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Concealed handgun bill passes the Senate

AUSTIN (AP) — The Texas Senate on Thursday approved a bill that would allow Texans to obtain licenses to carry concealed weapons.

The 23-7 final vote sent the bill to the House for consideration.

Approval came after a second day of emotional debate over whether having more guns on the streets would make Texans safer or put them in greater danger.

"Unfortunately, we're going to

contribute to the problems we have in our state with those who have already misused handguns and other weapons," said Sen. Carlos Truan, D-Corpus Christi.

"By the passage of this legislation, we are providing the stamp of approval of the state of Texas for people to carry weapons. And we are, in essence, telling young people that it's all right to carry hidden weapons," Truan said.

But Sen. Eddie Lucio, D-Brownsville, said the bill would give law-abiding citizens a fighting chance.

"It's an equalizer in deterring crime," he said. "We're equalizing what is happening out on our streets and highways. We're allowing our law-abiding citizens to be able to protect themselves."

Lucio also objected to claims that the bill was being debated because of National Rifle Association lobbying efforts. "My constituents, 2-to-1, in phone calls and letter writing favor this bill," he said.

Texas is one of less than a dozen states that prohibit carrying concealed handguns.

Current law restricts citizens to keeping handguns at home or on other premises under their control, while traveling, and in lawful hunting, fishing and

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HIGHLIGHTS OF HANDGUN BILL

AUSTIN (AP) — Highlights of the concealed weapons bill that won final Senate approval Thursday:

ELIGIBILITY
Individuals would be eligible for a concealed handgun permit if they are legal Texas residents for the six-month period preceding the date of applica-

tion; age 21 or older; have never been convicted of a felony; are not charged with a Class A or B misdemeanor or a felony; have not been convicted of a Class A or B misdemeanor in the past five years; are not chemically dependent

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County considering options in appealing of Wallace case

By KELLIE JONES
Staff Writer

County Attorney Hardy Wilkerson says the county is reviewing its options of filing an appeal after a jury ruled against it and Sheriff A.N. Standard.

"At this point we are reviewing the options available to us. There are questions of the law that would need to be answered by an appeals court. There are

several factors to consider including cost and we have to discuss this with commissioners as well to see what our future plans are," Wilkerson commented.

If an appeal is filed, the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals in New Orleans would hear the case. Defense attorneys say they have a policy of not talking to the media about any case they are

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Warrant for sexual assault sought against local man

By KELLIE JONES
Staff Writer

Detectives with the Big Spring Police Department are in the process of trying to obtain an arrest warrant for a man suspected of sexually assaulting a child.

Sgt. Victor Brake says officers were called to the emergency room at Scenic Mountain Medical Center on Wednesday in reference to an aggravated sexual

assault. "The offense occurred on the east side of town. The victim is a white female under the age of 10 and the suspect is known to the victim."

"There has been more than one offense and it came to the attention of the parent Wednesday," Brake said.

He adds they are continuing to investigate the incident and detectives took statements from the victim Thursday morning.



Microbiologist Steve La Croix works Thursday at the Washington State Public Health Laboratory in Seattle running tests to confirm rabies is the probable cause of in the death of a 4-year-old Centralia, Wash., girl. The unidentified girl was thought to have been bitten by a bat. That last reported rabies case in a human in the state occurred in 1939.

Washington state girl dies of rabies

■ Case is first reported since 1939 in state

SEATTLE (AP) — A 4-year-old girl believed to have gotten rabies from a bat has died, the state's first known death from the disease in 56 years.

Tiffany Mathews, who was hospitalized March 8, died Wednesday night at Children's

Hospital. Despite the extremely low risk of human-to-human infection, dozens of people who had contact with the girl got rabies vaccinations Thursday, officials said. They included hospital workers and friends, as well as many of the other 53 children who attended the same day-care center.

Officials believe Tiffany may have contracted rabies from a bat at a relative's home about a month ago. She didn't show any bite marks, but rabies can also be transmitted if a rabid animal licks a person on an open

wound or scratch. Rabies affects the nervous system, moving slowly to the brain and causing an infection that leads to death. It is extremely rare in humans in the United States, but almost always fatal once symptoms develop.

Thirteen rabies deaths were reported in the United States from 1980 to 1990. In nine of those cases, the disease was contracted outside the country.

The incidence is increasing, however. In 1994, six U.S. deaths were reported, compared with two or fewer per year in the previous 25 years.

Warning given to seniors about scam

By KELLIE JONES
Staff Writer

Senior citizens of West Texas are being warned there are people claiming to be associated with the American Association of Retired Persons trying to sell a living trust.

There are solicitors and salespersons claiming to be AARP representatives contacting older persons in the area. After an

appointment has been arranged, one or two salespersons call on the senior citizen for the purpose of selling the document.

"AARP does not offer investments or any other products by telephone solicitation and we have no sales force of any kind who contact our members either by phone or in their homes," says Poppy Hulse, AARP Texas State Director and chief volunteer in the state.

Hulse suggests anyone contacted by solicitors, either by mail or phone, should contact the Attorney General's office or local law enforcement agency.

AARP members receiving information about individuals posing as representatives should send it to the state AARP office; 98 San Jacinto Blvd., Suite 750; Austin, Texas; 78701 or call (512)480-9797.

STRANGE FRUIT



Forty-one used computer keyboards mysteriously appeared, strung to the tree in front of Jay Ortman's home in Peoria, Ill., Sunday. "I came home around 2 a.m. and there they were, in my front yard. I have no idea how they got there," Ortman said.

Texas Trivia
In what town in the Bob Wills Museum?
Turkey
What was the previous name of Artesia Wells?
Bart

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Nation: Sen. Richard Lugar's proposal to cut \$15 billion from crop and farm export subsidies may leave his Senate Agriculture Committee with as much as \$35 billion to go. See page 5A.

World: Ignoring pleas and protests, Singapore today hanged a Filipino maid convicted of a double murder, bringing renewed criticism of its strict criminal justice system. See page 6A.

STATE

Rule eased
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Sweeping reforms offered
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TODAY'S WEATHER

Tonight **80** ▲ Highs **45** ▼ Lows
Mostly clear
Tonight, mostly clear, low mid 40s, light winds.

Permian Basin Forecast
Saturday: Mostly sunny, high near 80, south to southwest winds 10 to 15 mph; mostly clear night, low mid 40s, light winds.
Sunday: Mostly sunny, high near 80, south to southwest winds 10 to 15 mph; mostly clear night, low mid 40s, light winds.

Clean-up

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Several priests were contacted and asked for their support in recruiting their congregations to help with the cleanup and were receptive to the idea as were pastors from other churches.
Big Spring resident Nacho Rodriguez is spearheading the cleanup effort and according to Proud Citizens anyone wanting to help need only to show up ready to work at 1 p.m. Sunday.
Another project just around the corner for Proud Citizens is the Great Texas Trashoff on Saturday, April 1.

According to Proud Citizens, this is the day all Texans join together to beautify the state. The group is asking everyone to help clean the city by starting on their own property first, including businesses and homes.
During the Great Texas Trashoff groups and organizations are encouraged to find a troublesome spot and clean it up.
For additional information about the Great Texas Trashoff Proud Citizens suggest calling the Chamber of Commerce, 263-7641; Polly St. Clair, 264-7107; or Milli Cunningham, 263-7484.

Wallace

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Because of some of the testimony from both sides of the case were refuted by an expert witness and an audio tape, questions of whether anyone would be charged with perjury have been raised.
Wilkinson says the case would

be handled in Taylor County because that is where the court is located. He added perjury is hard to prove. Either the plaintiff or defendant would have to pursue the matter themselves and it would not be up to Judge Sam R. Cummings who presided over the trial to handle the matter.

OBITUARIES

Ginger Griffin

Funeral services for Ginger Darnell Griffin, 25, Mt. Pleasant, will be 2 p.m. today at Hawthorn Funeral Home Chapel. Carriage, with Rev. Marvin Scott officiating. Burial will follow in the Deadwood Cemetery under the direction of Hawthorn Funeral Home.
Ms. Griffin died Wednesday, March 15, 1995, in the Methodist Hospital, Houston, following a lengthy illness.
She was born July 23, 1969, and was the daughter of Billy Darnell and Melva LaGrone Griffin. She was a native of Carthage and lived in Mt. Pleasant for three years having moved there from Big Spring. Ms. Griffin had an Associate Degree from Howard College in A-1 and had been the Bat Girl for her father's baseball team at Panola and Howard Colleges for 19 years. She was a member of St. Paul's Presbyterian Church.
Survivors include her parents: Bill and Mel Griffin, Mt. Pleasant; one brother: Scott Griffin, Big Spring; maternal grandfather: Chesley LaGrone, Carthage; one nephew and one niece; and several aunts and uncles.
The family suggests memorials be made to: Ginger Griffin, Mt S Research Memorial, Guaranty Bank, Mt. Pleasant, Texas 75455.

Erma Branton

Services for Erma Inez Branton, 86, Big Spring, will be 2 p.m. Saturday, March 18, 1995, at Belvue Church of Christ, Stanton, with Stephen Ramsey officiating. Burial will be in Evergreen Cemetery under the direction of Gilbreath Funeral Home, Stanton.
Mrs. Branton died Wednesday, March 15, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center following a lengthy illness.
She was born Oct. 25, 1908, in Stanton. She moved to Big Spring in Sept. 1983 from Colorado. She was a homemaker and married Wade Hershel

Branton in 1947 in Odessa. He preceded her in death on Sept. 23, 1991.

Survivors include two sisters: Cleo Henson, Stanton; and Eldora Stephens, Smithville; and one brother: Lynn Henson, Tarzan.
She was also preceded in death by a brother, W.F. Henson and a sister, Zeta Henson.

Walter Christensen

Memorial services for Walter H. Christensen, 96, Salt Lake City, Utah, will be held in Salt Lake City.
Mr. Christensen died Wednesday, March 15, 1995, at a nursing home in Salt Lake City.
He was a resident of Big Spring from 1969 to 1991. Mr. Christensen was a member of the Big Spring Evening Lions Club. He and his wife, Asuncha, were members of the First United Methodist Church and active in the Couples Sunday School Class. He is remembered as "Grandpa" at the Westside Day Care Center where he went several days a week to tell stories to the children.
Survivors include his wife: Asuncha Christensen, Salt Lake City, Utah; two sons: Neal Christensen, Mount Clements, Mich., and Phillip Christensen, Salt Lake City; and several grandchildren.
The family suggests memorials to the Texas Lions Camp for Handicapped Children in Kerrville, Texas or the District 2-A1 Lions Eye Bank in San Angelo, Texas.

J.W. Parmley Sr.

Graveside services for J.W. Parmley, Sr., 81, Big Spring, will be 10 a.m. Saturday, March 18, 1995, at Trinity Memorial Park with Dr. Kenneth Patrick, pastor of First Baptist Church, officiating and under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.
Mr. Parmley died Thursday, March 16, in a local hospital.
He was born on July 25, 1913, in Quannah and married Deola Mae Sparks on July 27, 1935, in Midland. She preceded him in death on Jan. 11, 1994. He came to Big Spring in 1933 and went to work for Biles and Long Drug Store and then for Doyle Vaughn at Vaughn's Sweet Shop. He later worked for Duncan Drilling and also Ranger Oil & Gas in Wichita Falls. He went to work for the T&P Railroad in 1947 as a brakeman, retiring in 1978. Mr. Parmley was a member of the First Baptist Church and a member of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Trainmen.
Survivors include one son: J.W. Parmley, Jr., Big Spring; six sisters: Rama A. Long, Juanita Casper, both of Killeen, Lois Miller, Iris Clinch, both of Electra, Nell Roth, Houston, and Glynn Parmley, Oroville, Calif.; several nieces and nephews.
He was also preceded in death by one sister, Thelma Showalter.

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Gun

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other sporting activities, according to the Department of Public Safety.
Under the bill, authored by Sen. Jerry Patterson, R-Pasadena, Texans would have to meet certain qualifications to be eligible for a handgun permit.
They would have to be legal Texas residents; at least 21 years old; never have been convicted of a felony; have not been delinquent in making a child support payment; and not be chemically dependent or of unsound mind.
They also would have to be trained, pass an exam and pay \$140 for a four-year permit.
Patterson said earlier that the "doomsday scenario" of more gunbattles and homicides hasn't occurred in other states that legalized carrying concealed weapons.
He told senators Thursday, "I'd like to get it passed and out of here so we can talk about other things."

Gov. George W. Bush will sign a bill allowing Texans to carry concealed weapons as long as it includes adequate licensing and training requirements, said his spokeswoman, Karen Hughes.
- 10 to 15 hours of handgun proficiency training, with classroom instruction and range instruction administered by a qualified handgun instructor.
- Instruction on laws related to weapons and the use of deadly force; handgun use, proficiency and safety; dispute resolution; and proper storage practices.
- A continuing education course for a license holder who wishes to renew a license.

Highlights

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TRAINING The Texas Department of Public Safety would develop training standards that include:
- 10 to 15 hours of handgun proficiency training, with classroom instruction and range instruction administered by a qualified handgun instructor.
- Instruction on laws related to weapons and the use of deadly force; handgun use, proficiency and safety; dispute resolution; and proper storage practices.
- A continuing education course for a license holder who wishes to renew a license.

