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WEATHER

Tonight:

TONIGHT 65°-68° THURSDAY 96°-100°

Main Street Inc. to meet Thursday at new location

Big Spring Main Street Inc. will meet Thursday at 12:15 p.m. at the Howard County Library.

The group will meet in the library's community room the second Thursday of each month at the same time, its president said.

"By meeting at an accessible place, we hope to have more attendance by the public," said Drew Mouton, president of Main Street's board of directors.

Mouton said the library will continue as the group's meeting place for at least the rest of this year.

Cauble School Reunion planned at Elbow Saturday

Cauble School Reunion will be in the Elbow School Cafeteria on Satureday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Anyone who ever attended Cauble School, and friends of the school, are encouraged to attend.

A pot luck luncheon is planned for noon, so bring your favorite casserole or dessert and join in the fellowship. You might like to bring comfortable folding chairs. There will be a time for sharing memories.

WHAT'S UP...

TODAY

❑ Eagles Lodge Ladies Auxiliary, 7 p.m., Eagles Lodge, 704 West Third.

THURSDAY

❑ Gideons International, Big Spring Camp No. U4206O, Hermans, 7 a.m.

❑ Big Spring Senior Citizens Center Art Classes, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.

❑ Kiwanis Club, noon, Howard College Cactus Room.

❑ Friends of the Library, noon, Howard County Library.

❑ American Legion Auxiliary, 7 p.m.

❑ Masonic Lodge No. 598, 7:30 p.m., 210 Main.

❑ Big Spring Newcomers Club, contact, Pat Mueles, 267-8741.

FRIDAY

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

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Second case of rabies in Big Spring confirmed, police report

By BILL McCLELLAN
News Editor

SMITH

Big Spring has a second confirmed case of rabies, prompting local officials to urge citizens to be cautious when approaching animals they are unfamiliar with.

"School is about to be out for the summer and we want parents to especially warn their children to stay away from stray animals, especially wild animals," said Big Spring Police Chief Lonnie Smith.

"We have had two confirmed positives, both in the southwest part of town, and that concerns us greatly," Smith said. "We want the make sure the citizens are aware of this and encourage them to have their pets vaccinated as well."

Both of the rabid animals were foxes. The first was discovered near Comanche Trail Park. The second was located on Wasson Road.

Smith said it appears that the heat and dry conditions are forcing the foxes into town in search of food and a water source.

"People need to be aware that when it is dry, like it is now, the potential for wild animals coming into town is greater," Smith said.

Just because a wild animal is seen in town doesn't mean it is rabid, however. Citizens should stay away from any wild animal, as a general precaution. Animals acting in a strange manner should be reported to Big Spring Police Department.

Another form of wildlife that has been encountered in the Howard County area recently has been bees.

"It's another problem. People need to be aware of them and try to stay away from them," said Smith. "Most of the time they are not a problem, and they'll move on in a day or two. We've found that if people will leave them alone — if they aren't an immediate danger — they may be passing through and will leave the area."

However, if the bees do present an obvious hazard, or if they remain in the area for a number of days, the police department should be contacted.

"We will do what we can to help," said Smith. "We'll verify that there are bees there and

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HERALD photo/Debbie L. Jensen

Seniors Dorothy Kennemur, left, and Margie Myers, right, pose with Canterbury Assistant Director Pat Edwards after being named to the Permian Basin Senior Hall of Fame Tuesday in Midland. Edwards coordinated efforts to earn the recognition for both women, who were honored for their volunteer work.

Big Spring seniors receive honors

By DEBBIE L. JENSEN
Features Editor

MIDLAND — Two Big Spring women were inducted into the Permian Basin Senior Hall of Fame Tuesday.

Dorothy Kennemur and Margie Myers were recognized at a ceremony marking Senior Citizens Appreciation Day at Midland College. Sponsored by the Area Agency on Aging, daylong festivities drew more than 500 people to the Chaparral Center on the college campus.

Kennemur was given the highest honor for a senior citizen in the area, the Bill Smith Outstanding Senior Citizen Award. That meant she had received the most nominations of any senior in an area that included Midland, Odessa, Seminole, Rankin and other West Texas cities.

"Life is so much fun that we don't have time to sit around and worry about things," a tearful Kennemur told the cheering crowd as she accepted her award. The top award is named in honor of former director of the Area Agency on Aging Bill Smith, who presented Kennemur with an engraved plaque.

She was honored for many accomplishments, including as founder of the Spring City Stompers line dance group. Kennemur is also the organizer of a widows and widowers support group and leader of a group that gives volunteer income tax help. She is a state hospital volunteer, member of the Retired Senior Volunteer

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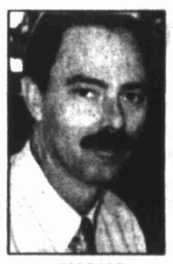
No swimming

Continual repair costs lead city to close pool, look at reconstruction

By BILL McCLELLAN
News Editor


FUQUA

FURQUERON

There will be no Splash Day at the city swimming pool on Memorial Day. In fact, the historic pool won't be open at all this summer.

Big Spring City Council decided Tuesday not to continue funneling money for repairs into the problem-plagued pool, but to look at options to renovate the facility for 2001.

"What I am hearing from the council is to close the pool this year and start looking at funding possibilities toward reopening the pool next year. And that's what we will do," said City Manager Gary Fuqua.

For years, the city has funded repairs at the huge, 60-foot by 150-foot pool, which was constructed by the WPA some 70 years ago. Last year, the decision was made to close the pool early because it was losing some 25,000 gallons of water a day. The frequent pumping in of water to keep the level up also meant using more chemicals.

"It's like pouring chemicals down the drain," said Parks and Recreation supervisor Becky Crane.

Council members discussed funding repairs one more time to keep the pool open, but there were two apparent overriding factors against that. First, there was no guarantee that the repairs would work. Secondly, if the repairs did not work, there could be a liability concern.

City Attorney Jean Shotts told the council that the city of Garland had been sued when two people drowned in cloudy water at a pool there.

Does the Big Spring swimming pool get so cloudy you can't see the bottom at times, the council asked?

"Yes, I believe it does," said Crane.

"You've got potential liability problems," said Shotts, who was involved in the case in Garland.

The council in general reacted favorably to the prospect of closing the pool only temporarily.

"I don't have a problem with closing the pool. I have a problem with closing it completely. Forever," said council member Stephanie Horton.

The problem with the old pool

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Rotary Exchange visitor finds Americans to be friendly, sociable

By CARL GRAHAM
Staff Writer

DUA

One of the five business and professional people visiting with the Big Spring Rotary Clubs from India recently was a journalist with the Kasmir Times, the largest English print newspaper in India.

According to Simranjit Singh Dua, a member of the Group Study Exchange program, it was not in his plans to become a journalist.

"I went to school and planned to be an engineer but I started to work as a reporter, then later started covering political stuff," said Dua.

"Now I am a special correspondent and I do a lot of traveling in my work but I never look back or ask myself what might have been. I love what I am doing."

Dua said the first thing he intends to do when he gets back to India is to join the Rotary Club.

"This Exchange program is the best thing that could have happened to me," Dua said. "It has given me an opportunity to come to the United States and see all the different cultures and meet so many different people."

Dua said he wasn't sure at first about how the American people would accept the group.

"I was told that the Americans moved at a very fast pace and would not have or take the time to show us around," Dua said. "That has been completely opposite of what I have found. Everyone has been very nice to us and very helpful. I have made friends that will last a lifetime."

Dua's host has been Bob and Susan Lewis. Lewis is better known to most people as Tumbleweed Smith, a well-known journalist in his own right.

"They have been excellent hosts," Dua said. "They have give us a free hand; we have been able to cook our own food, use the computer, just about anything we want."

Dua said the American food did worry him at first but he has now gotten adjusted to it.

"To be honest, I was a little worried about the food here in the United States, but after a day or so my body got used to it and now it doesn't bother me. At the Denim and Diamonds

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DPS licensing employees recognized for going 'beyond duty'

By GINA GARZA
Staff Writer

Phoebe Trammell and Rosanna Everett, both employed by the Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) office, received plaques Monday morning for going over and beyond their call of duty.

"They do a lot of work for the driver's ed program at the high school," said James Collingsworth, Big Spring High School's driver's education coordinator. "They come over here whenever they are needed; it doesn't matter what time it is and we wanted to let them know they were appreciated."

Since 1994, Big Spring High School has had a year-round driver's education program. During that time both Trammell and Everett have been giving the written driver's tests at the high school.

"They have really helped us keep this a simple as possible," Collingsworth said. "They keep us organized and by them giving the tests at the high school, they cut down on the hassle of getting students to the DPS office."

"Ms. (Julie) Hall and Mr. Collingsworth are really nice to work with and they are good at their job," said Everett. "They make it easy for us to do our jobs."

The drivers's ed classes are given before or after school and each student has 17 days of classroom work and 14 days of driving.

The test are given five times a year at the high school.

"There are 20 signs and 20 rules each student must identify," said Trammell. "It's not a timed test and I will stay until everyone is finished, no matter how late."

She conducts a vision check before each exam and grades the tests before the students leave.

"Because I give the vision exams before the tests are given, we can just bring them back up to the office and enter them into the computer and print out permits without delay," she said. "Mr. Collingsworth usually comes and picks them up the next day."

The driving test is waived if the students complete the high school course.

"If Mr. Collingsworth sees a problem driver, he asks us to do a driving test with them and to work with them," said Trammell.

"These ladies do a lot of work for the school and are good at it," said Julie Hall, driver's ed classroom teacher.

HERALD photo/Gina Garza

Julie Hall, left, driver's education classroom instructor, along with James Collingsworth, far right, driver's education coordinator, present a plaque of appreciation to Phoebe Trammell and Rosanna Everett, both employed by the Texas Department of Public Safety.

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OBITUARIES

Beatrice Guerra

Funeral service for Beatrice Guerra, 67, Garden City, will be at 2 p.m. Thursday, May 11, 2000, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with the Rev. Andres Rodriguez, pastor of Iglesia Bautista Central, officiating. Burial will follow at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

Mrs. Guerra died on Monday, May 8, in a Midland hospital.

She was born on Oct. 7, 1932, in Trivoli and married Raul Guerra on March 28, 1952, in Mexico. She came to Garden City in 1967 from Lubbock and was a homemaker. She was a member of Iglesia Bautista Central.

Survivors included: her husband, Raul Guerra of Garden City; three daughters, Mary Guerra Jimenez of Big Spring, Oralia Ontiveroz of Lubbock and Sarah Mata of El Paso; two sons, Rudy Guerra of El Paso and Raul Guerra Jr. of Big Spring; one brother, Gilbert Z. Chapa of Lubbock; and eight grandchildren.

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

Katlyn Marie Paul

Katlyn Marie Paul, infant daughter of Jimmy Sr. and Jennifer Paul, was stillborn on Monday, May 8, 2000. Graveside funeral service will be at 3 p.m., Wednesday, May 10, 2000, at Trinity Memorial Park with the Rev. Arnold Tonn, pastor of Spring Tabernacle Church, officiating.

Survivors include: her parents, Jimmy Sr. and Jennifer Paul of Big Spring; two brothers, Jimmy Paul Jr. and Johnothan Paul, both of Big Spring; two sisters, Laranda Paul and Keylee MaKay Paul, both of Big Spring; her paternal grandparents, Mary and Eddie Paul of Big Spring; her maternal grandfather, Jimmy Kilman of Big Spring; her maternal grandmother, Grace Perez of Wichita Falls; and several aunts and uncles.

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

Paid obituary

DUA

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reception I tried a variety of Texican dishes and I liked them."

Dua said that after the group completes the Rotary Group Study Exchange, they plan on doing some additional travel before heading back to India.

"We have plans on visiting out west in California, then Washington D.C. and New York before flying to London," said Dua. "We will be doing this travel at our own expense."

Dua liked his visit so well, he is making plans to return.

"I have really fell in love with the the people here and I will truly miss them," said Dua. "I have intentions on coming back, perhaps with another Rotary Exchange. This time, however, I plan on being a member of the Rotary when I come back."

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Program (RSVP), active in her church, has volunteered with the United Way and the adult literacy program.

Myers, a line and tap dancer who entertains regularly at nursing homes and hospitals, visits with patients at the VA Medical Center. She works with the Area Agency on Aging and the Seniors and Law Enforcement Together (SALT) group, tutors children and is active in her church.

"I'm very pleasantly surprised," said Myers. "I'm just a people person and I do what I like to do."

"They have touched so many lives," said Canterbury Assistant Director Pat Edwards, who traveled to Midland to support the local honorees. "These two women make so many people happy in so many different ways. It's wonderful to see them honored this way."

Also honored at the ceremony was Big Spring resident Virginia Davidson, a local volunteer who received a certificate of recognition for her work in various areas of the community.

POOL

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is water is leaking from the expansion joints. Despite numerous repairs, they still leak.

Architect Phil Furqueron presented two plants to the council. Both amount to a pool within a pool - basically, reconstructing a new pool inside the old one, with foot-thick walls and bottom.

Cost would be $300,000, to $350,000, depending on how the council decided to proceed.

"The advantage of this plan is that you use the existing pool house and other facilities," Furqueron told the council.

Rebuilding on a new site, including excavation, a pool house and other facilities would add up to $250,000 to the overall cost, he told the council — a total of a half-million dollars.

Big Spring doesn't have the $300,000 to expend on the lower-cost pool, but might be able to finance it, said Assistant City Manager Emma Bogard.

"This company would allow financial arrangements. A down payment, and paying in out over time,"" she told the group. The project would have to be bid out, she noted

The prospect of using inmate labor was discussed, but staff and the architect cautioned council members that such action could invalidate any warranty.

"Any work done at the pool house and other areas would be a good use of their talent," said Furqueron. "But I strongly suggest you don't forfeit your warranty."

Council members suggested that citizens take advantage of the YMCA pool this summer. Cost is $2 a day, and allows youth to participate in other activities as well.

In other business, the council:

• Selected State National Bank as its depository,

• Approved a bid of $33,987.80 from Sealco of Sanderson to slurry seal runways at McMahon-Wrinkle Airpark,

• Named Councilman Greg Biddison to the Main Street Inc. Board,

• Named Joyce Crooker to the Airpark Board,

• named Tim Yeats to the Civil Service Board,

• Re-appointed John Currie and Jim Bill Little to the Colorado River Municipal Water District Board

• And gave the oath of office to newly elected council members Oscar Garcia, Tommy Tune and Biddison.

RABIES

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that they pose a problem. If that is the case, we will call one of several beekeepers to come out. They will respond and help us out with them."

"The public's safety is always our concern," said Big Spring City Manager Gary Fuqua.

MARKETS

July cotton 60.45, up 79 points; June crude 28.31, down 34 points; cash hogs steady at 49 even; slaughter steers steady at 72 even; June lean hog futures 73.15, down 30 points; June live cattle futures 68.95, up 25 points.

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ATT	36 3/16 - 1 1/2
Archer-Danels	10 5/16 + 3/16
Atmos Energy	15 1/4 - 5/16
BP Amocn	53 3/4 + 3/16
Chevron	91 9/16 + 1 3/16
Compaq Computer	25 - 1
Cornell Correc.	8 15/16 - 1/16
Dell	45 11/16 - 1 1/8
DuPont	50 3/16 - 5/16
Exxon	81 + 1 9/16
Halliburton	48 3/16 - 3/4
IFCO SYSTEMS	22 15/16 nc
IBM	103 13/16 - 5 3/16
Intel Corp	111 31/64 - 5 29/64
NUV	8 1/8 nc
Patterson Ener	29 1/8 - 1/8
Pepsi Cola	38 13/16 + 1 1/8
Phillips Petroleum	49 9/16 + 3/16
SBC Com.	42 3/8 + 1/16
Sears	38 1/16 + 11/16
Texaco Inc	52 + 3/8
Texas Instruments	130 1/8 - 11 3/16
Texas Utilities	34 1/16 + 1/4
Total Fina SA	76 9/16 + 2 3/16
Unocal Corp	35 - 9/16
Wal-Mart	54 5/8 + 1 5/8
Wal-Mart De Mexico	19 5/8 - 19 7/8
Amcap	19.24-20.41
Europacific	40.93-43.43
Prime Rate	9 %
Gold	277.10-278.90
Silver	5.01-5.08

BIG SPRING AROUND THE TOWN

BRIEFS

THE DISTRIBUTION AND COLLECTION DEPARTMENT, Utilities Division of the City of Big Spring, informs you of the following maintenance activity: Valve Installment on Thursday from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. or completion. The following customers will experience no water pressure or low water pressure.

Fourth Street from Union to Birdwell Lane, North side of Street.

