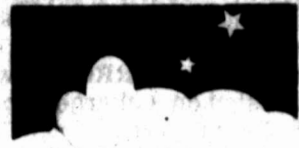


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BSHS Bible class seeks donations from the public

Big Spring High School Bible Class, possibly the oldest on-going public school Bible program in Texas, is needing financial support from the community. Because the course is a Bible class, but is taught as a humanities course, the school district does not pay an instructor's salary or other expenses. Financial support comes through donations from the public. Donations may be sent to Joe De La Garza, treasurer, Howard County Bible Study Board, First Bank of West Texas, at either 1810 East FM 700, Big Spring, 79720 or P.O. Box 140, Coahoma, 79511. For further information, contact De La Garza at 394-4256.

WHAT'S UP...

TODAY

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

THURSDAY

- Gideons International, Big Spring Camp No. U42060, Herman's Restaurant, 7 a.m.
- The Senior Citizens Center will host an Arts and Crafts session each Thursday from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.
- The Coffee Club will meet at Gale's Sweet Shoppe at 10 a.m.
- Kiwanis Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room. Call Billy Smith.
- Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association, 5:30 p.m., RSVP offices, 501 Runnels.
- American Legion Post 506, 6 p.m. Call 263-2084.
- Rackley-Swords Chapter 379, Vietnam vets of America, 7 p.m., 124 Jonesboro Road.
- Genealogical Society of Big Spring, 7:15 p.m., Howard County Library.
- Masonic Lodge 1340, 7:30 p.m., 2101 Lancaster.

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Trooper says prayer helped him survive accident

By **LYNDEL MOODY**
Staff Writer

After a nearly dying from injuries received in an automobile accident, Les Grace, a Department of Safety trooper in Comanche County, believes his life was saved by God's will and prayer from his community.

"I am proof prayer works," said Grace. Grace was the guest speaker at this year's community wide prayer service for area law enforcement personnel Tuesday night at Municipal Auditorium with more than 100 people attending.

A little over a year ago, while on patrol between Comanche and DeLeon on Highway 16, Grace's cruiser was hit by a pickup that had topped a hill just as the trooper was making a U-turn to pursue a speeder.

He sustained several broken bones, spinal injuries and a severe head injury in the accident.

"I see this as nothing but a tremendous blessing. God was so awesome in so many ways."

—Trooper Les Grace, on his recovery from a traffic accident

"I came as close to death as they come and not die," Grace said.

Because the only route to the hospital was the road on which the accident took place, Marie, his wife, had to drive through the wreck scene.

Marie told the audience what her thoughts were as she came upon the scene of the accident.

"I prayed 'God my baby needs a daddy. Please don't take him from me.'"

Les, who was taken to a hospital in Comanche, was later transferred to a San Angelo hospital where Marie joined

him. "I was met by a band of angels in trooper uniforms," Marie said. "They met my every need."

That night, Marie said she turned the situation over to the will of God and prayed to let his will be done.

At one time, the doctors did not expect Les to live and then they expected him to be confined to a wheelchair. When he first awoke after the accident, he could only speak Spanish, Marie said.

Les was nicknamed "Amazing Grace" by the rehabilitation technicians working with him at Baylor Medical Rehabilitation where he was sent for extensive recovery therapy.

He is now back to work as a DPS trooper and will soon begin patrolling the highways. He contributes his recovery to God and the community that continued to pray for him.

"People were praying for me



HERALD photo/Lyndel Moody
Marie and Les Grace prepare to visit with people after the community wide prayer meeting for law enforcement on Tuesday night.

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Big Spring discusses its future

Marketing city's assets, infrastructure among topics

By **BILL MCCLELLAN**
News Editor

Re-directing economic development funds toward projects other than attracting industry, promoting Big Spring's assets, improving technology and cleaning up the city's appearance topped the list among almost a dozen items citizens discussed during a town hall meeting Tuesday night.

"I feel really good about what we've accomplished tonight," said Mayor Russ McEwen, after leading about 60 citizens through a two-hour discussion on setting priorities for the city's future.

Meeting at Dora Roberts Civic Center, the group



HERALD photos/Bill McClellan
Lee George, left, discusses the city's infrastructure as Terry Wegman, John Freeman and Bob Hill look on. Some 60 local citizens gathered for a town hall meeting Tuesday to discuss Big Spring's future. Below, Mayor Russ McEwen writes down a list of priorities the group addressed.

took a look at the city's 1995 master plan, in which community leaders listed the economy, parks, water and

water quality, schools, finance, quality of life and zoning as priorities. Through the course of the discussion, suggestions were made to add city infrastructure, youth, health care, housing, beautification, and annexation/de-annexation to the list. Those were eventually pared to five main topics: the feasibility of changing Moore Development for Big Spring's status to allow for broader-based use of funds; physical appearance, infrastructure, education and health care.

After meeting for about 35 minutes in six groups — each concentrating on a particular topic — citizens

A second town hall meeting has been scheduled for 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, June 5, at Bauer Magnet School.

were ready to comment. Most readily agreed that Big Spring needs to promote itself, and maybe something different than the familiar "Crossroads" area.

"The Crossroads of Texas is fine, but that doesn't particularly instill a sense of pride, or a sense of anything that would attract people to our community,"

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Community to assist in mock job fair

By **LYNDEL MOODY**
Staff Writer

The Federal Correctional Institute of Big Spring is holding a mock job fair on Thursday and close to 15 area business and local entities will be sending volunteers to assist with the event.



"This is the third mock job fair we have held and it is an opportunity for the inmates," said Vic Flournoy, executive assistant.

According to Flournoy, inmates have taken classes to prepare themselves to seek work after their release.

The prisoners will interview with "potential" employers to practice for seeking employment in the workforce after their release and to answer tough questions about being incarcerated.

The event is a part of an extensive local effort nationally endorsed by the Federal Bureau of Prisons, Offender Employment Program, which allows

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Carriers gather almost 6,200 pounds of food goods

By **CARL GRAHAM**
Staff Writer

Thanks to the generous donations of Big Spring residents, the West Texas Food Bank, at 1208 E. Third St., now has four full pallets full of canned goods in the amount of 6,193 pounds.

The food was collected Saturday in conjunction with the National Association of Letter Carriers (NALC) annual food drive. The non-perishable donations are left outside by residents' mailboxes and collected as letter carriers deliver the mail.

"This is our chance to give a little something back to the community," said project chairman Wayne

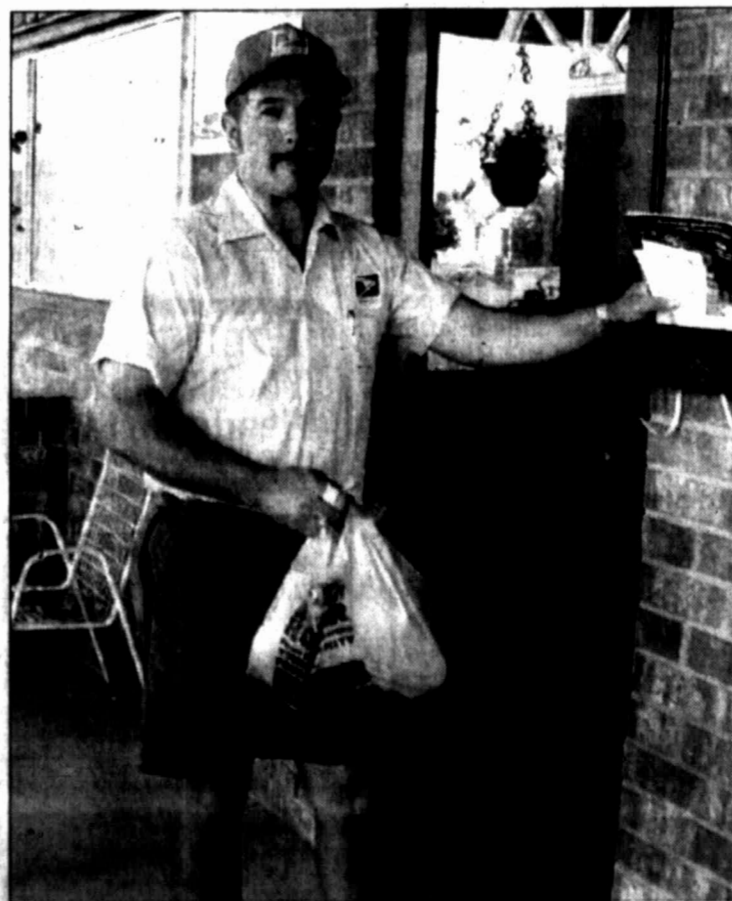
Barber during an earlier interview. "Last year we collected more than 6,500 pounds and we always strive to bring in more than the previous year."

Though this year the numbers weren't quite as great as last year, all the food that was collected will be put to good use, according to food bank supervisor Elizabeth Wallace.

"I really thought that we would be down considerably from last year due to so many activities going on," said Wallace. "This will still be enough to hold us over until the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays, which always put a strain on us. We certainly appreciate every single can that was collected."

Wallace said the food collected has already been sorted and put on pallets and stored for later distribution.

Jimmy Shanks, local let-



HERALD photo/Carl Graham
Big Spring letter carrier Jimmy Shanks was kept busy Saturday not only delivering mail but also picking up canned goods in the letter carriers' annual food drive. The carriers collected more than 6,100 pounds that will help replenish the West Texas Food Bank.

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OBITUARIES

Mary Ponder

Funeral service for Mary Ponder, 76, of Corpus Christi, formerly of Big Spring, is pending with Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Mrs. Ponder died Tuesday, May 15, 2001, at a hospital in Tomball.

Mae Nell Youts

Funeral service for Mae Nell Youts, 67, of Big Spring, is pending with Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Mrs. Youts died Tuesday, May 15, 2001, at a local hospital following a sudden illness.

PRAYER

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the whole time," he said. Les told the crowd that as law enforcement officers they are out there because they want to help people. He said that likewise, the residents of Comanche County came out to support him in a big way. "People were fighting to mow my lawn," he said. "There were so many people fighting to mow my lawn that they ended up mowing my neighbor's lawn." Les said at one time he and his wife, Marie, could not balance the checking account after the accident and found out people were depositing money in the couple's account anonymously.

Less does not look at his accident as a tragedy. "I see this as nothing but a tremendous blessing," he said. "God was so awesome in so many ways."

Paster Malcolm Pointon, chaplain for the Big Spring Police Department, asked the crowd to stand in silent prayer for 147 seconds for the 147 officers killed in the line of duty in Texas.

During the ceremony, DPS Trooper Kneel Stallings received the Angel Award. Stallings was involved in a traffic stop on U.S. Highway 87 in which the passenger of a vehicle allegedly drew a gun. Stallings fired his weapon, wounding the man. In April, a grand jury indicted the individual for aggravated assault of a peace officer. A trial is pending.

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said retired minister Carroll Kohl. "We need to market an image and a motto for our town."

"Promoting our assets is going to be a marketing challenge... but we have great facilities," said businessman Scott McLaughlin, who spoke for the group addressing the community's physical appearance. McLaughlin mentioned

the parks, museum, Moss Creek Lake, the city pool and other attractions.

