

SPORTS

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lowing one run, and was about to give up additional runs with the bases becoming loaded. He was able to strike out C.L. Snider, though, then took part in getting a runner out at home to limit the damage.

CDHS added a sacrifice fly in the fourth to add the fifth run.

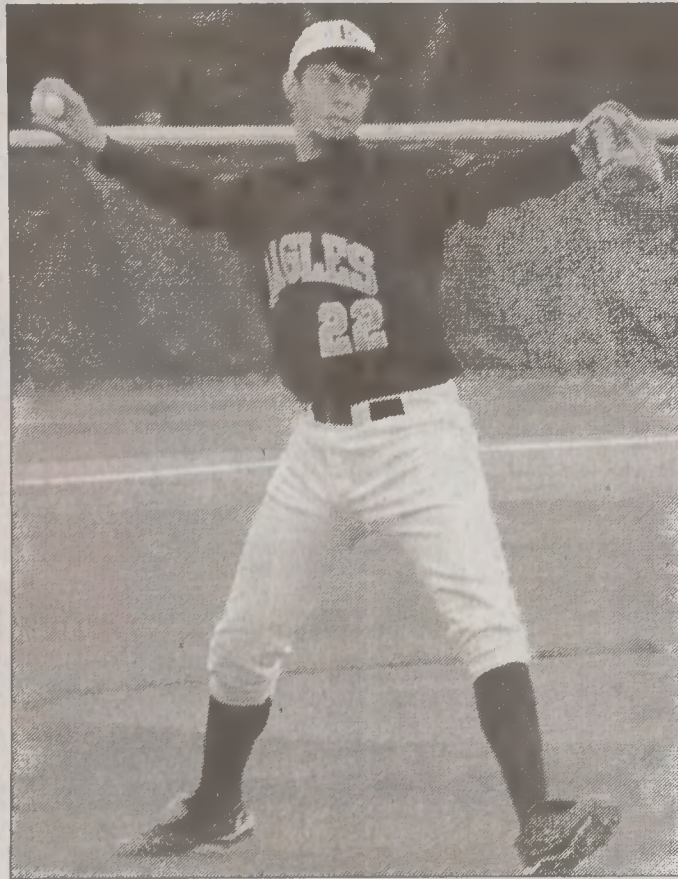
Meanwhile, East was giving away chances to score and Beck kept finding ways to get out of jams.

A pair of leadoff doubles in the second put runners at second and third, but they would never move again. Beck struck out the next three he faced to slam the door shut.

"Cody pitched a really good ballgame, and they obviously deserved to win it," said Tricarico.

East put runners on first and third with one out an inning later, but again could not work some magic. A 6-4-3 double play kept the Eagles off the board and the Spartans in control.

Needing to make some noise quickly with only nine outs left, East regained its focus and made a push in the fifth. They would score three in the frame, with the big hit coming from Tyler Lequire. He went the other way cranking a double into the right-center field gap, bringing in two runs.



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East pitcher Keaton Hawks makes the throw over to first base after fielding a grounder near the mound.

ter field gap, bringing in two runs.

The Spartans tacked on an additional run in the sixth, then had to survive one last effort from the Eagles in the seventh.

East loaded the bases with two outs, and brought the go-ahead run to the plate which happened to be slugger Tyler Lequire. It was a guy the Eagles would want stepping in with the game on the line, but Beck showed no fear. Ahead 2-2 in the count, Beck delivered the pitch and got Lequire to go down swinging, ending the night.

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With two games left on the conference schedule, it appears the best East can hope for is second place. The Spartans appear to be headed to a conference championship with Lexington and West Davidson remaining in their path.

"Realistically, they have a lock on first place and we are battling for second place," Tricarico said.

Hawks wound up batting 3-for-3 while Braxton Shetley added two hits.

CRUISE

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mered a Tysinger offering 210 feet down the left field line. The Spartans were able to breathe a sigh of relief, however, when the ball drifted just to the left of the foul pole.

For Tysinger, that proved to be the last real scare of her remarkable performance. She surrendered just one run on three hits through seven innings. She struck out nine.

