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Local weather

Forecast for the Big Spring area: Mostly fair, windy and warmer through Friday. Lows tonight lower 50s. Highs Friday in the middle 70s. The high Wednesday was 49 and the low was 43.

FAIR



Victor's Locks, 4, develops his and John's Locks, 3, skills at the Big Spring Head Start center.

Program gives low-income kids a headstart in school

Head Start appreciates the opportunity to serve as a bridge between the home and the school. At the Big Spring Head Start center, children are given a headstart in school through a variety of educational and social activities.

Head Start is a federal program that provides comprehensive early childhood education, health, nutrition, and social services to children from low-income families. The program is designed to prepare children for school and to help them overcome any developmental delays.

At the Big Spring Head Start center, children participate in a variety of activities, including reading, singing, and playing. The center also provides health and nutrition services to the children and their families.



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Head Start has garnered support from a wide cross-section of the American public. The program has been praised by political figures ranging from President Ronald Reagan to George Bush. During the presidential campaign, George Bush pledged support for the program, saying, "Give any American kid an equal place at the starting line and watch what that kid can do. Head Start helps kids get that equal place."

In an effort to back up his rhetoric, Bush has proposed boosting the program's current \$1.23 billion budget by \$400 million over the next year — a 33 percent increase by 1992.

The additional funds would help centers serve more children. Typically, centers are unable to meet the demand for entrance in the program because of budget constraints.

In Big Spring, the Big Spring Head Start — which opened in 1980 — currently serves 228 students. The local program is funded to serve 228 students, and did have a waiting list with names of about 20 parents who wanted to enroll their children. But the opening at the center occurred after the February cut off date for enrollment.

Head Start page 3-A

Boy's plan for better life ends in tragedy

By MICHAEL DUFFY, Staff Writer

The dream of a better future ended tragically early Wednesday along a stretch of Union Pacific Railroad tracks in Big Spring for a 16-year-old Mexican National.

Raul Marcian and three other men apparently had decided to seek work — and a better life — by clinging to the bars of an empty railroad car destined for Dallas.

Big Spring Police Capt. Melvin Fowler said a dispatcher received a "man down" call shortly after 10 a.m. and discovered two men about 80 feet east of the Owen Street viaduct.

"We found a man down and it appeared his foot had been cut off. We

called an ambulance and he was taken to the hospital (Scenic Mountain Medical Center)," Fowler explained.

He added that when police arrived another Mexican National told him that when Marcian attempted to jump off the train, his foot became entangled and he suffered other injuries.

"The man told us he dragged the boy across another set of railroad tracks and they had been there for nine hours," Fowler said.

Marfa Assistant Center Patrol Officer Don Barnfield said this morning he was contacted by Big Spring police about returning a man to the Mexican border.

The 27-year-old Mexican Na-

tional told Border Patrol officers he, Marcian and two other men hid themselves on a railroad car in Mexico for a trip to Dallas to seek better-paying jobs.

"When the boy got his foot caught, the man told us he jumped off to help his friend, but the other men just kept riding," Barnfield said.

Marcian was eventually transferred from Big Spring to Lubbock Methodist Hospital where surgeons amputated his right foot, according to a nursing supervisor.

He also sustained other undisclosed injuries and his condition was listed as serious in the hospital's surgical Intensive Care Unit, the supervisor said.

Tower: Never surrender

By DAVID ESPO, Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — Republicans are promising a vigorous and lengthy Senate debate over John Tower's nomination as defense secretary, even as his chances of confirmation fade under the mounting weight of Democratic opposition.

Tower's GOP allies made their fighting intentions clear late Wednesday while the man at the center of the storm said he has no intention of giving up. "Never surrender or retreat," the former Texas senator said, quoting the commander of the Texas forces at the Alamo.

The full Senate arranged to begin debate shortly after noon today, although no vote was expected until next week at the earliest, and there were fresh Democratic pleadings that Tower withdraw his nomination.

Tower on Wednesday renewed his vow to abstain from drinking if he is confirmed. Asked during a National Press Club appearance if he had ever broken any previous pledges, including wedding vows, the twice-divorced Tower said he had broken marital vows.

"I think I probably am not alone in that connection," he added.

Tower also said he would not return to the defense consulting industry even if his confirmation fails.

Sen. William Cohen, R-Maine, said there would be a "vigorous" debate on the Senate floor, adding that the issue involved is more important than a single nomination.

In a reference to the Senate's majority Democrats, Republican leader Bob Dole, R-Kan., said, "We hope the door is not closed on the other side."

But not a single Democrat has thus far supported Tower, and two Democrats announced their opposition in speeches on the Senate floor.

Senate Majority Leader George

Should Tower be defense chief?



By MICHAEL DUFFY, Staff Writer

Big Spring residents appear divided on whether Texas Republican Senator John Tower should be confirmed as secretary of defense, according to an informal survey conducted Wednesday.

Tower has been the subject of intense scrutiny during his confirmation hearings amid allegations of womanizing, excessive drinking and other charges.

Sen. Tower, R-Texas, has not been a victim of such criticism.

"I think that since President (George) Bush selected him as his choice we should get behind him," Corbett said.

She added that she believes the allegations of excessive drinking are exaggerated.

"There are just so many cocktail parties they (congressmen) can attend," Corbett remarked.