- A proficiency exam that includes a written section and a physical demonstration of proficiency in the use of one or more handguns.
- A four-year permit would cost \$140.

SPRINGBOARD

To submit an item to Springboard, put it in writing and mail or deliver it to us one week in advance. Mail to: Springboard, Big Spring Herald, P.O. Box 1431, Big Spring, 79720; or bring it by the office, 710 Scurry.
TODAY
-Dominos, 42, bridge and Chickentrack, 5-8 p.m. at 2805 Lynn, Kentwood Center. Public invited.
-Survivors support group, 5:15 to 7 p.m. Call Rape Crisis/Victim Services, 263-3312.
-Turning Point A.A., 8-9:30 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 10th and Goliad. Open to all substance abusers.
-Sober Living Skills educational group, 12 noon to 1 p.m., Permian Basin Regional Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse, 905 N. Benton. Call 263-8920.
-Spring City Senior Center, free fashion painting classes, 9:30-11:30 a.m. 55 and older invited.
-Spring City Senior Citizens country/western dance, 7:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. Music by The Super Six Band. Area seniors invited.
-Alcoholics Anonymous noon open meeting and 8 p.m. Big Book Study, 615 Settles.
SATURDAY
-Family support group, 1 p.m., Reflections Unit at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. Contact Beverly Grant, 263-0074.
-Alcoholics Anonymous, noon open meeting and 8 p.m. closed meeting, 615 Settles.
-Big Spring Squares, 8 p.m., Squarena, Chapparral Road. Call 393-5693 or 267-7043.
-Scurry County Sheriff Posse will host an open play day,

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Big Spring ON THE RUN

POLICE

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following incidents during a 24 hour period ending 8 a.m. Friday:
-RAUL GONZALES MARTINEZ, 38 of 1510 Oriole, was arrested for no driver's license and no insurance.
-FRANCISCO VEGA, 21 no address given, was arrested for failure to identify, no driver's license, no insurance and outstanding local warrants.
-MARY MITCHELL, 32 of 1509 Bluebird, was arrested on an outstanding local warrant.
-TONY MATA, 37 of 603 North Goliad, was arrested on an outstanding local warrant.
-THEFTS in the 500 block of Birdwell and in the 300 block of Owens.
-LOUD PARTIES in the 800 block of West Eighth, 600 block of Gregg and in the 800 block of Nolan.
-ANIMAL BITE in the 1600 block of Martin Luther King Blvd.
-SUSPICIOUS INVESTIGATIONS in the 700 block of West Fourth, 2600 block of Gregg, 1300 block of 11th Place, 1000 block of Birdwell, Comanche Trail Park, 1300 block of Harding, 1400 block of Wood, 400 block of Johnson and in the 1000 block of Sycamore.
-CRIMINAL MISCHIEF in the 800 block of Avondale, 600 block of West 17th and in the 2600 block of Wasson.

SHERIFF

The Howard County Sheriff's Department reported the following incidents during a 24 hour period ending 8 a.m. Friday:
-ASSIST MOTORIST on Interstate 20 at mile marker 195.
-ASSIST PERSON looking for a place to stay the night. Deputies referred him to the Salvation Army.
-HAZARDOUS DRIVING HABITS in the west and east bound lanes of Interstate 20.

IN BRIEF

Coahoma drama club hosts dinner theater. Coahoma High School Drama Club is hosting a dinner theater, 7 p.m., Monday, March 20,

DID YOU WIN?

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following incidents during a 24 hour period ending 8 a.m. Friday:
-Tickets are \$5 per person and can be purchased at the door or from any drama club member.

Breast cancer seminar March 20

The Big Spring Woman's Club will present Dr. Raymond Abrams, an obstetrics/gynecology surgeon at Baylor University, 7:30 p.m. March 20 at Dora Roberts Community Center. Abrams will discuss breast cancer, its causes, prevention and treatment.

TDH relocates to College Park center

The Texas Department of Health has relocated to College Park Shopping Center, 501 Birdwell Ln. The new phone number is 263-9775. Call for information about a child health clinic. Another new service being offered is an HIV/STD (sexually transmitted disease) hotline. The hotline number is 263-9778. All calls will be treated confidentially.

Rabies clinic planned in Knott

Residents of Knott will have an opportunity to have their pets vaccinated this weekend. On Saturday beginning at 9 a.m., a veterinarian will be at the Knott fire station to give animals a rabies vaccination. The cost is \$5 per shot and other vaccinations will also be available.

Sheriff's Posse offers play day

Scurry County Sheriff Posse will host an open play day, Rodeo Grounds on Gary Brewer Road in Snyder on Saturday, March 18. Registration starts at noon and events at 1 p.m. Call (915)573-8647, (915)573-6031 or (915)573-0718.

RECORDS

Thursday's temp. 71
Thursday's low 42
Average high 69

Table with 2 columns: Record high, Record low, Rainfall Thursday, Month to date, Month's normal, Year to date, Normal for year. Values include 88 in 1966, 18 in 1923, 0.00, 0.38, 0.31, 1.45, 1.60.

MARKETS

Table listing market prices for cotton futures, corn, soybeans, wheat, and various commodities like oil, gas, and metals. Includes volume and price changes.

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NEWS IN
BRIEF

Committee hears
casino testimony

AUSTIN (AP) — Lt. Gov. Bob Bullock has said he hopes a Senate committee will take quick action on casino gambling, then move on to other things.

"Either vote it down or vote it up and we'll be on our way," Bullock said Thursday. "I don't want it (the casino issue) to interfere with schools" and other issues facing the 1995 Legislature.

The chief Senate sponsor of casino gambling, Sen. Rodney Ellis, D-Houston, said Thursday he would press only for a proposed constitutional amendment that, if approved by two-thirds of the Legislature and ratified by voters, would make casino gaming legal. He said a second measure, spelling out details of casino regulation, would come later.

Senate votes to
abolish treasury

AUSTIN (AP) — State Treasurer Martha Whitehead says she's glad the Texas Senate has voted to fire her.

Senators on Thursday approved, 23-7, a proposed constitutional amendment to abolish the Treasury. Backers said saying it would eliminate needless bureaucracy and save tax dollars.

"The taxpayers of Texas are demanding a 'fat-free' state government. This is a critical first step in reducing excess," said Mrs. Whitehead, a Democrat who was elected in November after promising to work to eliminate her post.

The proposal still needs two-thirds approval by the House and ratification in a statewide election. If voters agree, the Treasury's functions would be merged into the state comptroller's office.

Florida weather
could delay shuttle

SPACE CENTER, Houston (AP) — Endeavour was ready to return home with a slew of astronomy data and the shuttle endurance record, but iffy weather in Florida threatened to make the 15-day flight even longer.

The shuttle and its crew of seven were to land at 1:53 p.m. CST today at Cape Canaveral, Fla. NASA weighed its options while watching a storm front that was expected to blow into the area.

Flight director Rich Jackson said Endeavour would remain in orbit an extra day if the Florida weather didn't cooperate, instead of landing at Edwards Air Force Base in California. If a Saturday landing is necessary, both Florida and California will be considered, Jackson said.

Supreme Court
denies damage award

AUSTIN (AP) — A Texas Supreme Court ruling against a man who bought a building "as is" — then discovered it contained asbestos — could have broad, negative implications for consumers in deceptive trade lawsuits, one justice says.

Education bill would ease no-pass, no-play rule

AUSTIN (AP) — The no-pass, no-play rule would be eased, state control over schools would be loosened and parents would have more choices of where to educate their children under a bill passed by the Senate Education Committee.

The bill by committee Chairman Bill Ratliff, R-Mount Pleasant, passed with a 6-1 vote shortly before midnight Thursday and next goes to the full Senate for consideration. Ratliff said that could be on March 27.

He said his bill is meant to allow school districts to design programs best-suited to meet their students' needs "and not try to meet the needs of some one-shoe-fits all system."

The House Public Education

Committee, meanwhile, is working on its own education reform bill. On Thursday, it tentatively approved a more drastic change in the no-pass, no-play rule than did its Senate counterpart.

The rule — a key part of sweeping education reforms approved in 1984 — currently suspends failing students from extracurricular activities for six weeks.

The House committee proposal would cut the extracurricular suspension period to three weeks; allow students to practice or rehearse during the suspension period; and exempt advanced placement classes from the rule.

"We haven't heard one, one, one bit of data to support that

this (no-pass, no-play rule) works. This was someone's well-intentioned idea 10 years ago," said Rep. Ric Williamson, R-Weatherford.

The House panel plans to take another look at the proposal after it is put into written form.

The Senate committee proposal, by comparison, would allow a school district by board policy to cut a student's extracurricular suspension to three weeks only the first time a student fails a class.

Students could get one shortened extracurricular suspension during junior high school, and one during high school under the Senate proposal. They

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EDUCATION BILL AT-A-GLANCE

AUSTIN (AP) — Here, at a glance, are some highlights of the Texas Education Code rewrite approved Thursday by the Senate Education Committee. The bill next will go to the full Senate for consideration.

NO-PASS, NO-PLAY
A school district by board policy could cut the suspension of a student from extracurricular activities to three weeks, down from the current six, the first time a student fails a class. Students could get one shortened suspension from extracurricular activities during junior high

school, and one during high school. They could practice or rehearse during the three-week suspension.

SCHOOL YEAR
The school instructional year would be reduced from 180 days to 175 days to allow for more teacher training and development.

STATE VS LOCAL CONTROL

— Local school districts could buy any textbooks they choose with state money, rather than picking from a state-approved list. Please see BILL, page 4A

Lawmakers come up
with sweeping reforms
in juvenile justice

AUSTIN (AP) — A bill calling for sweeping reforms to the state's juvenile justice system, including tougher sentences for violent youths, has been endorsed by a House committee.

The bill by Rep. Toby Goodman, R-Arlington, was approved Thursday by the House Committee on Juvenile Justice and Family Issues. It now heads to the full House for consideration.

The measure would reduce the age at which a youth can be tried as an adult from 15 to 14.

"We heard from many officers that some 14-year-olds are committing heinous crimes," Goodman said. "They said sometimes 15- and 16-year-old offenders will coax a younger child to commit a serious crime, knowing nothing will happen to the 14-year-old."

The bill also adds a dozen crimes to the current list of offenses for which youths would face incarceration in an adult

prison. The crimes include aggravated robbery, aggravated assault, deadly conduct, manslaughter and indecency with a child.

"We heard that aggravated robbery is a common crime among youthful, violent offenders, who rob clerks at convenience stores or other vulnerable citizens," Goodman said. "This new law would put them on notice that they can expect a serious sentence for a serious crime."

Other provisions in the bill are:

— Progressive sanctions that aim to offer guidance to juvenile probation officers and judges as they try to match the crime to the punishment and rehabilitation programs.

— Allowing law enforcement agencies to share photographs and fingerprints of youth offenders.

Guard convicted in inmate's death

HOUSTON (AP) — A South-east Texas man faces as much as 20 years behind bars after becoming the first Texas prison guard to be convicted of killing an inmate.

Joel Lambright Jr., 21, was convicted late Thursday in the fatal beating of Michael McCoy, 30. The manslaughter verdict reached against the former prison guard was the second-most severe verdict that could have been reached.

The punishment phase of the trial was scheduled to begin today.

Jurors in Livingston deliberated six hours before convicting Lambright in the death of

McCoy, a Dickinson car thief and burglar who was incarcerated in the Terrell Unit. McCoy died hours after the Oct. 7 attack that was allegedly triggered when the inmate spit at Lambright through his cell door.

At one point, jurors were divided 9-3 between a guilty verdict for murder or for manslaughter. Less than an hour later, they returned their decision.

"This should have a good effect for all parties — the prisoners and the guards who are charged with overseeing them," lead prosecutor Latham Boone said of the verdict.

It's rough and ready in Texas House

AUSTIN (AP) — The Texas Senate is poking fun over reports that two members of the Texas House got into a tussle.

"Since the House has started duking it out with some tension over there, we might need the services of our doctor of the day," Sen. Gonzalo Barrientos, D-Austin, joked Thursday in introducing a local physician to senators.

News reports said some chairs were upended but no serious

injuries occurred in a Wednesday scrape between Rep. Ron Wilson, D-Houston, and Rep. Harvey Hilderbran, R-Kerrville.

Some lawmakers said the disagreement arose from Wilson's wearing of a Ku Klux Klan robe and hood last week and joking that it belonged to a Republican senator who's sponsoring legislation to end affirmative action programs.

"We had a very spirited discussion," Wilson said.



Bayou Vista police officers John Overstreet, left, and Greg Trantham leave a courtroom in Galveston after losing a bid to have their animal cruelty indictments thrown out. The offense has stirred the emotions of the nation who are sending in their support for the maximum sentence through the mail and over the telephone lines.

Animal-lovers want stiff sentence in cruelty case

BAYOU VISTA, Texas (AP) — Angry animal-lovers from across the country are demanding harsh punishment for two officers accused of killing a stray dog by using it for shooting practice.

Letters, faxes and telephone calls have poured in to the police department, district

attorney and trial judge. Some of the outraged writers learned of the case from a posting on the Internet computer network.

