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## 20-30 cases slated for HC grand jury

Howard County grand jury will convene Wednesday at the courthouse to hear between 20 and 30 cases presented by the Howard County district attorney office.

Hardy Wilkerson, district attorney, will present evidence to the grand jury, seeking indictments to prosecute individuals for crimes committed in the county.

## Business seminar set for Wednesday

A Small Business Administration seminar, "Economic Injury Disaster Loans for Small Businesses" is set for 7 p.m. Wednesday at the Dora Roberts Community Center.

Several presenters are scheduled to address such topics as "Get to Know Your Local SBA" and "The Small Business Development Program."

Sponsored by the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce, the cost is $20 for non-chamber members. Chamber members are admitted free.

Anyone planning to attend is asked to register at the chamber by calling 263-7641, or stop by 215 W. Third. Early registration is encouraged.

## Optional assembly planned Wednesday for BSHS students

Ken Freeman, who is currently conducting a youth revival at First Baptist Church, will hold an optional assembly at 3:15 Wednesday afternoon at Big Spring High School.

First Baptist minister Eddie Tubbs said Freeman's presentation will be be about setting an agenda and establishing priorities in order to meet our goals.

## WHAT'S UP...

**WEDNESDAY**

❒ Optimist Club, 7 a.m., Howard College Cactus Room

❒ Big Spring Downtown Lions Club, noon, Howard College Cactus Room.

## WEATHER

**Tonight:**




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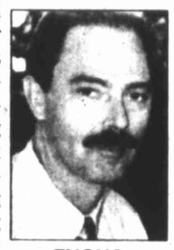


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# *City looks to turn trash into treasure*

By MARSHA STURDIVANT
Staff Writer


FUQUA

A new tool that may cover eroding areas of Texas highways with special composting material is set to be demonstrated in Big Spring Wednesday at the intersection of I-20 and U.S. 87.

"We will be looking to see how this will assist us in preventing erosion. This is a joint project with the Texas Department of Transportation, the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Committee, and the city of Big Spring," said Gary Fuqua, city manager.

A new machine, the Rexius applicator, manufactured by Eco-Mulch, will use material supplied by the city's composting facility, as well as cotton burr compost provided by Wayne Shelling of South Plains Composting in Lubbock.

"Eco-Mulch will provide the machine, and the city will provide the material and the labor," Fuqua said.

The Rexius applicator will blow the blended material onto the slope near the intersection, and officials are expected to evaluate the product as well as the method of application, he said.

TxDOT and TNRCC officials are seeking ways to prevent erosion on Texas highways, and Fuqua said if this project is suc-

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# Chamber-hosted community luncheon slated Wednesday

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NEWTON

The Spring Community Luncheon Wednesday, sponsored by the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce, offers community members and chamber members a chance to get to know each other.

The luncheon begins at 11:45 a.m. at the Dora Roberts Community Center. Tickets are $7 for the meal catered by Al's & Son Barbecue.

"The whole idea is to bring the community together. We will recognize all our new chamber members, and bring everyone together for a meal.

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# Grady trio earns gold at state

By MARSHA STURDIVANT
Staff Writer


HERALD photo/John H. Walker

**Grady High School's Scott Swift (left), Christy Rivas and Anthony Swift are all smiles after winning the Class 1A State Science Team Championship on Saturday in Austin. Christy is a freshman, Scott is a sophomore and Anthony is a senior. The team was coached by science teacher Robert Jennings.**

Grady High School students Anthony Swift, Christy Rivas and Scott Swift earned the gold medal when they won the University Interscholastic League State 1A Science Team Championship Saturday.

"We were the favored team at state. All our hard work paid off, as the team finished more than 100 points ahead of the second place team," said Robert Jennings, science teacher in grades seven through 12 for Grady High School.

This is the seventh year Grady students have won district UIL competition, and the seventh year to be spring sport champions, Jennings said.

"I'm very proud and very fortunate. I've been working with Anthony and Christy since they were in seventh grade, and I knew this was a good group. It's been a long hard road, and they have done a lot of extra work on their own. The class itself worked hard, and that made a difference," Jennings said.

Anthony Scott and Christy Rivas, seniors, have been competing in the science academic contests since they were freshmen, he said.

Scott won the state individuals title in 1998, pursuing a course of science study that takes courage, Jennings said.

"I taught them how to read highly technical material, and they did a great job. As sophomores, Anthony was first overall, and he and Christy were part of a winning district team, but they didn't make it out of regional," Jennings said.

During their junior year, Scott took first place in district, with Rivas earning second. They earned the team title. In regional, Scott earned second place overall, and the team

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# Jobs lost

## *Western Container plans to move corporate office: keep plant in Big Spring*

By JOHN H. WALKER
Managing Editor


HERALD file photo

**An employee at Western Container organizes and sorts plastic beverage bottles as they flow through an assemble machine at the Big Spring facility. On Monday, company officials announced to employees that the company's corporate offices would be moved to Midland.**

For the second time in less than a week, Big Spring's economy is losing jobs.

On Monday, officials of Western Container told employees in the corporate office that the office would be relocating to Midland.

The move will not affect any jobs at the Big Spring manufacturing facility.

Company spokesman Barbara Morrison said this morning that the corporate office "is in the initial planning stages of moving to Midland."

Morrison said the move "is still a few months away" and that it will affect "approximately 10 percent of Western's Big Spring employees." A Jan. 31 story in the *Herald* reported that Western had "about 180 employees" at the Big Spring plant.

Western Container began operations in Big Spring in 1980 and now manufactures 3.3 billion plastic bottles annually at its five plants, with a large percentage of those coming out of the Big Spring facility. Other plants are in Houston, Hattiesburg, Miss., and two in California.

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# Howard County renews pact with narcotics task force

By MARSHA STURDIVANT
Staff Writer


LOCKHART

Howard County commissioners on Monday approved another year of participation with the West Texas Narcotics Enforcement Task Force.

"Personally I think this is a good gamble, and I think they will collect anything we might have to make as a cash match," said Howard County Judge Ben Lockhart.

Howard County's 25 percent share of the funding for the next year will be up to $23,092, according to figures provided by WTNETF assistant commander Glenn Lisso.

"This is the two salaries for personnel in Howard County," Lisso said.

"There are two things that can cause this total to go downward. Assets in seizures from drug busts, such as vehicles and cash, will all go toward the program income and will be applied until it reaches the cash match of he counties involved," he said.

In seven months of operation, the WTNETF collected $17,400 in currency, resulting from drug busts and arrests within its nine-county area, Lisso said.

"About 25 percent of our arrests were in Howard County," Lisso said.

Also, 17 vehicles were seized and a street value of $2,063,058 worth of illegal drugs, including 2,560 pounds of marijuana, 21 marijuana plants, more than four ounces of cocaine and more than 38 grams of crack cocaine, were also seized.

Heroin and miscellaneous stimulants were seized, and about 120 individuals were arrested, Lisso said.

Howard County District Attorney Hardy Wilkerson and Sheriff Bill Jennings recommended participating with the task force the next year.

"The task force has added a good number of [illegible] the time they have been [illegible] and I am pleased with the [illegible] would like to keep this [illegible] if at all possible," said Wilkerson.

Jennings agreed, adding that he intends to sign the cooperative agreement between the sheriff's department and the task force.

"The task force has done well for us in Howard County, and I

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# *Life safety tops firefighters' list of priorities, class told*

By MARSHA STURDIVANT
Staff Writer


HERALD photo/Marsha Sturdivant

**Big Spring Fire Department Deputy Chief on Duty Steve Hedges, left, assists Citizen Fire Academy member Brad Smith try on bunker gear used by fire fighters.**

Citizens Fire Academy members learned during their third class the most important part of a fireman's equipment is his bunker gear and that a fire fighters' first, major priority is life safety.

"We adhere to the life or limb policy. Our first objective is to get a person out of the fire, and then check for injuries. We don't want anyone to perish in a fire," said Big Spring Fire Department deputy chief on shift Steve Hedges.

Firefighting becomes a way of life for most firefighters, he said, and the men and women who work to extinguish fires have found a vocation.

"Fire service gets in your blood, and we love what we do," Hedges said.

Ideally, all structure fires have at least two firefighters on the scene fighting the fire, while another operates the water pumps on the truck, he said.

"In some instances one man on a scene goes in while the other man stays and works the pump. If both men go into the structure, and then for some reason the water pump stalls and the hoses stop, those men are in trouble," he said.

The Big Spring department is set up so that three fire trucks respond to every structure fire, which allows the needed man power to fight the flames, he said.

When firefighters arrive on the scene of a structure fire, the first order of business is to locate the residents and determine that everyone is safe, he said.

"The most critical part of any

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# Library to close Thursday nights

By MARSHA STURDIVANT
Staff Writer

County commissioners Monday agreed to close the Howard County Library Thursday nights, and to change some sick leave, vacation and retirement procedures in the county employee handbook.

"I wanted you to be aware of our situation, and I will do anything that you think is best," said Howard County Library Loraine Redman.

Howard County is under a hiring freeze, due to a budget deficit expected from declining oil and mineral values.

Due to resignations, one full time and two part time positions are now available at the county library, and Redman approached the commissioners about the best way to fill the posts.

"We can cut servic[illegible]

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# OBITUARIES

## Burlon Williams

Burlon H. Williams, 86, of Big Spring, passed away Monday, May 10, 1999, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. Mr. Williams was affectionately known as "shotgun." Graveside services are 10:30 a.m., Wednesday, May 12, 1999, at Trinity Memorial Park with Rev. Dudley Mullins, pastor of East Fourth St. Baptist Church officiating, and assisted by Dr. William Heston, Vice President of Howard Payne University, Brownwood, and Dr. William Turner, pastor of the South Main Baptist Church, Houston.


WILLIAMS

Mr. Williams was born on May 28, 1912, in Reno, Parker County, Texas. He married Katholeen Harmon on Jan. 18, 1936, at The Rock of Ages in Carlsbad Caverns, N.M. He came to Big Spring in 1942 from Monahans, Ward County. He was a member of the East Fourth St. Baptist Church.

Mr. Williams worked for Texas & Pacific Railroad for 33 years as a truck driver, retiring in 1974. He had received numerous safe driving awards from the company. In retirement, he participated in the "Railroad Coffee Club" made up of other retirees.

He is survived by: his wife, Katholeen of Big Spring; one son, Rev. Thomas J. Williams and wife, Carolyn of Houston; two daughters, Nelda K. Jones of Lamesa, and Linda S. Battle and her husband, Bill of Big Spring; six grandchildren, Joni Deanne Hodges of Midland, Royce Reagan Williams of Houston, Clifton Chad Williams of Nashville, Tenn., Kyle Jason Jones of Lubbock, Jana Renae McQueary of Big Spring, Kelsey Lauren Battle of Big Spring; four great-grandchildren, Ashley Megan Hodges of Midland, Clifton Connor Williams of Nashville, Tenn., Alexander Reagan Williams of Houston, Chelsea Rae Williams of Nashville, Tenn.