Billy Patton, 1705 Kentucky Way, said he has "reservations" about Tower's confirmation.

"My first reaction (if he were Tower) would be to tell them all I'm goin' to the home," Patton expressed.

REACTION page 3-A

Billions withdrawn from nation's S&Ls

WASHINGTON — Treasury Secretary Nicholas F. Brady is blaming newspaper headlines and television reports for causing billions of dollars in withdrawals at savings and loan associations so far this year.

Federal savings and loan regulators on Wednesday revealed that depositors withdrew at least \$1 billion last month after publication of a list of institutions targeted for government takeover.

Brady, appearing before the Senate Budget Committee, said, "It's our conviction that the outflow is due to the stories on the nightly news and the black headlines on the front of the business pages or page 1 almost every day for the past two months."

He said S&Ls have been forced to increase interest rates on savings by an average of three-fourths of a percentage point to hold deposits following the increase in public attention to the industry's problems. He predicted that the rates would drop once President Bush's plan to

bail out the industry is approved and public confidence is restored.

"We feel growth (in deposits) will be strong in the future," he said.

Locally, Charles Beil, manager of Consolidated Federal, termed the rise in withdrawals "rather extraordinary."

Interest rates at Consolidated Federal — which acquired the former Big Spring Savings and First Federal in a merger plan — have risen "moderately," Beil said, adding that the trend in rates would "depend on the Federal Reserve (Board), which is able to manipulate interest rates with a considerable degree of effectiveness."

M. Danny Wall, chairman of the Federal Home Loan Bank Board, said the nation's 2,950 S&Ls suffered net withdrawals of \$4 billion to \$5 billion in February, \$1 billion to \$2 billion of it at the 220 institutions earmarked for takeover by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corp.

Wall, in a separate appearance

WITHDRAWAL page 3-A



Thousands of cookies! Girl Scout volunteers Donna Dugger, left, Denissa Darnell and Jonel Smallwood help unload boxes of Girl Scouts cookies. Scout members will begin delivering cookies at 4 p.m. Friday through March 18.

Aerobics going to the dogs

BROWN DEER, Wis. (AP) — Sherry Wall wants to become the Jane Fonda of the canine set.

Wall said she has received about 20 calls from prospective customers since she started speaking on the radio and distributing fliers last month, promoting her aerobic exercise course for dogs.

"Dogs are very social animals, and many of them are alone eight, 10, 12 hours a day," she said. "They turn into real couch potatoes."

Wall, a veterinary technician and dog groomer, plans to begin teaching exercise classes for dogs and their owners at a shopping center in this Milwaukee suburb in late March.

The exercises, she said, are takeoffs on common calisthenics for humans and should be easily mastered by any dog that has had basic obedience training.

"A sit-up goes from a sit-down position to a jump," she said. "And a push-up is sit to lie-down."

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Spring board

How's that?

Parking

Q. Is parking allowed by Washington School in the former bus lane on the south side of N. Monticello St.?

Calendar Assitance

- THURSDAY
There will be free income tax assistance at the Citizens' Federal Credit Union, FM 700, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
FRIDAY
The Spring City Theatre presents "Barefoot in the Park" in the Municipal Auditorium.

Withdrawal

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before the Senate Banking Committee, said the bulk of the withdrawals were a normal response to rising interest rates.

Police beat

The Big Spring Police Department reported investigating the following incident:
A man who resides in the 800 block of west Eighth Street reported that someone unknown to him caused \$100 damage to his vehicle by scratching the paint job

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Testimony discloses North plan to block Rama River

WASHINGTON (AP) — A Miami man today described how Oliver North ran a 1985 meeting that focused on the Contra rebels opening a southern front in their war against the leftist government of Nicaragua.

At the meeting, it was North's suggestion "to open a southern front," Quintero told a jury in U.S. District Court.
He added that North also discussed the possibility of sinking a barge to obstruct the Rama River in order to cut off a military supply line that Nicaragua's Sandinista government was using.

for the Contras.
The prosecution team in the North trial put Quintero on the witness stand after defense attorney Brendan Sullivan said he had no questions on cross-examination for the previous witness, retired Army Maj. Gen. John Singlaub.

tact with Singlaub for 20 months.
Singlaub's letter to the CIA suggested otherwise, and Singlaub testified that he in fact met with North "maybe six times" from the summer of 1985 to August 1986.

when U.S. District Judge Gerhard Gesell learned that memos the government was trying to censor on national security grounds had already been made public eight months before.

Headstart

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ment, said Macaria Cantu, director.
The program serves children of low-income families who are between the ages of 3 years and 3 months and not older than 5 before Sept. 1.

by the Child Development Association and must successfully complete 24 hours of early childhood education courses.
Nora Bustamante, a teacher at Lakeview, believes the program is instrumental in preparing its students for attendance at public school.

Sheriff's log

The Howard County Sheriff's Department reported investigating the following incidents:
A man who gave his address as Route 1 reported several

weapons and a VCR were stolen from his residence sometime Wednesday. Thieves stole eight guns from the residence, including a 12-gauge shotgun, 30.06 lever-action rifle, semi-automatic rifle and two antique pistols.

bond after being arrested on a charge of simple assault.
Christopher Allen Calvert, 18, Box 335, was released on \$1,000 bond after being arrested on a charge of simple assault.

