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Tonight:



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Alzheimer's group offers caregiver series at 7 today

The Alzheimer's Association Greater West Texas Chapter will offer its quarterly caregiver series today at 7 p.m. at Carriage Inn. There is no charge for this event, but participants are encouraged to call in advance so adequate handouts will be available.

Presenters will be Tony Barrera, nurse case manager, Beverly Miller and D'Carlon Mata, social workers. The topic is, "Dealing with Difficult Behaviors." Call the Alzheimer's Association at 1-800-682-1174 for information or to RSVP.

State hospital to recognize top nurses Wednesday

Big Spring State Hospital's top nurses will be recognized during RN and LVN of the Year Awards Wednesday during an afternoon reception.

A come-and-go reception will be held from 1:30 p.m. to 3 p.m. in the Nursing Service Administration Conference Room. Punch and cake will be served. The awards will be announced at 2 p.m.

Award recipients are nominated by their peers and selected by a committee of past recipients. They are chosen for their contributions to the hospital and its patients' customer service and leadership characteristics.

WHAT'S UP...

TODAY

□ Big Spring Evening Lions Club, 6:30 p.m., 1607 East Third.

□ Big Spring Comandery No. 31, 6:30 p.m. dinner, 7:30 meeting, Masonic Temple, 221 1/2 Main.

□ Big Spring Assembly No. 211, Social Order of the Beauceant, 6:30 dinner, 7:30 p.m. meeting, Masonic Temple, 221 1/2 Main.

□ Big Spring Rotary Club, noon, Howard College Cactus Room.

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County library will show off new computer lab on Thursday

By GINA GARZA
Staff Writer

The Friends of the Howard County Library will be presenting an open house on Thursday to show off the new computer lab.

The open house is from 4



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to 6 p.m. in the basement of the library.

"We will be conducting a survey at the open house and ask people fill it out and turn it in. And for those who fill out a survey, we will be drawing at about 5:30 p.m. for a chance for someone to win \$50," said Loraine Redman, Howard County Library librarian.

Redman announced in March that the library was awarded a grant in the amount of \$42,042 by the Telecommunications Infrastructure Fund (TIF)

board.

"The grant allowed us to build a computer lab and training center for the purpose of training employees and patrons on how to access and search the Internet," said Redman.

The lab is located in the basement along with the children's department and community room.

"The grant money purchased 16 workstations and one file server as well as a network laser printer and a digital camera," she added.

Redman said basic computer classes will be offered.

"We've already had these classes, but now we can have up to 16 people at one time being taught instead of just one or two," she said. "We will also be doing basic Internet classes."

These classes will all be free to the public.

"This will be an asset to the community," she said.

Redman also said the library applied for an E-Rate discount.

"The E-Rate discount is a telecommunications grant

which is overseen by the Schools and Libraries Corp. for the purpose of assisting libraries and schools on the cost of connecting to the Internet," she said.

"We qualified for an 80 percent discount on the cost of the T-1 line and our Internet service provider fees."

"The total amount of this discount is over \$7,000," added Redman.

"We expect to get it but haven't heard back yet," she said.

Despite drop, fuel prices still steep

By LYNDEL MOODY
Staff Writer

Consumers are seeing some relief at the pumps from rising gasoline prices, but the per-gallon cost may still increase as motorists enter into the season of the highest demand for gasoline.

According to the Energy Information Administration (EIA) regular gasoline decreased nationally from \$1.52 a gallon on March 13 to \$1.42 a gallon on May 1.

Unleaded gasoline prices range from \$1.39 to \$1.42 a gallon around Big Spring, although a few station gas stations were charging as high as \$1.50 and one as low as \$1.29.

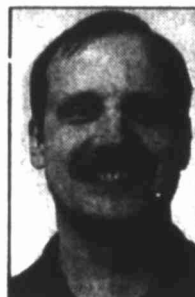
The price drop of crude oil is the major reason consumers are seeing some relief at the pumps, according to Steve Weber, Fina Oil Refinery manager.

Weber had attributed the increase in gasoline prices to the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) cutting oil production in March of 1999 to try to boost low oil prices, refinery production problems and the cold spell in the East that caused many refiners to switch emphasis from making gasoline to heating oil.

"OPEC raised production of crude oil, and their stated policy is to hold the price of crude oil between \$22 to \$26 dollars a barrel," Weber said. "If the price of crude oil falls below \$22, OPEC will cut back production and if it rises above \$26, OPEC will increase production."

OPEC produces about one-third of the world's supply of crude oil, Weber said.

According to Weber, the



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Mike Holland of J.B. Hunt Trucking said if fuel prices stay the same, he believes trucking companies will have to put surcharges on hauling freight. Holland drives all over the country hauling freight.

lower demand for heating oil in the northeast area of the country has caused many refineries to switch back to producing more gasoline.

Although gasoline prices have fallen nationally, higher prices may soon be coming due to the increase of traffic in the next three months.

"May, June and July are the highest demand months for gasoline," Weber said.

The EIA expects unleaded gasoline to average \$1.46 a gallon this summer, a 25 percent increase in gasoline prices

from last summer's average of \$1.17 a gallon. Summer gasoline prices in 1998 averaged \$1.04 a gallon.

Although there has been some relief at the pumps, some truckers believe the price has not decreased enough and expect overall consumer prices to rise.

"It's making it hard on truckers, and they are having to raise rates on hauling stuff," said Gary Clubine of England Trucking Company. "Many

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Tabor resigns as municipal court judge

By CARL GRAHAM
Staff Writer

After five years of service to Big Spring, Municipal Court Judge Gary Tabor has decided to retire.

Tabor, a 1973 graduate of Texas Tech and a Big Spring resident for about 16 years, said he needs to



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take some time off.

"I felt as though it was time to take some time off to relax and spend some time with the family, maybe do a little fishing," said Tabor.

Tabor said though he has enjoyed his work with the city, the job carries with it a lot of stress.

"I have thoroughly enjoyed working with the citizens of Big Spring," said Tabor. "I have a wonderful staff that has worked very well with me and they have done an excellent job but with this job comes a lot of

stress and a lot of odd hours.

"We are subject to be called in at any time, day or night, or weekends," he said.

"These things, along with some health problems I have experienced, prompted me to make the decision and I feel the timing is right."

Tabor said after taking some time to spend with family he plans on doing some mission work with the church.

Tabor's resignation is effective at the end of the month. A search for his replacement has already begun.

Cox gets clipped over TAAS scores

By LYNDEL MOODY
Staff Writer

Royce Cox, principal of Washington Elementary, made a deal — and a deal is a deal. Monday afternoon it was time for him to pay up.

With more than 200 Washington students cheering, Cox had his head shaved by Jerry Kilgore of Jerry's Barbers.

"Last May, I agreed that if every group made 85 percent or above on their TAAS score, I would let them cut off my hair," Cox said.

Students took the Texas Assessment of Academic

Skills (TAAS) tests on April 11-14.

"We had one group make 84 percent but that is just one point away and the rest of the scores were above 90," he said. "This is the highest scores since I have been a principal."

Cox has been the principal at Washington Elementary for three years.

"Mr. Cox made an agreement with the students and faculty that if all the groups made 85 percent on their tests, he would shave his head," Charla Myers, fourth grade teacher, announced at the assembly.

"The teachers went to Mr.

Cox and said, that's too high — make it lower — but Mr. Cox said no," she said.

Myers then made the announcement of the students score.

According to Myers, the third graders made a combined score of 94 percent in reading and 84 percent in math. Fourth graders made a combined score of 95 percent in Math and writing and 100 percent in reading. Fifth graders made a combined score of 92 percent in reading and 96 percent in math.

"Mr. Cox, please take your seat," she said.