"We feel like there are two things we need to address, one is unsightly areas that need to be cleaned up, and the other is promoting our assets," McLaughlin said.

One group studied a topic that has been discussed before, but hasn't been looked into in depth — that being changing Moore Development's status from what is known as 4A, to include 4B.

The 4A status allows the economic development board to use its tax dollars for job creation — basically attracting new industry and assisting current industry. The 4B status would allow it to spend funds more freely, such as toward rehabilitation of recreational facilities.

"If we can redirect some of that money to other projects, it will eventually make our community better able to attract some of that industry," noted attorney Ben Bancroft.

The group addressing infrastructure, led by local contractor Lee George, felt it was important the city has dedicated more funds toward water and sewer line replacement.

"That's changing from a reactive situation to proactive," said George.

Among the group's wide-ranging topics was also technology infrastructure.

"Four of us are adamant about high speed Internet access," said George. "We see it as important to get more proactive than reactive in that regard. We believe it is important."

Murray Murphy, deputy superintendent of Big Spring Independent School District, agreed. When it came time for the group on education to list its priorities, technology topped the list.

"We've got to have adequate technology and software with systematic upgrades, from pre-K through the college level," said Murphy.

Second under education was career training of youth to meet the needs of local businesses, followed by parental and community involvement in education. Fourth was the district's need to be accountable to the public and fifth was beautification of campuses.

Health care was one of the five groups, and those committee members said that projecting a better image and getting health care providers to work together were top priorities. However, because those entities are privately owned and apart from community control, the decision was eventually made to eliminate that as a key topic for the time being.

"There is such an incredible interrelation among all of these," said McEwen.

One topic that achieved some attention but was not among those listed was unity, with several individuals considering it a priority.

"We need to come together as a group of people," said Herald employee Chris Moore, who felt that more blacks and Hispanics should be encouraged to take part in the discussion.

While the meeting was open to everyone, only three blacks and two Hispanics attended. Moore's remarks brought similar responses from several other members in attendance.

"It's going to take a united city, each and every one of us. We have to invite people along," said Irene Bustamante, president of the Big Spring ISD Board of Trustees, who said she would address two largely Hispanic churches in effort to get more of the Hispanic population to participate.

Kevin Larpen, operations supervisor with

Energas, said that it might be important to meet at various locations in the city that would be more accessible or comfortable to minority groups.

It was decided that a second town hall meeting will be held at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, June 5, at Bauer Magnet Elementary School.

"What I envision is that we meet again in groups like this, but that people can choose which group they'd like to participate in," said McEwen. "I'm excited about getting this off the ground. I think we are headed in the right direction."

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inmates an opportunity to prepare themselves for employment once they are released, Flournoy said.

"The ultimate goal is to turn the inmates into productive, tax-paying citizens," he said.

Business and local entities participating are the Big Spring Herald, the Texas Workforce Commission, Harris Lumber & Hardware, VA Medical Center, KBST Radio, Churchillwell Insurance Agency, American State Bank and Allan's Furniture.

Scenic Mountain Medical Center, Alon USA, city of Big Spring, Texas Select, Howard College, Solitaire Manufactured Housing and Big Spring State Hospital are also participating.

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ter carrier, also wanted to thank everyone for their generosity.

"Though we were down slightly from last year we consider the drive another success," said Shanks. "We always enjoy doing this for the community and are looking forward to doing it again next year."

BRIEFS

AMERICAN LEGION POST 506 fish fry, Saturday, May 19th from 12-3 p.m. \$6 per plate. Carry out and delivery available. Everyone welcome. 3203 West Highway 80. 263-2084.

A CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION HISTORICAL book of the Big Spring Independent School district will be on sale at the BSISD administration building.

The 56-page book features the history of public schooling in Big Spring and is on sale for \$10. The book includes the history of sports programs, clubs and organizations, along with notable graduates and memorable faculty and staff.

Copies of the book can also be purchased at the Heritage Museum.

THE COAHOMA LIONS CLUB is planning its Annual City-Wide Garage Sale. If you would like to participate and have a garage sale on Saturday, May 19th in Coahoma, register by calling Irene at 394-4424 or stop by the Little Sooper Market. Deadline is Wednesday, May 16th. The fee will be the same as always - \$15.

FORSAN ISD KINDERGARTEN ROUNDUP If you have a child that will be 5 years old on or before Sept. 1, 2001, and will attend Elbow Elementary School, please preregister

A BIG SPRING AROUND THE TOWN

your child as soon as possible for the 2001-2002 school year. You may preregister Monday-Friday between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. in the Elbow Elementary Office.

FUND RAISING EVENT FOR Ross Rhoton who is competing in the Down Under International Games in Australia. The event will be at East Fourth Baptist Church at 12:15 p.m., May 20. The menu will be prepared by Ming Taylor, a real Chinese chef, and will include Broccoli and Beef, Walnut Chicken, Egg Rolls, Egg Drop Soup and Fried Rice. The cost is \$5 for adults and \$2.50 for children 12 and under. Please call the church office by May 19.

A LIFEGUARD CERTIFICATION COURSE will be held May 18-20 at the Big Spring Family YMCA, 801 Owens. Fee is \$130 per person. First Aid and CPR certifications are included in fee. Instructor is Harlan Smith. Participants must be 16 years old and able to swim 500 yards. Class registration is limited to 12 people.

SUPPORT GROUPS

TODAY •Gamblers Anonymous, 7 p.m., St. Stephen's Catholic Church, room 1, 4601 Neeley, Midland. Call 263-8920. •Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, 8 p.m. 12 and 12 study.

THURSDAY •Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon open meeting. •Al-Anon support group, 8 p.m., 615 Settles.

FRIDAY •Turning Point A.A., 8-9:30 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 10th and Goliad. Open to all substance abusers. •AA, 615 Settles, noon open meeting and 8 p.m. Big Book Study. •NA 8 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 1001 Goliad. Call 268-4189 (paper no.).

•Al-Anon support group, noon, 615 Settles. •Family support group for current and former patients and their families, 1 p.m. weekly, Reflections Unit of Scenic Mountain Medical Center. Call Beverly Grant, 263-0074.

MARKETS

Table with market data including AT&T, Archer-Daniels, Atmos Energy, BP PLC ADR, Chevron Corp, Compaq, Dell, Du Pont, Exxon Mobil, Halliburton, IFCO Systems, IBM, Intel Corp, NUV, Patterson Ener, Pepsico Inc, Phillips Petro, SBC Comms, Sears Roebuck, Texaco Inc, Texas Instrument, TXU, Total Fina.

TEXAS LOTTERY

Table with lottery results: Unocal Corp 38.5 + 4, Wal-Mart 51.51 - 49, Wal-Mart/Mexico 24.3 - 24.8, AMCAP 17.48 + 20.3, Europacific 30.28 + 13, Prime Rate 7.5 %, Gold 268.20-270.85, Silver 4.30-4.37

PICK 3: 6,8,6
CASH 5: 1,7,13,18,35

SHERIFF

The Howard County Sheriff's Office reported the following activities between noon Saturday through 8 a.m. today:

• JAMES HEADRICK, 29, of 1301 Lindbergh, was arrested on revocation of probation. (HCSO)

• KEVIN RODRIQUEZ, 18, of 501 Aylesford, was arrested on charges of evading arrest. (BSPD)

• MICHAEL ALLEN GARZA, 18, of 1110 Johnson, was arrested on charges of assault/family violence. (BSPD)

• DAVID SANCHEZ CASARES, 33, of 803 E. 14th Street, was arrested on a charge of driving while intoxicated. (BSPD)

• CHRISTA BURNETT TIBBETS, 51, of 508 Donley, was arrested on a charge of driving while intoxicated. (BSPD)

• LITTLE BUSTER LAWRENCE, 24, of 4204 Dixon, was arrested on a charge of driving while license suspended. (DPS)

POLICE

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

• ROBERT MATA JR., 19, of 3710 Connally, was arrested on a Howard County warrant.

• SOCORRA L. MATA, 43, of 3710 Connally, was arrested on a Howard County warrant.

• MICHAEL DON FULBRIGHT, 37, of 300 NE 12th Street, was arrested on charges of driving while intoxicated, 2nd offense, possession of marijuana and no liability insurance.

• MIGUEL DIAZ, 20, of 900 Rannels, was arrested on local warrants. • CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported in the 900 block of E. 14th and in the 1200 block of Lamar.

• ASSAULT/FAMILY VIOLENCE was reported in the 900 block of E. 14th. • ASSAULT was reported in the 1500 block of Gregg.

• BURGLARY OF A MOTOR VEHICLE was reported in the 700 block of N. Owens. • THEFT was reported in the 1100 block of Gregg.

• CRIMINAL TRESPASS was reported in the 200 block of Lancaster. • STACY WINFIELD, 21, of 709 W. Seventh, was arrested on a charge of assault on a public servant.

• KENNETH EUGENE COLEY, 17, of 610 Edwards, was arrested on a charge of possession of marijuana, less than two ounces and no driver's license and no insurance.

• TERRY WAYNE HARRIS, 46, of Amarillo, was arrested on a charge of driving while intoxicated and was arrested for a Lubbock County warrant.

• ERIK BRYAN SELLERS, 18, of 404 W. Sixth, was arrested on a charge of driving while license suspended.

• JOHN FIERRO, 23, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.

• TIMOTHY REED, 31, of Amarillo, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.

• CHRISTA TIBBETS, 51, of 508 Donley, was arrested on a charge of driving while intoxicated.

• DAVID CASARES, 33, of 803 14th, was arrested on a charge of driving while intoxicated.

• DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE was reported in the 700 block of E. 16th, in the 1800 block of Hamilton, in the 2600 block of Ent, in the 1500 S. Scurry, 1500 block of Kentucky and the 1100 block of Sycamore.

• DISTURBANCE/FIGHT was reported in the 1400 block of Bluebird.

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following weekend summary:

ASSAULT, 4
ASSAULT—family/violence, 1

AGGRAVATED ASSAULT, 1
BURGLARY OF A MOTOR VEHICLE, 2
CRIMINAL MISCHIEF, 9
DRIVING WHILE INTOXICATED, 9
EVADING ARREST, 1
RUNWAY (returned), 1
THEFT, 9

Convenience Stores, 9
Gas, 8
ARRESTS, 10
ACCIDENTS, 5
Major, 1

FIRE/EMS

The following is a summary of the Big Spring Fire Department and EMS:

5:11 a.m. — 4200 block of Calvin, medical call, one patient transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

7:55 a.m. — 7000 block of East I-20, trauma call, one patient transported to SMMC.

8:41 a.m. — 3200 block of Parkway, medical call, one patient transported to SMMC.

9:21 a.m. — 1000 block of Stadium, medical call, one patient transported to SMMC.

11:05 a.m. — 6200 block of East I-20, medical call, one patient transported to SMMC.

1:21 p.m. — 2900 block of West Hwy 80, medical call, one patient transported to SMMC.

1:26 p.m. — 500 block of South Main, trauma call, service refused.

5:50 p.m. — 3200 block of Parkway, medical call, one patient transported to SMMC.

2:30 p.m. — 800 block of West 18th, public service.