He was preceded in death by his parents, James Franklin Williams and Lillie Hendrix Williams; three sisters, Thelmas Williams Springfield, Lura Mae Williams Pate and Quilla Williams Miller.

Grandsons will serve as pallbearers assisted by Steve D. Hodges (husband of Joni Hodges) and Thomas W. McQueary (husband of Jana McQueary).

Family recommends memorials to the East Fourth Street Baptist Church Renovation Fund; 401 E. Fourth St.; Big Spring.

The family will receive friends at the funeral home from 5 to 7 p.m. Tuesday.

Arrangements under the direction of Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

*Paid obituary*

## R.P. "Nick" Nicholson

R.P. "Nick" Nicholson was born to R.P. "Bob" and Clarissa Nicholson on Sept. 1, 1922, in Lorenzo; he passed away on Monday, May 10, 1999, at Memorial Hospital in Midland at the age of 76.


NICHOLSON

Services are 1 p.m. Wednesday, May 12, 1999, at Myers & Smith Chapel, with Dr. Ed Williamson, pastor of First United Methodist Church, officiating. Private family burial services will follow in Trinity Memorial Park.

He was raised in Lorenzo and lived there until going into the U.S. Marines in World War II. He served in a combat intelligence unit with the 21st Marines 3rd Marine Division in the Pacific. He participated in two campaigns, the recapturing of Guam and the Battle of Iwo Jima. After his military service, he went to Texas Tech in Lubbock. Upon graduating from Tech, he was employed by Hemphill Wells Company. In 1954, he was transferred to the Hemphill Wells store in Big Spring as a merchandise manager, where he remained until 1971, when he opened his own business "Nick Togs" in the Highland Mall Shopping Center. He operated this store until his retirement in 1986. He was a member of the First United Methodist Church.

He is survived by: his wife, Ruth of Big Spring; son, Randy Nicholson and wife Diana of Tulsa, Okla., son Dick Nicholson and wife Rebecca of Marble Falls; daughter, Ann Nicholson of Dallas; and stepson, Don Wilson and wife Jan of Midland; three grandchildren, Ryan, Matthew, and Stacey of Tulsa.

Family suggests memorials to Family Hospice of Big Spring; 3210 E. 11th Place; Big Spring.

Arrangements under the direction of Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

*Paid obituary*

## Billie Merrill

Graveside services for Billie Merrill, 76, Big Spring, will be 3 p.m. Wednesday, May 12, 1999, at Mount Olive Memorial Park with Rev. Sammy Sims officiating.

Mrs. Merrill passed away on Sunday, May 9, 1999, in a local nursing home following a long illness.

She was born to a Howard County pioneer family, Paul and Inus Harper Bradley on Jan. 10, 1923. She married Harold W. "Red" Merrill on March 31, 1943, in Big Spring. He preceded her in death on May 10, 1980; she was also preceded in death by one son, Richard A. Merrill, a sister, Mary Jo Allen, and a brother, Leighton Bradley.

She is survived by one daughter, Betty Pearson of Big Spring; one son, James Merrill of Clarkston, Wash.; five grandchildren, Suzy Pearson of Big Spring, Cindy Herrera of Coahoma, Kimberly Merrill and Dwane Merrill, both of Washington State, and Scott Merrill of Grants, N.M.; and three great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers will be Gary Bishop, Mike Pearson, Sam Froman and James Merrill. Honorary pallbearers are Bill Green, Weldon Allen and Alecc Herrera.

Arrangements under the direction of Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

*Paid obituary*

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Ethel Simmons, 92, died Sunday. Services were at 2:00 PM Tuesday at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Interment followed at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

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Billie Merrill, 76, died Sunday. Graveside services are 3:00 PM, Wednesday at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

Burlon H. Williams, 86, died Monday. Graveside services are 10:30 AM, Wednesday at Trinity Memorial Park.

R. P. "Nick" Nicholson, 76, died Monday. Services are 1:00 PM, Wednesday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Private family burial at Trinity Memorial Park.

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## PROJECT

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essful, it may help off set the cost of the city's composting facility.

"We hope TxDOT will agree to purchase the compost we make, and provide us with an end vendor," Fuqua said.

A member of the Big Country Resource Conservation and Development Area, Fuqua said he and the board has worked toward getting this project established.

If successful, a new market using compost and wood chips for right-of-way stabilization on Texas highways will reduce the tonnage placed into sanitary landfills, and created additional jobs in Texas as the demand for these products increases, he said.

"We will be evaluating the method of application and the ability of the compost to aid in revegetation of bare ground," Fuqua said.

The demonstration is set for 10 a.m. Wednesday.

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ing and for fun," said Terri Newton, executive vice president for the chamber.

An annual event, the Spring Community Luncheon occurs during Chamber of Commerce week, Newton said.

A fall community luncheon features a speaker-format program, while this luncheon will offer information about the chamber of commerce, she said.

Newton and chamber president Chuck Williams will address those attending, and Terry McDaniel, first vice president of the chamber, will be master of ceremony.

Between 250 and 300 people are expected to attend.

"Everyone is welcome, and anyone may attend the community luncheon," said Debbye ValVerde, chamber secretary.

"This is a chance for community members and chamber members to get to know each other," she said.

Tickets may be purchased in advance, or will be available at the door, ValVerde said.

## JOBS

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Over the past five years, Western Container has tripled its size and, last December, became the 13th largest plastic producer in the nation and second largest in Texas.

Western has continued to expand its Big Spring facility, adding a blow molding machine made by the Krupp Corp. in Hamburg, Germany and a new technology injection molding machine from Canada's Husky Corp. that should arrive next month.

## GOLD

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placed second overall as well.

"That year they studied biology at the college level and high school chemistry. They helped the rest of the chemistry class cover twice the material normally covered," Jennings said.

This year sophomore Scott Jennings joined the team. He mastered 17 chapters of chemistry after his first practice meet when he realized that as his weak area.

"His score doubled at the last two practice meets," Jennings said.

The state contest was very difficult, written by college professors who are not seeking perfect scores, he said.

"The test was tough. The questions were at the college level and most were intentionally tricky. I don't think there was any question that could have been answered with just a high school education," he said.

Biology was exceptionally hard, as the top scores were 26 points below the scores earned on the chemistry and physics tests.

"Anthony's score of 82 out of a possible 120 in biology was only six points below the best score at the meet by a 5A student," Jennings said.

# BIG SPRING AROUND THE TOWN

## TEXAS LOTTERY

PICK 3: 7,4,9
CASH 5:3,5,14,18,34

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

## TASK FORCE

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think they are a needed service," Jennings said.

Howard County has two positions on the task force advisory board, an investigator in the district attorney's office, and a deputy from the sheriff's department.

Along with Howard County and the city of Big Spring, the task force also performed law enforcement services in Ector, Reagan, Martin, Glasscock, Pecos, Upton, Crane, and Brewster counties, along with the cities located in these counties as well.

Lisso said the second possibility that will decrease each county's financial contribution will be appropriations from the Texas legislature.

"We have asked for assistance in West Texas because the counties are hurting from the depressed economy caused by the declining oil prices. We haven't received a reply back, but we're hopeful," Lisso said.

The new agreement begins June 1, following the closing of the original grant on May 31.

## LIBRARY

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can cut hours (of operation) or we can hire more people," Redman suggested.

Redman made several suggestions about cutting services, as well as incorporating a part time position into a full time job, and eliminating one part time position.

Commissioner Bill Crooker said any further closing of the library or other reorganization needs to be discussed further, and suggested the item be placed on future agendas.

All commissioners agreed to close the library at the regular time on Thursday nights, instead of remaining open until 9 p.m.

The late hours were a compromise reached when other budget constraints forced Redman to reorganize the hours of operation.

"If anyone asks, you say this is due to more budget constraints," said Howard County Judge Ben Lockhart.

Commissioner Gary Simer said decisions about hiring any new employees must come before the commissioners court.

Also, Commissioner Jerry Kilgore recommended some changes in the employee handbook that will restrict receiving financial compensation for retiring or terminating employees.

"Right now, there is no limit on the accumulation of sick leave that is due an employee when they retire or quit, and it is the same with vacation, which can wreck a budget. Also, employees that retire are provided two months salary, which I believe is excessive," said Kilgore.

Commissioners agreed to change the handbook to reflect a 30-day limit on accrued sick leave and one week accrued vacation when retiring or terminating, and to eliminate the two months salary for retiring elected officials, effective with the next budget Oct. 1, 1999.

"This is use it or lose it," Simer said.

And State National Bank was named depository for county funds, a tradition that has existed at least since 1969, according to Crooker.

## FIRES

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See fire is the first few minutes. We take a quick look around to make sure nobody is inside the structure," he said.

By the time firefighters arrive on a scene, they must be wearing their bunker gear, and Self Contained Breathing Apparatus, or SCBA, he said.

"My personal professional equipment is my most vital piece of equipment because when I go into a fire, it had better work," said .

Bunker gear consists of a helmet, a fire hood, a bunker jacket, bunker pants, and gloves, which cost about $800 total per firefighter, he said.

Hedges, an 18-year veteran with the fire department in Big Spring, said all bunker gear is inspected periodically by the deputy on chief, and any gear found to be torn or ripped must be replaced.

"We haven't really found a good way to dispose of it, and we have a (room) filled with old bunker gear," he said.

Firefighters' helmets have face shields as a modern addition. The traditional long bill on the back of the helmet was designed to protect the neck of the firefighter.

Helmets have ear flaps and are impact absorbent, features added in recent years as well, he said.

A fire hood, similar to a long toboggan, is worn under the helmet to protect ears. The hoods are made of a cloth-like material called PBI that was designed for astronauts.

"This has saved a lot of burned ears. Our saying once was if the bottom of our ears is hot, it is time to get out of the fire," Hedges said,

Bunker pants and jacket are made of an outer barrier of flame resistance material, an inner liner that resists heat, and a moisture barrier. The hems are lined by leather, and the knees have leather patches,to increase wear.

"These things are very heavy dry, and really heavy wet," Hedges said.

Each firefighter who enters a burning structure must wear an air tank, or SCBAs, which cost about $300 each. Most deaths in structure fires are due to carbon monoxide, he said.

"As a rule of thumb, the darker the smoke in a structure fire the more carbon monoxide," he said.

Other hazardous vapors firefighters might encounter are polyvinyl chloride, produced when PVC pipes burn, and hydrogen cyanide, which smells like almonds and requires .0135 percent in the air to be fatal, he said.