SHERIFF

The Howard County Sheriff's Office reported the following arrests between 8 a.m. Friday through 8 a.m. today:

• **JOSHUA KENT BECK**, 17, of 1423 Tucson, was arrested on a charge of possession of marijuana. (HCSO)

• **CHRISTINA YANEZ**, 25, of 1408 Oriole, was arrested on a charge of non payment of child support. (HCSO)

• **LUCIO ROCHA BUSTAMANTE**, 35, of 603 NE Eighth, was arrested on a charge of issue of bad check. (HCSO)

• **SHERRY LYNN DRIGGERS**, 33, of 2103 Main, was arrested on a charge of driving while intoxicated. (DPS)

• **GARY CHRISTOPHER STARR**, 17, of 802 E. 14th, was arrested on a charge of evading arrest and possession of marijuana. (HCSO)

• **JACQUELINE DELEON**, 20, of 8523 N. Service Road, was arrested on a charge of possession of marijuana. (HCSO)

• **CYNTHIA RAMSEY**, 19, of 626 Tulane, was arrested on a charge of issuance of bad check. (HCSO)

• **JAMIE ESTRACA**, 19, of 1506 Chicksaw, was arrested on a charge of unlawful use of a motor vehicle. (HCSO)

• **HARLI JOE HODNETT**, 40, of 2000 Morrison, was arrested on a charge of bad check. (HCSO)

• **KRISTINE HENDRIX**, 19, of 1065 Gail Road, was arrested on a charge of forgery and fail to stop and render aid. (BSPD)

• **DAVID HOUSTON SUMMERS**, 22, of 1000 Stadium, was arrested on a charge of burglary of a habitation. (HCSO)

• **CARLOS CARBAJAL**, 31, of Odessa, was arrested on a charge of abandon, endangerment of a child. (HCSO)

• **RICKY SMITH**, 44, of 3405 E. Highway, was arrested on a charge of possession of control substance and credit card abuse. (HCSO)

• **JORGE ANTONIO ESCAJEDA**, 24, of 1409 E. Sixth, was arrested on a charge of driving while license suspended. (BSPD)

• **JIMMIE LEE CASS**, 31, of Odessa, was arrested on a charge of driving while license suspended. (BSPD)

• **THOMAS WILLIAM MURPHY**, 21, of 704 Bell, was arrested on a charge of possession of marijuana. (BSPD)

• **LYNDON TRENT FRALEY**, 40, of 1506 Stadium, was arrested on a charge of driving while license suspended. (BSPD)

• **CHRISTOPHER OBELL VANOVER**, of Ponderosa Apartments, was arrested on a charge of delivery of a controlled substance and possession of a prohibited substance in a correctional facility. (HCSO)

• **JIM CANTU**, 26, of 1214 Lindberg, was arrested on a charge of issue of bad check. (HCSO)

• **GREGORY SCOTT MARTINEZ**, 19, of 1524 E. 17th, was arrested on a charge of criminal mischief. (HCSO)

• **EARL PERRY HANKE**, 42, of 2505 Central, was arrested on a charge of driving while license suspended. (HCSO)

• **EVA CARRASCO**, 50, of 1408 Oriole, was arrested on a charge of issue of bad check. (HCSO)

• **JOHN PAT MALONE**, 42, of 1423 Tucson, was arrested on a charge of resisting arrest. (HCSO)

POLICE

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

• **SCHEMICKIA CROSBY**, 17, of 803 Pine, was arrested on a charge of assault/family violence.

• **SHANA FOX**, 39, of 1409 Settles, was arrested on a charge of hindering apprehension.

• **SCOTT AUTRY**, 17, of Andrews, was arrested on a charge of hindering apprehension.

• **JOEL FLORES**, 18, no address given, was arrested on a charge of no valid drivers license.

• **BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE** was reported in the 800 block of W. Marcy and in the 200 block of W. Second.

• **FOUND PROPERTY** was reported in the 400 block of E. Marcy.

• **DOG BITE** was reported in the 400 block of E. Fourth.

• **HARASSMENT** was reported in the 400 block of E. Fourth.

• **FORGERY** was reported in the 400 block of E. Fourth.

• **POSSESSION OF STOLEN PROPERTY** was reported in the 400 block of E. Fourth.

TEXAS LOTTERY

Pick 3: 7,7,1

Cash 5: 7,9,20,32,37

Lottery numbers are unofficial until confirmed by the state lottery commission.

RECORDS

Tuesday's high 82
Tuesday's low 63
Average high 86
Average low 57
Record high 103 in 1967
Record low 43 in 1981
Precip. Tuesday 0.00
Month to date 0.00
Month's normal 2.09
Year to date 5.20
Normal for the year 5.11
Sunrise Thursday 6:51 a.m.
Sunset Thursday 8:34 p.m.
**Statistics not available

FIRE/EMS

Following is a summary of Big Spring Fire Department/EMS reports:

TUESDAY

3:07 a.m. — 2900 block West Highway 80, medical call, patient transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

10:57 a.m. — 3200 block Parkway, medical call, patient transported to SMMC.

3:27 p.m. — 3200 block Parkway, medical call, patient transported to SMMC.

10:43 p.m. — 2000 block Morrison, medical call, patient transported to SMMC.

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MYERS & SMITH FUNERAL HOME & CHAPEL

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Milton Cody Watson, 68, died Sunday. Funeral services will be at 10:30 AM Wednesday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Graveside services will be at 2:30 PM Wednesday at Grape Creek Cemetery.

NALLEY-PICKLE & WELCH Funeral Home

Trinity Memorial Park and Crematory
906 Gregg St.
(915) 267-6331

Beatrice Guerra, 67, died Monday. Services will be 2:00 PM Thursday at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Interment will follow at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

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Justice official defends breakup plan as Microsoft readies response

WASHINGTON (AP) — As Microsoft Corp. attorneys finished up their response to a government plan that would split the company in two, the Justice Department's chief antitrust official defended the proposal as the best way of preserving competition in the computer software industry.

Assistant Attorney General Joel Klein, speaking just hours in advance of today's deadline for Microsoft's counterproposal, said the Microsoft case resembles the government's case against another high-tech company, AT&T.

At the time — the early 1980s — the Justice department was criticized for "challenging a technology leader and a critical part of the information structure," Klein said of the landmark antitrust case that resulted in the breakup of the old Bell System.

"We now know, of course, that the divestiture in the AT&T case, far from making things worse, has unleashed unprecedented competition, innovation and consumer benefit," Klein said, referring to an explosive growth in wireless communications, broadband services and fiber optics.

"We believe that the proposed divestiture in the Microsoft case similarly would produce substantial innovation and competition in the software business," he said during a roundtable discussion Tuesday with high-tech executives and professors from the University of California, Berkeley, business school.

Microsoft spokesman Jim Cullinan said he wasn't surprised by the timing of remarks.

"It's certainly understandable that the Justice Department has to attempt to defend what is a far-reaching and regulatory proposal that would do significant harm to innovation, the high-tech industry and consumers," Cullinan said.

Last month, the Justice Department and 17 states submitted a plan to break Microsoft into two companies — one that would sell its dominant Windows computer operating system, and the other selling virtually everything else Microsoft produces.

The plan was submitted to U.S. District Judge Thomas Penfield Jackson, who on April 3 found Microsoft to be a monopoly with business practices that violated antitrust law. The company, which plans to appeal the ruling, was required to file its response to the government today after the close of financial markets.

Microsoft's response to the government proposal will include its objections to the plan, as well as its own proposed remedies. Cullinan refused to address specifics in the proposal.

Sources told The Associated Press last week, however, that Microsoft may ask the judge to simply scrap most of the government plan because it is improperly based on evidence that wasn't presented during trial. Although the proposal was 17 pages long, the government submitted a 167-page supplement that included findings by five experts.

According to various reports, Microsoft's proposed remedies may mirror offers made during recent settlement talks. Among them were opening up the company's pricing, contracts and technical information to clients and competitors. Microsoft reportedly also may offer to strip its Web browser, called Internet Explorer, out of future versions of Windows and give computer makers more freedom to make changes to the operating system.

States could lose millions under proposed changes in Medicaid rules for nursing homes

WASHINGTON (AP) — Some states could lose millions in Medicaid payments for nursing homes under a government proposal aimed at ending accounting gimmicks that help states increase their share of federal matching funds without raising their own contributions.

The Health Care Financing Administration, which administers Medicaid, has proposed altering regulations that help determine how much federal Medicaid money nursing homes receive.

The change would dramatically reduce federal matching funds in many states that have come to rely on the money to shore up struggling county-run nursing facilities, officials say.

Wisconsin, for instance, says it could lose between $60 million and $104 million.

"The solution they have come up with would hurt many states," said Joy Johnson Wilson, a lawyer with the National Conference of State Legislatures.

HCFA says changes are necessary to curtail what it says are questionable accounting practices that enable states to boost their federal matching dollars while not spending more of their own money.

Used by several states and under consideration in a few more, the practices — all legal — involve transferring state funds, borrowed money or property taxes into state coffers to qualify for more matching funds. Some states are then siphoning off a portion of the federal funds to use for non-Medicaid programs, HCFA officials said.

The practice drives up the cost of Medicaid, the federal-state program that provides health benefits to low-income Americans.

"It also means that taxpayers are forced to shoulder more than their share of federal payments to a few states," said Chris Peacock, HCFA spokesman.

He said HCFA is still deciding what changes will be made in matching fund formulas, but added that the agency "will take steps to ensure that federal Medicaid matching funds are used only for appropriate Medicaid health services."

HCFA's inspector general, which investigates waste, fraud and abuse, is examining how states are using the Medicaid funds, Peacock said.

State Medicaid officials say they have been using the so-called intergovernmental transfers for years without a peep from HCFA and contend that the new proposal could lead to service cuts or nursing homes not being able to afford to take new Medicaid patients.

A summary of the draft proposal, obtained by The Associated Press, would change the formula for determining the maximum amount of federal money nursing homes could receive.

Intergovernmental transfers vary from state to state. Michigan routes $300 million in state funds through county-run nursing homes to increase its matching funds, which are then used for health services for the poor. Louisiana plans to have county-run nursing homes borrow money — say $10 million — from banks and hand the funds over to the state, which will use the money to boost what it can qualify for in federal matching funds. The loans are paid back out of the federal funds and nursing homes get the rest.

Some states keep a portion of the money in their general fund for other programs. Kansas has proposed using 25 percent of an estimated $100 million in federal matching funds for programs unrelated to Medicaid.

Curbs pondered on use of Social Security numbers

WASHINGTON (AP) — Congress is considering new protection for consumers from misuse of Social Security numbers, which have become both a virtual national ID and a powerful tool for criminals.

"Although the Social Security number was never intended to be a national identification number, it has rapidly evolved to be the de facto identifier," James Huse, the Social Security Administration's inspector general, testified Tuesday.

Americans benefit in some ways from the widespread use of a common identification number by many government agencies and businesses, which share and sometimes sell them. The military uses them, and state motor vehicle departments. So do tax and public assistance agencies, health insurers, schools, banks.

Upsides to the situation include instant credit checks that allow people to buy and take home new cars on the spot or get "preapproved" credit cards in the mail. Also, police can easier track suspects.

The widespread use of Social Security numbers can give people with dishonest intentions easy access to others' personal records, including financial and medical data, or help criminals assume another person's identity to obtain credit or government benefits.

The Social Security Administration's fraud hot line received 62,000 calls last year from Americans claiming misuse of Social Security numbers.

John Stevens Jr., 72, an Air Force retiree, told lawmakers how con artists used his and his wife's Social Security numbers to obtain credit in their names and run up bills of $113,000.

"There is a very severe identity theft problem in this country, caused by the free access and widespread use of the Social Security number as the primary and sometimes the only means used to identify a person," Stevens said.

Among possible congressional action lawmakers discussed at the hearing:

—Ban sale of Social Security numbers.

—Require government agencies and businesses to obtain permission before sharing a person's Social Security number.

—Increase penalties for fraud committed with the use of another person's Social Security number.

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6	9.6	13.3	38.5%
7	13.3	17.9	34.6%
8	9.8	13.1	33.7%
9	14.3	18.4	28.7%
10	10.8	13.9	28.7%
11	14.1	17.6	24.8%
12	15.8	17.5	10.8%
13	14.4	15.9	10.4%
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Our Views

Relay for Life: an experience you'll treasure

Want to do the limbo at 2 in the morning? That might not be what would attract you to this year's Relay for Life, but we're hoping that you will take time Friday or Saturday, or both, to attend this worthwhile event at Blankenship Field.

Opening ceremonies are at 6:45 p.m. Friday, followed by the Survivor's Walk. If you've never witnessed the walk, you owe it to yourself to attend just once. We're betting that if you do, you'll be back. It's the first lap around the field, and it's taken by those who have survived cancer.

That's what Relay for Life is all about — raising money toward cancer research so that one day we can stop this terrible disease.

Another "don't miss" event will come at 10 p.m. Friday. It's the luminaria ceremony. Candles are lit in memory of cancer victims and in honor of survivors. It is a moving experience.

Throughout the day and night — until closing ceremonies at 1:30 p.m. Saturday — hundreds of volunteers will be walking or jogging around the track, or rocking in rocking chairs.

Lots of entertainment is planned, as well as lots of good food.

Big Spring raised $106,000 at this event a year ago — a truly phenomenal feat. The goal this year is $110,000.

We think if you come to Friday's special ceremonies, you'll understand why Relay for Life is so successful. It brings together people from all walks of life for one cause. Cancer doesn't discriminate. Fortunately, neither does the love exhibited by those who volunteer for Relay for Life.

We hope to see you there.

And yes, you really can limbo at 2 a.m.

Other Views

We couldnt help but be shocked by the photograph of a crying Elian Gonzalez facing a immigration officer dressed in riot gear and carrying an assault weapon. Of course the little boy was terrified. Who wouldnt be?

That the officer's finger wasnt on the trigger and that the gun apparently was on safety mattered little to the little boy.

Contrast that with photos taken just a few hours later of a smiling, obviously happy Elian reunited with his father, Juan Miguel Gonzalez. If we are so ready to accept the terror on the boys face in the first photo, then we must be willing to accept the joy in the second.

Elian is where he should be, with the father who loves him and is best able to raise him. That the way Elian was taken from his relatives in Miami was harsh, there can be no question. But those who put the blame on Attorney General Janet Reno simply are wrong.

The only reason armed agents of the Immigration and Naturalization Service broke down the door of the house where Elian had been staying since he was rescued from the angry seas that had claimed his mother's life is because the boy's American relatives refused repeatedly to turn the boy over to federal authorities so he could be reunited with his father in the Washington, D.C. area.

The Miami relatives kept setting conditions and when those conditions were met by the government, they came up with new ones. It was clear they never would willingly return the boy to his father. Thus, Attorney General Reno was forced to order the pre-dawn raid on Saturday, a raid carried out professionally and with every effort to ensure the safety not only of Elian but his family, those standing vigil outside the home and the federal agents carrying out the raid.

Would we have preferred a different scenario? Of course. It would have been far better for the family to turn the boy over to his father. But given the reality of the situation, Reno had no choice. Now, it is up to the federal courts whether Elian will be allowed to return to Cuba with his father and his fathers family. We hope the courts say yes.

And, although we know nothing we say would have an effect on Fidel Castro, we hope the Cuban leader will allow Elian to return to a life of a normal 6-year-old. He should not be put on parade and allowed to become the focus of a national drama.

He's had enough of that here.

Bryan-College Station Eagle

The conservative furor over Elian Gonzalez

The Republican leadership in Congress seems to be backing away as expeditiously as possible from the projected hearings about the seizure of Elian Gonzalez.

Jeffrey Hart

There doesn't seem to be much to investigate, and public opinion very heavily supports the return of the boy to his father. At the same time, the whole affair was a political plus for the GOP, which positioned itself as being sympathetic to the Miami Gonzalez family and to the Miami Cubans in general, with the Bush brothers leading the way, but rather softly. Chalk up Florida for George W. Bush in November.

Al Gore did himself little good with his confused statements about referring the custody question to a state family court. This is nonsense. Such a family court settles custody disputes when there are legitimate rival claims, as in a divorce case when both parents are alive. The court awards custody, establishes visiting rights and so forth.

But the Miami family has no claim to custody whatsoever. Zero.

According to American law, according to international law and according to common sense, when one parent dies the surviving parent has custody rights. Lazaro Gonzalez, Elian's uncle, performed worthy service in caring for the boy after he was rescued fro m the sea, but this had no bearing at all on the rights under the law of Juan Miguel Gonzalez, the boy's father. In fact, Lazaro Gonzalez hung on to the boy for five months, ignored a Justice Department order to turn him over, kept changing the conditions for giving him up and gave every indication of not wanting to give him up at all.

Juan Miguel Gonzalez seems to have believed that Elian's grandmothers would collect the boy when they traveled to Miami. But it was said that the father would have to come and pick him up. Then Juan Miguel did come — not alone but with his wife and child. Still, Lazaro hung on to Elian. Then there was a cockamamie proposal that the Miami family and Juan Miguel's family live together somewhere for a period of time and somehow work out custody. One can only imagine what that scene would have been like.

But there's nothing to work out. The Miami family has no claim whatsoever to custody. On that point, there's nothing to talk about.