Deaths

Parnell Garrett

Parnell Garrett, 77, Big Spring, died Wednesday, March 1, 1989 in a local hospital.
Graveside services will be 2 p.m. Friday in Trinity Memorial Park with Rev. Eldon Cook, Sand Springs Baptist Church, officiating, and assisted by Rev. Bob Farrell, East 4th Street Baptist Church.

Thomas Roden

Thomas (Pinkie) Roden, 77, Odessa, died Tuesday, Feb. 28, 1989 at his home after a lengthy illness.
Private graveside services were held Wednesday at his Madera Springs Ranch in Jeff Davis County.

Barbara Waits

Barbara Waits, 80, Big Spring, died Wednesday, March 1, 1989 in a local hospital.
Services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

Eunice Ussery

Eunice Faye Ussery, 66, Big Spring, died Thursday, March 2, 1989 in Golden Plains Nursing Home.
Graveside services will be 3 p.m. Friday in Mt. Olive Memorial Park with Rev. David Robertson, First United Methodist Church, officiating.

Beatrice Jones

Beatrice Jones, 86, Big Spring, died Thursday, March 2, 1989 in a local hospital.
Services are pending with Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Maurice Collier

Maurice (Butch) Collier, 80 Big Spring, died Thursday, March 2, 1989 in a local hospital.
Services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home

Parnell Garrett, 77, died Wednesday. Graveside services will be 2:00 P.M. Friday in Trinity Memorial Park.
Ray Porter, 91, died Wednesday. Graveside services will be 10:00 a.m. Saturday in Trinity Memorial Park.

Jeff Chapman

Jeff T. Chapman, 84, Big Spring, died Wednesday, March 1, 1989 at his home following a lengthy illness.
Services will be 4 p.m. Friday at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with Phillip Burcham, Church of Christ minister, officiating.

Floyd Newsom

Floyd D. Newsom, 73, Big Spring, died Wednesday, March 1, 1989 in a local hospital.
Services will be 2:30 p.m. Friday in Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with Rev. E.L. Newsom, Hamilton and Pete Hanks, minister, Sand Springs Church of Christ, officiating.

Raymond Porter

Raymond Porter, 91, Big Spring, died Wednesday, March 1, 1989 in a local hospital.
Military graveside services will be conducted by Goodfellow Air Force Base at 10 a.m. Saturday in Trinity Memorial Park with George O'Brian and Mike Gerhart, both of Coahoma Church of Christ, officiating.

Reaction

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plained, "If all of it (allegations) is true, it shows a lack of self discipline. If the man lacks self discipline to that degree I don't think he would be a good candidate for a position of that importance."

Crimestoppers

The Big Spring Police Department is seeking the public's assistance in locating the persons responsible for an early February burglary at Comanche Trail Golf Course Pro Shop.
Between the hours of 9 p.m. Feb. 1 and 7 a.m. Feb. 2, unknown persons forcibly entered three storage sheds located adjacent to the pro shop.

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NASA plans to land robot probes

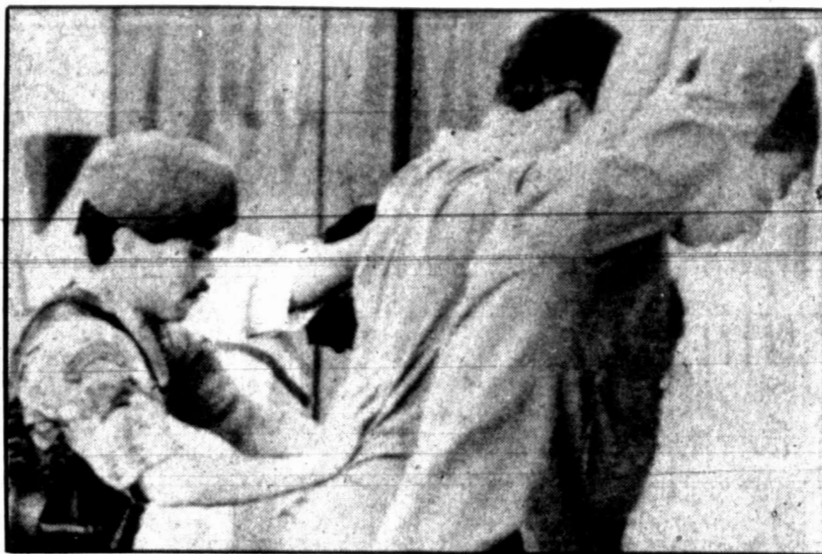
WASHINGTON (AP) — NASA plans to land robot probes on a comet and on a moon of Saturn early next century in new programs that would cost \$1.6 billion over the next seven years.

In testimony prepared for a budget hearing before the House committee on science, space and technology, National Aeronautics and Space Administration scientist Lennard A. Fisk said Wednesday that the unmanned spacecraft would allow the United States to maintain world leadership in exploration of the

solar system.

Fisk, the associate NASA administrator for space science and applications, said a mission called Comet Rendezvous Asteroid Flyby, or CRAF, would be launched in 1995 and would streak through space for five years before meeting in space with the comet Kopff and dropping a probe to its surface.

A second mission, called Cassini, would be launched in 1996 and arrive in an orbit of the planet Saturn in the year 2002.



CARACAS, Venezuela — A Venezuelan national guardsman searches citizens for weapons in Caracas Wednesday as rioting broke out for a third day despite the imposition of martial law. More than 100 people have been reported killed this week.