Interim Police Chief Robert Williamson has personally answered more than 30 calls. "The fax machine has been going constantly. There's letters coming in. There's hate mail

coming in," he said. "It's almost like a lynch mob mentality. That scares me."

Greg Trantham and John Overstreet, who constitute half the police department in this village of 1,200 about 35 miles southeast of Houston, go to trial Monday. Both say they are innocent.



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EDITORIAL

Quote of the Day

"People love the unvarnished truth if it's about others, and hate it when it's about themselves."

Warren Rogers, author, editor, 1994

Dangerous combination: Guns and paranoia

The Texas Senate has given tentative approval to a concealed weapons law after much fussing and feuding.

When it comes to guns, it seems the issue is as inflammatory and polarized as the abortion issue.

But, considering the paranoid climate we live in, do we really need to arm the populace?

Proponents of the bill say we should simply because there is so much violence on the streets, because no one feels safe any more.

Opponents say arming the populace would only lead to more shoot-outs, untrained people simply shooting at will and more innocent bystanders getting hurt or killed.

Several states already have concealed weapons laws, and statistics show violence has not increased or decreased, but remained about the same.

What should scare any sane person is more guns on the street.

As the gun lobby says, guns don't kill, but it is access to a gun by a

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human being that does kill.

The gun lobby also compares guns to vehicles. Yes, used wrong, a car becomes 2,000 pounds of killer metal on wheels.

However, cars are licensed, the drivers are licensed and there is another use for a car - transportation.

While you may have to obtain a permit to get a gun, no training is involved. And guns have only one use - killing something.

What's been totally discounted here is the testimony from law enforcement officials who believe this bill will make their tough job than much tougher.

We can count it as an almost foregone conclusion there will be a concealed weapons bill passed on to a governor who has already said he will sign it into law.

It seems paranoia will reign in Texas.



Getting a chance on the field

SARASOTA, Fla. -- I am willing to sign an affidavit under oath that I actually saw this happen at an actual United States baseball park:

"Fernando!" a boy of about 7 or 8 called excitedly from the front row of the box-seat area, where he had been permitted by the ushers to stand before the night's game began, even though he didn't have a box-seat ticket.



Bob Greene
Columnist

On the field, a man with the numeral 50 on the back of his Chicago White Sox uniform interrupted his warmups and turned toward the boy. The man -- I am reliably informed that his name is Fernando Ramsey, and that he plays in the outfield -- had an expression of genuine pleasure and surprise on his face. He looked over at the boy as if to say: Who, me?

The boy thrust a program over the railing in Ramsey's direction. Ramsey walked -- hurried -- over to the boy, took the program from his hand, began talking with him and signed the program. The boy appeared to be thrilled and exhilarated; Ramsey appeared -- dare one say this about a player wearing a major-league uniform? -- flattered.

Ramsey, of course, is one of the much-mocked "replacement players," those men castigated in some quarters for having the effrontery to not be as talented as the wealthy big leaguers who are on strike. When

these replacement men fail to reach a fly ball in time to catch it, or strike out swinging on an outside pitch, their shortcomings are often ridiculed on the night's television sports highlights reels. They are derided for not being as good as they might be, and for presuming to temporarily wear big-league uniforms until the day when men certifiably more athletically graceful than they decide to have the inclination to play again.

Funny thing, though; that kid at the railing -- he was allowed to stand there because the ballpark was far less than half-filled -- had a big smile on his face as Fernando Ramsey signed his program and chatted with him; the kid at the railing did not appear disappointed or diminished that Ramsey was someone whose face he had never seen on a baseball card or in a shoe commercial. And Ramsey did not seem jaded or bored or put off for being asked to do this. He seemed -- although he wasn't showing it quite so unguardedly -- every bit as happy as the kid. He seemed to be more than a little honored to be asked.

"Ladies and gentlemen, your Chicago White Sox," the public address announcer boomed as the Chicago team ran onto the diamond. The announcer and everyone else in the ballpark knew that these were not their Chicago White Sox; their Chicago White Sox are not present at spring training, just as the Cincinnati Reds and Los Angeles Dodgers and Philadelphia Phillies and all the other real teams are not present.

Yet the night was clear and crisp -- cooler than most Florida evenings this time of year, it felt like a high school football Friday night -- and the light towers were ablaze atop

the stadium, and when someone wearing a White Sox uniform or someone wearing a uniform of the visiting Pittsburgh Pirates did something well, there were cheers from the seats.

No, the place wasn't packed. Unless the more gifted players decide to play again, no major-league stadiums are likely to be packed this summer. But when summer does come, some people may like this -- may like coming out to see baseball, even though the quality isn't as elevated as the customers would wish. Not the great masses of the sports public -- going to the big-league ballparks, if the season comes to this, will not be a standing-room-only activity. But if the parks stay open, there will be a certain number of Americans who will welcome the chance for an afternoon or an evening out.

On this evening in Florida, a batter for the Pirates knocked a grounder down the third-base line, and the ball bounced onto the sack itself, took an unlikely hop, and got past the White Sox third baseman. All right -- Robin Ventura, the regular White Sox third baseman, probably would have caught the ball. Robin Ventura is great, and Robin Ventura would have plucked it out of the air and thrown it to Frank Thomas at first, and the runner would have been out.

Ventura and Thomas aren't here. That's not the fault of the third baseman who was wearing a White Sox uniform on this night. No one boomed. His error was beside the point; the night was pretty, and the lights were glowing, and the field was green. What could there possibly be to boo about?

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TEXAS

Proposed budget cuts services

AUSTIN (AP) -- Medicaid recipients, low-income children and the elderly will lose services under a proposed \$77.6 billion budget endorsed by House budget writers, social services advocates say.

The House Appropriations Committee on Thursday approved the proposed state budget for 1996-97 and sent the measure to the full House on a 26-0 vote.

The bill increases spending on public education, juvenile justice and health and human services. But it does not go far enough, critics say.

"If this represents the best we can do for people in Texas, it should make us question our priorities," said Dianne Stewart, director of the Center for Public Policy, a think tank that follows the budget process. "People have to be at the top of our list as a state if we want to maintain our economic prosperity into the next century."

Despite a 7.9 percent increase in spending on health and human services, the proposed budget is \$950 million short of the funding necessary to contin-

ue serving those in need, Ms. Stewart said.

Appropriations Committee Chairman Robert Junell, D-San Angelo, said the bill makes "education No. 1, which I think is important that that was our No. 1 goal ... and there's not going to be a need for any tax increase."

The proposed budget is an increase of 3.7 percent over current spending.

The plan recommends a \$1.8 billion boost in state spending on public education, including \$170 million to help school districts with construction needs. It also would fully fund public schools as required by the state finance law.

While schoolchildren are protected, teachers would not see a boost in their salaries under the proposal.

Spending on public safety and criminal justice would increase by nearly \$1 billion under the plan, with about 75 percent of that needed to open and operate new state prison beds.

Another \$56 million would go into Texas Youth Commission operations toward new juvenile

lockups. The measure also would increase Medicaid spending by nearly \$1 billion.

The proposal represents a "reasonable spending plan," said Karen Hughes, spokeswoman for Gov. George W. Bush.

"The bill closely tracks many of the governor's priorities by providing the lion's share of new state money to our schools and by funding criminal justice and juvenile justice priorities," Ms. Hughes said.

Junell acknowledged that the plan falls short of matching state agency requests for funds in human services, education and criminal justice.

He said an additional \$300 million may be needed to operate public schools because of enrollment increases; spending on Medicaid falls short \$270 million to \$311 million; and spending on juvenile justice is short another \$20 million to \$40 million.

Higher education officials also have estimated that they need an additional \$250 million to \$300 million to meet budget demands.

Lights coming back on after mayor follows through on threat

ENCINAL (AP) -- Let there be light!

Central Power and Light Co. is helping residents in this small South Texas town of about 600 out of the darkness left in the wake of a threat-made-good by Mayor Roy Salinas, who last week ordered all 93 street lights cut off.

The utility, which cut the lights after receiving no payment for nearly a year, is installing security lights to residents all who want them.

But they must pay a monthly fee of about \$10 for the electricity used and maintenance costs, said CP&L spokesman Ruben Correa. About 25 people signed up for the program immediately.

Salinas had charged residents a \$3 fee per month for street

lighting. Neither the city nor CP&L would reveal how much money Encinal owes the utility.

Meanwhile, the ongoing feud could cost the city grant money earmarked to build a sewer system and a new water well.

Residents had been charged \$13 for monthly garbage pickup and street light illumination by the Encinal Water Supply Corp., the private, non-profit corporation that also provides Encinal's water.

Salinas angered both the water corporation and many residents when he began efforts two years ago to force the corporation to collect monthly fees for the street lighting and garbage service with water bills.

The water board wouldn't cut

water service to users who didn't also pay their garbage and electric bills, which the mayor demanded.

Lawyers had warned that it would violate the law to link water service with other utility payments, a water official said.

Now, Salinas is withholding a franchise agreement from the company, which has halted a state and federally funded project to dig a second well and build a sewer system in Encinal.

If the funds aren't used soon they may not be available later, which could cost residents who now rely on pit toilets and primitive septic tanks a chance at modern facilities.

Encinal is about 110 miles southwest of San Antonio.

Bill

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School district voters could choose to become "home-rule," escaping many state rules. They still would have to abide by federal special education and bilingual requirements; compulsory attendance; state curriculum, graduation and accountability requirements; the no-pass, no-play rule; a student-teacher ratio of 22:1 in the lower grades; teacher certification, and funding requirements.

Pilot projects would be created to give parents more choice in where to send their children. They include creation of up to 20 open-enrollment charter public schools, which would have to abide by fewer state requirements. In addition, some disadvantaged students could get tax money to pay tuition at private schools that agree to abide by certain state requirements.

such as giving those students academic skills tests.

ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS
- Rather than being required to pass an exit-level reading, writing and mathematics academic skills test to get a diploma, students would have to pass an end-of-course test in each core class required for graduation. Those would be reading, writing, math, science and social studies.

SCHOOL DISCIPLINE
- A disruptive student could be removed from class and prevented from returning by a teacher.
- School districts would provide alternative settings for students removed from class.
- Students would have to be placed in such alternative programs for assault, substance abuse, selling drugs or public

lewdness.
- Students would have to be expelled for committing one of a laundry list of crimes -- such as murder or sexual assault -- either on campus or against a school employee in retaliation for action taken as part of the employee's school duties.

TEACHERS
- The minimum pay scale would be increased and tied to growth in per-pupil spending. For example, the beginning minimum for a 10-month contract would be \$18,500, up from \$17,000. The minimum for the most experienced teachers would rise from \$28,400 to \$32,102.

LOCAL ADMINISTRATION
- School district residents could recall and remove a local trustee.
- Superintendents rather than school boards would develop district budgets.

Ease

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could practice or rehearse during the three-week suspension.

The move to ease the no-pass, no-play rule comes after some have called it too harsh, saying it drives students away from school activities and toward gangs.

Others say no evidence exists that the rule pushes youngsters toward crime. They say it has helped put schools' focus where it should be -- on academics.

The no-pass, no-play change is just one part of the bill passed by the Senate committee.

Sen. Jane Nelson, R-Flower Mound, voted against the measure, saying she was concerned about a provision of the bill to do away with State Board of Education approval of school textbooks. Instead, local districts could buy any books they choose with state money.

The bill also would replace Texas Education Agency accreditation of school districts with a system in which the Education Board would issue differ-

ent types of school district charters.

Those with "home-rule charters" -- which would need approval of voters in the district -- would have more freedom from state regulations in many areas, including structuring programs and length of the school day.

However, home-rule districts still would be subject to many basic regulations, including class size limits and the no-pass, no-play rule.

To allow parents more educational choices for their children, the bill would create a pilot program where some disadvantaged students could use tax money to pay private school tuition. Private schools accepting public money -- or vouchers -- would have to abide by some state requirements, such as skills testing.

The Senate panel turned down a motion by Sen. Gregory Luna, D-San Antonio, to delete the voucher program. The committee also voted

against a proposal by Luna to bar religious schools from receiving tax money through the voucher program.

But the panel endorsed his motion to bar private schools from considering athletic ability in admitting students with vouchers.

Luna was not present for the final committee vote on the bill, but said earlier he opposed it. Those voting for the bill included Ratliff and Sens. Ken Armbrister, D-Victoria; Gonzalo Barrientos, D-Austin; Teel Bivins, R-Amarillo; David Sibley, R-Waco; and Judith Zaffrinj, D-Laredo.

Ratliff dropped a proposal from the bill to create separate diplomas for students who intend to go to college and those who will go straight into jobs after high school.

Instead, the bill calls for an Education Board study. Ratliff had said the "vocational diploma" would give students who might otherwise drop out something to strive for.

NEWS IN
BRIEF

WASHINGTON (AP) — The House committee that oversees the nation's capital was marked for extinction soon after Republicans swept into power last November. That gave its Democratic chairman enough time to dole out extra pay for departing staffers.

At least three weeks before the District of Columbia Committee was officially shut down, Chairman Pete Stark of California authorized the one-time payments, totaling more than \$25,000, to eight employees, all of them working for the then-majority Democrats.

