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WHAT'S UP...

TODAY

□ Fraternal order of Eagles Aerie Ladies Auxiliary meets at 7 p.m. at the Eagles Lodge, 703 W. Third.

THURSDAY

□ Gideons International, Big Spring Camp U42060, Herman's Restaurant at 7 a.m.

□ Senior Citizens Center art classes, 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. for people 55 and over.

□ Coffee Club, 10 a.m. at Gale's Sweet Shoppe.

□ Kiwanis Club, noon in the Howard College Cactus Room.

□ Friends of the Library, noon at the Howard County Library.

□ Big Spring Main Street, noon at the Railroad Museum, Second and Main.

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Longtime United Way volunteer to take over as executive director

By ROGER CLINE

Staff Writer

The United Way of Big Spring and Howard County has a new director.

When Joel Michaelis, husband of the previous United Way director Cindy Michaelis, recently took a job in the Waco area, the charity organization suddenly found itself minus one leader.



SCOTT

Cynthia Scott is stepping up to take on that mantle.

"It's a big step for me," she said. "(United Way director before Michaelis) Carroll Jennings was excellent and he was really good at getting the volunteers to do stuff. Cindy Michaelis was an excellent fund-raiser and administrator. I've worked with them so it's kind of a continuation. There shouldn't be any 'awkward pauses' between what they were doing and me coming on board."

Scott said she's handled a lot of graphics and computer-related duties for the United Way over the past

few years.

"For the last six or seven years I've done all the graphics for the United Way," she said. "I've done all the programs and all the annual reports and all the notices and stuff like that."

She's also handled computer tasks for the United Way's Combined Federal Campaign, Scott said.

"I set up their database for that and all their spreadsheets for their reporting," she said. "I'm real computer literate. And of course my degree's in business and finance."

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V-E Day

German army surrendered in Europe 57 years ago today

By ROGER CLINE

Staff Writer

Fifty-seven years ago today, the German army surrendered to Allied forces, ending World War II in Europe. The anniversary of the May 7, 1945, event is remembered as "Victory in Europe



WELCH

Day," or simply "V-E Day."

Local veteran Leo Welch said he was in Europe when the war ended.

"May 7, I was on the Elbe River waiting for the Russians to link up with us," Welch said. "The Germans surrendered and the rest is history. I stayed on a little longer and got home Dec. 13, 1945."

Welch said it's important to continue to commemorate V-E Day.

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Delivery of a different sort

Carriers set for annual food drive

By LYNDEL MOODY

Staff Writer

Crossroads residents can send a little love through the mail and it won't even cost them a cent.

The National Association of Letter Carriers will hold its 10th annual food drive for the West Texas Food Bank of Big Spring Saturday.

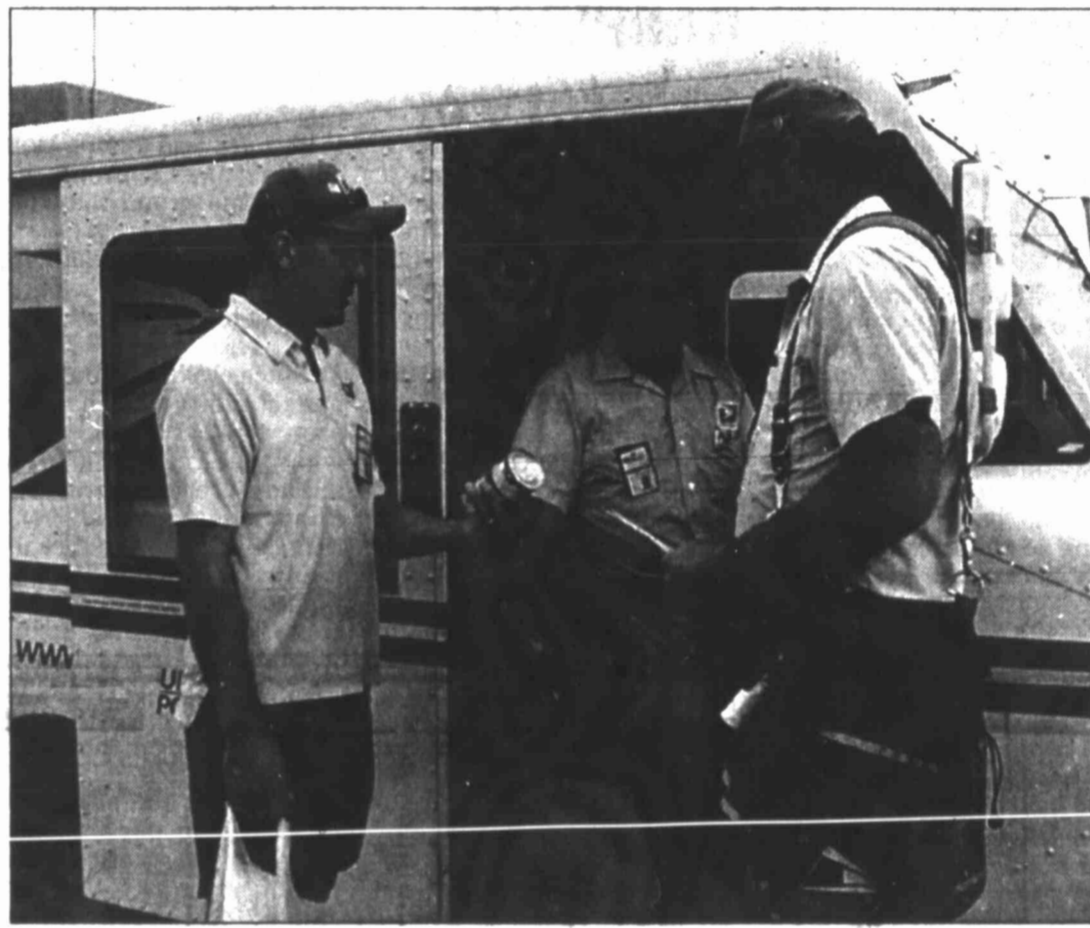
Residents are asked to place canned and other non-perishable food by their mailbox and carriers will pick up the donations while delivering the day's mail.

"This is the time most of the food banks are starting to get low on their supplies," said Candace Williams, food drive coordinator.

Last year, carriers collected more than 6,000 pounds of food from local and rural routes in Howard County.

The drive helps replenish the shelves of the food bank for a number of months.

"It depends on the need and demand," said Betty Wallace of the West Texas Food Bank. "It could last



HERALD photo/Lyndel Moody

U.S. Postal Service employees Art Trevino, left, Wayne Barber and Kevin Halles discuss the letter carrier's food drive set for Saturday. Carriers are asking the public to set aside non-perishable items by their mail boxes to donate to the West Texas Food Bank in Big Spring. Carriers will pick up the donations while delivering mail to their regular routes.

between four to six months. The cans collected normally take us up to the peak of our need. Thanksgiving

and Christmas." Wallace said the carriers are always "real troopers," even after a long day of

both delivering the mail and lifting heavy cans of See CARRIERS, Page 2A

Nine-year city council veteran says his goodbyes

By ROGER CLINE

Staff Writer

The Big Spring City Council observed a changing of the guard Tuesday evening as

nine-year veteran councilman Chuck Cawthon stepped down and newly-elected councilwoman JoAnn Staulcup took

his place as representative of District 3.

Staulcup and incumbent Stephanie Horton both took the oath of office during Tuesday's council meeting and Cawthon received a plaque and a standing ovation as he stepped down.

"I leave with mixed emotions, because this is a great city and I tried to serve it well," Cawthon said. "I served with some good people. But it's time for me to move on. It's been an honor and a privilege. That's about all you can say. It's been an honor and

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Howard College marks changes in foreign student policy

By LYNDEL MOODY

Staff Writer

New changes in the international student policy at Howard College are aimed at meeting the evolving federal policies on foreign visitors, administrators say.

Trustees approved several catalog changes to the foreign policy at a special meeting Tuesday called to canvass the May 4 election.

College and high school transcripts submitted by international students must first be evaluated by an agency approved by the college. Foreign students must have a minimum score of 500 on the paper-based Test of English as a Foreign

SWCID awards ceremony Thursday

HERALD Staff Report

SouthWest Collegiate Institute for the Deaf will hold its awards convocation at 7 p.m. Thursday in the activity center on campus.

The Presidential Award, American Legion awards, chamber of commerce and Who's Who Among American Junior College are some of the honors to be presented.

Language of TOEFL or 175 for the computer-based test. Deaf students are excluded from the listening

portion of the TOEFL so therefore must have a minimum score of 410 on the paper-

based test and 103 on the computer-based test.

Students will be required to submit a \$100 application fee when applying for the I-20 Immigration and Naturalization application form.

Students must continue to provide a certified bank statement or financial statements showing a source of income and ability to meet the first-year educational and living expenses.

All these requirements must be met before the school will issue the I-20 form. The form, issued by an

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Youth job fair set Thursday

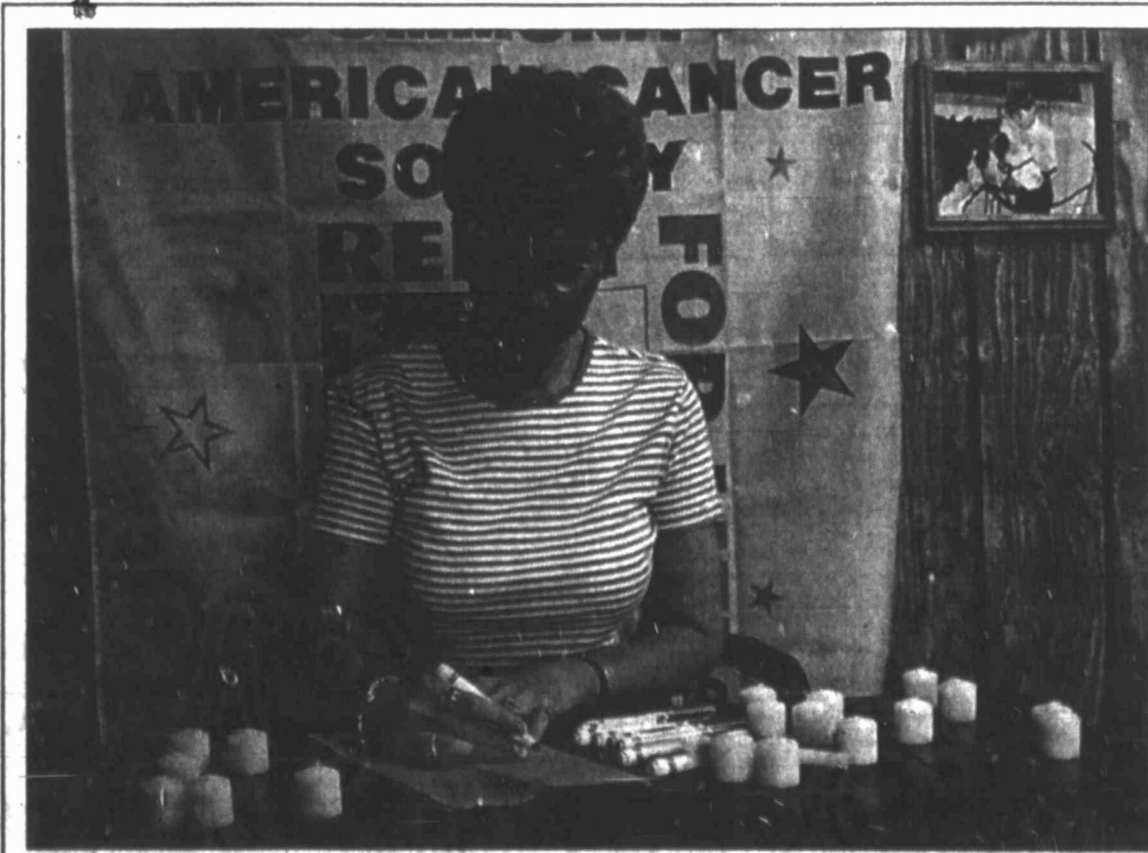
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Youth looking for summer employment are invited to a job fair beginning at 3 p.m. Thursday at the Dora Roberts Community Center.

The Permian Basin School-to-Career Youth Job Fair is sponsored by State Sen. Robert Duncan, the Workforce Network of Big Spring and the Permian Basin Workforce Development Board.

The fair will be ongoing until 8 p.m. and youth ages 16 and older are encouraged to attend. Employers from around the Permian Basin will be in attendance.

For more information, contact Lydia Perez, assistant area manager of the Workforce Network at 263-8373.



Diane Wood, president of the Relay for Life committee, decorates a bag to be used as a luminary in the Ceremony of Hope at 10 p.m. Friday during the American Cancer Society fund-raiser at Blankenship Field. The luminaria honor survivors of cancer and memorialize those who have died of the disease. To purchase a luminary, call JoAnne Forrest at 267-6286 or see a Relay for Life committee member. Relay for Life officially begins with opening ceremonies at 6:45 p.m. Friday, followed by the Survivor's Walk at 7 p.m.