Taxpayers filing early returns

WASHINGTON (AP) — Less than 30 percent of taxpayers have filed their returns halfway into the filing season, but the pace is still ahead of last year's.

The Internal Revenue Service said Wednesday that through Feb. 24, it had received 30.8 million returns, up 2 percent over the comparable period of 1988, when 30.2 million were received.

The number of taxpayers filing the long Form 1040 — most of whom itemize deductions — drop-

ped 4.2 percent, the IRS said. But the number filing the "short" Form 1040A and the one-page 1040EZ rose 7.5 percent and 6.8 percent. This year's figures include 13.1 million long forms, 8.5 million Form 1040A and 9.1 million Form 1040EZ.

The IRS read the figures as suggesting "that many taxpayers who filed Form 1040 in the past may be switching to the simpler, shorter forms."

City calm after days Of violence

CARACAS, Venezuela (AP) — More than 20,000 soldiers and police officers patrolled the capital today to maintain order after three days of rioting over price increases. A newspaper said at least 200 people have been killed.

Sporadic gunfire died down at daybreak in the capital, and officials urged workers to return to their jobs.

Interior Minister Alejandro Izaguirre said Wednesday night that "small anarchistic groups" were bent on prolonging the unrest that has "shaken the country."

President Carlos Andres Perez has been in office for just a month.

The opposition has blamed the riots on government austerity measures mandated by the International Monetary Fund as a condition for new credits.

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Real wages have since fallen by one-third, inflation is expected to hit 70 percent this year — double the 1988 figure — and the foreign debt is \$33 billion, fourth largest in Latin America after Brazil, Mexico and Argentina.

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Arkansas agrees to settle case

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (AP) — The state has agreed to settle the largest desegregation case in its history by paying out \$118 million, including NAACP attorneys' fees dating back to the landmark court-ordered integration of 1957.

The proposed settlement, which ends six years of litigation involving the state and the three school districts in Pulaski County, was signed by attorneys for all the

parties before U.S. District Judge Henry Woods on Wednesday.

The Little Rock School District, which is mostly black, had sued the state and the neighboring, mostly white North Little Rock and Pulaski County school districts in federal court, alleging the defendants caused illegal segregation in Little Rock schools.

Art school reopens flag display

CHICAGO (AP) — An exhibit that appears to invite people to step on the American flag was resuming on a limited basis despite a lawsuit by veterans' groups seeking to prevent the flag's alleged desecration.

After closing a gallery at the School of the Art Institute following protests by veterans, school officials announced Wednesday the student show would reopen with access limited to students,

faculty and staff.

The school cited the students' right of free expression in announcing it would reopen the show today.

The work by student Scott Tyler — titled "What Is the Proper Way to Display a U.S. Flag?" — features a flag spread on the floor in front of a montage. Depicted in the photographs are flag-draped coffins, South Koreans burning the U.S. flag and other scenes.

World

280 to be freed following protest

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa (AP) — Law and Order Minister Adriaan Vlok said today that 280 detainees, more than a quarter of those being held without charge, will be free by this weekend.

However, Vlok, who arranged the releases over a two-week period as part of an effort to end a widespread hunger strike, said

the government had no plans to lift the 32-month state-of-emergency that allows indefinite detention without trial.

An anti-apartheid newspaper, New Nation, said today that more than 50 people had been detained in the two weeks since Vlok's pledge of large-scale releases prompted most of the hunger strikers to suspend their fast.

Antarctica oil slick spreads

PUNTA ARENAS, Chile (AP) — An oil slick from a ship grounded in Antarctica is more serious than originally thought and has spread in stormy weather, the Chilean navy says.

The slick from the 1,980-ton Peruvian vessel, which ran aground Sunday off King George Island, had become a half-mile long and 150 feet wide — more than double its size of a day earlier, the navy said in a communique Wednesday.

Winds up to 80 mph on Wednesday prevented efforts to right the

Humboldt and clean up the diesel oil leaking from two fuel tanks, the navy said.

Lt. Cristian Carbone, a navy spokesman in Punta Arenas, 1,500 miles south of Santiago, said authorities hope to re-float the Humboldt soon.

The Humboldt ran aground around midnight Sunday near Marion Cove on King George Island. All 64 scientists and sailors aboard were rescued unharmed by the British Royal Navy's ice patrol ship, Endurance.

Boat people return home today

HONG KONG (AP) — Seventy-five Vietnamese who fled their Communist homeland in search of a better life returned to Hanoi by chartered jet today in the first large-scale repatriation of boat people.



VIETNAMESE BOAT PEOPLE

The boat people were among the approximately 11,000 Vietnamese who have sailed into this British colony since it adopted a tough new policy last year that for most of them rules out resettlement.

The 46 men, 19 women and 10 children were accompanied this evening by two United Nations officials and an interpreter on the 2½-hour flight to Hanoi.

The repatriation was arranged under an agreement reached by Vietnam and the U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees. Hanoi promised not to prosecute its returning citizens and to allow the international organization to monitor their treatment back home.

The UNHCR agreed to provide assistance to the repatriated Vietnamese.

Search for agent's killer continues

NEW YORK (AP) — An undercover federal drug agent was shot out of "cold-bloodedness" by a man who probably was unaware he was dealing with a law enforcement officer, authorities said.