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Royce Cox, principal of Washington Elementary, had his head shaved by Jerry Kilgore of Jerry's Barbers Monday. Cox agreed last May he would cut off his hair if all the groups from Washington made 85 percent or higher on their TAAS scores.

HERALD photo/Lyndel Moody

Council

Pops funding, swimming pool come under close scrutiny as city prepares to meet tonight

By BILL MCCLELLAN
News Editor

Pops in the Park may not get funding from the city this year and the issue of whether the city pool will be open is still a question as Big Spring City Council convenes tonight at 5:30 p.m.

The Pops in the Park funding won't be on tonight's agenda, however. Council members only made the decision Monday to take it as an action item in the future.

Pops in the Park is the annual Independence Day celebration at the Comanche Trail Park Amphitheater that includes fireworks, music and other festivities. Councilman Tommy Tune noted that Pops in the Park organizers had originally asked for \$5,000 a couple of years ago for "seed" money to generate corporate sponsorships. The council approved \$2,500.

That amount has been budgeted again this year.

"I don't think it was ever the council's intent to be a quote, sponsor of this event. The city's contribution of in-kind services is already substantial," Tune said, noting the services provided by police, fire and parks department personnel during the event.



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Mayor Russ McEwen said he didn't feel it was appropriate to rescind the \$2,500 since it had already been budgeted.

"I don't think that obligates us. I think we have every right to say we're not going to do that this year," said Tune.

"We can allocate for a bulldozer, but that doesn't mean we have to buy it," said Stephanie Horton.

Noting crowds of 10,000, Tune said, "With that kind of attendance, there is no reason that event can't pay for itself. I don't think the (Pops in the Park) committee will have any trouble making up that money."

The fate of the budgeted \$2,500 won't be known for at least two weeks, but the fate of the city pool will likely be decided tonight.

In brief, the city is facing

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City workshops chopped after council disagreement

By BILL MCCLELLAN
News Editor

It appears the Monday night workshops called by Big Spring Mayor Russ McEwen will come to an abrupt end as at least one council member has voiced objections to them.

"It was my understanding that these meetings were going to be for the purpose of goal setting and I think that is a wonderful idea, but in actuality, the nature of these meetings is far away from that," Councilman Tommy Tune said Monday, during the council's third workshop. "We simply are having our discussion tonight for the action items tomorrow."

Since McEwen took office following a special election in March, workshops have been scheduled the Monday prior to

each Tuesday council meeting. The council meets on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month.

Tune said the workshops take staff and council members away from family and are repetitive in that they have the council discussing items on Monday, and then again during Tuesday council meetings.

He said he would support a one-day, goal-setting workshop with the council, staff and department heads.

"I'm a little baffled because this is only the third time we've met," said McEwen. "Never once did I say let's meet every Monday... All I'm trying to do is get a feel for you guys."

And he pointed out that among the workshop agenda items was setting goals for

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OBITUARIES

Raymond Leonard

Graveside service for Raymond Leonard, 83, Big Spring, will be at 4 p.m. Tuesday, May 9, 2000, at Mt. Olive Memorial Park with the Rev. Doug Shelley, pastor of Eastside Baptist Church, officiating.

Mr. Leonard died on Sunday, May 7, at his home.

He was born on July 27, 1916. He was a longtime resident of Big Spring. He was a veteran of the U.S. Navy and was retired from the Civil Service.

He is survived by: one daughter, Linda Whitwell of Oklahoma City, Okla.; two grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

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

Milton Cody Watson

Funeral service for Milton Cody Watson, 68, Big Spring, will be at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, May 10, 2000, at Myers and Smith Chapel with Dr. Ed Williamson, pastor of the First United Methodist Church, officiating. Graveside service will be at 2:30 p.m. at Grape Creek Cemetery near San Angelo.

He was born on Dec. 7, 1931, in Big Spring. He lived most of his life at No Trees. He returned to Big Spring about eight years ago. He was a member of the First United Methodist Church and a Veteran of the U.S. Navy.

He is survived by: one sister, Jacqueline Gregory of Divine; one uncle; two nephews; one niece; and a number of cousins.

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

Ostel Leatherwood

Ostel Leatherwood, 95, of Irving, former longtime Big Spring resident, died on Sunday, May 7, 2000, in Irving. Graveside service will be at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, May 10, 2000, at Mt. Olive Memorial Park with the Rev. R.T. Havener, pastor of First Assembly of God Church, officiating.

She was born on March 24, 1905, in Hunt County and mar-

ried Cecil Leatherwood on Feb. 15, 1931, in Lovington, N.M. He preceded her in death on Dec. 18, 1982.

She was a member of a longtime Howard County farming family. Mrs. Leatherwood moved to the Dallas area in 1986 to be near her daughter. For the past year, she made her home with her daughter and son-in-law, Kay and David Yater of Irving. She passed away peacefully at home.

She was a member of First Assembly of God Church.

Survivors include: one daughter and son-in-law, Kay and David Yater of Irving; one son and daughter-in-law, Bobby and Lucy Leatherwood of Austin; four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren; a sister-in-law, Erma Reece of Burleson; and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was also preceded in death by five sisters and three brothers.

The family will receive friends at the funeral home on Tuesday evening from 7 to 8:30 p.m.

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

Paid obituary

Beatrice Guerra

Service for Beatrice Guerra, 67, Big Spring, is pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

She died on Monday, May 8, 2000, in a Midland hospital.

Katlyn Marie Paul

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

She was stillborn on Monday May 8.

Survivors include: her parents, Jimmy Paul Sr. and Jennifer Paul of Big Spring; two brothers, Jimmy Paul Jr. and Johnathan Paul, both of Big Spring; two sisters, Laranda Paul and Keylee Makay Paul, both of Big Spring; and several aunts and uncles.

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Cox took his seat and Kilgore began cutting his hair short with clippers. Soon the students began to chant "cut it off!"

And he did. While the students chanted "cut it off" and "baldy," Kilgore shaved Cox's head.

"They (the students) wanted me to go shorter, so he (Cox) said go for it," Kilgore said. "He was game."

According to Myers, these are the highest TAAS scores ever for Washington Elementary.

"All the praise goes to the students, teachers and parents," Cox said. "To get scores like this makes it all worth while. The teachers and students worked hard."

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between \$10,000 and \$35,000 in repairs at the pool before it can be opened. Some discussion has centered on closing the pool this year and constructing a new one. The problem with that is cost estimates show that building a new, smaller pool inside the old one would cost \$200,000 to \$250,000 while constructing a new one in a new location would cost \$300,000 to \$400,000.

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"We don't have \$200,000-plus," Emma Bogard, assistant city manager, told the council Monday.

Even the repair costs are not in this year's budget, she noted. The city expends some \$30,000 a summer on the pool, just in normal operation, officials said.

Among the other agenda items for tonight are administering the oath of office to newly elected council members Greg Biddison, Oscar Garcia and Tommy Tune; consideration of appointments to the Colorado Municipal Water District board, Civil Service board, McMahon-Wrinkle Airpark board and Big Spring Main Street board; agreements for legal services and improvements to the lighting and sound system at Municipal Auditorium; and a resolution opposing TXU Electric and Gas Company's tariff adjustment request.

WORKSHOPS

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upcoming years.

Councilman Chuck Cawthon noted that the workshop agenda included all of the items which are on the council's agenda tonight.

"It is not my intention to go over items on the agenda," said McEwen. "The reason those are on there is if a council member has a question about a particular item we can discuss it. If it's not on the agenda, we can't discuss it."

Several council members voiced concern that the workshops did appear to be leaning toward a discussion of items which would be on the next night's council agenda.

"I didn't feel comfortable when I saw this (workshop agenda) at first, but now that I know that we could not talk about any of these items if they weren't on the agenda, I understand," said Stephanie Horton. "I don't have a problem with the Monday meetings."