Nailey-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home and Crematory 906 Gregg St. (915) 267-8331 www.npwelch.com

MYERS & SMITH FUNERAL HOME & CHAPEL 24th & Johnson 267-8288 Mae Nell Youts, 67, died Tuesday. Services are pending. Mary Ponder, 76, died Tuesday. Services are pending.

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Labor-rights group: Nike not living up to its 1998 promises

BEAVERTON, Ore. (AP) — Three years ago, Nike chairman Phil Knight stood before the National Press Club and told the world he was so tired of labor-rights groups criticizing the athletic shoe company he founded that he was going to personally make sure conditions improved at Nike factories around the world.

Knight has fallen short of his promises, according to a 105-page report released Wednesday by the Global Exchange.

"During the last three years, Nike has continued to treat the sweatshop issue as a public relations inconvenience rather than as a serious human rights matter," said Leila Salazar, corporate accountability director for the San Francisco-based labor-rights organization.

Knight discounted the report, saying Nike has done more than any other corporation in the industry to make sure workers are

treated fairly. Knight said, the company has promoted globalization of its work force as a way to lift wages in many countries.

"I think we've made significant strides, and I'm proud of what the company's done over the last three years," Knight said. "It may take a while longer, but I do think it will be understood that Nike is a good citizen in all countries."

The report by the Global Exchange cited promises Knight made during a May 12, 1998, speech. Among them:

- All Nike shoe factories would meet U.S. Occupational Health and Safety Administration indoor air quality standards.
- The minimum age would be raised to 18 for Nike shoe factories, 16 for clothing factories.
- Nike would include non-governmental organizations in factory monitoring.

Probe begins after runaway train stopped

KENTON, Ohio (AP) — A train rumbled through farm fields and cities, traveling nearly 70 miles with no one at the controls before Jon Hosfeld sprinted alongside the front car, jumped aboard and brought the wayward locomotive to a halt.

The CSX Transportation employee's daring effort Tuesday came as authorities blocked traffic and made preparations in case the train carrying hazardous liquids derailed. The train stayed on the tracks, and no one was hurt.

"My adrenaline was

pumping," Hosfeld, a 31-year CSX employee, told The Washington Post. But "I didn't lose my focus. ... I got a wife and daughter, and I don't want to do anything foolish."

The 47-car train hit speeds of 46 mph as it rolled through northwest Ohio. Workers managed to hook an engine on the back of the runaway train and slow it down to about 10 mph. It was near Kenton, about 55 miles northwest of Columbus, when Hosfeld climbed on board, authorities said.

"I knew we had to come

up with a plan and we had to make immediate action," he said Wednesday morning on ABC's "Good Morning America."

"We did have a great team effort."

Kathleen Burns, a CSX spokeswoman, said the company's investigators planned to head to Toledo on Wednesday for a thorough inquiry. The National Transportation Safety Board and the Federal Railroad Administration are also investigating.

CSX is not sure how or why the train left the rail yard. The train was being

assembled on a local track in CSX's Stanley facility, near Toledo. It was then supposed to be moved to a departure track in order to be taken to a nearby Norfolk Southern yard.

Several witnesses saw the train leaving and alerted CSX officials.

The Hancock County Sheriff's Department initially believed the engineer on board had suffered a heart attack. Authorities later said no one was aboard.

Twenty-five cars were empty and 22 were loaded with freight, mainly paper and lumber, CSX said.

Judge rules arts funding decision unconstitutional

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — The city acted unconstitutionally when it withheld \$62,000 in grants from a cultural arts group that sponsored a gay and lesbian film festival and other events, a federal judge has ruled.

In an 85-page decision released Tuesday, U.S. District Judge Orlando Garcia said the city's 1997 decision punished the Esperanza Peace and Justice Center for exercising its right to free speech.

"We have triumphed

today in the belly of the beast," Esperanza representatives said in a statement.

Attorneys for the nonprofit center argued the city of San Antonio cut off funding because of the group's viewpoints and pressure from residents who opposed promoting a gay lifestyle.

Mayor Howard Peak said he didn't think Esperanza qualified as an arts organization and the city chose not to give it money because of limited funds.

"I don't see anything

wrong with that," Peak said. "It's not an annual entitlement. It's a competitive allocation with no guarantees."

Funds for most arts groups were cut 15 percent in September 1997, but Esperanza was cut off completely. The group had been receiving money for seven years.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Thursday, May 17, :

You often sort through confusing information and make sense of what others cannot. Luck surrounds finances and communication. You become a lot happier as the year progresses, and you manage to enjoy your day-to-day life. Focus on your goals, and you'll make them realities. If single, broaden your circle of friends, especially after July. In the next year, you'll meet someone very special. If attached, treat your loved one to something he has wanted for a long time. A trip proves to be unusually rewarding in late 2001 or in 2002. Start planning! Count on PISCES.

The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

*** Knowing when to say nothing is as important a skill as speaking well. Often, the Ram expresses his fervor through his words. Minor misunderstandings and mishaps mark interactions. Play it safe. Don't enthusiastically throw yourself into the stream of events. Tonight: Run on home and turn on your answering machine.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

**** You might have to backpedal some if you are intent on having things work out your way. Explore options in a meeting, encouraging diversity of opinions. With this attitude, you hop on the bus to success. Others seek you out. Give 100 percent. Tonight: Respond to another's request.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

*** As friendly as you are, you might want to hold back, as others misinterpret your words and actions. Think all you want, but keep observations to yourself. As a result, everyone will be happier. What a boss requests must be delivered with a smile. Tonight: Work as late as needed. (And keep smiling.)

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

**** See what others don't by deciding to become an observer and not a player. Detach more. Think of your moods as the swings of a pendulum, knowing they will pass. As a result, excellent communication develops later in the day. Claim your power. Tonight: A fantasy break. Rent a sci-fi movie.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

**** Manifest a favorite Leonine quality of loyalty to a partner who could be off-kilter. Your indulgence

comes back in multiples. Schedule a meeting, knowing what it is you are aiming for. You help ground others who slip left and right. Others turn to you. Tonight: Make nice.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

**** Let others call the shots if you sense that you are off-kilter. Carefully review a situation that involves others. Remember, you can stall or ask for extra time. Others might be spontaneous, but you don't have to be. They respect your tenacity and questioning. Tonight: Accept a dinner invitation.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

**** Your perspective isn't the only one. Sometimes another might not understand how you proceed. You might want to explain. Questioning and brainstorming with others lead to financial success and confidence. Tonight: Clear out as much work as possible.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

**** Your creativity and ingenuity take you far. Others don't have this reserve of imagination. Pressure builds between you and a partner regard-

ing finances. Find a way to agree with each other. Add more playfulness to your life. Tonight: Start your weekend early.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

**** Your thoughts surround your domestic life or a potential real estate investment. Still, someone might not be giving you the whole story. Don't hesitate to question him. Your sixth sense emerges as you deal with associates. Nurture others. Tonight: Order in.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

**** How you deliver your message will have a lot to do with others' responses, and ultimately with the quality of your day. Though always practical, cloaking a hot topic in velvet will eventually serve you. Toss away bluntness and you'll gain. Tonight: Enjoy a flirtatious friend.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

*** Take a strong stand financially and you'll gain. Someone might normally intimidate you, but not anymore. Pat yourself on the back for establishing stronger boundaries. Focus on security and the long

term. Family responds to a request. Tonight: Clear out errands.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

**** Consider taking a stronger stand with someone close to you. Confusion surrounds the home front. What another says might not be what he means. Use your ability to discuss and open up problems. Tonight:

Whatever makes you smile.

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OTHER VIEWS

City planning group needs your support

We've always been impressed with the ability of Big Spring citizens to get things done. Work over the past few years to clean up the downtown area, recent completion of the airport terminal, reconstruction of the swimming pool, a proactive step by the city to replace water lines throughout the community — these are a few examples.

Tuesday night, a group of about 60 citizens met to take the enhancement of Big Spring a step further. By identifying some areas to study more closely — the feasibility of using economic development tax dollars more diversely, the physical appearance of our city, infrastructure and education — the group hopes to set some goals toward making our community a better and more progressive place in which to live and visit.

While we were pleased with the turnout on a night which had several other major events going on, we hope that those who couldn't attend or who haven't shown an interest will do so in the future.

A second meeting has been scheduled for 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, June 5, at Bauer Magnet Elementary. At that meeting, as in the one held Tuesday, citizens will break up into groups to help prioritize areas to focus on. They'll be looking to set goals and studying ways to implement them.

Most of those who attended Tuesday's forum left with a feeling of pride about our community and a willingness to see it prosper. That spirit and unity are necessary if we are to promote our community as a place to have fun, be educated and conduct business.

It is our sincere wish that every member of the Big Spring community take part in these discussions. Each of us has ideas; each of us has talents. It would be a shame for anyone's opinion to go unheard, or talent be unused.

We hope you'll mark your calendar for June 5 and take part in the very important planning of our city's future.

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John Ashcroft's First Amendment rights

John Ashcroft's Pentecostal Christian faith makes some people uncomfortable.

You could feel it in the way some senators gingerly danced around the issue when Ashcroft was nominated to be attorney general.

Although they didn't always say so directly, some of Ashcroft's critics implied that because of his deep faith, he might not be fit to serve in the cabinet.

"He would be charged with upholding and fully enforcing the constitutional rights and liberties of faith groups that he clearly judges to be wrong and in need of correction," worried one liberal critic during Ashcroft's difficult confirmation battle. And the criticism hasn't abated since.

Now, Ashcroft's faith has sparked the attention of the Washington Post, which recently devoted a front-page article to the attorney general's daily bible study

group. "Bible sessions with staffers draw questions and criticism," warned the Post.

It seems Ashcroft holds an informal session in his office or a nearby conference room each morning, before work, where participants discuss Scripture. The meetings are open to whoever wants to attend. While most attendees are evangelical Christians, like Ashcroft, at least one is an Orthodox Jew, who says "growing up in the circle I did, I didn't have a chance to study other religions, so it's very educational to me."

So why is this informal Bible study group front-page news? Apparently some Justice Department employees aren't happy their boss is exercising his faith at work. One anonymous critic told the Post, "It strikes me and a lot of others as offensive, disrespectful and unconstitutional. ... It at least blurs the line, and it probably crosses it."

Now mind you, the attorney general hasn't mandated attendance at these sessions, and most of his top aides have never attended. Nor has he sent out an agency notice on the meetings, which might be

viewed by some as applying official pressure to attend. But just as some folks get to work a little early to sit around the cafeteria over coffee while they discuss the previous night's basketball game or "Sopranos" episode, Ashcroft and his fellow Bible students meet to "read, argue, memorize and pray."

Surely Ashcroft's activities are protected by the First Amendment. Do his critics really mean to forbid cabinet officials — or any government employee — from praying on the job if they choose, or doing so in the presence of others, so long as it is voluntary? Or is prayer permissible only if it's silent? Or done when no one else is in the room?

I'm sure none of the people criticizing Ashcroft would like to think that their attitude toward the attorney general is in any way motivated by religious bigotry. But I'm not so sure. It's hard to imagine that anyone would be exercised if the attorney general were running a little transcendental meditation group before work each morning, but somehow the thought that he might be discussing Mosaic law or Christ's dictum to "Love

thy neighbor as thyself," sends shivers down the spines of some.