The reason why the surviving parent has custody is easy enough to see. Based on experience, the law assumes that an immediate parent knows the child better and has more at stake in the child's well-being than an uncle, cousin or other relative. That might not always be true. The father or mother might be unfit. But the law is prudential, based on experience and, in that sense, it is conservative. I notice that animals are fiercely possessive and protective of their young. As the politics of reality, as the upholder of "family values," a conservative politics certainly ought to be on the side of the father's right to his son.

But, surprisingly, this is not the case. The cover of the May 8 The Weekly Standard, for example, shows that now-famous photograph of the Immigration and Naturalization Service agent pointing his automatic weapon at Elian and Mr. Dalrymple, with the boy plainly frightened. This photo is labeled with a headline: "Bill Clinton's America." I have no trouble controlling my admiration for Bill Clinton, but isn't that representation of "America" just a touch demagogic? The Gonzalez house was hardly typical. Your neighbor next door has not held another man's son for more than five months against the will of the father, nor is every house surrounded by a mob vowing resistance.

Inside The Weekly Standard are no fewer than six articles, plus a lead editorial, about the Elian case. The language is shrill and extreme: "lies," "jackbooted," "storm troopers." When polemic reaches for the Nazi analogy, you have to know that control has slipped. Janet Reno, a spectacularly weak and confused attorney general, hardly reminds one of Heinrich Himmler. Most people think she waited much too long in feckless "negotiations," when there really was nothing to negotiate about.

The erstwhile conservative journalists raise all sorts of legal points on which the government is supposed to have been wrong as well as criticize the "excessive force" supposedly used.

The legal points seem to be endless, but upon examination they amount to little or nothing. For example, it is argued that the warrant used to justify the break-in permitted only a search of the house, not the seizure of Elian.

This is incorrect. The rules for such warrants allow searches for things illegally possessed and for evidence as well as for individuals wrongly held.

The cover photo of the agent in riot gear holding a machine gun certainly is startling But the agents had no knowledge of what might await them inside. Lazaro might have had a 9-millimeter. For weeks the atmosphere in the surrounding streets had been inc reasingly frenzied. People had spoken of being willing to "lay down their lives" to save Elian, human chains were being practiced to block attempts to enter the house and so on. There was a genuine potential for violence. And the best way to avoid bloodshed is to muster enough force to render resistance completely futile.

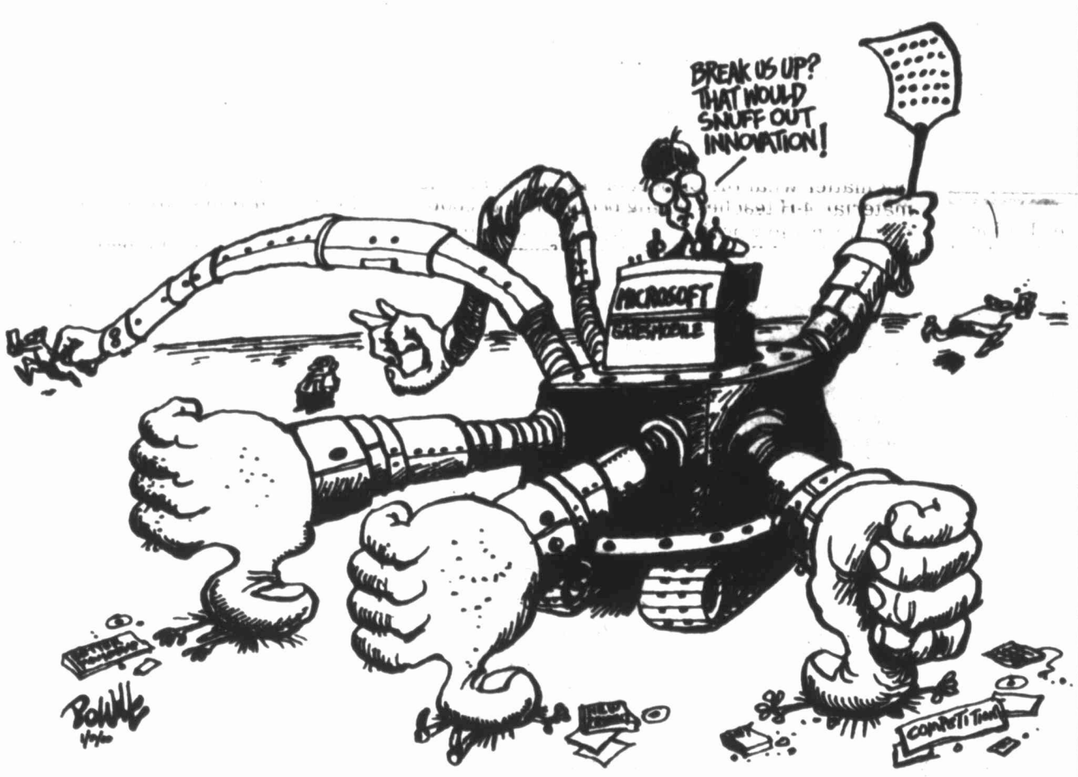
No one has advanced the idea that Juan Miguel is an unfit parent. In Cuba, Elian spent more time with his father than with his mother. On the day he was abducted, his father had taken him to school. Nor is there any indication that Juan Miguel has been threatened or "programmed" into wanting to return to Cuba.

What conservatives object to is the unfitness of the rotten Castro regime. But the law regarding the father's right to custody trumps that consideration. And the effort by the Miami Cubans to hold on to the boy has given Castro a huge propaganda bonanza in Cuba and throughout the world.

It has provided a focus for anti-American envy and resentment and temporarily distracted attention from the rottenness of his regime.

Some in Congress spoke weeks ago about asylum or citizenship for Elian, but they wisely pulled back. We cannot be in the business of granting asylum to children merely because they were born under a rotten regime.

It's time for conservatives to calm down on this one.



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Texas students are tested and tested and tested

Students graduating from a Texas public high school must pass a Texas Assessment of Academic Skills (TAAS) test, scoring at least a grade of 70. It contains questions in reading, writing and math. Here are two math questions from a recent TAAS test:

Tumbleweed Smith

1. A redwood tree casts a shadow that is 150 feet long. At the same time, Julie, who is three feet tall, casts a shadow five feet long. How tall is the tree?

2. Agnes tossed a coin three times and got three tails. What is the probability that she will get a tail on her fourth toss?

Sorry, I don't have the answers. I do have the answers to a TAAS test given to 8th graders, who take more tests than students in any other grade. They are tested on math, reading, writing, social studies includes history) and science. Here's a social studies question:

One similarity between the Florida and Texas territories was that they both were 1) purchased by Andrew Jackson's administration 2) admitted to the U.S. at the same time under the same treaty 3) Spanish colonies at one time or 4) difficult for settlers to reach over land routes.

The answer will appear later in this column.

Texas, California and Florida lead the nation in testing.

"Texas is probably number one in testing both students and teachers," says Murray Murphy, deputy superintendent of the Big Spring Independent School District.

"Grades K through 2 have no state testing. Third graders take reading and math tests, fourth graders take reading, writing and math tests. The next three grades are tested on writing and math. Ninth graders take no TAAS tests. Right now, 10th graders begin their exit level TAAS testing. This gives them the maximum amount of time to pass the test, which is given in the spring, summer and fall of each school year.

"In four years, the exit test will be given in the 11th grade instead of the 10th. The test will also be harder, containing questions in science and social studies as well as English and math.

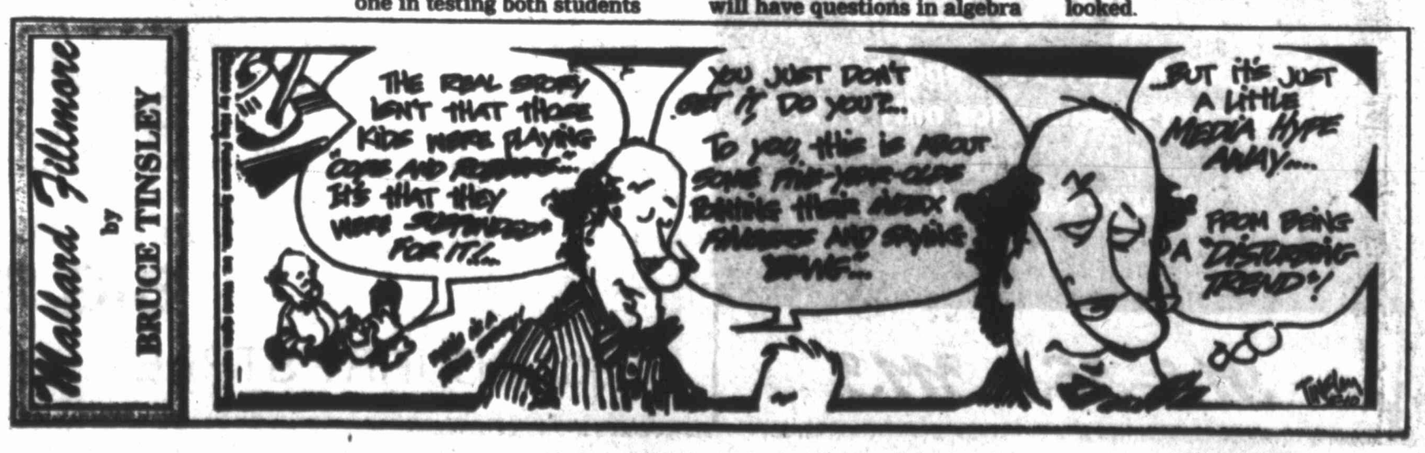
"The math tests in four years will have questions in algebra II and trigonometry."

Murray says 99 percent of students in Big Spring pass the TAAS exit test. That's above the state average, which is 98 percent. If students are having trouble with a segment of the test, they get help from tutors and study guides. They can take practice tests on the internet.

School is getting harder. Graduation requirements include four years of English, a foreign language and knowledge of computers. In the future, promotion in lower grades will be tied to TAAS.

The correct answer to the TAAS question mentioned earlier is 3.

Students in Texas High Schools are getting a better education academically. Some parents say the emphasis on testing is too great and vocational training is being overlooked.



For the benefit of others

Teen Night 2000 profits given to Northside Center

By DEBBIE L. JENSEN
Features Editor

Despite serious financial difficulties, the Northside Community Center continues to serve clients with a variety of programs.

Director Max Webb said the center, which operates on grants and donations as well as United Way funding, is facing a budget deficit this year.

"We have to make an appeal to the community," he said. "We need to get some more money coming in to keep operating."

Although grants help the center fund special projects, such as the renovation of the northside basketball courts, that money is not available for direct operating costs. Regular donors to the center include several local churches, individuals and businesses.

Franco's Fina, for example, recently sponsored an event they called "Teen Night 2000." This no-alcohol party for teens included break dancing, a car show, music and contests. It drew young people from as far away as Odessa.

John Franco, owner of the business, donated the profits from the event.

"Things like that get kids off the streets, give them something to do," said Franco, who added one of his employees suggested the Northside Center as a recipient of the $770 they made.

"All I hear about Max (Webb) is good things," said Rigo Moran.

Franco said although his business is on Gregg Street, the Northside community is close to his heart.

"I live on the northside," he said. "We even came to the Northside center at one time when we were down on our luck and got some help. I've been there."

For Teen Night, Franco's Fina lined up 17 local sponsors to help fund the event and give prizes for the teen participants. The organizers said they were very pleased with the success of Teen Night 2000 and plan to have a similar event in the future.

"Everyone had a good time, no fights, no nothing," said Steven Lopez.

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Rigo Moran, back row from left, Sarah Heredia, Chevelle and John Franco, and Steven Lopez, organized a Teen Night 2000 for area youth and gave the proceeds to the Northside Community Center. Center director Max Webb, front, is coping with financial difficulties.

4-H members show off varied skills at district show, roundup

The District 6 4-H Fashion Show and Roundup was held in Fort Stockton on May 6.

4-H'ers participating represented 23 counties from the Far West Texas District. The Fashion Show allowed them to show off the skills they have been working on during the spring 4-H clothing project, while the Roundup contest allowed the competitors to demonstrate skills learned in preparation of a method demonstration or illustrated talk focusing on a subject matter area in which they have interest.

DANA TARTER

Those 4-H members participating from Howard County included: DeAnna Carlisle, first place, Junior Casual Buying division; Rachael Wheeler, third place, Junior Dressy Construction division; Meagan Kothmann, second place, Intermediate Casual Buying division, Tara Sellers, second place Intermediate Cotton Buying division; Robin Anderson, second place Intermediate Dressy Construction division; Teryn Bibb, Junior Casual Construction division.

Megan Knight and K.K. Kellar accompanied the group as narrators for the Howard County participants as they modeled their garments during the Fashion Show which followed judging of all partners.

Trey Thornton presented an illustrated talk in the Natural Resources category, the title of which was "Bats, Creatures of the Night." During the course of the presentation, he displayed a bat house which he built. His interesting presentation focused on bats as necessary part of nature.

If you would like to find out more about becoming a 4-H volunteer, call the Howard County Extension office at 264-2236.

Trey received first place with his presentation and was recognized at the awards program held following judging of all method demonstrations and illustrated talks.

The 4-H program has a unique ability to draw people together for the purpose of helping young people develop their life skills. It does not matter what the project or the context of the material, 4-H teaches young people how to cooperate in group working settings, improve communication skills by presenting information in a clear understandable sequence and teaches personal goal setting.

Through the use of adult volunteers, many project activities can be planned and incorporated into learning experiences for youngsters participating in the 4-H program.

Sonny Choate served as volunteer leader for the 4-H public speaking project this year. He worked with 4-H members by assisting them in selecting a topic, preparing an outline for their presentation, developing their presentation and working on their speaking skills.

Without volunteers such as Choate, the 4-H program would not be the success it is today.

If you would like to find out more about becoming a 4-H volunteer or a member, call the Howard County Extension office at 264-2236.

Organic gardening takes root

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Gardeners might be surprised to find useful tools in the pantry and learn that some of their plants' best friends have six legs. But gardening with natural products rather than chemicals is, well, a natural, said Howard Garrett, an organic gardening expert.

A simple product such as cornmeal can control fungal diseases in the landscape, said Garrett.

Sprinkling cornmeal on St. Augustine grass suffering with brown patch will have an almost immediate greening effect, he said. "It stimulates beneficial organisms, particularly trichoderma, which gobbles up pathogens."

Pest problems can be conquered with other bugs, such as nematodes, trichogramma wasps, lacewings and ladybugs.

It's all part of the natural balancing act.

"The thing that is really so hard for chemically oriented people to accept is that diseases are nothing but microorganisms out of balance. It doesn't matter whether it's in the human body, on a plant or in the ground," he said in a telephone interview from his Dallas office. "Everything we do with an organic program is about getting organisms back in balance."

Garrett author of "Organic Manual" (Summit Group, $17.95), just released in a revised and updated edition notices a shift toward a natural, healthy approach to gardening.

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Organic food sales have become a $25 billion-a-year business, and the amount is projected to grow to $60 billion in the next three years, he noted, adding, "organic gardening is growing at the same curve."

"More people are getting interested in their health and buying products they think are healthy for them," Garrett said.

Health reasons led Garrett down the organic gardening path 15 years ago. His daughter, Logan, then crawling, was tasting everything in her path.

"Something clicked. If you're going to have a kid running around eating everything she sees, it's not very smart to be spraying chemical pesticides," he recalled.

The landscape architect's quest for information eventually led him to Malcolm Beck in San Antonio, where he soaked up his mentor's advice on emulating nature.

"Because we don't have a major university that has a curriculum in organic gardening, we have to learn this stuff on our own and learn the hard way," he said.

But learn he has.

His first organic commercial project was the Collin County Community College campus in McKinney. He also persuaded the Frito-Lay national headquarters in Frisco to go organic on the 300-acre site.

Garrett also is the host of an organic-gardening talk show on a Dallas radio, writes a weekly column for The Dallas Morning News and has written numerous books.

He joins local radio gardening host Bob Webster at 8 a.m. each Saturday for a 20-minute segment on Webster's KTSA program.

Garrett has more books in the works, including an organic manual for commercial growers, which he is co-writing with Beck; and books on herbs and trees.

Food makers betting Americans will eat it, regardless of fat

CHICAGO (AP) — Craving some fat? Sara Lee Corp. is betting you'll like its new Calzone Creations microwavable sandwiches with as much as 12 grams of artery-clogging saturated fat, 60 percent of the recommended daily intake for an average person.

If you get hungry before dinner, there's now a cheesecake snack bar that Kraft Foods says will make the confection an "everyday indulgence."

With Americans worrying less about fat and calories these days, food makers are rolling out a raft of fat-laden, calorie-packed new products at the supermarket industry's annual trade show.

Among the other new goodies: Oscar Meyer Lunchables sweet rolls that the kids can carry to school for recess and single-serving packs of dip from Dean Foods that people can take to the office to make those carrots and other veggies go down easier. And there are new versions of Nestle's Power Bar, a staple of long-distance runners, that are essentially vitamin-fortified candy bars, with up to eight times as much saturated fat as the original.