However, after further discussion, McEwen said he would suspend the workshops.

There was some discussion about whether to slate a goal-setting session before or after the upcoming workshops. That issue is still pending.

FUEL COSTS

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small owners are parking their trucks, if they have paid off their trucks, because they can't make enough money to keep the business going. The consumer is going to have to pay."

Even with fuel going down, Clubine said the fuel is still too high.

"I had to pay \$1.56 a gallon (for diesel) in Philadelphia," he said.

"The high prices are cutting into my employer's profits pretty badly," said Silvia Morrow of Dakota Trucking. "He is going to have to raise his rates for hauling if fuel prices stay the same."

Robert Van Winkle of Left Coast Trucking Inc. runs the route from Fort Worth to Los Angeles once a week and said although some of the smaller trucking companies are being helped to compete with larger companies by the high prices, overall the high prices are hurting the trucking industry.

"The big companies set rates months in advance according to the fuel prices at that time. Our company sets rates week by week," Van Winkle said. "Some of the smaller ones with one truck are shutting down. Our company was going to offer health insurance, but because of the fuel prices we will not be

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getting that."

Winkle expects overall consumer prices to rise if the trucking industry has to raise rates to compensate for the high fuel costs.

"The trucking industry has very little profit," Winkle said. "All prices will go up sooner or later. Nothing is going anywhere without a truck."

"I have been thinking of getting out of it," he added.

Mike Holland of J.B. Hunt trucking company expects trucking companies to put surcharges on freight unless prices decrease.

"Customers will have to pay more at the store," he said. "I know it is hurting my pocket book because I have to drive 160 miles to work."

High gas prices have impacted long distance travel plans for Troy Kerby, an employee at Fina Refinery. He believes the problem is created overseas and more emphasis should be put on finding and pumping domestic oil.

"We can't make long distance trips as easily," said Kerby. "I have a daughter in Midland. The price needs to go back to \$1.20 a gallon. I don't like paying for someone else's problems."

This is created overseas," he continued. "We should open some of these capped wells around here."

For Johnny Hernandez, a self-employed construction worker, the gas prices have not made much of a difference.

"I still have to take my daughter to school," he said. "It would be nice if it dropped more, but we have to do what we have to do. I hope it goes down."

WHAT'S UP

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WEDNESDAY

Optimist Club, 7 a.m., Howard College Cactus Room.
Senior Circle Big Spring, 9 a.m., Mall walkers meet 9:15 a.m. in front of movie theater box office.

Commissioners
approve water
system, discuss
street projects

By **LYNDEL MOODY**
Staff Writer

Howard County Commissioners on Monday unanimously approved a request from the Howard County Library to install a water-conditioning system.

According to Loraine Redman, Howard County librarian, city water rusted pipes in the heating and cooling system at the library.

"Both pipes were installed three years ago when we moved into the new building," Redman said. "The pipes went out about a month apart."

The new water-conditioning system will condition water entering the pipes, Redman said.

Eddy Jameson, road and bridge administrator, informed commissioners that the seal-coat project for Howard County roads should begin in two to three weeks.

Jameson expects to finish

TEXAS LOTTERY

Pick 3: 1,3,5

Cash 5: 6,11,36,37,38

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

with the county project in three to four weeks and then begin sealcoating city streets.

Howard County Sheriff Bill Jennings informed commissioners three part-time employees and two full-time employees are still needed for the Howard County jail.

The sheriff's department is in the process of taking applications, he said.

BRIEFS

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

11th Place from State to Birdwell Lane, South side of street Virginia from 11th Place to 14th Street and Washington from 11th Place to Virginia.

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.

RECORDS

Monday's high 100
Monday's low 63
Average high 86
Average low 57
Record high 107 in 1989
Record low 41 in 1961
Precip. Monday 0.00
Month to date 0.00
Month's normal 1.91
Year to date 5.20
Normal for the year 4.93
Sunrise Wednesday 6:51 a.m.
Sunset Wednesday 8:34 p.m.

FIRE/EMS

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

MONDAY
8:03 a.m. — 1000 block Johnson, grass fire, extinguished by responding units.
8:20 a.m. — Scenic Mountain Medical Center, patient transferred to Midland.

9:43 a.m. — 2500 block March Circle, medical call, patient transported to SMMC.

10:52 a.m. — Veterans' Administration Medical Center, patient transferred to residence.

12:27 p.m. — 1000 block Sgt. Paredez, medical call, patient transported to SMMC.

5:47 p.m. — 1900 block Scurry, trauma call, patient transported to SMMC.

7:25 p.m. — 3200 block Parkway, medical call, patient transported to SMMC.

9:19 p.m. — SMMC, patient transferred to 3200 block Parkway.

9:49 p.m. — 704 East I-20, trauma call, patient refused service.

POLICE

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activities for the weekend ending at 8 a.m. Monday:

ARRESTS, 2
ASSAULT, 1
ASSAULT/FAMILY VIOLENCE, 2
ATTEMPTED BURGLARY, 1
BURGLARY OF HABITATION, 1
BURGLARY OF BUILDING, 3
BURGLARY OF VEHICLE, 4
CRIMINAL MISCHIEF, 5
THEFT, 4
CONVENIENCE STORE THEFT, 9
VIOLATION OF PROTECTIVE ORDER, 1
HARRASSMENT, 1
INCIDENTS, 7
POSSESSION OF MARIJUANA, 1
MINOR IN POSSESSION, 1

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

• **ENRIQUE HINOJOS, 38**, of 1003 N. Runnels, was arrested on a charge of possession of marijuana.
• **LA FRENCH HILL, 21**, no address given, was arrested on a local warrant.
• **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported in the 3600 block of Calvin.
• **CLASS B THEFT** was reported in the 1300 block of Mt. Vernon.
• **THEFT BY CHECK** was reported in the 1900 block of Gregg.
• **DISCHARGE OF FIREARM** was reported in the 1700 block of Thorpe.
• **THEFT OF SERVICES** was reported in the 700 block of Lancaster.
• **THEFT** was reported in the 1100 block of N. Lamesa, in the 400 block of Birdwell, in the 1700 block of E. Marcy, in the 500 block of Birdwell.

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RUIDOSO, N.M. Hundreds of people to flee as one of two fires burning in New Mexico spread a than 5,000 acres.

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A second blaze 2 the northwest has evacuation of at least Alamos National Lab officials have sives and nuclear m in fire-safe structure

The lab, as well as County schools a were closed for

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AUSTIN (AP) — candidate Pat Buc given Texas electi 129,000 signatures, number required to November ballot as dent.

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Joseph Cafasso, Texas state ballot

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'A tinderbox' — hundreds flee New Mexico wildfires

RUIDOSO, N.M. (AP) — Hundreds of people were forced to flee as one of two large wildfires burning in New Mexico swept within a few feet of their homes and spread across more than 5,000 acres.

"It burned right up to their back yard and backdoor steps," firefighter Tyner Cervantes said Monday in this south-central New Mexico resort town. "It burned down some wooden fences and a flatbed trailer, but we didn't lose a single house."

A second blaze 200 miles to the northwest has forced the evacuation of at least 500 homes and virtually shut down the Los Alamos National Laboratory. Lab officials have said explosives and nuclear material were in fire-safe structures.

The lab, as well as Los Alamos County schools and offices, were closed for a second

straight day today. No major injuries have been reported.

The Los Alamos fire had been set to clear underbrush at a national monument but got out of control, charring more than 3,000 acres.

It was about a mile away from the nearest homes Monday as it burned across several canyons at the foot of the Jemez Mountains.

"We're going to stay as long as we can," said Bill Redmond, a former congressman who lives in Los Alamos. "We have ash all over our vehicle and everything in our yard."