The SCBAs used by the Big Spring department are positive pressure masks, which continuously blow air to the wearer, preventing gases or smoke from entering the mask, he demonstrated.

If firefighters reach a structure fire and determine the building cannot be saved, they will immediately attempt to save the structures next to the one on fire.

"Because of smoke detectors and smoke alarms, we don't have nearly the fired we had 15 years ago," Hedges said.

The Citizens Fire Academy had an additional class mate, Stephanie Ferguson, who indicated she will complete most of the classes. The academy continues tonight with Brian Jensen, who will discuss emergency medical service training.

*Editor's Note: This is the third in a 12-part series covering the Citizens Fire Academy. The class, which began April 20, is expected to conclude with graduation July 6.*

## POLICE

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity through 6 a.m. today:

- **JUAN JUAREZ**, 32, arrested for public intoxication;
- **JESUS RAMIREZ**, 18, arrested for criminal trespass;
- **MARIANO GARCIA**, 38, arrested on local warrants;
- **CURTIS CARROLL**, 37, arrested on local warrants;
- **DAVID HOLSENBACK**, 30, arrested for driving with invalid license;
- **CHRISTOPHER MARTINEZ**, 18, arrested on local warrants;
- **JOE RUSHING**, 34, arrested for burglary of a building;
- **JERRY OSBURN**, 19, arrested for burglary of a building;
- **TERRY SAWYERS**, 37, arrested for DWI;
- **JUVENILE PROBLEMS** reported in the 1400 block of Nolan;
- **INVESTIGATION of SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITIES** reported in the 1500 block of Mesa, 1800 Settles, 1700 Lancaster and 1300 Harding;
- **THEFT** reported in the 1700 block of Wasson Road;
- **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF/FAMILY VIOLENCE** reported in the 2900 block of West 13th;
- **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF/VEHICLE** reported in the 2700 block of Cindy;
- **CRIMINAL TRESPASS WARNING** issued in the 1000 block of Nolan.

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# FDA explores ways to increase patient safety

WASHINGTON (AP) — Hoping to decrease the 100,000 patient deaths caused by medication side effects each year, the Food and Drug Administration is hunting new, safer ways to help patients use powerful drugs.

Much depends on getting doctors, other health workers and patients themselves to help, FDA Commissioner Jane Henney said Monday in releasing a 150-page report on drug safety.

"Safe doesn't mean no risk," Henney stressed, explaining that both doctors and patients must understand that while every drug has side effects, there are ways to minimize risk.

Some side effects are largely unavoidable, like the fact that cancer chemotherapy can leave patients vulnerable to dangerous infections.

Others are a surprise. New drugs are tested on only a few hundred to a few thousand patients before they're sold to millions, meaning rare side effects that didn't show up in small clinical trials can wind up hurting hundreds of people. But doctors aren't required to report side effects to the FDA, which has only about 80 employees to monitor the more than 3,000 prescription drugs sold. The agency has had to ban five drugs since September 1997.

Still, experts say most side effect-caused deaths are preventable.

Doctors may prescribe the wrong drugs — sometimes confusing those with similar names — or wrong dosages.

The medicine may interact dangerously with another drug the patient takes but forgot to mention.

Busy physicians often don't fully read FDA-approved prescription labels to learn all the side effects, and it's hard to remember warnings for so many drugs.

So Henney announced plans Monday to improve patient safety. Part of the job is the FDA's. Plans include:

—Seeking $15.3 million to improve drug monitoring, including an upgraded computer network to speed reports of side effects.

—Designing a new drug label to help doctors find safety information quickly.

—Exploring how to limit early sales of certain drugs, so that fewer people risk unexpected side effects.

# *Texas House passes drunken driving bill*

AUSTIN (AP) — The threshhold for being legally drunk in Texas is a step closer to being lowered.

The Texas House has tentatively passed legislation lowering the legal maximum blood-alcohol content from .10 to .08.

The bill sponsored by Rep. Scott Hochberg, D-Houston, has already passed the Senate and will head to Gov. George W. Bush after getting final House approval, which could come as soon as today.

Bush "believes this legislation will make our streets safer by sending a clear signal to help Texans understand that drinking and driving don't mix," said spokesman Scott McClellan.

Bill supporters say the legislation will discourage impaired people from getting behind the wheel and raise public awareness of the problem of drunken driving.

"The bill will save lives and is a needed step to prevent tragedies," said John Posey, vice president of the Heart of Texas branch of Mothers Against Drunk Driving.

"We're glad Texas is finally taking a step in the right direction," he said.

Posey said the bill would not cure the state's drunken driving problem. But "it will save some lives and it will prevent hundreds of injuries," he said.

Of the 1,748 alcohol-related traffic fatalities in 1997, 379 involved blood alcohol levels of under .10, according to a House bill analysis.

Bill supporters say the difference between the .10 limit and .08 for a 170-pound man would be between having five and four drinks in one hour. For a 137-pound woman, it would be between having three and four drinks in one hour.

Some lawmakers said it would be too difficult for the average person to know when they had reached a blood alcohol limit to .08.

"Let's not make them guess at anything," said Rep. Harold Dutton, D-Houston.

Hochberg said studies conducted in other states have shown lowering the limit to .08 could significantly decrease the number of drunken driving accidents.

"They have seen their DWI fatalities drop faster than the general trend," he said.

# Gun makers, anti-gun groups in alliance on safety locks

WASHINGTON (AP) — Some of the nation's toughest anti-gun groups are joining with their historic enemy, gun manufacturers, to warn that the safety locks touted by President Clinton and others to fight youth violence can offer a false — even dangerous — sense of security.

"We're doing a tremendous disservice to consumers if we say, 'Just run out and get a safety lock, and you'll be safe,'" said Kristen Rand of the anti-gun Violence Policy Center. She said some are made of such flimsy plastic they can easily be crushed.

"In some of the ways the president portrays them, he sends a wrong message. They're not childproof," agreed Robert Delfay, president of the National Shooting Sports Foundation, which represents gun and ammunition makers.

Yet as the nation seeks ways to keep guns from children after the Littleton, Colo., shootings, proposals to make safety locks mandatory are gaining new support, even from critics like Delfay and Rand, who see them as imperfect.

Both sides generally agree that gun locks address only a limited, although serious, problem: The 200 or so children killed and more than 1,000 injured each year in gun accidents. Both sides believe a gun lock won't deter a determined thief.

Trigger locks, the most widely used, fasten like a sandwich around a trigger to prevent it from being pulled. Cable locks thread through the gun's action, preventing it from going off. Some work with keys, others with combinations. Guns also can be locked in boxes or safes, Delfay notes.

All have drawbacks.

Gun groups worry that locks can hamstring a person trying to fend off a surprise intruder.

Congress this week is to debate measures, proposed by Clinton and Senate Democrats, to mandate child-safety locks on all guns sold, raise the legal age for handgun possession from 18 to 21 and impose background checks on buyers at all gun-show sales. A proposal to require locks failed last year.

# *Ambassador Sasser sees U.S.-China dispute as short-lived one*

WASHINGTON (AP) — Holed up in the U.S. Embassy in China as a virtual prisoner for four days, Ambassador James Sasser nonetheless believes the flap over the mistaken U.S. bombing of the Chinese Embassy in Belgrade is an aberration that the two sides will overcome.

"I think wiser heads will prevail on both sides, and both sides will move forward and continue to build a partnership," Sasser said Monday night on CNN's "Larry King Live" program.

Sasser said he is encouraged by signs of a Chinese willingness for the first time to permit the media to publish U.S. expressions of condolences over the loss of life in Belgrade and the apologies of President Clinton and other senior officials.

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Chinese President Jiang Zemin has yet to accept a telephone call from Clinton, and other Chinese officials are continuing to cast doubt on the American claim that last week's bombing was an accident.

China's ambassador to the United States, Li Zhao Xing, said on the same CNN program, "Some people are saying this is a mistake. ... How could they make such an error?" He demanded a "thoroughgoing investigation" into the incident.

The situation improved today, Sasser said. "We are not getting nearly as many rocks thrown at us and the crowds are much smaller," he said on NBC's "Today."

"I think it is clear that we have to move rapidly to give China a clear and cogent explanation" how the bombing mistake occurred, Sasser said.

Undersecretary of State Thomas Pickering, interviewed immediately after Sasser, was asked when the United States would provide that explanation.

"Yesterday," he replied, referring to Defense Secretary William Cohen's statement Monday. "We responded with great speed and made clear to the Chinese that this was a tragic mistake," Pickering said. He would not rule out further explanations, adding, "We are continuing our review."

Sasser, a former Democratic senator from Tennessee, said he has remained at the embassy because the Chinese police were unable to guarantee his safety. He said his wife and son were moved to safety in a hotel.

One reason for his optimism, Sasser said, was that the Chinese government, after initially condoning the mass demonstrations at the embassy and at U.S. consulates, is now making a strong effort to contain them.

There was little doubt, though, that the bombing in Belgrade, which killed three Chinese and seriously wounded six, left Sino-American relations at a low ebb.

Among the early casualties were high-level military ties as well as talks on arms control, international security and human rights. China suspended contacts in all these areas Monday.

Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., a candidate for president, said he would take a tough line with China, asking officials to use their security forces to prevent attacks on the U.S. Embassy.

"I would call up the premier of China and say, 'Stop it and stop it right now,'" he said. "We have apologized, it's tragic, now it's over."

McCain said he would not threaten China, but would "certainly make it clear there are a whole lot of issues we need to work together on.,"

Another GOP presidential candidate, Pat Buchanan, said China's response to the accident was not that of a friend but rather of "an antagonistic and hostile regime spoiling for a quarrel."

The incident placed a fresh burden on a relationship already straining under the weight of U.S. allegations of Chinese nuclear spying, illegal campaign contributions, a widening trade deficit in China's favor and American complaints about China's human rights performance.

# *Drug seizure could indirectly help Oklahoma tornado victims*

ABILENE (AP) — The seizure of $9.9 million worth of drugs at Colorado City may wind up helping some of the victim's of last week's killer tornadoes in Oklahoma.

The smugglers had concealed the drugs within some large pallets of instant soup in an attempt to keep lawmen from finding the drugs. The truck and its contents were seized and lawmen are trying to complete the paper work on the seizure this week.

Then they would like to ship the pallets of instant soup to Oklahoma where the Salvation Army could use it to feed victims of the tornadoes.

District attorneys from Taylor and Mitchell counties and officials from the West Central Texas Interlocal Crime Task Force said Monday they have talked to Salvation Army officials about the soup.

Task Force Commander Billy Schat estimated the truck was loaded with five pallets of soup, each measuring about 6 feet tall."It's enough to help out the people who need help," Schat said.