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OBITUARIES

Lela Patton Porter

Memorial service for Lela Patton Porter of Gail will be 2 p.m. Saturday, May 11, 2002, at the Gail Baptist Church with the Rev. Randy Hardman, pastor of Gail Baptist Church, officiating and assisted by the Rev. Pat Ray, pastor of Fairview Baptist Church and the Rev. Richard Laverty, pastor of Farwell Baptist Church. Her body was donated to the Texas Tech University Health Science Center.

Mrs. Porter died Saturday, May 4, at Lamesa Health Care Center.

She was born Oct. 31, 1903, and married Clarence "Skeet" Porter on May 14, 1935. He preceded her in death on May 12, 1981. She was a 1924 honors graduate from Simmons College, as it was known then. She taught most grades in elementary and high school in Millersview, Ackerly, Gail and Big Spring including children of Latin American families in the Barcero program in the 1950s. She retired from the public school system in 1969. She was a Sunday School teacher until the age of 92. She was employed by the Borden Star newspaper and was a member of the Retired Teachers organization in Big Spring.

Survivors include one daughter, Clarajane Dyess of Vealmoor; 10 grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials to Borden County School Memorial Scholarship Fund, Box 116, Gail 79738 or EMS Ambulance Fund, Box 95, Gail 79738.

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

Timothy Aaron (Tim) Osmulski

Timothy Aaron (Tim) Osmulski, 29, of Dallas and formerly of Big Spring and Lubbock, passed away at his residence.

Memorial service will be 3 p.m. Thursday, May 9, 2002, at St. Thomas Catholic Church with Deacon Horace Yanez officiating.

Mr. Osmulski was born on Feb. 13, 1973, in Lubbock. He moved to Dallas in 1998 from Lubbock. He had grown up in Big Spring and graduated in 1991. He received his bachelors and masters

degrees in computer science at Texas Tech University. He was a computer scientist and employed by Rockwell Industries and later at HKB Investments.

He is survived by his mother, Nancy Osmulski of Kemp; a sister, Amy Cook of Lubbock; and his grandparents, Wilma and Stanley Osmulski of South Gate, Mich. He was preceded in death by his father, Ted Osmulski on Nov. 20, 1994.

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

Paid obituary

Gerene Duncan

Funeral service for Gerene "Gene" Duncan, 97, of Big Spring is pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home. Mr. Duncan died today, May 8, 2002, at a local care facility.

Clyde B. Williams

Funeral service for Clyde B. Williams, 92, of Big Spring, is pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home. Mr. Williams died Tuesday, May 7, 2002, at a local nursing home.

SCOTT

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Scott said she plans to use her computer savvy to benefit the United Way as director.

"I plan to extend some of the stuff that the United Way is doing," she said. "We plan to get a Web site so that people can keep track of the campaign that way during the year. We'll have our agencies on the Web site so that people can get on the Web site and see what those agencies do and how the United Way benefits them."

The new director said she also plans to work closely with the United Way's leading benefactors in the community.

"We're going to really work on our Pacesetters this year," she said. "They're the people from the community that are able to give a larger amount. I think \$250 or above. So they have a special Pacesetters Committee. They're the ones that we get our first pledges from. They set the pace for the rest of the community."

A native of Pecos, Scott attended Texas A&M University and obtained her bachelor's degree in finance. She did graduate work at Oklahoma State University.

"We moved here almost eight years ago and I went to work teaching at the college part time in the Business Department," she said. "Also, I do marketing for First Bank of West Texas; my husband works there. I also have a small business. I do logos,

brochures, Web sites and stuff like that."

With her husband John, executive vice president of the First Bank of West Texas in Coahoma, Scott has a daughter, Anna, 8.

"I'm also very active volunteer-wise in the community," she said. "I'm on several boards, the Salvation Army board, the West Texas Girl Scouts Council. I've been active with the Big Spring State Hospital and the Humane Society. So I've just been very active."

Her official first day on the job is June 1.

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"Because of everything that happened from Dec. 7, 1941 until that day when it was all over with in Europe," he said. "My goodness, all the men and women that were killed, the civilians that were killed in all the bombings in England and Europe and all over the world. It's very important to remember Victory in Europe Day."

World War II against Japan would continue another three months and one week. Welch said it's also important to remember "Victory in Japan Day," Aug. 15, 1945.

CARRIERS

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food. "Even if they pick up a minimal amount of 100 pounds - that's a lot they have to unload," she said. "They always have a smile and are friendly even after a long day."

"They don't have to do this," Wallace continued. "They choose to help their community themselves. We appreciate them. We appreciate the work that goes into doing this and of course the community members who put out the food, the carriers put in three or four days of work into one."

Wayne Barber, NALC president of branch 901, said any volunteer help unloading and sorting through the donations would be appreciated.

Anyone interested in volunteering can call Wallace at 263-3111 or come by the West Texas Food Bank, 1208 E. Third, on Saturday.

Barber said the carriers will be placing a reminder cards for the food drive in residents' mail boxes at the end of the week.

Cash donations can be addressed or taken to the West Texas Food Bank.

SWCID

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dents scheduled to receive associate degrees and certificates.

Howard College will hold graduation ceremonies at 7 p.m. Friday in the Dorothy

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A BIG SPRING AROUND THE TOWN

Garrett Coliseum.

Dejdre Hirt, Presidential Award winner, will give the keynote speech. Howard College trustees will present diplomas to the more than 200 candidates for graduation.

The public is invited to all award and graduation ceremonies.

COUNCIL

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a privilege for me to serve the citizens of this community, because this community is a good community to live in."

Cawthon said he feels Staulcup will work hard to make Big Spring a better place.

"I made a statement tonight and I asked each and every one of those people to work as a team for the betterment of this community," he said. "I feel like JoAnn Staulcup will make a good council person and she will do that."

Staulcup, who sat at the council table for the first time Tuesday evening, said she's excited about her new position.

"I didn't have any expectations, but it's very exciting," she said. "I'm thrilled to be here and I hope to be able to make the people that elected me proud that they did that."

Staulcup is coming onto the council right at the onset of budget planning for FY 2002-2003.

"Since we're going into budget deliberations very soon now, I want to see what the city staff has already prepared because I know they'll have some things that are really required," she said. "As I mentioned (in the May 28 issue of the Big Spring Herald), I want to look at the possibility of getting the sewer replacement for septic tanks all over the city as soon as possible."

Staulcup said she's also interested in pursuing economic and aesthetic revitalization of the city.

Mayor Russ McEwen said Cawthon's experience and devotion to the city will be missed, but he's excited to serve with Staulcup.

"(Cawthon has) been a very diligent councilman who did his homework, had his own ideas and was true to his own ideas and ideals," McEwen said. "He served our community for nine years very well and with a great deal of integrity."

TEXAS LOTTERY

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Staulcup will make a good council member, McEwen said.

"I'm very excited about (Staulcup) being on the city council. I think she brings a very quality point of view. In the interactions I've had with her so far, she's been very intelligent. She asks very good questions. She has her ideas of how she would like to see our community progress, and I think she's going to be a great addition to the city council."

In other business, McEwen presented five proclamations at the meeting, honoring such diverse segments of the community as police, foster care families, home school parents and children and emergency medical service workers.

"The only thing we didn't do is have a proclamation proclaiming that that was 'Proclamation Night,'" McEwen quipped. "Every one of them was so great. The thing I hope didn't get lost was that each of them was special because in every case, there were some great things going on."

Another of the proclamations went to honor Katie Tompkins, a Kentwood Elementary fifth-grade student who, as a school project, developed a professional-quality brochure for the Big Spring Animal Shelter stressing the responsibilities of pet owners and encouraging pet adoption.

"What a neat situation that was and what a neat thing she did," McEwen said. "It shows how a citizen, even if they're in the fifth grade, can really bring something to the table for our community, because the brochure she developed is something that we're using which is just fabulous. It shows where volunteerism and people with passion for an idea can really do something remarkable and positive for their community."

The council also:

- Appointed Jim Purcell and Jim Bill Little to the Colorado River Municipal Water District board.
- Approved final readings of resolutions authorizing change orders on the 2001 roof replacement project and the Hangar 25 phase II construction project.
- Approved specifications and granted permission to advertise for bids on seal coat aggregate, seal coat

asphalt and 24-inch PVC pipe.

Approved an emergency reading of a resolution authorizing McEwen to sell a 660-foot by 10-foot easement to Oncor Electric Delivery Company for the Boy Scout's COPE Course on Driver Road.

Scheduled a pre-budget work session for 5:30 p.m. May 21 and the beginning of budget deliberations for the week of July 8 through 12.

POLICY

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educational institute, is required when applying for a student visa.

The college will no longer require a deposit on tuition fees. According to Dr. Cheryl Sparks, Howard College president, the drop in the required deposit is related to a possible argument made that all students, both foreign and domestic, should be required to make a deposit.

"We are trying to follow what is happening on the federal level, especially in the foreign student area," Sparks said.

In other business, trustees agreed to go out for bid on a narrowed-down version of the \$94,000 SouthWest Collegiate Institute for the Deaf Pedestrian Plaza project.

"We looked at the plan and just reworked it to narrow the scope of the base bid," Sparks said.

At their April 23 meeting, trustees rejected all bids submitted for the project to landscape and build walkways to connect four buildings on the campus because bids were over budget.

Phil Furqueron, the project's architect, said the individual items left out of the narrowed-down base project will eventually be accomplished by phasing into the next budget year or through other means.

"We will reach our goal," Sparks told board members.

Trustees also:

- approved Dr. Mary Dudley, retired Howard College instructor, for the title Professor Emeritus for 2002. Dudley will lead the graduating class in Friday's ceremonies.
- canvassed the May 5 election.

MYERS & SMITH FUNERAL HOME & CHAPEL

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Lela Porter, 98, died Saturday. Memorial services are 2:00 PM Saturday at Gail Baptist Church.

Tim Osmulski, 29, died Saturday. Memorial services are 3:00 PM at St. Thomas Catholic Church.

Juanita Rutledge, 75, died Monday. Graveside services are 1:30 PM Wednesday at Trinity Memorial Park.

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New suicide bombing threatens peacemaking efforts

WASHINGTON (AP) — A day after a deadly suicide bombing in Israel, the Bush administration called on Yasser Arafat's Palestinian Authority to decide between making peace and spreading violence.

"It is time for the Palestinian Authority to reform. That is what the president is watching," White House spokesman Ari Fleischer said. "That is the heart of the matter. Is the leadership dedicated to violence or is their promise in Oslo a meaningful one?"

Putting Arafat on notice,

Fleischer said President Bush was waiting to see "what actions the Palestinians take" to halt militant attacks.

Renewed terror assaults on Israel are slowing already sputtering U.S. peacemaking efforts in the Middle East and are likely to prompt a strong Israeli response.

"He who rises up to kill us, we will pre-empt and kill him first," Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon said angrily after a suicide bomber killed more than a dozen Israelis near Tel Aviv as Sharon met with Bush at the White

House. "There is no way to move forward on a political process with a terrorist, corrupt ... entity," Sharon said.

The prime minister cut short his visit to Washington and rushed home to meet with his coalition government partners on how to respond. The first order of business on getting home, he said, was to plan the precise retaliation. Sharon said he had not informed Bush how Israel might respond.

Before departing, Sharon vowed that "Israel will continue to

uproot the terror infrastructure."

Sharon and Bush were informed of the renewed violence toward the end of a 70-minute meeting at the White House in which they had agreed to seek peace but disagreed on how to go about it.

Sharon also met with congressional leaders and with Vice President Dick Cheney, who expressed his sorrow, according to the prime minister.

Bush and Secretary of State Colin Powell successfully pressured Sharon to reverse a massive incursion into Palestinian-held

areas of the West Bank to arrest and, in some cases, kill terror suspects.

But Sharon appeared poised to strike again.

"Those who launch terrorism are guilty," Sharon said. "Guilty," he repeated, slamming his fist on a table at a crowded news conference in a Washington hotel.

Bush had reaffirmed to Sharon his support for establishment of a Palestinian state, referring to "Palestine" as a reality. But Sharon said statehood was "premature."

Suspected pipe bomber arrested after high-speed chase

RENO, Nev. (AP) — After a five-day spate of pipe bombings that had rural Americans nervously eyeing their mailboxes, a cell phone signal and an alert motorist led authorities to their suspect: a 21-year-old college student who majored in art and sang in a punk band called Apathy.

Luke J. Helder, of Pine Island, Minn., was arrested Tuesday after a high-speed chase along a desert highway and a phone conversation with an FBI negotiator and his parents.

Authorities said Helder dropped a gun out his car window and was taken into custody without incident. At least one other gun was found in the car, authorities said.

After Helder surrendered, bomb squads called to the scene along Interstate 80

some 50 miles east of Reno dismantled five pipe bombs found in the car, said Maj. Rick Bradley of the Nevada Highway Patrol.

Early today, a handcuffed Helder was led into the Washoe County Jail by four federal agents. Wearing a black Kurt Cobain T-shirt and long, baggy tan shorts, his hair mussed, Helder was quiet.

"Luke, do you have anything to say to the media?" one reporter asked.

"No," Helder said, looking up. He answered the same way when asked if he had anything to tell his parents.

The capture came eight hours after the FBI issued an all-points bulletin for Helder and said it wanted to question him about the 18 pipe bombs found since Friday.