Officials say this fire season could rival the one in 1996, almost 17,000 acres burned near Los Alamos.

"The state is a tinderbox," Gov. Gary Johnson said in declaring a state of emergency Monday. "This is a huge wake-

up call."

Cooler weather Monday helped firefighters battling the blaze at Los Alamos, Forest Service spokesman Jim Paxson said.

"We are very confident things are going in the right direction," Paxson said.

The fire was set Thursday by the National Park Service to get rid of excess underbrush and deadwood at the Banderol National Monument, home of ancient Indian ruins and 70 miles of hiking trails.

Park Superintendent Roy Weaver took responsibility for the blaze, saying he believed conditions had been just right for the park's annual regimen of prescribed burning to lower the overall fire danger. The Park Service had planned to burn just 900 acres.

"There seemed to be the right

balance of fuel, moisture, temperature and wind," Weaver said. But the humidity didn't get as high as hoped and wind was higher than expected.

Flames got within a half-mile of some explosive materials secured in fireproof concrete and metal buildings surrounded by earthen berms, lab spokesman John Gustafson said. The closest radioactive materials were about 3 miles from the fire.

The blaze at Ruidoso was sparked by a campfire Sunday in Gavilan Canyon. As many as 400 people had fled their homes as of Monday, fire officials said. A mobile home and two homes under construction were destroyed Sunday, and two firefighters suffered minor injuries.

Winds continued to hamper firefighters late Monday night with gusts up to 45 mph.

Lawmakers show support for land buyback proposal

WASHINGTON (AP) — In an election year and with billions of dollars in the offing, lawmakers are rushing to support legislation that calls for creating a \$3 billion annual conservation fund for land purchases, wildlife protection and restoration of coastal beaches.

The massive land conservation measure, which is expected to pass the House when it comes up for a vote, probably Wednesday, would earmark nearly \$45 billion over 15 years for a myriad of projects from wetlands restoration and endangered species protection to buying parkland and building ballparks in suburbia.

A third of the money would be used to deal with coastal environmental problems such as beach erosion and mitigating losses and environmental damage from offshore oil drilling. Louisiana, California, Florida, Texas and Alaska would benefit significantly.

The legislation "makes a permanent commitment" by the government to provide conservation funding promised long ago, said Rep. George Miller, D-Calif., one of the bill's architects. Already, 314 of the 435 House members have signed on as co-sponsors.

The measure has some Republican conservatives steaming over property rights.

It amounts to "a blank check" to take private property, Rep. Helen Chenoweth-Hage, R-Idaho, complained. "If this bill passes it will become the death knell to the Republican majority. Our grass roots will become discouraged (over) ... the impact it will have on private ownership."

What has incensed property rights advocates most is that one of their own, Rep. Don Young, R-Alaska, a leading champion of property rights, is among the most vocal cheerleaders — and one of the principal co-sponsors — for the House bill.

Young calls the concerns about property rights "utterly ridiculous" and maintains the bill specifically protects landowners from having to give up their land.

But even the critics acknowledge House approval is virtually assured as lawmakers find it hard to oppose a bill that will funnel billions of federal dollars to their states while letting them show support for the environment during an election year. The Clinton administration — which announced its own, more modest \$1.4 billion "land legacy" initiative last year — supports the bill, although would like some changes.

The bill's projected annual spending programs include:

—\$1 billion for coastal ecosystems, restoring wetlands and eroded beaches and repairing damage caused by offshore oil drilling. Distribution is pegged to miles of coastline and amount of oil production.

—\$900 million for conservation-related federal and state land purchases, three times what is spent on such purchases today, and \$125 million in matching grants for urban parks and recreational facilities.

—\$350 million for wildlife conservation and hunting programs.

—\$150 million for conservation easements and landowner incentives to protect endangered species.

—\$100 million to protect historic sites and \$200 million for Indian lands restoration.

The money would come from the \$4 billion to \$5 billion the federal government collects annually from government oil leases.

Current distribution plans would make coastal states with offshore oil drilling the biggest winners: Alaska, \$163 million; California, \$324 million; Louisiana, \$311 million; Texas, \$236 million; Alaska, \$163 million; Florida, \$141 million.

Professionals and volunteers gather signatures for Buchanan

AUSTIN (AP) — Presidential candidate Pat Buchanan has given Texas election officials 129,000 signatures, twice the number required to get on the November ballot as an independent.

"This is a great moment for the Buchanan campaign," Buchanan told a news conference Monday. "We think that this guarantees, by far, that we will be on the Texas ballot."

Once officials verify 56,116 signatories are registered voters who did not vote in the primaries, Buchanan will be on the ballot regardless of whether he wins the Reform Party nomination.

Joseph Cafasso, Buchanan's Texas state ballot coordinator,

said a team of up to 170 volunteers and 20 to 25 professionals hired by the campaign gathered the signatures in about four weeks.

Buchanan said Monday the professionals had moved on to Oklahoma and North Carolina because, "our job here, by and large, in Texas, is done." Some of the volunteers remained.

Dwight Smiland, 56, a retired handyman, said he gathered about 50 signatures around his Austin neighborhood, in grocery stores and a shopping mall.

He held a bound report on Monday that said 41 percent of people in Austin wanted to hear Buchanan debate presumptive nominees, Republican George Bush and Democrat Al Gore.

He did the poll himself by making 1,500 calls to all 423 people on one page in the telephone book — "in the L's somewhere" — and asking them the debate question. Only 147 people answered him, he said.

Smiland said he made the calls because he didn't believe national polls that showed little support for Buchanan. "I had to prove it to myself, and to Pat," he said.

Buchanan said his candidacy would give voters a clear choice between himself and Bush and Gore, who, he said, have similar positions on many issues.

"We will have the opportunity to show, fundamentally, that Mr. Bush and Mr. Gore agree," he said.

"The American people are going to have an authentic choice this fall."

He said he differs from the other two presumptive nominees on issues of international trade, defense, China, the federal government's role in education and immigration.

Buchanan said he was securing ballot spots as an independent in several states because he fears that some state chapters of the Reform Party could leave the party if he is nominated this summer.

In March, the Minnesota chapter of the Reform Party broke off, called disaffiliating, due to some activists' concern over Buchanan's conservative views on social policy.

Second day of testimony set in trial of admitted serial killer

HOUSTON (AP) — Prosecutors are building what seems like a redundant case against Angel Maturino Resendiz after a defense attorney admitted the rail-riding Mexican drifter is responsible for nine killings across three states.

Six more prosecution witnesses were expected to be called to the stand today in the second day of the fast-moving case. It began Monday with the defense's admissions and plea of innocent by reason of insanity.

Maturino Resendiz, 40, faces the death penalty if convicted of the December 1998 capital murder of Dr. Claudia Benton. She was raped, bludgeoned and finally stabbed to death in her Houston-area home in December 1998.

Benton is one of six people Maturino Resendiz is accused of killing in Texas, and police

have linked two Illinois slayings and one in Kentucky to him from 1997 to 1999.

Investigators believe Maturino Resendiz chose his victims for their proximity to railroad tracks, since he hopped freight trains on his meanderings across the country as a migrant worker.

The prosecution plowed through nine witnesses Monday, including three of Benton's colleagues at Baylor College of Medicine who first noticed her disappearance when she missed patient appointments. Other witnesses were her husband and several police officers and crime scene technicians.

During testimony Monday, George Benton recalled how his fear grew when his wife's co-workers called him in Arizona, where he was visiting family with the couple's twin daughters, to see if he knew where

she was.

"We had two telephone lines into the house and a pager, so I was pretty alarmed," Benton said of learning his wife's colleagues could not find her.