Embler's outing was not without flaws, but she received no favors from a leaky defense, which committed seven crucial errors. The Eagles' hurler threw the ball effectively and kept her team in it for five innings.

"We made too many mental and physical mistakes," Fowler concluded. "When you play a team like Central, you've got to play a dog-gone good game."

Embler's line Tuesday was unimpressive, as she was tagged with 13 runs over seven innings, but eight of the runs came in the sixth and seventh — long after the game was decided. Only three of the 13 were earned.

With the win, Central (14-2, 8-0 Central Carolina 2-A) now has a two-game stranglehold on the conference and seeks to lock up a No. 1 seed down the stretch.

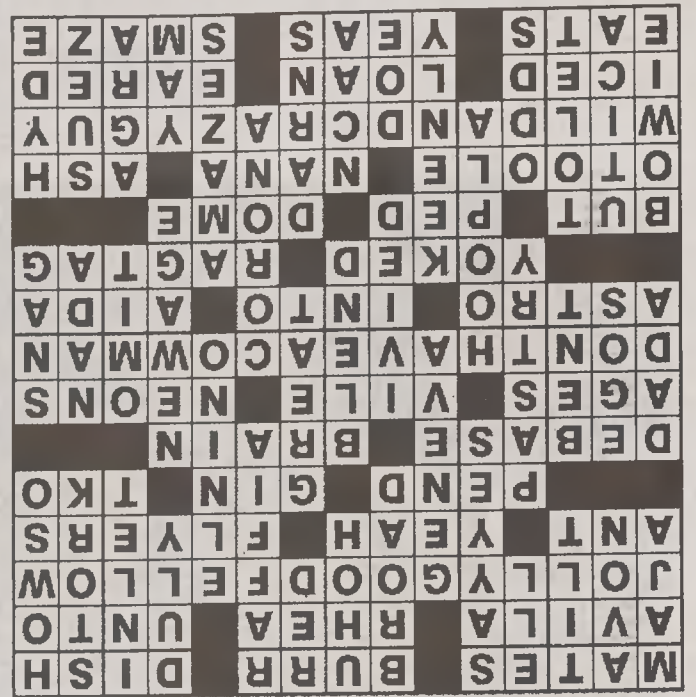
The win over the Eagles (11-6, 6-2 CCC) Tuesday may serve more than just a boost within the conference. Securing a high

seed for the postseason could prove significant as the team primes for yet another trip to Walnut Creek in defense of a fourth straight title.