The slaying of Special Agent Everette Hatcher on Tuesday was the first killing of a Drug Enforcement Administration officer in the New York area since 1972, said DEA spokesman Robert Strang.

Investigators do not believe Hatcher's cover had been blown, said William Y. Doran, special agent in charge of the FBI's Criminal

Division.

"This was not a 'buy and bust' situation. There were no drugs present. There was no money present," Doran said. "The killing was out of cold-bloodedness as far as we can determine."

The DEA, FBI and police issued a nationwide bulletin for the man Hatcher went to meet, Constable "Gus" Farace, 28, of Staten Island.

Drug agency officials said Hatcher, 46, who had been an Army captain in the Vietnam War, chose to go to the meeting at a diner unarmed. He was wearing a radio

transmitter and had five backup men, but they lost contact as he drove through heavy traffic.

Doran said Hatcher's wire had not been disturbed when he was found slumped over the wheel of an unmarked car on a dead-end street, shot four times in the head and upper body.

Farace was released from the Elmira Correction Facility in June after serving eight years for the 1979 kidnapping and murder of a New Jersey teen-ager who was killed on Staten Island, said police sources.



Associated Press photo

Beer on ice

REIJKJAVIK, Iceland — Icelanders celebrate in a Reijkjavik bar today as the first legal beer since 1915 went on sale in the Icelandic capital. Bars and

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Lifestyle

Local church prepares for World Day of Prayer

World Day of Prayer will mark its 102nd observance Friday as thousands of Christians join together in 170 countries and regions to pray as one body for each other and for world peace, according to a news release.

This global circle of prayer acts each year as a powerful bond of hope to strengthen relationships between all people on this volatile planet.

Services will be conducted at 10 a.m. at Wesley United Methodist Church, 1201 Owens.

Wade Burroughs, choir director, will present a mini-concert during the celebration service.

This year's theme is "Jesus, Teach Us To Pray." The prayers and worship resources were written by an ecumenical group of Christian women in Burma and later were translated into hundreds of languages and dialects, the release stated.

The service brings to consciousness the struggles of the peo-

ple of Burma, so ravaged by terrors of war and economic oppression.

It also invites a deeper understanding of the Lord's prayer, stressing the power of intercessory prayer and challenging those who pray to listen and respond to those in need, whoever and wherever they may be.

Since its inception in 1941, Church Women United has been the official sponsor of World Day of Prayer in the United States and has assumed responsibility for the preparation and distribution of related resources in this country.

CWU is the ecumenical movement that brings Protestant, Roman Catholic and Orthodox women together into one Christian community of prayer, advocacy and service.

Unified by common faith in Christ, CWU members work for the elimination of poverty of women and children and for justice and peace.



Popp-eyed

BOSTON — Eight-month-old Michael Popp of Weymouth, Mass., peers through a page of his "Look Book" in Boston where he was waiting with his mother for the announcement of the winner of the 1989 Christ Child Contest at St. Kevin's

Rectory. Michael was one of 15 babies entered in the annual contest to fill the role in the church Easter pageant. Michael had a good time with his book but he wasn't chosen.

Associated Press photo

Club president explains local Prospector's Club

By MYRTLE GRIFFITH

The Prospector's Club is affiliated with both the National and South Central Federations of Mineral Societies. It won national recognition as the "All American Club" in 1984 from the Federation, a coveted award. The club publishes a monthly bulletin which won first place in the South Central Federation (Texas, Arkansas and Louisiana) competition in 1988. It sponsors regular classes and learning programs, maintains a lapidary shop for club members, has speakers who are available to speak to other groups or schools, sponsors field trips and rock hunting expeditions, provides recreation and fellowship for members, and donates to scholarships and various charities when funds are available.

A wide range of activities, interests, and talent is to be found within the membership. Following is only a partial list: precious metal creations (casting, smithing, plating), gold and silver chains, venetian copper beads, faceting of precious gems, cabachon (cutting, polishing, designing), gem-tree and picture designing, wire-wrap (solderless) jewelry, treasure hunting, rock and mineral collecting and identifying, social activities and channel jewelry.

Those metal detector fans still enjoy their hobby within the organization. Hopefully this article answers the question, "What is the Prospector's Club?"

If you are still curious or interested, additionally information may be obtained at the 20th annual Gem and Mineral Show Saturday and Sunday at the exhibit building at the Howard County Fairgrounds. There are many interesting and educational displays and club members will be delighted to share his/her information.

What is the Big Spring Prospector's Club?

This question has been asked so many times by so many Big Spring residents — a surprising fact — when one considers the length of time the club has been in existence. Perhaps it is time to publicly clarify the issue.

It all began about 1964 when four men who owned metal detectors decided to pursue their favorite hobby together. By 1967 it became an organized club with Bobby West as the first president. At that time it was a treasure hunting pastime, and things ranging from old coins, barbed wire, old military artifacts, relics, bottles and glassware were collected. Likely that is the reason for the name "Prospector's Club."

With the passage of time, the club grew and evolved into an organization whose members have a great variety of talents and occupations. The roster includes electricians, salesmen, carpenters, doctors, teachers, ministers, housewives, artists, photographers and so many others too numerous to mention.