That pager, later shown in crime scene photographs to be lying just outside the bedroom where Benton was killed, buzzed unanswered in the hours before police discovered the victim's body while checking on her well-being at the behest of her co-workers.

The photographs, introduced during the testimony of a Houston Police Department crime scene examiner, also showed Benton's body spread-eagled on the floor of her bedroom, wrapped in several blankets.

A bloody butcher knife, taken from a set given to her and her husband on their wedding, lay just out of her reach.

Fingerprints on a jewelry box,

a button and on pieces of broken plastic from the steering column of Benton's Jeep Cherokee tie Maturino Resendiz to the scene of her murder, Harris County District Attorney John B. Holmes Jr. said in opening statements and a police fingerprint technician later confirmed in testimony.

Former presidents back China trade measure

WASHINGTON (AP) — With just a few weeks before a vote, President Clinton has invited two former presidents and top officials from past administrations to the White House to help him twist the arms of congressmen who remain undecided about granting permanent normal trade relations to China.

Presidents Ford and Carter were to join Clinton and Vice President Al Gore in the East Room today to rally support for the landmark trade legislation, which would ease the Asian nation's entrance into the World Trade Organization.

Former secretaries of state, including Henry Kissinger, and past national security advisers also were to stand with the president. And the Democratic Leadership Council planned to hand Clinton a national petition signed by more than 140 state and local elected leaders who

support normal trade with China.

At a fund-raiser for Rep. Baron Hill, D-Ind., in Bethesda, Md., Clinton said failing to pass the measure would have a negative effect on national security and could heighten tension between China and Taiwan.

"China is the biggest country in the world and in somewhere between 30 and 50 years it will have the biggest economy, unless India outstrips them, which is conceivable," Clinton said. "And when that happens, are we going to have a working relationship with them, or is there going to be a new cold war?"

On Monday, Clinton got key support from three former presidents and a highly respected Republican economist, Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan.

The White House released a letter signed by Ford, Carter and President Bush pledging their unified support for normal trade relations status for China.

"In economic terms, the case is clear," the former presidents wrote in an open letter. "The agreement to bring China into the WTO is the product of more than 13 years of tough negotiations conducted by four administrations, Democratic and Republican."

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IN BRIEF

**Hawks' Alsup earns spot
on WJCAC honor squad**

Howard College's Jay Alsup was the only Hawks player named to the Western Junior College Athletic Conference (WJCAC) all-conference teams announced Monday.

Alsup, a sophomore from Roswell, N.M., was named to the all-WJCAC infield after having batted .326 on the season.

In addition to being one of the Hawks' leading hitters, Alsup found himself playing three different positions during the season — first as Howard's left fielder, then at third base and finally ending the season at shortstop.

**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.

All parents of Lady Steers softball players are urged to attend.

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.

**Mayberry inks three more
recruits for Lady Hawks**

Howard College has announced the signing of three more recruits for the Lady Hawks basketball program.

Lady Hawks head coach Ron Mayberry announced the signing of Chris Carmichael of Oceanside, Calif., LaTasha Mathiew of Alief Hastings and Amylia Harper of Lubbock Estacado.

Carmichael, a 6-foot-3 post, averaged 8.5 points and 9.2 rebounds per game for El Camino High School.

Mathiew, a 5-foot-8 guard, averaged 7.5 points, 5.5 rebounds and 3.4 steals per game on a team that reached the Class 5A state tournament.

Harper, a 6-foot-1 post, averaged 6.8 points and 5.5 rebounds per game for the Lady Matadors.

**Lady Steers Booster Club
to hold banquet May 15**

The Big Spring Lady Steers Booster Club will hold its annual Lady Steers Athletic Banquet at 7 p.m. Monday 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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**TODAY
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7 p.m. — Coahoma Bulldogettes vs. Eula Lady Pirates, Region I, Class 2A championship game at Abilene Christian University's Wells Field

ON THE AIR

Radio

6:45 p.m. — Coahoma Bulldogettes vs. Eula Lady Pirates, Region I, Class 2A championship game, KBST-AM 1490.

Television

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL
6 p.m. — Atlanta Braves at Florida Marlins, TBS, Ch. 11.

NBA PLAYOFFS
7 p.m. — New York Knicks at Miami Heat, TNT, Ch. 28.

9:30 p.m. — Utah Jazz at Portland Trail Blazers, TNT, Ch. 28.

NHL PLAYOFFS
6 p.m. — Philadelphia Flyers at Pittsburgh Penguins, ESPN, Ch. 30.

Stars know Avs may be favored in West

DALLAS (AP) — As the Dallas Stars prepare to meet the Colorado Avalanche in the Western Conference finals, the Stanley Cup champions are ready to take on a label they haven't had for years: underdogs.

Although Dallas is the higher seed, Colorado is seen by many as the favorite because of how well the Avalanche have played lately.

Since adding defenseman Ray Bourque, Colorado is 20-4-1. The Avs have gone 8-2 in the post-season to set up a rematch of last year's conference finals won by the Stars in seven games.

Dallas also has gone 8-2 and is playing at its highest level since hoisting the Cup. The Stars have even been more impressive than last year's team that won the Stanley Cup.

"This is going to be a great series, just like it was last year," said Dallas center Mike Modano. "We just have to keep focusing on the fact we're eight wins away."

The first two games will be played in Dallas. The league has yet to announce a schedule for the series.

Statistically, the teams are pretty even.

The Avalanche and Stars have each lost just one game per round in setting up the rematch. Both have allowed 18 goals, though Colorado has scored two more than Dallas.

Their matching playoff records have been achieved much differently. The Stars have played six one-goal games, winning five, while the Avalanche have had only three, winning two. One of Colorado's tight wins came in overtime;

Dallas has yet to go to an extra period after doing so five times in the last postseason.

Those minor differences are reflected in the similar ways the teams are built.

Like Dallas, Colorado has four lines that are expected to produce, six quality defensemen and a superb, seasoned goaltender.

Patrick Roy of the Avalanche has the most postseason wins in NHL history. Stars goalie Ed Belfour has been the best keeper the last three seasons, leading Dallas to the conference finals each time.

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

Belfour has led the Stars to eight straight wins at Reunion Arena.

Grady's Schuelke, Madison suffer
semifinal losses at state tourney

HERALD Staff Report

AUSTIN — Grady's Clint Schuelke and Caroline Madison opened play at the University Interscholastic League (UIL) state tennis tournament with wins Monday, but saw their hopes of claiming championships dashed with semifinal losses.

Schuelke, the three-time defending District 9-1A boys' singles champion making his second trip to the state tournament, opened with a 6-1, 6-2 win over Ethan McDonald of Ben Wheeler.

Madison, who was also making her second trip to the state tournament after having qualified in doubles as a junior, was even more dominant in her first-round match, knocking off Wendi Lockett of Chireno, 6-1, 6-0.

Teammate Megan Mims, who finished as runner-up to Madison in the Region II, Class 1A tournament in Abilene two weeks ago, did not fare as well, suffering a 6-1, 6-0 loss to Neches' Toni Simmons in her first-round match.

Both Schuelke and Madison suffered semifinal losses to Region I opponents.

Schuelke's bid for a spot in the state final was derailed by Irion County's John Paul Dennison, who took a 6-1, 6-3 win. Madison fell victim to Whiteface's Lindsey Brown, absorbing a 6-0, 6-0 defeat.

Rocker drops ball, game
as Marlins edge Braves

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

John Rocker let the ball — and the game — simply slip out of his hands.

In a bizarre ending, Rocker balked home the winning run in the bottom of the ninth inning Monday night and the Florida Marlins beat the Atlanta Braves 3-2.

The Marlins had runners at second and third with two outs when Rocker got set on the rubber. And then, the ball dropped out of his glove to the ground.