Stark wasn't alone. An Associated Press computer-assisted review of year-end payroll records at the House Clerk's office for 40 committees, subcommittees and caucuses identified \$665,564 in December pay boosts to 415 congressional aides.

Investigation
closed on Pena

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Justice Department inquiry into Transportation Secretary Federico Pena is closed, after investigators found no credible evidence he violated federal law in building Denver's new airport or in the awarding of a contract to his former firm.

Department lawyers looked into the Los Angeles transit system's award of a contract to Pena's former management company and into the expenditure of federal funds intended to build the Denver facility while Pena was that city's mayor, according to government officials, who declined to be identified by name.

Man accused of
arson arrested

SEATTLE (AP) — A man accused of setting a Seattle warehouse fire that killed four firefighters has been arrested at the Brazilian beachfront resort of Copacabana.

Martin Pang was apprehended peacefully Thursday night, said Rogério Said, a Brazilian federal police officer in Rio.

Pang, 39, was charged with four counts of murder and arson after the Jan. 5 fire at his parents' warehouse. Investigators say he had hoped to gain financially from the fire, presumably from insurance.

Analysts:
Fuhrman
bested
Bailey

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The Mark Fuhrman cross-examination fizzled to an end after six tense, allegation-filled days, and the consensus among legal analysts was that the detective got the better of defense attorney F. Lee Bailey.

In fact, Bailey was the one who lost his cool, although it was outside the presence of the jury. Fuhrman, accused by the defense of being a racist who tried to frame O.J. Simpson, kept his answers short and remained unemotional.

"I think (Fuhrman) held up amazingly well," said law professor Erwin Chemerinsky of the University of Southern California. "Despite a constantly aggressive cross-examination, he never lost his composure. He was never caught in other than the most minor of inconsistencies."

Bailey finished questioning Fuhrman on Thursday with a few flat queries that went nowhere. Then prosecutor Marcia Clark asked Fuhrman seven crisp questions, which suggested Fuhrman lacked the necessary information to devise an instant frame-up.

Unaware of O.J. Simpson's whereabouts or details of the killings, Fuhrman had no reason to take a bloody glove from the murder scene and plant it at Simpson's estate, Clark's questions indicated.

Bailey passed on his opportunity to re-question Fuhrman, but may call him again later in the trial.

The cross-examination failed to live up to Bailey's public pronouncements that he would demolish Fuhrman on the stand, said Loyola University law Professor Laurie Levenson.



Los Angeles Police Service Representative Avonette Rodgers removes flowers Thursday from one of the desks that Detective Mark Fuhrman uses in the homicide division at the West Los Angeles Precinct. Flowers of support have flooded the precinct since the beginning of Fuhrman's testimony in the O.J. Simpson double-murder trial.

"I don't think he delivered," she said. "It didn't show him to be a racist. It didn't show him to be a hothead. It didn't show him to have planted a glove. It didn't show him to be a mastermind of a conspiracy."

"At most," she said, "it raised some innuendoes."

At one point during the cross-examination — but outside the presence of the jury — Bailey erupted in anger after Clark called him a liar for saying he had spoken directly to possible defense witness Max Cordoba. The exchanges between Bailey

and Clark were so nasty that Judge Lance Ito told them to apologize to each other Thursday. He then issued an extraordinary seven-point order commanding all lawyers in the case to act professionally for the rest of the trial.

"Counsel shall not engage in gratuitous, personal attacks upon each other," the order declared.

Outside court, defense lawyer Robert Shapiro suggested Bailey's aggressive focus on race was causing a rift in the defense camp.

Divided committee
passes budget cuts

WASHINGTON (AP) — House Republicans say their outline for \$100 billion in budget cuts lets them whittle away more bureaucratic waste, drive the deficit lower and slash taxes deeper than President Clinton has proposed.

But Democrats say the measure is yet another GOP swipe at the poor and contains double-counted savings that Republicans already had put into other legislation. And the White House today reaffirmed its veto threat.

"They want to provide a very huge tax cut, largely for the wealthy, and at same time take money from kids and education," White House Chief of Staff Leon Panetta said on NBC's "Today." "That's the wrong set of priorities. This country is not about robbing our children in order to provide those kinds of tax cuts for the wealthy."

A fractious House Budget Committee approved the \$100 billion, five-year reductions on Thursday by a nearly party-line 24-11 vote. The money is to be used to help make up lost revenues

from the Republicans' \$189 billion tax-cut bill, and party leaders exulted that they were giving the public what it wants.

"You ain't seen nothing yet," said budget panel Chairman John Kasich, R-Ohio, referring to even deeper cuts the GOP will map this spring to balance the budget.

Earlier in the day, the House voted 227-200 to cut \$17 billion from housing, public broadcasting and other programs that already have been funded for the current fiscal year. The measure also contained \$5.4 billion in aid for California and other states still reeling from recent natural disasters.

That package drew a quick veto threat from the White House, where Chief of Staff Leon Panetta called it "irresponsible and mean-spirited." But Republicans said they would press ahead anyway.

To save the \$100 billion in the Budget Committee bill, Republicans would drive spending down in a broad category that includes many domestic, defense and foreign aid.

Vexing problems face ag committee

WASHINGTON (AP) — Sen. Richard Lugar's proposal to cut \$15 billion from crop and farm export subsidies may leave his Senate Agriculture Committee with as much as \$35 billion to go.

Sen. Pete V. Domenici, R-N.M., chairman of the Senate Budget Committee, delivered that message Thursday to the Agriculture panel. Pledging that Congress is serious about trimming the deficit, Domenici said, "You should therefore plan major reform of agriculture programs this year."

The message gave support to a proposal by Lugar, R-Ind., chairman of the Agriculture Committee, to slice \$15 billion

from mandatory spending for agriculture by cutting crop and export subsidies.

But the panel has yet to take up a more vexing problem of cuts in food stamps, school lunches and other nutrition programs over which the Agriculture Committee has jurisdiction.

Lugar's proposal has yet to win support within the committee, a situation that Lugar predicts will change when the deadline draws near for making cuts. Domenici said the final decision on cuts assigned by Congress to the Agriculture Committee should come before the end of May.

Registered sex offender arrested in assault on 5-year-old

CAMDEN, N.J. (AP) — A convicted sex offender required to register with authorities last month under a new notification law has been charged with assaulting a 5-year-old child.

Brandon Jason Longo, 25, was

arrested Wednesday after the alleged assault in the restroom of a fast-food restaurant, County Prosecutor Edward F. Borden Jr. said Thursday.

The arrest came three weeks after Longo registered, under

protest, with his local police department as required by the so-called Megan's Law.

The law, enacted Jan. 1, has been challenged in state and federal courts, and a portion of the law that provides for com-

munity notification when a sex offender moves into a neighborhood has been put on hold pending legal challenges.

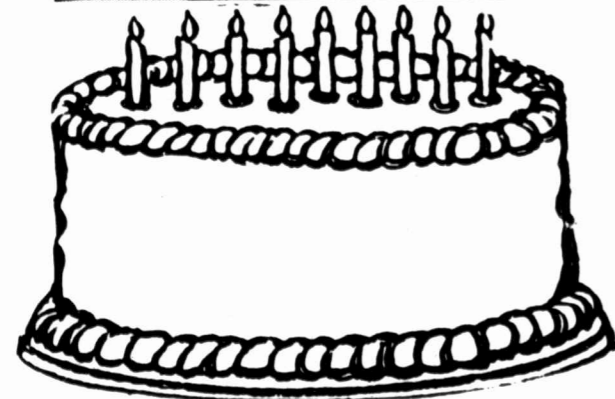
Longo was sentenced to seven years in prison in 1988 for sexual assault, said Patricia Mul-

ahy, a Corrections Department spokeswoman. He was released on Aug. 25, 1993, she said.

"Megan's Law" was named for 7-year-old Megan Kanka, who was raped and killed last summer, allegedly by a sex offender.

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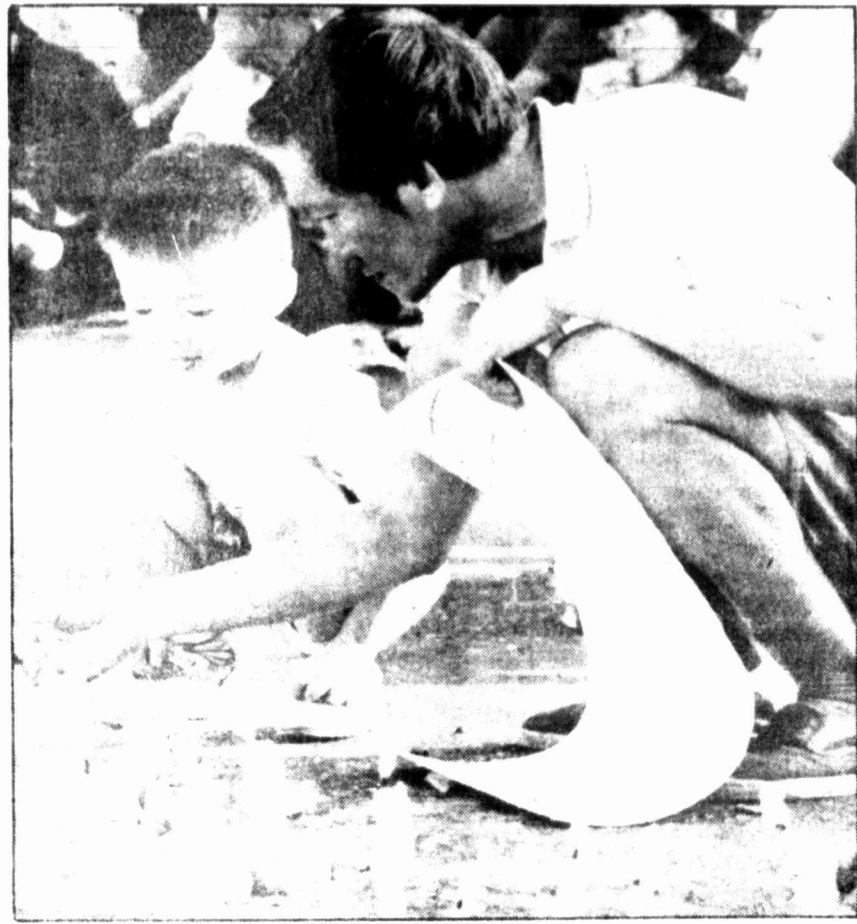
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A father and son light candles in front of the Singaporean embassy in suburban Makati early this morning following an overnight vigil to urge the Singaporean government to stay the execution of Flor Contemplacion, a Filipino mother and domestic in Singapore. Despite pleas for the delay of the execution and the re-opening of the case, Contemplacion was executed at dawn today.

Domestic's execution raises questions about Singapore's justice system

SINGAPORE (AP) — Ignoring pleas and protests, Singapore today hanged a Filipino maid convicted of a double murder bringing renewed criticism of its strict criminal justice system.

Flor Contemplacion, 42, was executed at dawn at Changi prison for the 1991 murders of Bella Maga — also a Filipino maid — and the woman's 4-year-old child, Nicholas Huang.

Mrs. Contemplacion, who was convicted last April, claimed she was coerced into confessing. The Philippines asked Singapore to delay the execution long enough to review new evidence, but the government said the purported evidence was false.

Anger swept the Philippines at the news of the hanging. Leftist and feminist groups, human rights activists and the media denounced Singapore as a barbaric, tyrannical and totalitarian state with no respect for human rights. The Roman Catholic Church called Singapore a state without mercy.

"It's so easy, it's all over. Now they have got an innocent person," cried Romeo Capulong, a Filipino human rights lawyer who camped in Singapore, campaigning vigorously to save Mrs. Contemplacion during the past week.

"We are not absolving Flor," said Lito Atienza, the vice mayor of Manila, the Philippine capital. "What we wanted was a retrial. Nothing could have been lost if the hanging had been postponed."

The case focused new attention on Singapore's uncompromising laws that came into the limelight when U.S. teenager

Michael Fay was flogged for vandalism despite a mercy plea by President Clinton and when Dutchman Johannes van Damme was hanged on drug charges in September despite pleas from the Netherlands and human rights groups.

In Singapore, Mrs. Contemplacion's lawyers unsuccessfully tried until the last hours to delay the execution.

At least two maids came forward this week to suggest that the 4-year-old boy drowned during an epileptic fit in a bathtub and his enraged father killed Mrs. Maga and framed Mrs. Contemplacion.

In a statement Wednesday, the government rejected the allegations, but did not specify how the claims were reviewed.

Singapore displayed unprecedented security during the hanging. Eight policemen, including two armed with machine guns and wearing flak jackets, stood outside the prison gates with two dogs.

Police cars and motorcycles patrolled the street continuously, apparently to deter any possible protest by the estimated 75,000 Filipino maids working in Singapore. But there was no trouble.

Police warned people against gathering in groups, illegal in Singapore, and a police statement said there was concern Filipinos were planning to assemble for a public prayer.

Filipino maids, most of them poorly educated, form the bulk of domestic help in this city-state of 3.3 million people. Their wages are lower than those of local workers for equivalent work.

Six detainees believed linked to WTC bombing

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan (AP) — Police have detained six men they believe have links to Ramzi Yousef, the man accused of masterminding the 1993 bombing of the World Trade Center in New York.