Since it is family oriented, members range in ages from toddlers to senior citizens. The tie that binds so diversified a group together is the common interest in gems, minerals, earth sciences, creativity, development of skills, especially lapidary ones, friendship and community pride.

A format of by-laws was adopted, and the club became incorporated in 1982. It is non-political, non-sectarian, and non-profit. Membership is open to anyone of good moral character who has interest in gems, minerals, earth sciences, creativity, development of skills, lapidary or ecology, and who is willing to abide by the constitution and by-laws of the club.

Love-it-or-leave-it of fends clear-eyed patriot

DEAR ABBY: May I reply to "M.S. Seppal, D.D.S.," whose letter you published accompanied by an article titled "The Dumbest Person in the World."



Dear Abby

I am sick of hearing that I should go somewhere else if I don't like it here. This is my country, too, and I love it just as much as you do. Possibly more, because I'm not afraid to criticize it when it is wrong. It takes courage to face the truth and try to correct things. Nothing was ever accomplished by waving the flag and saying, "We're better than the trash next door, so shut up!" Being better than the worst is nothing to be proud of.

To take issue with a few things we Americans have to be "proud" of:

- Almost unlimited natural resources: Not anymore — thanks to the unbridled greed of industry.
- A ballot box nobody can stuff: Really? Ask Nixon about 1960 in Chicago.
- A judicial system that is the envy of the rest of the world: Our judicial system is NOT the envy of

the world. Plea bargaining, which allows sleazy criminals to get off with a slap on the wrist, is unique here. So is getting off on a technicality. In England, if the arresting officer errs, he is reprimanded and suspended, but his mistake does not allow the accused to go free. Sentencing disparities are a disgrace — six years for beating a baby to death, but 10 years for striking a police officer. We have country club accommodations for political prisoners, and capricious parole for perpetrators of some of the most heinous crimes imaginable. What country would envy that?

- Food so plentiful that overeating is a major problem? Tell that to the below-poverty-level

citizenry.

- One hundred million jobs, when too many of them are engaged in an overabundance of offensive weapons production, is nothing to brag about.

We have lost our prestige in the world because too many wrongs have been allowed to flourish for too long, and it's our own fault.

Pollyanna never solved any problems. She just smiled and said, "Isn't everything wonderful?" — DIANE STACOM, HUNTINGTON STATION, N.Y.

DEAR DIANE: Ouch! The truth hurts, but it's worth examining. Thanks for a good letter.

DEAR ABBY: I would like to give the following advice to "Depressed Down South," who was convicted of shoplifting.

By statute, in California a person may expunge a criminal record if she or he meets certain conditions. Expungement is not a pardon or a complete "cleansing" of the criminal record; rather, it is a

"cleansing" of the record for limited purposes. For example, a person who obtains an expungement in California is not required to disclose the conviction that was expunged on employment applications (usually, after expungement, disclosure is only required for governmental jobs). Thus, an individual who has obtained an expungement could honestly, and legally, answer no to a conviction-related question on a job application, depending on the type of job being sought.

I suggest that "Depressed Down South" either hire a lawyer or do some legal research to find out whether the state in which she committed the crime permits expungement, or "cleansing" of the record through some other method, so that she may exercise her rights and proceed with her career.

GLORIA M. SANCHEZ, ESQ., SANTA ANA, CALIF.

DEAR MS. SANCHEZ: Thank you for a letter that many will find helpful.

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Mrs. Harold "Tommie" Gilmore will celebrate her 80th birthday Sunday at 804 Edwards Blvd., from 2 to 4 p.m.

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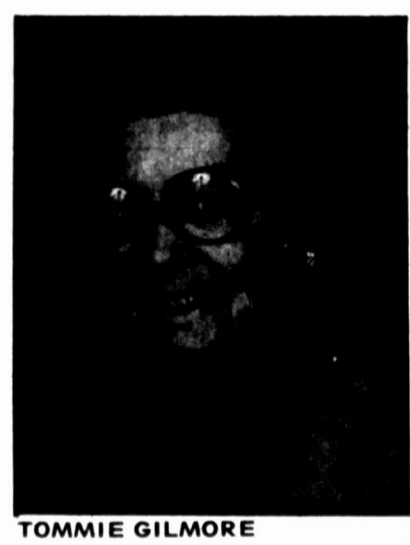
Mrs. Gilmore was born March 5, 1909 in Paris.

She married Harold Gilmore March 5, 1935.

Mrs. Gilmore is a member of 14th & Main Church of Christ, and is a seamstress.

She moved to Big Spring in 1942. She has three grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren.

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— How to Plant - Plant in clumps of four or more. For continuous blooms, plant a variety of early- and late-blooming bulbs (glads bloom two to three months after planting).

— Watering - Water often, about an inch every third day of the growing season and more during hot, dry weather.

— Digging and Storing Bulbs - Dig up and store glad bulbs each fall. After frost blackens the foliage, dig up bulbs carefully to avoid damage. Cut tops to within a few inches of bulbs. Cure two weeks; store in nylon hose or mesh bags hung in a 35- to 40-degree room.

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Weather

By The Associated Press. A late-winter storm brought heavy snow to the Pacific Northwest...



and the Idaho Panhandle. Snow also was falling across the country's northern tier...