"I don't watch my fat intake at all," said Glen Murphy of Mississauga, Ontario, as he sampled one of the Calzone Creations, a croissant-like pocket stuffed with meat, cheese and vegetables. "I like what I buy and I eat it and enjoy it."

Industry research indicates consumer concern about fat has been falling in recent years, even as food makers have struggled to market low-fat products.

Among supermarket shoppers who say they are very concerned about nutrition, just 46 percent of consumers say they are worried about the fat content.

That's down from 60 percent in 1996, according to a poll sponsored by the Food Marketing Institute, the supermarket industry trade group. Interest in sodium content and cholesterol levels also is down.

Consumers have been "deluged with conflicting, sometimes misleading claims" about nutrition and diet and they've reacted by "tuning out," said Michael Sansolo, the FMI's senior vice president.

Meanwhile, the number of Americans who are considered obese has soared from about one in eight in 1991 to one in five by last year, according to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

"There is so much food out there ... and most of it is not the healthiest," said Margo Wootan, a nutrition expert with the Center for Science in the Public Interest, an advocacy group that has criticized Kraft's new cheesecake bars as "food porn."

But most people still care about good nutrition, she said. "They just find it increasingly difficult to eat better," Wootan said.

The number of new food products bearing low-fat or low-calorie claims more than doubled from 1993 to 1996 — from 847 to 2,076 — but then dropped by half two years later, according to New Product News, a publication that tracks the industry.

Sara Lee tested various versions of its Calzone sandwiches with chefs and found that the less fat the products had the less they were liked. Companies also are finding, they say, that the same consumers who will buy products like the Kraft's cheesecake bars are often the same ones who are driving the boom in soy burgers and other health foods.

"Most people now are taking an open-minded approach to managing their whole diet," Kraft spokeswoman Nancy Daigler said.

Leah Brown, a food show worker from Chicago, sampled one of the cheesecake bars at the Kraft exhibit and pronounced it "very good and I don't like cheesecake."

It's "not the real New York cheese cake, but it's a fairly decent copy," said Stuart Ladin, a supermarket equipment supplier.

Dean Foods, the nation's second-largest dairy processor, is marketing its new Dips-For-One as a way to eat healthier.

"Since vegetables, such as carrots and celery now come individually packaged for convenience, it was only logical for Dean's to provide a portable dip snack," company spokesman Phil Dolci said.

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PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

RADNOR, Pa. (AP) — Martin Sheen says he encouraged his son Emilio Estevez not to direct his other son, newly sober Charlie Sheen, in a movie about the drug-addled porn industry.

But Sheen told TV Guide that he was impressed by "Rated X" and the performances of both his offspring. Estevez and his brother star as the Mitchell brothers, two San Francisco porn kings. Charlie Sheen's character snorts cocaine, chugs vodka and smokes pot.

"There were moments where we were shooting that I thought, 'What am I doing, have him re-create all this madness?'" Estevez said in the magazine's latest issue.

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CLEVELAND (AP) — Some life tips from Drew Carey: set goals, drink beer with friends and value what's in your heart and mind.

Carey, who dropped out of Kent State University, told 2,800 Cleveland State graduates Sunday that he got drunk and overslept on the last day students could drop courses without penalty.

He got D's and F's.

"But look at me now," Carey said. "I'm a millionaire."

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

A BLOOD DRIVE IS planned Wednesday, May 17 from 4-8 p.m. in the Coahoma Community Center. It is sponsored by the Coahoma Lions Club and donors may call 394-4277. Walk-ins are also welcome.

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TO RECOGNIZE NATIONAL PET Week, local veterinarians are offering free male cat castration to cut down on unwanted kittens and reduce the spread of disease.

Western Hills Animal Clinic will offer the service this week, while Highland Animal Hospital and Sierra Animal Clinic are offering it next week. Appointments are needed, and some vaccinations may be required.

Call Western Hills, 267-5271, Highland, 267-8291, or Sierra at 263-1198, for more information.

THE LAST WORD

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Pablo Picasso

The most merciful thing in the world, I think, is the inability of the human mind to correlate all its contents.
H.P. Lovecraft

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ODDS-N-ENDS

BREAUX BRIDGE, La. (AP) — A city police officer escaped near death by the skin of his hand.

Officer David Benoit was attempting to handcuff burglary suspect Sunday when the suspect, James Dugas, allegedly grabbed Benoit's pistol and pointed it at him.

"He had one arm handcuffed when, all of a sudden, Mr. Dugas grabbed the gun from his holster," said Capt. Rollie Cantu.

During the struggle, Benoit followed his training and momentarily prevented the gun from going off by wedging the skin between his thumb and index finger between the pistol's hammer and firing pin, Cantu said.

The gun eventually discharged during the scuffle, but hit no one. Benoit, a four-year veteran, was able to radio for backup and Dugas was arrested.

Dugas, 32, was booked on charges that include attempted murder, Cantu said. He said Benoit was shaken by the incident but would not be reprimanded.

"I verbally warned him to be careful," Cantu said.

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LOS ANGELES (AP) — When a rumor got out that Bridal Designs was closing, here came the brides, ready to break down the doors if need be to recover their wedding gowns.

Dozens of angry women besieged the San Fernando Valley store Monday. When Bridal Designs didn't opened over the weekend as scheduled, some panicked and actually broke in.

"This is ridiculous," said bride-to-be Kelley Deguire, 30. "You just never think these things will happen."

Owner Bruce Anderson tried to assure people that the shop wasn't actually closing. An employee shortage had simply left him without the people needed to mind the store, he said. One person quit without notice and two failed to show up for work.

"This whole thing is a big misunderstanding," Anderson said.

While some reassured customers helped him answer phones and assist shoppers Monday, others headed straight for the racks. They left discarded dresses, veils and white satin gloves on the floor in their wake.

"Oh, my dress," exclaimed Maria Rubio, 26, as she grabbed at a gown hanging on a rack.

"It still has pins in it, but it's here," she said hugging the white beaded gown she plans to wear May 20.

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CLARENDON, Ark. (AP) — Harry Houdini may have some competition.

Police were trying to piece together how Sammie Lee Davis, 21, of Little Rock managed to escape from a locked patrol car in handcuffs.

Lee, wanted on felony charges, allegedly led police on a high-speed chase Monday, driving against traffic on an interstate and crashing into a tractor-trailer.

But he slipped away again even after he was handcuffed and placed in the locked back seat of a state police car, Sgt. Mark Blankenship said.

Blankenship said Davis apparently didn't break any windows to get out of the car. But "at some point, somehow, he escaped from the police unit," he said.

Davis was not believed to be armed, and no one was injured during the chase, Blankenship said.

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ATLANTA (AP) — Curt Bludworth fired off an unusual e-mail last year to all the country's major organ transplant centers. His offer: to donate part of his liver to anyone who needed it.

A doctor at the University of Southern California Hospital took him up on his proposal. This week, transplant and organ donation experts say Bludworth will become the first person they know of to offer a section of his liver without knowing who the recipient will be.

The idea came to Bludworth, 33, last summer after he read an article about live-donor transplants. Doctors were saving lives by using a piece of liver from a living person, usually a relative of the needy person.

Early Show: Are the ratings all anyone is watching?

NEW YORK (AP) — Its ratings are "tanking." Audience-wise, it's "a two-hour sinkhole." Its "$30 million face lift just adds wrinkles."

In short: "For 'The Early Show,' it's getting late."

So go media assessments of CBS' umpteenth entry in the breakfast derby, a race long dominated by NBC's "Today" (with more than 6 million viewers tuned to Katie Couric and Matt Lauer) and, in second place, ABC's "Good Morning America" (about 4.6 million viewers).

Since its launch Nov. 1, and even before, "The Early Show" has been roundly written off as a lost cause. Groaning that its viewership (about 2.2 million) is lower than the audience for the nearly invisible show it replaced, one media Kevorkian has already urged that "The Early Show" be given a swift mercy killing.

Just how closely are these critics following "The Early Show" beyond its Nielsen score? A recent issue of Time magazine is instructive. It ran a cartoon in which co-anchors Bryant Gumbel and Jane Clayson fret about their puny numbers. But the drawing mislabels Clayson as "Clayton."

This is an understandable error — at least, if no one at Time magazine happens to ever catch the show. In any case, it seems that, of all the people who aren't watching "The Early Show," professional media-watchers are a conspicuous segment.

"I haven't seen one person write that the show is terrible," says Steve Friedman, its executive producer. "All I hear about is the ratings."

Granted, "It's Not Terrible!" hardly serves as a rallying cry. Nor, for that matter, does "It's Just as Good," which is Friedman's own appraisal of "The Early Show" versus its rivals.

Things are right on track, he insists. "The first six months was to establish ourselves as a credible show. And we've done it. When a big story hit — whether it was a plane crash, politics, Elian, the stock market — we've been there."

Friedman has been there before. A TV-news veteran, he served two hitches running "Today" and transformed morning television with the sidewalk studio he introduced in 1994. His "window on the world" helped "Today" push past then-leader "Good Morning America." And now everybody does windows.

Adapted for CBS, Friedman's master plan called for "The Early Show" to originate from a built-to-order glassed studio on Fifth Avenue across from Central Park. It returned Gumbel, Friedman's leading man at NBC, to the morning arena where he excelled for 15 seasons.

To share the anchor desk, Friedman chose relative newcomer Jane Clayson, who is chipper, fresh-faced and starting to show her chops (one day last week she began needling Gumbel about his aversion to country music, reducing him to a grinning "what do you want from me?" deferral).

It's essential that Gumbel's co-host help humanize him in the eyes of those viewers who complain that he is aloof, haughty and tactless.

However easy to take, Clayson thus far hasn't exactly wowed the audience.

Nor has anything else about the show made a splash.

"We never said we were going to revolutionize morning television," Friedman responds. "We like morning television the way it is. And viewers like it, too."

Friedman's big problem: What viewers like most about morning TV is the co-anchor team they chose months before his show arrived. Even if they do look in on "The Early Show," they can't help thinking, "Gee, I wonder what Matt&Katie (or Diane&Charlie) are doing right now?" The only way to find out is to bail on Bryant&Jane.

Texas plates: A whole other country

AUSTIN (AP) — Beginning this summer, Texans will be able to sport a new license plate that drives home one of the state's many mottos.

The white plates feature a brown leather-like cutout of the state and a red banner across the bottom that reads: "It's like a whole other country."

The plates will cost $30 and can be personalized for an additional $40, the Texas Department of Economic Development's tourism division announced Monday.

The plates won't be available until at least late July, according to the Texas Department of Transportation.

The tourism division announced the new plates at a Capitol ceremony that kicked off National Tourism Week festivities.

It also gave officials a chance to boast about the state's third-largest industry, which employs more than 370,000 people.

Tourism brought $34.6 billion to the state last fiscal year, an increase of 6.5 percent over the previous year, said David Teel, director of tourism.

The new license plate is a way "to celebrate Texas in a big way," he said.

Teel was joined by state Reps. Edmond Kuempel, R-Seguin, and Manny Najera, D-El Paso, in touting the state's tourism industry.

Without the $572 million in local and $1.7 billion in state tax revenue the industry brought last year, "every family in the state of Texas would have to pay an extra $650 per year just to break even," Kuempel said.

Also on Monday, Gov. George W. Bush signed a proclamation asking Texans to celebrate the importance of tourism in the state.

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IN BRIEF

Bulldogs to face Sonora in best-of-three series

Coahoma's Bulldogs will open the Class 2A baseball playoffs at 8 p.m. Friday in the first game of a best-of-three area series against Sonora's Broncos at McMurry University's Walt Driggers Field in Abilene.

The second game of the series will be played at 11 a.m. Saturday, and a third game, if necessary, would begin 30 minutes following the completion of Game 2.

Tickets for each game are priced at $4 for adults and $2 for students. District passes will be honored.

Class 2A area playoff set at Jack Barber Field

Howard College's Jack Barber Field will be the site for a one-game Class 2A area baseball playoff game pitting Reagan County's Owls and New Deal's Lions at 5 p.m. Friday.

Reagan County brings an 18-9 record into its first postseason game, while New Deal posts a 17-7 win after sweeping two games in a bi-district series from Post.

Ticket prices will be $4 for adults and $2 for students.

UGSA Div. I Cubs roll to lopsided 8-2 win

The Division I Cubs rolled to an 8-2 win in Big Spring United Girls Softball Association play.

Paige Smith and Bianca Mireles combined for 10 strikeouts and did much of the offensive damage, as well.

Mireles hit a grand slam home run and a triple, finishing the night with four RBIs, while Smith had a solo homer and a single.

BSHS Softball Boosters to hold final meeting

The Big Spring Girls Softball Booster Club will hold its final meeting of the season at 6:30 p.m. Thursday at the BSHS Athletic Training Center.

For more information, call Woody Jumper at 268-9814.

Baseball boosters set banquet for Thursday

The Big Spring High School Baseball Boosters Club has scheduled its annual baseball banquet for 7 p.m. Thursday at the KC Steakhouse.

Tickets are $5 for members and $10 for non-members.

Those planning to attend are asked to Terri Bamert at 399-4365, Pam Conner at 263-5437, Kathy Butler at 263-1834 or Jim Clements at 267-1069, so the restaurant will be able to make preparations.

Steers basketball camp scheduled for May 29

The 2000 BSHS Steers Basketball Camp has been scheduled to begin Monday, May 29, at Steer Gym.

Camp sessions will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. each day through June 1.

The camp is open for youngsters between the second and eighth grades. Fees will be $45 per youngster

The deadline for enrolling is Monday, May 22.

For more information, call Jimmy Avery at 264-0403.

Lady Steers Booster Club to hold banquet Monday

The Big Spring Lady Steers Booster Club will hold its annual Lady Steers Athletic Banquet at 7 p.m. Monday, May 15, in the Big Spring Junior High cafeteria.

Tickets are $10 each and are available at All Star Sports, Athletic Supply and Faye's Flowers.

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MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

7 p.m. — Colorado Rockies at Houston Astros, FXS, Ch. 29.

NBA PLAYOFFS

7 p.m. — Indiana Pacers at Philadelphia 76ers, TNT, Ch. 28.

9:30 p.m. — Phoenix Suns at Los Angeles Lakers, TNT, Ch. 28.

Seattle's Abbott makes effective first start in 13-3 win over Rangers

ARLINGTON (AP) — With Jamie Moyer and Freddy Garcia on the Seattle disabled list, Paul Abbott made his first start of the season for the Mariners against a Texas lineup averaging 11 runs in four games.

Abbott gave manager Lou Piniella he was looking for, pitching 5 2-3 effective innings in the 13-3 victory Tuesday night.

"We were hoping to get him through six," Piniella said. "I thought he pitched very well. He had a really good changeup and a good fastball. We knew he could start for us, and now he's in the rotation."

Abbott (1-0) allowed three runs and five hits, with five strikeouts and four walks.

"Abby provided a big push for us," said Mike Cameron, who got the Mariners off to a good start with a homer leading off the game. "They've got guys over there who can drive in a lot of runs. He kept us in the ball game."

The Mariners gave Abbott plenty of support as Alex Rodriguez was 4-for-5 with a three-run homer and four RBIs, and David Bell drove in three runs.

"We're a little different team," Rodriguez said. "We're not going to hit as many home runs, but we walk more and we're more of a strategic hitting team."

Rodriguez hit his ninth homer of the season in the second off Esteban Loaiza (1-2), putting the Mariners ahead 6-0.

"I've been dissatisfied with my performance lately," Rodriguez said. "I've been dragging a little. So this is something to build on."

Bell, Mark McLemore and Carlos Guillen each had three hits for Seattle, which had 19 in all.

Loaiza was pounded for eight runs and nine hits in 2 2-3 innings.

"Our kids came out swinging the bats," Piniella said. "We scored early and often. From a hitting standpoint, I like our team. I'd like to see us be a little more consistent."

After Cameron's homer, Edgar Martinez added a two-run double to give the Mariners a 3-0 lead in the first.

"When we get off to a good start, that puts the pressure on the other team," Cameron said. "We were all able to put some consistent at-bats together."

After Rodriguez's homer chased Loaiza, Guillen and Cameron hit run-scoring singles off Matt Perisho for an 8-0 lead in the third.

"It was one of those nights," Loaiza said. "I tried to keep the ball low, but a lot of stuff got up. One mistake was a slider to Rodriguez that stayed in, and he took advantage of it."

Bell homered off Perisho in the fifth for a 10-0 lead, but David Segui hit a two-run single in the sixth and Rob Ramsay, who relieved, walked Mike Lamb with the bases loaded.

Seattle added three in the seven on Bell's run-scoring single, Guillen's RBI double and Rodriguez's run-scoring single.

Bulldogettes Austin-bound again

JOHN A. MOSELEY
Managing Editor

ABILENE — It was supposed to be a pitching duel. Instead, it became nothing short of a laugher.