# Veto threatened as lawmakers meet on Kosovo

WASHINGTON (AP) — House-Senate negotiators hoping to ship President Clinton legislation this week paying for the fight with Yugoslavia, aid to Central America and other items are facing a new veto threat from the White House. But it seems likely that such a confrontation will be avoided.

Lawmakers from the two chambers planned to meet this afternoon to begin crafting a compromise, multibillion-dollar package. But Monday evening, White House officials threatened for the first time to veto it, citing a host of objections.

Previously, the administration had threatened to veto a stand-alone aid measure for Central America and U.S. farmers because it would cut domestic programs and add environmental and other items the White House opposes. They had also complained about — but not threatened to veto — a separate bill in which the House more than doubled Clinton's $6 billion request for the fight over Kosovo.

On Monday, however, White House officials warned that the new, blended legislation was in danger of being rejected.

"There are a number of very troubling issues ... and the president's senior advisors would continue to recommend that he veto this legislation unless the objectionable provisions are resolved in a satisfactory manner," said a letter to House leaders from White House budget chief Jacob Lew.

Asked specifically about the extra House-approved defense funds, Lew said in an interview, "It's important to scale it back."

Members of both parties have said privately that they don't think Clinton would veto the Kosovo package as long as it is kept at roughly the $13 billion range the House approved last week. Congressional bargainers seem likely to pare it back even further, perhaps to about $10 billion, said participants.

These officials say that with American troops in the field and with Clinton himself saying the Pentagon needs more money, he would be hard-pressed to reject such a measure.

The extra money the House added was for U.S. military operations and installations around the world, and a pay raise for the troops. The most likely item to be dropped is $1 billion the House added to modernize U.S. bases overseas, aides say.

# Silverstein: author, composer, cartoonist loved by all ages, dead

MIAMI (AP) — Shel Silverstein began as a writer and cartoonist for Playboy magazine. He was an Oscar-nominated composer, creating popular country, pop and folk music.

But it was his poetry collections and silly characters that thrilled children and brought him the most fame.

The author of "A Light in the Attic" and "Where the Sidewalk Ends" was found dead in his apartment Monday in Key West, where he had lived since 1978. He was 66.

Two cleaning women discovered Silverstein's body in a bedroom of his home. An autopsy showed he died of a massive heart attack, possibly as early as Sunday.

"It's a devastating loss. I'm numb," said longtime friend and lawyer Sheldon Vidibor.

Vidibor described him as "the sweetest brightest man that I know, good to everybody, loyal, loving. He's a wonderful person, a wonderful human being. It goes without saying incredibly talented."

Silverstein's self-illustrated books are packed with colorful characters like walruses with braces and camels in brassieres. His light, irreverent poetry entertained children and adults.

But adults only were his first target. He began as a cartoonist for the Pacific Stars and Stripes while in the Army in Japan and Korea, and then wrote and drew cartoons for Playboy magazine in the 1950s.

"Uncle Shelby's ABZ Book," published in Playboy in 1961, satirizes cloying children's books with such entries as "T is for TV," which urges readers to break open the television "and you will see all the cowboys and Yogi Bear and Shirley Temple and Huckleberry Hound and EVERYBODY! Wowee!!"

The sardonic humor reappeared in Silverstein's music, which included "Cover of the Rolling Stone," recorded by Dr. Hook, and the Johnny Cash hit "A Boy Named Sue."

Silverstein's song "I'm Checkin' Out," written for the Meryl Streep film "Postcards from the Edge," was nominated for an Academy Award and a Golden Globe in 1991 as best original song in a motion picture.

But his children's stories were arguably his most popular work. The books included "The Giving Tree" (1964), "Falling Up" (1996), "Where the Sidewalk Ends" (1974), "A Light in the Attic" (1981) and "The Missing Piece" (1976).

"The Giving Tree" celebrates 35 years in publication this fall. Silverstein won numerous awards for his work, including the Michigan Young Readers Award for "Where the Sidewalk Ends."



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## OUR VIEWS

# Chamber luncheon a very worthwhile endeavor for all

On occasion, we hear the question "What is the chamber of commerce and what does it do for me?"

Well, if you are one of those folks who have asked that question, you can learn more about the chamber and its members at Wednesday's quarterly Community Luncheon at the Dora Roberts Community Center.

The quarterly luncheons give chamber members and guests the opportunity to gather on a regular basis to learn more about the activities in and around the community — and how those activities might impact their respective business.

Over the years, the Community Luncheons have proven to be a beneficial tool that allows interaction between individuals who might not otherwise have contact with each other.

And while the luncheons are designed to be functional, they also give us the opportunity to socialize, as well.

If you haven't yet made plans to attend, we would encourage you to join us for lunch at 11:45 Wednesday morning at the Dora Roberts Community Center. At $7 for a lunch catered by Al's and Son Bar-B-Q, the cost is minimal compared to the benefits you can receive.

## OTHER VIEWS

Suppose you live in a home outside a city that is in a financial bind and wants to annex more territory to tax. Under current law, the city must give the public notice of its plans and must also conduct public hearings.

However, some city governments have found these provisions for informing the public to be bothersome. City officials point out that sometimes these homeowners don't want to be annexed, and that just creates controversy.

Giving notice and conducting hearings just makes the job harder for professionals to run a city, they say. Their proposed solution: Change the law. Kill the provisions for public hearings and public notice.

Sound preposterous? Actually, it's House Bill 7, sponsored by state Rep. Fred Bosse, who represents Houston, a city that has been known to annex occasionally.

Put yourself in the shoes of someone who wakes up one morning and finds out that his tax bill has been doubled. He examines the bill and discovers that he lives in — rather than near — a city. Is that really government serving the people — or people in servitude to government?

The less information you have about government, the less control you have over it. And every year, lobbyists for governmental organizations prevail on legislators to sponsor bills that would make it more difficult for you to find out what's going on.

Here are some other examples: House Bill 301 would make confidential the name of a person who was accused of a felony. Sounds reasonable, doesn't it? If you were charged with drunken driving you wouldn't want your name in the paper, would you? But how would you feel if you lived down the block from someone who was charged with molesting children?

Suppose the school board gets into a touchy situation and appoints an advisory committee to look into the controversy. Right now, those meetings must be open to the public. Under House Bill 1030, you'd be locked out.

A few years ago, a newspaper in Texas did a story about a mayor who lived in a mansion, complete with a five-car garage that fronted the city's most valuable commercial thoroughfare. The property was on the tax rolls at $20,000.

Although the mayor screamed, the newspaper was able to get the tax records because they were public records. House Bill 3169 would allow that mayor — or any custodian of public records — the right to refuse any request he considered "unreasonable."

Texas newspapers are tracking these and dozens of other bills designed to keep you in the dark. If you object, there is something you can do. Make it clear to our representatives that the policy of the state should be the policy that's in state law right now. Here's what it says: "It is the policy of this state that each person is entitled, unless otherwise expressly prohibited by law, at all times to complete information about the affairs of government and the official acts of public officials and employees."

It's a good policy. It allows the people to be master of their government — rather than the other way around.

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# Chinese won't soon forget this blunder


LINDA CHAVEZ

NATO bombs killed three persons and injured 20 more at the Chinese embassy in Belgrade last week, but the casualties from this appalling blunder continue to mount. The Chinese government has already announced suspension of high-level military ties with the United States, and postponement of arms control and nuclear proliferation talks in response to the bombing, in addition to canceling its dialogue on human-rights issues.

But the repercussions could hit hard within the Chinese government itself, too, as those in Beijing who have urged closer ties to the Clinton administration get their comeuppance.

The U.S.-Chinese relationship during the Clinton years has been marked by a series of miscalculations of monumental proportions on both sides. Both American and Chinese officials have been misreading signals from each other for years, based on the mistaken assumption of both parties that everyone was operating under the same rules.

The Chinese government funneled more than a million dollars into the Clinton re-election campaign thinking they were buying peace on human-rights issues and more access to U.S. military technology and markets. The Chinese didn't anticipate what they no doubt saw as a double-cross when the Clinton administration last month endorsed a U.N. Human Rights Committee rebuke of China's human rights record and the president failed to push for China's acceptance into the World Trade Organization. And they may well feel that the bombing of their embassy in Belgrade was payback for the discovery of their extensive spying at the U.S. nuclear labs in Los Alamos, N. M., and elsewhere.

The Clinton administration has been just as off-base in its assumptions about the Chinese, with perhaps more dangerous implications.

Take the administration's explanation of the May 7 bombing: Concerned about growing criticism of its air-war strategy, administration officials were quick to deflect blame from the pilots and military planners to the CIA.

Pilots targeted the wrong building, administrations officials said, because the CIA had provided them with erroneous analysis based on fuzzy aerial reconnaissance photographs, without information from sources actually on the ground.

By blaming the CIA, the administration has actually intensified the most paranoid distrust of the Chinese government. No one in Beijing will believe the CIA targeted the Chinese embassy by accident. At best, the Chinese may believe the 'mistake' was really a rogue operation by hardliners in the agency. At worst, they'll think Clinton himself ordered the action. And the administration's own officials may have exacerbated that suspicion by letting it be known throughout the Kosovo campaign that the president personally reviews and approves all sensitive targets — much as President Lyndon Johnson did during the Vietnam War, with similar disastrous consequences.

I've witnessed the paranoia of Chinese government officials firsthand when I served as the U.S. expert to the U.N. Subcommission on Human Rights from 1992 to 1996. Although I was appointed by President Bush to serve in my private capacity — not as an official of the U.S. government — and continued to serve for three years after President Clinton took office because the rules of the sub-commission forbade removal of any appointees on political grounds, the Chinese always believed that I was operating under direct instructions from first the Bush and then the Clinton administrations.

Whenever I criticized China's human rights record, as I did at every opportunity, the Chinese ambassador would complain to his American counterpart. At one point, an official in the Chinese mission bitterly protested directly to me that he had been given assurances at the "highest levels of the U.S. government" that the kind of issues I was raising would not be raised in an open forum.

When I explained that I was not a member of my government, just a private person with expertise on human- and civil-rights issues, he could barely conceal his contempt. "You worked in the White House," he said, as if that settled the issue.

No amount of explanation that I had left government almost 10 years earlier and was now in private life assuaged his scepticism.

If the Chinese government can't understand the concept of 'former government official,' how much less likely are they to believe the CIA could make an innocent mistake in targeting their embassy in Belgrade? By pointing the finger at the CIA, the Clinton administration has undermined its own efforts to calm jittery Chinese nerves.

The Chinese won't soon forget — or forgive — this latest betrayal by a president they thought they owned.