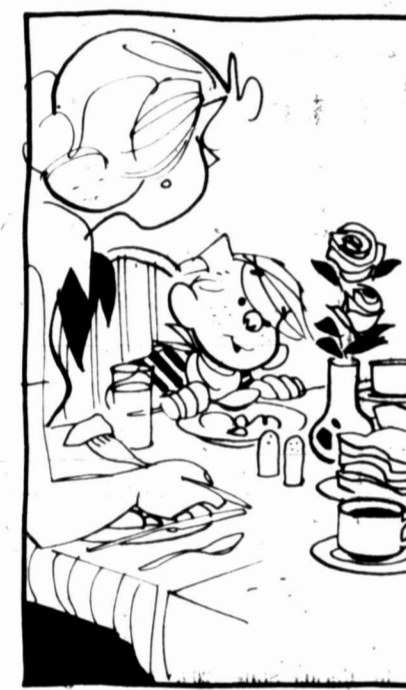
Jeanne Dixon's Horoscope

FRIDAY, MARCH 3, 1989. ARIES (March 21-April 19) Friendship may turn to love. New career opportunities arise...

Relationship. Romance is happier and more exciting. Your work hours grow, but so does your job satisfaction...

your work timetable in mind. Tune out distractions. SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): You are in a generous, helpful mood...

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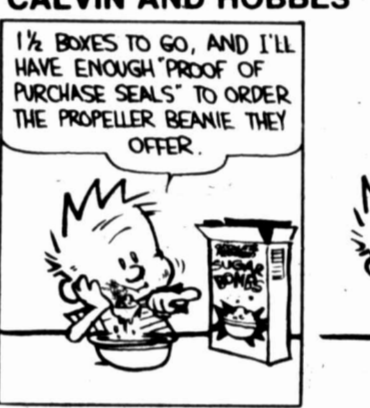
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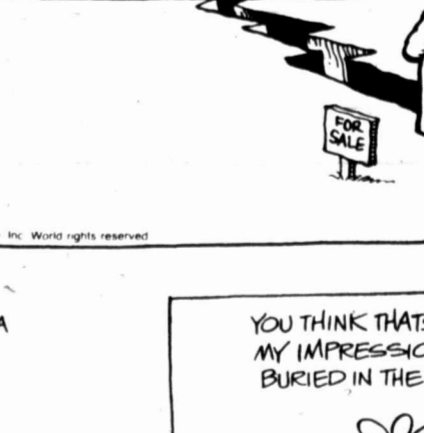
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Entertainment

What's happening!

The 1989 tour of Nashville Stars Country Music Spectacular will be presented tonight at the Big Spring High School auditorium beginning at 8 p.m.

It is the fifth annual "Grand Ole" Country Music Spectacular extravaganza to be presented in Big Spring and is sponsored by the Big Spring Police Association.

Featured artists will include Leon Ashley, who has written and recorded over 200 hit songs such as "Laura", "Mental Journey" and "Flower of Love"; banjo champion Tim Mayberry; stage personality George Riddle; The Strings of Nashville; and singer Margie Singleton.

Tickets will be on sale at the door for \$4 or are available in advance from area businesses at \$3 each.

The 20th annual Big Spring Prospector's Gem and Mineral Show will be held at the Fairbarns in Big Spring Saturday and Sunday beginning at 9 a.m.

CBS recording artists "Shenandoah" will bring their "The Road Not Taken Tour" to Big Spring at the Brass Nail Thurs., March 9, for a show at 9 p.m. Tickets may be purchased at the club.

Shenandoah traveled through 1988 on a successful run of chart hits. Their first release for CBS, "Stop The Rain," hit Top 30 nationally with their second release "She Doesn't Cry Anymore" reaching Top 10 on *Billboard Magazine's* Country Singles Top 100 Chart.

"Mama Knows" closed out 1988 in a Top Five position bringing about a solid start for Shenandoah's second CBS/Columbia album, "The Road Not Taken." "The Church on Cumberland Road," Shenandoah's current single, from the album brought about the groups first



Country rock band Shenandoah will be appearing at the Brass Nail in Big Spring on March 9. From left to right are Mike McGuire, Ralph Ezell, Marty Raybon, Jim Seales and Stan Thorn.

music video.

Their hard work paid off in an exceptional new album. With "The Road Not Taken" Shenandoah takes country music down a new

road, with a unique sound and a unique approach that leads right to the heart of country music.

A wine and cheese reception will

open Nicholas Wood's "Sculpture and Drawings" exhibition from 7-9 p.m., Tues., March 7, in the Third Floor Art Gallery of The University of Texas of the Permian Basin.

Wood has exhibited throughout Texas and has been published in various magazines and newspapers.

The exhibition will be on display through April 14.

The thirty-ninth annual presentation of the Easter story, in Pantomime will be held Saturday, March 25 one mile southeast of Junction on the slope of Lover's Leap Mountain.

The event, sponsored by the Men's Bible Class (non-sectarian) is at 8 p.m. on the eve of Easter.

Volunteers of Kimble County citizens, men, women and children in costume, re-enact Jesus Christ's last days on earth in a picturesque natural amphitheater.

Admission is free but good-will donations will be accepted. Viewers may watch the program from their cars, RV's or you may

bring your own chairs.

For more information, call Chamber of Commerce (915) 446-3190.

The 4th Annual Odessa Art Association Juried Exhibition will be displayed March 8 through April 8 at the Art Institute for the Permian Basin in Odessa.