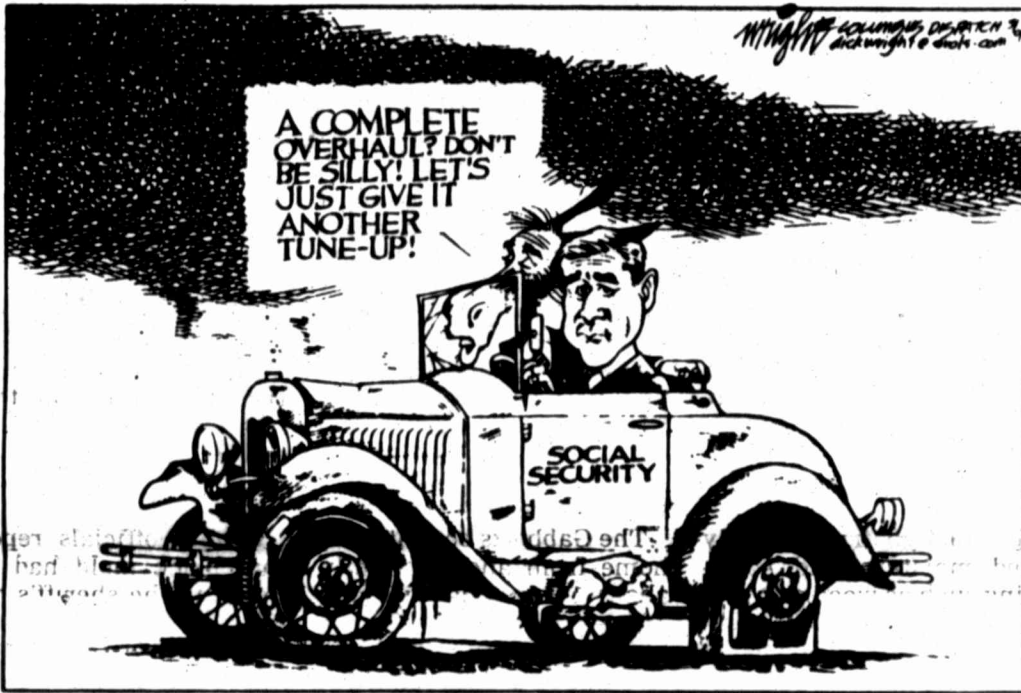
The fact is, Ashcroft's overt religiosity unnerves secularists, and even those Christians and other believers who think religion belongs in church, or perhaps at home, but never in the workplace. But for the very devout — whether they be Christian, Jew, Muslim, Sikh or Buddhist — their religion permeates all they do. For some, it affects the way they dress. For others, the way they speak. For all, the way they behave. Should we force them to hide their light under a bushel?

It's no less wrong to forbid pious persons from attending devotional meetings on their own time than it would be to require the non-religious to attend such services. The free exercise clause of the First Amendment guarantees both groups — and everyone in between — the right to practice as much or as little religion, and in whatever manner, as they see fit.

The attorney general didn't give up his First Amendment rights when he took his oath of office, and it would be dangerous to expect him to do so.



LINDA CHAVEZ



Cruising with Anahuac Jack

I was in the city hall at Anahuac the other day and saw a guy wearing camouflage clothing and wading boots. He looked like an interesting character, so I struck up a conversation with him. He calls himself Anahuac Jack. He is a historian, guide, naturalist, alligator hunter and owner of a schooner that once belonged to Bill McCoy, whose illegal hooch had a special taste.

When customers sampled it, they said "It's the real McCoy." Anahuac says he hopes to restore the schooner someday.

He lives in a modest cabin on a strip of land adjacent to the Trinity river, one of the main entrances to Texas years ago. He has been on the coast since coming down 30 years ago from his home in Oklahoma. He worked as a ferry operator, hauling people back and forth to oil rigs out in the Gulf.

"I take people out in canoes and show them the river and the wildlife

around here. It's kind of a sedate, quiet getaway for them, especially if they come during the week. Weekends sometimes get crowded."

One of the favorite birds people come down to see is the Roseate Spoonbill. It's the color of a flamingo, but has iridescent plumage and a bill shaped like a spoon. "I can take people to a place where they nest. In the mornings you can see a whole tree full of them."

Mostly, people go to Anahuac to see alligators. The city has a gatorfest in the fall that attracts people from all over Texas and Louisiana. People bring in alligators to be measured and sold. The longest ones are around 17 feet.

"We've got roughly 75,000 alligators in this county. That's about three times the number of people who live here."

A large bull alligator lives in the water right in front of his cabin. "During the mating season in late April and May, that alligator bellows real loud. His whole body comes completely out of the water. He lifts both his tail and his mouth and makes a sound so loud tree leaves shake. It's a pretty awesome thing to hear and see.

He makes all the water and everything around him vibrate. It's pretty interesting.

"It'll make the hair stand straight out on the back of your neck. It's just part of their mating system. I've been around alligators for a long time and when I hear a big one like that, I get just a little bit of a chill. These creatures go back thousands of years. If there's anything prehistoric that's still with us today, it's the alligator."

He says alligators are smart, curious and react to all kinds of stimuli. He takes people on alligator hunts during the September hunting season. They are after the big bulls, which are not much good as far as breeding goes because they kill females and eat their young.

"An alligator will eat just about anything alive that's smaller than he is. An alligator judges its prey according to size. If you ever get in a situation where you have an alligator charge, you want to stand up and stick your hands in the air as high as you can, because the bigger you look, the less likely he is to eat you."



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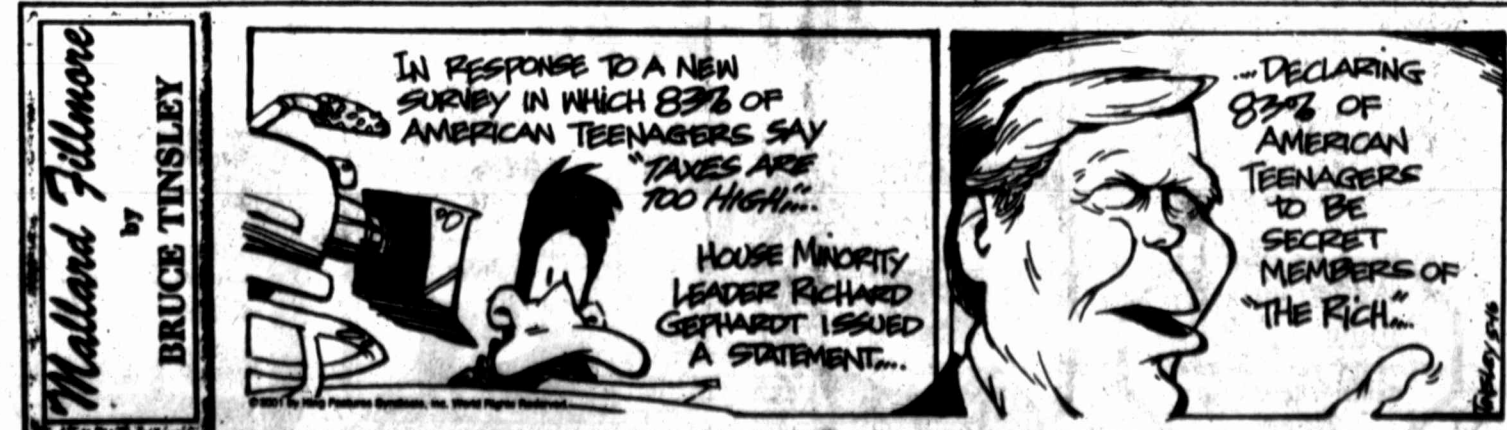
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Parents to be

The Texas Extension Services Texas Department of Health will present a parent workshop on the Research and Extension Center, 7887 US Hwy 87 North in San Angelo. The workshop will begin at 8:15 a.m., and conclude at 4:15 p.m.

Continuing education credits will be available. The goal of this is to support parents equipping parents from multiple teaching parents of your birth to age 3.

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Parenting workshop to be offered by TDH

The Texas Agricultural Extension Service and the Texas Department of Health will present a six hour parent education workshop on June 21, at the Research and Extension Center, 7887 US Hwy 87 North in San Angelo. The workshop will begin at 8:15 a.m., and conclude at 4:15 p.m. Continuing education credits will be available.



Dana Tarter

The goal of the workshop is to support families by equipping parent educators from multiple agencies in teaching parenting skills to parents of young children, birth to age 3. The objectives of the workshop include: to provide parenting information, to demonstrate facilitator techniques, and to encourage networking between educators and agencies.

Topics covered during the six hour training include child development and age appropriate activities, parenting, communication, discipline and self-esteem, health and safety, preventative health care and illness care, nutrition

and facilitation of parenting education activities. The training is open to anyone interested and is especially targeted to parent educators, professionals and para-professionals in health and social services, child care providers, teachers who work with young children and their families.

Registration for the Parent Education workshop is \$12 an additional \$10 is required for those requesting CEU credits. Registration information is available by calling or stopping by the Howard County Extension office, (915)264-2236, basement of the Howard County Courthouse or by calling the Tom Green County Extension office (915)659-6527.

Registration and fees are due to the Tom Green County Extension office no later than June 7th. Extension programs serve people of all ages regardless of socioeconomic level, race color, sex, religion, disability or national origin.

We will seek to provide reasonable accommodations for all persons with disabilities for this meeting.

It is requested that you contact the Tom Green County Extension office as soon as possible to advise of the auxiliary aid or service that you will require.

Recess victim of crowded school day?

PASADENA, Md. (AP) — As classmates pecked at computer keyboards on a recent Friday afternoon, George Gunther, a blue-eyed first-grader with a large alligator on his T-shirt, sat gazing at the sunshine outside.

"If I could, I'd stay out the whole day," he whispered, his feet dangling in oversized running shoes.

But George and his classmates at Bodkin Elementary School, half an hour south of Baltimore, don't get outside much. They work straight through to lunch most days, when they get a short break. Then it's back to class until after 3 o'clock.

Harsh as it sounds, that's not unusual. As schools increase academic demands and fret over playground fights and unstructured time, the traditional elementary school recess is losing out. School districts across the nation are simply keeping students at their desks, and that worries some parents and child development experts. Young children, they say, need breaks from work and increased physical activity.

Swinging on monkey bars or trading baseball cards may seem out of place in school, but child development experts say recess performs an important role: It allows children to choose something they like to do, to excel physically and to indulge in pretend play — all of which tend to get squeezed out in increasing-

ly structured schooldays. Development experts also say recess allows potentially hyperactive children to blow off steam, while giving teachers a chance to see pupils' social isolation that might not be apparent in the classroom.

Lauren Kincaid, a parent of two elementary school children in Omaha, Neb., got so worked up four years ago when she learned recess wasn't part of her first-grader's school day — he got a five- to eight-minute break at lunch — that she formed a group that fought to get it back.

"I noticed that my son would come home and just absolutely fall apart," she said. "He was exhausted; he was wound up; he was angry."