Six people — four letter

carriers and two residents — were wounded by bombs left in mailboxes in Illinois and Iowa.

Twelve other bombs found in Iowa, Nebraska, Colorado and Texas did not explode. Most of the bombs were accompanied by anti-government propaganda warning that more "attention getters" were on the way.

In response, authorities asked residents in several states to leave their roadside mailboxes open to give nervous letter carriers a clear look inside. That request was lifted Wednesday morning.

"We want to thank our customers for their wonderful cooperation during this difficult time," Postal Service spokesman Sam Bolen said.

Federal prosecutors in Iowa charged Helder with

using an explosive to maliciously destroy property affecting interstate commerce and with using a destructive device to commit a crime of violence. The charges carry penalties of

up to life in prison and fines of \$250,000.

In addition, he was booked on a federal firearms charge.

U.S. Attorney Charles W. Larson said Helder was

responsible for cuts and shrapnel wounds suffered Friday by Delores Werling, 70, of Tipton, Iowa. Federal charges also were expected to be filed in Illinois, Larson said.

Justice Department reverses stance on an individual's right to bear arms

WASHINGTON (AP) — Reversing decades of Justice Department policy, the Bush administration has told the Supreme Court for the first time that it believes the Constitution protects an individual's right to possess firearms.

At the same time, the administration's top Supreme Court lawyer said the high court need not test that principle now.

The administration's view represents a reversal of government interpretations of the Second Amendment going back some 40 years.

"The current position of the United States ... is that the Second Amendment more broadly protects the rights of individuals, including persons who are not members of any militia or engaged in active military service or training, to

possess and bear their own firearms," Solicitor General Theodore Olson wrote in two court filings this week.

That right, however, is "subject to reasonable restrictions designed to prevent possession by unfit persons or to restrict the possession of types of firearms that are particularly suited to criminal misuse."

Olson, the administration's top Supreme Court lawyer, was reflecting the view of Attorney General John Ashcroft that the Second Amendment confers the right to "keep and bear arms" to private citizens and not merely to the "well-regulated militia" mentioned in the amendment's text.

Ashcroft caused a stir when he expressed a similar sentiment a year ago in a

letter to the National Rifle Association.

"While some have argued that the Second Amendment guarantees only a 'collective' right of the states to maintain militias, I believe the amendment's plain meaning and original intent prove otherwise," Ashcroft wrote.

Critics accused him of kowtowing to the NRA and of undermining federal prosecutors by endorsing a legal view 180 degrees away from what has been official Justice Department policy through four Democratic and five Republican administrations.

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-FIRST AMENDMENT

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OUR VIEWS

Youth Job Fair excellent place to plan summer

For young men and women looking for summer employment, the place to be Thursday is the Dora Roberts Community Center in Comanche Trail Park.

From 3 p.m. until 8 p.m. that day, various employers from throughout Permian Basin and members of the Workforce Network of Big Spring will be on hand to help youth age 16 and older find jobs. The event is the Permian Basin School-to-Career Youth Job Fair, and it's free to those who attend.

Youth can fill out applications and get job-related information from professionals at the fair. For those individuals seeking summer employment, there's no better opportunity for "one-stop" job shopping than this event. It eliminates the time it takes going from business-to-business, filling out one employment form after another. At the job fair, all of your questions can be answered, and you'll have an opportunity to look over a number of job possibilities at the same time.

The job fair is being sponsored by State Sen. Robert Duncan, the Workforce Network of Big Spring and the Permian Basin Workforce Development Board.

If you are 16 or older and considering summer employment, we believe you'll want to take advantage of this unique opportunity.

Good luck in your job hunting!

YOUR VIEWS

TO THE EDITOR:

The health and well being of people who are elderly should be one of our highest priorities and concerns. We have them to thank for all of the advances that came before us and their contributions to society continue to better our lives.

Yet last year in Texas, more than 40,000 people who are elderly or have disabilities were victims of abuse, neglect and exploitation.

In Howard County, Adult Protective Services received 205 reports of abuse, neglect and exploitation and 164 were confirmed as victims.

As one of our most important natural resources, elderly people deserve our utmost attention and respect. We must protect their health, safety, and rights. Some day, we will be elderly, too, and we should treat them the same way we hope to be treated ourselves.

May is Older Americans Month. It is a time to reflect on what we are doing as a community to support people who are elderly. We all have opportunities to reach out to our

families, friends, neighborhoods, places of worship and places of employment. This May, let's make sure all people who are elderly or have disabilities are valued. Think of what it will mean for the future of our community.

DEBORAH K. ROBINSON
ADULT PROTECTIVE
SERVICE SUPERVISOR

TO THE EDITOR:

The Open House at the Big Spring Police Department was a big success. This success could not have been possible without the assistance and support of the citizens and businesses of Big Spring. It was with great pleasure that I cut the ribbon opening the ceremony and accepted a plaque from Mayor McEwen on behalf of all the employees of the department for their service to the community. The department looks forward to continued service and partnership to our community. I want say a special "thank you" to the contributors which assisted in the success of the event.

LONNIE SMITH
CHIEF BIG SPRING
POLICE DEPARTMENT

New phones bring us closer to the past

I'm sitting in a Wal-Mart parking lot making a week's worth of long-distance calls.

That would be about two or three calls, two or three minutes each from the Wal-Mart in Luka, Miss.

I come to town to make the calls because there's not a cellular-tower near enough my home to allow for a good connection. Forget good connection — make that any connection.

My hollow might be the last place in America where you can't whip out the little cellular nuisance and start jawing.

Long distance on the cell-phone is free — if you don't count the monthly fee — but free doesn't amount to much unless you can hear the party to whom you are speaking.

As I sit here in the truck chatting with a sister, shoppers pass by, pushing their

goods to their own cars, yoo-hooing at one another, sometimes to me, generally making a racket.

"Can you hear me OK?" I say into a phone so small it seems to be missing a part. I'll never get used to talking into thin air without a cup to catch my mouth. In fact, I'll never get used to being unfettered from a wall phone socket, free to roam and ramble on.

As I try my best to hear above the discount-store din, it occurs to me that technology has become so advanced, I've reverted to 1955. I'm now in the same phone-pattern league as my maternal grandfather — once a week, from town.

It was Pop's habit to drive to town each Friday night to make his long-distance calls. About dusk, he lumbered out to his old black Chevrolet and slowly toiled to the pay phone on the Colquitt, Ga., square. There was no phone at home.

He called all his children and grandchildren; we were on his short list. We always knew immediately it was Pop on the line because we literally could hear him dropping the coins into the

slot after the operator told him how much his call would cost. We'd wait on the other end to hear his wise and sonorous voice, but sometimes the trucks and cars making their way around the courthouse would drown him out. And he was not an easy man to drown out.

My other set of grandparents had a telephone on a party line that assigned every home its own ring. One long, two short. Or three short. Or maybe just one long ring. My grandmother always pretended to forget her pattern so she could listen in to the neighbors' conversations. She sometimes also forgot she wasn't supposed to be listening and chimed in on the gossip.

In these high-tech times, we've returned to the individualized ring. In any store or public place you're likely to hear a distinctive ring, a buzz or the first chorus of some silly song playing from a lady's purse or a man's pocket.

"Is that mine?" about a dozen people say in unison, grabbing for their cell-phones and looking disap-

pointed when it is mute. The other back-to-the-future feature of telephones these days is their unreliability. Get into an intense discussion with a person using a cellphone at your own risk.

My Washington friend Betty Sparkman always manages to ring me up when she's in a neighborhood with lots of tunnels. About half of what she says is lost forever beneath overpasses or rivers or oceans of traffic.

A long-distance phone call, for most folks, has been devalued. When a thing is free, you don't mind meting it out to every Tom, Dick and Harry who crosses your mind. You don't ever hear the coins dropping into the slot, proving just how much the caller cares.

When friends and family get a long-distance phone call from me, on the other hand, they know I've gone to the trouble of getting off the porch swing, combing my hair, driving to town and finding a quiet spot in the parking lot. When I reach out and touch someone, I mean it.



RHETA GRIMSLEY JOHNSON



Adventures with Tangle-Eye

H. "Mutt" Milford of Honey Grove was working on a pipeline in Canada when his buddy Tangle-Eye

Tye was summoned to help with some pipe bending. He was a heavy equipment operator and had been lowering pipe into the pipeline trench. Mutt continues the story.

"They were running behind in the bending. They needed a side-boom operator. They decided they'd borrow Tangle-Eye Tye.

"Now Tangle-Eye was a good tractor driver. You just never did know exactly where he was looking.

"I was working at a road crossing as a welder. Tangle-Eye raised that boom up and here he comes. Had it in sixth gear.

Those D-7 Cats go fast in sixth gear. Here he comes. Straight down the right-of-way.

"You'd think he'd be looking down the right-of-way where he was driving, but he was looking way over to his left driving that side-boom.

"Well here he comes to this road crossing. Wide open. That side-boom was up the air about 25 feet. Now at this intersection there were about a hundred power lines over the roadway. He caught every one of them. He pulled posts up for 400 yards on each side. Finally all those wires snapped and Tangle-Eye just kept right on going.

"All the utility companies got called. Electric, telephone, everything. It was a big 911 emergency to get all those people out there to repair the lines. It was on a weekend. Trucks were everywhere wiring that mess back together, poking those poles back in the ground and everything.

"Hours later, their work was done. They were tired and ready for some week-

end rest and relaxation. As they were pulling off their coveralls at the site they were cussing these Texas pipeliners up here in Canada tearing up everything.

"But they knew their work was over and they were ready to party. They were looking forward to Saturday night.

"And about that time here comes a side-boom coming back from the other direction to go back to the lowering in area.

"It was Tangle-Eye Tye. He had it in seventh gear.

"You're probably ahead of me on this.

"He come on down. His head was looking way off to the side. He come by this time and he hit those lines again.

"And he had to change gears three times because they put those posts in the ground real good this time. But changing gears three times worked. He got them all down.

"Those old boys who had their coveralls half off just started pulling them back on."



TUMBLEWEED SMITH

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"Read for Hours" Summer

The Summer Reading program theme this year is "Read Across Texas" so I thought we should talk about some Texas books.

One that has just arrived is Hank the Cow Dog by John Erickson. "Moonshine in Texas during Prohibition."

Fourteen-year-old notices some pack animals in the canyon on his way to school.

He sure never all the things happen to him. Erickson reads the readers.

Kathy Griffin Sam has a prairie town knows those secrets town knows won't tell the where his hat anymore! "C and Those Co Secrets" show place for secret "under you is a picture book as Texas!"

February 12 the coldest day Shyanne Jones twin sister, Shyanne are snowbound their teacher Paul Younger boy in the county Shyanne she very harsh woman sister, and was rescued, Shyanne

Now Shyanne with the loss of Mama's new way, her feelings they be love? and Papa, who ed the family.

How can she all the guilt and mess? From bl prairie fire, "7 Day in Texas" Purser Freeman all Texans will Shyanne is on Texas gal!

"Spirit of Iron Jordan Sheffield story of another Texas girl.

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She still rides and dreams of that only men to have.

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"Read Across Texas" theme for Howard County Library's Summer Reading Program

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KAREN MCINTYRE

One that has just arrived is by Hank the Cowdog's father, John Erickson. "Moonshiner's Gold" is set in Texas during Prohibition.

Fourteen-year-old Riley notices some men taking pack animals into the canyon on his ranch. He sure never expected all the things that would happen to him next. Great Erickson read for the middle readers.

Kathy Griffin's Cowboy Sam has a problem. It's all those secrets. Everyone in town knows Cowboy Sam won't tell their secrets, but where will he keep them when his hat can't hold anymore? "Cowboy Sam and Those Confounded Secrets" shows us the best place for secrets may not be "under your hat." This is a picture book as "Big as Texas!"

February 12, 1899, was the coldest day in Texas. Shyanne Jones and her twin sister, Shenandoah, are snowbound, along with their teacher and Josh Paul Younger (the cutest boy in the county!).

Shyanne shouts some very harsh words at her sister, and before they get rescued, Shenandoah dies.

Now Shyanne must cope with the loss of her sister, Mama's new baby on the way, her feelings (could they be love?) about Josh and Papa, who has deserted the family.

How can she deal with all the guilt and hopelessness? From blizzard to prairie fire, "The Coldest Day in Texas" by Peggy Purser Freeman, is a book all Texans will love. Shyanne is one tough Texas gal!

"Spirit of Iron" by Janice Jordan Sheffelman is the story of another strong Texas girl.

Mina Jordan turns fifteen in 1850, but that doesn't mean she's ready to be a lady.

She still rides her horse and dreams of adventures that only men are allowed to have.

When Captain Allen of the Texas Rangers stops at her cabin and she finds out that her Lipan Apache friend, Amaya, has been kidnapped she decides to help find her.

Disguising her self as a boy. She sets out after the Rangers. She soon finds herself far from her cozy cabin in the Texas Hill Country- all the way to the plains of Comancheria.

If hiking and camping is what you want to do this summer, stop in and check out three of our newest books - "Legends and Lore of Texas Wildflowers" by Elizabeth Silverthorne, "Geo-Texas" by Eric R. Swanson, and "Roadside Geology of Texas" by Darwin Sparing.