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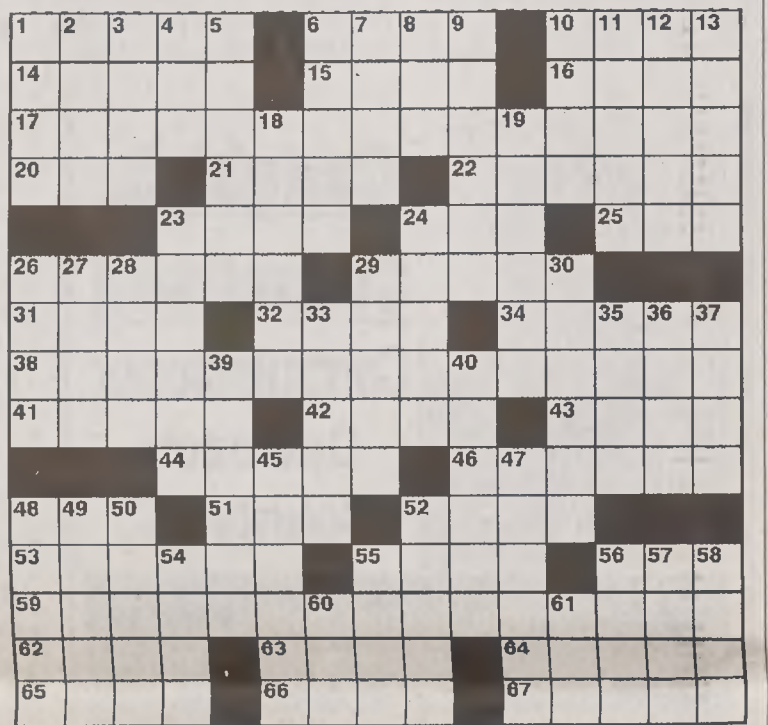
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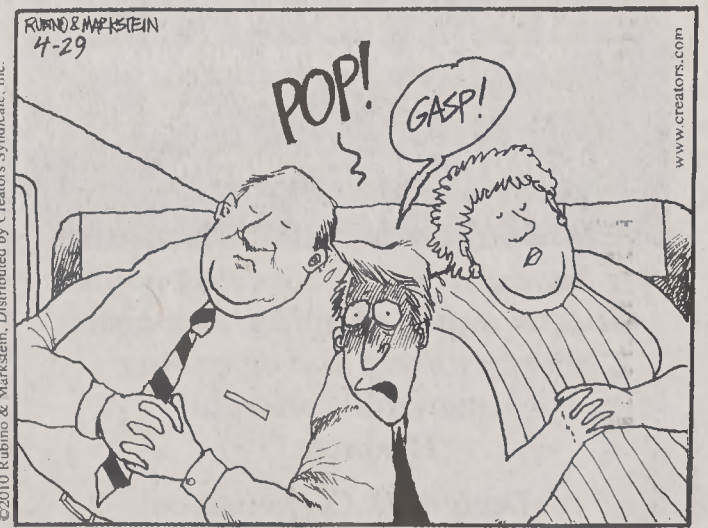
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 - 20 Aardvark morsel
 - 21 Informal assent
 - 22 Cockpit crew
 - 23 Hang in the balance
 - 24 Card-game shout
 - 25 Ref's declaration
 - 26 Lower in rank
 - 29 Whiz kid
 - 31 Long time
 - 32 Wretched
 - 34 Garish signs
 - 38 "Chill out!"
 - 41 Lone Star State ballplayer
 - 42 Obsessed by
 - 43 Opera that premiered in Cairo
 - 44 Like a team of oxen
 - 46 Disheveled
 - 48 Word of protest
 - 51 ___ XING
 - 52 Noggin
 - 53 *Lawrence of Arabia* star
 - 55 *Peter Pan* dog
 - 56 Gray shade
 - 59 Steve Martin's self-description
 - 62 Clinched, as a game
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- 1 Place to moor
 - 12 New parents' lawn adornment