Last January, Kincaid and other parents finally persuaded the school district to establish a policy encouraging schools to take 30-minute lunch breaks with a minimum recess of 15 minutes. Now Kincaid's group is trying to get the lunchtime break extended to 40 minutes.

"It's not a surprise that kids are growing up to be fat, sedentary adults," she said.

"I hear it over and over and over again," said Chip Wood, a Massachusetts consultant who helps teachers find time during their schooldays for their pupils to play. "They're scared that they won't be able to fit

everything in." Wood said schools eliminate recess to be able to report more "time on task," or minutes spent on academics.

While no research exists on how many school districts are cutting recess, Wood and others said parent and teacher complaints are on the rise nationwide. School districts — among them Atlanta, Chicago and Detroit — are making recess optional or eliminating it. In Atlanta, they've even built a few elementary schools without playgrounds.

"We haven't had recess in years," said Spencer Ragsdale, spokesman for DeKalb County schools in suburban Atlanta. "This is one thing we don't have any wiggle room on. They say this is the way it's going to be, and we say, 'Fine.'"

State academic requirements have given way to a virtual recess-free zone in the district's 82 elementary schools: the 97,000 pupils don't even get a play period after lunch. They simply file back to class.

In Virginia, fears that tough new state standards were driving schools to cut recess prompted the state school board to write "a daily recess" into its accred-

itation standards. In Anne Arundel County, Md., none of the 30,000 first-through fifth-graders, including young George Gunther, enjoys a traditional morning recess. State and local academic requirements squeezed that out long ago.

George and his classmates seem to have adjusted.

"I'm used to it," said Natalie Shina, an effervescent 7-year-old who gets her run-around time after school. But she confided that six hours in class can be hard on a kid.

"Sometimes I would be like, 'When's the day going to be over?'" she said, rolling her eyes.

Ken Nichols, a county instructional director, said parents don't complain about the lack of recess, which he said cuts down on playground injuries and conflicts.

Child development experts bristle at the notion.

"I don't believe you can keep kids on task all day," said Olga Jarrett, a professor of early child education at Georgia State University.

She and others point to research showing that children who get vigorous exercise during their school day perform better academically.

Black mold strikes even in dry West Texas

LUBBOCK (AP) — In usually dry West Texas, a potentially fatal black mold has forced at least 19 families to evacuate their homes and move into hotel rooms.

Ashley Gabbert has lived at the Residence Inn with her husband and three children for three months since they discovered their Lubbock home was caked with black stachybotrys mold.

The estimate to rid the home of the mold is \$58,000, Gabbert said. "It's kind of stressful but we're trying to make the best of it," she said.

The mold's potential health effects range from cold- and allergy-like symptoms to skin rashes, inflammation of the respiratory tract, bloody noses, fever, headaches, malaise, neurological problems and suppression of the immune system.

A particularly rainy year

has caused stachybotrys outbreaks in some Southern states.

Stachybotrys mold is not rare, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in Atlanta, but the CDC has no accurate information on how often it is found in homes and other buildings.

Molds of any type, including stachybotrys, simply need moisture and something such as wood or paper to grow on, said Dr. David Straus, a microbiologist at Texas Tech University and an expert on indoor air pollution caused by molds.

"The molds don't care where the water comes from," he said. "A leaky roof can do it. It can be a high water table. All that matters is that building materials get wet. It doesn't matter if it's in a desert or the most humid place on earth."

He said stachybotrys cases

are not on the rise, but local media reports have heightened awareness of the problem.

Black mold has been found across the country on university and school campuses, in courthouses and fire stations, even in a day-care center under construction for children of U.S. Senate employees.

The Gabberts bought their home from another family about 18 months ago, just after Ashley Gabbert became pregnant with her now 10-month-old son. She took headache medication nearly every day and wonders whether she and her child suffered ill effects from the mold.

Her 2-year-old son has been hospitalized twice with respiratory problems.

She said she and the older son feel much better now that she's not breathing in mold spores. "It's been probably a

month since I've taken a Tylenol," Gabbert said Monday. The family may stay at the hotel for four more months.

Above normal rainfall in many parts of West Texas in recent months, on top of heavy snowfall last winter, could have raised the region's water table, Straus said.

County officials reported that black mold had been found in the sheriff's office in April. Eight county employees had to be relocated.

To rid a home of the mold, the source of the moisture first must be eliminated. The mold then must be removed using a bleach-like solution and all the damaged materials — sometimes including walls, ceilings and carpets — must be torn out and replaced.

In Gabbert's case, wood framing must be cleaned and treated with a sealant.

Number of children dying from heart defects dropping

DALLAS (AP) — The number of children dying from congenital heart defects in the United States has decreased dramatically over the past two decades, a study found.

Researchers studying death certificates nationwide from 1979 to 1997 found that deaths from heart defects among people of all ages declined 39 percent during the period, from 2.5 per 100,000 population in 1979 to 1.5 per 100,000 population in 1997.

Deaths fell especially sharply among children under 5. For example, the number of deaths among infants in 1995 to 1997 was half that recorded in 1979 to 1981.

The drop is probably due

to improved diagnosis, better surgical techniques and advances in intensive care, said Dr. Lorenzo D. Botto, one of the study's authors.

"We found a quite impressive decline in mortality over 20 years," said Botto, medical epidemiologist at the National Center on Birth Defects and Developmental Disabilities in Atlanta.

The researchers found that fewer youngsters died from congenital heart defects even though just as many children were born with the problem.

However, Botto said heart anomalies remain a major cause of infant death. He noted that in the last three years of the study period, one in 10 deaths of children

age 1 and younger was associated with a heart anomaly.

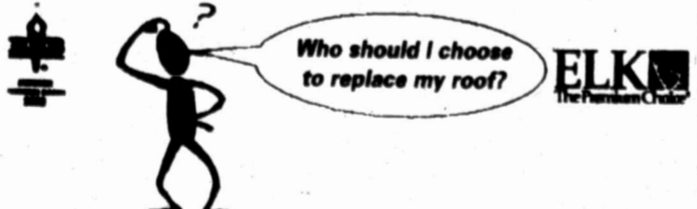
Why such defects occur is not known, but scientists believe that a combination of genetic and environmental factors is responsible.

Dr. David Fixler, professor of pediatrics at University of Texas

Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas, said better dissemination of new techniques and drug treatments through scientific journals and conferences also helped reduce deaths.

The study was published in the American Heart Association journal Circulation.

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IN BRIEF

Stephanie Stone

named All-Conference

Stephanie Stone, a member of the 1996 Coahoma Bulldogette state runner-up team was named to the Red River All-Conference team for the second consecutive year.

Stone, who pitches and plays first base, was also named the team's Most Valuable Player for the third time in four years.

BSHS swimmers

honored at banquet

Doug Willberg and Heidi Robinson received the Outstanding Male and Female Swimmer of the Year award at the Big Spring High School swim team annual banquet Monday.

Willberg, Will Liggett, Cody Clark, Michael Carrasco, Josh Pike and Mark Sheedy received awards as members of the All State Swim Team for their performances in the 200 Medley Relay and the 400 Free Relay at the 4A University Interscholastic State Swimming and Diving Championship in Austin. Liggett also received the Outstanding Freshman Swimmer Award.

BSHS baseball

banquet slated

The baseball banquet has been scheduled for 7 p.m. Monday at the junior high cafeteria.

Tickets are \$5/plate for booster club families and \$10/plate for non-members.

The banquet is for all high school baseball players and their families.

Meals will be provided for all baseball players.

RSVP required. For more information call Jim Clements at 267-1069.

BSHS girls' booster

club meeting slated

There will be a booster club meeting at 6:30 p.m. Thursday at the Athletic Training Center.

All incoming freshman parents are welcome to attend.

For more information contact Dan Arista at 264-3662.

Benefit golf tourney

at country club

There will be a two-man low-ball golf tournament at the Big Spring Country Club at 1 p.m. (shotgun start) Saturday and Sunday.

The tournament will benefit the Big Spring High School golf team.

There is a \$60 entry fee plus golf cart, (private carts are welcome).

For more information call 267-5354.

Steer boys' hoops

camp slated for June

The Big Spring Steers' coaching staff will be hosting a boys' basketball camp beginning June 4-7 for players completing first through eighth grade.

The cost is \$45 and each camper will receive a free t-shirt and certificate.

The camp will run from 1-4:30 p.m. daily at the Steer Gym.

For more information contact Brian Ellington at 264-3648.

ON THE AIR

Radio

H.S. PLAYOFFS

5:40 p.m. — Texas Rangers, KBST 1490 A.M.

Television

NBA PLAYOFFS

7 p.m. — Conference Semifinals, Game 5, Toronto Raptors at Philadelphia Sixers, TNT, Ch. 28.

NHL PLAYOFFS

6 p.m. — Conference Finals, Game 2, Colorado Avalanche at St. Louis Blues, ESPN, Ch. 30.

Delgado goes deep, leads Toronto past Angels, 9-3

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

When Carlos Delgado homers in a game, it usually means another one is coming.

Delgado hit two home runs Tuesday night to help the Toronto Blue Jays snap a six-game losing streak with a 9-3 win over the Anaheim Angels.

Delgado, who leads the AL with 16 homers, has five multihome games this season and four one-homer games.

"He's one of the premier hitters in the game," manager Buck Martinez said. "We have seen this so often already this year. Once he gets in a groove, he can string together some pretty awesome games. And when

he gets hot, he can carry a team for a long time."

Delgado hit a two-run shot off Ismael Valdes in the fourth and a leadoff homer against Lou Pote in the seventh.

"When Carlos is swinging the bat good, they have to throw me more strikes," said Raul Mondesi, who also homered for Toronto. "So I'm trying to be patient and look for a good pitch to hit."

In other AL games, it was Oakland 3, New York 2; Seattle 4, Chicago 3; Boston 5, Minnesota 2; Cleveland 8, Texas 6; Baltimore 11, Detroit 3; and Kansas City 6, Tampa Bay 2.

Chris Michalak (4-2) allowed one run and four hits in seven innings

after being staked to an 8-0 lead at Anaheim. He didn't allow a run until on a two-out homer in the seventh by rookie David Eckstein.

It was Michalak's first win since April 18. He won his first three starts before the Angels ended that streak with a 4-1 triumph on April 28.

"It's been some time in between wins, but that's going to happen in baseball," he said. "The only thing I can do is try to be consistent every time out, and hopefully the wins will take care of themselves."

In his previous outing, Michalak had surrendered six earned runs — as many as he did during his four starts in April combined.

Valdes (2-3) allowed seven runs

and 11 hits in six innings. All seven runs came with two outs.

"When you don't have your good stuff, you have to figure out a way to get hitters out," Valdes said.