By rule, a balk. Second base umpire Mike DiMuro signaled it, and pinch-runner Danny Bautista trotted home.

"I think the umpires didn't really want to call it, but they couldn't ignore it," Braves third baseman Chipper Jones said.

It was a fluky thing. It was the first ball of Rocker's three-year career, and the first by a Braves pitcher this season. Rocker and Braves manager Bobby Cox briefly spoke to DiMuro as the umpires left the field.

"The only quote I'm giving is I'm a horrible player," Rocker said. "I'm just a bad player. That's the bottom line."

In other National League games, San Francisco beat St. Louis 6-4, Arizona trounced Los Angeles 15-7, Chicago outlasted Milwaukee 12-11 in 10 innings and Colorado stopped Houston 3-1.

In American League action, New York topped Tampa Bay 6-3, Texas routed Seattle 10-1, Cleveland beat Minnesota 3-2 in 10 innings, Anaheim downed Oakland 9-8, Kansas City beat Detroit 4-1, Toronto beat

Baltimore 6-5 and Boston beat Chicago 3-2.

Rocker, making his first appearance at Pro Player Stadium since his two-week suspension for insensitive remarks, was booed by Florida fans as he sprinted into the game.

Rocker intentionally walked pinch-hitter Mark Smith, who moved to second on defensive indifference, and Cliff Floyd came to the plate.

With the count 2-2, Floyd got ready for a pitch that never came.

"I saw everybody coming out of the dugout, so I figured something was going on," Floyd said. "It's always fun to beat the Braves."

Giants 6, Cardinals 4

Mark McGwire hit his 534th home run and tied Jimmie Fox for ninth place on the career list, but San Francisco beat St. Louis for its seventh win in a row.

Bobby Estalella homered twice and drove in four runs at Pacific Bell Park. Pat Hentgen lost his fourth straight start.

The Giants' streak of 26 scoreless innings ended when McGwire homered in the fifth. He is two behind Mickey Mantle for eighth place.

Diamondbacks 15, Dodgers 7

Arizona manager Buck Showalter posted his 500th career win and the Diamondbacks romped past Los Angeles in the desert.

Travis Lee and Andy Fox each drove in four runs as Arizona got 20 hits, tying a team record for a nine-inning game. Arizona

led 15-4 after the fifth and went on to its fifth straight victory.

Cubs 12, Brewers 11

Shane Andrews singled home the winning run in the bottom of the 10th and Chicago stopped its four-game losing streak.

Sammy Sosa and Andrews each homered and drove in four runs. Ricky Gutierrez, Mark Grace and Eric Young also hit home runs for the Cubs.

Jerome Burnitz hit two homers and Jose Hernandez also connected for Milwaukee. The Brewers scored four times in the ninth to make it 11-11, tying it on pinch-hitter Charlie Hayes' two-out, two-run single.

Rockies 3, Astros 1

Pedro Astacio struck out 10 and pitched a three-hitter as Colorado won at Houston.

The Rockies had gone 22 innings without scoring, tying a team record, before Todd Helton hit a two-run homer in the second. Helton went 3-for-3.

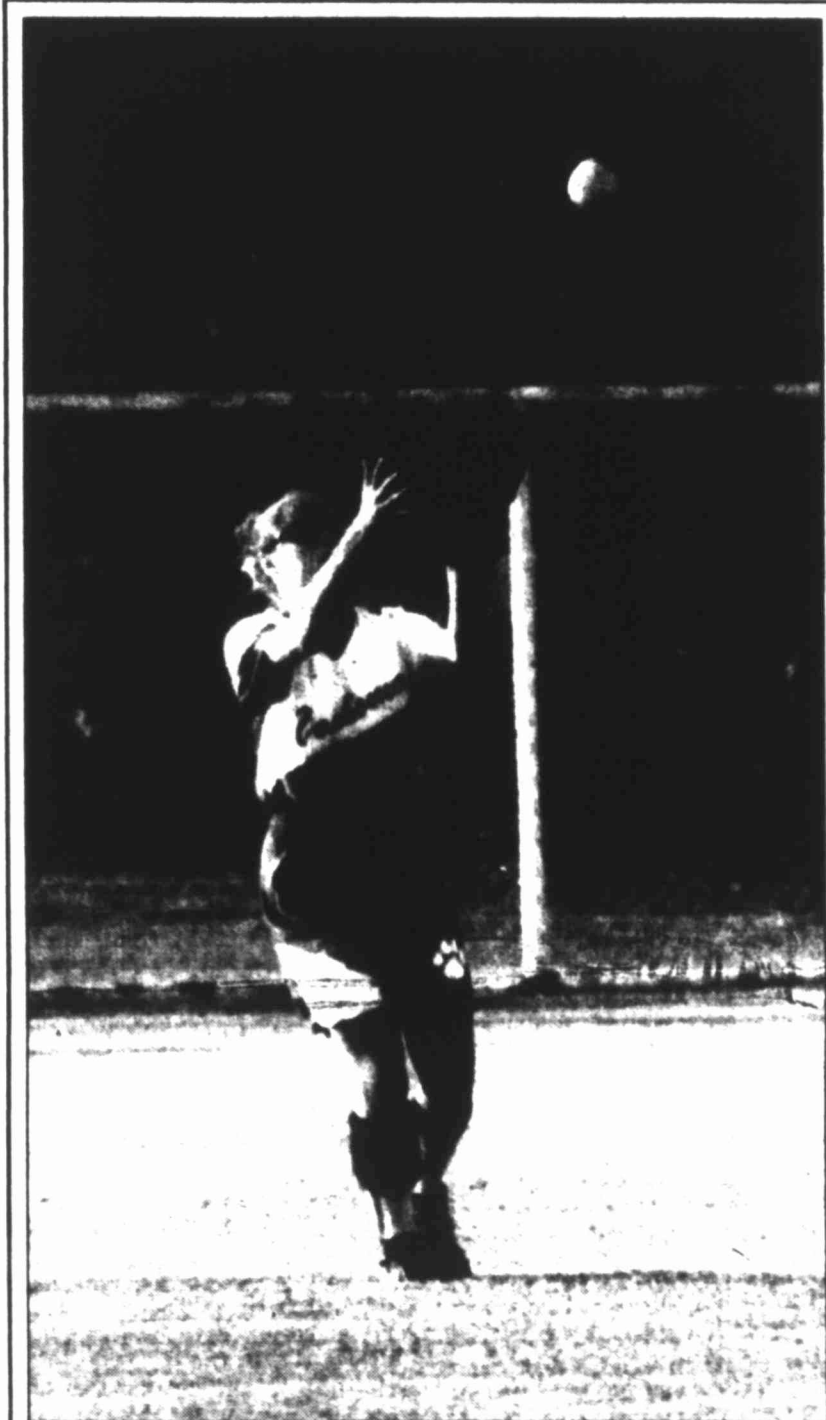
Angels 9, Athletics 8

Brothers Jason and Jeremy Giambi homered for Oakland, but Anaheim rallied at home behind Mo Vaughn's two home runs and five RBIs.

Troy Glaus went 4-for-4 and Benjie Molina hit a sacrifice fly in the seventh inning, capping the Angels' rally from an 8-3 deficit.

Indians 3, Twins 2

Manny Ramirez hit an RBI single off Bob Wells (0-3) with two outs in the 10th as visiting Cleveland won its third straight following a six-game losing streak.



HERALD photo/Jim Ferro

Coahoma center fielder Brandi Hart dashes in to make the catch for the final out in the Bulldogettes' Class 2A area softball playoff win over Windthorst. The two-time defending Region I champion Bulldogettes will try to make it a three-peat at 7 tonight when they take on Eula's Lady Pirates at Abilene Christian University's Wells Field. This is the third straight year the Bulldogettes have faced Eula in the regional title game.