These books tell you about the rocks, minerals and flowers that can be found in Texas.

For instance, did you know that the bluebonnet had to win out over the blossom of the prickly pear cactus and the open cotton boll to become our state flower?

Or that Indian Paintbrush is potentially toxic? Can you believe that an Ice Age lakebed was just right outside our city?

From the sand dunes at Monahans to the salt domes on the coast there's lots of geology along our Texas roadways.

Even if you aren't the "rock hound" type these books are interesting and informative.

There are so many books about Texas and Texans, at the library, that you could browse them all day.

So this summer while the kids come to the Reading Program, come with them and find out all kinds of neat and unusual facts about our state.

The Summer Program will kick off June 3 at 10 a.m. with treats and boot decorating.

It will continue until Aug. 1. More info will follow, as the time gets closer.

It's a fun and exciting time for us and we hope to make lots of new friends.

Call me at 264-2260 for more information. Whether you are reading about Texas or China, horses or hippos, cowboys or circus clowns the important part is to Keep Reading! See ya'll this summer!

Library hours are 9 a.m. - 6 p.m., Monday to Friday and 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. on Saturday. Starting the first week of June, the Library will be closed on Saturdays during the months of June and July. We will resume our regular Saturday hours on August 3.

The Library is located at 500 Main Street and the phone number is 264-2260.

Children's Librarian,
Karen McIntyre, is guest columnist this week.

Fashion show celebrates Texas 4-H Centennial

HERALD STAFF REPORT

Young fashion pros from 13 area counties modeled their latest creations here April 27 during the annual District 6 4-H Fashion Show in the Clay Desta Atrium.

This year's theme was "Red, White and Blue in 2002." The patriotic theme commemorated 100 years of 4-H Club work.

Texas Cooperative Extension and AEP-West Texas Utilities have sponsored the District 6 show for over 20 years.

Eleven 4-H members from Howard County competed in the event. District competitors had to first win their division in their home county to compete in the district show.

Junior and intermediates competed in five separate categories in Construction and Buying.

In keeping with the patriotic theme, this year's competition also featured a special "Patriotic Category." Winning entries featured garments 4-Hers had made,

bought, or decorated to best support the patriotism theme.

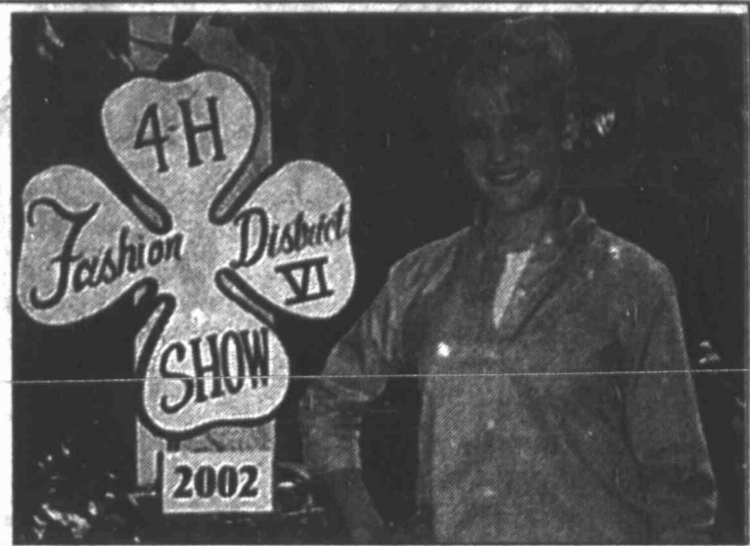
First through third place winners in the garment category of Construction and Buying divisions won ribbons from AEP-West Texas Utilities.

Cotton garment winners in the Construction Division won \$50 savings bonds provided by the Martin County, Trans-Pecos and St. Lawrence Cotton Growers Associations.

The Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers' Association Women's Auxiliary gave the wool and mohair garment winners cash prizes.

District Fashion Show winners in the Senior divisions are eligible for state competition this summer during State 4-H Roundup set for June 10-14 on the Texas A&M University Campus at College Station.

District winners from Howard County were Megan Conley who placed third in Junior Construction of a Single



Teryn Bibb, 12, daughter of Steve and Donna Bibb of Big Spring models her winning fashion entry during the Annual District 6 4-H Fashion Show on April 27. Bibb's tailoring skills earned her a \$50 savings bond.

Item and Ashley Martin who placed second in Junior Construction - Cotton. In the Junior Patriotic category, Erika Stiller was second.

For the Junior Buying Division, Kori Yanez placed first in Dressy and Caitlin Carlisle was first in Casual.

In the Intermediate Construction Division, Gabrielle Perez placed third in Dressy, DeAnna Carlisle was first in Casual, and

Steve Stiller received second for Single Item.

Natasha Yanez competed in the Intermediate Patriotic Division and placed second.

The Intermediate Buying Division awards were earned by Teryn Bibb with a first in Casual and Rachael Wheeler in third in Cotton.

For more information call Katie Walker or Michael Brooks at 264-2236.

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Mother's Day Is May 12th

Happy Mother's Day



Big Spring Herald Why I Love My Mom Essay Winners

★ Winner

As the oldest, I shared my Mom with a sister, Doodle and a brother Bubby. We were very blessed to have a loving Mom. She's the Best Mom In Big Spring!!

A stay at home Mom, always the best cook. She'd kiss away the hurts, physical or emotional. Mom knew the importance of band-aids. She knew to order a hamburger with just the mustard please or just a meat patty. She took us to church to learn about Jesus. She gave us dishes to make mud pies. The strongest disciplinarian, she'd tell us to wait until Dad came home, knowing the worst part was to wait.

Older, Mom became our confidant to share, laugh and even cry with as we survived teen years. She spent many hours at sporting events and band trips/banquets. She gave us the car, spending money, and hosted slumber parties. Everyone always called our mother, "Mom".

As adults, we still rely on her. She says enough to care, but not interfere. Our Mother is still the rock that weaves us together with love, compassion and pride. This tribute is only a small token of appreciation for the love she shows to our children and us. With pride, we nominate our Mother for the Best in Big Spring. -Gayle Worthan.

Need more proof? Ask her 6 grandchildren—they'll unanimously vote for MIMI... But that would be another story!!
Sonya Metcalf
Tammy Lockhart
Rory Worthan

Dear Mother and Community,

I'm so thankful that I still have a mother this Mother's Day!! I feel so blessed to have a mother that is a Christian and who taught me things about God.

Mother was a Sunday School Teacher most of my life. She spent hours reading The Bible and in prayer in preparation for each Sunday's class. She taught me most things, by her example, always serving and giving money and time to The Lord. I saw the fruit of her labor, that you reap a good harvest if you sow the right seed.

Our home was always open, even taking in a boy to live with us when he was abandoned by his single mother. Mother treated the employees at Herman's Restaurant like family, keeping peace when tensions were high and providing rides when they didn't have a car.

Since Mother was faithful in her responsibilities to raise her family, God has been faithful to continue to provide for her needs. As Mother turns eighty-seven, I'm still blessed by God's goodness that continues to be evident in her life. Scripture instructs us to "Honor" our mother and father and then promises that when we do, things will go well for us and we will enjoy a long life. I'm grateful for a mother who taught me God's Word and who now, by her example, continues to display God's wonderful ways!

I love you Mother and I will always treasure how you shaped my life!
Evelyn Bender

On Mothers Day I want to honor my mother, Mary Strain the definition of a mother according to the dictionary is "a female parent. There are, however, not enough words in the dictionary to accurately describe a mother in a manner that would do her justice. This will be a feeble attempt to at least try and describe a few of the reasons that my mother is special to me. My mother is willing to give to others even if it means that she must do with less or even without. My mother seems to find something positive to say about others even if all she can see are negatives. My mother gives thanks even in situations that are difficult or stressful. My mother takes the time to share the experiences of her life with others. My mother shows compassion to others who are less fortunate. My mother loves those in her life who are important to her without reservation even when this love is not returned. My mother is special not only to the family that loves her very much but to those she has touched in her life. She is caring, giving, sharing, compassionate, sympathetic, and most of all loving. It is for these reasons that I wish to honor her on this, her special day.
Tim Strain

A Special Tribute To My Mother
My name is Pedro Rosendo Aguilar
For who stands by my side 100%
For who is this wonderful person
For who has been plentifully patient with me
For who has shown wonderful wisdom
For who has administered unlimited amount of tender loving care
For who has been with me in my good times and bad times
For who has always provided for my needs
For who always shows a beautiful smile on visiting day
For who leaves hiding her tears with her smile
For who has been my ears
For who has been my eyes
For who has spoke for me
For who has done this for me
The most Magnificent 1# Mom
My Mother Ms. Dora M. Hernandez
Happy Mother's Day Teamo Tu Hijo
Pedro A.

My name is Justin Wilson. I am 14 years old and attend Big Spring Junior High School. I would like to nominate my Mom, Joyce Wilson, for Mother of the year.

When I started playing baseball she was Team Mom from 1996-1998. She was in charge of the concession stand for the 1999 and 2000 year. Her duties were to make sure the concession stand was always stocked and that it was clean. All though elementary school she volunteered for room mother and participated in all of my school activities. When my little sister, Julia, turned 3, my Mom started working for various churches in the day care. She always had fun crafts and projects for the kids to do. Now that my sister and I are both in school she has two jobs. Every morning before she leaves for work she makes us a big breakfast. She picks us up from school and then starts to cook supper. Once a week we go out to eat and take turns picking where we want to go. On our birthdays we always have a homemade birthday cake and a party. She organizes family get-togethers every holiday. There are usually 25-30 people at our family dinners.

My Mom is very family-oriented and has taught my sister and I a lot about family values. I am very glad and most of all very fortunate to have such a wonderful Mom who is willing to do without so that my sister and I can have whatever it is that we need. By receiving the award, my Mom will know just how much she means to my sister and I.

Thanks Mom, We Love You!
Justin Wilson
Julia Wilson

I am one of eight children born to Lilla Drewery. Our father was a Baptist Minister, so my Mom never had a house of her own. You know, I can't ever remember hearing her complain about that. I do know she always made sure our home was clean, (I know because there was no sleeping late on Saturday at our house too many floors to mop, door facings to wash, ironing, cooking, etc.) can you imagine with 10 people trying to feed them 3 meals a day, 7 days a week? I had 4 children of my own and that was hard enough. The words "I'm hungry" got to be dreaded words for me. For Mom that was doubled! We were financially limited so to buy groceries to feed 10 people was hard for her, but we always had food, even if it was beans and taters. We never went away hungry.

There are 5 girls and 3 boys in our family. My Mother made our clothes most of the time, especially the girls. Can you just imagine every Easter making 5 dresses? Well most of the years we had new dresses to show off for Easter Sunday. I can still remember some of them. Then at Christmas Mom would work while we were in school, trying to sew and putting it away before we came home. She wanted it to be a surprise under the Christmas tree.

Mom, now that I am older I know you made some tremendous sacrifices which we never realized. In my heart I think you deserve to be honored for all of your hard work and devotion to your family. Your hard work and Christian values is reflected through you children's lives.

Mom resides at Canterbury South Retirement Home, and is 88 years old. She is one of the sweetest ladies in Canterbury. Dad passes away in 1976, but all 8 children are still living.
Dot Ditto, daughter
25 Chapman Rd.
Big Spring, Tx 79720
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My name is Rosa Lillian Mata. I am 19 years old. I have a beautiful baby girl and which her name is Kendra Starr Mata she is 6 1/2 months old. she love her grandma very much.

I would love to win this Special Tribute to Mother's contest for my mother. she know how much she means to me already, cause I tell here everyday of my life.

I want everyone to know to
Thank You
Rosa Mata

My Mother!
My Mother is named Francis Elida Hilario. She is 40 years old. She's a mother also a grandmother of 8 grandchildren.

My Mother is a very loving and caring woman. I can remember the first time I saw her when I was four years old, I knew that she was a perfect mother. She may not be biologically my mother, but to me it not about blood, its about love and support she has given me. I'm 19 years old now and she's still at my side. I thank God for sending me and my two younger brothers to her cause without our dear, sweet, and loving mother we'd be lost out there in the cold. So all I would love to tell her for always being there for me is Thanks Mom, and I will always love you, cherish you forever and ever.
Happy Mother's Day Mom!
Rosa Mata

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IN BRIEF

NL Minors Astros roll to big 13-2 victory

Payton Parker struck out eight batters in four innings for his second win of the season, as the National Little League minors division Astros rolled to a 13-2 victory over the Tigers on Tuesday.

Ryan Flores led the Astros in hitting, going 2-for-2 with a triple and a single. Matthew Carrillo added a bases-loaded double and Wayland Leach picked up a single.

The Tigers' lone hit was a two-out, RBI double by Greg Krug.

The win improved the Astros season record to 11-0.

Lady Steers playoff with Dumas set

The Big Spring Lady Steers will take on Dumas' Lady Demons in a one-game Class 4A regional quarterfinal softball playoff at 6 p.m. Friday in Lubbock.

The game will be played at Lubbock High School's softball facility.