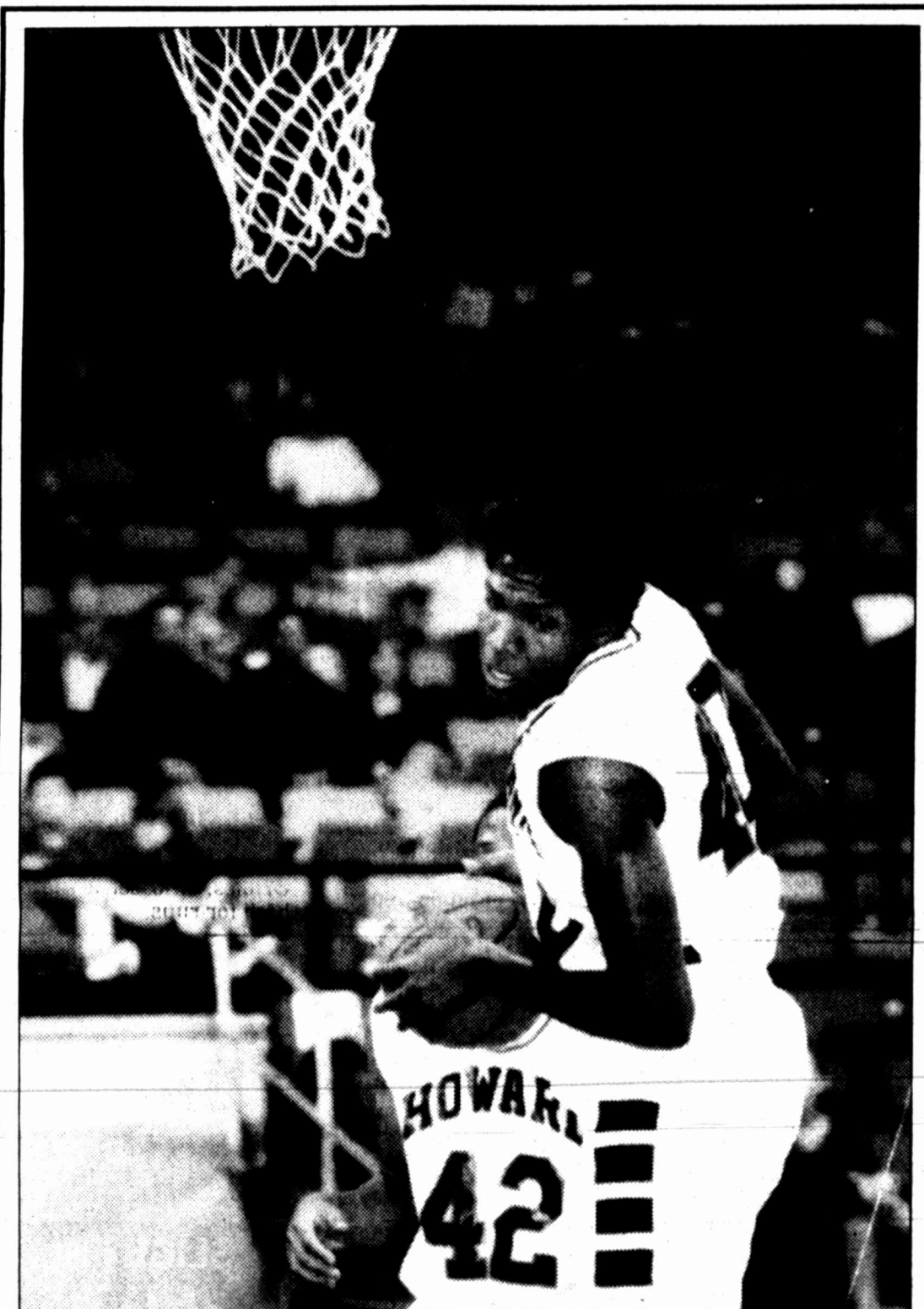
Athletics 3,

Yankees 2, 12 innings

Adam Piatt, recalled from the minors earlier in the day, got a bases-loaded hit off Ramiro Mendoza (2-) in the 12th as Oakland beat New York.

The Yankees opened a six-game West Coast road trip by losing for just the fourth time in 11 games, while Oakland won for the fifth time in seven games.

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Howard College's Doug Whittler pulls down a rebound during a conference matchup this season. Whittler signed a letter of intent to play basketball next fall at Fairleigh Dickinson University in Teaneck, N.J. Whittler averaged nine points and six rebounds this season and led the Hawks to the Region V Tournament appearance with a 7-7 record.

Hornets playing for conference finals

MILWAUKEE (AP) — The Milwaukee Bucks thought they were invincible at home.

The Charlotte Hornets, who are one win away from their first trip to the Eastern Conference finals, swear they won't make the same mistake.

The Hornets stunned the Bucks 94-86 at the Bradley Center on Tuesday night and can eliminate Milwaukee in Game 6 Thursday night in Charlotte.

"We need to come out with a killer instinct and close this series out," David Wesley said. "We don't want to have to come back to Milwaukee."

The second-seeded Bucks had won 12 straight at the Bradley Center, where they

hadn't lost in two months.

That's why they shrugged, even laughed, off their lackadaisical trip to Charlotte, where they blew a 2-0 series lead by losing twice.

"Our urgency going down to Charlotte in Game 3 and Game 4 was not there," Bucks guard Ray Allen acknowledged. "And the urgency coming back in this building wasn't there because we just assumed that the wins were going to take care of themselves. Now, we've got to have that urgency going back to Charlotte."

It wouldn't hurt if they found their shooting touch along the way.

The Bucks, who own a three-game losing streak for the first time since Nov. 22-25, shot 36 percent and

trailed the final 32 minutes, 14 seconds, turning the Bradley Center's ballyhooed buzz into a bunch of boo birds.

Allen has seen enough jumpers clank off the rim this postseason to know it would be a mistake to think the Bucks are suddenly going to start hitting their shots.

"It's going to come down to defense, it's going to come down to loose balls, it's going to come down to rebounds," Allen said. "It's going to come down to so many defensive things. And the offensive stats aren't going to matter. We know how we're playing offensively is not great. We've got to go down there and get the defensive stops and keep them from scoring."

Cotton Bowl Inducts 2001 Hall of Fame Class

DALLAS (AP) — Seven men who helped shape the Cotton Bowl and college football history were inducted into the Cotton Bowl Hall of Fame on Tuesday.

"It's a great event, in a great city, in a great state, in a great country," said Texas split end Charles "Cotton" Speyer, one of the inductees. "Long live the Cotton Bowl."

The other inductees include Texas tackle Scott Appleton, Syracuse half-back Ernie Davis, Miami

defensive tackle Russell Maryland, Clemson and Rice coach Jess Neely, Arkansas defensive tackle Loyd Phillips and Houston coach Bill Yeoman.

The former players were inducted in a ceremony at Cotton Bowl Plaza.

Davis was the first black to win the Heisman Trophy, given each year to college football's outstanding player by the Downtown Athletic Club of New York City. The Syracuse halfback earned the award as a

senior in 1961.

Three members of the Cotton Bowl Class of 2001 won the Outland Trophy, presented annually by the Football Writers Association of America to college football's finest interior lineman.

Appleton won in 1963, Phillips in 1966 and Maryland in 1990.

Each of the four players, along with Speyer, earned All-America recognition

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Iverson, new league leader, wins MVP award over Duncan

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Some call Allen Iverson "A.I." Others refer to him as "Bubba Chuck." He's known as "The Little Kid," and, of course, "The Answer."

Add "MVP" to the list.

Iverson was honored by the league Tuesday after leading the Philadelphia 76ers to the best record in the East and their best season in 16 years.

"I didn't give up when a lot of people I've seen in my life gave up," Iverson said. "I owed it to myself, my fans, my family and friends."

Iverson got 1,121 points to beat out San Antonio's Tim Duncan (706 points). Los Angeles' Shaquille O'Neal, last season's MVP, had 578 points from the panel of sportswriters and broadcasters in the United States and Canada.

The award caps an amazing turnaround for Iverson, who was nearly traded last summer because of his contentious relationship with coach Larry Brown.

But Iverson promised to change his ways before training camp opened and lived up to it after taking over as team captain.

"He's not only the best player on the team, he's become a great teammate," Brown said. "I'm like a proud father watching him develop and the way he plays and to recognize the heart he has..."

"I think the student taught the teacher a lot about life and I'm grateful for that. I'm really grateful for the opportunity to coach Allen and I never thought I'd say that."

The coach and the player shared a special moment

when Brown jumped into Iverson's arms and embraced him.

"I look into his eyes and he looks into mine and we see the same thing, we have the same agenda," Iverson said.

Iverson, at 6-foot and 165 pounds, is the shortest and lightest player to win the MVP award. He had 93 first-place votes out of a possible 124, to 18 for Duncan.

Iverson is the first Sixer to win the award since Moses Malone in 1982-83, the last year Philadelphia won a championship. Wilt Chamberlain and Julius Erving also won the award for the Sixers.

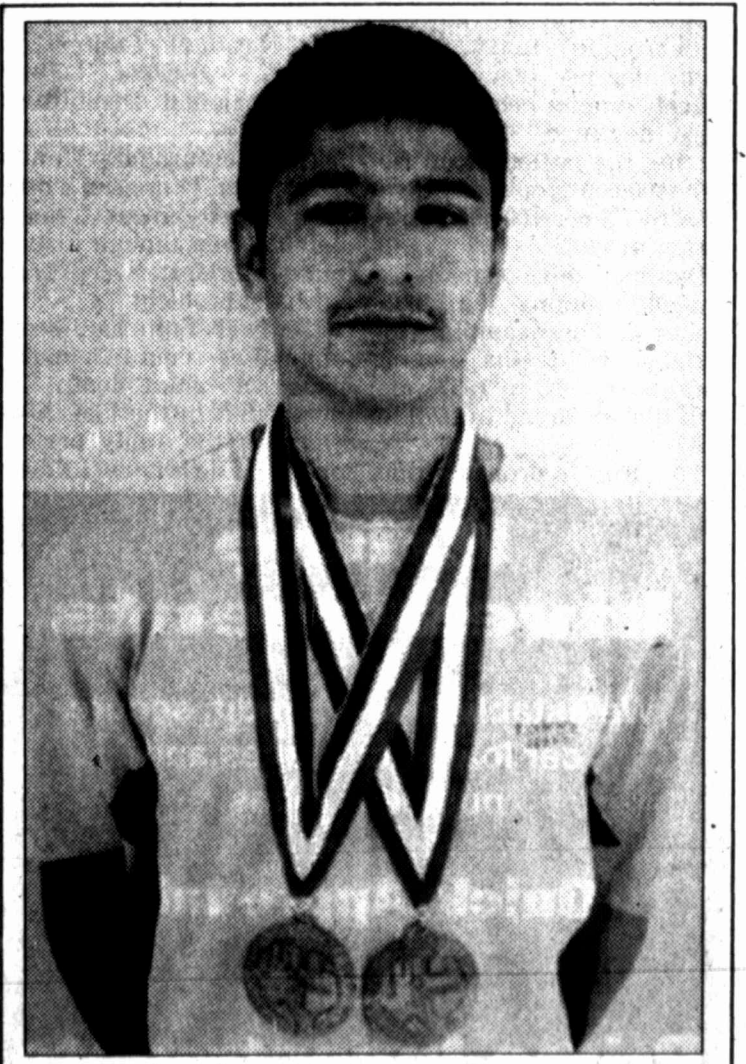
Joined by family, friends and several teammates at a news conference, Iverson said he wondered if he'd ever reach this point.