Coahoma's Bulldogettes made sure they'd make a third straight trip to the University Interscholastic League (UIL) softball championships, as they rolled to a 9-0 win over Eula's Lady Pirates in Tuesday's Region I, Class 2A championship game at Abilene Christian University's Wells Field.

The Bulldogettes' win marked the third straight year the Lady Pirates had reached the regional title game, only to have their hopes dashed by Coahoma.

More accurately, Eula's dreams have been literally crushed by Bulldogettes pitcher Amber Bingham, who has now pitched 16 consecutive shutout innings in regional championship action against the Lady Pirates.

Bingham, who pitched two scoreless innings of relief to earn the win in the 1998 showdown with Eula as a freshman and then blanked the Lady Pirates in the Bulldogettes' regional championship a year ago, admitted she hadn't expected to keep shutout streak alive.

"They're too good a team to believe you're going to keep them from scoring," the Bulldogettes junior ace said after scattering six hits and striking out nine Eula batters. "They are a good hitting team, but we played good defense. And when you get a lead like my teammates gave me, you're able to relax and challenge them."

While Bingham seemed to be locked into a cruise control mode. Lady Pirates ace Shawna White endured nothing short of a nightmare, as the Bulldogettes pounded out 15 hits and benefited from seven Eula errors.

For two innings, Bingham and White delivered just what had been expected — a pitching duel.

But an error charged to Lady Pirates shortstop Tanya Trojcak opened the door for Coahoma in the top of the third inning, allowing Bingham to reach base.

White seemed poised to shut the door just as quickly, as she got Kayla Smith and Kortney Kemper to pop out in succession. A single to right by freshman shortstop Ashley Lang put runners at the corners for junior second baseman Kenni Kay Buchanan.

After missing badly on White's first offering, Buchanan drilled the next pitch to right-center, plating both runners.

Buchanan, displaying aggressive base running, moved to second on the throw to the plate, forcing the Lady Pirates' second error of the inning.

Eula catcher Haley Altman tried to throw out Buchanan, but her throw sailed over the head of Lady Pirates center fielder Jennifer Brigman, who was covering second. As a result, the ball rolled to the center field fence, allowing Buchanan to score.

The 3-0 lead left White sobbing in the pitcher's circle and the rout was on.

White managed to get out of the inning, but not before the Bulldogettes challenged again when Brandi Hart pounded a double to deep center field.

The damage, however, had been done.

Bulldogettes head coach Robert Royer and his players knew it, too.

"I looked up after Kenni Kay scored and I could see her (White) standing there crying," Royer noted. "I knew we had them right there."

HERALD photo/Jim Fierro

Coahoma second baseman Kenni Kay Buchanan snares a line drive for the first out of the game Tuesday in the Bulldogettes' 9-0 regional championship win over Eula's Lady Pirates. Buchanan provided what proved to be the game-winning hit with a two-out, two-run single in the top of the third inning. The Bulldogettes now head for their third straight berth in the UIL state softball championships set for May 19-20 in Austin.

Buchanan was almost matter-of-fact about what proved to be the game-winning hit.

"She (White) made me look pretty bad on that first pitch," Buchanan explained. "It was a rise ball and I just told myself that I had to lay off the rise. She grooved the next one and I just tried to drive the ball."

While the Lady Pirates got out of the Bulldogette third without suffering any more damage, they couldn't really stop the bleeding.

Coahoma added single runs in the fourth and fifth innings and then added insult to injury with a pair of runs in both the sixth and seventh frames.

In the fourth, Stovall and Bingham did the damage with an assist by Brigman. Stovall ripped a 2-2 offering from White up the middle for a single and Bingham followed with a single to center that got past the Lady Pirates outfielder, allowing Stovall to score from first.

The fifth saw Ashley Lang hit her second of four singles on the day to lead off the inning. Buchanan then grounded to short, but Eula's Trojcak decided to try and make an unassisted force play at second, only to have Lang beat her to the base.

A one-out error charged to Trojcak loaded the bases and Sparks blooped an RBI single to right.

It only got uglier.

In the sixth, the Bulldogettes added two runs when Kayla Smith singled with one away but was forced at second when Kemper grounded into a fielder's choice. Lang followed with her third single and Buchanan was hit by a pitch, loading the bases for Hart who promptly drilled a two-runs single to center.

The final Coahoma runs came when Stovall singled to right with one out in the seventh, a ball Eula's Mary Jo Kidd misplayed, allowing the Bulldogette third baseman to reach second.

With two out, Smith laced an RBI single to left and then scored when Kemper and Lang followed with back-to-back infield singles.

Just call Shaq 'Big Aristotle'

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Shaquille O'Neal loves coming up with nicknames for himself, and there have been some beauties.

"The Big Havlicek," he suggested one night after uncharacteristically making a bunch of foul shots.

"The Big Felon," he said on another after making a steal and breakaway dunk with 15 seconds left to force overtime of what would become a Los Angeles Lakers victory.

Now, he has a new one.

"From this day on, I want to be known as 'The Big Aristotle,' because Aristotle once said excellence is not a singular act, it's a habit," O'Neal said with a smile Tuesday upon receiving his first NBA Most Valuable Player award. "You are what you repeatedly do."

O'Neal was repeatedly dominant this season, to the point where it was clear months ago he would be chosen the MVP, with the only question being whether he would be the first-ever unanimous selection.

He missed, by one vote.

"The first thing I did was call my mother and father," O'Neal said at the Lakers' practice facility in suburban El Segundo, where he was presented the Maurice Podoloff Trophy as the NBA's 45th MVP. "My father started crying."

A 7-foot-1, 315-pounder who led the league in scoring and field-goal percentage, O'Neal received 120 of 121 votes from a panel of sports writers and broadcasters, with the remaining vote going to Philadelphia's Allen Iverson.

O'Neal's percentage of 99.2 was the highest for any player since the league introduced the award in 1955-56. Michael Jordan received 96.5 percent of the vote four years ago.

"That was kind of hard to believe," O'Neal said. "I've always thought that Michael Jordan, Magic and Kareem and Wilt were the greatest players in the NBA."

O'Neal received 1,207 points in the voting. Minnesota's Kevin Garnett was second with 408 and Miami's Alonzo Mourning was third with 367. Iverson was seventh with 132.

"He had a tremendous, tremendous season," Lakers guard Kobe Bryant said. "He played at a high level every night."

O'Neal, 28, is the first Lakers player to win the award since Magic Johnson did so for a second straight time in 1990. O'Neal is in his fourth season with the Lakers after playing his first four NBA years with

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Avalanche's Roy more than ready to prove point back to Belfour

DALLAS (AP) — Ed Belfour is getting the chance to prove his glove is as good as his mouth.

Earlier this season, the Dallas goalie said he was as good as or better than Colorado counterpart Patrick Roy. Since then, the Avalanche are 2-0-1 against the Stars with Roy allowing just four goals.

Now they'll have a best-of-seven series to see which team — and, likely, which goalie — is best. Dallas and Colorado open the Western Conference finals Saturday night at Reunion Arena.

"The pressure is on him, not me," Roy said. "I'm not the one who made the comment. He thinks he's better than me? That's fine with me. I don't feel I need to compare myself to anybody. I know where I stand."

Belfour is being a bit more humble this time.

"I always like the challenge of playing against Patrick," he said. "The games are always competitive. I don't expect anything different."

In the past 15 postseasons, Roy has been the best goalie in all of hockey. He's put his name on the Stanley Cup in three places and won an NHL record 118 playoff games.

Belfour has been No. 1 the last three postseasons. He's led Dallas to the conference finals each time, won last season's Stanley Cup and tops all goalies with 34 playoffs victories and seven shutouts.

Belfour and Roy are both 8-2 in this year's playoffs. Although Belfour has three shutouts to Roy's one, the Colorado goalie has a slight edge in goals-against average (1.67 to 1.80) and save percentage (.935 to .927).

"Eddie's been phenomenal," teammate Scott Thornton said. "Every game, he's been there for us. But Patrick is no slouch. He's a warrior, especially in the playoffs."

Belfour is having his best season yet in Dallas, keeping the Stars winning through a rash of injuries and other lineup problems.

He finished with the NHL's highest save percentage and was third in goals-against average.

About the only thing he's had trouble snagging is respect.

Belfour's reputation for having a flaky personality was thought to have been shattered by his poise in leading Dallas to the Cup last season.

Not being invited to the All-Star game was an indication what others thought of him. A March arrest for violent behavior at a posh Dallas hotel didn't help his reputation, and was probably a big reason why he wasn't among the three finalists for the Vezina Trophy as the league's top goalie.

Yet if Belfour continues stopping pucks the way he's been doing lately, he'll be among the favorites to win the Conn Smythe Trophy as playoff MVP.

"Eddie knows what's up in the next series," Stars coach Ken Hitchcock said. "He's going to have to be a big, big player for us to win."

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TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL
American League
ANAHEIM ANGELS—Placed RHP Ken Hill on the 15-day disabled list. Recalled RHP Mike Ryhke from Edmonton of the Pacific Coast League.
CHICAGO WHITE SOX—Activated RHP Aaron Myette from the 15-day disabled list and optioned him to Birmingham of the Southern League.
National League
MILWAUKEE BREWERS—Recalled RHP Jeff D'Amico from Indianapolis of the International League. Sent RHP Everett Stull outright to Indianapolis.
MONTREAL EXPOS—Placed RHP Scott Strickland on the 15-day disabled list, retroactive to May 3.
NEW YORK METS—Sent RHP Dennis Springer to Norfolk of the International League.
BASKETBALL
National Basketball Association
NBA—Named Stu Jackson senior vice president-basketball operations, effective June 1.
VANCOUVER GRIZZLIES—Announced the resignation of Stu Jackson, president and general manager.
FOOTBALL
National Football League
NFL—Named Roger Goodell executive vice president of business, properties and club sevices and Tom Spock executive vice president for new media-internet and enterprises.
ATLANTA FALCONS—Signed CB Anthony Midget.
CINCINNATI BENGALS—Waived P Tim Morgan.
NEW YORK JETS—Signed CB-S Tony Scott. Re-signed WR Dedric Ward, RB-KR Leon Johnson and S Chris Hayes.
HOCKEY
National Hockey League
NHL—Fined Pittsburgh Penguins F Matthew Barnaby $2,000 for his behavior during Sunday's playoff game against the Philadelphia Flyers and reinstated a previous $25,000 fine against him.
CHICAGO BLACKHAWKS—Fired Lorne Molleken, coach.
COLUMBUS BLUE JACKETS—Signed LW Mathieu Darche and LW Jonathan Schill.

AL LEADERS

BATTING—Erstad, Anaheim, .378; Segui, Texas, .378; Posada, New York, .376; Dye, Kansas City, .370; Thomas, Chicago, .364; DeShields, Baltimore, .361; Randa, Kansas City, .359.
RUNS—ARodriguez, Seattle, 32; Mondesi, Toronto, 32; Dye, Kansas City, 30; CDelgado, Toronto, 30; Glaus, Anaheim, 29; Konerko, Chicago, 28; IRodriguez, Texas, 28.
RBI—JaGiambi, Oakland, 37; Dye, Kansas City, 35; Bordick, Baltimore, 32; ARodriguez, Seattle, 31; BeWilliams, New York, 31; EMartinez, Seattle, 30; 5 are tied with 29.
HITS—Erstad, Anaheim, 54; Dye, Kansas City, 47; Lawton, Minnesota, 47; Segui, Texas, 45; AKennedy, Anaheim, 44; IRodriguez, Texas, 44; CDelgado, Toronto, 43; Thomas, Chicago, 43; DeShields, Baltimore, 43.
DOUBLES—Dye, Kansas City, 14; Lawton, Minnesota, 13; Glaus, Anaheim, 12; Fullmer, Toronto, 11; TBatista, Toronto, 11; 11 are tied with 10.
TRIPLES—CGuzman, Minnesota, 7; THunter, Minnesota, 4; Durham, Chicago, 4; Piatt, Oakland, 3; AKennedy, Anaheim, 3; Singleton, Chicago, 3; TMartinez, New York, 3; Polonia, Detroit, 3; Javier, Seattle, 3.
HOME RUNS—JaGiambi, Oakland, 14; JoCruz, Toronto, 13; Dye, Kansas City, 13; CDelgado, Toronto, 12; MJSweeney, Kansas City, 11; CEverett, Boston, 11; IRodriguez, Texas, 11.
STOLEN BASES—Damon, Kansas City, 13; DeShields, Baltimore, 12; AKennedy, Anaheim, 9; Erstad, Anaheim, 8; Jeter, New York, 8; Mondesi, Toronto, 8; Febles, Kansas City, 7; Cairo, Tampa Bay, 7; RAlomar, Cleveland, 7.
PITCHING (5 Decisions)—Baldwin, Chicago, 6-0, 1.000, 2.34; Nelson, New York, 6-0, 1.000, 1.35; DWells, Toronto, 6-1, .857, 3.08; PMartinez, Boston, 5-1, .833, 1.22; Schoeneweis, Anaheim, 4-1, .800, 3.99; OHernandez, New York, 4-1, .800, 4.34; Bottalico, Kansas City, 4-1, .800, 8.74; Helling, Texas, 4-1, .800, 2.44; Fassero, Boston, 4-1, .800, 4.31.
STRIKEOUTS—PMartinez, Boston, 67; CFinley, Cleveland, 54; Mussina, Baltimore, 42; Burba, Cleveland, 41; Clemens, New York, 41; OHernandez, New York, 39; Nomo, Detroit, 38; Trachsel, Tampa Bay, 38; DWells, Toronto, 38.
SAVES—MRivera, New York, 12; Koch, Toronto, 9; Percival, Anaheim, 9; DLowe, Boston, 8; Karsay, Cleveland, 7; TBJones, Detroit, 7; Isringhausen, Oakland, 6.

NL LEADERS

BATTING—VGuerrero, Montreal, .405; Edmonds, St. Louis, .402; Helton, Colorado, .397; Piazza, New York, .389; Cirillo, Colorado, .371; Owens, San Diego, .358; Vidro, Montreal, .356; DeBell, New York, .356.
RUNS—Edmonds, St. Louis, 34; Bagwell, Houston, 33; Bonds, San Francisco, 33; Helton, Colorado, 32; SFinley, Arizona, 31; Vidro, Montreal, 29; Vina, St. Louis, 29; AMartin, San Diego, 29; LGonzalez, Arizona, 29.
RBI—Helton, Colorado, 38; VGuerrero, Montreal, 33; SSosa, Chicago, 33; Giles, Pittsburgh, 32; Kent, San Francisco, 32; SFinley, Arizona, 32; Caminiti, Houston, 30.
HITS—EOYoung, Chicago, 49; DeBell, New York, 48; Helton, Colorado, 46; VGuerrero, Montreal, 45; Vina, St. Louis, 45; SSosa, Chicago, 45; Owens, San Diego, 44; AMartin, San Diego, 44.
DOUBLES—Grieve, Colorado, 14; Piazza, New York, 14; EOYoung, Chicago, 14; Bogna, Philadelphia, 13; Giles, Pittsburgh, 11; Green, Los Angeles, 11; LGonzalez, Arizona, 11.
TRIPLES—Goodwin, Colorado, 6; Womack, Arizona, 4; Vina, St. Louis, 4; Shumpert, Colorado, 3; 15 are tied with 2.
HOME RUNS—Helton, Colorado, 12; SSosa, Chicago, 12; SFinley, Arizona, 12; Bonds, San Francisco, 12; McGwire, St. Louis, 12; Jenkins, Milwaukee, 11; Edmonds, St. Louis, 11; Sheffield, Los Angeles, 11.
STOLEN BASES—Reese, Cincinnati, 11; Cedeno, Houston, 10; Owens, San Diego, 10; LCastillo, Florida, 9; EOYoung, Chicago, 9; Furcal, Atlanta, 8; QVeras, Atlanta, 8; BLHunter, Colorado, 8.
PITCHING (5 Decisions)—Stephenson, St. Louis, 5-0, 1.000, 5.31; RDJohnson, Arizona, 7-0, 1.000, .93; Glavine, Atlanta, 5-0, 1.000, 1.73; Kile, St. Louis, 6-1, .857, 4.54; SStottlemyre, Arizona, 6-1, .857, 5.30; Clement, San Diego, 4-1, .800, 5.48; GMaddux, Atlanta, 4-1, .800, 2.62.
STRIKEOUTS—RDJohnson, Arizona, 75; Dempster, Florida, 51; GMaddux, Atlanta, 44; Lieber, Chicago, 42; Hitchcock, San Diego, 42; Kile, St. Louis, 39; Astacio, Colorado, 38; Glavine, Atlanta, 38.
SAVES—Alfonseca, Florida, 9; Benitez, New York, 9; Urbina, Montreal, 8; Rocker, Atlanta, 7; Shaw, Los Angeles, 7; Veres, St. Louis, 6; Aguilera, Chicago, 6.