The six were detained March 11 in the northwestern city of Peshawar and include three Sudanese, an Iranian, a Pakistani, and a naturalized Pakistani born in Syria, police and a leading English-language newspaper said today.

Pakistan authorities have not released any information linking the men to the World Trade Center attack or any other serious crime. However, investigators hope they can find additional clues about who was behind the New York bombing and other acts of terrorism.

U.S. officials declined to comment on the arrests, but a diplomat who requested anonymity said U.S. officials and Americans living in Peshawar had been advised to take extra security precautions.

FBI investigators are looking into the possibility that the killing March 8 of two American employees of the U.S. Consulate in the southern city of Karachi was retaliation for Yousef's arrest.

The News said the six men were picked up after an investigation revealed they received phone calls from Yousef shortly before his Feb. 7 arrest in Islamabad, the capital.

Yousef, charged in the World Trade Center bombing that left six dead and more than 1,000 injured, was immediately extra-

ditied to the United States. He has pleaded innocent and remains in custody in New York.

The six men in Pakistan are being questioned at the Adiala Jail in Rawalpindi, a city adjacent to Islamabad. None of the six has been charged with a serious offense.

The four non-Pakistanis were being held under the Foreigners Act, which allows police to hold anyone suspected of violating immigration laws. The maximum punishment is deportation and a \$30 fine.

The two Pakistani citizens are being held under the Maintenance of Public Order law, which allows authorities to detain anyone for up to 90 days without charge.

The six have been identified

as Fazel Omar, Adel Attayyab, and Bahauddin (one name), all Sudanese; Ibrahim Rasul, an Iranian; Fazlullah Hamidi, a Pakistani; and Saleem Abdel Rahim, a Syrian native who has become a Pakistan citizen.

Yousef was arrested at a guest house in Islamabad, and workers there said he made several calls to Peshawar the night before he was picked up. The numbers were logged by the staff at the guest house and handed over to police.

Even after Yousef was arrested, people from Peshawar tried to call him at the guest house, workers said.

Four of the six detained men shared an apartment and a phone in Peshawar, The News reported.

Single convoy pushes through but need is great

SARAJEVO, Bosnia-Herzegovina (AP) — The United Nations sent 100 tons of food to northwestern Bosnia today, but the single convoy can hardly fill the "enormous needs" of tens of thousands of hungry residents, a U.N. official said.

U.N. officials have warned of severe malnutrition and even starvation in the besieged Bihac enclave, where about 200,000 people, most of them Muslims, depend solely on humanitarian aid.

Since May, the U.N. aid agen-

cy has met only about 20 percent of the enclave's food needs. The last food convoy arrived Feb. 28.

Rebel Serbs in Croatia granted permission for the aid trucks en route today to pass through territory they hold bordering the Bihac enclave.

"Every convoy is important," said Alemka Lisinski, spokeswoman for the U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees. "However, 100 tons of food are a drop in the ocean considering the enormous needs of the peo-

ple in Bihac and the misery they have been facing for many months now."

If the convoy gets through, and others follow, the U.N. aid agency may reconsider its decision to cut off aid to Croatian Serbs, Lisinski said.

Today's convoy carried beans, beef, yeast, cooking oil, flour and fish, Lisinski said. Priority will go to the young, the elderly and the sick, and to public kitchens, she said.

Throughout the 3-year-old war, combatants have blocked

aid as a means of weakening opponents and lowering morale. Bosnian Serbs currently are blocking land convoys into Sarajevo. The humanitarian airlift into the capital has been suspended since Sunday because planes were fired on.

Peacekeepers in three government-held enclaves are running out of fuel because Bosnian Serbs have refused to allow new supplies through.

Such harassment should have stopped under a truce the government and rebel Serbs signed.

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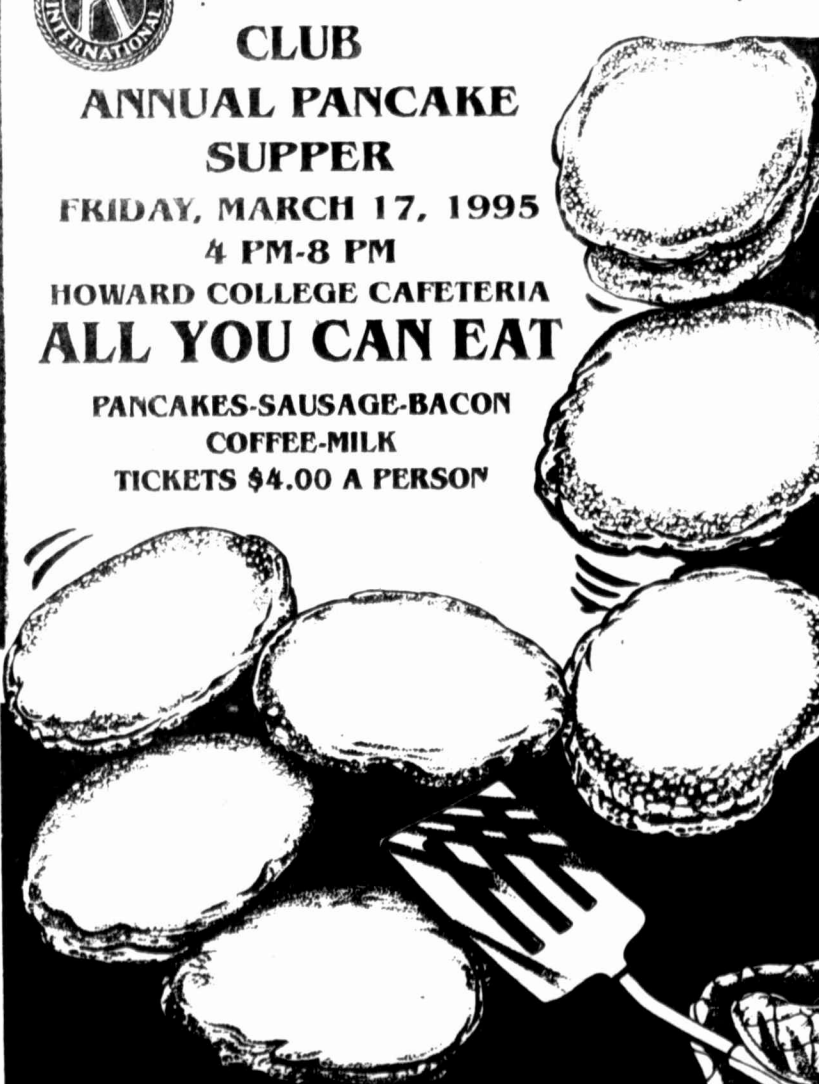
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Lady Hawks defeat Sullivan at tourney

By DAVE HARGRAVE
Sports Editor

TYLER — The Howard College Lady Hawks showcased a different starting lineup Thursday because some players had higher "grades" than others.

Thursday, everyone made the grade.

The Howard College women's basketball team beat Sullivan College (Ky.) 73-66 in the consolation quarterfinals of the national junior college tournament. Howard coach Terry Gray uses what he calls a "grading system" every game to determine who starts in the next game. That system led to an unusual starting five against Sullivan.

"The starting lineup was determined by our grading system, a policy that we've used all season," Gray said. "Also, we felt like we wanted to give a lot of people an opportunity to play a lot of minutes, and I was very pleased with all 10 of our players."

Gray started Eureka Ray, Joyce Howard, Cathy Grice, KeeKee Black and Summer

Swoboda — an unusual combination when you consider Howard's leading scorer and rebounder, 6-foot-1 sophomore Amber Lacey, was sitting on the bench against a tall, athletic Sullivan team. Lacey had played less than 20 minutes Tuesday against Logan College because of foul trouble, and she played barely more than that vs. Sullivan.

Still, Lacey and Black scored 11 points each to pace Howard's offense. Hoard (29-5) won with defense — Sullivan (27-6) was the highest-scoring team in the nation last season, averaging 107.6 points per game while finishing third in the country, but the Executives tallied just 130 points in their tournament losses. Ricks College (Idaho) beat Sullivan 90-64 Tuesday.

Despite its strong defense, Howard was in trouble at the start. Sullivan dominated Howard's smaller starting five on the boards and led 34-23 at one point, but the Lady Hawks rallied to move within three, 38-35, at halftime. Ray started and finished two fast breaks during the spurt, and Joyce Howard sank a three-pointer.

Howard — the school and the point guard, took over. The 5-5 freshman from Levelland doesn't look to shoot much, but in a span of 25 seconds she hit two treys to give the Lady Hawks a 57-56 lead. The second three-pointer was a 23-footer.

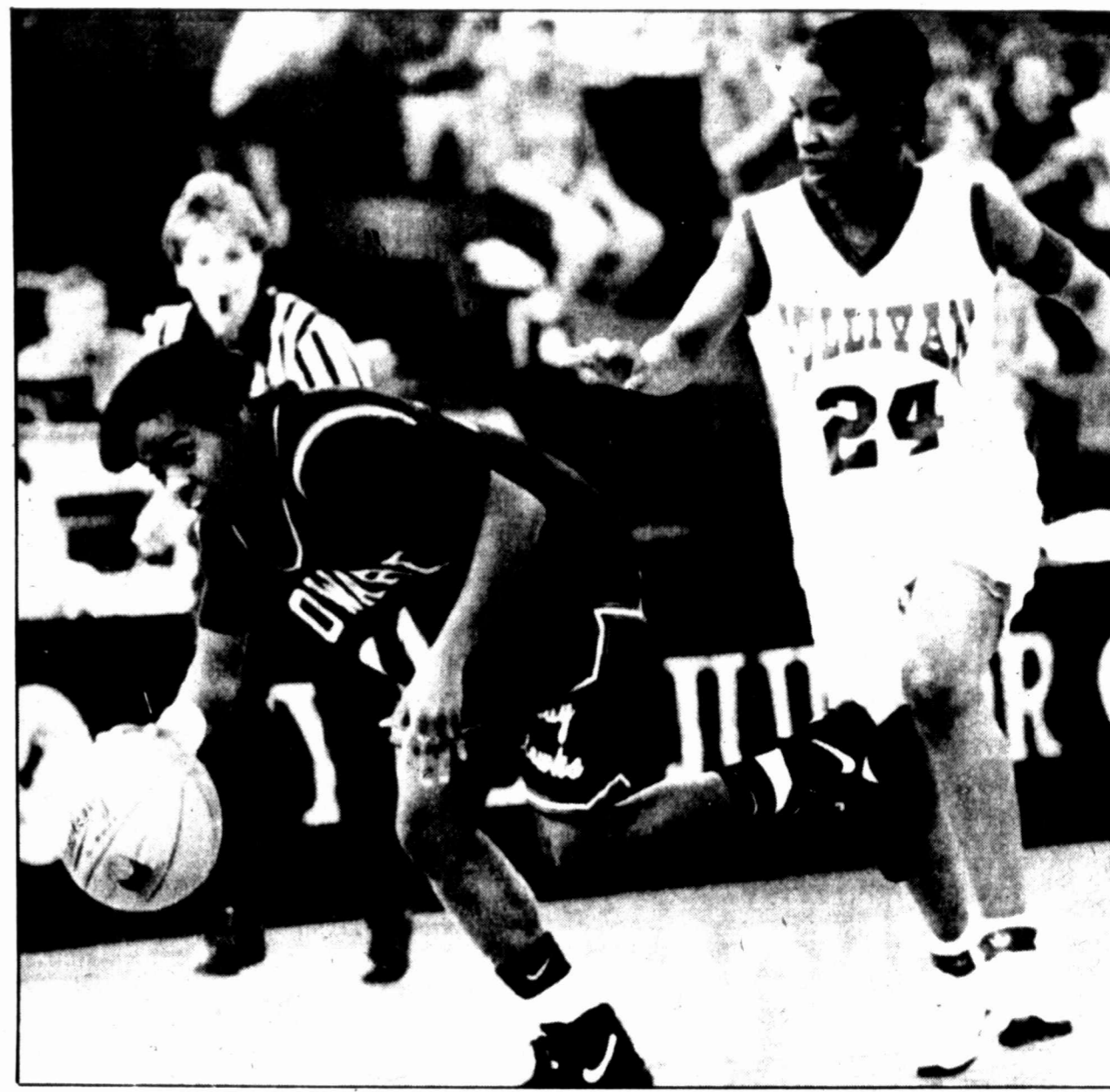
"I did think about that second one for a second, but I saw I was open and I shot it," Howard said. Though Sullivan tied the game at 58, the Lady Hawks never trailed again.

Lacey drove the baseline and scored, then freshman Kyna Cosby drained a three-pointer from the top of the key to push Howard's lead to 63-58. Black added two baskets from down low, then Grice scored another driving layup to put Howard up

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Howard College's Eureka Ray (11) struggles to keep her balance after stealing the ball from Sullivan's Daisha Patterson during the first half of their game Thursday at the JUCO women's national basketball tournament in Tyler.

Texas downs Ducks, face Maryland next

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Eighth-ranked Connecticut and No. 10 Maryland breezed through the West Regional's opening round, but tournament-wise Cincinnati and a cocky Texas team stand in their paths to the Sweet Sixteen.