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# Accident can be traced to Congress


CHARLEY REESE

Some years ago at Fort Hood, Texas, I had the privilege and thrill of being taken for a ride in an Apache helicopter. It is an awesome war machine. But the crashes of two Apaches and the deaths of one of the chopper's crews reminded me of what my host had told me about the aircraft.

While putting the Apache through its paces on a warm, sunny afternoon, he said it was extremely difficult to fly at night using the night vision equipment. He said such night flying, at low altitude, required intensive and constant training.

The Apache, like any other aircraft, is simple to fly at high altitudes in good weather, but it is designed to be a night fighter, to hug the ground and weave its way through ravines and valleys, hiding behind hills or tree lines, then popping up to attack the target.

When you fly low, you have four potential points of contact with the earth that can bring you down — below, ahead and to both sides. Night vision equipment gives you the illumination to see, but it is somewhat distorted. That's why, the pilot said, it takes constant training, more so than for the more conventional choppers.

Now I know from e-mail I've received from naval aviators at sea that flight time has been cut back because of the military's shrinking budget. There is no reason to believe that the Army's flight time has also not been cut back. That lack of opportunity to keep the pilots' skills razor sharp could be the cause of both accidents. The aircraft is good. The pilots are good. But aircraft need maintenance, and pilots need practice if that wonderful wedding of machine and human skill is to take place.

It's easy for a politician, sitting in the safety and comfort of Washington, to disconnect from the consequences of his votes on such matters as budgets. But there are consequences far away from Washington and its adoring press corps and its generous lobbyists. Consequences can show up, for example, in the miserable mountains of Albania.

If Congress wants to reduce America's military forces, then it can do so but, by God, keep the remaining forces fully equipped, fully maintained and fully trained. Of course, Congress would rather buy stuff from defense contractors than provide funds for maintenance and flight training. Air crews and pilots don't make big contributions to political campaigns. Defense contractors do.

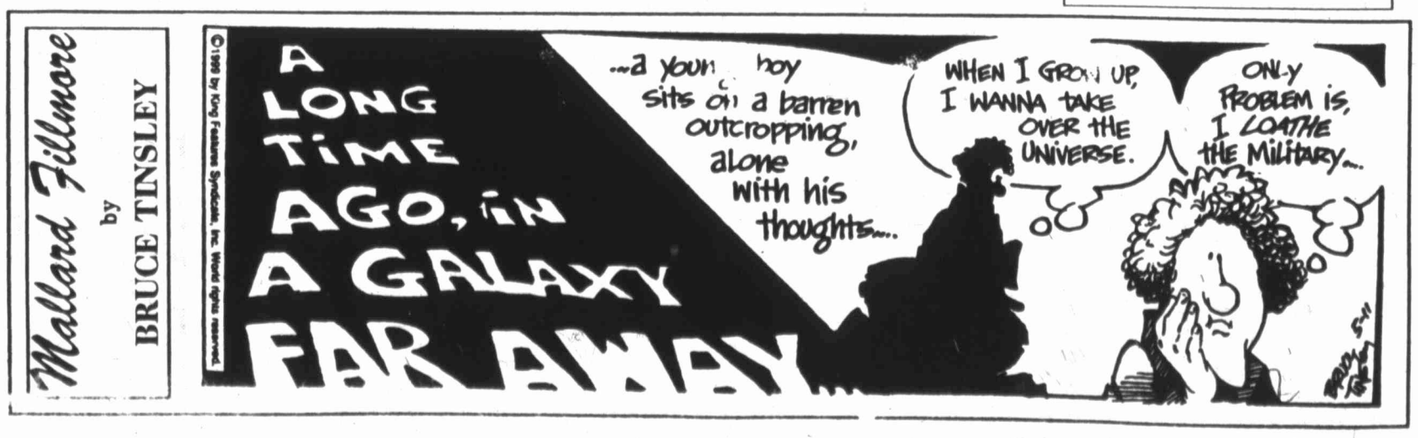
It is, so far as I'm concerned, malfeasance to chisel the military on maintenance, spare parts and training time so some buffoon can posture that he's balanced the budget while spending even more on the politically profitable social programs. But that's exactly what Congress has done.

And the responsibility does fall squarely on Congress. Though most Americans don't seem to know it, Congress, not the president, has exclusive right to determine the budget. Presidents can recommend, but Congress has no obligation to pay attention to their recommendations and often don't. When Ronald Reagan was president and the Democrats controlled Congress, his budgets usually went from the White House straight to the trash cans.

There are no lobbyists for spare parts, maintenance funding and flight time. The American people should keep constant pressure on their congressmen and senators to fully fund whatever force structure we have. Congress has a sacred obligation to do that.

Congress has the right to ask aviators to die. It doesn't have the right to kill them with budget cuts.

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## IN BRIEF

### Lady Steers Boosters will meet tonight

The Lady Steers Booster Club will meet at 6 tonight in the Big Spring High School Library to elect officers for the 1999-2000 school year.

Parents of Lady Steers athletes, BSHS cheerleaders and managers and trainers are also urged to attend that meeting.

### Local drivers shine in Midessa racing

Three Big Spring drivers turned in strong showings in mini-stock racing Saturday at the Midessa Speedway.

John Anderson led the way, finishing first in his heat, second in the trophy dash and first in the feature.

Jimmy Stewart was right on Anderson's heels, however. After winning his heat, he was third in the trophy dash and fourth in the feature.

Bert Hillger was third in his mini-stock heat and finished seventh in the feature.

In street stock racing, Loren Spencer finished fifth in his heat and was 13th in a feature field of 24 cars.

In IMCA modified competition, Rondel Brock rebounded from behind knocked out of his heat with rear end damage.

Starting in the 18th position in a 19-car field, Brock managed to finish ninth in the 20-lap feature.

### Rangers, Cardinals win in Little League action

The Rangers and Cardinals were hard-pressed in Little League majors action, but both managed to pull out close wins.

Justin Epley and Tye Baker provided just enough hitting to give the Rangers a 3-0 win over the Lions in what proved to be a pitching duel between the Lions' Ryan Slate and the Rangers' Josh Noble and Adam Johnson.

The scoring was more prolific in the Cardinals' 7-6 win over the Yankees.

Daniel Castillo provided two doubles in leading the Cardinal attack, while J. Richard Sparks and Jeremy Furniss both had a pair of hits.

Castillo went the distance in taking the victory.

### BSHS golf boosters slate tournament at BSCC

The Big Spring High School Golf Boosters Club has scheduled a two-man low ball tournament for Saturday and Sunday, May 15-16, at the Big Spring Country Club.

Entry fees will be $60 per player.

The deadline for entries will be Thursday.

For more information, call the country club's pro shop at 267-5354.

## LOCAL GAMES

**TODAY**
**HIGH SCHOOL SOFTBALL**
**6 p.m.**

- Coahoma Bulldogettes vs. Eula Lady Pirates, Class 2A regional regional championship, at Merkel.

## ON THE AIR

### Radio

**HIGH SCHOOL SOFTBALL**

6 p.m. — Coahoma Bulldogettes vs. Eula Lady Pirates, Class 2A regional championship game, KBST-AM 1490.

### Television

**MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL**

7 p.m. — Pittsburgh Pirates at Houston Astros, FXS, Ch. 29.

**NBA PLAYOFFS**

6 p.m. — Philadelphia 76ers at Orlando Magic, Game 2, TBS, Ch. 11.

7 p.m. — Minnesota Timberwolves at San Antonio Spurs, Game 2, TNT, Ch. 28.

8:30 p.m. — Milwaukee Bucks at Indiana Pacers, Game 2, TBS, Ch. 11.

9:30 p.m. — Houston Rockets at Los Angeles Lakers, Game 2, TNT, Ch. 28.

**NHL PLAYOFFS**

6:30 p.m. — Western Conference semifinals, Game 3, Colorado Avalanche at Detroit Red Wings, ESPN, Ch. 30.

# 'Changed' Navarro hurls White Sox to 5-2 win over Rangers

CHICAGO (AP) — Texas was just one of the many teams that knocked Jaime Navarro and his transparent pitches around last season. So imagine the Rangers' surprise when they saw Navarro and his new, sneaky throwing motion.

Navarro, who went from No. 1 starter to the bullpen last year, thoroughly confused the Rangers on Monday, pitching four-hit ball for eight innings and giving up just one run as the Chicago White Sox beat the Rangers 5-2.

"He really caught them off-balance," manager Jerry Manuel said. "I saw some guys looking hesitant. He now has some deceptiveness to his pitches, and I think they were really surprised to see that deception out of him. I don't think they really figured it out."

In 1995, Navarro (2-3) won 14 games for the Chicago Cubs and was one of the NL's hottest pitchers. But when he moved across town two years later, he seemed to leave something behind. He went 9-14 in 1997, his first year with the White Sox, and his 5.79 ERA was the second worst of his career. He was 8-16 last year, and Manuel finally demoted him to the bullpen.

Navarro's biggest problem was his throwing motion, a windmill-like style that showed batters what he was going to throw. But in the offseason and spring training, he worked with pitching coach Nardi Contreras to alter his angles so his pitches never came from the same spot.

"Nardi said, 'They haven't seen you in a long time. They're going to be real surprised,'" Navarro said. "That's good. I think I surprised a lot of people."

Though he'd lost his last two starts, Navarro has really only had one rough inning this season. In last week's loss to Baltimore, he retired the first 12 batters and took a perfect game into the fifth inning — only to give up seven runs, four of them earned, on five hits.

But he got his groove back against Texas. After Tom Goodwin led off the game with a single, Navarro retired the next nine batters. Mark McLemore and Juan Gonzalez had singles in the fourth as Texas scored its first run. Navarro gave up another single to Ivan Rodriguez in the seventh.

He struck out four, walked one and shut down a Texas team that arrived in Chicago fresh from a 20-hit game in Toronto on Sunday night. Bob Howry pitched the ninth for the White Sox, giving up Rafael Palmeiro's RBI single.

The White Sox broke a 1-1 tie in the fourth after Paul Konerko led off with a double and Rick Helling (3-4) walked Greg Norton. Konerko scored as the Rangers turned a double play, and Norton then scored on Brook Fordyce's single to make it 3-1.

Ray Durham led off the Chicago seventh with a triple, scoring after McLemore tried to turn a double play but dropped the ball for an error.

Helling gave up four runs and eight hits in 6 1-3 innings.

Ordonez led off the second inning by hitting a 1-0 pitch from Helling deep into the seats in left field for his eighth home run of the season.

Fordyce added his second RBI single in the eighth off Mike Venafro.