The Lady Steers, now 22-9 on the season, advanced to the regional quarterfinal over the weekend with 6-0 and 11-1 area round wins over El Paso Ysleta's Lady Indians.

Bulldogettes face Clarendon on Friday

Coahoma's Bulldogettes will play Clarendon's Lady Bulldogs in a one-game Class 2A regional quarterfinal softball playoff at 7 p.m. in Lubbock.

The game will be played at Lubbock Coronado High School's softball facility.

Bulldogs set to open playoffs in baseball

Coahoma's Bulldogs will play their first game in the Class 2A baseball playoffs Saturday, taking on Sonora's Bronchos at 6 p.m. in San Angelo's Colts Stadium in an area round contest.

The Bulldogs, champions of District 3-2A, drew a bye in the first round.

Lady Steers banquet slated for May 13

The Big Spring Lady Steers Booster Club will hold its annual athletic banquet at 7 p.m. Monday in the Big Spring Junior High School cafeteria.

Tickets, priced at \$10 each, can be purchased at Athletic Supply, Faye's Flowers and from Kay Cook in the BSHS Athletic Department office.

Coahoma schedules athletic banquet

The Coahoma High School Athletic Banquet has been scheduled for 6 p.m. Monday in the elementary school cafeteria. Serving begins at 6 p.m. with the program to follow at 7.

For more information, or to purchase tickets for the banquet, contact Diana Collum, Diane Herrera, Barbara Hipp, Laura Kemper or Twila Wegner.

Forsan All-Sports Banquet on May 16

Forsan High School will hold its annual All-Sports Banquet at 7 p.m. Thursday, May 16, in the school's cafeteria.

The banquet will honor all high school athletes who participated during the 2001-2002 school year.

Tickets, priced at \$10 each, can be purchased at the high school office.

White Sox turn big eighth inning into win over Rangers

ARLINGTON (AP) — The Chicago White Sox had their big-inning offense on display again Tuesday night.

Magglio Ordonez hit a three-run homer and Frank Thomas had a two-run single in an eight-run sixth inning, leading the White Sox over the Texas Rangers 11-6.

"We really turned it on in the sixth," said Thomas, who drove in three runs. "We're all able to hit on this team, one through nine. We don't get too excited about it because we've been hitting like this all year, but we definitely hit in spurts."

The White Sox scored 10 runs or more for the seventh time this season after reaching double-digits in 11 games all of last season. Chicago has had four or more runs in an inning 21 times in 2002 and 10 or

more hits 20 times. Chicago trailed 4-3 in the sixth before Jose Valentin's leadoff homer off Rob Bell (2-1).

Rafael Palmeiro, a three-time Gold Glove at first base, made his second error of the game on Kenny Lofton's grounder off Randy Flores, which drove in Mark Johnson from third with the go-ahead run. It was the first two-error game for Palmeiro since May 6, 2001, also against the White Sox.

"We've played well defensively all year, but tonight we just weren't able to pick them up," said Rangers manager Jerry Narron. "You make mistakes and they have some very good hitters who can make you pay. When they get on a roll, they can score a lot of runs. We haven't had many games like that. We let it get away from us."

Later in the sixth, Flores walked Ray Durham to load the bases, and Thomas greeted Todd Van Poppel with his single for a 7-4 lead. Ordonez hit his eighth homer of the season and Valentin added an RBI double.

Lofton went 2-for-6 and scored three runs, and Valentin went 2-for-5 with two RBIs. Paul Konerko was 2-for-5 for Chicago.

The key, said White Sox manager Jerry Manuel, is Lofton in the lead-off spot.

"We have a good offensive club and it starts with Lofton," Manuel said. "When he gets going, everyone else follows. Kenny's played hard since day one, no matter what the score was."

Michael Porzio (1-0) allowed one run and one hit in two innings for his first major league victory. Matt

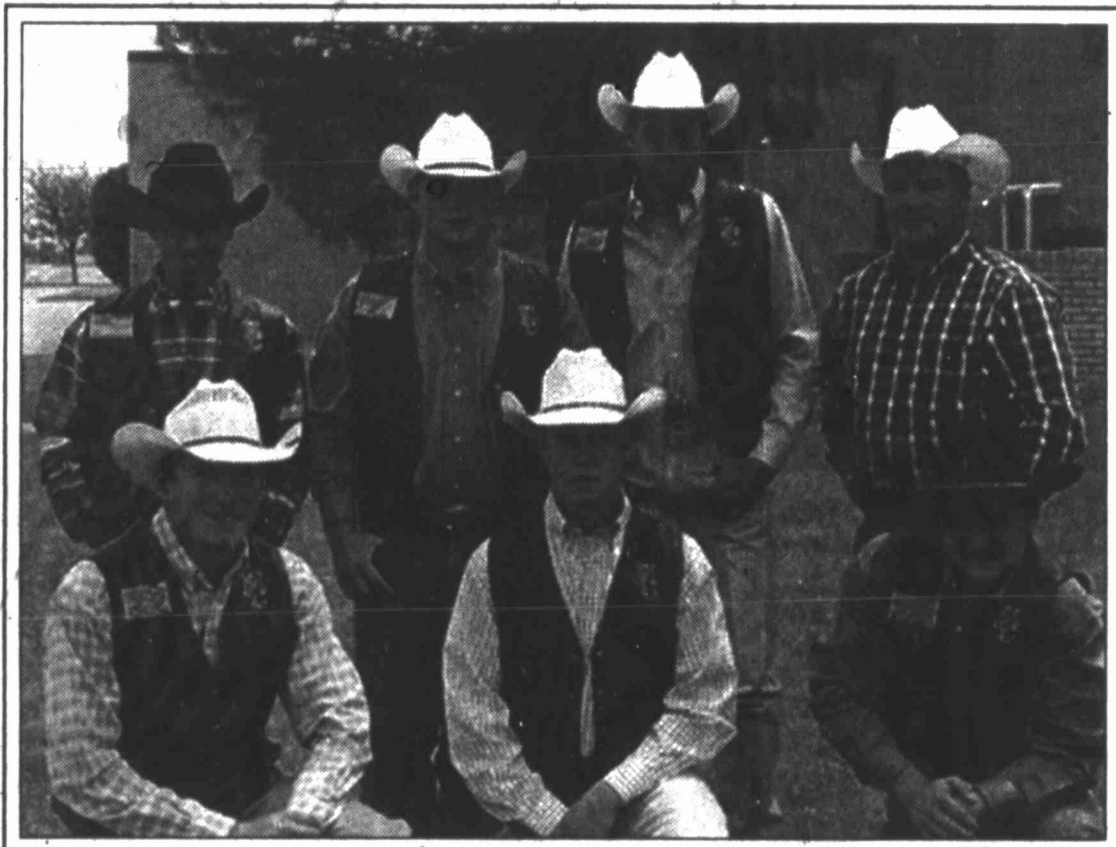
Ginter pitched four innings for his first major league save.

Bell gave up six runs and eight hits in 5 1-3 innings for Texas, which has lost three of four since winning eight of nine.

Bell is trying to keep his spot in the rotation, but may be headed for the minors or the bullpen when Chan Ho Park is activated from the disabled list, which could happen next week.

"I made a few bad pitches and didn't get away with any of my mistakes," Bell said. "I had one bad inning in my three starts. It's disappointing."

Thomas' sacrifice fly put Chicago ahead in the first, but Palmeiro homered leading off the second. Gabe Kapler hit a two-run double off Gary Glover in the third for a 3-1 Texas lead.



Here are the Howard College rodeo team members that have qualified for the Conference Finals Rodeo to be held May 23-26 in Hobbs, N.M. Front row, from left, are: Colby Scheeman, Trey Hale and Trent Cornelius. Back row: Chris Herin, Jake Degeer, Tony Saulter and Coach Greg Kemick.

Spurs even series with 88-85 win

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

If the Los Angeles Lakers held a psychological advantage over the San Antonio Spurs — and that's up for debate — they don't anymore.

The Spurs survived four turnovers by Tim Duncan in the final 2 1/2 minutes to beat the two-time defending champions 88-85 Tuesday night and even their Western Conference semifinal.

"It's huge for us," Duncan said. "We really needed this one."

The Lakers, who haven't played nearly to the championship form of last spring, had won 20 of their previous 21 postseason games and their last 18 home games.

The best of seven series shifts to San Antonio for Game 3 Friday and Game 4 Sunday.

In Tuesday night's other playoff game, New Jersey took a 2-0 lead over Charlotte in their Eastern Conference semifinal by beating the visiting Hornets 102-88.

Detroit, up 1-0, plays the visiting Boston Celtics on Wednesday night in the other semifinal in the East.

The Spurs led by as many as 21 points and were ahead 85-74 when Duncan made a free throw with 6:23 remaining. They would score only three more points, but that would be enough to snap their five-game playoff losing streak to the Lakers.

"We wanted to come in here and take one," said Duncan, who had 27 points, 17 rebounds, five assists and five blocks. "We're right where we want to be."

The Lakers drew within one with 1:31 left. Duncan committed the last of his 10 turnovers with 81/2 seconds to go when Shaquille O'Neal poked the ball away with the Spurs leading 87-85.

The Lakers hurried down the court, but Kobe Bryant was called for traveling with 1.3 seconds to play. Duncan then made a free throw to complete the scoring.

"I lost control of the ball," Bryant said. "I tried to tip it back to (Derek) Fisher. It was an obvious violation." Duncan said he had never committed 10 turnovers before.

"I've been real close, I've never gotten to double digits," he said. "I need to be better about taking care of the ball. The next time the game plan is to complete my passes to our guys."

The Spurs are trying to avenge a sweep by the Lakers in the 2001 conference finals, when they were outscored by 89 points in four games.

"They had to be scared, being up 21 points and having us come back the way we did," said Lakers for-

ward Samaki Walker, who played for the Spurs last season. "This definitely breaks down the mental wall. They have beaten Goliath."

Duncan wasn't buying the imagery.

"They're only immortal to you guys," he told reporters.

Added San Antonio's Bruce Bowen: "We understand they're a great team and every team in this league is capable of making runs."

Duncan, who shot 9-for-30 in the opener, which the Lakers won 86-80, was 10-of-19 in this game.

"There weren't any better looks, the ball just went down for me," said Duncan, who will officially receive the NBA's MVP award Thursday in San Antonio.

Antonio Daniels added 14 points, Bowen scored a career playoff high 13 and Malik Rose had nine points and 11 rebounds for the Spurs, who went ahead for good late in the first quarter.

San Antonio again played without David Robinson, who missed his sixth straight playoff game with a nerve problem in his lower back.

Even though he didn't play, Rose said Robinson made a contribution.

"We held our composure, and that was a credit to David," Rose said. "He told us what they were going to do late in the game, and he was right every time. He wasn't playing, but he was a leader for us."

Bryant led the Lakers with 26 points, all but six in the second half, and said his bruised knee from Game 1 wasn't a problem.

He did say O'Neal, who had 19 points, seven rebounds and five assists, was bothered by the cut on his right finger that required three stitches in the opener.

O'Neal left without speaking.

Nets 102, Hornets 88

Lucious Harris shot 10-for-11 and scored 24 points and Keith Van Horn added 20 points and 11 rebounds as the Nets overcame a mediocre game from Jason Kidd.

Harris had a personal 6-0 run after the Hornets pulled within three points with 5 1/2 minutes left. New Jersey closed with a 16-5 burst.

Kidd missed nine consecutive shots at one point and finished 5-for-18 from the field with 11 points, six assists and three rebounds.

Charlotte's Baron Davis had 21 points, seven assists and five rebounds, but went scoreless for more than 15 minutes in the second half.

Game 3 is Thursday in Charlotte.

Royals finally manage a win for new skipper

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

John Mizerock returned to the visitors' clubhouse, and this time he didn't have to account for another loss.

"No champagne," he said after his first win as the Kansas City Royals' interim manager. "A couple of beers."

Paul Byrd pitched seven shutout innings for the Royals, who beat the Minnesota Twins 4-1 on Tuesday night and improved to 1-6 under Mizerock.

"It's one win," Mizerock said. "Tomorrow I expect these guys to come out with the same attitude."

Byrd, who walked three and hit a batter after issuing only two walks in his first six starts and 42 1-3 innings, kept the Twins out of synch with his sidearm delivery.

"Every team is at the mercy of their starting pitching," said Mizerock, who stepped in when Tony Muser was fired April 29. "If your pitcher does well, you're going to be in the game."

In other American League games, it was: Boston 9, Oakland 7; Detroit 3, Anaheim 0; New York 5, Tampa Bay 2; Baltimore 4, Cleveland 3 in 10 innings; Chicago 11, Texas 6; and Toronto 4, Seattle 1.

In National League games, it was: Los Angeles 6, Atlanta 5; Chicago 8, St. Louis 0; San Francisco 5, New York 1; Arizona 7, Pittsburgh 6; Colorado 5, Montreal 3; Cincinnati 8, Milwaukee 2; Florida 12, San Diego 4; and Philadelphia 7, Houston 4.

The Royals got just their second win since April 24 and improved to 9-21.

The Twins managed only five hits — three against Byrd — and fell to 15-3 at home.

"We just didn't have a chance against him," Twins manager Ron Gardenhire said.