The Terrapins (25-7) had 21 points from Duane Simpkins as they ousted outmanned Gonzaga 87-63 and earned a West Regional second-round date Saturday with Texas (23-6).

But the 11th-seeded Longhorns, who got 19 points from Terrence Rencher in dispatching Oregon 90-73 Thursday, are convinced they belong on the same court as Maryland — or any other nationally ranked squad.

"We've beaten a lot of tough teams this year. Maybe now this team will get a little credit," Texas coach Tom Penders said. "Our kids want to prove they have been, should be and are a Top 25 team."

Maryland coach Gary Williams won't argue the point,



Texas players, from left, Brandy Perryman, Rich McIver and Jeremy Lamin, celebrate their 90-73 win over Oregon in the NCAA West Regional in Salt Lake City Thursday.

nor make predictions — except that his Terrapins — the No. 3 seed in the West behind UCLA and Connecticut — will be ready.

"Texas plays with a lot of confidence — they go after it with a lot of traps and stuff — and so do we," he said. Added Simpkins: "They're

pretty much like us, very athletic. It's going to be a very good game, both offensively and defensively."

Maryland, with All-American Joe Smith on the bench with his fourth foul for most of the second half, still had more than enough to end Gonzaga's first NCAA trip. Smith finished with just nine points in 24 minutes of play.

The win made Maryland a record 12-0 in first-round games in the NCAA tournament. It had shared the mark of 11 straight first-round wins with Ohio State.

Still, Maryland got all it could handle for 30 minutes from 14th-seeded Gonzaga, making its initial appearance in the tournament.

The Bulldogs (21-9) were led by Jason Rubright and Paul Rogers with 13 points each, and trailed just 51-44 with 13:27 remaining before the Terrapins pulled away with a pair of 3-pointers by Simpkins and another from Johnny Rhodes.

Johnson provides points, leadership

By DAVE HARGRAVE
Sports Editor

TYLER — The Lady Hawks are going to miss Tiffany Johnson.

Big time. The Howard College women's basketball team fell out of the national championship picture Tuesday with an 84-83 overtime loss to Logan (Ill.) College.

The Lady Hawks came back to win in the consolation quarterfinals Thursday, but thoughts are already turning toward the 1995-96 season.

Johnson won't be part of that. The 5-foot-9 sophomore from Wharton will be leaving Howard and ending a lengthy association with Howard coach Terry Gray. Gray first coached Johnson at Wharton High School during her sophomore year.

Johnson is merely one of the great players with the Lady Hawks, but in the postseason she stood out.

Big time. Please see JOHNSON, page 8A

Lady Raiders survive scare to outlast Tulane

LUBBOCK (AP) — Noel Johnson scored 20 points to drive Texas Tech's 87-72 comeback victory over Tulane in the NCAA Tournament's first round on Thursday.

The No. 5 Lady Raiders, seeded second in the Midwest Regional, trailed the 15th-seeded Green Wave 51-49 midway through the second half.

Tulane (19-10) was making its NCAA Tournament debut against a team two years removed from the national championship.

The second round brings Tech (31-3) a 2 p.m. matchup Saturday in Lubbock against Wisconsin, who upset No. 23 Kansas 73-72 earlier Thursday.

Barbara Farris' bucket pulled the Green Wave to 54-53 with 9:46 to go and Michi Atkins sitting on Tech's bench with four fouls.

But the Lady Raiders used free throws to build a final score that didn't indicate the game's balanced tempo.

Tulane of the Metro Athletic Conference stayed close, thanks mostly to 3-pointers: Christy

Thomaskutty hit seven and Mary Ann Marino added four. Thomaskutty led Tulane with 23 points. Marino scored 18.

Tabitha Truesdale hit 17 points and made a game-high 15 assists for the Southwest Conference's Lady Raiders. Connie Robinson and Atkins each contributed 16.

Robinson pulled down 10 rebounds during her 28 minutes — the most she has played since undergoing knee surgery earlier this season.

The Lady Raiders gained their biggest lead of the first period

when Johnson capped a fast break with a 5-foot jumper to put Tech up 35-27 with a minute to play.

But Tech coach Marsha Sharp was called for a technical foul and Thomaskutty's two free throws narrowed the gap to 35-31. And with one second to go before halftime, the Green Wave's Kathey Young sank a shot to pull Tulane within 35-33.

Tech opened the second half with a 6-0 run; Tulane came back with an 8-1 response that left them behind 42-41 with 15:15 to go.

The team was sluggish but effective

Thursday morning we woke early and back in the routine. We got up around 7 a.m. and had to be downstairs in the hotel restaurant by 7:30. We ate a buffet and then needed to be ready to leave for shoot-around by 8 a.m. For shoot-around we traveled to John Tyler (High School) once again. After a brief rundown of the opponent and a bit of shooting we returned to the hotel for about an hour and thirty minutes. We left for the Tyler Junior College gym, fully dressed, at 10:30 a.m. When we got there the game before us was still going on so we sat as a team until we were instructed to start stretching. After we stretched briefly in a TJC hallway, we returned to the locker room for a pregame prayer and further instructions. Warm-up was a bit sluggish. We did not look ready to play at all! But fortunately we were. We came out a little slow and had to fight back the whole time. We missed a lot of free throws but thank

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SHOT OF THE DAY

A kiss for the winner
Stanford's Jenny Thompson is congratulated by coach Richard Quick after her victory in the 200 individual medley Thursday at the NCAA Swimming Championships in Austin.

TEXAS SPORTS

Wings squeak by Dallas

DETROIT (AP) — Vladimir Konstantinov and Bob Rouse scored third-period goals to break a 3-3 tie and give the Detroit Red Wings a 5-4 victory over the Dallas Stars Thursday night.

Konstantinov entered the game with one goal and Rouse had none, but they helped Detroit hand the Stars their third straight road loss. The Red Wings are 5-1-1 in their last seven.

The game was 1-1 after a period, with Dallas' Mike Donnelly and Detroit's Darren McCarty getting the goals.

Dallas took a 2-1 lead at 2:35 of the second on the power play when Grant Ledyard's shot from the point hit Nicklas Lidstrom and the goalpost before reaching the back of the net.

Ray Sheppard retied the game at 7:11, also on the power play, scoring an easy 16th goal.

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Thanks, Michael, but ...

DEERFIELD, Ill. (AP) — Chicago Bulls coach Phil Jackson said he told Michael Jordan to stay away from the team's practice because of the swarming media contingent. Jackson said an announcement on Jordan's future would probably be made in three or four days.

Gymnasts clean up

MAR DEL PLATA, Argentina (AP) — Shannon Miller of Edmond, Okla., won the floor exercise and uneven bars and was second in the vault as the U.S. women gymnasts won all the golds and three silvers in the Pan Am Games.

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Youth Horsemen arena has new look

By JANET AUSBURY
Features Editor

The Howard County Youth Horsemen Club Arena is getting a makeover. Club President Diane Hofacket said work began Monday on giving the area a new look. Trees and brush are being cleared, new stands are being built, the clubhouse is being remodeled, new playground equipment has been ordered and other cleaning is being done.

"It's getting a completely new facelift," said Hofacket. It will take about a week to finish the improvements to the 32-year-old facility. The club had wanted to

make the improvements for the last five years, she added, but the \$18,000 cost was prohibitive.

That is, until several companies stepped in to donate their equipment, time and services. "Price Construction is doing the bulk of the work," said Hofacket.

Strickland and Knight, as well as Hofacket Trucking, are also assisting in the remodeling. Garden City resident Clay Harris is donating fencing and several oil companies are donating pipe.

"They're doing work we don't know that we'd ever get done," she said. "It would be so hard for one group of people to do by

hand. I wish we had a 'before' picture - there was lots of brush, a lot of vandalism the last couple of years and fences half down."

Club member Shannon Davis is impressed with the work that's already been done. "I drove by there and I wouldn't even have known it was the same place," she said.

Hofacket agreed. "It looks so much bigger and cleaner. We didn't realize we had so much space! They've done a good job."

Youth horsemen themselves will get to take advantage of their refurbished arena and clubhouse Saturday, when the first Belt Buckle Playday starts. April 1 and 8 will see the

arrival of "Tex Mex," a Midland group that does barrel shows.

The Youth Horsemen club is comprised of about 75 families and 150 children. "We get people from all over, as far as Post, Sterling City, Garden City, Colorado City," said Hofacket.

The club does not allow drinking on its grounds and seeks to provide a family-oriented environment. "It's good for the kids. They have a place to go and families and kids are all together," Hofacket explained.

"It's great because you know where your kids are. They may be at the other end of the arena, but you know they're there."

LONE FISHERMAN



Doyle Fife of San Antonio is surrounded by a heavy blanket of fog as he wades into the shallows of Braunig Lake near San Antonio to reel in his line.



Father Vincent Inametti poses with the Madonna and Child statue in front of Our Mother of Mercy Church in Fort Worth. Inametti enlisted members of his congregation to transform the statue with paint.

Faith comes in many colors

By RUTH M. BOND
Fort Worth Star-Telegram

FORT WORTH — The statue of Madonna and Child that welcomes worshippers to Our Mother of Mercy Roman Catholic Church looks different from traditional depictions — the figures have brown skin like the church's African-American congregation.

And on the church's larger-than-life crucifix overlooking the pulpit and rows of pews, Jesus is also brown-skinned, not white.

The statues weren't always of a darker hue.

Like most images that decorate Christian places of worship, Our Mother of Mercy's statues were white-skinned for most of the church's 65-year existence.

But about five years ago, the church's former pastor, the Rev. Kenneth Howard, had the

crucifix painted.

Two years before that, two church members decided to paint the once-white skin of the Madonna and Child brown.

For church member Bernadine Sullivan, one of the statue painters, it was a spur-of-the-moment idea. Sullivan said: "We thought, 'Well, why don't we just make it ethnic?'"

The Rev. Vincent Inametti, a missionary from Nigeria who became pastor of the church in 1991 and recently had the fading paint redone, considers maintaining the brown color on the statues essential.

Jesus, Inametti told his congregation, was black, not white.

The racial issue is one of contention among theologians, but even those who don't believe that Jesus Christ was black say it is unlikely that he was the pale figure often depicted in churches.

"It is clear that Jesus could

not have been blond and blue-eyed, given the part of the world that he came from," said the Rev. Charles Wade, pastor of the First Baptist church of Arlington.

"We have to find a way to make a connection between who Christ is and ourselves," Inametti said.

For congregants, admiring figures in their own image is important to self-esteem, Inametti said.

"With this painting, I think our people will realize that their color is not a curse," he said.

Inametti is among the many black church leaders around the country decorating their churches with figures that they believe are more truthful in their depiction of biblical and other religious characters.

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To love God is to know God

DEAR DR. GRAHAM: I don't think it really matters what religion you decide to follow. In fact, why not take the good ideas out of each religion and form a new religion that would point the way to God more clearly? -- H.B.

DEAR H.B.: Some people have actually attempted to combine ideas from many religions and do what you suggest, but there are two main reasons why this will not put you on the right

path.

The first is a practical reason: How will you decide what is right and what is wrong in each religion? In reality you will only pick ideas about God you happen to like -- and how will you know they are right? This will not bring you to God, because you will have no way of knowing if your ideas are actually true.

But the most important reason this is a wrong approach is because it is unnecessary! You see, we can know what God is like -- and more than that, we can actually know God in a personal way. How is this possible?

It is possible because God has come to us and revealed Himself to us. We are not left to grope around in the dark and guess about God -- because God

has shown us what He is like. He did this in a way that staggers our imagination: He took upon Himself human flesh and became a man.

That is why Jesus Christ is so important -- for He was God in human flesh! As the Bible says, "No one has ever seen God, but God the only Son, who is at the Father's side, has made him known" (John 1:18). Do you want to know what God is like? Look at Jesus Christ -- His life, death and resurrection -- as He is revealed in the pages of the New Testament.

When you do, you will realize that God loves you so much that He wants you to spend eternity with Him -- and He has made that possible through Christ. Open your heart and mind to Him today.

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Poet falls on hard times

By ELIZABETH BENNETT
The Houston Post

HOUSTON — In better times, acclaimed Houston poet Vassar Miller had a comfortable, if restricted, life in her own home in the Rice University area.

In spite of cerebral palsy, she could -- with great effort and strain -- walk and talk. She took courses at the Women's Institute, and attended a poetry workshop that met every Friday in the homes of members.

On good days, she sometimes got up at 4 a.m. to write, slowly pecking out her verses on an electric typewriter in her library at home.

A gifted writer, Miller was nominated for a Pulitzer Prize in poetry in 1961 ("Wage War on Silence") and won three awards from the Texas Institute of Letters. Altogether she has published eight books of poetry, which were issued in 1991 as a single volume called "If I Had Wheels."

But now, at age 70, Miller is ailing and destitute. Her home on Vassar Street,

where she has lived on her own since the late '60s, is for sale. (The street was built by her father, a prominent real estate developer who named it after his wife, also named Vassar.)

After a lifetime struggling for independence, the feisty Houston poet had to move into a nursing home several weeks ago -- and she's not the least bit happy about her new life.

"I hate it," she said in an interview, spitting out each word slowly, her face contorted with the massive effort of trying to speak.