**Notes:** Gonzalez has 21 RBIs in the last 16 games. ... Ivan Rodriguez stole his eighth base of the season.



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**Here are the 10 girls who received individual awards Monday night during the Big Spring Lady Steers Athletic Banquet. Front row, from left, are: Leslie McLellan, best defensive player in basketball; Lauren Fraser, most spirited cheerleader; Brittany Roberson, outstanding leadership in cheerleading; Melissa Forth, most improved and most valuable player in basketball; and Karen Martinez, winner of the Academic Excellence Award. Back row: Nina Evans, most valuable player in volleyball; Cathy Jaure, most improved in volleyball; Annie McKinnon, coach's award in basketball; Juanita Valdez, leadership award in volleyball; and April McGee, most improved cheerleader.**

# Garciaparra's two grand slams power Red Sox over Mariners

**The ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Ted Williams never did it. Neither did Jim Rice and Mo Vaughn.

Nomar Garciaparra is starting to rewrite the Red Sox record book. With two grand slams and a two-run homer in Boston's 12-4 win over the Seattle Mariners on Monday night, he became one of only 11 major leaguers to hit two slams in a game and the first AL player with 10 RBIs since 1975.

"It was amazing," Garciaparra said. "I've never hit three home runs in a game before — not in Little League, college, nowhere. I'm glad I waited until the big leagues to do it."

Garciaparra, who tied a team record for RBIs, hit his first slam off Brett Hinchliffe (0-2) in the first inning, then sliced a two-run shot around the right-field foul pole off Hinchliffe in the third.

He fouled out in the fourth, walked in the sixth, then slammed again off Eric Weaver in the eighth.

"You just shake your head and tip your cap at what happened," Ken Griffey Jr. said. "He's one of the three best shortstops in baseball, and he proved it again."

Two other Red Sox players have hit two slams in a game — Rudy York on July 27, 1946, and Jim Tabor on July 4, 1939. This is the first season in which two players accomplished the feat — the Cardinals' Fernando Tatis hit two in one inning on April 23.

"A special game to say the least," Boston manager Jimy Williams said. "Three home runs, two grands slams, 10 RBIs. It's nice to watch it when it's on your side. Just a special night for Nomar."

In other American League games, Cleveland beat Baltimore 6-4, Kansas City defeated Minnesota 8-4 and Chicago got past Texas 5-2.

In National League games, Arizona edged Montreal 7-6, San Francisco stopped Atlanta 4-1, Los Angeles beat Chicago 4-3, San Diego defeated Florida 7-5, Colorado downed New York 10-3, St. Louis beat Philadelphia 5-2 and Houston defeated Pittsburgh 6-0.

**Indians 6, Orioles 4**

Roberto Alomar's sacrifice fly brought in the go-ahead run just moments after Albert Belle was picked off first base by Sandy Alomar at Jacobs Field.

Alomar's sacrifice fly in the seventh inning off Juan Guzman (1-4) helped him defeat his former teammates and came shortly after Belle got caught off the bag for the final out in the top of the seventh.

David Justice, Richie Sexson and Wil Cordero homered, and Dave Burba (3-1) allowed four runs, six hits and six walks in seven innings.

Jeff Conine went 3-for-4 with a homer for the Orioles, who lost for just the second time in eight games.

**Royals 8, Twins 4**

Johnny Damon had four hits, including a two-run homer, as Kansas City completed its first four-game sweep since May 6-9, 1996, against the Angels. The Royals have won 15 of their last 18 games at the Metrodome.

Damon extended his hitting streak to 14 games, the longest in the AL this season, with three singles and the homer.

Jay Witasick (1-2) allowed three runs and five hits in 6 2-3 innings. LaTroy Hawkins (1-6) was tagged for seven runs and 10 hits in 6 2-3 innings as Minnesota lost its sixth straight.

**Padres 7, Marlins 5**

Reggie Sanders hit a tiebreaking, two-run homer in the eighth inning and host San Diego survived a scare against Florida.

Padres center fielder Ruben Rivera was carried off the field on a stretcher in the third. He hurt himself making a head-first dive on the warning track trying to catch Jorge Fabregas' two-run double.

X-rays were negative, and Rivera was to spend the night in a hospital. A team doctor said Rivera was in "excellent condition."

Braden Looper relieved with one out in the eighth, and Sanders hit his fourth pitch for a two-run homer.

**Cardinals 5, Phillies 2**

Mark McGwire hit his first home run at Busch Stadium since April 11, and St. Louis stopped Philadelphia's five-game winning streak.

McGwire ended a 1-for-16 slump with his seventh homer of the season.

Phillies outfielder Ron Gant went 0-for-3 and was booed loudly each time he came to the plate. Traded by the Cardinals last November, he criticized manager Tony La Russa in spring training, making comments that had racial overtones.

Cardinals outfielder J.D. Drew, who did not sign with the Phillies after they made him the No. 2 pick in the 1997 draft, sat out because of a strained right quadriceps. He has not yet played against Philadelphia.

**Dodgers 4, Cubs 3**

Raul Mondesi hit two more home runs off Steve Trachsel, leading Los Angeles over Chicago at Dodger Stadium.

Mondesi is 12-for-34 (.353) with seven homers against Trachsel, the pitcher he's tagged most often in his career.

**Giants 4, Braves 1**

Ellis Burks hit a wind-aided, three-run homer in the first inning, sending San Francisco past Atlanta on a blustery night at Candlestick Point.

John Smoltz (5-1) had been 9-0 in 10 starts since Sept. 6. He fell to 10-14 lifetime against the Giants, the only NL team with a winning record against him.

**Astros 6, Pirates 0**

Mike Hampton pitched his first shutout in more than a year, holding Pittsburgh to five hits at the Astrodome.

Hampton (4-1) struck out seven and walked none in his fifth career shutout.

# Gibson, Haggerton Grady's only entry to survive quarters

**From staff and wire reports**

AUSTIN — Thunderstorms that repeatedly delayed opening rounds of the UIL state golf and tennis tournaments may have been somewhat of a harbinger for Grady's Wildcats and Lady Wildcats tennis players Monday.

Grady, which qualified five players for state tournament play, saw only the boys' doubles team of Greg Gibson and Jim Bob Haggerton survive the Class 1A quarterfinal round.

And at the outset of their match with Rocksprings' Raul Ramirez and Tony Navarro, it looked as if none of Grady's contingent would reach the semifinals.

Ramirez and Navarro opened the match by taking the first set 7-5. But Gibson and Haggerton, making their third straight state tournament appearance, dominated in the match's final two sets, 6-1, 6-0.

As a result, the Grady duo was scheduled to take on Fort Elliott's tandem of Curt and Tanner Smith, which opened the tournament with a 6-0, 6-0 win over Bland's Matt Hendley and Clint Graham.

In boys' singles action, Grady's Clint Schuelke was eliminated with a 6-4, 6-1 loss to Bartlett's Derek Cain.

Grady's girls' doubles team of Rebecca Robles and Caroline Madison saw their stay in the tournament short-lived, as well, when they dropped a 6-3, 6-4 loss to Sabinal's Karla Spence and Jamie Mathis.

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**Class1A**
**Girls Singles Quarterfinals**

Crystal Blazek, Leakey, def. Mindy Mitchell, Cross Plains, 6-1, 6-4.

Lindsey Brown, Whiteface, def. Carrie Pack, Spurger, 6-2, 6-0.

Bobbie Kay Smithon, Knippa, def. Yvette Bedell, Bronte, 6-1, 6-1.

Toni Simmons, Neches, def. Shawna Gerber, Nazareth, 6-2, 6-0.

**Boys Singles Quarterfinals**

John Paul Dennison, Mertzon Irion County, def. Ethan McDonald, Ben Wheeler Martins Mill, 6-0, 6-1.

Coby Richards, Cross Plains, def. Hector Garcia, D'Hanis, 7-5, 6-2.

Derek Cain, Bartlett, def. Clint Schuelke, Lenorah Grady, 6-4, 6-1.

Robert Brown, Overton, def. Matt Watlington, Gruver, 6-0, 6-1.

**Girls Doubles Quarterfinals**

Karla Spence and Jamie Mathis, Sabinal, def. Rebecca Robles and Caroline Madison, Lenorah Grady, 6-3, 6-4.

Tiffany Schmucker and Jayme Schmucker, Nazareth, def. Christina Martinez and Adreian Roberson, Tenaha, 6-0, 6-3.

Courtney Chapman and Marla Goodson, Sabinal, def. Hope Kuykendall and Holly Kuykendall, Menard, 6-3, 6-2.

Cheyenne Vasquez and Jamie Hamilton, Mertzon Irion County, def. Lisa Florida and Randi Luckett, Merit Bland, 6-1, 7-5.

**Boys Doubles Quarterfinals**

James Williamson and Bobby Halamicek, Menard, def. Matt Dodson and Matt Mitchell, Sabinal, 6-3, 6-1.

Douglas Rainey and John Bailey, Mertzon Irion County, def. Clint Jones and John Nugent, Spurger, 6-1, 6-1.

Gregory Gibson and Jim Bob Haggerton, Lenorah Grady, def. Raul Ramirez and Tony Navarro, Rocksprings, 5-7, 6-1, 6-0.

Curt Smith and Tanner Smith, Briscoe Fort Elliott, def. Matt Hendley and Clint Graham, Merit Bland, 6-0, 6-0.

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**Class 2A**
**Girls Singles Quarterfinals**

Julie Klauck, San Antonio Cole, def. Vanessa Vandiver, Aubrey, 6-1, 6-1.

Jill Klauck, San Antonio Cole, def. Crystal Mayfield, Hico, 6-2, 6-1.

Liz McNair, Franklin, def. Suni Jo Petty, White Deer, 6-2, 2-6, 6-4.

Natalie Shipp, Big Sandy, def. Velvet Canada, Plains, 7-5, 7-6 (7-1).

**Boys Singles Quarterfinals**

Clayton Nylander, San Antonio Cole, def. Alejandro Gutierrez, Tom Bean, 6-4, 6-4.

Justin Smith, Tuscola Jim Ned, def. Jason Schwarz, Thorndale, 6-2, 6-3.

Mike Matisons, Port Aransas, def. Casey Martin, Weatherford Brock, 6-3, 6-1.

Jon-Michael Cline, Elkhart, def. Caleb Ashley, Canadian, 6-1, 6-2.

**Girls Doubles Quarterfinals**

Ashley St. Clair and Lindsay Zirlax, Mason, def. Lindsey Stewart and Ashley Smith, Grand Saline, 7-6, 6-2.

Kristen Beedy and Leslie Horton, Spearman, def. Cheryl Gilchrist and Randi Scruggs, Thorndale, 6-1, 6-1.

Piper Boles and Achley Boles, Mason, def. Amanda Hall and Amanda Wafford, Gainesville Callisburg, 6-1, 6-1.