MAJOR LEAGUE STANDINGS

AMERICAN LEAGUE

East Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
New York	22	9	.710	—
Boston	17	12	.586	4
Toronto	18	17	.514	6
Baltimore	16	16	.500	61/2
Tampa Bay	11	21	.344	111/2

Central Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
Chicago	19	14	.576	—
Cleveland	16	14	.533	11/2
Kansas City	17	15	.531	11/2
Minnesota	15	19	.442	41/2
Detroit	9	22	.290	9

West Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
Seattle	17	13	.567	—
Anaheim	17	17	.500	2
Oakland	16	17	.485	21/2
Texas	14	18	.438	4

Tuesday's Games
Chicago White Sox 6, Boston 0
Toronto 6, Baltimore 4
Kansas City at Detroit, ppd., rain
N.Y. Yankees 4, Tampa Bay 3, 10 innings
Seattle 13, Texas 3
Minnesota 6, Cleveland 5
Oakland 5, Anaheim 2
Today's Games
Kansas City (Fussell 2-1) at Detroit (Nomo 1-1), 12:05 p.m.
Seattle (Sele 2-2) at Texas (Oliver 0-2), 2:05 p.m.
Baltimore (Erickson 0-0) at Toronto (Painter 0-0), 6:05 p.m.
Tampa Bay (Eiland 1-1) at N.Y. Yankees (Hernandez 4-1), 6:05 p.m.
Chicago White Sox (Eldred 2-1) at Boston (R.Martinez 2-2), 6:05 p.m.
Cleveland (Nagy 1-4) at Minnesota (Baugman 2-1), 7:05 p.m.
Oakland (Mulder 1-0) at Anaheim (Bottenfield 3-3), 9:05 p.m.
Thursday's Games
Kansas City (Durbin 1-1) at Cleveland (Wright 2-2), 6:05 p.m.
Boston (Wakefield 1-2) at Baltimore (Rapp 3-2), 6:05 p.m.
Seattle (Meche 0-3) at Oakland (Hudson 3-2), 9:05 p.m.
Texas (Rogers 3-3) at Anaheim (Schoenewers 4-1), 9:05 p.m.
Only games scheduled

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NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
Atlanta	22	10	.688	—
Montreal	17	13	.567	4
New York	18	16	.529	5
Florida	17	17	.500	6
Philadelphia	11	20	.355	101/2

Central Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
St. Louis	20	13	.606	—
Cincinnati	16	15	.516	3
Pittsburgh	14	17	.452	5
Houston	13	19	.406	61/2
Chicago	13	22	.371	8
Milwaukee	12	21	.364	8

West Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
Arizona	23	10	.697	—
San Francisco	17	14	.548	5
Los Angeles	17	15	.531	51/2
Colorado	15	17	.469	71/2
San Diego	13	19	.406	91/2

Tuesday's Games
Montreal 3, Philadelphia 2
N.Y. Mets 2, Pittsburgh 0
Cincinnati 2, San Diego 0
Atlanta 10, Florida 5
Houston 13, Colorado 8
Milwaukee 4, Chicago Cubs 3
St. Louis 13, San Francisco 6
Arizona 11, Los Angeles 7, 12 innings
Today's Games
Milwaukee (Bere 2-3) at Chicago Cubs (Tapani 1-4), 1:20 p.m.
St. Louis (An.Benes 2-2) at San Francisco (Rueter 2-1), 2:35 p.m.
Philadelphia (Person 2-1) at Montreal (Vazquez 3-0), 6:05 p.m.
Atlanta (Glavine 5-0) at Florida (Sanchez 3-1), 6:05 p.m.
N.Y. Mets (Reed 3-1) at Pittsburgh (Ritchie 2-1), 6:05 p.m.
San Diego (Hitchcock 0-4) at Cincinnati (Villone 3-1), 6:05 p.m.
Colorado (Yoshii 1-3) at Houston (Reynolds 4-0), 7:05 p.m.
Los Angeles (Brown 2-1) at Arizona (Johnson 7-0), 9:05 p.m.
Thursday's Games
San Diego (Lopez 0-0) at Cincinnati (Neagle 4-0), 11:35 a.m.
Milwaukee (Woodard 0-4) at Chicago Cubs (Downs 1-1), 1:20 p.m.
Atlanta (Millwood 3-1) at Florida (Grilli 0-0), 6:05 p.m.
Philadelphia (Wolf 1-2) at Montreal (Pavano 3-0), 6:05 p.m.
N.Y. Mets (Leiter 3-0) at Pittsburgh (Ritchie 2-1), 6:05 p.m.

NBA PLAYOFFS

CONFERENCE SEMIFINALS
(Best-of-7)
Saturday, May 6
Indiana 108, Philadelphia 91
Sunday, May 7
Miami 87, New York 83
Portland 94, Utah 75
L.A. Lakers 105, Phoenix 77, L.A. Lakers lead series 1-0
Monday, May 8
Indiana 103, Philadelphia 97, Indiana leads series 2-0
Tuesday, May 9
New York 82, Miami 76, series tied 1-1
Portland 103, Utah 85, Portland leads series 2-0
Wednesday, May 10
Indiana at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.
Phoenix at L.A. Lakers, 9:30 p.m.
Thursday, May 11
Portland at Utah, 7 p.m.
Friday, May 12
Miami at New York, 7 p.m.
L.A. Lakers at Phoenix, 9:30 p.m.
Saturday, May 13
Indiana at Philadelphia, 2:30 p.m.
Sunday, May 14
Miami at New York, 11:30 a.m.
Portland at Utah, 2 p.m.
L.A. Lakers at Phoenix, 4:30 p.m.
Monday, May 15
Philadelphia at Indiana, 7 p.m., if necessary
Tuesday, May 16
Utah at Portland, TBA, if necessary
Phoenix at L.A. Lakers, TBA, if necessary
Wednesday, May 17
New York at Miami, 7 p.m.
Thursday, May 18
Portland at Utah, TBA, if necessary
L.A. Lakers at Phoenix, TBA, if necessary
Friday, May 19
Miami at New York, TBA, if necessary
Indiana at Philadelphia, TBA, if necessary
Saturday, May 20
Utah at Portland, TBA, if necessary
Phoenix at L.A. Lakers, TBA, if necessary
Sunday, May 21
New York at Miami, TBA, if necessary
Philadelphia at Indiana, TBA, if necessary

NHL PLAYOFFS

CONFERENCE FINALS
(Best-of-7)
Saturday, May 13
Colorado at Dallas, 6:30 p.m.
Sunday, May 14
New Jersey at Philadelphia, 2 p.m.
Monday, May 15
Colorado at Dallas, 6 p.m.
Tuesday, May 16
New Jersey at Philadelphia, 6 p.m.

Ward helps Knicks overcome poor shooting to beat Heat

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As a bit player in the bitter New York Knicks-Miami Heat rivalry, Charlie Ward is remembered primarily for getting flipped to the floor during the 1997 playoff series.

On Tuesday night, Ward played a more prominent role, partly by default.

Allan Houston, Latrell Sprewell and Alonzo Mourning were shooting poorly. Patrick Ewing and Tim Hardaway were hurting. So Ward seized the spotlight, sinking a pair of 3-pointers in the pivotal third period to help the Knicks beat the Heat 82-76.

"I'm not a superstar. I don't get a lot of press," said Ward, whose biggest accomplishment in sports was winning the 1993 Heisman Trophy as Florida State's quarterback. "But you need guys to help pull a team together. I've been trying to do that since I got here."

With the victory, New York evened the best-of-seven series 1-1 and negated Miami's home-court advantage. Game 3 is Friday at Madison Square Garden.

Elsewhere in the NBA playoffs Tuesday night, Portland routed Utah 103-85 for a 2-0 advantage in the Western Conference semifinals.

In tonight's games, Indiana takes a 2-0 lead to Philadelphia, and the Los Angeles Lakers, leading 1-0, play host to Phoenix.

Ward led the Knicks in scoring for only the third time this season, matching Ewing's 13 points. Ward provided a steadying influence at point guard on a night when Houston, Sprewell and Ewing shot a combined 9-for-39.

"Charlie hit some big shots," Heat forward P.J. Brown said. "He was the x-factor. He deserves a lot of credit for their win."

Ward made a 3-pointer to give New York a 43-37 lead early in the third period, then sank another to make it 57-50. He finished with six rebounds, two assists, two steals, a block and no turnovers in 37 minutes.

"He's been like that all year," Houston said. "He's been overshadowed. We didn't shoot the ball well, but he came up big."

The sloppy game had more slapstick than a Broadway farce. Sprewell missed three layups. Ewing hit the side of the backboard with a jumper. Marcus Camby blew a dunk.

For Miami, Mourning went 5-for-18. Hardaway was limited to 30 minutes — including only four in the final period — because of a nagging foot injury.

New York shot 35 percent, but the Heat were worse. They made just 34 percent, tying a franchise playoff low, and had just one basket during a 10-minute stretch in the second half.

And in the first half, Miami missed 13 of 20 free throws, including seven in a row.

"It was sort of a surreal game," Heat coach Pat Riley said. "We rebounded and played well enough defensively, but offensively we were horrendous. Instead of taking the ball strong to the basket, we settled for long jumpers and that hope game we get into at times."

Once again, the Heat squandered homecourt advantage. The teams have met in the playoffs the past four years, splitting the first two games in Miami every time. New York went on to eliminate the Heat the past two seasons.

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the Orlando Magic.

"This is the first time I've been knick-knack injury free in Los Angeles," he said. "The ultimate goal is to win the championship. This is the best team I've ever played on. If we can get it done this year, my plate will be full as a player."

O'Neal won his second scoring title this season, averaging a career-high 29.7 points on 57.4 percent shooting. He was second in rebounding with a 13.6 average, and averaged 3.03 blocks and a career-high 3.8 assists.

"He's playing at a level rarely seen in the NBA," Lakers owner Dr. Jerry Buss said.

O'Neal led the Lakers, prohibitive favorites to win their first title since 1988, to a 67-15 regular-season record, second-best in franchise history.

O'Neal, in search of his first championship ring, has averaged an NBA-high 30.7 points and 16.8 rebounds in six playoff games. The Lakers take a 1-0 lead over Phoenix into tonight's Game 2 of their best-of-seven Western Conference semifinals at Staples Center, where fans have chanted, "MVP, MVP," in his direction on several occasions recently.

"This is a very special day for a very special player. I think we're all very excited he was able to win this award in such unprecedented fashion," Lakers VP of basketball operations Jerry West said. "God, I feel sorry for the one guy who didn't vote for him."

That was Fred Hickman of CNN-SI, who voted for Iverson.

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Highland Park claims three championships at 4A golf tournament

AUSTIN (AP) — Dallas Highland won three state golf championships Tuesday, claiming victory in the boys' and girls' Class 4A team titles and the boys' individual title.

Scott Abbott, playing for Highland Park's Blue team, won the 4A individual title with a two-day 2-under par 140 at the par-71 Roy Kizer Golf Course. Abbott, who will play at Southern Methodist, held off Ryan Baca of Rosenberg Lamar Consolidated by one stroke.

Jimmy Kackley of Highland Park's White team was two strokes off the lead at 142.

The Highland Park Blue boys' team won the 4A team title with a tournament total of 575, three shots better than second-place Granbury, which beat Highland Park's White team in a one-hole playoff for second.

In 4A girls' play, Highland Park cruised to its third consecutive team title with a two-day total of 618, well ahead of second-place Snyder, which finished 22 strokes back at 640.

Andrews finished third in the team standings.

Austin McCallum's Michaelyn Morgan, who has signed with Baylor, prevented a Highland Park sweep by winning the girls' medalist play with a 3-over 145, two shots better than Highland Park's Brooke Shelton at 147.

Also on Tuesday:

—In Class 3A, Sour Lake Hardin-Jefferson claimed the boys' team title with a two-day 600, a clear 22 shots better than runner-up Abilene Wylie at the par-71 Lions Municipal Golf Course.

Sour Lake Hardin-Jefferson's Brett Ashmore also won the individual title with a a 5-over-par 147, one stroke better than Stewart Dodson of Perryton. Dodson, who shot an 80 on Monday, stormed back with a 68 on Tuesday.

In girls' play, Holly Glover of Breckenridge won the individual title with an 8-over 150. Three shots back in second was Dawna Virdell of Llano at 153.

Breckenridge won the girls' team title at 636, cruising easily past Caldwell, which finished well back in second place at 667.

— In Class 2A, Olney won the boys' team title with a two-day total of 646, five strokes better than Sonora, which finished at 651. Big Sandy's Rory Smith was the low medalist with a 4-over 146, one stoke better than Post's Marcus Lopez.

The 2A tournament also was played at the Lions course.

In girls' play, Hamilton blew away the field with a two-day team total of 674, leaving second-place Quanah way behind at 760.

Hamilton's Kelli McKandless took medalist honors at 151, 10 strokes better than Larianne Lehman of Gilmer Harmony and Cathryn Uselton of Peaster. Lehman topped Uselton in a playoff for second place.

—In Class 1A at the par-72 Morris Williams Golf Course, Wheeler won the boys' team title at 651, nine shots better than Menard at 660. Memphis' Bubba Bailey was the low medalist after beating Celeste's Bryan Hall in a playoff.

Both Bailey and Hall had finished the regulation rounds at 6-over 150.

Baird won the girls' team title at 709.

Booker and Memphis each carded 741 team totals before Booker took second place in a team playoff for the runner-up spot in the team standings.

Bremond's Kayla Duhr carded a two-day 150 to win medalist honors, three strokes better than Brooke McCutchen of Bronte at 153.

The Class 5A boys' and girls' tournaments will be played Thursday and Friday on Austin courses.

Knoblauch comes back, sets up Yankees' win

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

It didn't take very long for Chuck Knoblauch to show how much he means to the New York Yankees.

Out since May 1 because of a sprained left wrist, Knoblauch doubled to set up Paul O'Neill's bases-loaded walk in the 10th inning Tuesday night, and the Yankees beat the Tampa Bay Devil Rays 4-3.

"You're never amazed around here, because things like that keep happening," Knoblauch said. "I was saying before the game that hopefully I'd get in the box and it would click. I was glad to get in there and not mess anything up and keep the winning going."

New York won for the eighth time in nine games, sending the visiting Devil Rays to their eighth loss in 10 games.

Jeff Nelson (6-0) pitched two perfect innings, tying Toronto's David Wells and Chicago's James Baldwin for the AL victory lead.

"I never expected to be 6-0 this early," Nelson said. "It's just because we've been scoring late and I happened to be in the games."

In other American League games, Chicago beat Boston 6-0, Toronto beat Boston 6-4, Seattle routed Texas 13-3, Minnesota beat Cleveland 6-5 and Oakland beat Anaheim 5-2. Kansas City's game at Detroit was rained out with the Tigers ahead 3-0 in the bottom of the third.

In the National League, it was New York 2, Pittsburgh 0; Atlanta 10, Florida 5; Montreal 3, Philadelphia 2; Cincinnati 2, San Diego 0; Houston 13, Colorado 8; Milwaukee 4, Chicago 3; Arizona 11, Los Angeles 7; and St. Louis 13, San Francisco 6.

At Yankee Stadium, Scott Brosius drew a one-out walk from Rick White (0-2) and Knoblauch, 2-for-5 in his return, blooped an opposite-field double that bounced into the right-field stands.

After an intentional walk to Derek Jeter, Jim Morris relieved and walked O'Neill on four pitches.

"No, I wasn't nervous," Morris said. "I just didn't get it done."

White Sox 6, Red Sox 0

Baldwin (6-0) pitched a three-hitter for his first career shutout, striking out eight and walking one to stop Chicago's four-game losing streak.

At Fenway Park, Pete Schourek (1-3) allowed six runs — three earned — and seven hits in 6 1-3 innings.

Paul Konerko's RBI single put Chicago ahead in the sixth and Carlos Lee hit a two-run single. Magglio Ordonez added a two-run single in the seventh.

Blue Jays 6, Orioles 4

Wells (6-1) won his fifth straight start, allowing four runs and nine hits in eight innings at SkyDome. Raul Mondesi homered twice in Toronto's 12th straight win over Baltimore, which has lost six of seven overall.

Cal Ripken, starting at designated hitter for the first time in his career, went 1-for-4 with a two-run single. Ripken, who broke Lou Gehrig's mark of 2,130 consecutive games in 1995, didn't want to take a day off.

Mike Mussina (1-4) allowed six runs — five earned — and 12 hits in seven innings, giving up four homers. Billy Koch pitched the ninth for his ninth save.

Twins 6, Indians 5

LaTroy Hawkins (1-1) pitched 3 2-3 innings of scoreless relief at the Metrodome and Minnesota scored six runs in the fifth to beat Chuck Finley (3-2), who didn't allow a runner through four innings.

Ron Coomer homered leading off the fifth, Denny Hocking walked with the bases loaded, right fielder Manny Ramirez dropped Cristian Guzman's shallow fly for a run-scoring error, Jay Canizaro hit a two-run single and Matt Lawton hit a sacrifice fly.