How Miller got from her own comfortable home to a subsidized nursing home is a long, convoluted story.

It's hard to piece together because the poet herself can't speak clearly enough to be understood, and it involves a lot of people over the years, many of whom have tried to help her.

But with her sharp tongue and sometimes prickly personality, Miller has alienated a number of individuals purportedly concerned with her best interests, including several members of her family

in Houston and several close friends.

"She picks fights with people," acknowledged Helen Havens, rector of St. Stephens Church and a long-time friend of Miller's. "She's done it with me innumerable times. I guess if we could have written the script of her life it would have had her be polished and affable. But that's the flip side of her indomitable spirit, that she's not willing to cave in and be all sweetness and light."

Unlike most poets, Miller never had to worry about money; income from a family inheritance allowed her to employ a housekeeper over the years. But as she got older, her health deteriorated and she required more assistance at home.

Her current guardian is probate attorney Martha Failing, whose parents had been friends of Miller's and who had once helped her apply for Social Security.

That Social Security check, amounting to less than \$500 a month, is now the only money Miller gets, according to Failing.

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More to debate than evolution vs. creationism, says author

By TERRY MATTINGLY
Scripps Howard News Service

The debate starts with a simple, yet awesome, statement: "In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth."

The choirs of the scientific establishment respond by chanting, "baloney," or technical words to that effect.

Historian Will Provine once said that it's stupid to try to mesh science and Judeo-Christian tradition.

"There are no gods and no designing forces that are rationally detectable. ... You have to check your brains at the church-house door if you take modern evolutionary biology seriously."

Millions of people who

believe that God created the universe, including humanity, to serve a divine purpose tend to be offended by this kind of talk.

"The reckless preachers of naturalistic fundamentalism -- or scientism or materialism or whatever -- seem determined to use the structures of American science as platforms for their ongoing attacks on theism," said Howard Van Till, a physicist and astronomer at Calvin College in Grand Rapids, Mich.

"It's easy to understand why this stirs up a sense of outrage among those of us who believe God is both our creator and our redeemer."

So the two sides square off, year after year, in firefights at

It's easy to understand why this stirs up a sense of outrage among those of us who believe God is both our creator and our redeemer.

Howard Van Till

every level of education, from kindergarten to bitter battles over jobs in the highest halls of academia.

In media soundbites this is reduced to clashes between "evolutionists," who believe in facts and reason, and the "creationists" who want to burn books and silence scientists.

This gross oversimplification doesn't promote public understanding, said Van Till, author of "Science Held Hostage" and

other books on science and faith. The assumption that there are only two camps -- "evolution" vs. "creationism" -- creates a false division. It also shines a spotlight on some conflicts, while keeping others hidden.

Truth is, battles rage on both sides of this divide. Critics and defenders of Darwinian doctrine continue to clash behind the scenes, while cosmologists face chaos as they receive puz-

zling news from the heavens.

After decades of teaching what he calls "evolutionary creation" on a Christian campus, Van Till would be the last person to ignore bitter divisions that exist among believers who accept or reject various tenets of modern science.

But the greatest gap is easy to pinpoint, yet harder to put in a headline. This is the gap between those who believe that "in the beginning" the God of the Bible created the heavens and the earth and those who do not.

Van Till stressed that both believers and agnostics recognize ordered structures and amazing patterns of behavior in the material universe.

"What is at issue -- is

whether or not this order, pattern and complexity ... is the manifestation of divine intentionality and purpose."

The big question should be: Is the universe the product of "purposeful intentionality or of unplanned and purposeless happenstance," he said.

It may become harder to clearly discuss this issue in an age in which many scientists have begun using religious language.

While attacks on literal translations of the Bible's version of creation continue, some scientists have begun to ponder the "physics of immortality" and the "fingerprint of God" in satellite data.

Former Davidians remember life in Waco

By MARK ENGLAND
Waco Tribune-Herald

WACO — Robyn Bunds will never forget what happened at Mount Carmel two years ago. But she tries not to dwell on it. "I won't ever forget it," she said. "I know that. But I want to forget the horror of it, and I don't want it to rule my life. It did for awhile."

Two years after agents for the U.S. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms stormed Mount Carmel — with a warrant that accused cult leader David Koresh and his Branch Davidians of illegally manufacturing automatic weapons — people from around the world are still drawn to the ruins of the claptrap castle that loomed so large on the horizon 10 miles outside Waco.

A chain-link fence surrounds what was Mount Carmel, courtesy of the Texas Natural Resources Conservation Commission. The agency cleaned up the contamination spewed by the April 19, 1993, fire that destroyed their compound and killed Koresh and about 80 of his followers.

Surviving Branch Davidians planned a memorial service at the site Tuesday, planting six crape myrtles in honor of the sect members slain on Feb. 28, 1993. Four ATF agents also died that day.

One of the ex-Branch Davidians who alerted the public to Koresh's manipulation of his followers, Bunds' life spun out of control after the fire.

She moved to Chandler, near Tyler, last year to be near Koresh's mother, Bonnie Haldeman.

A lot of emotions wracked Bunds. She was angry at the government for the deaths of the Davidians, whom she still considered friends. There was also the guilt she felt over Shaun, her 6-year-old son by Koresh, not being able to see his grandmother because they lived in California. There were other emotions she can't even put in words.

Gradually, though, her anger ebbed, and Bunds decided she needed to get on with her life. For her, that meant going back to school and going back to California, where she's studying to be a paralegal.

"Before, everything was like a movie," Bunds said. "Going down there made it real. I'm not angry anymore. You can't change the past. You have to go on with your life."

David Jewell was remembering Mount Carmel on Tuesday if only to say thanks for his 14-year-old daughter, Kiri, not being there. She would have been if Marc Breault, a former Koresh confidante, had not called Jewell in 1992.

Breault said Koresh had targeted Kiri as a bride for the House of David, which was made up of women who had children by Koresh who supposedly would rule the Earth with him one day.

Jewell went to court and won joint custody of Kiri. The Michigan court also warned his ex-wife, Sherri, to keep her daughter away from Koresh. Sherri Jewell returned alone to Mount Carmel, where she died.

"I do think about how fortunate I am, especially as the anniversary dates roll around," said Jewell, a disc jockey in South Bend, Ind.

Kiri rarely talks about her years as a Davidian, said Jewell, who never belonged to the sect.

Jewell thinks the catalyst to Kiri's recent success is a letter from Waco that arrived, eerily, last April 19 at their Michigan home. Authorities had used DNA testing to identify Sherri Jewell's body.

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Colors

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The figures exemplify the increasingly popular conviction among black clergy that some prominent figures in the Bible — including David, Solomon, Joshua, the Queen of Sheba, Moses and his wife and Jesus — are of African descent.

The 11-year-old St. Luke Community United Methodist Church in Dallas hired an African-American artist to design stained-glass images of characters, including those from the Bible, to reflect less

Anglo and more black appearances, said the Rev. Zan Holmes, pastor of the 3,000-member church.

Having icons that reflect the congregants in a church makes it easier for them to identify with their religion, church leaders said.

"Images have something to do with what we believe," Inametti said recently. "When they come into the house of God and see all images of the white man, they say in their minds, 'Maybe I don't belong here.' I'm trying to do away

with the idea that Catholicism is a white man's religion."

Inametti also has decorated his church with kente cloth from Ghana and wears a white chasuble, or robe, with strips of kente cloth sewn in.

Ralph McCloud of the African-American Ministry in the Diocese of Fort Worth said, "This area is gradually coming into a deeper awareness, and we're a little bit behind the rest of the country, but that's OK."

The important thing, he said, is that more people are accepting depictions other than the

European images that have dominated churches for so long.

But as the painting of Our Mother of Mercy's icons suggest, biblical statues depicting people of black descent can be difficult to come by.

Inametti said he resorted to repainting the figures because he didn't know of an area company that sold figures with black features.

Churches in other part of the country, however, have found a reliable supplier in a St. Louis-based artist who appears to be

the major supplier of original black religious art. Through his company, Black & White International, Polish-born artist Wiktor Szostalo has supplied close to 200 churches as well as stores and individuals nationwide with a variety of black biblical icons.

Over the past five years, Szostalo's depictions of St. Martin de Porres, a Nativity scene, the Holy Family, Christ resurrected and crucified — all with black features — have been purchased by churches.

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CLUBS IN BRIEF

Deadline for club news items is noon Wednesday.

Big Spring Woman's Club

Big Spring Woman's Club is opening its March meeting to the public 7:30 p.m. March 20, at Dora Roberts Community Center. Raymond Abrams, M.D. of Baylor Medical Center in Dallas, is the guest speaker. He is an obstetrician/gynecologist and surgeon. He will present a program on breast cancer: prevention, onset, diagnosis and treatment.

Dr. Abrams is the stepfather of club member Charla Lewis.

Retired Teachers

Members of the Big Spring-Howard County Retired Teachers Association will meet March 20 in the Cactus Room at Howard College for their regular luncheon at 11:45 a.m. and business meeting. Guest speaker is Dan Wilkins, partner of Edward D. Jones and Company who will present investment strategies.

Wilkins was born in Fulton, Missouri. He is a partner of Edward D. Jones and has worked with the company for 28 years.

Wilkins recalls hearing Winston Churchill speak on "The Iron Curtain" at Westminster College, Fulton, Missouri, in 1946.

County FCE

Howard County Family and Community Education Council met March 6 in the home of Irene Priebe to plan for the district meeting which is to be at Baptist Temple, 11th Place and Golias April 20.

Big Spring Shrine Club

Big Spring Shrine Club meets 6:30 p.m. Shrine Club Bldg. Meal will be served. Call Jo Thompson, President, 267-8416 for information.

City FCE

The City FCE Club meet with Irene Priebe March 10 at 2 p.m. President Frances Zant received plans for the District 6 T.A.F.C.E. meeting to be held at Baptist Temple Church on April 20. She discussed plans for the State TAFCE meeting to be held on Padre Island on Sept. 24.

"Pillow Talk," a program with instructions and demonstrations for making colorful spot pillows with little or no sewing was given by Jowilli Etchison and Mildred Callihan.

The club will meet at 2:30 p.m., March 24 at the Coliseum for a program given by Janet Franklin and Sue Vaughn, authors of recipe books "From Calf Fries To Caviar" and "More Calf Fries to Caviar." This is to be given as part of the Ag Show. The public is invited.

Prospector's Club

The B.S.P.C. met in regular session 7:30 p.m. March 9, at 606 E. Third St. with President Charles Leek presiding.

Lola Lamb announced the winners of the three special prizes at the Gem and Mineral Show:

Faceted topaz "Star in Big Spring," design faceted by Mike Pitkin of Andrews. Jimmy Wilson donated rough topaz to the club. This was won by Debra Freestone of Odessa.

The second special prize of bola and matching belt buckle fashioned and donated by Charles Leek and constructed of Petrified Palmwood, the official state stone of Texas. It was won by C.W. Frost of Lohn, Texas.

A faceted smoky quartz cut and donated by Jerald Wilson and won by Charles Lightfoot of Abilene.

The Prospector's U.S. map won the people's choice award. Please see CLUBS, page 4B

Program rewards good students with shoes

LUBBOCK, Texas (AP) — Hillary Hutchinson wears proof of God's practical ways on his size 10 feet.

The sixth-grader picked out new zebra-striped Converse as part of a reward Messiah Presbyterian Church extended to 54 model elementary students.

"I was looking for some basketball shoes," Hillary said. "They're good on the court."

But the shoes go far beyond footwear.

At Iles Elementary — located in an impoverished neighborhood pockmarked by gangs and drug peddlers — the shoes inject a sense of confidence and pride.

"It makes me feel good," Hillary said.

That's what the 20 members of Messiah Presbyterian hoped to hear when they launched "P.S. — Go For It!" They hope teachers saying "P.S. — Go For It!" in their classrooms will entice students to behave and work hard.

The program grew last summer from an East Lubbock meeting in which an Iles teacher explained how hoodlums turn high-dollar shoes into both status symbols and recruitment tools.

Attending the meeting was the Rev. Pam Powell, known as "Pastor Pam," who had been praying for a way her church could deliver a unique and meaningful ministry to the nearby school.

It struck her that athletic shoes carried the clout necessary to get children's attention.

Powell said she figured Messiah Presbyterian could counter the gangs and drugs by buying the same shoes for children who excel.

"We are Christians who believe that God can do won-

derful things through anybody willing to go through God's guidance," she said. "We were really willing to think new thoughts and trust God."

The program debuted last month by awarding 54 certificates for shoes — three in each of Iles' 18 classrooms — to outstanding students, athletes and citizens. Teachers selected the winners; the winners then went shopping at Foot Locker and Kids Foot Locker.

It was the first trip some of these students had ever made cross-town to South Plains Mall, school officials said.

Assistant Principal Judith Lampe said the program plays on the emphasis adolescents place on appearance and peer acceptance. And in addition, she said, shoes are symbolic.

"I just think it's real appropriate that it's shoes — that you're going someplace," Lampe said.

Fifty-four more pairs will be awarded next semester, with the total cost estimated at \$11,000.

Messiah Presbyterian sought funds from its tiny membership, the Palo Duro Presbytery's Mission Task Group and the Health Ministries Group of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) General Assembly. Discounts came from Foot Locker, 15 percent, and Kids Foot Locker, 25 percent.