Kayla McCravey and Kim Jones, Eldorado, def. Kim Jordan and Misty Malish, Thrall, 6-2, 3-6, 6-4.

**Boys Doubles Quarterfinals**

Joel Argo and Jason Hunt, Krum, def. Brandon Foster and Lee Lazarte, Little River Academy, 6-2, 6-0.

Justin Johnson and Jeremy Johnson, Somerville, def. Brian Hemphill and Brian Jackson, Wall, 6-1, 2-6, 6-2.

Jason McMillian and Cade Smith, Mason, def. Joe Lemberg and Greg McElwain, Farmersville, 6-1, 6-1.

Steve Schindler and Trey Kasling, Hughes Springs, def. Bryce Williams and Reece Simpler, Sonora, 6-1, 6-3.

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**Class 4A**
**Girls Singles Quarterfinals**

Kendall Cline, Dallas Highland Park, def. Monica Martin, San Antonio Alamo Heights, 6-2, 6-3.

Brooke Gray, Wichita Falls Rider, def. Kristin Jobe, Texas City, 6-2, 6-3.

Nicki Mecham, Fredericksburg, def. Megan Suarez, Southlake Carroll, 6-1, 7-5.

Jessica Ferguson, Conroe Oak Ridge, def. Abbe Ulrich, Wichita Falls, 4-6, 6-2, 6-0.

**Boys Singles Quarterfinals**

Justin Hunter, Southlake Carroll, def. Jarrett Skrobarcek, New Braunfels Canyon, 7-5, 6-2.

Dale Murdock, Wichita Falls Rider, def. Matt Jackson, Wharton, 6-4, 6-0.

Will Clinton, Dallas Highland Park, def. Eduardo Pacheco, San Antonio Alamo Heights, 6-3, 6-2.

Charlie Hutto, Henderson, def. Luke Epps, Fort Stockton, 6-1, 6-2.

**Girls Doubles Quarterfinals**

Alison Bradley and Paige Evans, Dallas Highland Park, def. Helen Hunt and Lacey Olson, San Antonio Alamo Heights, 6-1, 6-3.

Nancy Chandler and Camille Campbell, Wichita Falls Rider, def. April Boncod and Brandy Smith, Jacksonville, 6-2, 6-0.

Britteny Holliday and Claire Westerman, San Antonio Alamo Heights, def. Barbara Kourim and Lora Farris, Dallas Highland Park, 4-6, 6-3, 7-5.

Danielle Bolin and Sarah Bolin, Wichita Falls, def. Celesta Acosta and Christina Dace, Friendswood, 6-4, 6-2.

**Girls Doubles Semifinals**

Bradley-Evans, Dallas Highland Park, def. Chandler-Campbell, Wichita Falls Rider, 6-2, 6-2.

Bolin-Bolin, Wichita Falls, def. Holliday-Westerman, San Antonio Alamo Heights, 6-0, 6-4.

**Boys Doubles Quarterfinals**

Cruthirds and Domingo Villareal, Kerrville Tivy, def. Blake Rowling and Hayden Hodges, Dallas Highland Park, 7-6 (7-4), 6-2.

Kirk O'Connor and Jason Tillery, Wichita Falls Rider, def. Kevin Kelly and Drew Dean, Conroe Oak Ridge, 6-1, 6-3.

John Hinchey and Josh Hohensee, San Antonio Alamo Heights, def. John Patak and Blake Hodges, Ennis, 7-5, 3-6, 6-2.

Brad Pringmore and Kenneth Hines, Wichita Falls, def. Michael Hastins and Chris Lindh, Montgomery, 6-0, 6-0.

**Boys Doubles Semifinals**

O'Conner-Tillery, Wichita Falls Rider, def. Cruthirds-Villareal, Kerrville Tivy, 6-4, 7-5.

Pringmore-Hines, Wichita Falls, def. Hinchey-Hohensee, San Antonio Alamo Heights, 6-7 (4-7), 6-3, 6-2.

## *Weekend Class 4A playoff series scheduled for Jack Barber Field*

**HERALD Staff Report**

A best-of-three Class 4A area baseball playoff series between Plainview's Bulldogs and Pecos' Eagles has been scheduled for Friday and Saturday at Howard College's Jack Barber Field.

The first game of the series is set for 5 p.m. Friday. The second will start at 1 p.m. Saturday, and a third game, if necessary, will begin 30 minutes following the completion of Game 2.

Admission will be $2 for adults and $1 for students.

Pecos enters the playoff as the District 2-4A champion with a 20-5 record, while Plainview was the third-place finisher in District 3-4A and brings a 17-11 record into the series.

The Eagles went through district play undefeated and drew a first-round bye in the playoffs, while the Bulldogs qualified for the playoffs with a 6-4 district record and then eliminated Dumas in bi-district playoff action.


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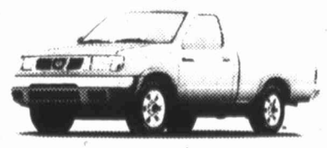


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## HOROSCOPE

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR WEDNESDAY, MAY 12:**
Be wise and keep information to yourself. Go within to find answers. You are most successful when dealing with others on a one-to-one level. Your assessment of an association could change this year. Your career continues to be full of surprises; the unexpected frequently occurs. You have the opportunity to make some exciting professional decisions this year. If you are single, romance may blossom in early summer. Consider how you want to experience another. If attached, your relationship changes considerably and can become even more dynamic. Work on relating; communication helps you to grow together. Aries understands 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)
****Dig into your resources, and you'll gain important information. Find another who has more expertise. You could even surprise yourself with the answers you come up with. Listen carefully to a friend, even though he can be weird and strange at times. Tonight: Whatever makes you happy.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20)
**A partner is full of important information. You don't have to agree with him, but there is a lot going on here. In some way, the way he twists and rearranges your budget surprises you. You have a lot to gain here. Unexpected developments at work provoke a strong intuitive response. Tonight: Get a good night's sleep.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20)
*****Things are changing. Clearly, what you thought was a given may not be. Stay centered; realize what you need to do. Others might not be in complete agreement; new information sends you back to the drawing board. You get what you want. Tonight: Where the crowds are.

**CANCER** (June 21-July 22)
****Demands weigh upon you. Regroup and prioritize different work-related matters. Your efficiency and organization are tested. Interactions bring forth new financial information. A partner helps you by using his unusual and dynamic thinking process. Tap into it. Tonight: With a favorite person.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22)
*****Let your mind expand and open up to new ideas. Daydreaming, brainstorming and research all help you see events, issues and information in a new light. Creativity seems to well up from another. Letting go of control in a key relationship helps. Tonight: Take in a movie.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
*****Relating opens doors and provides a special opportunity to grow. You exude enormous amounts of energy and creativity. A decision to approach work and life differently could surprise others, but it ultimately is good for you. Tonight: Get feedback from a loved one.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
*****Because it is so important for you to get along with others, you allow them to take charge. Observe different styles and learn more about those close to you. Exchange ideas with a special friend. Watch who you flirt with — another could misread your intentions. Tonight: Having a good time!

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
***Make a new start; use your resourcefulness. Be willing to let go of rigidity and strong ideas. You move into a new dimension and see others in a new light. Open up to your potential and what could happen. You might need to rearrange your budget. Tonight: Pace yourself.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
*****Others respond to the new and transformed you. You have graciously accepted many changes. Be sensitive; you could still be jolted by news that comes your way. New information opens doors — walk through them. A risk is OK. Tonight: Party away.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
***Build on what you know, if you're feeling a bit insecure. New information is important, though it could shake you up. Financial matters appear to take a new turn. Be careful — they could be unstable. Consider what you need in order for you to function on the highest level, then make choices accordingly. Tonight: At home.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
*****Communication is very important. Take strong action when you need to. A friendship has changed a lot. The unexpected happens when dealing with friends; you are the "wild card," however! Reach out for others, take in new information. Say what you think. Tonight: Catch up on news.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20)
***Your intuition helps you with your career. You have been considering making certain changes; don't hold back. Finances play into your final decision. Check in with someone you respect both professionally and emotionally. You will benefit from another point of view. Tonight: Pay bills.

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## Boy's sleeping arrangements are cause of cousin's concern

DEAR ABBY: My cousin is the single mother of a 9-year-old boy, "Kenneth." He is an only child.

Kenneth has never slept in his own room. After his father left, my cousin used this as her excuse to let him sleep with her. He doesn't want to be alone and is afraid his mother will leave him, too, so that's the excuse she uses to justify allowing him to sleep with her.



ABIGAIL VAN BUREN

Abby, his father left four years ago!

I spoke to my cousin about this, and she said, "It's no big deal; plenty of people do it." The truth of the matter is that she doesn't have the patience to listen to him scream and cry all night if she tries to make him sleep in his own room. It's obvious to the family that Kenneth is in charge of their household.

I'm afraid this boy will have serious problems due to the sleeping arrangements. I'm also worried that a state agency will get wind of this strange situation and investigate my cousin.

Do you agree that this boy will become maladjusted? Perhaps if she sees it in your column, she'll wise up. — NAMELESS

DEAR NAMELESS: Kenneth should not be sleeping in the same bed with his mother. If your cousin doesn't know how abnormal this situation is, she should be told in no uncertain terms that she's doing her son a terrible disservice with this sleeping arrangement.

Further, at age 9, Kenneth is too old to be "screaming and crying all night" when he's left alone. The boy needs counseling to overcome his fears of abandonment.

DEAR READERS: A reader submitted the following:

"Some time ago, the mayor of North Platte, Neb., announced that if he could raise $5,000 for his re-election campaign, he would walk naked down the main street for all to see.

"The citizens of North Platte raised the $5,000 — and the mayor walked his dog, named Naked, down the main street."