 - 13 "In what way?"
 - 18 League of Nations city
 - 19 Cause of strange weather
 - 23 Bakery buy
 - 24 Remarkable
 - 26 Tot's word
 - 27 They may clash at work
 - 28 Needing realignment
 - 29 Mix smoothly
 - 30 Enya's music
 - 33 Like some university walls
 - 35 Skip over
 - 36 Zip
 - 37 Negotiations hangup
 - 39 Major publicity
 - 40 Solar-eclipse sight
 - 45 With intensity
 - 47 Renders speechless
 - 48 Alamo defender
 - 49 City on the Mohawk
 - 50 Boardinghouse sign
 - 52 Fixes a hole, perhaps
 - 54 Vegas calculation
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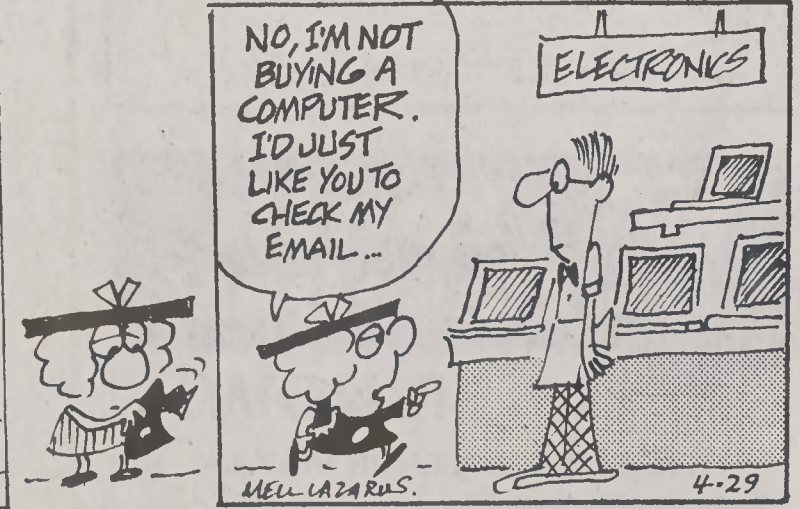
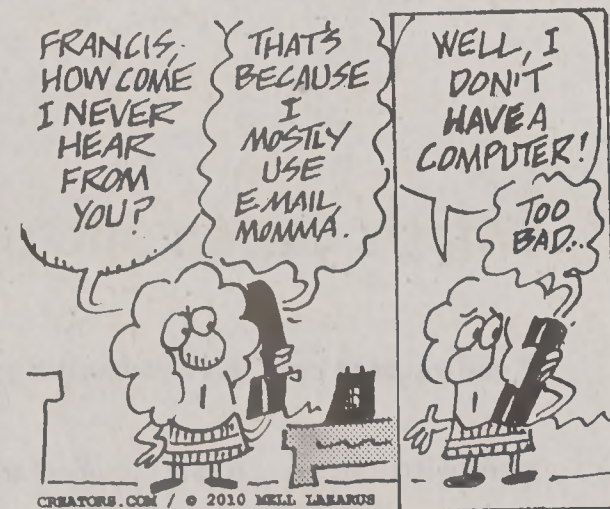
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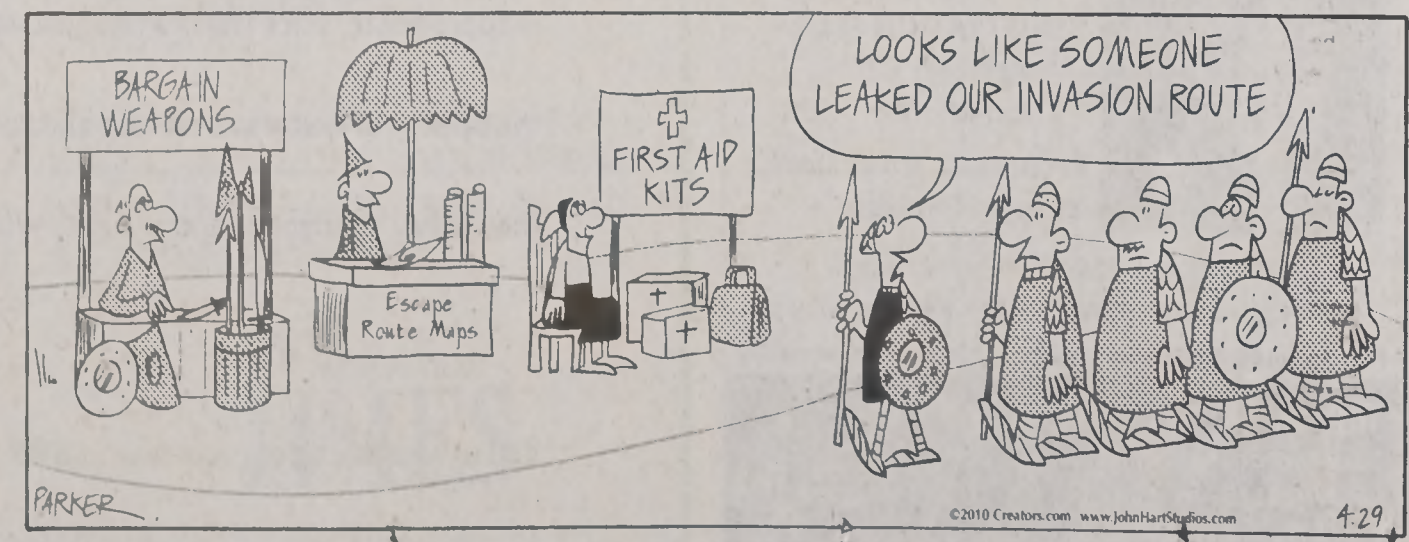


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Spencer Embler delivers a pitch against Central.

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