Rangers give Helling plenty of backing in 10-1 win over Seattle

ARLINGTON (AP) — Texas didn't need all 10 runs this time.

Rick Helling pitched six shutout innings, four after being hit on his throwing hand by a comebacker, as the defending AL West champion Rangers opened their series against division-leading Seattle with a 10-1 victory Monday night.

The rout was a quick change of pace for the Rangers, who had been involved in four straight one-run games. They lost two of those, but won the others 17-16 and 11-10 with ninth-inning rallies against Oakland over the weekend.

"The best way to play is not to score six or seven runs and catch up," Texas manager Johnny Oates said. "You would like to put up runs in the beginning and have good starting pitching, and have the bullpen come and work it out."

Texas got all of that in the first of a three-game series against Seattle.

Helling (4-1) allowed just three singles before he left with a 6-0 lead, and relievers Jeff Zimmerman and Tim Lincecum allowed two hits and an unearned run over the last three innings.

Chad Curtis drove in three runs for the Rangers, who had extra-base hits to start five of the six innings in which they scored.

Royce Clayton led off the Texas first with a triple and the Rangers went ahead for good with three runs, highlighted by Curtis' two-run single. Clayton also had a leadoff homer in the eighth.

Jason McDonald had a leadoff homer in the second, and Mike Lamb scored after hitting doubles to start the fourth and sixth innings against loser Brett Tomko (1-2).

"As a whole as a team we are starting to play a little better. We got good pitching, good defense. Things just worked for us," said McDonald, who is in the Rangers' lineup because outfielders Rusty Greer and Gabe Kapler are on the disabled list.

McDonald, 9-for-27 the last nine games, had a 422-foot homer into the upper deck to start the second inning. After his third homer in as many games, he added an RBI single in the fourth that scored Lamb.

After throwing out Tom Lampkin on the comebacker that ended the second, Helling showed no obvious ill effects until he began warming up prior to the seventh. He had retired the Mariners 1-2-3 in the third and fourth innings.

But while Helling was still shutting down Seattle, he was getting treatment

every time he went to the dugout. After the game the imprint of the baseball seams was still visible on his swollen hand.

"By far I didn't have really anything out there after getting hit. I just ended up getting by," Helling said. "I changed my total style of pitching and my approach to the game tonight, kind of make things up as you go out there."

Helling is listed as day-to-day, but he believes he will be ready to make his next start Saturday at Anaheim.

"I don't think he threw the ball that well. He spotted the ball well," Seattle manager Lou Pinella said. "His hand had to have been bothering him. Give him high marks for staying in there and getting the win."

Helling has worked at least six innings in six straight starts.

Pacers take 2-0 lead over Sixers in series with 103-97 win

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — The Indiana Pacers headed to Philadelphia hoping to sweep the 76ers in the Eastern Conference semifinals for a second consecutive year.

Coach Larry Brown thought the 76ers were ready to even the best-of-seven series Monday night, but saw his team lose 103-97 in a game that wasn't that close.

"I didn't think we were the aggressor at all the first half. We were back on our heels," Brown said. "They got every loose ball, they got long rebounds. They executed. You can talk about it (winning) until you're blue in the face, but you've got to go out and do it."

Jalen Rose and Reggie Miller, who each scored 40 points in Game 1, again

made big contributions, while reserve Austin Croshere also frustrated Philadelphia's defense in Game 2.

Rose scored 30 points and Croshere added a career playoff high 20 as the Pacers took a 2-0 lead in the Eastern Conference semifinals despite not making a field goal in the final seven minutes.

"I didn't feel that I carried my weight in the first round. There was a little bit of nervousness in that first series," said Croshere, who saw only one minute of playoff action in his first two seasons. "The key for me wasn't 'I've got to come out and score,' but to play hard and be aggressive."

Indiana's final field goal was a 3-point shot by Rose with 7:27 to play, giving the

Pacers a 93-73 lead. The Pacers then scored their final 10 points on free throws, starting with two by Rose that put Indiana ahead 95-78 with 5:53 remaining.

The 76ers cut the deficit to four twice in the final 14 seconds, but were forced to foul, with Rose and Miller each making two free throws.

The series shifts to Philadelphia on Wednesday and Saturday. Only seven teams in NBA history have rallied from a 2-0 deficit to win a series.

"Squarely, the pressure is now on Philadelphia. We can play a little bit more freer, a little bit more loose," said Miller, who had 19 points.

Allen Iverson led the 76ers with 28 points, but was only 9-for-25 from the

field. He had a playoff career high 10 assists.

"It felt good to finish strong," Iverson said. "But, I've been in this league long enough now that moral victories don't mean anything. ... We never felt a sense of urgency. I thought we played like we were up three games."

The 76ers also learned starting guard Eric Snow, who missed the final two games of the opening series against Charlotte with a fractured right ankle, will be out the rest of the way. He played just four minutes in the second half Monday night.

Indiana, which pulled away as it shot 55 percent in the first half, also got 14 points on 7-of-9 shooting from center Rik Smits.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Wednesday, May 10:
You have your hands full this year. Take pause often, to think and to consider what you want and expect. Keep your sense of humor when communicating. You'll learn early on that you can't control others. Think about a professional change, even though going into a different field could entail hard work. Ultimately, it will be worth it. If you are single, romance is exciting but not stable. Focusing on other matters might distract you. You might not be able to relate on the level you want. If attached, ask for a partner's feedback and help. You will find that your relationship is one of the few outlets you have this year. LEO helps you anchor.

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)
*** Your style is severely cramped by another. Where you believe a situation should be clear, others make it difficult. Money matters come to the forefront. Recognize that you might not be able to make a project happen as you'd like. Tonight: Midweek fun - you need it!

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
** Difficulties arise. Others have a hard time working with you, but it's not necessarily your fault. Move into a more responsible position, where you can make your own calls. Others appear erratic and difficult. Tonight: Hide out and turn on the answering machine!

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
*** Events and conversations force you to think long and hard about your situation. It seems that, no matter which direction you head in, you are blocked. Pull back and handle what you must. Work with the unexpected. Refuse to let uproar get to you. Tonight: Swap today's war stories.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
** Hold on tight as you see something you want approach, only to fade away. You might feel you're on a roller-coaster ride and can't get off. A friend lets you down in a key matter. Associates rage out of control. Be careful with money. Tonight: Try to make it an early night.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
*** Try all you might, others seem to block your actions. Being self-contained in the midst of problems will help you weather the present storms. Partners get testy when the pressure's on. Let this pass. Tonight: Plan on doing your own thing.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
* Cocoon or take a day off. Anxiety builds, and you might not be sure about the direction in which you're heading. Lighten up about what can be,

and worry less. What goes on today could shake you up. Plans take unanticipated twists. Work could be difficult. Tonight: Get a good night's sleep.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
*** Work as a team, which in itself could be difficult. Others have their own agendas and could be causing you and themselves more trouble than they can see. Have a serious talk. Take a stand with a partner. Tonight: Hold on tight!

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
** Pressure builds, and you cannot seem to take a positive action. Stop trying! Tread water for now. Watch others and how they handle different demands. The spotlight might be on you, but don't feel forced to make a decision yet. Tonight: Work late.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
*** Step back when everyone else reacts. Make a point of understanding what is going on rather than plunging right in to situations. Unexpected news and strong reactions mark your day. Maintain a sense of humor; a lot could change quickly. Tonight: Relax with a movie.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
** Work with others. Show your good will while others throw tantrums. Maintain your sense of humor, even though you might be challenged where money is involved. Avoid risks both emotional and financial. A child or loved one is in a tizzy. Tonight: Listen to a close friend.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
** Listen. Try to restrain yourself from tossing your hands in the air. A family member might be exasperated, but there is little you can do. Defer to others as much as you can. Just let the present mood pass. Tonight: Out with friends.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
** Pace yourself. Listen to others when dealing with a controversial matter. Keep asking questions, especially if another's responses seem off to you. Concentrate on work, which could mean screening calls. Stay focused. Tonight: Exercise stress away.