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| 6 | PM :30 | News (CC) Fortune | Simpsons Home Imp. | Science Guy Zoboomafoo | Show-Funny Show-Funny | News Ent. Tonight | News (CC) Fortune | News Seinfeld (CC) | NBA Basketball | Gotita Preciosa | **Movie:** Father and Scout | Waltons (CC) | (:10) **Movie:** The Real | Own (CC) | Artists' Specials (CC) | Crystal Lyons John Hagee | Law & Order (CC) | Wild Discovery | ER (CC) | Sports News FOX Sports | Stanley Cup | Jungle | Planet Groove |
| 7 | PM :30 | Hollywood Hughleys | King of the Hill Futurama | Nova (CC) | Life, Camera Life, Camera | JAG (CC) | Home Imp Hughleys | Friends (CC) Frasier (CC) | Playoffs: Teams to Be | La Usurpadora | (CC) Garbage- | Life and Times-Smith | Blonde (CC) | **Movie:** The Godfather, | **Movie:** Paulie (CC) | Faith Pleases God | Biography | Escapes From Alcatraz | NBA Basketball | Major League Baseball: | Playoffs: Conf. | **Movie:** Tarzan and | Hit List |
| 8 | PM :30 | Spin City (CC) Drew Carey | PJs (CC) King of the Hill | Lost Treasures | **Movie:** The Night of the | **Movie:** Three Secrets (CC) | Spin City (CC) Drew Carey | Just Shoot Me 3rd Rock Sun | Announced NBA | Mentira | Picking, Field Goal-Kicking, | Prime Time Country (CC) | **Movie:** Pump Up the | Part II (CC) | **Movie:** The | Light of the Southwest | Investigative Reports (CC) | New Detectives | Playoffs: Teams to Be | Pittsburgh Pirates at | Semifinal Game 3 -- | His Mate | Sparks (CC) Thea |
| 9 | PM :30 | NYPD Blue (CC) | Mad Abt. You Nanny (CC) | Frontline (CC) | Twisters | | NYPD Blue (CC) | Dateline (CC) | Basketball Playoffs: | Primer Impacto Noc | Philadelphia Growing Pains | George Jones (CC) | Volume (CC) (:45) **Movie:** | | Assignment (CC) | | Poirot (CC) | FBI Files | Announced NBA | Houston Astros | Teams TBA Baseball | Ready-Mr. DeMille | Comicview |
| 10 | PM :30 | News (CC) Nightline | Jerry Springer (CC) | News-Lehrer | 700 Club (CC) | News (:35) Late | News (CC) Nightline | News Tonight Show | Teams to Be Announced | P. Impacto Noticiero Uni | Menace on the Mountain | Dallas (CC) | Ed Wood (CC) | **Movie:** Live | **Movie:** Alien | Something Good | Law & Order (CC) | Escapes From Alcatraz | Basketball Playoffs: | FOX Sports News | Sportscenter (CC) | **Movie:** Unconquered | BET Tonight |
| 11 | PM :30 | Politically Incorrect Hollywood | Cops (CC) Newsradio | American Experience | Show-Funny Show-Funny | Show (CC) (:37) Late Late | Ent. Tonight Politically Inc. | (CC) (:32) Late | **Movie:** Conan the Barbarian | Mejor-Ritmo | Zorro (CC) Mickey Mouse | Dukes of Hazzard (CC) | | Flesh | Resurrection (CC) | News Aquilla Nash | Biography | New Detectives | FBI Files | Teams to Be Announced | FOX Sports News | Baseball Top 50 Count | (CC) | Sparks (CC) 227 (CC) |
| 12 | AM :30 | (12:06) Rock Law | Martin (CC) Judge-Brown | (CC) | Paid Program Paid Program | Show (CC) Married... With | (12:06) Oprah Winfrey (CC) | Night (CC) Frasier | | Gordo y Flaca El Blablazo | **Movie:** Gus (CC) | Prime Time Country (CC) | (11:55) **Movie:** Killer | Women Beverly Hills | (:25) Life of | Faith Pleases God | Investigative Reports (CC) | FBI Files | Insid NBA **Movie:** A | Last Word | Sportscenter (CC) | **Movie:** The | Midnight Love |

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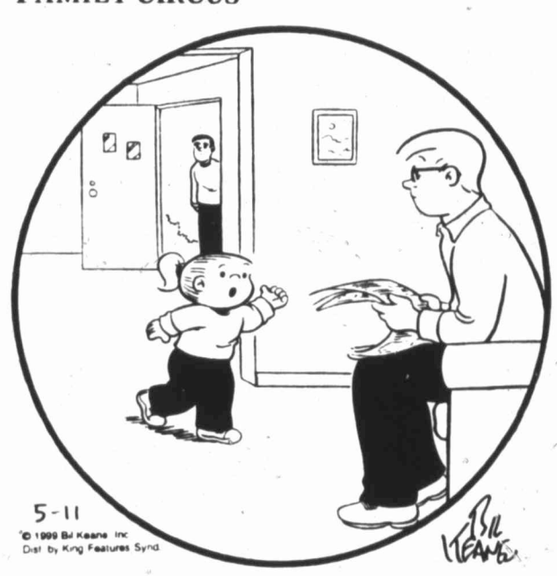

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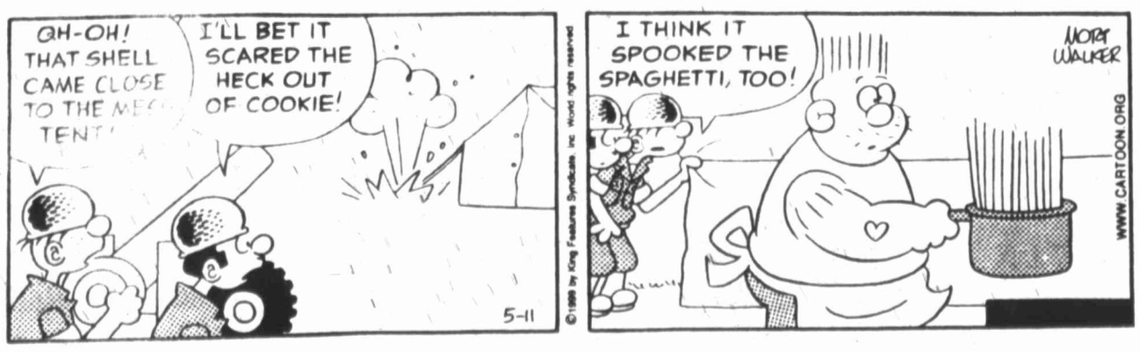

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# THIS DATE IN HISTORY

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Today is Tuesday, May 11, the 131st day of 1999. There are 234 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On May 11, 1946, the first packages from the relief agency CARE (Cooperative for American Remittances to Europe) arrived in Europe, at Le Havre, France.

On this date:

In 1647, Peter Stuyvesant arrived in New Amsterdam to become governor.

In 1858, Minnesota became the 32nd state of the Union.

In 1910, Glacier National Park in Montana was established.

In 1944, Allied forces launched a major offensive in central Italy.

In 1949, Israel was admitted to the United Nations as the world body's 59th member.

In 1949, Siam changed its named to Thailand.

In 1973, charges against Daniel Ellsberg for his role in the "Pentagon Papers" case were dismissed by Judge William M. Byrne, who cited government misconduct.

In 1985, more than 50 people died when a flash fire swept a jam-packed soccer stadium in Bradford, England.

In 1996, an Atlanta-bound ValuJet DC-9 caught fire shortly after takeoff from Miami and crashed into the Florida Everglades, killing all 110 people on board.

In 1997, the Deep Blue IBM computer demolished an overwhelmed Garry Kasparov and won the six-game chess match between man and machine in New York.

Ten years ago: Kenya announced that it would seek a worldwide ban on the trade of ivory — a move intended to preserve its fast-dwindling elephant herds.

Five years ago: Arkansas put to death two convicted murderers; it was the first time a state executed two people on the same day since the U.S. Supreme Court allowed states to restore the death penalty in 1976.

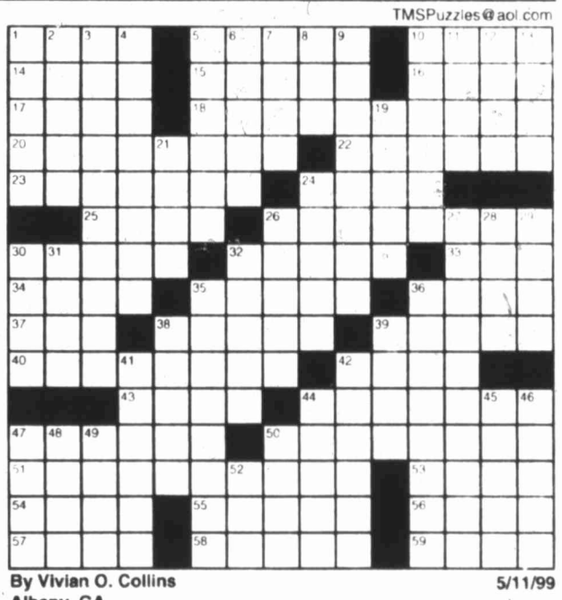
One year ago: India set off three underground atomic blasts, its first nuclear tests in 24 years. Attorney General Janet Reno requested an independent counsel to investigate Labor Secretary Alexis Herman for alleged influence-peddling and solicitation of illegal campaign contributions. A French mint produced the first coins of Europe's single currency, the euro.

Today's Birthdays: Actor-comedian Foster Brooks is 87. Comedian Mort Sahl is 72. Rock singer Eric Burdon (The Animals; War) is 58. Actress Frances Fisher is 47. Actor Boyd Gaines is 46. Country musician Mark Herndon (Alabama) is 44. VJ Martha Quinn is 40. Actress Natasha Richardson is 36. Country singer-musician Tim Raybon (The Raybon Brothers) is 36. Actor Austin O'Brien ("Promised Land") is 19. Actor Jonathan Jackson is 17.

## THE Daily Crossword

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**ACROSS**
1 Beer selections
5 Yul Brynner film, "Solomon and ___"
10 Downhill runners
14 On deck
15 Flower element
16 Stones song, "Honky Women"
17 Carp and minnows
18 Lay it on thick
20 Supervises
22 Heretofore
23 Changes film cartridge
24 Sea eagle
25 Tops
26 Current
30 Nappy leather
32 Shoe grip
33 Noon on a sundial
34 Lodges
35 Irritant
36 Plunder
37 Twitch
38 Pushed a broom
39 Host
40 Workout
42 Londoner, for short
43 Cereal grasses
44 Of moderately good quality
47 Volcanic rock
50 Chosen one
51 Make impatient
53 Fling
54 "___ Misbehavin'"
55 Fewer and farther between
56 Mild, Dutch cheese
57 Manipulates
58 Holey cheese
59 Brief periods

**DOWN**
1 Choice of conjunctions
2 Bequeath
3 Superiority
4 Muscle-building hormones
5 Proceeds quickly
6 Pennsylvania Dutch symbols
7 Sked figures
8 Valise
9 Man of Oran
10 Thoroughfare
11 Zen paradox
12 Toward the center
13 Place at an angle
19 German Dadaist
21 "Smooth Operator" singer
24 Bring to bear
26 Wed on the wing
27 Precision
28 Pleasant
29 Toddler
30 Setting
31 Alternative to DOS
32 Kasparov's game
35 Chirrups
36 Stains
38 Head skin
39 Pennsylvania port
41 Cooks with dry heat
42 Bundlers
44 Gala celebrations
45 Crevasse pinnacle
46 Ships' tillers
47 Boyfriend
48 Reference line on a chart
49 Rational
50 Indian garment
52 Uncooked

**Monday's Puzzle Solved**

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