About \$3,000 remains to be raised, but Powell said support has poured in from various groups and individuals.


"They just went — as the kids would say — ballistic, and said, 'This is big,'" Powell said. "The church is about spreading good news, and this is definitely good news."



Don G. Jones, treasurer of the Messiah Presbyterian Church, talks to two of 54 elementary school children who received new athletic shoes from the church Jan. 30 in Lubbock. The goal of the shoe program is to encourage students to behave and work hard in the classroom by rewarding them with expensive foot gear, a status symbol among teens.

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CHURCH IN BRIEF

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Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish

Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish is having a parish mission beginning Saturday at 5:30 p.m. Mass, Sunday at 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. All are invited to a week of renewal and repentance with Fr. Paul Farrell, C.P.P.S.

Morning Mass will be at 8 a.m. daily beginning Monday and ending on Thursday evening March 23. A parish mission sermon and ceremony will be at 7 p.m. each evening. For information call 267-4124. There will be a parish covered by a dinner in the parish hall on Saturday at 6 p.m. All are invited to attend.

First Church of the Nazarene

SPRINGFIELD, Tenn. — A concert of hymns and songs will be an concert 7 p.m. on March 21 in the sanctuary of the First Church of the Nazarene at 1105 Lancaster.

SPRINGFIELD, Tenn. — A time around the United States and Canada, singing for world peace, service, peace, justice and youth will be a church denomination.

In a recent appearance at the annual City Theme Park in Houston, Missions, to the General Council of the Assembly of God, the Southern Baptist Convention and the General Assembly of the Church of the Nazarene.

They were associated with a mission in support of 100 children through a special International Day of Prayer. The prayer was held in the White House Heart of the Church with Stand, "Be the Light," "Side by Side," "Walk in Mercy."

The public is invited to attend the prayer. The prayer will be held in the White House Heart of the Church with Stand, "Be the Light," "Side by Side," "Walk in Mercy."

Clubs

Country Homepage 491
The club is a group of people who meet regularly with the purpose of providing a place where members can meet and share their interests. The club is open to all who are interested in the club's activities. The club meets on the first and third Thursdays of each month at 7:30 p.m. at the Country Homepage. The club is a place where members can meet and share their interests. The club is open to all who are interested in the club's activities. The club meets on the first and third Thursdays of each month at 7:30 p.m. at the Country Homepage.

A videotaped program on public prospecting was presented at a meeting of the club. The program was presented by a speaker who discussed the importance of public prospecting in the oil and gas industry. The speaker provided valuable information on how to identify and evaluate potential oil and gas prospects. The program was well received by the club members.

The next regular meeting will be April 12. There will be a potluck supper. Members are urged to bring a dish to share. The club is a place where members can meet and share their interests. The club is open to all who are interested in the club's activities. The club meets on the first and third Thursdays of each month at 7:30 p.m. at the Country Homepage.

Mary Jane Club

Twelve members of Coahoma's Mary Jane Club met at the Dea Roberts Community Center for the March meeting. President Robbie Nix conducted a business meeting which included a request for members from Big Spring State Hospital as well as possible as partners with the Old Settlers' Home.

The group voted to sponsor at least one team in the Howard Glasscock Chapter of the American Cancer Society with the May 19-20 Relay for Life.

Following the business meeting, Marie Brooks conducted a tour of the center, gave history on the facility and answered the group's questions. Refreshments were served by the club members. The meeting was a success and the club members enjoyed the time together.

The club members shall not be held responsible for any loss or damage to their property. The club is a place where members can meet and share their interests. The club is open to all who are interested in the club's activities. The club meets on the first and third Thursdays of each month at 7:30 p.m. at the Country Homepage.

HOWARD COUNTY DEVOTIONAL PAGE

Facts About The **BIBLE** BY JOHN LEHTI

"...AND HE ROLLED A LARGE STONE ACROSS THE ENTRANCE..."
MATTHEW 27:60



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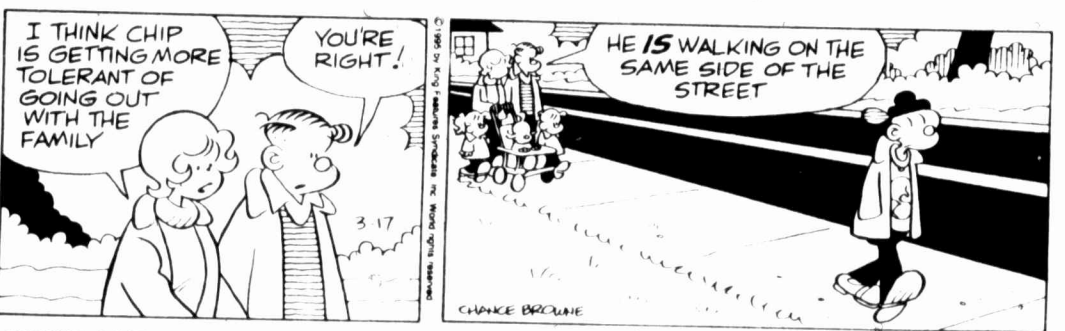
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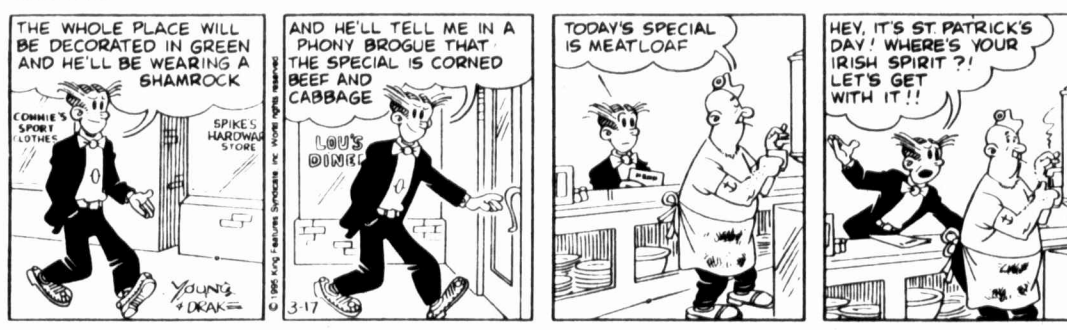
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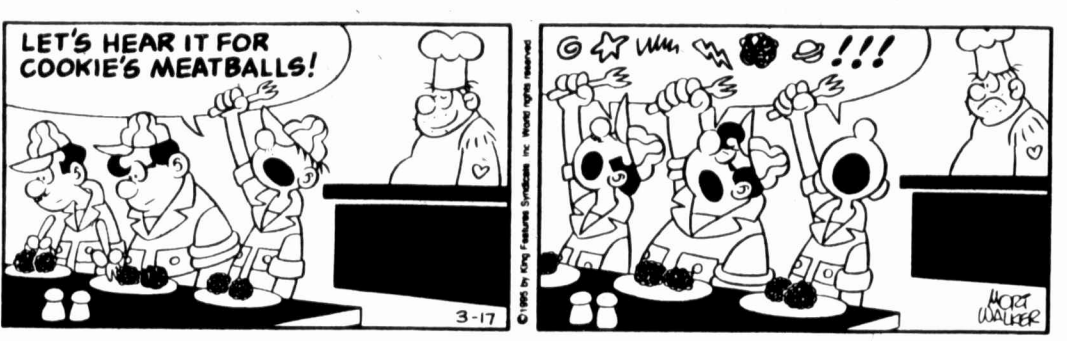
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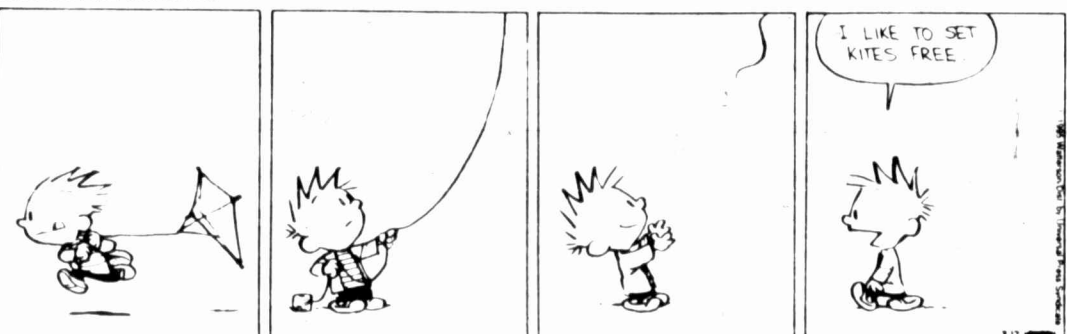
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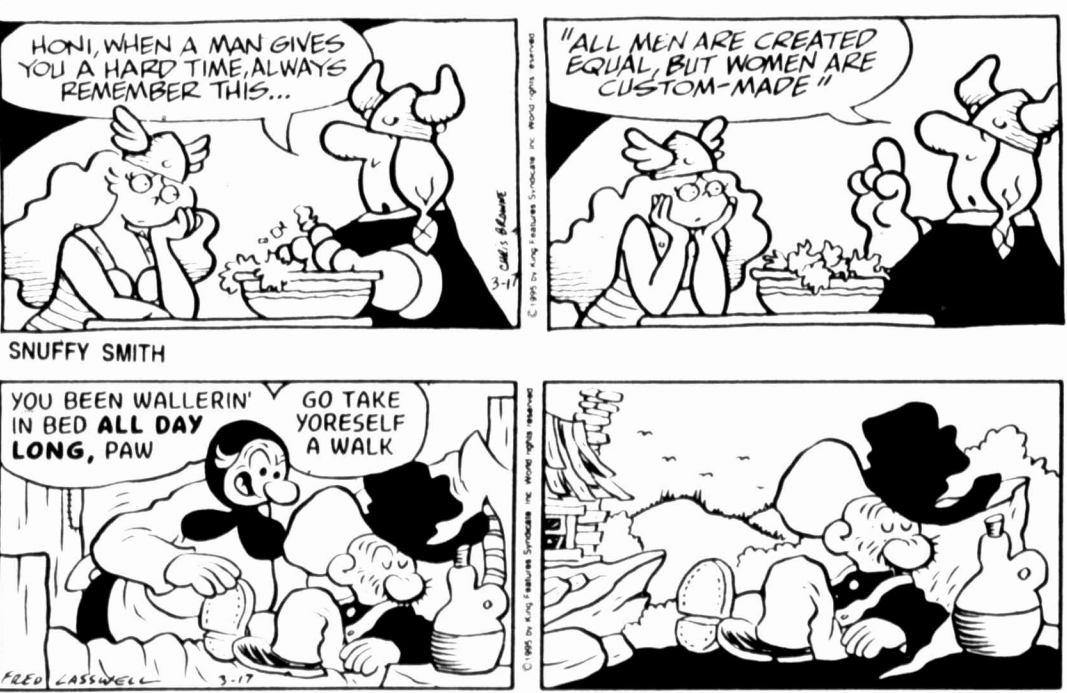
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- Chaucer's inn
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This date in history

Today is Friday, March 17, the 76th day of 1995. There are 289 days left in the year. This is St. Patrick's Day.

Today's Highlight in History: On March 17, A.D. 461, according to tradition, St. Patrick — the patron saint of Ireland — died in Saul.

On this date:

- In 1776, British forces evacuated Boston during the Revolutionary War.
- In 1870, the Massachusetts legislature authorized the incorporation of Wellesley Female Seminary. (It later became Wellesley College.)
- In 1894, the United States and China signed a treaty aimed at preventing Chinese laborers from entering the United States.
- In 1905, Eleanor Roosevelt married Franklin D. Roosevelt in New York.
- In 1906, President Theodore Roosevelt used the term "muck-rake" in a speech to the Grid-iron Club in Washington.
- In 1910, the Camp Fire Girls organization was formed. (It was formally presented to the public exactly two years later.)
- In 1941, the National Gallery of Art opened in Washington, D.C.
- In 1942, General Douglas MacArthur arrived in Australia to become supreme commander of Allied forces in the southwest Pacific theater during World War II.
- In 1960, scientists at the University of California at Berkeley announced they had created a new radioactive element, which they named californium.
- In 1958, the U.S. Navy launched the Vanguard I satellite.
- In 1966, a U.S. midget submarine located a missing hydrogen bomb which had fallen from an American bomber into the Mediterranean off Spain.
- In 1969, Golda Meir became prime minister of Israel.
- In 1970, the United States cast its first veto in the UN Security Council. (The United States killed a resolution that would have condemned Britain for failure to use force to overthrow the white-ruled government of Rhodesia.)
- Ten years ago: President Reagan traveled to Quebec City, Canada, for a meeting with Prime Minister Brian Mulroney that was nicknamed the "Shamrock Summit" because of the leaders' Irish ancestries and the date — St. Patrick's Day.
- Five years ago: The president of Lithuania, Vytautas Landsbergis, rejected a deadline set by Moscow for renouncing the republic's independence.

Thought for Today: "May the enemies of Ireland never eat bread nor drink whisky, but be tormented with itching without benefit of scratching." — Traditional St. Patrick's Day toast.

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