With the potential tying run on third, pinch-hitter Sandy Alomar hit a game-ending fly-out off Travis Miller, who got his first career save.

Athletics 5, Angels 2

Gil Heredia (4-2) allowed one run and five hits in seven innings, and visiting Oakland got solo homers from Ben Grieve and Jeremy Giambi. Jason Isringhausen got two outs for his sixth save.

Anaheim, which put shortstop Gary DiSarcina on the disabled list after Monday night's victory, lost starting pitcher Ken Hill (3-4) after he strained a muscle in the right side of his ribcage.

Mets 2, Pirates 0

Mike Hampton, after a talk with Hall of Famer Tom Seaver, overcame early-season struggles to pitch 8 1-3 scoreless innings and lead the Mets over the Pirates 2-0 on Tuesday night.

Hampton, the key to the Mets' offseason moves, struggled in his first seven starts for New York, compiling a 6.52 ERA and walking 36 in 38 2-3 innings.

Derek Bell and Edgardo Alfonzo hit consecutive home runs in the third inning against Kris Benson (2-4) to back Hampton.

Braves 10, Marlins 5

Javy Lopez hit a grand slam off Brad Penny (3-4) to cap Atlanta's five-run first inning as the visiting Braves snapped a three-game skid.

John Burkett (1-2), who played for the Marlins in 1995-96, allowed two runs in six innings.

The Braves had lost four of five since a franchise-record 15-game winning streak ended last Wednesday in Los Angeles.

Expos 3, Phillies 2

At Montreal, Vladimir Guerrero led off the ninth inning with a homer and Terry Jones' RBI infield single off Wayne Gomes (1-3) capped a three-run rally for the Expos.

Gomes' blown save spoiled a solid effort by Phillies starter Chris Brock, who pitched seven scoreless innings.

Steve Kline (1-0) got the win.

Reds 2, Padres 0

Steve Parris (2-4) pitched six scoreless innings and hit a sacrifice fly to lead host Cincinnati. Danny Graves pitched the two innings for his fifth save.

Brian Meadows (3-3) took the loss.

Astros 13, Rockies 8

Ken Caminiti hit a grand slam and Craig Biggio had a bases-loaded triple as Houston rallied from a six-run deficit at Enron Field.

The Rockies were leading 7-1 in the fifth inning when Biggio had an RBI groundout and Caminiti hit his slam off Scott Karl to make it 7-6. Biggio completed the comeback in the sixth with the three-run triple off Julian Tavarez (1-2).

Yorkis Perez (2-1) got the win.

Todd Helton hit two home runs for Colorado.

Brewers 4, Cubs 3

Henry Blanco hit a game-winning sacrifice fly in the eighth inning and Jeff D'Amico allowed three unearned runs in seven innings in his first start in more than two years for visiting Milwaukee.

Jeromy Burnitz also homered for the third straight day for the Brewers. D'Amico missed most of the last two seasons because of injuries. David Weathers got his first save.

Mark Guthrie (2-3) took the loss.

Diamondbacks 11, Dodgers 7

Damian Miller hit a game-winning grand slam off Orel Hershiser (1-2) in the 12th inning, his second homer of the game, as Arizona rallied at home.

Todd Hollandsworth, who homered leading off the game, had put the Dodgers ahead in the 12th against Vincente Padilla (1-0) with an RBI grounder.

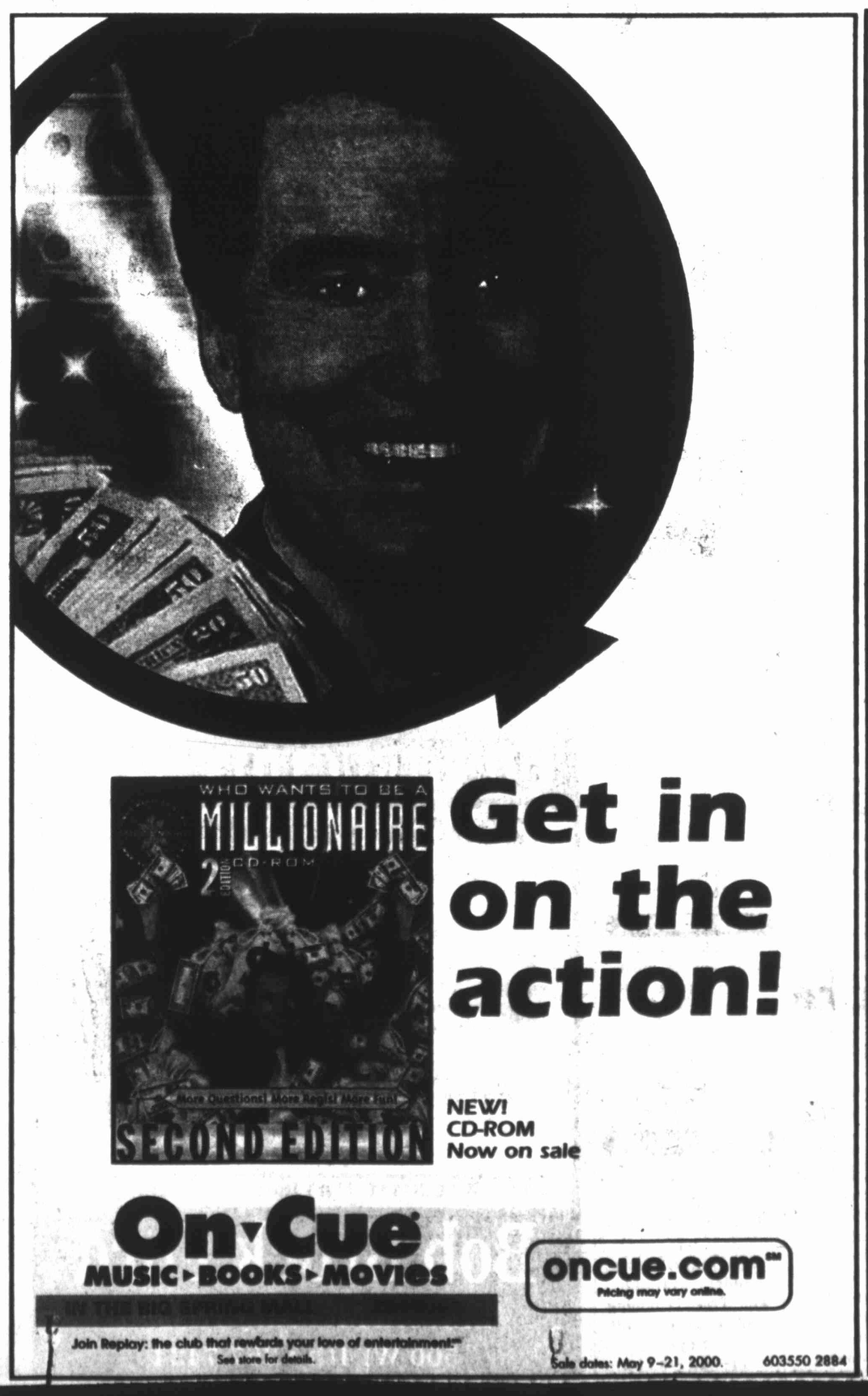
It was the eighth time since 1990 and the second this season a major league game began and ended with a homer.

The Mets' Jon Nunnally and Jeff Kent of San Francisco did it May 3 in the Giants' 8-5, 11-inning win.

Cardinals 13, Giants 6

Fernando Vina hit a three-run inside-the-park homer off Russ Ortiz (2-4) as St. Louis scored eight runs in the second inning to snap San Francisco's seven-game winning streak.

Edgar Renteria and Ray Lankford added solo homers, J.D. Drew and Craig Paquette had two-run doubles and Mark



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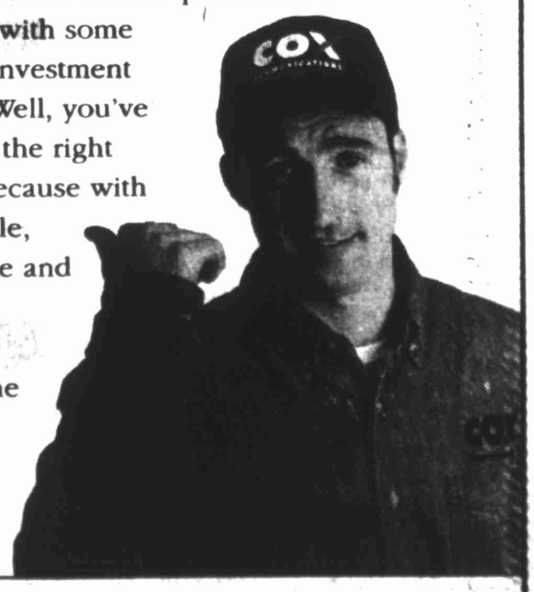

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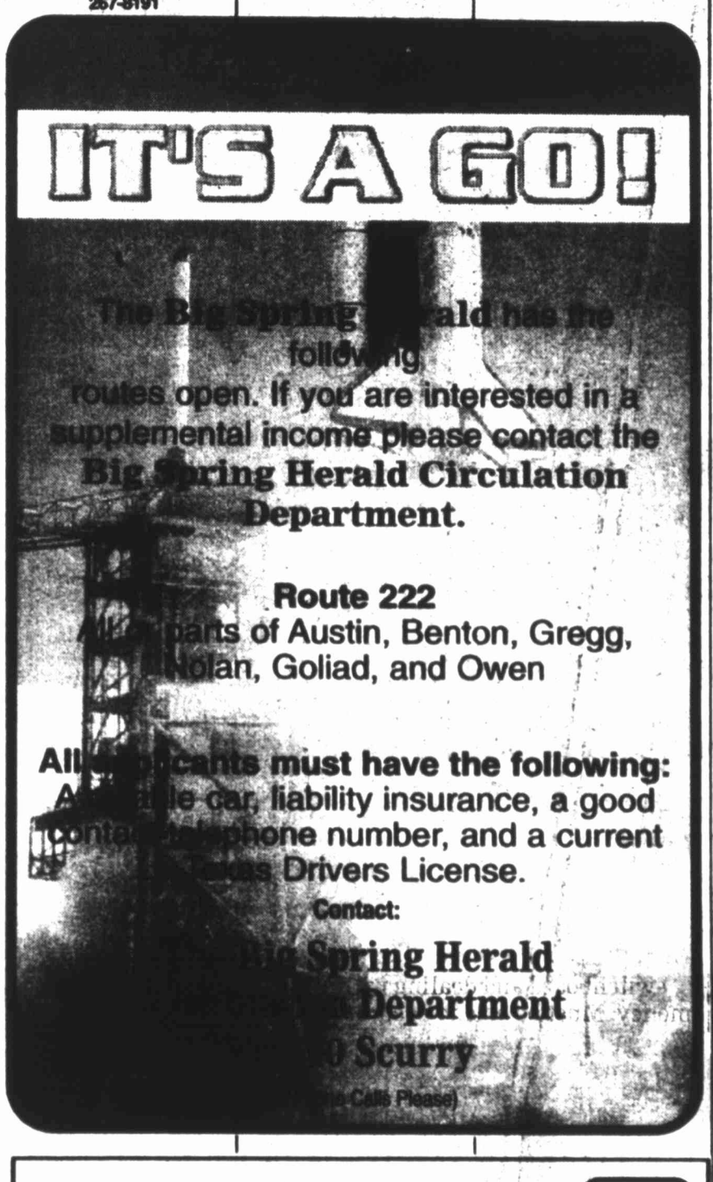

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Thursday, May 11:

You have unusually high creative energy this year. You might often wonder what the best outlet for it would be. Find solutions where others can't. The one area in which to keep yourself in check is your wallet. Taking risks here could be damaging. If you are single, relating proves to be exciting, but sometimes volatile. Widen your circle of friends over the next few months. Open up to what is possible. If attached, you might often feel out of sync, but your mate loves your high energy levels. VIRGO brings out the kid in you.

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

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

**** It will take a lot to get work under control. Others create uproar, and you need to resolve problems. Finance remains your Achilles' heel. Don't make a commitment just yet. There are other ways to get what you want. Tonight: Off to the gym — get back into good habits!

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

***** Your good will makes a big difference to a loved one or child. You are ready to do what you need to do in order to make something happen for him. Be willing to discuss limits, however. Remain realistic. Tonight: Shake up the status quo.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

**** You hit a roadblock with a close associate or a property matter. Think carefully before you say something you'll regret. Your ability to get past a problem is tested. Don't let frustration and anger get the better of you. Tonight: Head on home.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

*** Say what you think, but don't let rage or irritation do your talking. Stay on top of a problem. Don't back down from what you want if you feel it is key to your well-being. Staying in control is essential. Tonight: Hang out with a friend.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

**** You might spend more than you had expected in order to make what you want happen, but don't worry. You will figure it out. Sometimes, spending money to make money is necessary. A friend could egg you on to follow him. Pull back; don't react. Tonight: Treat yourself.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

***** You are driven and know what you want. Others, especially a boss, could find you a little touchy or difficult. Recognize limits. Know what is ultimately important for you. Consider being more diplomatic, even if you don't feel like it. Tonight: Whatever will make you happy.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

*** Say little as people express strong feelings. Another has a very odd or challenging point of view. You might feel hurt or frustrated. Pull back and choose not to feel that way. Take an overview, and you'll feel better. Tonight: Take some time for you .

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

**** A friend means well when making an observation, but a partnership could be jeopardized by this type of thinking. How another views a situation could change substantially because of your intervention. Take a strong stand. Tonight: Where your friends are.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

*** Pressure from others affects you. A boss or someone in charge clearly wants everything his way. You get the message! Decide it isn't worth the squabble. Close ties might have very strong reactions. Tonight: Burn the midnight oil.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

**** Though you thought everything was organized, a partner or associate lets you know he doesn't agree with you. Frustration runs high. News changes your work. Don't become rigid. Instead, work with situations individually. Tonight: Try another point of view.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

**** Dealing on a one-on-one level proves to be frustrating. You could bear the brunt of another's bad mood. On the other hand, this person is airing out opinions that you need to know about. Get down to basics. Avoid frivolity. Tonight: With your best friend.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

*** Another is very clear about where he doesn't agree with you. You could be none too happy with this person. In fact, your mood could be colored. Relating proves to be a bit touchy. Take a walk and air out feelings. Make a decision logically, not emotionally. Tonight: Say yes.

BORN TODAY

Activist Louis Farrakhan (1933), U.S. senator James Jeffords (1934), actor Mort Sahl (1927)

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Child's cruelty to animals is sign of troubles ahead

DEAR ABBY: Many years ago, our neighbor owned a St. Bernard that was usually tied up outside the house. It was teased almost daily by another neighbor's vicious child, until it turned mean. (St. Bernards by nature are very friendly dogs.)

One day the dog got loose and bit my 10-year-old brother as he was walking home from school. The animal's jaws surrounded my brother's upper thigh completely, and the puncture wounds were half an inch deep.

ABIGAIL VAN BUREN

Luckily, my brother did not develop tetanus or any other complications, and he recovered completely, with only some scars to show for the experience. The same can't be said for the dog or the mean neighbor child. The child grew up to be a nasty adult who is now in prison. The dog eventually was euthanized — absolutely not at my family's request. We were angry at the horrible boy, not the poor dog.

Children who torture animals are likely to grow into criminal adults, so parents should teach their children at an early age to be kind to animals as well as people. — SEEN IT IN SEATTLE

DEAR SEEN IT: Persistent cruelty to animals warrants a thorough evaluation by a psychiatrist or psychologist with expertise in children to determine the cause — and the sooner the better.

I checked with child psychiatrist Lori Zukerman, M.D., in Los Angeles, who confirmed that persistent teasing of a confined and helpless animal by a child should be of concern to parents, because it may be a symptom of a psychiatric illness such as conduct disorder.

Conduct disorder is characterized by anti-social behavior and is frequently associated with poor self-esteem, poor frustration tolerance, lack of empathy, risk-taking behaviors, and impairments in daily functioning and relationships.

Studies suggest that many children with conduct disorder will have a diagnosis of anti-social personality as adults and/or they will be at risk for mood disorders, anxiety disorders and substance abuse in adulthood.