Roberto Hernandez, activated from the disabled list May 2, pitched the ninth for his first save.

Minnesota starter Matt Kinney (1-2) gave up two hits and a run in six innings.

Red Sox 9, Oakland 7

Trot Nixon was 3-for-5 with four RBIs, including a solo homer and a two-run single, as Boston won at Oakland for its seventh straight victory.

With the score 5-5 in the eighth, Jim Mecir (1-1) loaded the bases with no outs and Brian Daubach grounded to shortstop Miguel Tejada. He threw to catcher Ramon Hernandez, who bobbled the ball as Offerman scored the go-ahead run.

Rolando Arroyo (2-0) went 2 2-3 relief innings and allowed one hit for the win.

Boston starter Pedro Martinez had not allowed a run on the road this season until Hernandez's RBI single in the second.

Tigers 3, Angels 0

Seth Greisinger earned his first victory in four seasons, and Brandon Inge triggered a three-run eighth inning with a leadoff homer for visiting Detroit.

After averaging 8.4 runs in their previous 10 games, the Angels managed only two hits through the first six innings against Greisinger (1-0), who won for the first time since beating the Chicago White Sox on Sept. 15, 1998.

The right-hander sat out the previous two seasons and most of 1999 after reconstructive elbow surgery.

Yankees 5, Devil Rays 2

Alfonso Soriano drove in two runs and New York beat Tampa Bay to send the Devil Rays to their 12th straight loss — the longest slide in the majors since

1997. While Tampa set a team record for consecutive defeats, the visiting Yankees snapped a three-game slide of their own behind Mike Mussina (4-2) and Mariano Rivera, who pitched a hitless ninth to earn the 224th save of his career and tie the team record set by Dave Righetti.

Tampa Bay's losing streak is the longest since Kansas City lost 12 straight in 1997.

Orioles 4, Indians 3

Jerry Hairston had a season-high three hits and scored the winning run on a grounder by Jeff Conine in the 10th as Baltimore beat visiting Cleveland.

Jorge Julio (2-0) pitched two perfect innings for the Orioles, who trailed 3-1 in the eighth before rallying against reliever Paul Shuey. Baltimore improved to 3-0 in extra innings and 3-12 when trailing after seven.

Blue Jays 4, Mariners 1

Roy Halladay scattered four hits over 7 2-3 innings to lead Toronto. Halladay (2-1) had a shutout until the eighth, when Mike Cameron tripled to drive in Ichiro Suzuki for the Mariners' only run.

This was Cameron's first game in Seattle since hitting four home runs in a game against Chicago last week.

Halladay struck out five and walked two, and Kelvin Escobar pitched the ninth for his fifth save.

Dodgers 6, Braves 5

Brian Jordan homered twice in his return to Atlanta. But Gary Sheffield, the player the Braves got for Jordan in a trade with Los Angeles, made it a very long night at Turner Field.

The Dodgers outlasted the Braves 6-5 in 16 innings, a game that lumbered along for 5 hours, 19 minutes.

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SPORTS EXTRA

AMERICAN LEAGUE

Table with columns for East Division and Central Division, listing teams like Boston, New York, Toronto, Tampa Bay, Minnesota, Chicago, Cleveland, Detroit, and Kansas City with their records.

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NBA PLAYOFFS

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NATIONAL LEAGUE

Table with columns for East Division and Central Division, listing teams like New York, Florida, Montreal, Atlanta, Philadelphia, Cincinnati, Pittsburgh, Houston, St. Louis, Chicago, Milwaukee, San Francisco, Arizona, Los Angeles, San Diego, and Colorado with their records.

NHL PLAYOFFS

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TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL: NATIONAL LEAGUE: CINCINNATI REDS—Placed RHP Joey Hamilton on the 15-day disabled list. Recalled RHP Jose Acevedo from Louisville to the International League. Promoted LHP Lance Davis from Chattanooga of the Southern League to Louisville. NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE: KANSAS CITY CHIEFS—Signed OL Marcus Spears to a four-year contract and FB Josh Roth to a two-year contract. NEW YORK JETS—Signed S Doug Shanahan. Waived S Bobby Jackson and DE John Frank. HOCKEY: NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE: FLORIDA PANTHERS—Promoted Randy Sieminski to director of media relations. Named Chris Reichart strength and conditioning coach.

UIL TENNIS

Final results from the Texas high school tennis championships at the University of Texas and the Lakeway World of Tennis. Class 1A Florida: Girls Singles: Isamie Perez, San Antonio Stacy def. Kyle Coleman, Whiteface 6-3, 6-3. Girls Doubles: Jamie Mathis/Kayla Spence, Sabinal def. Kelly Cleaver/Katelyn Meyer, Vega 6-2, 6-2. Boys Singles: Cotter Williams, Rotan def. C.J. Parsley, Vega 6-1, 6-2. Boys Doubles: Brad Johnson/Landon Weiershausen, Knox City def. Matt Alejandro/Chris Glasscock, Krippel 6-3, 6-3. Class 2A Florida: Girls Singles: Alicia Cummings, San Saba def. Caitlin Glenn, Wall 6-0, 6-2. Girls Doubles: Gentry Newman/Christina Redish, Eldorado def. Jenna Payne/Jessica Castaneda, Floydada 6-2, 6-5. Boys Singles: Rhett Heartsill, Wall, def. Randy Gardes.

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ARENA FOOTBALL

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Thursday, May 9:

You will head in a new direction this year, making waves where it counts. Your ability to see through the obvious helps you gain professionally. You might also have quite an impact on others. Politics or work that deals with others helps you use your many skills. Others often speak their mind to you, especially concerning finances. You can convince others that your ideas are right. People naturally follow your lead. You also, of course, seem to make money through your ventures. If you are single, romance might keep you quite happy this year. Open up to meeting someone who could have quite an impact on you. Romance marks your relationships. If you are attached, your relationship needs to take priority. So much could be happening around you that it could be difficult to maintain a quality relationship. GEMINI understands your possessive streak.

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ARIES (March 21-April 19) **** A reversal, whether in your personal or professional life, could set you back. Actually, if you can distance yourself from your initial disappointment, you realize that this information needed to come out. Regroup, and you'll be OK. Don't worry. Tonight: Discuss recent events.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) *** Confusion with a boss or at work could have an unusual impact. You might see this person reveal a whole different side of him- or herself, which could take you back. Keep your mind on the job and/or what you must accomplish. Tonight: Burn the midnight oil.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) **** News or gossip could

set you back, but until information is proven, it's not a fact. Loosen up and worry less about what is happening here. Express yourself in your unique style. Someone responds as you could only wish. Tonight: Keep on smiling.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) *** Deal with finances directly, or you could find yourself in deep trouble. Loosen up some and think through your issues, especially those involving trust and a mutual partnership. Step back and do some hard-core thinking. Tonight: Get some extra zzz's.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ***** Listen to a friend, especially if you need feedback about a key associate. This person might be behaving in an odd, unpredictable manner. Stay centered and take your time making a critical decision. Your perceptions could change substantially. Tonight: Follow your pals.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) *** Adjust to a changeable work situation. You could be very confused by another's instructions. Sort through what is realistic. Discuss and process what someone expects from you. Keep asking and confirming in your mind what it is you want. Use your creativity. Tonight: Work late.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) **** You might not be seeing a loved one clearly. A child, as well, could be pulling the wool over your eyes. Knowing this, you might be able to read through the haze around this person. Directly speak your mind to those around you. Use your creativity. Tonight: Play away.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) *** You're coming from a point of confusion. What might be revealed could be critical in the long term. Don't hide from the inevitable. Think in terms of greater achievement and

direction through the help of a partner. Together you make quite the team. Tonight: Say "yes."

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) **** What you discover might be more important than you realize. If you hit a snafu involving a car, you need to think in terms of growth and change. Fix anything that might be in disrepair in your immediate environment. Make an important call. Tonight: Out.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) *** Push hard to complete certain key tasks at work. If you believe a financial matter could be slippery or off, it probably is. Use your good sense, both financially and emotionally. Carefully consider options involving work, funds and a co-worker. Tonight: Off to the gym.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) **** What might be a reversal actually could prove otherwise. Just deal with a problem head-on. You could be pleased with the end results. You inspire someone, but don't think it is a one-way street. Feed each other information. Share more. Tonight: Playtime!

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) *** A fundamental realization makes all the difference in the outcome of a problem. Realize more of

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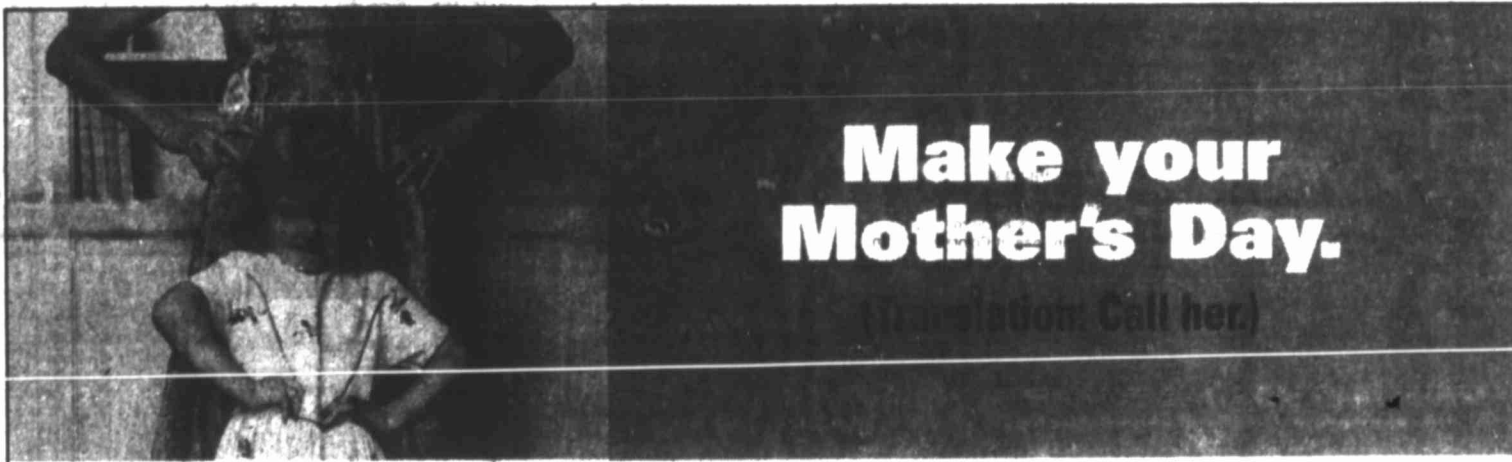
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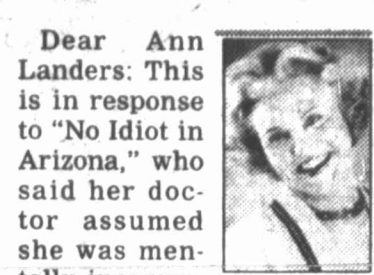
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Doctor not addressing the patient considered rude



ANN LANDERS

Dear Ann Landers: This is in response to "No Idiot in Arizona," who said her doctor assumed she was mentally incompetent because she had physical problems. The doctor directed his questions to her son instead of to her, and she was justifiably insulted. However, there may be another side to the story.

My 92-year-old mother is in perfect mental health, but she refuses to acknowledge her physical problems. She insists that her daily medication is a "vitamin" and that her asthma is simply a "cough." I now accompany her to every doctor's appointment in order to know what's really going on. My mother is also hard of hearing, and the doctor occasionally must address his questions to me because my mother either doesn't hear him or misunderstands.

My 87-year-old father-in-law had the family in an uproar when he said his doctor diagnosed him with a rare kidney disease and cancer. When my husband went along to the next appointment, the doctor informed him that Dad kept requesting examinations when there was absolutely nothing wrong with him. He had neither kidney disease nor cancer. My husband says he will tag along on future medical appointments in order to keep his father "honest."

For seniors like my mother, admitting to a physical handicap is a sign of weakness. Others, like my father-in-law, crave the attention that illness can bring. Sometimes it is necessary for the doctor to direct his questions to someone who will listen and make sure all instruc-

tions are followed properly. — Sue in Illinois

Dear Sue: You have made some valid points, and there are indeed times when it is necessary for the doctor to talk to someone other than the patient. However, unless the doctor has a good reason to direct his questions to a third party, it is rude and insulting to ignore the patient, no matter how elderly or infirm.

Dear Ann Landers: I have been involved with a married man for two years. I dated "Jerry" when we were younger, but we broke up, and I married someone else. I am now divorced and seeing Jerry again. I love him, and he says he loves me.

Jerry claims he is separated from his wife. However, I do not have his home phone number, nor have I ever been invited to his apartment. He never takes me anywhere his friends or family socialize. Our time together consists of restaurant meals or candlelit dinners at my place.

I know this sounds suspicious, but when I stop taking his calls, Jerry panics. He sends me flowers and candy, and begs me to take him back. I always do. I am certain his marriage is over, yet I am less sure that our relationship is going anywhere. What approach can I use to solidify this arrangement? — Georgia Peach

Dear Georgia: The only solid arrangement you are going to have is as his "mistress." Either Jerry is lying about his separation, or he has no intention of making you part of his life. Regardless, he is still married, and you have no business dating him. Disentangle yourself soon and move on.

