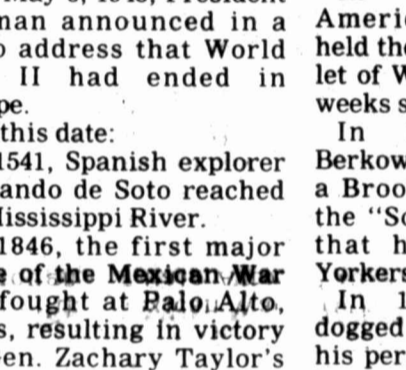
WHAT ARE YOU DOING OUT HERE?



I'M KEEPING MY EYES OPEN



OPEN FOR WHAT?



I'LL KNOW IT WHEN I SEE IT.



I'LL NEVER SEE IT LIKE THIS.

WIZARD OF ID



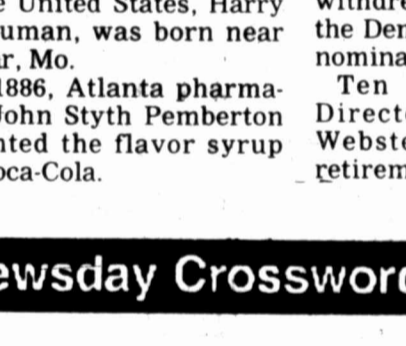
YOUR STOCK BROKER IS THREATENING TO JUMP FROM HIS BUILDING, FIRE!



QUICK! SEND FOR THE ROYAL PAINTER

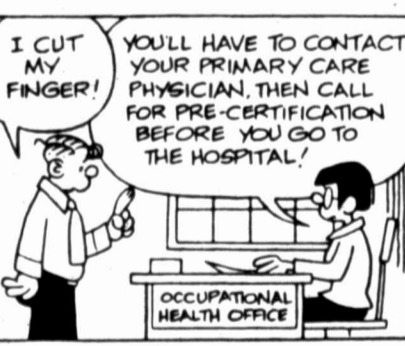


WHAT CAN HE DO?



PAINT A BULL'S-EYE ON THE SIDEWALK

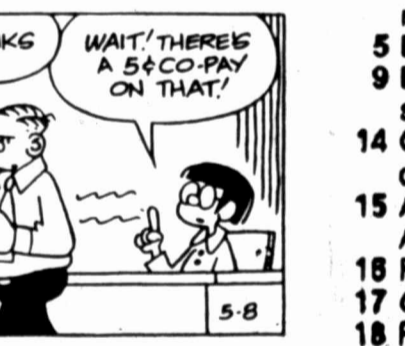
HI AND LOIS



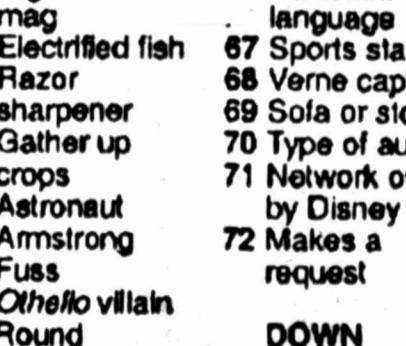
I CUT MY FINGER!



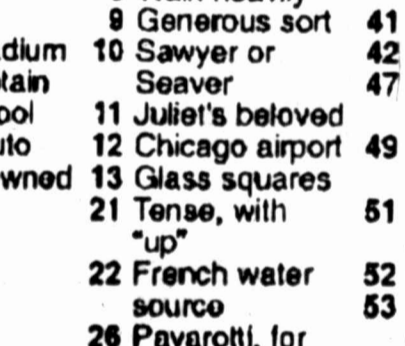
YOU'LL HAVE TO CONTACT YOUR PRIMARY CARE PHYSICIAN, THEN CALL FOR PRE-CERTIFICATION BEFORE YOU GO TO THE HOSPITAL!



DON'T YOU JUST HAVE A BANDAGE?



OH... HERE!



THANKS



WAIT! THERE'S A 5¢ CO-PAY ON THAT!

GASOLINE ALLEY



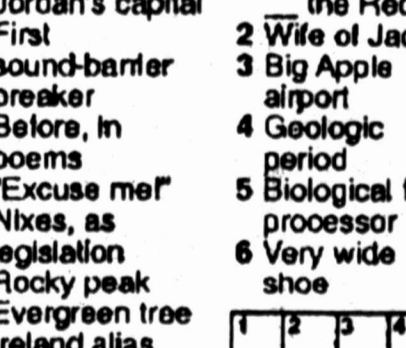
Mr. Farina! Did you say I'm fired?



Whatsamatta? Can't you understand good English?



It sounds like this has to do with Delicia breaking up with me!



It sounds like we've got a bad disconnection!

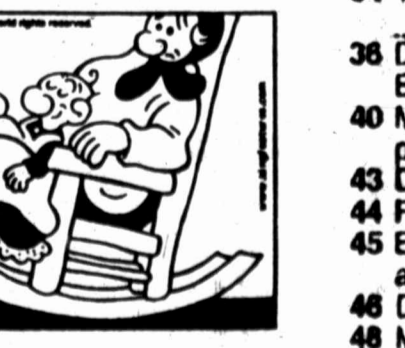
SNUFFY SMITH



I'M NEXT IN TH' RECLINER



BY THE TIME FUZZ PICKS UP ON IT, IT'S 'OUT'



WASSUP?

BETLE BAILY



FADS COME AND GO. IT'S HARD TO KNOW WHAT'S 'IN' OR 'OUT'



ACTUALLY, IT'S EASY



BY THE TIME FUZZ PICKS UP ON IT, IT'S 'OUT'

THIS DATE IN HISTORY

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

Today is Tuesday, May 8, the 128th day of 2001. There are 237 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On May 8, 1945, President Truman announced in a radio address that World War II had ended in Europe.

On this date: In 1541, Spanish explorer Hernando de Soto reached the Mississippi River.

In 1846, the first major battle of the Mexican War was fought at Palo Alto, Texas, resulting in victory for Gen. Zachary Taylor's forces.

In 1884, the 33rd president of the United States, Harry S. Truman, was born near Lamar, Mo.

In 1886, Atlanta pharmacist John Styth Pemberton invented the flavor syrup for Coca-Cola.

In 1944, the first "eye bank" was established, in New York City.

In 1958, Vice President Nixon was shoved, stoned, booed and spat upon by anti-American protesters in Lima, Peru.

In 1970, construction workers broke up an anti-war protest on New York's Wall Street.

In 1973, militant American Indians who'd held the South Dakota hamlet of Wounded Knee for 10 weeks surrendered.

In 1978, David R. Berkowitz pleaded guilty in a Brooklyn courtroom to the "Son of Sam" killings that had terrified New Yorkers.

In 1987, Gary Hart, dogged by questions about his personal life, including his relationship with Miami model Donna Rice, withdrew from the race for the Democratic presidential nomination.

Ten years ago: CIA Director William H. Webster announced his retirement; he was eventu-

ally succeeded by Robert Gates. General H. Norman Schwarzkopf, commander of American forces in the Persian Gulf War, received a hero's welcome as he addressed Congress.

Today's Birthdays: Comedian Don Rickles is 75. Environmentalist Sir David Attenborough is 75.

Author Peter Benchley is 61. Singer John Fred (John Fred and His Playboy Band) is 60. Actor James Mitchum is 60. Jockey Hall-of-Famer Angel Cordero Jr. is 59. Singer Toni Tennille is 58. Jazz musician Keith Jarrett is 56.

Answer to previous puzzle: A crossword grid with words filled in.

Newsday Crossword

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A crossword grid with numbers indicating starting points for words.