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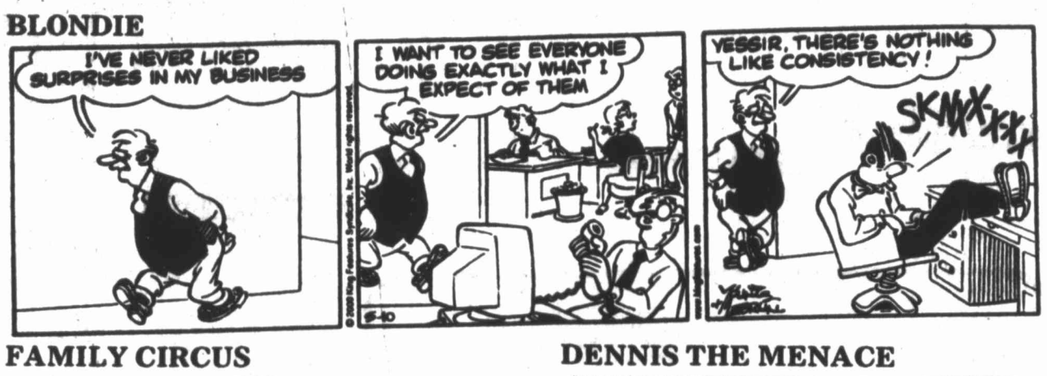

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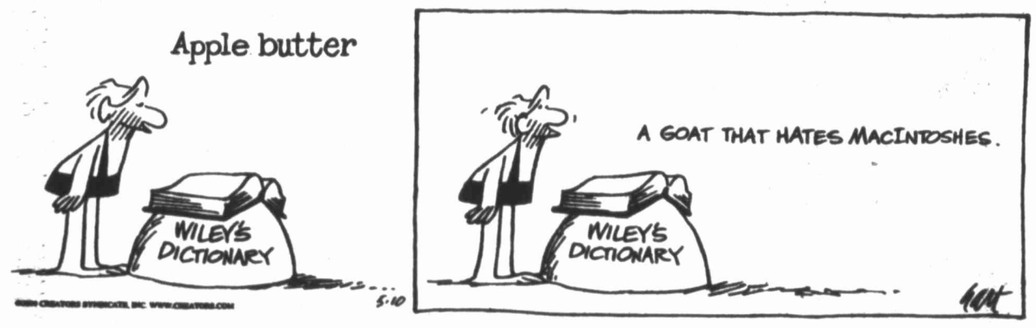

FAMILY CIRCUS

"Daddy, will you back the car out of the garage and cover our hopscotch court to keep it dry?"

DENNIS THE MENACE

"..BUT IF IT'S INVISIBLE WRITING, HOW DO YOU KNOW WHEN YOU'RE OUT OF INK?"

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THIS DATE IN HISTORY

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

Today is Wednesday, May 10, the 131st day of 2000. There are 235 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On May 10, 1869, a golden spike was driven at Promontory, Utah, marking the completion of the first transcontinental railroad in the United States.

On this date:

In 1774, Louis XVI ascended the throne of France.

In 1775, Ethan Allen and his Green Mountain Boys captured the British-held fortress at Ticonderoga, N.Y.

In 1865, Union forces captured Confederate President Jefferson Davis in Irwinville, Ga.

In 1899, movie musical star Fred Astaire was born in Omaha, Neb.

In 1924, J. Edgar Hoover was given the job of FBI director.

In 1933, the Nazis staged massive public book burnings in Germany.

In 1940, British Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain resigned, and Winston Churchill formed a new government.

In 1941, Adolf Hitler's deputy, Rudolf Hess, parachuted into Scotland claiming to be on a peace mission. (Hess ended up serving a life sentence at Spandau prison until his death in 1987.)

In 1968, preliminary Vietnam peace talks began in Paris.

In 1994, the state of Illinois executed convicted serial killer John Wayne Gacy for the murders of 33 young men and boys.

Ten years ago: The government of China announced the release of 211 dissidents who had been involved in pro-democracy demonstrations a year earlier.

Five years ago: An elevator accident in Orkney, South Africa killed 104 miners. Terry Nichols was charged in the Oklahoma City bombing. Former President Bush's office released his letter of resignation from the National Rifle Association in which Bush expressed outrage over its reference to federal agents as "jackbooted government thugs."

One year ago: China broke off talks on arms control with the United States, and allowed demonstrators to hurl stones at the U.S. Embassy in Beijing for a third day to protest NATO's bombing of the Chinese Embassy in Yugoslavia. A military jury at Camp Lejeune, N.C., sentenced Captain Richard Ashby, a Marine pilot whose jet clipped an Italian gondola cable and sent 20 people plunging to their deaths, to six months in prison and dismissed him from the corps for helping hide a videotape shot during the flight. (Ashby was acquitted earlier of manslaughter.) Cartoonist, playwright and songwriter Shel Silverstein was found dead in his Key West, Fla., apartment; he was 66.

Today's Birthdays: Sportscaster Pat Summerall is 70. TV and radio personality Gary Owens is 64. Rhythm-and-blues singer Henry Fambrough (The Spinners) is 62.

THE Daily Crossword

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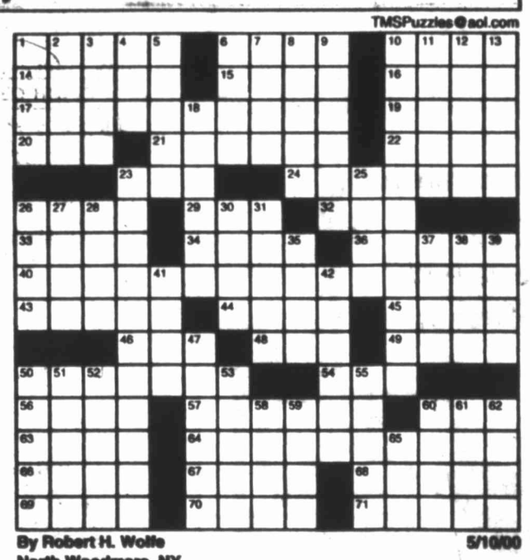

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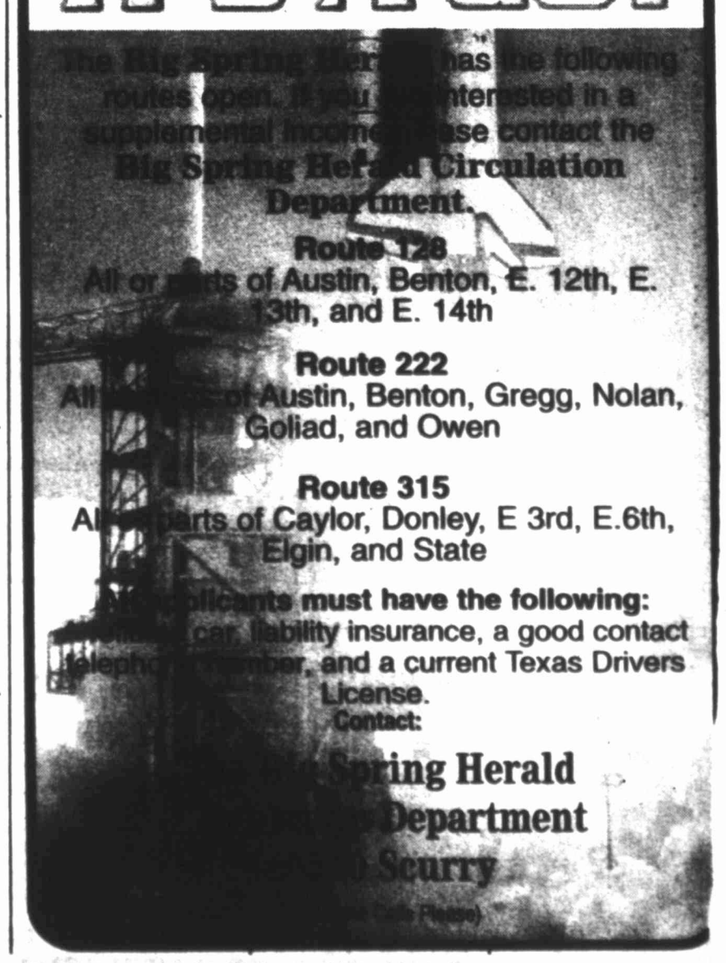

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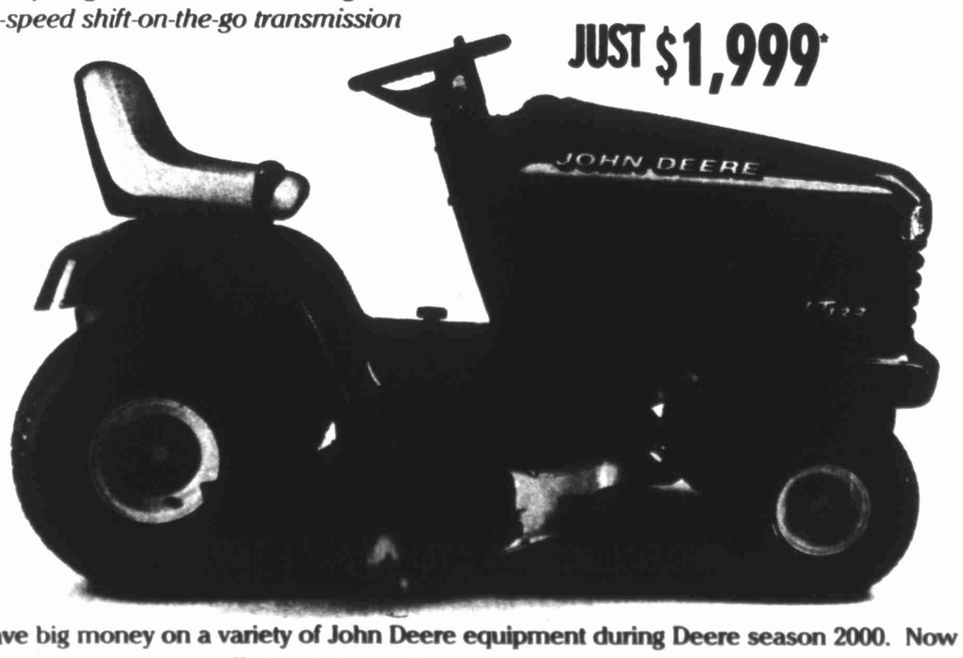

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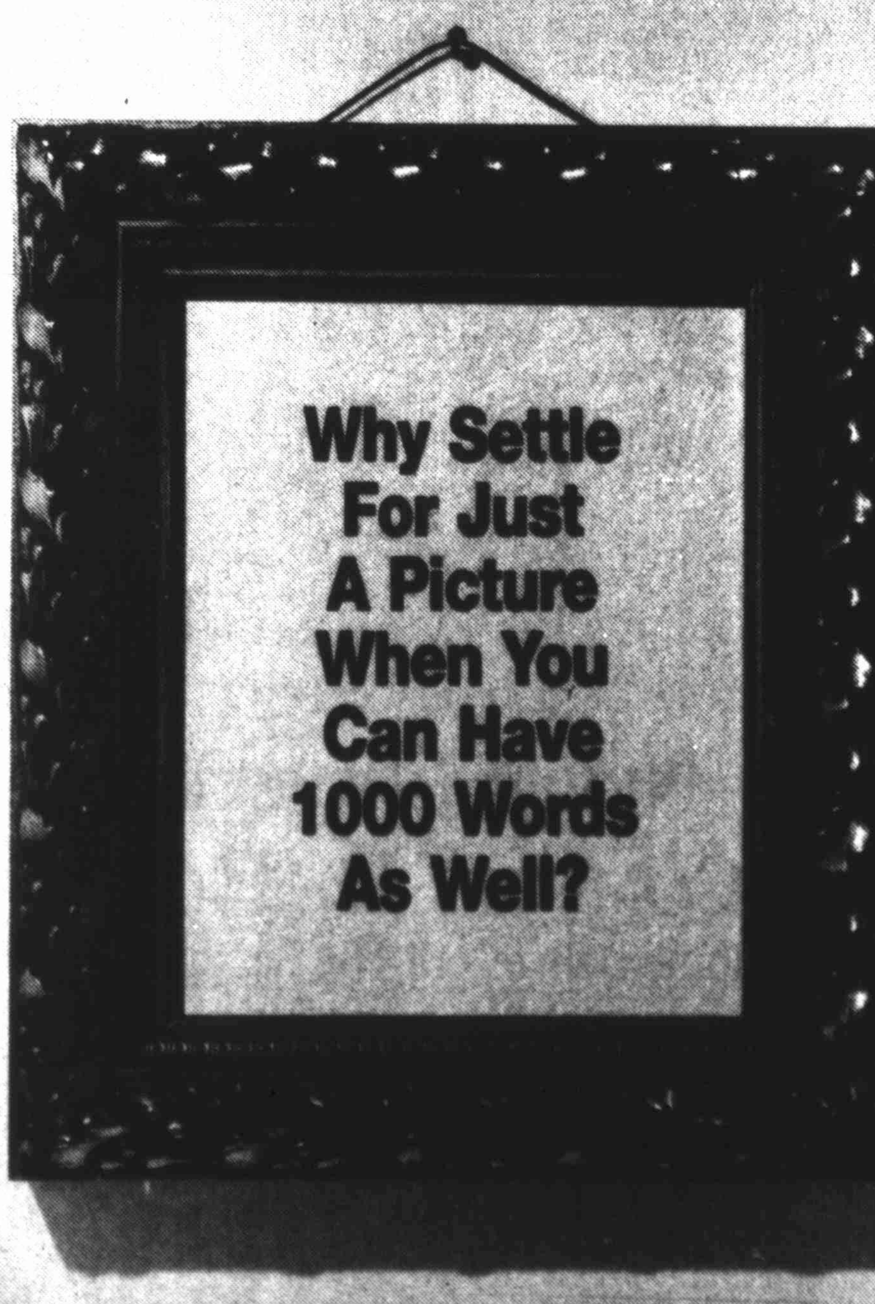

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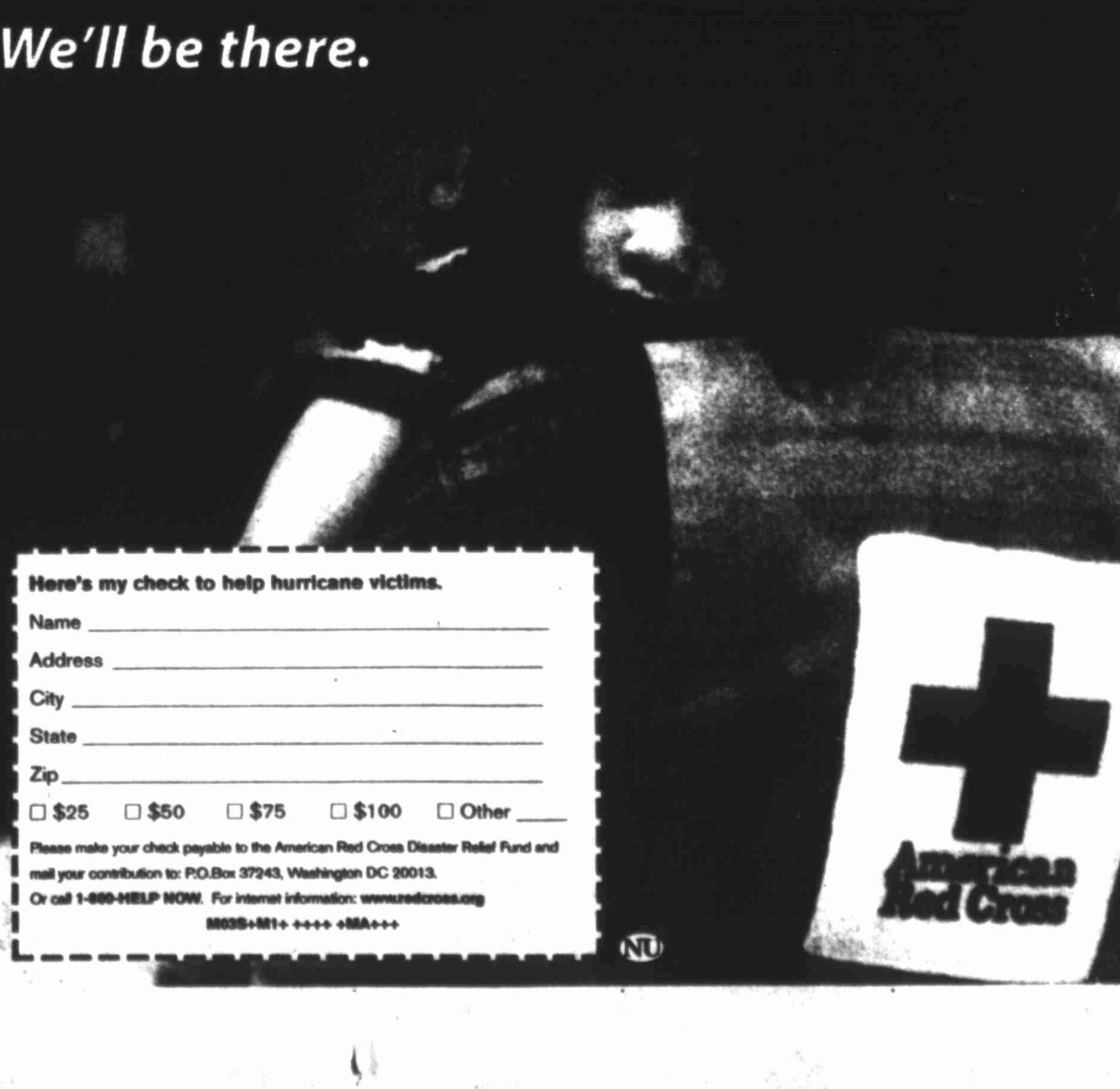

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