BORN TODAY
Singer Bono (1960), actor Jason Brooks (1966), singer Dave Mason (1945)

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Power to make a choice is every woman's right

DEAR ABBY: The letter from "Pro-Choice Grandma" has caused me to write my very first letter to you.

I, too, am a grandma, though only 60 years old. When my children were small, we discovered they suffered from brittle bone disease that caused their bones to break easily.

Our younger son was 5 when the first broken leg occurred. During that year, he broke his leg three times in less than nine months.

To date, he has broken his legs a total of 22 times. He also broke his back and neck in an accident and is a paraplegic now.

Our older son has broken his legs six times. As soon as my boys were diagnosed with this condition, I promised myself I would not bring another child into this world to suffer as they have.

Abortions were not legal or acceptable in the early '60s, nor was permanent sterilization available for women in our area. We did everything we knew to prevent another pregnancy, but I knew in my heart that if indeed I did get pregnant again, I would not carry the baby to term. The good Lord blessed us by not forcing us to make that decision, but the fact

that I might have had to have an abortion has enabled me to be more understanding of others who make the decision to end an unplanned pregnancy.

My younger son once told me that he would not have been able to forgive us for bringing him into this world, knowing he would suffer like he has.

However, since we knew nothing of this condition until he was 5, he could not hold us responsible. He has chosen not to pass this condition on to his children. He has since married a lovely girl with two precious daughters who are now his children and our grandchildren. We are also blessed with two wonderful godchildren.

I join with those who are pro-choice, and agree that only the individual knows how much she can handle, and the decision should be hers to make.

BLESSED GRANDMA IN KANSAS CITY, MO.

DEAR GRANDMA: Your letter proves once again that there are many circumstances that make it imperative that individuals be allowed to make a choice for themselves.

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8:30	Charm-Greg Sports Night	Geniuses: Smartest Kid	Mad Abt. You Nanny (CC)	Frontline (CC)	700 Club (CC)	Charm-Greg Sports Night	Will & Grace Just Shoot Me	Dateline (CC)	Movie: Moonraker	Primer Impacto Noc.	Rip Girls (CC)	Championship Bull Riding	Cagney & Lacey	Rush	The Corner (CC)	News Life in Word	Law & Order (CC)	On the Inside (CC)	Strip Poker Weaker, Texas	Pottergeist: The Legacy	Golden Girls	Trauma: Life in the ER
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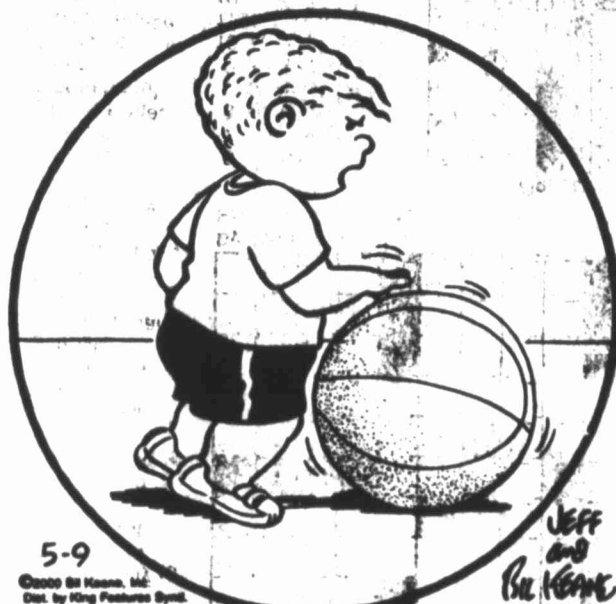


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Today is Tuesday, May 9, the 130th day of 2000. There are 296 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:
On May 9, 1960, the Food and Drug Administration approved a pill as safe for birth control use. (The pill, Enovid, was made by G.D. Searle and Company of Chicago.)
On this date:
In 1502: Christopher

Columbus left Cadiz, Spain, on his fourth and final trip to the Western Hemisphere.

In 1754, a cartoon in Benjamin Franklin's "Pennsylvania Gazette" showed a snake cut into sections, each part representing an American colony; the caption read, "Join or die."

In 1926, Americans Richard Byrd and Floyd Bennett became the first men to fly over the North Pole.

In 1936, Italy annexed Ethiopia.

In 1955, U.S. officials announced that the midnight entertainment curfew was being lifted immediately.

In 1961, Federal Communications Commission chairman Newton N. Minow condemned television programming as a "vast wasteland" in a speech to the National Association of Broadcasters.

In 1974, the House Judiciary Committee opened hearings on whether to recommend the impeachment of President Nixon.

In 1978, the bullet-riddled body of Aldo Moro, Italy's former Italian prime minister who had been abducted by Red Brigade terrorists, was found in an automobile in the center of Rome.

In 1980, 35 motorists were killed when a Liberian freighter rammed the Sunshine Skyway Bridge over Tampa Bay in Florida, causing a 1,400-foot section to collapse.

In 1994, South Africa's newly elected parliament chose Nelson Mandela to be the country's first black president.

Ten years ago: President Bush and congressional leaders announced plans for emergency budget talks, with tax increases and spending cuts on the negotiating table.

Five years ago: President Clinton arrived in Moscow for a summit with Russian President Boris Yeltsin. Kinshasa, capital of Zaire, was placed under quarantine after an outbreak of the Ebola virus. The United States returned 13 Cuban boat people to their homeland, the first to be sent back under a new policy bitterly protested by Cuban-Americans.

One year ago: A chartered bus carrying members of a casino club on a Mother's Day gambling excursion slipped off a highway in New Orleans, killing 22 people. Furious Chinese demonstrators hurled rocks and debris into the U.S. Embassy in a second day of protests against NATO's bombing of the Chinese Embassy in Yugoslavia.

Today's Birthdays: CBS News correspondent Mike Wallace is 82.

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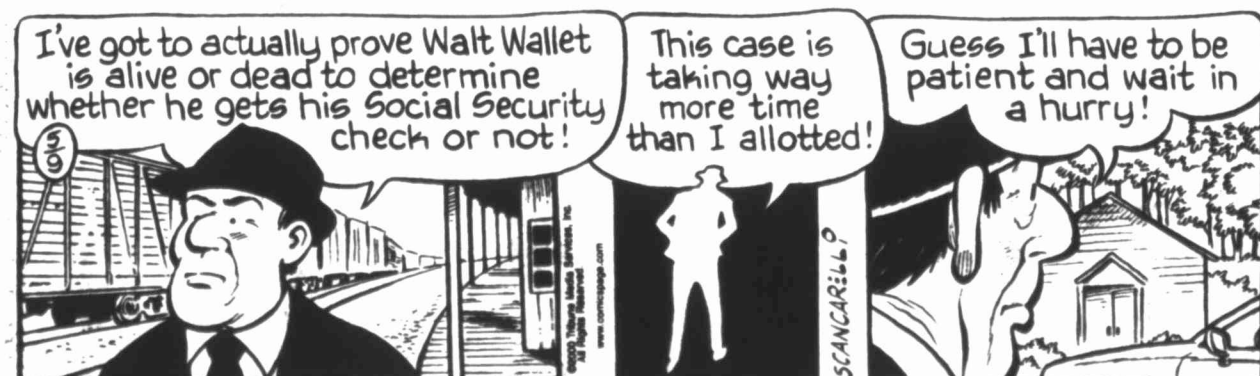
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