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6:30 PM	News Fortune	King of the Hill Raymond	Cyberchase Zoboomatoo	Home Videos Home Videos	News Ent. Tonight	News (CC) Fortune	News Seinfeld (CC)	Friends (CC) Roseanne	Intrusa	Movie: The Thin Red Line (CC)	Mad TV (CC) Mad TV (CC)	The Russ House	E: The Legend of	Movie: The In Crowd (CC)	Update With John Hagee	The View (CC) New York	Ocean Planet (CC) Discovery	Prezler (CC) Atlanta	Dating Capers Learning Ch.
7:30 PM	My Wife-Kids According-Jim	70s Show Grounded-Life	American Family (CC)	Movie: Jack	60 Minutes II (CC)	My Wife-Kids According-Jim	Ed (CC)	Ripley's Believe It or Not!	Amigas y Rivales (SB)	Year (CC) (:40) Movie:	Star Trek: Next Gener.	Curly's Gold (CC)	Curly's Gold (CC)	Christian Dr. Massey	Biography (CC)	What Really Happened (CC)	NBA Basketball Playoffs: Behind the Jump With	Behind the Jump With	
8:30 PM	Drew Carey 20/20 (CC)	Bernie Mac	Search for the First Human	Who's Line? Whose Line?	48 Hours (CC)	Drew Carey 20/20 (CC)	West Wing (CC)	Movie: Quigley	Salome	Brothers of the Frontier	Movie: The Warriors	Movie: The Queens of Soul Food Resurrection (20) Movie:	lander: End-game (CC)	Sex and-City Sex and-City	Light of the Southwest	American Justice (CC)	Eichmann (CC)	Conference Semi. - Jurkyard Wars	Jurkyard Wars
9:30 PM	Cops (CC) Blind Date	Championship Ballroom	Whose Line? Whose Line?	48 Hours (CC)	48 Hours (CC)	Law & Order (CC)	Down Under	Don Francisco Presenta	(25) Movie:	Comedy (CC) (:20) Movie:	Soul Food Resurrection	Six Feet Under (CC)	Blue Vinyl (CC)	Hour of Healing	American Justice (CC)	Inside the KKK	Teams TBA Inside NBA	Paric Mechanics	
10:30 PM	News Nightline	Jerry Springer (CC) News-Lesher	Dancing (CC) 700 Club (CC)	News (35) Late	News (CC) Nightline	News (CC) Nightline	News (35) Tonight	Ripley's Believe It or Not!	P. Impacto Noticiero Univ.	Can of Worms	Star Trek: Next Gener.	Tapheads (CC)	Blvd. (45) Movie:	Blue Vinyl (CC)	Hour of Healing	Law & Order (CC)	What Really Happened (CC)	Movie: The Golden Child (CC)	Behind the Jump With
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12:30 AM	(12:05) Sally (CC)	Home Imp. Paid Program	A Special National	Guthy-Renker Paid Program	Show (CC) Street Smarts	(12:06) Oprah Winfrey (CC)	Night (CC) Frasier	Down Under	La Mujer de Mi Vida	Zorro (CC) Mickey Mouse	Baywatch (CC)	Vigilante Movie: Colly	Movie: By the	The Tailor of Panama (CC)	Faith Pleases God	American Justice (CC)	Inside the KKK	Movie: Burglar (CC)	Paric Mechanics

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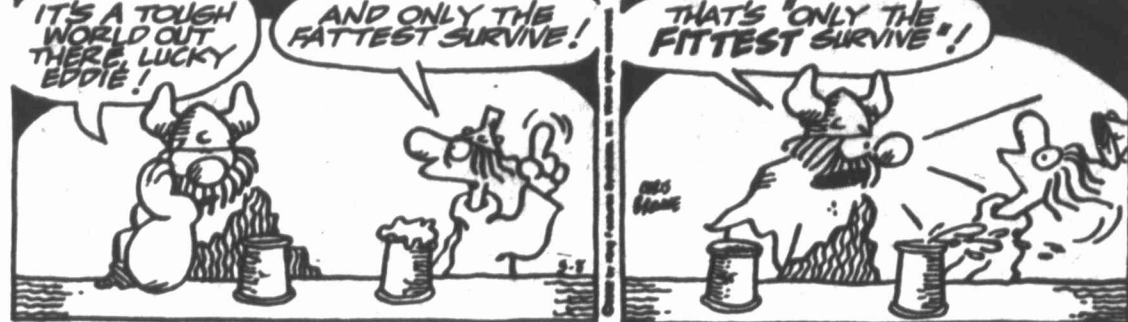
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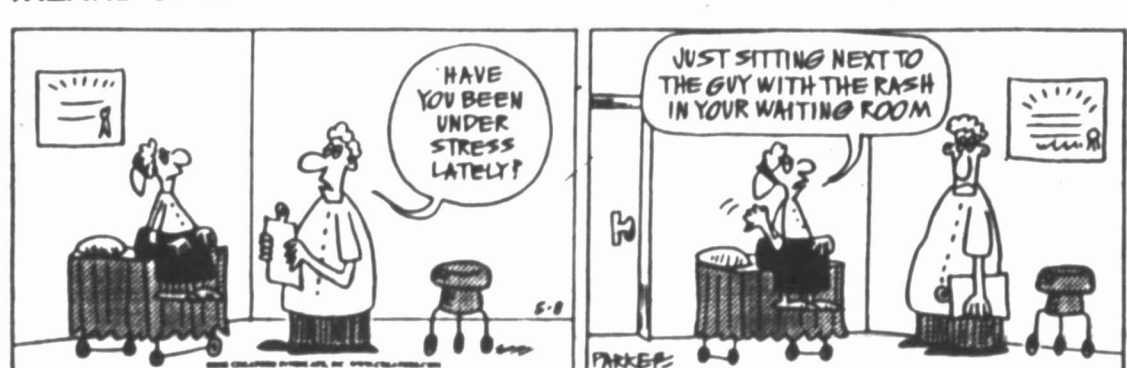
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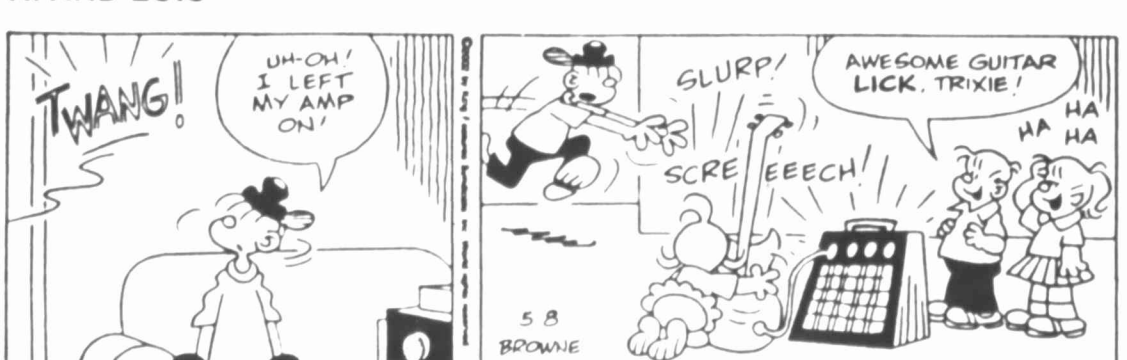
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THIS DATE IN HISTORY

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Today is Wednesday, May 8, the 128th day of 2002. 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 1958, Vice President

Nixon was shoved, stoned, booed and spat upon by anti-American protesters in Lima, Peru.
In 1962, the musical comedy "A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum" opened on Broadway.
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, President George H.W. Bush wound up two emotional days in riot-ravaged Los Angeles, promising to work harder

in Washington to enact a "common-sense agenda" of conservative proposals to help urban America.
Today's Birthdays:
Comedian Don Rickles is 76. Environmentalist Sir David Attenborough is 76. Author Peter Benchley is 62. Singer John Fred (John Fred and His Playboy Band) is 61. Actor James Mitchum is 61. Country singer Jack Blanchard is 60. Jockey Hall-of-Famer Angel Cordero Jr. is 60. Singer Toni Tenille is 59. Jazz musician Keith Jarrett is 57. Singer Philip Bailey (Earth, Wind and Fire) is 51. Rock musician Chris Frantz (Talking Heads) is 51.

Answer to previous puzzle:
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Newsday Crossword

HAVE A BEER by Fred Piscop
Edited by Stanley Newman

- ACROSS**
1 "Mama ___" Elliot
5 FDR's dog
9 Follow, as a tip
14 As far as
15 All done with
16 Telemarketer's tool
17 Pioneers' transport
20 Baseball Hall-of-Famer Fingers
21 Sault ___ Marie
22 Try for a part
23 Hoopster Shaq
24 ___ La Douce
26 Corporate barrier of a sort
33 Past due
36 ___ Paulo, Brazil
37 Scout's job, for short
38 In the past
39 Spanning
42 LAX listing
43 *Oliver Twist* no-goodnik
45 Literary monogram
46 Blue-pencil
47 Shelley novel
51 Scrimp's partner
52 Olfactory offenders
56 Peek-
59 PC bailout key
61 Accelerate
62 Clown with a photographer
65 Archie, to Meathead

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1 Word form for element #29
2 Cook's wear
3 No longer fresh
4 Some fabrics resist it
5 Pâté de ___ gras
6 Forum farewell
7 Discounted by
8 Really chilly
9 Mil. mail drop
10 Kind of hymn
11 Muscle quality
12 Suitable to serve
13 Uncool sort
18 Small stream
19 Roll-call call
25 Gooey stuff
27 Braying beast
28 Was in session
29 Arranges words
32 Pesky flier
33 Joke response, informally
34 Petri dish stuff
35 Forum wear
39 "Diana" singer
40 Adherent's suffix
41 Poor mark
44 To such an extent
46 Prevalent, as in a locale
48 Eternally
49 Get comfy
50 Teeny bit
53 *Pagliacci*, e.g.
54 Like Mayberry
55 Muscle twitch
56 *Lucky Jim* writer
57 Hitler's ploy
58 Eye slyly
60 Punch-card hanger
61 Glimpse over
63 Part of BYOB
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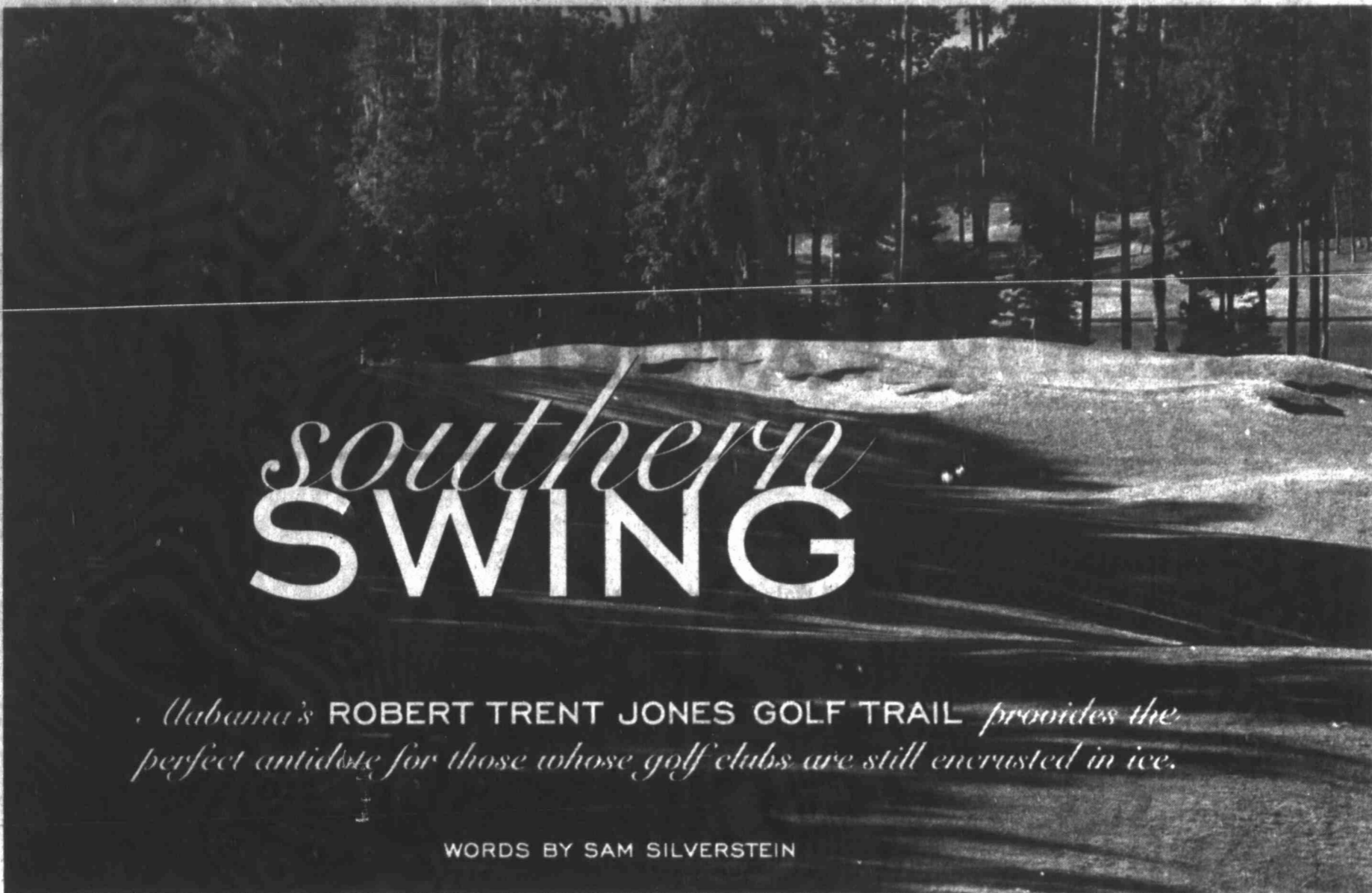
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Alabama's ROBERT TRENT JONES GOLF TRAIL provides the perfect antidote for those whose golf clubs are still encrusted in ice.