"I didn't know because of all the baggage I came here with," Iverson said. "I was 20 years old and people wanted me to be 30. I had no space for error."

Iverson led the league in scoring for the second time in three years, with an average of 31.1 points; was first in steals (2.51); and tied for first in minutes (42.0).

He earned MVP honors in the All-Star game after his 25-point performance led the East back from a 21-point deficit, was NBA Player of the Month for January and was Player of the Week twice.

Iverson scored 40 or more points 17 times during the regular season, including a career-high 54 against Cleveland on Jan. 6. He matched that with a scintillating performance last week in Game 2 of the Eastern Conference semifinals against Toronto.



Sand's Jose Martinez placed third in the state in the two mile (9:54) and the mile run (4:28) at the University Interscholastic League State Track and Field meet Friday and Saturday. Martinez was also part of the cross country team that placed second in state.

BIG SPRING
Wednesday

SPORT

MUB LEAD

AMERICAN LEAGUE
BATTING—M Ramirez, 407; Mientkiewicz, 393; Suzuki, Seattle, 391; Cleveland, 359; Rios, 350; Jaggi, 349; Velarde, Texas, 333.

RUNS—Suzuki, 7; Gonzalez, Cleveland, Toronto, 33; MJSwe, City, 32; Aronowicz, Mondesi, Toronto, Toronto, 31.

RB—M Ramirez, Cleveland, 51; Rodriguez, Texas, Seattle, 36; Pinales, Fulmer, Toronto, 3; Seattle, 31.

HITS—Suzuki, 7; Rodriguez, Texas, Toronto, 51; JGonzalez, 51; Knoblauch, New York, 49; Mientkiewicz, Minnesota, 48; Rios, Cleveland, 47; Greer, Texas, 19; Cleveland, 14; Soriano, 13; El Martinez, Seattle, Oakland, 12.

TRIPLES—CJ Zuniga, 7; Suzuki, Seattle, 5; Detroit, 4; 18 are tied.

HOME RUNS—CJ Zuniga, 16; M Ramirez, 15; Rodriguez, Texas, Toronto, 11; Tejada, Mondesi, Toronto, 10; Chicago, 10; JGonzalez, 10; Pinales, Texas, St. Louis, 9; York, 13; Soriano, 9; Suzuki, Seattle, 8; Minnesota, 10; Cedeno, Toronto, 8; Hoggins, Williams, Tampa Bay, Baltimore, 8.

PITCHING—15: Detroit, Seattle, 1,000; Boston, 5; 1,000; Minnesota, 6; 857; Seattle, 6; 857; Cleveland, 5; 833; Texas, 4; 800; Minnesota, 5; 714; Minnesota, 5; 714; Cleveland, 5; 714.

STRIKEOUTS—P Mientkiewicz, 84; Clemens, New York, 82; Hudson, Colorado, Cleveland, 48; York, 48; Mussina, New York, 47; Sasaki, Hawkins, Minnesota, New York, 11; Kottl, TB Jones, Detroit, 8; Foy, 7; Perival, Anaheim, 7.

NATIONAL LEAGUE
BATTING—Ariana, 399; Pujols, St. Louis, 398; Edmonds, St. Louis, 397; Holliday, Colorado, Philadelphia, 396; Colorado, 361; Helt, 358.

RUNS—Helt, 38; Floyd, Florida, 38; Lora, 35; Walker, Colorado, Colorado, 33; Burnett, 32; Sosa, Chicago, 31.

RB—Helt, Colorado, St. Louis, 43; Walker, L Gonzalez, Arizona, 36; 34; Burnett, Milwaukee, Chicago, 34; Bonds, 34.

HITS—Ariana, 399; Pujols, St. Louis, 398; Florida, 53; Helt, L Gonzalez, Arizona, Colorado, 48; Vidro, Minnesota, 47.

DOUBLES—Helt, Colorado, 15; Kent, 15; Lowell, Florida, 14; Diego, 14; P Wilson, Helt, Colorado, 13; York, 12.

TRIPLES—O Cabrera, Vina, St. Louis, 5; NP...

SPORTS EXTRA

MLB LEADERS

AMERICAN LEAGUE
BATTING—M Ramirez, Boston, .407; Mierkiewicz, Minnesota, .400; Suzuki, Seattle, .382; J Gonzalez, Cleveland, .359; R Alomar, Cleveland, .350; J Giambi, Oakland, .344; Velarde, Texas, .333
RUNS—Suzuki, Seattle, 35; J Gonzalez, Cleveland, 35; C Delgado, Toronto, 33; M Sweeney, Kansas City, 32; A Rodriguez, Texas, 32; Mondesi, Toronto, 32; Stewart, Toronto, 30
RBI—M Ramirez, Boston, 46; J Gonzalez, Cleveland, 40; A Rodriguez, Texas, 36; B Boone, Seattle, 36; R Palmeiro, Texas, 33; Fullmer, Toronto, 32; E Martinez, Seattle, 31
HITS—Suzuki, Seattle, 64; M Ramirez, Boston, 59; Stewart, Toronto, 51; J Gonzalez, Cleveland, 51; Knoblauch, New York, 49; Mierkiewicz, Minnesota, 48; R Alomar, Cleveland, 48
DOUBLES—M Sweeney, Kansas City, 22; E Chavez, Oakland, 15; Green, Texas, 15; J Gonzalez, Cleveland, 14; Soriano, New York, 13; E Martinez, Seattle, 13; J Giambi, Oakland, 12
TRIPLES—Guzman, Minnesota, 7; Suzuki, Seattle, 5; Jencenacion, Detroit, 4; 18 are tied with 2
HOME RUNS—C Delgado, Toronto, 16; M Ramirez, Boston, 13; A Rodriguez, Texas, 12; T Batista, Toronto, 11; Jeda, Oakland, 10; Mondesi, Toronto, 10; J Valentin, Chicago, 10; J Gonzalez, Cleveland, 10; R Palmeiro, Texas, 10
STOLEN BASES—Knoblauch, New York, 13; Soriano, New York, 12; Suzuki, Seattle, 11; Guzman, Minnesota, 10; Cedeno, Oakland, 10; Lawton, Minnesota, 9; Rivas, Minnesota, 8; Higginson, Detroit, 8; Williams, Tampa Bay, 8; DeShields, Baltimore, 8
PITCHING (5 Decisions)—Selig, Seattle, 5.0, 1.000, 2.92; P Martinez, Boston, 5.0, 1.000, 1.74; Rabe, Minnesota, 5.1, .85, 2.80; Moyer, Seattle, 6.1, .857, 5.28; Sabathia, Cleveland, 5.1, .833, 3.86; D Oliver, Texas, 4.1, .800, 8.16; Mays, Minnesota, 5.2, 7.14, 2.30; Milton, Minnesota, 5.2, 7.14, 2.48; Burba, Cleveland, 5.2, 7.14, 5.60
STRIKEOUTS—P Martinez, Boston, 84; Clemens, New York, 54, 7.10; Oakland, 52; Hudson, Oakland, 48; Colon, Cleveland, 48; Pettitte, New York, 48; Mussina, New York, 48
SAVES—Sasaki, Seattle, 17; Hawkins, Minnesota, 12; M Rivera, New York, 11; Koch, Toronto, 8; T Jones, Detroit, 8; Foulke, Chicago, 7; Percival, Anaheim, 7
NATIONAL LEAGUE
BATTING—Aunila, San Francisco, .399; Pujols, St. Louis, .381; Edmonds, St. Louis, .372; Hollandsworth, Colorado, .368; P Wilson, Florida, .361; L Walker, Colorado, .361; Helton, Colorado, .358
RUNS—Helton, Colorado, 39; Floyd, Florida, 38; L Gonzalez, Arizona, 35; Walker, Colorado, 33; L Walker, Colorado, 33; Burnitz, Milwaukee, 32; Sosa, Chicago, 32
RBI—Helton, Colorado, 45; Pujols, St. Louis, 43; L Walker, Colorado, 40; L Gonzalez, Arizona, 36; Floyd, Florida, 34; Burnitz, Milwaukee, 34; Sosa, Chicago, 34; Bonds, San Francisco, 34
HITS—Aunila, San Francisco, 55; Pujols, St. Louis, 51; P Wilson, Florida, 53; Helton, Colorado, 49; L Gonzalez, Arizona, 49; L Walker, Colorado, 48; Vidro, Montreal, 47
DOUBLES—Hollandsworth, Colorado, 15; Kent, San Francisco, 15; Lowell, Florida, 14; Nevin, San Diego, 14; P Wilson, Florida, 13; Helton, Colorado, 13; Altonji, New York, 12
TRIPLES—O Cabrera, Montreal, 5; Vina, St. Louis, 5; N Perez, Colorado, 4
STOLEN BASES—L Castillo,

MLB STANDINGS

Table with columns for American League (East, Central, West) and National League (East, Central, West) divisions, listing teams, wins, losses, and percentages.

Transactions
Baltimore Orioles—Activated 18 David Segui from the 15-day disabled list. Optioned RHP Josh Towers to Rochester of the International League.
Chicago White Sox—Recalled RHP Sean Lowe from Charlotte of the International League.
New York Yankees—Purchased the contract of OF Roberto Perez from Columbus of the International League.
Oakland Athletics—Placed 1B Mario Valdez on the 15-day disabled list. Recalled OF Adam Platt from Sacramento of the PCL.
Toronto Blue Jays—Agreed to terms with RHP John Ogitree.
National League
Chicago Cubs—Placed 3B Bill Mueller on the 15-day disabled list. Purchased the contract of INF Miguel Cairo from Iowa of the PCL.
Cincinnati Reds—Placed 3B Aaron Boone on the 15-day disabled list. Called up 3B Brandon Larson from Louisville of the International League. Optioned LHP Hector Mercado to Louisville. Called up RHP Brian Reith from Chattanooga of the Southern League.
Houston Astros—Agreed to terms with 3B Vinny Castilla on a one-year contract. Optioned 3B Chris Truby to New Orleans of the PCL.
Montreal Expos—Recalled SS Tomas De La Rosa from Ottawa of the International League. Purchased the contract of RHP Bob Scanlan from Ottawa. Designated 1B OF Fernando Segundino and LHP Joey Eschen for assignment.
New York Mets—Activated OF Darin Hamilton from the 15-day disabled list. Optioned C Jason Phillips to Birmingham of the Eastern League.
Pittsburgh Pirates—Activated C Keith Oak from the 15-day disabled list. Optioned 2B Warren Morris to Nashville of the PCL.
Football
National Football League
Carolina Panthers—Agreed to terms with DT Larry Chester.
Chicago Bears—Agreed to terms with DL Clyde Simmons.
Green Bay Packers—Named Vince Workman weight room coach and Lee Gissendanner college scout for the Northeast region.
England Patriots—Released DL Sale Isala.
New York Giants—Resigned S Omar Stovins. Waived S Lyle West and CB Reggie Steiger. Signed DE Adriano Bell, DE Eric Chandler, LB Jody Littleton and DT DeMonte McKenzie.
San Francisco 49ers—Resigned S Zack Bronson to a two-year contract. Waived TE Terrance Dupree.