Entries will be taken for the exhibit Saturday from 1 to 4 p.m. and Sunday, March 5, 2-4 p.m. The juried show is open to any resident of the Permian Basin. Media categories will include oil, acrylic, watercolor, graphics, pastels, photography, and sculpture and crafts. Only original work will be accepted. Work should be no longer than 50" x 50" framed.

The Art Institute for the Permian Basin is located at 4909 East University in Odessa and is open Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. Admission is always free. For more information contact Letha Hooper at 368-7222.



James Burlson and Gloria Hopkins, seated, prepare to sample the hors d'oeuvres as Greg Smith and Donna Fields look on in Barefoot in the Park, presented by Spring City Theater.

'Barefoot' a ticklish comedy

By KAREN MCCARTHY Staff Writer

Neil Simon's comedy, *Barefoot in the Park*, offers a lighthearted look at what happens to a newly married couple when the rose-colored glasses are broken.

The play, presented by Spring City Theatre, is set in a fifth-floor walk-up apartment. The lack of an elevator is cause for much of the play's humor as we see the characters staggering in the door after climbing the stairs.

Corrie, played appropriately by Donna Fields, is a bride who obviously expects the excitement of the honeymoon to last forever. Greg Smith is well cast as the more pragmatic Paul, who responds with droll one-liners to Corrie's bursts of enthusiasm.

Reality sets in almost immediately as the newlyweds cope with a problem apartment, Paul's need to prepare for his first court

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appearance as a new lawyer the next morning, and an unannounced visit by Corrie's mama, played by Gloria Hopkins.

The irrepressible Corrie invites Mama back for dinner and later includes the wacky neighbor, Mr. Valasco, as Mama's blind date. James Burlson does a good job of making Mr. Valasco an almost believable character — no small feat as Valasco is too eccentric to be real.

The dinner party brings out the opposing expectations and personality traits of the new couple and they decide to divorce. In the meantime Mama disappears with

Victor Valasco.

The technical rehearsal Wednesday evening was obviously needed, but even with the stage managing and the lighting not quite under control the play was funny and the acting good. The cast was obviously having fun putting the play together and it showed in the way they worked together on stage.

The set was well designed by David Justice and looked enough like an apartment to be unobtrusive. Particularly ingenious was the snow falling through the broken skylight. Larson Lloyd plays a very credible telephone repair man and Ricky Mitchell is cast as a delivery man.

Performances are scheduled for Friday and Saturday nights at 8 p.m. and Sunday at 2 p.m. in the Municipal Auditorium. Tickets are \$5.00 for adults, \$3.00 for students. For an evening of light entertainment, it's well worth the money.

At the movies

HERALD STAFF REPORT

The following movies will be showing at local theatres this weekend:

"The Fly II," rated R, "Rain Man," rated R, "Three Fugitives,"

rated PG-13, and "Mind Games," rated R, will be playing at Movies 4.

"The Fly II" stars Eric Stoltz as Martin Brundle in this sequel to the 1986 remake that featured Jeff Goldblum as his ill-fated father. Suffering from an accelerated growth disorder, Martin faces a race against the clock as he tries to unravel the mystery behind his

father's peculiar genetic code and the teledop apparatus that caused the mix-up.

"Rain Man," tells the story of an autistic savant (Dustin Hoffman). Tom Cruise co-stars as Hoffman's brother, a life-long loser chasing after the family inheritance, and a man willing to exploit his brother's gift for total recall.

"Three Fugitives" features Martin Short playing a down-on-his-luck single father who, in an act of desperation, holds up a bank.

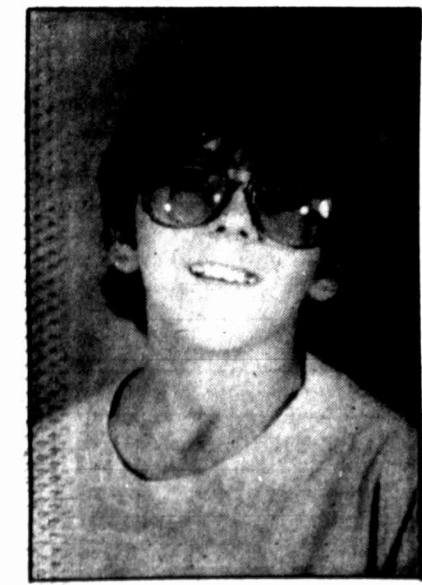
"Burbs," rated PG, and "True Believer," rated R, will be showing at the Ritz.

"Burbs," is comedy set the suburbs starring Tom Hanks.

"True Believer" features James Woods playing a lawyer who makes a living getting dope dealers off the hook by using legal loops holes, but gets a sense of duty back when he reluctantly agrees to defend a young man unjustly imprisoned for murder.

"Iron Eagle II," rated PG, and "Who's Harry Crumb," rated PG, will be playing at the Cinema in College Park.

"Who's Harry Crumb," starring John Candy, is a comedy about a struggling detective who takes on a baffling case only to find a trail leading back to his own boss.



Washington Elementary

Tony Roberts, left, son of Daniel and Judy Roberts, won the school-wide spelling bee at Washington Elementary School and participated in the county competition today. He correctly spelled inkeeper to win. Andrea Delacruz, the daughter of Maria Mier, was the runner-up after she failed to spell heirloom.



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