WORDS BY SAM SILVERSTEIN

Since opening for business in the early '90s, the Robert Trent Jones Golf Trail in Alabama has built a reputation as paradise on earth among a certain breed of person: those whose idea of light reading is *Golf Digest* instead of *Dave Pelz's Putting Bible*, who absorb their doses of national news via the Golf Channel, who view any reflective surface as an opportunity to examine their swings.

Of course, non-golfers and beginners are welcome along the Trail. A recently renovated Marriott Grand Hotel at Point Clear, on the Gulf of Mexico, has a tricked-up pool for the kiddos and a European-style spa for men and women not set on tackling the course. Every golf hole on the entire Trail was designed with forward tees to accommodate golfers of various abilities.

But at its essence, this is hardcore golf, featuring beefy, long layouts with lots of drama. Trail courses, 21 in all, are sited on sprawling tracts of land at eight facilities throughout the state. There's room enough at each facility for backless driving ranges, stately clubhouses and ambitious 'short courses'—don't call them pitch and putts—ideal for settling wagers that run into overtime.

In Scotland, luxury motor coaches carrying CEOs from seaside links to luxury resorts are a common sight. Here it's four dudes in a SUV, clubs stacked to the ceiling. The competition flows thickest during the spring high season, when hardcore golfers whose home clubs still are encrusted in ice head South en masse for their first golf fix of the year. The crowd "is from out of town, and they're here to play golf," says an assistant pro at one Trail complex.

IF YOU BUILD IT...

Not surprisingly, the Robert Trent Jones Golf Trail sprang from the imagination of a golfer, Dr. David Bronner, CEO of Retirement Systems of Alabama. Officially, Bronner is an appointed money manager for the state's teachers and other public employees. Unofficially, he's Alabama's self-appointed tourist minister, ambassador and one of the main players in the state's development scene.

The idea of building a network of world-class golf courses first occurred to Bronner in the late '80s. An inveterate Big Thinker, Bronner set his sights on enlisting a conspicuous architect, and letters were sent to several of the most prominent names in the business. Most couldn't comprehend what was being proposed.

"They'd try to correct us: 'Clearly you don't mean you're going to do seven sites at the same time, more than 18 holes at each site,'" Bronner recalls. "We were trying to do something that had never been done in the world... it was a matter

of finding someone who thought we were credible."

The most outrageous name on Bronner's wish list got his gist. He found a kindred spirit in legendary architect Robert Trent Jones, Sr., who emerged from semi-retirement to take on the challenge of developing the Trail. By then, Jones' legacy as one of the great golf course architects of all time was secure. But the opportunity to develop all seven original sites (an eighth, Capitol Hill, came online in 2000) proved irresistible to the octogenarian Englishman, who designed or renovated an estimated 500 courses during a seven-decade-long career.

Jones' zeal for the project was obvious in his hands-on approach as well as the quality of the final product. He once was quoted in *Business Week* as considering the Trail project a once-in-

es in the country in 1993. The Links course at Grand National regularly cracks the esteemed publication's annual public top-100 to this day.

The professional golf tours have the Trail on their radar as well. The LPGA tour visits Magnolia Grove, in Mobile, each year. The Buy.com tour held its season-ending Tour Championship at Capitol Hill in September 2001. Plans are in the works for both to return this fall.

72 HOLES, 72 HOURS

My own taste of the Trail comprised 72 holes in three days at three facilities within easy driving distance of Montgomery, Alabama's capital and roughly the state's midpoint. Typical of the entire Trail, each course had qualities in common, yet was distinct from one another, despite their proximity.

The Judge, our first course, is one of three at Capitol Hill in Prattville, on the outskirts of Montgomery. The Judge's elevated first tee box affords views of Montgomery and the Alabama River in the distance, a skinny band of fairway below, glimpses of pleasures to come beyond the steeply sloped first green. It was a grand, and appropriately daunting, way to christen the trip. "When you enter The Judge, you enter The Judge," our starter told us. "We'll bring sandwiches out to you, but you won't see much of anyone else for the rest of your round." Down we plunged.

A relentless lattice of difficult golf holes ensued. The Judge is the most recent Trail course to come online and was designed to expand on the most popular features of its predecessors. Namely: their difficulty. The Alabama River's opaque backwaters provide much of the trouble; the number of water carries reached double-digits early on the back nine. Dry corners of the course were guarded by colonies of fire ants. The round was punishing but enjoyable, and blew past in the blink of an eye.

Our resting spot, Legends Hotel, is conveniently close to the local Wal-Mart, which is handy when re-loading a supply of golf balls.

The following morning we drove an hour and 25 minutes due east, through cotton fields, beneath a promising sunrise, to the Grand National golf complex at Auburn/Opelika. Here we received another warm greeting at the bag drop, and mounted the stairs of another stately clubhouse. A trend clearly was developing.

Grand National features two regulation courses, Links and Lake, and a short course. Trent Jones, Sr. is reported to have characterized the property as the best for golf he ever saw.

We played the Links course which, true to its name, was Scottish in character. Six-hundred-acre Lake Saughahatche, in play on 24 of Grand National's 36 regulation holes, is glimpsed for the first time behind the Links course's second hole and reappears intermittently throughout the track. No. 6, a twisty par 5 that plays to a remote corner of the property, was a particular favorite. And the water carry to 18 was as hard, and good, as it gets. Everyone in our group hit the green in regulation,

each other noisily across the dry forest floor were the only company.

The third and last stop on our Trail mini-tour was Cambrian Ridge, in Greenville, an hour south of Montgomery. Cambrian Ridge is a complex of three regulation nines. The property again has water everywhere, and Grand National's serpentine nature, but introduces a new element: hills. The Canyon nine is a roller coaster ride of elevated tees and landing areas in the elbow of doglegs, with several carries over catfish-roiled water. The Loblolly nine smoothes out a bit, with generous fairways and rock-hard greens. Loblolly's polished air is said to be the closest most mortals will come to playing Augusta National.

Jones' masterly touch with the blueprint and the surveyor's map was felt all weekend long. With amoeba-like bunkers and raised, multi-tiered greens, only a true wizard with the flat stick will play much golf here without putting off one of the greens.

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Retirement Systems of Alabama CEO Dr. David Bronner was born in Minnesota, and moved to Alabama in his early 20s to attend law school and pursue a Ph.D. He has been in charge of the state's pension fund for nearly 30 years.

Framed press clippings on the wall of his downtown Montgomery office describe Bronner as "iconoclast," "pugnacious" and "hard-driving"; his style has made enemies along the way. But the beneficiaries of his skill as a money manager, the state's public employees, are devoted. And Bronner's love for his adopted home, in turn, runs deep. To him the Trail is an investment, but it's also a cause.

The image of Alabama as an intol-erant state was born during the Civil Rights struggles of the 1960s and perpetuated in 1990, when that year's PGA Championship was moved from the Shoal Creek Country Club in Birmingham after it was revealed that the club's membership policy barred the door to African-Americans.

But golf also could be the engine of Alabama's renaissance. Or so Bronner believes. "The straw I was grasping for was some mechanism to change the [state's] attitude and perception," Bronner says. The Trail is "an experiment to try to reintroduce Alabamians to the rest of the world, and introduce the rest of the world to Alabama."

True to its mission, the Trail

accomplishes an unlikely parlay: championship-quality golf shot through with an egalitarian vibe. The target demo is "people who love the game of golf who don't have the connections or the money to play championship golf," Bronner says. "Here's an opportunity to play championship golf that won't bankrupt you... [The Trail] is as good or better as any top-quality public golf courses in the world, but at a reasonable price."

Green fees vary slightly from course to course on the Robert Trent Jones Golf Trail, but all are good deals. The steepest green fee in the circuit is \$65 to play The Judge at Capitol Hill during the spring peak season, and the general range is \$35-60 year-round. With steep discounts on same-day replays, a customer would be hard pressed to spend \$100 a day to play 36 holes of stellar golf plus rent a cart at any facility on the Trail.

Has the Robert Trent Jones Golf Trail, as intended, turned tourist heads toward Alabama? It's hard to calculate a change in something as ephemeral as reputation. Hard numbers are easier to understand, especially in Bronner's world.

"We've had a positive return," Bronner says. "But the big impact has been on the state of Alabama. When the Trail started, tourism was less than a \$2 billion a year industry. Now it's a \$6.1 billion industry."

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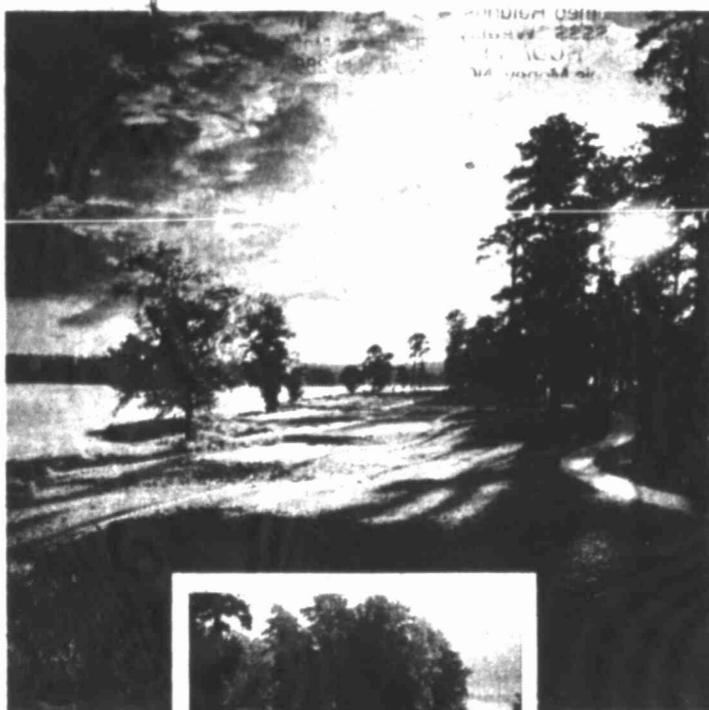
one of those "maybe we can play this game after all" moments that keep the golf economy humming.

Overall, Grand National seemed more forgiving, less overwhelmingly huge, than The Judge. The back nine features several craggy par fours that were downright cozy. Not that my score reflected any improvement. In the afternoon we played the short course, which featured all the regulation course's quality, sans the option to lay up. A father and son twosome on the horizon and several etiquette-indifferent squirrels chasing

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Above: Grand National
Inset: Cambrian Ridge

a-lifetime chance "to paint my Sistine Chapel."

Jones, who died in 2000 at age 93, designed the Trail to capitalize on Alabama's diverse topography while keeping his foot relentlessly heavy on the gas. "He told me a couple times, 'We're making 'em too hard,'" Bronner recalls of the early give and take between the architect and owner. "I kept telling him, 'No, we're not.' ... Everybody in the country complained about Pete Dye's course at PGA West when it first came online, that it was so difficult. And every time I went there, all I saw were people standing in line with \$200 in their hands. They want punishment."

All 18 original Trail courses were constructed in one frenzied push. The first, Oxmoor Valley in Birmingham, opened in the fall of '92, less than two years from when the idea for the Trail first had occurred to Bronner. The last of the original seven complexes came online within a year. Total price tag: approximately \$140 million.

Acclaim for Jones' handiwork began rolling in soon after the ceremonial first drives were struck. *Golf Digest* listed both regulation courses at the Grand National complex in Auburn/Opelika among the top four new public cours-

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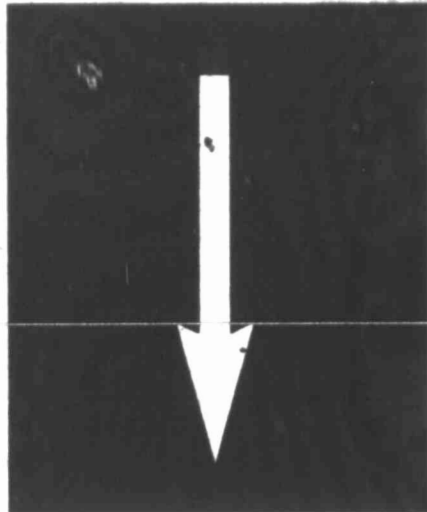


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