Conference Semifinals (Best-of-7)
Sunday, May 13
Charlotte 85, Milwaukee 78

Conference Finals
Saturday, May 12
Colorado 4, St. Louis 1
New Jersey 3, Pittsburgh 1
Monday, May 14
Colorado 4, St. Louis 2, Colorado leads series 2-0
Tuesday, May 15
Pittsburgh 4, New Jersey 2, series tied 1-1
Thursday, May 17
Colorado at St. Louis, 6 p.m.
Thursday, May 17
New Jersey at Pittsburgh, 6 p.m.
Friday, May 18
Colorado at St. Louis, 6 p.m.
Saturday, May 19
New Jersey at Pittsburgh, 2 p.m.
Monday, May 21
St. Louis at Colorado, 7 p.m., if necessary
Tuesday, May 22
Pittsburgh at New Jersey, 6 p.m., if necessary
Wednesday, May 23
Colorado at St. Louis, 6 p.m., if necessary
Thursday, May 24
New Jersey at Pittsburgh, 6:30 p.m., if necessary
Friday, May 25
St. Louis at Colorado, 7 p.m., if necessary
Saturday, May 26
Pittsburgh at New Jersey, 6 p.m., if necessary

College Top 25
Division I College Baseball poll through May 13:
Record
1. SouthernCal 35-16
2. Miami 41-12
3. NotreDame 45-9
4. Stanford 39-14
5. Nebraska 41-14
6. StateOfIllion 39-14
7. FloridaState 40-15
8. Tulane 45-9
9. Georgia 40-16
10. EastCarolina 44-11
11. LSU 37-18
12. CentralFlorida 45-11
13. Clemson 37-18
14. Pepperdine 39-15
15. ArizonaState 33-16
16. Rice 40-17
17. Tennessee 41-16
18. WakeForest 44-11
19. GeorgiaTech 39-16
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AMERICAN BOWL

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Mark Guthrie (2-0) got one out for the win.

Mariners 4, White Sox 3

Bret Boone went 3-for-3 with a homer and Ichiro Suzuki extended his hitting streak to 20 games as host Seattle won its sixth straight game.

Boone singled in the second, doubled in the fourth, hit a solo homer in the sixth and broke a 3-all tie in the seventh with a sacrifice fly off Bobby Howry (2-1).

Jeff Nelson (2-0) got the win and Jose Paniagua earned his first save.

Red Sox 5, Twins 2

Frank Castillo (4-2) pitched six shutout innings and Shea Hillenbrand drove in three runs to lead Boston to a win at Minnesota.

Dante Bichette and Hillenbrand hit RBI singles in the first, and Carl Everett chased Mark Redman (2-4) with a run-scoring single in the fifth.

Indians 8, Rangers 6

Jolbert Cabrera drove in career-high four runs as Cleveland won its 10th straight road game — its longest road streak since an 11-gamer in 1938.

Cabrera had a two-run triple in the second and a two-run single in the fourth off Doug Davis (2-4) to help the Indians win for the 13th time in 15 games.

Indians rookie C.C. Sabathia (5-1) allowed three runs in five innings for his third consecutive victory.

Orioles 11, Tigers 3

David Segui drove in three runs in his return from the disabled list, and Sidney Ponson (1-3) got his first win of the season for host Baltimore.

Melvin Mora had three hits and three RBIs for the Orioles, who set a season-high for runs.

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during their collegiate careers. Davis, Neely, Phillips and Yeoman are members of the National Football Foundation and College Football Hall of Fame.

Neely was inducted in 1971, followed by Davis in 1979 and Phillips in 1992. Yeoman will be inducted Dec. 11 in New York City.

Texas made a strong showing, as more than a few of the coaches and players had Texas ties.

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many physicals.

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tive ear heard the murmur,
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valve problem. His heart was
working overtime to
compensate. He had the
valve replaced, and almost
immediately, the sluggish-
ness was gone. If he hadn't
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would probably be dead
today. -- Annie in New
Jersey

Dear Annie: You've written
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lives. Constant fatigue with
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medical problem. Also, per-
sistent pain, particularly
chest pain, should not be
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date and time will be
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3176 May 9 & 16, 2001

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6:30 PM	News (CC)	Costly (CC)	Wishbone	Step by Step	News Ent. Tonight	News (CC)	News Seinfeld (CC)	Fresh Prince	Carla de Angel	Movie: Genia (CC)	Martial Law (CC)	(15) Movie: The Story of	(16)	(15) Movie: Update With John Hagee	Update With John Hagee	Law's Order (CC)	Wild Discovery	Prezidents (CC)	Secrets of Forensic Science
7:30 PM	Two Guys-Girl	70s Show	Grand Canyon	Movie: Down	48 Hours (CC)	Two Guys-Girl	Ed (CC)	Ripley's Believe It or Not!	Abrazame My Fuerte	(35) Principal	Miami Vice	Us (CC)	Movie: Superstar	House (CC)	Light of the Southwest	Biography (CC)	Oldest Mummies	NBA Basketball Playoffs	Secret World
8:30 PM	Drew Carey Spin City (CC)	Boot Camp (CC)	Conquistadors (CC)	Movie: Blonde (CC)	Movie: Blonde (CC)	Drew Carey Spin City (CC)	West Wing	Movie: The Replacement	Me Destino Enes Tu	Takes a Holiday (CC)	Movie: The Ticket (CC)	Movie: Payback	(15) Big Girls Don't Cry...	Sex-and-City Alices (CC)	Hour of Healing	American Justice (CC)	Ultimate Discovery	Teams to Be Announced	Building the Biggest
9:30 PM	Be a Millionaire	Arrest & Trial Nanny (CC)	Early Edition (CC) (DVS)	700 Club (CC)	News (35) Late	News (CC) Nightline	News (35) Tonight	Ripley's Believe It or Not!	P. Impacto Noticias Univ.	They Get Even (CC)	18 Wheels of Justice (CC)	Backtrack	Reurrection Blvd.	Living Dolls: The Making	Update With Israel Update	Law & Order (CC)	Justice Files	Masters of the Martial Arts	Secret World
10:30 PM	Politically Inc. Cheers	(CC) Spin City (CC)	News-Lahrer	Who's Boss? Who's Boss?	Show (CC) (37) Late Late	Ent. Tonight Politically Inc.	Show (CC) (37) Late	Movie: Sleepwalkers	Noche de Bienvencidos	Zoro (CC) Mickey Mouse	Miami Vice	(45) Movie: Blackmale	Movie: of a Child	Promise Church	Biography (CC)	Oldest Mummies	...	Building the Biggest	...
12:30 AM	Paid Program	Judge-Brown Cops (CC)	Red Dwarf Robot Wars	Paid Program	Show (CC) Street Smarts	(12:06) Oprah Winfrey (CC) Frasier	Night (CC)	...	El Premio Mayor	Wall Disney Presents	Slarsky and Hutch	Bad Timing: A Sensual	(CC) Movie: The	The Alternates (CC)	Faith Pleases God	American Justice (CC)	Ultimate Guide	Movie: Circle of Iron	...

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THIS DATE IN HISTORY

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Today is Wednesday, May 16, the 136th day of 2001. There are 229 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On May 16, 1929, the first Academy Awards were presented during a banquet at the Hollywood Roosevelt Hotel. The movie "Wings" won "best production" while Emil Jannings and Janet Gaynor were named best actor and best actress.

On this date: In 1770, Marie Antoinette, age 14, married the future King Louis XVI of France, who was 15.

In 1866, Congress authorized minting of the 5-cent piece.

In 1868, the Senate failed by one vote to convict President Andrew Johnson as it took its first ballot on one of 11 articles of

impeachment against him.

In 1920, Joan of Arc was canonized in Rome.

In 1946, the musical "Annie Get Your Gun" opened on Broadway.

In 1955, American author and critic James Agee died in New York.

In 1960, a Big Four summit conference in Paris collapsed on its opening day as the Soviet Union leveled spy charges against the United States in the wake of the U-2 incident.

In 1975, Japanese climber Junko Tabei became the first woman to reach the summit of Mount Everest.

In 1977, five people were killed when a New York Airways helicopter, idling atop the Pan Am Building in midtown Manhattan, toppled over, sending a huge rotor blade flying.

In 1990, death claimed entertainer Sammy Davis Jr. in Los Angeles at age 64 and "Muppets" creator Jim Henson in New York at age 53.

Today's Birthdays: Author Studs Terkel is 89.

Actor George Gaynes is 84.

Actor Harry Carey Jr. is 80.

Jazz musician Billy Cobham is 57.

Actor Pierce Brosnan is 48.

Actress Debra Winger is 46.

Soviet gymnast Olga Korbut is 46.

Actress Mare Winningham is 42.

Singer Janet Jackson is 35.

Rhythm-and-blues singer Ralph Tresvant (New Edition) is 33.

Actress Tracey Gold is 32.

Tennis player Gabriela Sabatini is 31.

Country singer Rick Trevino is 30.

Actor David Beronatz is 30.

Musician Simon Katz (Jamiroquai) is 30.

Actress Tori Spelling is 28.

Newsday Crossword WHAT'S YOUR ADDRESS? by N. Steinberg Edited by Stanley Newman

- ACROSS
- 1 TV clown
- 5 Newsman Bernard
- 9 Leprechaun
- 12 Eve's second-born
- 13 Flagg
- 15 Elliptical
- 16 Coyote's nemesis
- 18 Walk in the woods
- 19 Aviv
- 20 Syllogism's conclusion
- 21 Strolled
- 23 "No Ordinary Love" singer
- 24 Influence
- 25 Dessert choice
- 28 He painted his mother
- 32 Olfactory stimulations
- 33 Advance
- 34 Feeling good
- 35 Had on
- 36 Slick (to)
- 37 Harrow's rival
- 38 Art Deco artist
- 39 Despise
- 40 Took all the prizes
- 41 Fidgety
- 43 Long looks
- 44 Overwhelms
- 45 Group's pronoun
- 46 St. Francis' home
- 49 Fortune teller
- 50 Bathing vessel
- 53 Beer ingredient
- 54 Tony winner of 1996
- 57 Actress Falco
- 58 Actress Garson
- 59 Intern
- 60 and wife
- 61 Some sheep
- 62 Goo
- DOWN
- 1 Simpsons kid
- 2 Woodwind
- 3 Enthusiasm
- 4 From the year one
- 5 Stalwart
- 6 Door attachment
- 7 Florentine river
- 8 Minuscule
- 9 Satanic
- 10 Actress Veronica
- 11 Took off
- 14 Sketch
- 15 "And one more thing..."
- 17 Raises
- 22 More, in Mexico
- 23 Savvy
- 24 Stand out
- 25 Electricity
- 26 Be gaga over
- 27 Classifies
- 28 Stands in line
- 29 "See ya!"
- 30 Run off to marry
- 31 Landlord's collections
- 33 Tumbler
- 36 Masticating
- 40 Violinist Isaac
- 42 Alamos, NM
- 43 Sheep-farm tools
- 45 Little laugh
- 46 Sound for attention
- 47 Club or baking follower
- 48 Joyride
- 49 Slow-cooking dish
- 50 Follow
- 51 Take down, as hair
- 52 Honk
- 55 "We not amused!"
- 56 Fall behind

